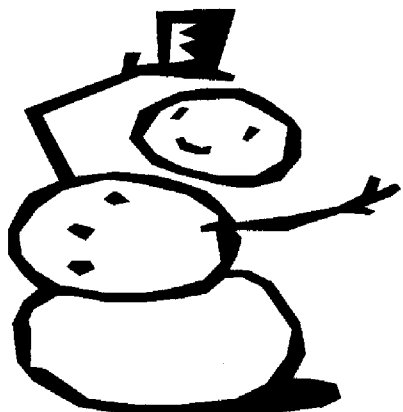


REGION 3 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:



This editorial, like so many of my editorials the past five years, is being written long after midnight (WHY am I not in bed as those who have brains are?). I have just "put the 2004 ride book to bed" with the exception of a few finishing touches, and that is always a terrific feeling. So, I have decided that, while that great feeling is still revving up my brain even though my body is tired, I will go ahead and compose my last editorial.

First, I wish all Region 3 NATRC members a joyful Christmas and New Year. I also hope that the incoming Region 3 Board of Directors has a fulfilling and productive year. I know that they will work hard for the continued improvement of our Region. I know that our members will give their directors their wholehearted support, but they also need our members' wholehearted involvement. Most of the Board meetings are held at various rides during the season. More members need to attend these meetings and share their opinions, ideas, and needs. Try to make it a goal to attend one or more of the Region's Board meetings in 2004. Members can find out where and when the meetings will be held by calling any one of the directors.

I want to extend my thanks to all our ride managers who have worked so well with each other and with me on dates and locations to be able to offer what I feel (in my-not-so-humble opinion and taking the liberty of speaking on their behalf) is going to be the best ride calendar this region has ever had. We are fortunate indeed that these selfless folks are offering our members a season of twelve A (two-day) rides and one B (one-day) ride. In addition, we have placed on our calendar a Region 6 A ride that is located very close to Region 3. You

will also notice an advertisement in the 2004 ride book from the manager of a new Region 4 ride, Mitre Peak Round-Up CTR, which will be held over Halloween weekend. Other regions are obviously impressed with the attendance and support of our rides and want to invite us to "Come Ride with Them." Let's take them up on their invitation.

I would like to especially thank our continuing rides and ride managers without whom we would not have the foundation on which to build a successful season: **Chokecherry Canyon**, to be managed in 2004 by Bill and Jenny Smith; **Navajo Lake**, 30 years old in 2004 and offering a new ride limit of 120, to be managed by Bill and Judy Cumberworth; **El Jinete**, to be managed in 2004 by Steve and Janine Ancell; **Colorado Trail**, to be managed by our ever willing Tracie Scarlett; and **Rocky Mountain Dream** in its third year of management by Diana Marquardt.

I also want to thank a new member, Stephanie Miller, of Bluebell, Utah, who, with the continuing help of Jon Tanner, is jumping in with both feet to give Jon and his wife Peggy a much needed rest by taking over the management of the **Strawberry** ride. We could have lost this ride, but Stephanie has bravely stepped up to the plate. Janine Ancell and Bob Bessert, DVM, have graciously agreed to return as judges to give her the benefit of their prior experience. Region 3 riders need to give Stephanie and the rest of her management team and volunteers all our support. If you have never attended this ride, GO! (And Jeff Brown, remember to bring along the hot tub so we can wow the endurance riders again.)

Thank you, Dianna Chilton, for relieving Terry Yates of the management of **Rabbit Valley** in 2004 (although our beloved Terry will still be its trail master). And I believe that the move to a fall ride date was an awesome decision. Sign me up! (Sorry for borrowing your expression, Matt Baker.)

Thank you, Judy Mason, for bringing back **Island in the Sky** for the coming season. We really missed it last season. And thank you, Mike, for volunteering to share your technology expertise at the ride with those who want to improve their ability to use GPS. (I don't have one, but I would probably STILL get lost even if I did.)

Thank you, Theresa Haynes, our Region 3 member who just happens to live in Chadron, Nebraska, for once again managing the 2nd Annual **Pine Ridge Ride**, technically a Region 6 ride,

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but geographically closer to Region 3. Almost half the riders who attended the first Pine Ridge CTR in 2003 were from Region 3. Let's make it a goal to increase that number in 2004. It's an easy drive.

Thank you, Kathy Shanor and Donna Johnson, who not only are managing **Willow Springs** this year but also are putting on a new B (one-day) ride at **Chatfield Reservoir** in Littleton, Colorado, on Saturday, April 24. This ride poses an excellent opportunity for all of us to encourage some newcomers to try our sport and to join NATRC. I would like to challenge our Front Range members to attend this ride and to bring someone along who has never ridden a competitive trail ride before.

Thank you, Michelle and Jeff Fink, for coming up with the wonderful idea to hold a new ride in Mancos, Colorado (**Spruce Mill**), which will give those folks who have put on the fall Chokecherry ride for years a break. The colors and views should be spectacular, and I'll bet this ride has a waiting list a mile long! Sign up early!

Last, but not least, thank you, Matt Baker and Roxann Lane (what a team) for putting on the new **Red Feather Ride** to be held over Labor Day Weekend at the Beaver Meadows Resort near the village of Red Feather Lakes in the area of Fort Collins. Knowing these two, if you don't have fun at this ride, you can't have fun anywhere!

Thanks to all our Region 3 and other NATRC judges who give so willingly of their time to spend the weekend sharing their knowledge and experience with us at these rides.

Thanks to our "behind-the-scenes" volunteers, all of whom are too numerous to mention here, but without whom we wouldn't have any rides at all. At Sagebrush & Cedar last year, Ken and I had almost one volunteer for each competitor. Some rides have clubs and other organizations whose members volunteer; others depend on their communities and on friends in NATRC who drive long distances to attend the rides and work, usually for nothing more than a meal and maybe a little gas if the ride can afford it. Their motivation is a love for our sport as well as to support

the continued enjoyment of our equine friends.

Thank you, Linell Miller and Gary Inman, and all those who volunteer to work with them at the **Horse Expo** Region 3 NATRC booth each March. This promotion of our sport is invaluable. A number of new riders told me last year that they discovered competitive trail riding at Horse Expo by talking with our member volunteers and by receiving a ride book. If Linell and Gary call on you to help, please do so if at all possible. Even if they don't call, please consider calling them and volunteering to give an hour or so of your time working our booth.

At the beginning of this editorial, I mentioned that I was composing my last editorial. I didn't mean just my last editorial for 2003, but my last editorial. I really did not want to end my editorial on a low note, but I feel I owe our membership the notification that, after much consideration, I have decided to resign my position as Region 3 newsletter editor and Region 3 ride book editor. I have put a lot of energy into this sport, both as a rider and volunteer, but it has come to my attention in recent months that there are those who feel that I am too intense and am giving negative impressions. I don't feel that way, but I realize that my personal perspective can be vastly different from that of others and that they might be right. I have therefore concluded that it would be better all around if I back off and learn to pursue some more relaxing and pleasurable activities, of which NATRC will be a part but not the whole, and I can only do that if I relinquish my commitment to these positions. I have enjoyed serving as Region 3's ride book and newsletter editor for the past five years, and, though not perfect, I have always tried to do my very best.

Hope to see you on the trails in 2004. Have a great season!

Betty Wolgram
Editor

2004 REGION 3 DIRECTORS/2004 RIDE CALENDAR

REGION 3'S DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

District 1	North of I-70
District 2	South of I-70 and east of the Divide and north of New Mexico
District 3	I-70 west of the Divide and all of New Mexico

NEWLY ELECTED AND CONTINUING BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2004

Jane Young	District 1
Kay Gunckel, DVM	District 1 (replaces Tracie Scarlett who was reelected to At-Large position)
Steve Gordon	District 2
Sandra Hollis	District 2 (replaces Marc Shanor)
Olga Spanoff	District 3
Kathy Brown	District 3
Mike Jubb	At-Large
Priscilla Lindsey	At-Large (replaces Betty Wolgram)
Tracie Scarlett	At-Large (replaces Dee Overholt)
Marc Shanor	Past-President
Susan Witter	National Board member
Doreen Partner	National Board member

RIDE SCHEDULE 2004 (Ride Books Will Be Available To All Who Attend Annual Seminar in Taos, NM and Will Be Mailed Out To All Members After January 18)

Chokecherry Canyon April 17-18
Farmington, NM

Chatfield Reservoir (New B Ride) April 24
Littleton, CO

Navajo Lake (30th anniversary) May 8-9
Farmington, NM

Cavalier May 29-30
Colorado Springs, CO

Willow Springs June 12-13
Jefferson, CO

Strawberry June 26-27
Heber City, UT

El Jinete July 24-25
Durango, CO

Colorado Trail August 7-8
Buffalo Creek, CO

Pine Ridge (Region 6 ride) August 14-15
Chadron, NE

Island in the Sky August 21-22
Grand Mesa near Grand Junction, CO

Red Feather (New - A Ride) September 4-5
Labor Day Weekend ride at
Beaver Meadows Resort near
Fort Collins, CO

Rocky Mountain Dream September 18-19
Granby, CO

Spruce Mill (New - A Ride) October 2-3
Mancos, CO

Rabbit Valley (New fall date) October 16-17
Rabbit Valley, CO west of
Grand Junction



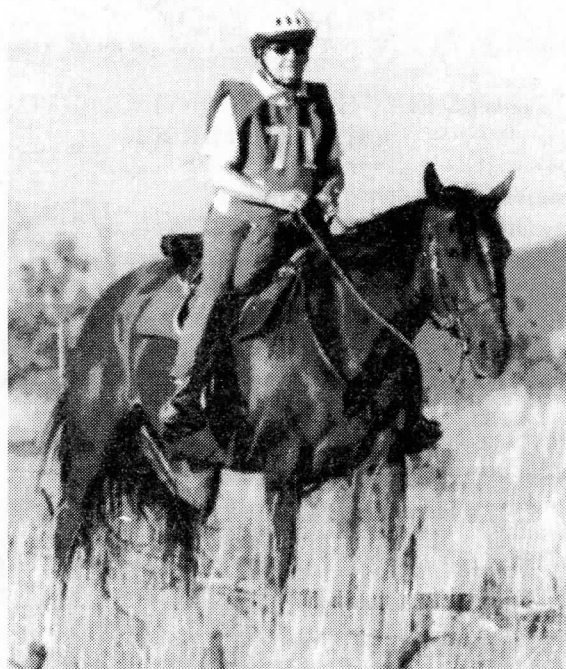
Priscilla Lindsey, long-time horsemanship judge, National Judges' Committee Co-Chair, and newly elected Region 3 Board member, occasionally gets to enjoy riding the trails with her horse Gunner, as shown here at the 1999 Kanopolis Canyon ride (Photo by Ardell's Photography).

MERRY CHRISTMAS WISHES

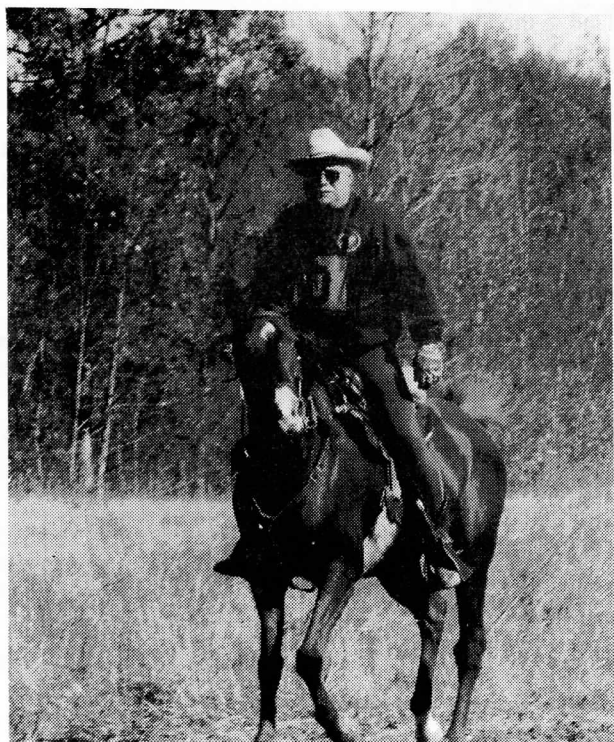
I e-mailed a number of our members and asked them to send me responses to several "Christmas Wish" questions. I hope that you will enjoy and identify with their answers:

One "horsie" thing I would like for Christmas:

"Riding Lessons" . . . Tracie Scarlett
 "A very lightweight, waterproof/breathable horse blanket" . . . Gary Inman
 "A new breast collar" . . . Linell Miller
 "Letters for my new dressage arena!" . . . Judi Tobias
 "A new pair of boots and more horse training/riding videos and books. My addiction!" . . . Priscilla Lindsey
 "A Horse!!" . . . Laurie DiNatale
 "A new left hind fetlock on my weanling" . . . Terry Yates
 "Riding gloves that match!" . . . Janelle Lear
 "Warm riding boots that fit my short legs - to keep trekking through the winter" . . . Betty Garrett
 "A GPS and the knowledge to use it" . . . Kay Gunckel
 "A corporate sponsor for our electrolytes" . . . Betty Wolgram
 "New winter riding gloves. My old ones are shot!" . . . Cindy Meyer
 "A 60' round corral for company and for educating my coming 4 year old" . . . Judy Mason
 "A saddle that fits Sir" . . . Ken Wolgram
 "A warm jacket with horses on it" . . . Sue Benjamin
 "A manure spreader to operate off my John Deere and cheap and plentiful grass hay in 2004! . . . Sue McKelvy



Sue McKelvy and "Red Baron" at Colorado Trail CTR.
 (Photo by Cristy Cumberworth)



Steve Lindsey, who, with his wife Priscilla, moved to Colorado and put on a ride (Buffalo Hunt) for Region 3 their first year in the Region, also enjoys competing when he can. Here he is shown with his horse Tray at the 2000 Championship Challenge Ride in Tennessee. (Photo by Nancy Sluys)

One Thing I Am Thankful For:

"Trusting a horse I once feared" . . . Janelle Lear
 "The great teachers, like Pat Jubb, that I've had in NATRC" . . . Laurie DiNatale
 "My ability to have the two horses that I live with, care for, and ride and compete in NATRC. That is a dream come true for me" . . . Cindy Meyer
 "A healthy horse" . . . Gary Inman
 "Having a horse like Summer and a wife like Betty" . . . Ken Wolgram
 "We and our animals are all in good health" . . . Sue Benjamin
 "HORSES!" . . . Michael Riegger, DVM
 "The privilege of owning horses and having some scenic and challenging country to trail ride them in...and the horses' continued good health!" . . . Sue McKelvy
 "My health (that I can still enjoy my horses)" . . . Judi Tobias
 "My husband Ken who made my lifelong dream come true by buying me my very first horse" . . . Betty Wolgram
 "The 'horsie' friends I have that have helped me as well as my horse through our injuries this year" . . . Kay Gunckel
 "That I bought Woody for Mike as a wedding present" . . . Judy Mason
 "A sound horse" . . . Linell Miller
 "My family and friends" . . . Tracie Scarlett
 "My health that allows me to continue to play with my horses" . . . Betty Garrett
 "The Wind River Mountain Range" . . . Terry Yates
 "I am thankful for many friends all over the country and a wonderful husband" . . . Priscilla Lindsey

MERRY CHRISTMAS WISHES

One Personal Goal For The 2004 Ride Season:

"Ride several rides that I've never been to before" . . . Priscilla Lindsey

"Relax, focus on the task at hand, and have fun" . . . Laurie DiNatale

"To be able to ride" . . . Terry Yates

"Maintain my 'fun' attitude and sense of humor throughout an entire ride even though I haven't slept for two days, haven't showered for two days, and am sore from bouncing 40 miles.

Sort of like Betty Wolgram!" . . . Betty Garrett

"To relax and have some fun" . . . Linell Miller

"To show my friends in NATRC how much I appreciate them" . . . Betty Wolgram

"Try to make more rides. . . only got to ride a couple last year due to family pressures, etc. . . . Sue McKelvy

"To finish sound on all rides" . . . Gary Inman

"Get my young horse started. If all goes well, he could do a ride next year-end while Mike rides Woody" . . . Judy Mason

"To attend a ride again - I've missed them" . . . Sue Benjamin

"Well, I have several, but at the top of the list is to sign up EARLY so I can do more rides. 2003 was my first season and I was only able to do two rides, Rabbit Valley and Sagebrush & Cedar. I am totally addicted and plan to do lots more rides next season. I also plan to volunteer at one of the rides" . . . Cindy Meyer

"To try Open and survive!" . . . Tracie Scarlett

"Actually, I have two, to ride Bijou on a CTR and to do first level dressage with Ted (have you seen the Ted signs in the newspaper?). . . Judi Tobias

"A National Championship on my horse. Shoot for the Stars!" . . . Kay Gunckel

"To place in the Region" . . . Janelle Lear

My One Biggest Wish For NATRC:

"To double its membership" . . . Janelle Lear

"That judging would be fair" . . . Linell Miller

"That everyone get along and be happy" . . . Gary Inman

"That National would quit changing the rules. I can't keep up" . . . Judy Mason

"For everyone to get along and have fun" . . . Tracie Scarlett

"To be able to recruit new volunteers so that no one gets burned out. Wouldn't it be great if every rider volunteered at one ride per season!" . . . Cindy Meyer

"That the sport continues to do so well" . . . Sue Benjamin

"That we continue to have trails to ride on" . . . Judi Tobias

"Continued love for the sport. Remembering it is a hobby and not just a competition. Everyone remembering judges are our friends and management are volunteers" . . . Kay Gunckel

"Always to have another safe, fun season with new friends and new experiences" . . . Betty Garrett

"That we work even harder to make the rides pleasant for newcomers" . . . Betty Wolgram

"To encourage new changes in rules that would benefit our horses' longevity in the sport and keep them sound and comfortable" . . . Terry Yates

"That it continue to be the wonderful sport and 'family' that it is today" . . . Priscilla Lindsey

"That our Region would adopt an expectation and climate of good sportsmanship and courtesy. A motto I recently heard at my granddaughter's pre-school struck a chord with me when thinking about competition. It was 'You get what you get, and you don't throw a fit' ". . . Laurie DiNatale

Brandied Cranberries

4 cups fresh cranberries

½ cup brandy

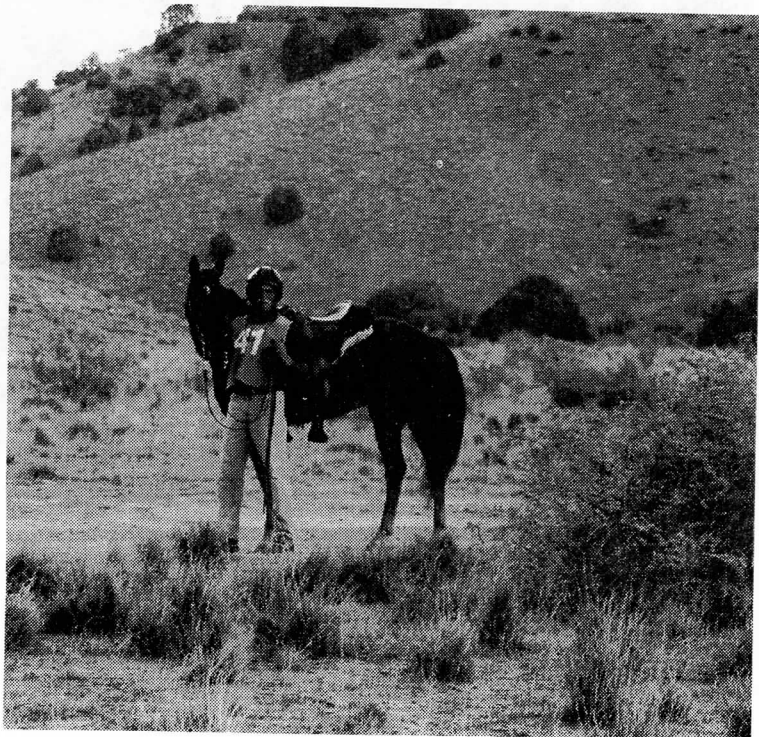
2 cups granulated sugar

Wash cranberries. Place in baking dish. Cover with sugar and brandy. Bake LOOSELY covered at 350 degrees for one hour. Chill and serve.

Also makes a GREAT gift in a pretty jar!

Submitted by Judi Tobias

Happy Holidays!



Steve Gordon, our Region 3 Treasurer, might look like he's lost in this photo, but he's NOT! That said, what IS he doing? (Photo by Cristy Cumberworth)

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE NATIONAL BOARD MEETINGS?

Submitted by Susie Witter

Region 3 NBOD

All the 2003 National Board officers were reelected for 2004. Be grateful! I really think we not only have dynamic officers but an awesome Board. I have been totally impressed with how the meetings are conducted (focused, organized, and visionary) and with the passion and drive that all the members bring to each meeting.

The 2005 Convention will be held in Asheville, North Carolina, February 3-6. Mark your calendars.

We lost Sundowner as a sponsor and are looking for a new one. If you have any ideas or contacts, contact Lin Ward at jlward@ris.net (719) 783-9645.

It was discussed and decided that fly net leg wraps and fly bracelets CAN BE used on the horses IN CAMP. The final exam by the veterinary judge was discussed and a reminder will be sent out restating the importance of a thorough final exam which INCLUDES the circling of horses.

The horsemanship scorecard is in the process of being revised to include judging "Teamwork." (A comprehensive definition of Teamwork is to be developed.) As proposed, the card would include these groupings and percentages:

Care of Horse 20% (includes grooming, tack and equipment, shoeing, stabling, and trail care)

Safety and Courtesy 20% (includes awareness of potential danger to horse, self, and others, consideration to others, good sportsmanship, and response to directions)

In-hand Presentation 10% (safely and effectively presenting horse for vet exam, control of horse and lead rope, standing, trotting, longeing, turning, etc.)

Equitation 40% (balance and lightness of position, control, hands and other aids, all judged on level, ascending and descending terrain, and for mounting, dismounting, and trail skills)

Teamwork 10% (response of horse to rider, obvious training and preparation for trail skills, to be judged in conjunction with in-hand presentations and equitation observations but scored separately)

The plans are to use the present scorecard through 2004 and to start the introduction of the new card in 2005. If you have any comments, please direct them to Priscilla Lindsey lindx@plainstel.com or Bob Goulding, DVM drbob@onemain.com, co-chairs of the Judges' Committee.

There are so many things going on that I'm sure that this list will not cover everything, but I tried. Items in progress are:

Convention in conjunction with AERC
National Trail Advocacy and Participation (Doreen Portner, Region 3)

Ride Reporting Forms available online

Printing of Revised Judges' Manual

Format for new Horsemanship Scorecard

Online Ride Registration available to ride managers (HorseSportsWorld.com)

Updated information sent directly to Ride Managers and Secretaries (since many are not NATRC members and do not receive Hoof Print)

Heavily used Management Forms to be available on the NATRC website.

Ideas being discussed are:

NATRC's vision for the future – What are our distinguishing features? What do we want to look like in five years, ten years?

Revision of the Management Manual

Traveling Education for Horsemanship Judges

Trail Masters Booklet and/or Training for Trail Masters

That's the scoop as I see it. If you have any comments, input, concerns, or ideas, please contact me or Doreen Portner. Your National Board of Directors is listening and WANTS to hear from you. One person's voice CAN make a difference.

I hope to see all of you at the Region 3 Seminar in Taos and the National Convention in Reno!

Susie Witter, NBOD

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Another trip down memory lane showing Sue Benjamin aboard April at the 1996 Willow Springs ride. Sue, we hope you can join us on the trails again soon; we've missed you!!!

WHAT I AM DOING WITH MY HORSE THIS WINTER

*Submitted by: Rene Fleming
Region 3, Hurricane, Utah*

This winter I will be working to get my MFT mare, Black's Little Jet Star (aka Beauty) back into shape. In September she decided to try her jumping skills. Unfortunately, she wasn't as good as she thought she was, and she experienced a fall.

In an effort to avoid the points off associated with being fidgety for the vet judge at competitive trail rides, Beauty and I had already been working together to teach her to stand still regardless of the commotion around us. As I stood at the vet clinic with Beauty bleeding from her nose and knee, I realized the benefits of all this training. The vet first addressed her nose injury. The hole went completely through her muzzle, but she allowed him to examine her and administer a shot of lidocaine into the hole without a fuss.

The next injury to be assessed was her knee, the injury of greatest concern. The vet cleaned the wound, checked for ligament damage, and bandaged it. Through it all, Beauty stood quietly without the need for anesthetic. The vet was very impressed, recalling the first time he examined her. At that time, he wasn't willing to take her temperature for fear of being kicked, which was a completely justifiable concern.

As we walked back out to the trailer, I almost had heart failure because she was dragging her injured leg and stretching her neck to look at it with each step. I turned to my vet with tears in my eyes because I was sure she was going to be lame for life, and I saw that he was trying not to laugh out loud. His thought was that she was checking out the bright pink bandage and he told me to load her into the trailer. He told me not to worry; she could walk just fine. She just wanted all the sympathy she could get. And he was right. I unloaded her at home and she walked just fine to her stall, not a single step of foot dragging.

The knee injury sidelined Beauty for almost eight weeks. Now that we have the okay from the vet, we are getting back into shape, but we have to go slowly. We'll be doing long, slow walks for a while as we monitor her knee to make sure there are no soundness problems.

The upside to Beauty's setback is that I've spent more time riding my TWH gelding, Threat's Clipper. I never considered taking Clipper to an NATRC ride, assuming the hustle and bustle associated with a ride would be more than he could handle; however, I'm now wondering if I have underestimated his ability to rein in his emotions. We've been riding with small groups of friends and Clipper has been very well behaved even without the support of any of his herd mates. We experienced a very difficult trail ride that included being lost and negotiating the most difficult trail situation I've had to date, and he remained calm, cooperative, and safe. I'm wondering if age is mellowing the gelding.

If I do take him to an NATRC ride, I'll have to be ready to ride Open. I've timed Clipper's walk with a GPS at 13 mph, with his chosen speed being between 8-9 mph. Granted this is on dirt roads, and trail time varies with the terrain, but I think the Novice pace would drive him nuts.

We're not ready for the Open judged obstacles, but perhaps it's time to start practicing.



Sandie Hollis, who enjoys mentoring novice riders, (can you tell that from the photo above?) wrote a lengthy article that I never had the room to publish in which she recalled a particularly incredible moment that occurred at the El Jinete ride this year. (I hope Sandie doesn't mind my including this excerpt from that article because I thought it was a pretty incredible moment, too.

"I was in the lead with two novices in tow, ascending Georgia's Hill. We had to stop as there was a string of horses ahead of us. As the top horse began to move, the next two or three did likewise, and the trickle down effect began. Out of nowhere came this little voice, 'May I pass you?' I could not turn around in the saddle because I was barely balanced on this narrow, steep trail, and my horse was standing quietly, regaining her breath. I wanted to yell back, 'Are you crazy?' but that would only serve to scare my horse and the two novices behind me, so I calmly said into space, 'I would not advise that.' The little voice came back, 'Why?' I quietly gathered all my 37-years-of-teaching-little-children patience and said, 'because it's too narrow, too steep, we're stacked up like pancakes, and there is no place to go.'

The earth became a small avalanche as dirt slid down on my horse's feet, causing her to dance nervously. 'Ohhhh!' came that little voice, this time ten feet above me! I watched in disbelief as the rider dropped to the trail ten feet in front of me, nose to tail with the horse in front of her. No one said a word, and safe progress resumed."

(Photo by Cristy Cumberworth)

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NATRC Memberships Expire December 31, 2003.

Remember to send in your dues for 2004. Membership application may be found in the Hoof Print and on the last page of this newsletter.

Remember to Sign Up For the Fun & Exciting Region 3 Convention Now!

Registration forms were inserted in the last issue of the Region 3 newsletter, or you may contact Kathy or Jeff Brown for a registration form. E-mail is equine@newmex.com or call (505) 776-2575.

Conventioneers, please note that the Sagebrush Inn is next door (within walking/crawling distance) of the Comfort Suite Hotel and Convention Center, so you can go dancing after the banquet and not worry about having to drive. Also, a HUGE thanks to Bill and Jenny Smith and Jim and Lin Ward who will be providing all the drinks and snacks for the hospitality suite. We will have a donation jar at the suite for you to contribute to these very generous folks and help offset their out-of-pocket expenses. Also, we still need donations for door prizes! See you all soon!

Upcoming Region 3 Trail Riding Clinic For Novice and Intermediate Riders

Could your trail riding use some "fine tuning?" Have you ever wondered if the saddle fit on your horse is correct?

Come and join the San Juan Valley Trail Riders on March 27, 2004. The club is sponsoring a Trail Riding and Saddle Fit Clinic with Steve and Janine Ancell, Dr. Bill and Judy Cumberworth, and Dr. Joe Quintana sharing their knowledge and experience.

The one-day clinic is limited to thirty riders and horses. The cost of \$20.00 will include lunch.

For more information please call (505) 326-6797 or (505) 325-6261.

Exact location and time will be announced in the future.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU...

To Judy Mason and to Jan Waggoner of Wag's World who have helped so much the past five years with the printing, collating, labeling, and mailing of the Region 3 newsletters and ride books.

Address Changes/Info

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Elizabeth, CO 80107
(303) 646-0412

LOST AND FOUND!

At Chokecherry Canyon ride, blue Motorola radio in the riding arena. If this is yours, call Cristy Cumberworth at (505) 345-4758 or e-mail cristy@horse-photography.com.

RIDE CORRECTIONS

Cavalier Ride

Typographical error in Novice Heavyweight should be:

-/2 Royal Thistle/D.St. Peter

-/- Duke/I.Jacobsohn

We apologize for this oversight.

El Jinete Ride

Typographical omission of results in Open Lightweight should be:

-/6 CR Blaze of Glory/N. Frank

We apologize for this omission.

Rocky Mountain Dream Ride

Kathy Shanor was riding Fortunatta, not MKS Fancy's Folly as originally reported to National.

5/3 Fortunatta/K.Shanor

HORSE FOR SALE

"Pedro," a been-there-done-that Arab gelding. Chestnut, age 18, about 15 hands, in excellent condition and health. Wonderful mount for a beginning adult or experienced child. Can give lessons, work cattle, and loves trails! Priced at \$1,200, including a Big Horn cordura Western saddle that fits him well. Contact Priscilla Lindsey at (970) 354-7422 or e-mail lindx@plainstel.com

HORSES FOR SALE

Jennifer Nichols has two Rocky Mtn. Horses for sale. Three-year-old chocolate mare and two-year-old black gelding. Call (970) 856-4760 for more information. Also, if you are interested in finding out more about the breed or in seeing what the horses are like, don't hesitate to call to come over for a visit. The horses love showing off for company!

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What is Heaven?

An old man was riding his horse and walking his dog along a country road, enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to the man that he had died. He remembered dying and realized, too, that the dog had been dead for many years and that it had been a very long time since he'd ridden this horse. He wondered where the road would lead them and continued onward.

After a while they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It looked like fine marble. At the top of a long hill, a tall, white arch that gleamed in the sunlight broke the marble wall. As the man stood before the arch, he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother of pearl, and the street that led through the gate looked like pure gold. He was pleased that he had finally arrived at heaven. The man got off to lead his horse and then he and the dog walked toward the gate. As he got closer, he saw someone sitting at a beautifully carved desk off to one side.

When he was close enough, he called out, "Excuse me, but is this Heaven?"

"Yes, it is, sir," the man answered.

"It's magnificent! Would you happen to have some water?" the man asked.

"Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up." The gatekeeper gestured to his rear, and the huge gate began to open.

"I assume that my friends can come in," the man said, gesturing toward the dog and the horse.

The man at the desk replied, "I am sorry, sir, we cannot accept your animals – animals are not allowed."

The man thought about it, then thanked the gatekeeper, turned back toward the road, and continued in the direction he had been going. After another very long walk and many long hills, he came to a dirt road, which led through a farm gate. If there had ever been a fence, it was long gone, and it looked as if the gate had never been closed, as grass had grown up around it. As he approached the gate, he saw a man just inside, sitting in the shade of a tree in a rickety old chair, reading a book.

"Excuse me, sir!" he called to the reader. "We've been traveling along this road for a good distance and we are rather tired and thirsty. Do you have any water?"

"Yes, certainly, there's a pump over there," the man said, pointing to a place that couldn't be seen from the road outside the gate. "Come on in and make yourself at home."

"How about my friends here?" the traveler gestured to his dog and horse.

"They're welcome too. There's good grass near the well and there's a bowl and a bucket by the pump," he said.

The man led the horse and dog through the farm gate, and, sure enough, there was an old-fashioned hand pump with a dipper hanging on it with a bowl and a wooden bucket next to it on the ground. The man led his horse to the grass, filled the bucket for the horse, filled the bowl for his dog, and then took a long drink himself. After he made sure that the dog and horse were comfortable, he and the dog walked back toward the man, who was sitting under the tree waiting for them.

"What do you call this place?" the traveler asked.

"This is Heaven," was the answer.

"Well, that's confusing," the traveler said. "It certainly doesn't look like Heaven, and there's another man down the road who said that place was Heaven."

"Oh, you mean the place with the golden streets and pearly gates?"

"Yes, it was magnificent."

"Nope. That place is Hell."

"Doesn't it offend you for them to use the name of Heaven like that?"

"Well, I can see how you might think so, but actually it saves me a lot of time. That place screens out the people who are willing to leave their best friends behind."

Source: Ridecamp

Author Unknown

And For the Ladies' Enjoyment . . .

Husbands' Advantages Over Horses

. . . Husbands are less expensive to shoe.

. . . Feeding a husband doesn't require anything that even mildly compares with the hassle of putting up hay.

. . . A husband with a bellyache doesn't have to be walked.

. . . Husbands apologize when they step on your toes.

. . . Husbands have no saddle fitting problems.

Horses' Advantages Over Husbands

. . . Horses don't care what you look like as long as you have a carrot.

. . . If you get too fat for your horse, you can shop for a bigger one.

. . . Horses don't want their turn at the computer.

. . . Horses learn to accept restraint.

. . . If a horse doesn't work out, you can sell him.

From CTR List – Author Unknown

And Make Plans If You Can . . .

To attend the "Biggest Little Convention in the West in the Biggest Little City in the World . . . RENO . . . to be held February 26-29, 2004.

Check the November/December Hoof Print for registration information and forms.

OFFICIAL RIDE RESULTS

Chokecherry "A" Ride

October 4-5, 2003

Total riders: 37

Ride Chair: Mariel Lynch

Judges: Kay Gunckel, DVM, Judi Tobias, Horsemanship

Open Sweepstakes: MKS Fancy's Folly/K.Shanor

Novice Sweepstakes: RMR Nahr Amir/C.Anderson

Open Heavyweight:

- 1/5 Brazos Blaze/J.Brown
- 2/2 Phantom's Masquerade/M.Baker
- 3/1 Sierra Blue/D.Johnson
- 4/4 Ravens Shadoe/O.Spanhoff
- 5/3 Charm's Royal Touch/D.Overholt

Open Lightweight:

- 1/3 MKS Fancy's Folly/K.Shanor
- 2/1 Brown-R Dawud/J.Mason
- 3/2 Panama Jack/T.Smith
- 4/4 Remington Steele/R.Lane
- 5/5 Fortunataa/K.Brown

Open Junior:

- 1/1 MKS Shamal Nejma/K.Shanor

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/4 Quierro/K.Belchef
- 2/5 Ali Selene/B.Bulcock
- 3/3 Mo Marque/G.Levesque
- 4/1 Zane's Belle Ringer/J.Sims
- 5/2 Dennis the Menace/P.Wilson
- P Dakota/J.Rekart

Novice Lightweight:

- 1/3 RMR Nahr Amir/C.Anderson
- 2/5 Paracz/C.von Braun
- 3/1 Travelin' Lad/K.Carmody
- 4/2 Amity Summer Joy/D.Chilton
- 5/4 Autumn's Abby Gal/C.Moore
- P Lady Anne's Wind Dancer/
B. Sims

Competitive Pleasure:

- 1/3 Independence Dai/S.Fitzpatrick
- 2/5 Poppy/B.Wolgram
- 3/- Say Hello Dolly/H.West
- 4/1 WSA Desert Wind/A.Taylor
- 5/2 GS Jokers Are Wild/T.Scarlett
- 6/- Johnny Danger/L.Miller
- /4 SR Sir Bask/K.Wolgram
- /6 Touch's Yeller Gold/G.Inman
Bad News Chance/R.Beumer
Brule/N.Rekart
Cinco de Karome/D.Bulcock
Ginger/L.Jones
Misty Sunrise/C.Beumer
Quixote Poco Man/G.Daves

"Book Cover"

*I sat in the saddle, sport'n a grin
A Competitive Ride I intended to win.
Thar'd be stumpsto jump o'er
And bridges to cross,
Water to step in
And rain gear to toss.*

*Not much competition,
As I looked all about.
Why this here contest
Was no more than a rout.*

*Then one of the riders
Captured my eye.
A female so purty
I wanted to die!*

*Astride on her mount,
Makeed was his name,
The gal sure looked green
But the stud, he looked game.*

*Fire in his eyes
And Flash in his hoof
I thought he would send
That gal through the roof.*

*As she sat with her dignity
Wholly intact,
The cowboys came close
But the stud kept 'em back.*

*They started the ride with
A cannon blast meant,
To attract all attention
And make things commence.*

*Resultin' in mounts
Jump'n in every direction
With riders and horses
Losin' connection.*

*When the dust cleared around me
I had to confide,
I'd been brought down low
By this Competitive Ride.*

*As I looked all about
I saw horses skidaddle,
Just one rider sat
Firm in her saddle.*

*With her new hat pulled low
And her Justins shoved tight
Her horse bucked and twisted
It was really a sight!*

*She stayed with the stud
'Til she gentled his will,
Then with one final leap
The stallion stood still.*

*My south part in dirt
And my heart in my hand
I looked at that gal;
Dang, she looked grand!*

*She straightened her hat
She stepped from her stud,
She brushed at her horse
To loosen the mud.*

*She looked all around
And smiled just as ya please,
Stepped back in the saddle
And rode off with ease.*

*Spit'n grit from my teeth
With the incident over,
The words came to mind:
Can't judge a book by its cover!*

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*Hoofprint Magazine
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rider and horse mileage awards.

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Birth date
If Youth

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

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Home Telephone _____ - _____ - _____ Work Telephone _____ - _____ - _____ Email: _____

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