

REGION 3 NEWSLETTER

NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE

JAN/FEB 2003

From the Editor's Desk:

This year's regional convention, held in Denver at the Embassy Suites on Saturday, January 18, was a time to learn, a time to plan ahead, and a time to celebrate.

Following the Region 3 Board of Directors meeting held from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (see summary of Board meeting inside), three excellent speakers shared their expertise: Fort Dodge representative Michael Dietzenbach gave a much appreciated update on West Nile Virus; Dr. Dwight Bennett of CSU spoke on coat color genetics, and Dr. Doug Hill, Golden Animal Hospital, supplied a very beneficial and informative handout with his presentation on equine teeth and dentistry.

After lunch, our own Region 3 members Mike Mason and Jeff Brown presented an excellent GPS seminar. Thank you so much for sharing your knowledge and experience.

The annual general membership meeting followed at 4:00 p.m. District 1 won the membership trophy for the highest percentage of new members for 2002. Following the membership meeting was a ride management meeting held to share ideas to improve the season's rides.

The day drew quickly to a close and it was soon time for the Awards Banquet. As I heard all the names called for worker awards, I felt so proud that we have, in our region, so many people who are willing to volunteer their time to help put on rides and perform so many other services for the region. And remember, these points are incremental, which means that there are many who volunteered in some way this past year who did not reach or were between one of the recognition "marks." We STILL appreciate all of you! Neither the region nor the rides could function without our wonderful workers.

Then came the horse and rider mileage awards, which I have always felt, are of equal if not greater importance than the yearly overall high point awards. It takes a lot of work and commitment to keep our horses (and ourselves!) in sound condition over the season and over the years, ride after ride and mile after mile. And, again, mileage awards are incremental, so if you didn't see your name this year it is probably because you have not quite reached the next level yet...just keep riding and you'll get there.

The year-end horse and rider standings are listed individually inside, but I would like once again to congratulate Jenny Smith and Ruby for their incredible season in Region 3: 1st place open heavyweight horse and 1st place open heavyweight horsemanship and winners of both the Ruth Tyree High Average Horsemanship and the Ken Burkdoll Combined High Average Horse and Rider Awards. What a fantastic team!

Another special award, the Susan Bretag Service Award, was presented to Dee Overholt for her exceptional service to the region this past year. On behalf of Judy Mason and myself, I would like to thank the Region 3 membership for recognizing the two of us with the National Appreciation Award from Region 3. It means a lot to me, more than I can say (and you know me, I am hardly EVER without words).

By the way, for those of you who cannot attend National Convention, the March/April newsletter will carry a listing of all Region 3 placings (which, by the way, are not just for the Open riders any more, but include high average Competitive Pleasure National awards and Open, CP, and Novice high point horse and rider regional team awards which are given by National).

The final event of the 2002 Region 3 Seminar was the annual vest auction, at which our members' enthusiasm is exceeded only by their generosity, and this year was no exception. I want to thank our talented and funny auctioneer, Steve Claypoole of Fruita, Colorado, for once again donating his time to run the auction. This year's auction raised \$7,960.00 for the region, and the first choice high bidders, Bill and Jenny Smith, donated a phenomenal \$4,450.00. At the conclusion of the bidding, I made a motion, which was later formally approved by the Region 3 Board, to recognize Bill and Jenny's generosity, past and present, by paying their base entry fees for the 2003 ride season. To the rest of you, who contributed the balance of \$3,510.00, we thank you also because, at a time when many organizations are experiencing financial problems, our membership continues to guarantee that we can remain solvent.

I am sorry for the scarcity of pictures from Convention; I asked people to send me pictures for the newsletter but hardly anyone did. I want to remind the membership at this, the beginning of another season, to please send me articles, letters, and photos for your newsletter. (I know I'm a good writer, but even my creativity gets overly stretched sometimes.)

I'm looking forward to seeing everybody at the rides in 2003. Please let me hear from you.

Happy Trails,

Betty Wolgram
Newsletter Editor

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President's Message:

First, I would like to say thank you to the new board for electing me as president of Region 3 for the coming year. It was a pleasure to work with the board we had last year, and I am looking forward to working with the new board. I would also like to say thank you to the outgoing board members; they have served the region well.

I thought that the regional convention in Denver was a great success. The new board was seated and new officers elected. The first board meeting for the year was held. At the general meeting, the board announced that our long-time supply chair, Sue McKelvy, had decided not to continue in that position. I would like to say thank you to Sue for her long years of service and to thank and welcome Sue Peters who has volunteered to be the new supply chair.

At the convention we all had a good time. It was great to see everyone again after the long off-season. We had a very nice dinner and afterwards the regional awards presentations. A big congratulations to all the recipients; you worked hard for them and deserve them.

After the awards was the final event, the vest auction. This year's vest auction was a great monetary success; we raised \$7,960.00. The auction is a fun event and has become the single largest source of funds for the region even though in three out of the last four years none of the money raised in the auction has been spent; it all went into a reserve fund.

I am bringing this up because, as many of you may have already heard firsthand or through the grapevine, I personally had problems with what transpired during this year's vest auction.

As usual, the most spirited bidding was for Open first choice, and the Open first choice bid sold for \$4,450.00, which in my personal opinion, was an excessive amount of money to pay for a vest number. I understand that some of these bids are just ways to make a donation to the region, and in most cases I don't have a problem with this. But when you are talking about this much money, I feel that all parties should understand and be

clear about the transaction. Toward this end, I, acting as the president of the region, did not accept a check the next day from the high bidder. I wanted to be sure that, after a cooling off period, all parties involved still wanted to make the bid. I wanted to be sure that, after a cooling off period, all parties involved still wanted to make the bid. During the cooling off period, I approached the rest of the Region 3 board about this situation and asked for their input. The original bid still stands and is being honored fully by the bidder.

I would like to stress that these actions were taken by me. If there are any recriminations or hard feelings from the membership about what I did, then I apologize for creating the situation (but in similar circumstances I would do the same thing again).

If the board or general membership feels that I overstepped my authority or compromised Region 3 by my actions in this situation, then I would be willing to step aside. But I would hope that, even if you don't agree with the actions taken, everyone can understand that I acted out of personal convictions and not in an effort to give anyone preferential treatment. Thank you for reading this and for allowing me to try and clarify the situation.

I look forward to seeing everyone at rides this year. Kathy and I just finished reviewing the Region 3 rides for this year in the wonderful ride book that Betty put together, and it looks like we will be riding or working at least nine of the eleven Region 3 rides.

Marc Shanor

P.S. If you have any questions or concerns that you would like brought up, you can e-mail me at mshanor@worldnet.att.net.

Respect Your Horse

By: Judy Mason

I find it very disturbing to hear people yell at their horses and always call them bonehead, blockhead, dummy, witch, devil, etc. I wonder if this isn't a little like a self-fulfilling prophecy. I would suggest that, if we would have a more respectful attitude toward our horses, they might respond differently. I know that my neighbor lady drives a magnificently obedient pair of Morgans. Sitting next to her, you can hardly hear the commands she respectfully speaks to them, and they respond instantly.

I really don't know at what level horses communicate with each other. I am quite sure they do. When I bring Woody back from a weekend competition, the babies will each spend some time close to him, grazing by his side, as if they are getting the story, and so will his long-time friend Fog. My imagination? Maybe. I know they try very hard to communicate with us to show us what they want. They surely wish we were a little easier to communicate with. I know they pick up our emotions of nervousness, fatigue, fear, joyfulness, etc. Why not respect?

I was fascinated the other night by a special on the Horse Channel about the career of a world famous three-day event rider. People who were interviewed about the rider said that he could always get more out of a horse than anyone else could. A number of times, because of rider injuries, he was asked to ride these three-day event horses at major competitions just a few days before the competition. Sometimes he was not even able to get on the horses before the event. Usually he did extremely well and sometimes even won these major competitions on horses he had never ridden before. The interview with him about these rides was revealing. He said those horses were well trained and knew their business so he just tried to stay out of their way. That's pretty respectful!

I will confess that, in moments of weakness, I have called my wonderful horse Woody a "GOAT," and I have been heard yelling at the babies when they pull the water heater out of the tank right before my eyes, but this is not the picture I strive for. We often talk about how important it is for our horses to respect us, but there is also another direction this emotion should go. We should respect our horses. I believe it is a self-fulfilling prophecy. If you give them respectful and patient training, they will proudly respond to the best of their ability. Try it.

Summary of Board Actions January 18, 2003

Board members present (outgoing and incoming board combined meeting): Marc Shanor, Kathy Shanor, Tracie Scarlett, Linda Jones, Darrell Dye, Doreen Portner, Betty Wolgram, Dee Overholt, Linell Miller, Mike Jubb, Judy Mason, Steve Gordon, Susie Witter.
Board members absent: Kathy Brown, Jane Young.

Officers elected for 2003:

Marc Shanor, President
Olga Spanhoff, Vice-President
Tracie Scarlett, Secretary
Steve Gordon, Treasurer

(Board Actions Summary Continued)

Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved.

Motion made and approved to donate \$300.00 to National for annual awards.

Resignation by Sue McKelvy as supply chair; Susan Peters volunteers to be the new supply chair for the region. Susan reported that Novice vest #115 and CP vest #40 need to be replaced. Betty will have the seamstress Mary Davis make new ones. Weight cards have been printed and will be distributed to all ride managers. The region needs new stethoscopes. Betty will check on prices through the nurse's office at her school.

Tracie Scarlett volunteered to host the 2003 benefit ride at Colorado Trail.

Discussion on next year's convention tabled until next Board meeting. It should probably be held on the Western Slope. It was decided that the split Competitive Pleasure division would not be continued. All riders in CP will compete in one class.

Motion was made, seconded, and approved to give Rabbit Valley \$500 for campground improvement which will be coordinated with the BLM. Judy Mason and Terry Yates will also look into a grant through National and our National Board members will assist them.

Region 3 will also support the 2003 Championship Challenge with \$300 as it has done in the past.

Kris Cummings showed the board the new plaque for the Ruth Tyree award, which will allow the addition of more names.

Doreen Portner reported that the mentor program went well for the first half of the year, then participation declined.

Historian Janine Ancell reported that she had put ten new pages in and that the books will be on display.

Betty Wolgram reported that the ride book is here and should not be distributed until after the awards banquet to keep the Ken Burkdoll winner a secret. Board members and ride management should take extra ride books. Ride books will be mailed to members not present at convention.

Approved that the minimum amount to purchase a vest at the auction will be \$20 for members present and \$30 later, proceeds will go to the General Fund.

Summarized by: Betty Wolgram, Newsletter Editor

Important Information for Novice Division Competitors

The Region 3 Board has voted again for the 2003 ride season to allow a horse and rider combination that reach five firsts (or, in the case of juniors, five firsts and 160 lifetime points) in the Novice horse division during the 2003 ride year to continue to compete in the novice horse division for the remainder of the 2003 ride season.

Also, a rider who reaches five firsts (or, in the case of juniors, five firsts and 160 lifetime points) in the Novice horsemanship division during the 2003 ride year may continue to compete in the novice horsemanship division for the remainder of the 2003 ride season.

NOTICE: The 2003 ride books have been mailed out. If you have NOT received your ride book, please notify Betty Wolgram at (970) 824-8359 or e-mail bkwranch@quik.com.

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|-----------------------------|---------|
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2002 Ride Season Year-End Awards

Region 3 recognizes the people who take part in the work involved with putting on our competitive trail rides. Points are awarded for the various duties, and upon achieving 250 points, the worker begins receiving worker chevrons. Also awarded are special items as workers achieve higher numbers of worker points. Workers do not have to be members of NATRC to earn worker points. Worker awards are given as volunteers reach certain levels, so if you do not see your name this year, it is probably because you have not quite reached the next level yet. (Keep volunteering and you will!)

If you haven't volunteered yet to help out at a ride, try it this year. We guarantee you'll have fun and be appreciated!

Region 3 is grateful to all its volunteers who enable us to continue having such quality rides. THANK YOU!

WORKER POINTS AWARDS FOR 2002 RIDE SEASON

250

Betty Coffman 250
Rick Coffman 275
Nathan Cortez 350
Kathy Fagerholm
Jeff Fink 300
Judy Garber 400
Sherri Halligan 300
Cindy Harder 300
Morg Hardzinski 300
Kathy Hill 375
Jenelle Lear 350
Steve Lindsey 350
Diana Marquardt 400
Claudia Masters 325
Jason Middlebrook 250
Bob Moore 250
Kevin Moore 325
Christina Mott 325
Robin (Kruse) Susser 250
Gary Roberts 250
Michelle Rowe 375
Shirley Sandoval 425
Matthew Shanor 400
Harold Snyder 250
Karie Snyder 300
Sean Snyder 275
Charlene Welsh 325
Jessica Welsh 300

500

Lois Brozina 525
Lou Ann Colby 600
Doreen Portner 887.5
Alice Wich 575

1000

Deb Crooks 1000
Joan Feldman 1025
Barbara Kelly 1025
Eleanor Kelly 1000
Karen Laden 1100
Mike Jubb 1175
Marge McGraw 1000
Linell Miller 1325
Kay Perelstein 1233.5

1500

Harry Benjamin 1575
Karen Moe 1500
Kathy Shanor 1925
Billie Smith 1750
Mariel Webb 1850

2000

Cameron Jones 2125
Julie Middlebrook 2045
Marc Shanor 2325

2500

Erv Perelstein 2575
Chuck Smith 2710

3000

Jean Boettcher 3087.5
Joe Quintana 3375

3500

Judith Bengfort 3650
Paul Cortez 3675
Linda Jones 3783
Judy Mason 3550
Tracie Scarlett 3500

4000

Lee Hoth 4037.5
Russ Jones 4150
Pat Montgomery 4100

4500

Sue Benjamin 4533
Betty Wolgram 4575

5000

Lovell Sasser 5283

5500

Jenny Smith 5645.5

6500

Laurie DeNatale 6557

7000

Larry Tobias 7010

7500

Judy Cumberworth 7597.5

8000

Steve Ancell 8462.5
Sue McKelvy 8462.5

8500

Bill Smith 8711

9000

Dee Overholt 9445

10,000

Tom Butterfield 10,144

11,500

Ike Mosgrove 11,653.5

16,000 & 16,500

Bill Cumberworth 16,720.5

If you are a Region 3 member, your miles in competition count and are automatically figured for you and your horse(s). Upon achieving 250 miles, horses and riders begin receiving awards.

Mileage awards are given when riders and/or their horses reach certain levels, so if you don't see your name this year it is probably because you have not quite reached the next level yet. (Keep riding and you will!!)

RIDER MILEAGE AWARDS FOR 2002 RIDE SEASON

250 Miles

Kim Alsup 290
Sally Beck 280
Jeff Brown 580
Kathy Brown 420
Kay Gunkel 400 +
Debbie Harper 320
Shauna Haskell 320
Tracy Korthuis 280
Marlene Moss 340
Stace Moss 340
Rebecca Runyan 360
Tommy Thompson 360
Louise Vasquez 340
Jessica Vose 400
Jane Young 360

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500 Miles

Jeff Brown 580
Lou Ann Colby 520
Linda Fisher 520
Nancy Frank 600
Vonnice Frane 520
Linda Jones 510
Diana Marquardt 640
Olga Spanoff 540
Chandra Thompson 500

1000 Miles

Roger Beumer 1160
Don Budd 1220
Steve Gordon 1240
Linell Miller 1300
Susan Peters 1040
Tracie Scarlett 1180
Laura Schumack 1220

1500 Miles

Carol Beumer 1500
Sandy Hollis 1500
Sheri Eckel 1570

2000 Miles

Janine Ancell 2070
Steve Ancell 2030
Thom Harris 2060
Roxann Lane 2280
Bob Santistevan 2030

2500 Miles

Kathy Shanor 2540
Ken Wolgram 2760

3000 Miles

Betty Wolgram 3190

4000 Miles

Matt Baker 4480

4500 Miles

Bill Smith 4460
Jenny Smith 4980

5500 Miles

Milne Parish 5880

6500 Miles

Judy Mason 6650

HORSE MILEAGE AWARDS FOR 2002 RIDE SEASON

250

Phantom's Masquerade/Matt Baker 640
Kentucky Moonshine/Sally Beck 280
Bad News Chance/Carol&Roger Beumer 340
Brazos Blaze/Jeff Brown 580
Amber Skip/Kathy Brown 420
Sea Star Lady/Kay Gunckel 340

(250 Miles Continued)

Rock'n EZ Ribbon/Pat Hansford 280
CT Morenci/Shanna Haskell 320
Fantasy Girl/Debbie Harper 280
Honey/Lois Hoth 480
Cloudsrest Zephyr/Tracy Korthuis 280
Shadow's Bold Princess/McKelvy/Snyder 280
Venesza/Marlene Moss 340
Ginger/Rebecca Runyan 360
Porter/Jon Tanner 340
Rusty/Tommy Thompson 280
Dennis The Menace/Pat Wilson 340
Dancer-Sharcarriq/Jane Young 360

500 Miles

Phantom's Masquerade/Matt Baker 640
Brazos Blaze/Jeff Brown 580
CB Blaze of Glory/Nancy Frank 600
Big Mac's My My/Steve Gordon 600
Gold Rush/Jill Hicks 660
Becky/Sandy Hollis 520
Resort Valley Sparkler/Diana Marquardt 560
Dutch/Linell Miller 740
Touch of Yeller Gold/Gary Inman 540
Cougar/Tracie Scarlett 760
Reccerar/Rochelle Thompson 520

1000 Miles

Sierra Blue/Donna Johnson 1360
Remington Steel/Roxann Lane 1240
BE Amira Wazir/Roxann Lane 1000
Anna Versary/Laura Schumack 1080
Rock'n EZ Ruby/Jenny Smith 1370
Summer/Ken Wolgram 1140

1500 Miles

Sky/Darrel Dye 1620

3500 Miles

Sir Love/Matt Baker 3560

4000 Miles

Brown R Dawud/Judy Mason 4170

4500 Miles

June's Lucky Mac/Bill Smith 4800

REGION 3 HIGH POINT YEAR-END STANDINGS

Open Heavyweight Horsemanship:

1st Jenny Smith
2nd(tie) Matt Baker
2nd(tie) Ken Wolgram
3rd Bill Smith
4th Darrel Dye
5th Jeff Brown
6th Don Budd

Open Lightweight Horsemanship:

1st Roxann Lane
2nd Terri Smith
3rd Judy Mason
4th Betty Wolgram
5th Donna Johnson
6th Milne Parish

Open Junior Horsemanship:

1st Jessica Vose
2nd Chandra Thompson

Novice Heavyweight Horsemanship:

1st Kay Gunckel
2nd Jim Ward
3rd(tie) Olga Spanoff
3rd(tie) Lois Hoth
4th Forrest Maralis
5th Sheri Halligan
6th Harry Overcash

Novice Lightweight Horsemanship:

1st Lin Ward
2nd Tracy Korthuis
3rd Vonnice Frane
4th Jan Adam
5th Christina Fritson
6th Louise Vasquez

Novice Junior Horsemanship:

1st Tommy Thompson
2nd Rebecca Runyan
3rd Jasmine Snyder
4th Jasmine Tanner
5th Daniel Vasquez

Competitive Pleasure Horsemanship:

1st Tracie Scarlett
2nd Linell Miller
3rd Steve Gordon
4th Susan Peters
5th Gary Inman
6th Sandy Hollis

Open Heavyweight Horse:

1st Rock'n EZ Ruby/Jenny Smith
2nd June's Lucky Mac/Bill Smith
3rd Summer/Ken Wolgram
4th Sky/Darrel Dye
5th Phantom's Masquerade/Matt Baker
6th Brazos Blaze/Jeff Brown

Open Lightweight Horse:

1st Remington Steel/Roxann Lane
2nd Brown R Dawud/Judy Mason
3rd Panama Jack/Terri Smith
4th Mahra Kahn/Milne Parish
5th Sierra Blue/Donna Johnson/K.Shanor
6th Quickly/Betty Wolgram

Open Junior Horse:

1st Foxtan Bon Bon Belle/Jessica Vose

Novice Heavyweight Horse:

1st Rocky Top II/Jim Ward
2nd Sea Star Lady/Kay Gunckel
3rd Ravens Shadoc/Olga Spanoff
4th Honey/Lois Hoth
5th Ali Selene/Bob Bulcock
6th Tamigo Khonibb/Leona Arnett

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Novice Lightweight Horse:

- 1st Cloudsrest Zephr/Tracey Korthuis
- 2nd Chauncey/Christina Fritson
- 3rd Kentucky Moonshine/Sally Beck
- 4th Miss Scarlett/Lin Ward
- 5th Diamond/Vonnie Frane
- 6th (tie) Knight Rebel/Jan Adam
- 6th (tie) KC/Lori Beardman

Novice Junior Horse:

- 1st Ginger/Rebecca Runyan
- 2nd (tie) Rusty/Tom Thompson
- 2nd (tie) Porter/Jasmine Tanner
- 3rd Santa Fe Sunshine/Daniel Vasquez
- 4th Shadow's Bold Princess/Jasmine Snyder

Competitive Pleasure Horse:

- 1st Big Mac's My My/Steve Gordon
- 2nd Becky/Sandy Hollis
- 3rd Cougar/Tracie Scarlett
- 4th Touch's Yeller Gold/Gary Inman
- 5th Dutch/Linell Miller
- 6th Kokopelli Moon/Susan Peters

OTHER AWARDS

Region 3 National Appreciation Awards:

Betty Wolgram
Judy Mason

Susan Bretag Service Award:

Dee Overholt

Competitive Pleasure Combined High Average Horse/Rider Award:

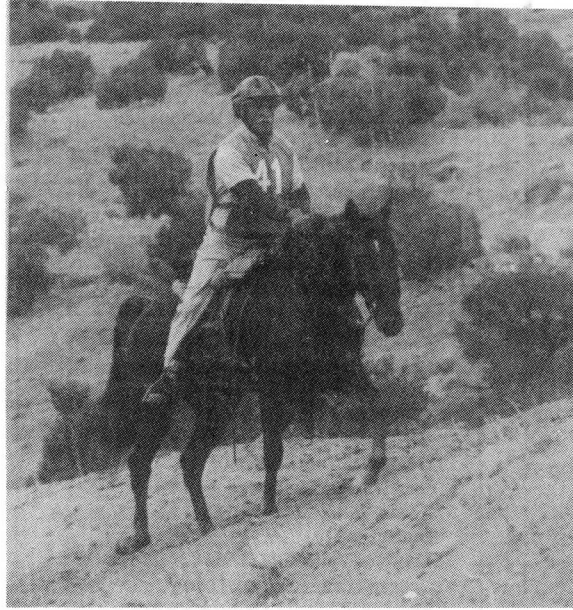
Steve Gordon/Big Mac's My My

Ruth Tyree High Average Horsemanship Award:

Jenny Smith

Ken Burkdoll Combined High Average Horse/Rider Award:

Jenny Smith/Rock'n EZ Ruby



Congratulations to Steve Gordon and Big Mac's My My, 2002 Competitive Pleasure Combined High Average Horse/Rider Award. (photo courtesy of Christy Cumberworth)



Congratulations to Jenny Smith and Rock'n EZ Ruby, 2002 Ruth Tyree High Average Horsemanship Award and Ken Burkdoll Combined High Average Horse/Rider Award. (photo courtesy of Christy Cumberworth)



2002 Region 3 Convention award presenters, Kris Cummings and Tracie Scarlett. (photo courtesy of Tracie Scarlett)

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THANKS, TRACIE!!!

Tracie Scarlett, ride manager for Colorado Trail, has graciously volunteered to hold her ride as the Region 3 Benefit Ride this year. Let's all chip in and help Tracie, either by donating awards, food, etc., or by volunteering to work the ride. Please call Tracie to see what she might need in the way of help or donations.

PAPERS FOR OUT-OF-STATE RIDES

Remember, when you ride out-of-state, you need to have up-to-date negative Coggins and health certificates on your horses. (Someday a manager in this region might actually check them.)

Also, most of us are from brand inspection states here in the West and whenever you travel 75 miles from home, you should always have either a current brand inspection or permanent haul papers for your horse(s). Be safe, not sorry.

HELP FOR HORSE EXPO BOOTH...

Linell Miller needs volunteers to man the NATRC Region 3 booth at Horse Expo in Denver, March 14, 15, and 16. Please call her at (303) 423-8842 and give some of your time to make our exhibit a success. If you talked to her at convention about helping, please give her a call because she may not have gotten your name down, and she will still need to talk with you about times to be covered, etc.

CORRECTION

I apologize for inadvertently omitting in the last newsletter that Donna Johnson, riding Sierra Blue, placed 5th in horsemanship at the 2002 Championship Challenge. Congratulations, Donna!

DON'T LET US LOSE YOU!

Dues are due!! National does not send out reminders any more, so if you haven't renewed your membership (they are due and payable January 1 each year), please do so immediately so that you don't miss any issues of *Hoofprint* or your Region 3 newsletter. Remember, paying your National dues automatically includes your Region 3 membership. National does not send out membership cards anymore, but if you want one, you can request one from the NATRC office.

MEALS OFFERED AT RABBIT VALLEY

Rabbit Valley will be offering Saturday and Sunday breakfasts (probably Continental style) for \$2 each and Saturday evening BBQ for \$7. Please contact ride secretary for further information and to reserve meals. Proceeds to go to the campground improvement benefit.

TRY THESE ON FOR 2003 ...

- ... Welcome everyone to our sport and promote it every chance you get.
- ... Be loyal to our sport whether things go your way or not.
- ... Help others to succeed.
- ... Thank ALL those who make our rides possible (it takes everybody ... management, volunteers, judges, competitors).
- ... Stand in the other person's shoes at least once every ride (management, volunteer, judge, competitor).
- ... Help others laugh more; lighten up.
- ... When problems arise, remember, together we can find solutions.
- ... Be proud of your horse even when your competitive goals are NOT met.
- ... Practice courtesy at all times.
- ... Ditto for safety.
- ... Be genuinely happy for others' successes.
- ... Keep a journal of every ride, three things my horse and I did well, three things we need to work on (at least!).

Submitted by: Betty Wolgram

JUDGES FEEDBACK

At the recent Region 3 seminar, judges took the opportunity to meet and discuss concerns, problems, and suggestions that had been brought to their attention from various sources throughout the past year.

In an effort to give riders an avenue to communicate, the possibility of reinstating the rider critique sheet seemed advisable. We explored ways the critiques could be distributed, how the information could be collected and by whom, and how it would be communicated to those involved.

We are interested in the rides and in judges continuing to work toward consistent standards. Continuing education seemed a good idea. One suggestion was to hold judges' camp that would be fun as well as informative. The judges' film produced by NATRC also has many useful reminders. To facilitate the process of obtaining judges, we proposed notifying ride managers of dates and locations that we would be available to judge.

Receiving correct and consistent information before competing can help to alleviate the frustrations of many new riders. We encourage and participate in giving clinics.

Judges must meet criteria to qualify for eligibility, then test and train. Even then, they are provisional and scrutinized. Judges must also maintain eligibility. It is felt that those who compete make the best judges, as they keep in touch with the changes that are occurring in NATRC as well as understanding the practical points concerning horses, riders, and management.

It should be remembered that we became involved initially to spend time with our horses and to improve our skills. We love this sport and judge as a way to contribute.

Happy Trails,
Kathy Budd, Horsemanship Judge



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