

REGION 3 NEWSLETTER

NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE

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From the Editor's Desk:

Is it possible that ride season 2003 is upon us? I really thought at the Chokecherry Benefit Ride, which ended the region's ride season the last weekend in September, that the new ride season was a long, long way off. Silly me!

Of course, one reason that the time between the end of one season and the beginning of the next really seems to fly by for me is that I am kept occupied producing three more newsletters and the ride book in the meantime.

And speaking of newsletters... at the risk of being labeled a Nag (of the two-legged variety), I need material, and for every issue, not just one. I HATE writing the newsletter all by myself! Please send articles and photos. Share with your fellow members what you are doing with your horses and anything else that is going on with your life. Whether it's your first ride or our hundredth, write a ride story. Everybody loves to read ride stories. Management, send stories about your rides from your point of view.

This season we have eleven region rides and one very close-by out of region ride in Chadron, Nebraska, being put on by Theresa Haynes, a Region 3 member. It's a good schedule of rides. These rides need our support. All our ride managers (myself included) are working very hard to provide an enjoyable weekend for the riders. Some of our rides are sponsored by clubs; others, however, are being sponsored by individuals who must assume the financial burden themselves. Very few of our rides, with the possible exception of those near large metro areas, can meet expenses if only local riders show up. There are good roads that run between the Front Range and the Western Slope of Colorado and between the Four Corners and the Northwest Colorado and Utah areas. Craig, for example, is only four hours from Denver. And if you want a stopover on the way to Strawberry, give me a call. You'd be welcome to pull in here. We must support our rides or we'll lose them, so get your entries in.

The entries that we have received to date for our ride show that we have some newcomers to our sport who are very excited about trying competitive trail. We need to encourage and support their interest so that our region and sport can experience growth rather than stagnation. Try to make an effort at every ride to meet and talk to someone new. Let's welcome everyone to the NATRC family. Our primary purpose is to learn and to have fun with our horses and our friends, not to mention getting to ride all those beautiful trails. Ribbons are nice, but all the ribbons in the world can't equal the friendships and memories we gather over the years.

Cherishing those friendships and memories is also a way to avoid "competitive burnout." Last year when I decided to alternate riding two horses, I knew that I was relinquishing any chance for a year-end overall high point award, and I wondered if I might look back on the season with regret. The

end result, however, was that I enjoyed my season more than I ever dreamed possible. Riding in two divisions gave me the opportunity to meet and to ride with more people. It allowed me to relax and play with my horses more. Riding CP for half the season also gave me more time to "stop and smell the roses." The extra rest breaks between rides were good for my "girls," Quickly and Poppy, and I still got to ride a lot. As *Dances with Wolves* said, it turned out to be a "good trade."

Guess I've covered a lot of bases in this issue's editorial. By sharing my feelings and opinions, which is, after all, the purpose of this bimonthly editorial column, I hope I've given you a few things to think about as we head into a brand new season.

Happy Trails,
Betty Wolgram, Newsletter Editor



NED

December 28, 1988 – January 3, 2003

Most Beloved Companion

"May the Earth Lie Lightly Upon You"

Ken and I want to thank everyone for the e-mails and cards when we lost Ned. Our NATRC family really came through and helped us to bear our grief.

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PRESIDENT'S CUP SUMMER . . . GRADE HORSE . . . RIDDEN BY KEN WOLGRAM

JIM MENEFFEE COMBINED HORSE & HORSEMANSHIP AWARD SUMMER AND KEN WOLGRAM . . . 453 POINTS



(Reprint of Ken's Acceptance Speech at National Convention)

I have to give my wife Betty the credit for getting me interested in NATRC seven years ago. She suckered me into riding safety for a ride, and by the second day I was wishing I had entered.

I owe a lot to NATRC, and the fact that I'm standing up here is proof of that. I've learned that "Arab" is NOT a four-letter word, well, it is, but you know what I mean.

I've also learned that a horse can weigh less than 1200 lbs. and still be tough. I used to feel that a horse had to pack an elk and/or 300 lbs. of gear into or out of the back country to even be worth feeding the rest of the year.

I've learned that creating a true partnership with a horse, especially an alpha mare like Summer, is a real challenge. She gives me 100% effort every Ride, and I'm very proud that I've learned how to be her partner as well as being her leader.

I've also made friends all over the country that I never would have met otherwise, and I've had the honor of riding with people who have the same love for their horses and for NATRC as I do, and I appreciate all the encouragement and support I've gotten. Thank you.

(Photo by Betty Wolgram)

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FEBRUARY 13, 2003, NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS

To keep you better informed, the regional newsletter is going to begin presenting a summary of National Board minutes. Complete minutes may be read when they are published in *Hoofprint*.

Jenny Smith was appointed a rider representative to the Judges' Committee. Priscilla Lindsey was appointed Horsemanship Co-Chair.

Of interest to ride management, the following guidelines regarding sanctions were adopted:

- a) A ride manager and/or ride management that does not pay all the required fees to NATRC and/or other organizations by the designated times may have the sanction revoked.
- b) The BOD or Executive Committee and Sanction Chairperson have the discretion to revoke the sanction to any ride that has substantial problems resulting from poor management (for example: timing and mileage consistently off, abuse of others disregard to safety, etc.)
- c) If sanction is revoked, ride manager must have written notification at least two weeks prior to ride date.
- d) If sanction is revoked, in conjunction with notification of the ride manager, Sanction Chair must also notify that region's National Directors, who will take action to notify riders.

As of May 1, ride insurance will be changing to a different carrier, although still administered by Equisure. Coverage will be through Lloyds of London. New insurance applications along with new rider and worker liability waivers will be sent to ride management. Both parents of junior riders and workers should be signing the waivers. Regions should purchase and post Equine Liability Act warning signs at rides in states which have these laws.

Bob Goulding has been appointed to replace Stephanie Ostrowski on the National Drug Advisory committee.

Doreen Portner presented Region 3 request to the Trail Committee for a trail grant for the Rabbit Valley staging area. Region 3 approved \$500 to help support hauling gravel and grading of parking area and is requesting an additional \$500 from NATRC to go to ride manager to distribute to BLM as needed for improvements to the camp staging area. Motion carried.

National Honorary & Appreciation Awards. Request that regions choose next year's nominees early and have write-ups to Carla Jo Bass for November meeting.

Convention 2004. Region 1 presented proposal to hold at same time, same place as AERC Convention. NATRC Convention will run concurrently, but not in conjunction with AERC Convention. Motion carried to hold 2004 NATRC National Convention at the Silver Legacy in Reno, Nevada, on February 26-28.

Championship Challenge 2002. Report given that ride had a profit of \$1,255.31 which will be split between Region 6 and National.

Championship Challenge 2003. Motion carried that rider fees be collected on Championship Challenge from 2003 on.

Fund Raising. Motion carried to appoint Jim and Lin Ward of Region 3 as Directors of Marketing to raise funds for NATRC with an annual budget of \$500.00.

CP high average awards discussion. Region 3 would like award to be based on points, not average. Region 3 feels the high average calculation discourages riders from doing more than six rides. Motion made and carried that present rules for high average awards remain the same.

Proposed guideline change – clarification of trail conduct. Motion carried to add to Guidelines regarding off trail riders the following:

"Off-Trail. If a rider does not return to the point where he/she went off-trail and the ride manager, the trail master, rules' interpreter and the judges determine an advantage was received, the horse and rider shall receive penalty points or be disqualified. Trail "make-up" is not an acceptable alternative to adjudicate missed trail or observation points."

Next National Board of Directors meeting will be held in Denver, Colorado, on July 12.
(Summary by Betty Wolgram, Newsletter Editor)

HORSE EXPO A GREAT SUCCESS

(Submitted by Linell Miller, Chairman)

This year's Horse Expo, held in Denver over the weekend of March 14-16, was another good experience for NATRC. We set up our booth on Thursday and were open for the public Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Our booth was located across from the round pen where they held different exhibitions all day, so we did have a lot of traffic. The booth was set up the same as last year with ride pictures, ribbons, and the popular "Come Ride With Us" video.

We had a LOT of help this year. I would like to give a big thanks to Steve Gordon, Laurie DiNatale, Lin and Jim Ward, Thom Harris, Sherry Eckel, Cindy Harder, Patti Overcast, Chandra Thompson, Susan Peters, and Diana Marquardt for all the time they volunteered. Whew! Hope I didn't forget anybody, but I want everyone to know how much Gary and I appreciated all the help we were given this year.

For next year I would like to suggest that all the ride managers make a poster board (Theresa Haynes's board for Pine Ridge was a big hit!) with about nine pictures of their rides, showing the terrain, camp, and all the fun we have with each other, or send me the pictures and I will make one. It would be a nice change and pictures are what people really enjoy looking at.

2002 NATIONAL YEAR-END AWARDS

The following awards were received by Region 3 members at the National Convention held February 15 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Overall Open Heavyweight Horse:

1 st	Summer	Ken Wolgram
3 rd	Rock'n EZ Ruby	Jenny Smith
4 th	June's Lucky Mac	Bill Smith

Overall Open Heavyweight Horsemanship:

2 nd	Ken Wolgram
3 rd	Jenny Smith
6 th	Bill Smith

Overall Open Lightweight Horse:

4 th	Remington Steele	Roxann Lane
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Overall Open Lightweight Horsemanship

4 th	Roxann Lane
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Overall Competitive Pleasure Horse:

2 nd	Poppy (98.40%)	Betty Wolgram
5 th	Big Mac's My My (97.13%)	Steve Gordon

Overall Competitive Pleasure Horsemanship:

2 nd	Tracie Scarlett (99.33%)
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1,000-Mile Horse Awards:

MKS Shamal Nejma	1,110	Kathy Shanor
Sky	1,140	Darrel Dye
Rocky Top II	1,160	Jim Ward
Remington Steele	1,460	Roxann Lane
Rock'n EZ Ruby	1,950	Jenny Smith

2,000-Mile Horse Awards:

MKS Fancy's Folly	2,080	Shanor Family
Summer	2,480	Ken Wolgram

4,000-Mile Horse Awards:

Sir Love	4,080	Matt Baker
Quickly	4,340	Betty Wolgram

5,000-Mile Horse Award:

June's Lucky Mac	5,720	Bill Smith
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High-Mileage Rider Medallion Awards:

4,000-6,999 Miles - Bronze Medallion

Priscilla Lindsey	4,060
Ken Wolgram	4,420
Betty Wolgram	4,930

Breed Awards:

High Point Kentucky Mountain Saddle Horse/Sally Beck
 High Point Mountain Pleasure/Kokopelli Moon/Susan Peters
 High Point Rocky Mountain Horse/Sam'son's Diamond
 Lil/Vonnie Frane
 High Point Thoroughbred/Amber Skip/Kathy Brown
 High Point Grade/Summer/Ken Wolgram
 High Point Missouri Foxtrotter Overall/Rock'n EZ
 Ruby/Jenny Smith
 High Point Missouri Foxtrotter Championship Challenge
 Ride/Rock'n EZ Ruby/Jenny Smith
 High Point Missouri Foxtrotter Region 3/Rock'n EZ
 Ruby/Jenny Smith

2002 National Champions - Region 3

June's Lucky Mac/Bill Smith
 Rock'n EZ Ruby/Jenny Smith
 Quickly/Betty Wolgram
 Summer/Ken Wolgram
 Remington Steele/Roxann Lane
 Panama Jack/Terri Smith
 Sierra Blue/Donna Johnson (Kathy Shanor)
 Brown-R Dawud/Judy Wise Mason

OUTGOING DIRECTOR

Thank you, Kathy Shanor, for serving on the National Board of Directors. We appreciate your hard work.

NATIONAL APPRECIATION AWARDS

Judy Mason
 Betty Wolgram

On behalf of myself and Judy Mason, I would like to thank the region for recognizing us with a National Appreciation Award this year. Judy, unfortunately, was unable to attend National Convention this year to receive hers, but I hope I can speak for both of us when I say that there was no better feeling than that of being honored by your peers. Thank you so much.

2002 NATIONAL YEAR-END AWARDS

2002 REGION 3 TEAM AWARDS:

(presented at National based on combined regional horse & rider points)

Open Heavyweight:

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

Open Lightweight:

- 1st Remington Steele & Roxann Lane
- 2nd Panama Jack & Terri Smith
- 3rd Brown-R Dawud & Judy Mason
- 4th Mahra Khan & Milne Parish
- 5th Quickly & Betty Wolgram
- 6th Sierra Blue & Donna Johnson

Open Junior:

- 1st Foxton Bonbon Belle & Jessica Vose

Novice Heavyweight:

- 1st Sea Star Lady & Kay Gunckel
- 2nd Rocky Top II & Jim Ward
- 3rd Ravens Shadoc & Olga Spanhoff
- 4th Honey & Lois Hoth
- 5th Top Gun & Forrest Marsalis
- 6th Ali Selene & Robert Bulcock

Novice Lightweight:

- 1st Cloudsrest Zephyr & Tracie Scarlett
- 2nd Chauncey Lad & Christina Fritson
- 3rd Missy Scarlett & Lin Ward
- 4th Sam'son's Diamond Lil & Vonnice Frane
- 5th Knight Rebel & Jan Adam
- 6th Hucks Last Love & Lin Ward

Novice Junior:

- 1st Ginger & Rebecca Runyan
- 2nd Rusty & Tom Thompson
- 3rd Porter & Jasmine Tanner

Competitive Pleasure:

- 1st Cougar & Tracie Scarlett
- 2nd Big Mac's My My & Steve Gordon
- 3rd Dutch & Linell Miller
- 4th(tie) Becky & Sandy Hollis
- 4th(tie) Touch of Yeller Gold & Gary Inman
- 5th Kokopelli Moon & Susan Peters
- 6th Misty Sunrise & Carol Beumer

THANK YOU to the following sponsors of 2002 ride season awards that were received by Region 3 members:

Overall Open Heavyweight Horse – **Pat Jubb**

Overall Open Lightweight Horse – **Wayne Tolbert**

Overall Open Heavyweight Horsemanship – **Gloria & Richard Becker**

Overall Open Lightweight Horsemanship – **Dorothy & Ben Kelly**

Region 3 Team Awards –

Shanor Family

Donna Johnson

Laurie DiNatale

Jeff & Kathy Brown

Jan Adam

Sally Beck

Region 3

Breed Awards –

Kentucky Mountain Saddle Horse Association

Mountain Pleasure Horse Association

Rocky Mountain Horse Association

Thal Vet Clinic, Taos, New Mexico

Jeff & Kathy Brown

Missouri Foxtrotter Horse Association

National Championship Ribbons – **Nancy Sluys**

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SOME QUOTABLE QUOTES

FAMOUS REFERENCES TO HORSES IN LITERATURE

At one time the Horse had the plain entirely to himself. Then a Stag intruded into his domain and shared his pasture. The Horse, desiring to revenge himself on the stranger, asked a man if he were willing to help him in punishing the Stag. The man replied that if the Horse would receive a bit in his mouth and agree to carry him, he would contrive effective weapons against the Stag.

The Horse consented and allowed the man to mount him. From that hour he found that instead of obtaining revenge on the Stag, he had enslaved himself to the service of man. From *Aesop's Fables*, "The Horse and the Stag"

When God created the horse He said to the magnificent creature: I have made thee as no other. All the treasures of the earth lie between thy eyes. Thou shalt carry my friends upon my back. Thy saddle shall be the seat of prayers to me. And thou fly without wings, and conquer without any sword. Oh, horse.

From *The Koran*

The horses of Achilles stood apart from their battle weeping, because they had learned that their charioteer had fallen in the dust by the hand of man-slaying Hector. When Zeus saw how they grieved, he took pity on them. "Poor creatures, why did I give you to King Peleus, a mortal destined to die - you who are immortal."

From Homer, *The Iliad*

(Ayla) was thinking about naming the horse. I've never named anyone before. She smiled to herself. Wouldn't they think I was strange naming a horse. Not any stranger than living with one.

From Jean M. Auel, *The Valley of Horses*

Remember, a horse can tell you a lot of things, if you watch, and expect it to be sensible and intelligent.

From Mary O'Hara, *My Friend Flicka*

The stallion flashed by the stands, going faster with every magnificent stride. With a sudden spurt he bore down on Sun Raider. For a moment he hesitated as he came alongside . . . Into the lead, the Black swept, past the cheering thousands - a step, a length, two lengths ahead - then the mighty giant plunged under the wire.

From Walter Farley, *The Black Stallion*

A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse!

From Shakespeare, *King Richard III*, Act V, Scene 4

(Submitted by Betty Wolgram)

ANOTHER WAY OF LOOKING AT IT . . .

Barn Sour - An affliction common to horse people in northern climates during the winter months. Trudging through deep snow pushing a wheelbarrow and beating frozen water buckets with a hammer bring on this condition rapidly.

Colt - What your mare always gives you when you want a filly.

Contracted foot - The instant, involuntary reflex of curling up one's toes - right before a horse steps on them.

Endurance ride - The result when your horse spooks and runs away with you in the woods.

Equitation - The ability to keep a smile on your face and proper posture while your horse tries to crow hop, shy, and buck his way around a judged obstacle.

Feed - Expensive substance utilized in the manufacture of large quantities of manure.

Fences - Decorative perimeter structures built to give a horse something to chew on, scratch against, and jump over.

Flies - The excuse of choice a horse uses so he can kick you, buck you off, or knock you over but without being punished.

Founder - The discovery of your loose mare some miles from your farm, as in, "Hey, honey, I found'er."

Gallop - The customary gait a horse chooses when returning to the barn.

Grooming - The fine art of brushing the dirt from one's horse and applying it to one's own body.

Saddle - An expensive leather device manufactured to give the rider a false sense of security. Comes in many styles. All feature build-in ejector seats.

Stall - What your truck does on the way to a ride, fifty miles from the closest town.

Young stock - A general term used for all equines old enough to bite, kick, or run you over, but not yet old enough to dump you on the ground.

(Submitted by Diana Marquardt)

2003 NATRC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NATRC MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

- **Reduced ride entry fees**
- **Eligibility to compete for NATRC annual high score awards and championships, rider and horse mileage awards**
- **Hoof Print, NATRC's official publication, published six times per year**
- **Rule Book, upon request**
- **New members also receive a NATRC jacket patch**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY | \$60/year – Household of 1 or 2 adults & children under the age of 18 as of Jan. 1 (two votes) |
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NOTE: All NATRC membership fees include BOTH national and regional membership dues.

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☐ Please check **ONLY** if you want your regional membership in another region other than your resident region and indicate which region you wish to be a member of: _____

If a new member, NATRC member most responsible for recruiting you as a new member: _____

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| * Patch | \$ 1.75 |
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NEW NATRC RIDERS MANUAL

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| * Complete Guide to CT | \$15.00 |
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What brand horse trailer do you own? _____

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| * Rule Book | \$ 2.00 |
| * Judge's Manual | \$ 5.00 |
| * Original Rider's Guide | \$ 4.00 |
| * Management Manual | \$ 4.00 |
| (plus P&H \$1.00 each) | |

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|-----------------------------|---------|
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