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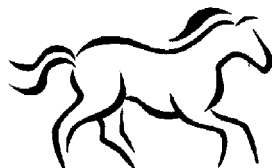
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## *A Note From Our President, Kathy Brown*

Howdy!

I can't believe we are closer to the end of our season than to the beginning! It seems like we just had our first ride. I am writing this *before* our benefit ride although you will probably read this *after* it has occurred! I have no problem thanking Judy Mason, Ole Morgan, Dewitt Daggett and all the other Grand Junction crew in advance because I know what a great job they will do. I also have to thank our BOD and Committee Chairs that donated generously to the raffle, silent auction, smoothie bar, etc. And who could forget Jim & Lin Ward, our entertaining chefs for the weekend!

Thanks also to everyone who supported our region by buying tickets, donating to the auction, riding the ride, volunteering, or just sending good thoughts!

Now for business:

- 1) It is time to elect new board members, both regionally and nationally. Please contact myself or any BOD member if you would like to run or think someone else would be a good representative. It is a great way to give back to your region and fellow members!
- 2) It is also time to start scheduling next years rides so please contact Carla Richardson, Tracie Scarlett or myself if you want to put on a ride or clinic in 2007!
- 3) We need your input and ideas! The National Board will be voting on rule changes in Nov. that will affect us all. If she has room Kerry will reprint them in this newsletter. If she doesn't have room, I will email them out to you again or you can find them in the HoofPrint. Please give Susie Witter your comments!
- 4) Your local board will need projects to keep them busy over the winter months, so if you have suggestions *Recruitment of new members, keeping current members, Fundraising, Improving Rides, Increasing ride attendance, etc. etc.*, let us know!

Kathy Brown



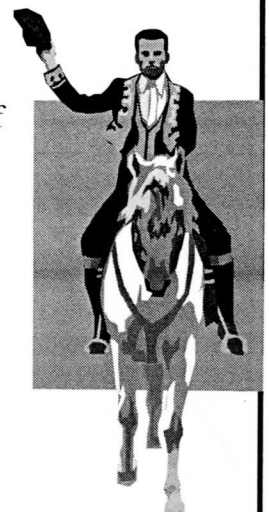
### Letter from the Editor:

Dear Region III,

We're making a strong push to send as many newsletters as possible via email. If you have high speed internet access we would love to be able to communicate with you electronically with a PDF file! Please let me know if you would be willing to receive your newsletter in this manner by emailing me at [kbingham630@msn.com](mailto:kbingham630@msn.com). Also, if you did not receive the last issue of the Stirrup (May June), you should have! Let me know....

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## Colorado Trail Results

8/5-6/06 Region Three-CO

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 38

Chairman: Tracie Scarlett

Judges: Linda McKinnon DVM, Terry Yates

Open Sweepstakes: Rockin EZ Royal T/Ancell, Steve-98

Novice Sweepstakes: Aladdin/Beardsley, Cat-97.5

### Open Heavyweight

1/1 Rockin EZ Royal T/Ancell, Steve

2/4 Obie Won/Spanhoff, Olga

3/3 Touch of Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary

4/2 Rocky Top II/Ward, Jim

5/5 Gunslinger T/Jubb, Mike

P Lady's Charlie B/Ancell, Janine

### Open Lightweight

1/1 Blue Skies Afire/Johnson, Donna

2/2 Regala de la Estrellas/Marquardt, Diana

P Huck's Last Love/Ward, Lin

### Novice Heavyweight

1/5 Thunder/Auer, Beth

2/6 GF Centaurus/Dietrich, Lois

3/2 TTM Bey Javu/Stake, Matt

4/4 Warriors Blue Sky/Reinhardt, Nancy

5/1 Spirit/Steng, Patty

6/ Buster/Ames, Stephanie

/3 Mitakola Shadow Dancer/Brown, Shana

SRU Five Alarm Chili/Sandvik, Dean

P BudFunston, Scott

### Novice Lightweight

1/1 Aladdin//Beardsley, Cat

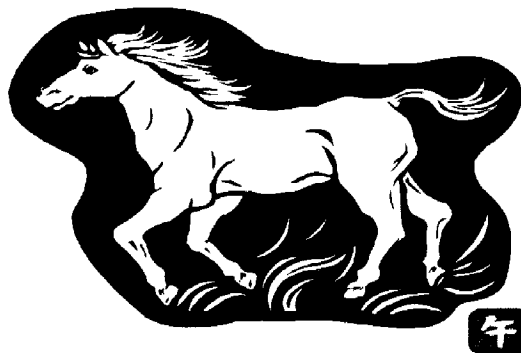
2/2 Eduardo El Negrito Knight/Wingle, Diane

3/ Jiminy/Nickel, Wendy

4/6 Pure Country Windsong/Goscha, Cathy  
5/ TC Twistin Time/Walls, Sharyl  
6/4 Perfections Dusk Til Dawn/Morgan, Ole  
/3 Bryanna/Andrews, Jill  
/5 Indiana Jones/Frane, Vonnie  
Lama Freckles Too/Lagasse, Candice  
NW Cameo/Sandvik, Vikki  
Classica Arco Iris/Pumell, Meg  
P Porsha/Kissman, Kimberly  
P SS Khanadian Mist/Galchutt, Pamela

### Competitive Pleasure

1/1 Aries/Shanor, Kathy  
2/3 BHR Hosan China Moon/Heniser, Vicki  
3/4 SW Windwalker/Fitzpatrick, Sena  
4/2 Pride's Lawyer/ Sinnett, Jim  
5/6 Pearl/Brooks, Wendy  
6/5 Cayenne/Halligan, Sherri  
Saku/Jeffcoat, Cheri



## Colorado Trail Maintenance

By Jill Talbot

Many years ago, we, Reg. 3, adopted a section of the Colorado Trail...LIFETIME maintenance. It is located out of the Copper Mtn. stables...easy access and parking and about 30 miles is "ours". I have not heard or read anything about our annual clean-up days for this commitment...for quite a few years now. I have recently ridden this section to inspect it...actually I ride it 2-3x a summer because it is breathtakingly beautiful. This is one of the most perfect trails to ride! Well-marked trails with cool things like: Indian teepee ring circles in a meadow; over 12 beaver dams in a row; ride under ski lifts for Copper Mtn. as you traverse 4 ski runs; and ride up to above timber line at Vail pass!

I have gotten to know the current owner of the Copper Mtn. stables, Leslie Miller (970-968-2232) and she runs a rental livery there and uses parts of this trail most of the year. She has worked on this trail a lot since she uses it a lot, and she works with Copper Mtn. management to keep it in good shape. BUT...I think we, Reg. 3, should keep up our commitment and check it out once a year (like we use to...Neal McKinstry use to organize this) and offer our assistance if needed. I know they still need gravel hauled up to "boggy" spots.

Region 3 needs to honor its commitment. We need someone to head up this clean up effort once a year....not to mention folks who wouldn't mind going up and doing the work. Any volunteers? Please contact a BOD member if you could help.

## Purgatory Ride Results

7/22-23/06 Region Three-CO

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 36

Chairman: Janine Ancell

Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Frank Keeran

Open Sweepstakes: Huck's Last Love/Ward,Lin-98

Novice Sweepstakes: April/Snip, Virginia-98

### Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Touch's Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary
- 2/2 Rock'n E.Z. Royal Tee/Ancell, Steven
- 3/3 Rocky Top II/Ward, Jim
- 4/4 Rock'n E.Z. Rey/Sims, Jerry
- 5/5 Obie Won/Spanhoff, Olga
- 6/6 Rock'n E.Z. Riley/Walker, Bruce

### Open Lightweight

- 1/2 Huck's Last Love/Ward,Lin
- 2/1 Blue Skies Afyre/Johnson, Donna
- 3/3 Cedar Mesa Rushai/Mason, Judy
- 4/5 C.R. Blaze of Glory/Frank, Nancy
- 5/4 Summer/Wolgram, Betty
- 6/6 GF Jokers are Wild/Scarlett, Tracie
- WA Cimatation/Schumack, Laura
- P HS Nubarr On/Clark, LeeAnn

### Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 April/Snip, Virginia
- 2/2 Chico of Naszrence/Roberts, Gary
- 3/4 Clarion's Buddy/Mottern, Julie
- 4/3 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri
- 5/5 Jet's Cookie/Daggett, DeWitt
- DO Seminole Wind/Snip, Robert

### Novice Lightweight

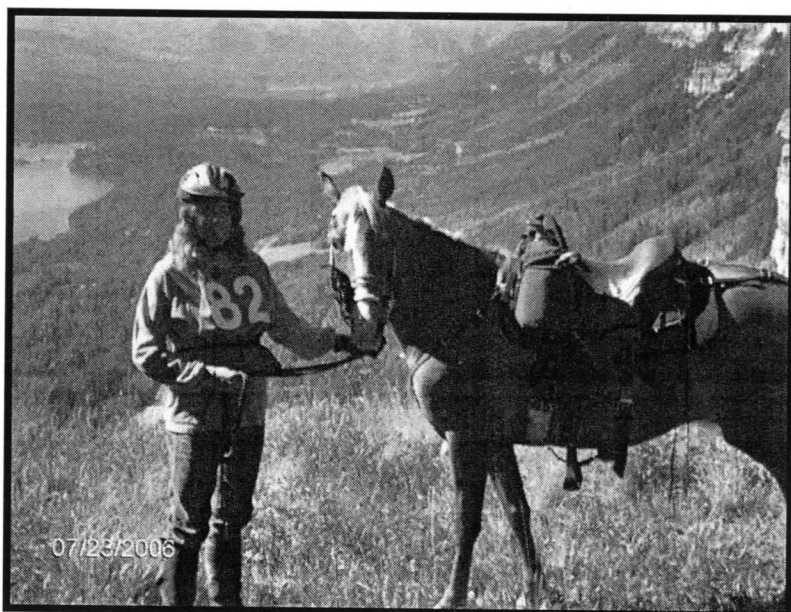
- 1/2 Colt 45/Courtney, Carole
- 2/1 Lena II/Ferganchick, Brandy
- 3/3 Snap/Owen, Tori
- 4/5 Roman Ranger/Boyd, Lisa
- 5/4 Kenlyn Aki Khemo/  
Mc Culloch, Cheryl
- 6/6 Rosa Bella/Vaughan, Mary

### Novice Junior

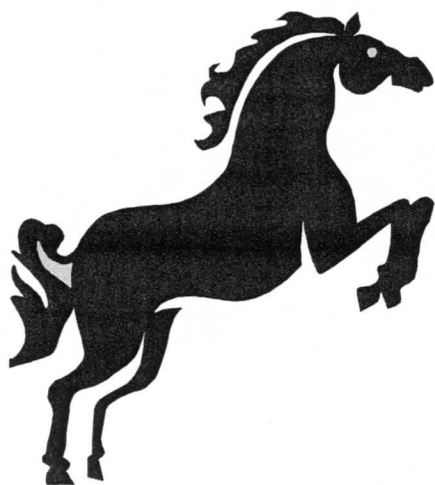
- 1/1 EA Peakaboo Moon/Roberts, Christene

### Competitive Pleasure

- 1/1 SW Windwalker/Fitzpatrick, Sena
- 2/2 Aries/Shanor, Kathy
- 3/3 Lady's Charlie B./Clark, Antonia
- 4/5 Snip Black Ice/Fucigna, Isabel
- 5/6 Gigi by Ramblin Pro/Bengfort, Judy
- 6/ Bonanza's Rebel G./Sims, Beth
- /4 June's Lucky Mac/Bingham, Kerry
- Ace of Hearts WDG/Inman-Miller, Linell
- P Rifszon/Whitman, Benedicta



Mary Vaughm and her Paso Fino, Bella on top of the  
Hermosa Cliffs at Purgatory



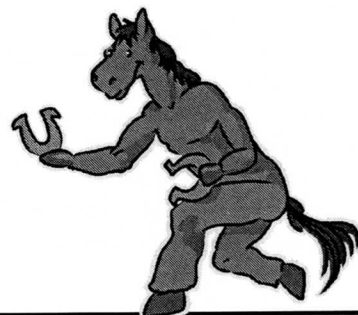
## Quotes of the month:

"Who ever said a horse is dumb, was dumb." -Will Rogers

"Is he broke? Yea, he broke the stall, the wagon, and the horse trailer." -Anonymous

"A pony is a childhood dream, a horse is an adult pleasure." -  
Rebecca Carroll

# ODDS N' ENDS



## **Rocky Mtn Dream: Sept. 16-17:**

This is one of our most spectacular rides – don't miss it! Fri. night has a Chili cook off too! For more info. contact Jane Young @ [jpymilehi@aol.com](mailto:jpymilehi@aol.com) or Linda @ [nella-girl@earthlink.net](mailto:nella-girl@earthlink.net). TELL A FRIEND!

## **EQUINE VIRAL ARTERITIS:**

Due to an outbreak of EVA, some states are requiring veterinarians to issue health certificates only 7 days prior to an event. EVA is predominantly found at racetracks and breeding farms, but if you need a health certificate to go to a ride, check with your vet for his/her requirements!

**The Chili Line: Sept. 30 –Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>** Yes, it has been resurrected!! It will be in Farmington, NM on the Pinon Mesa Trail. Kathy & Jeff Brown are still the ride managers and Kathy is the Secretary. The judges are Joe Quintana and Judy Cumberworth! *We will have a theme – Old West/Old Mexico – a Mexican dinner will be provided by management Sat. night along w/lunch on the trail Sat. Bring your best Clint Eastwood/Pancho Villa outfit and Spanish/English Dictionary– there will be prizes, poker, margaritas and lots of fun – THINK FIESTA!!!! 1/2 price for first time competitors! If you have wanted a vacation to Mexico, this is it!!! Visit the website: [www.chokecherry-ctr.org](http://www.chokecherry-ctr.org)*

Hi everyone!

I would like to put a quick shout out to Tracie Scarlett for putting on a WONDERFUL ride at Colorado Trail. As is usual with rides Tracie does, the ride was beautiful, people were fun, we all learned a lot and had a hoot doing so. In spite of rain Saturday night, she performed miracles and the trail was fine on Sunday and we all had a safe and successful ride. Being a ride manager is a tough job and the ride was not full so I want to ENCOURAGE Tracie and other fine managers to continue and have faith the riders will return. On a personal note, it was great fun to have "Cheri Jeffcoat" there with her "big girl panties" on! And congratulations to Kathy Shanor for taking CP Sweepstakes on her young four year old gelding Aries at his second ride.

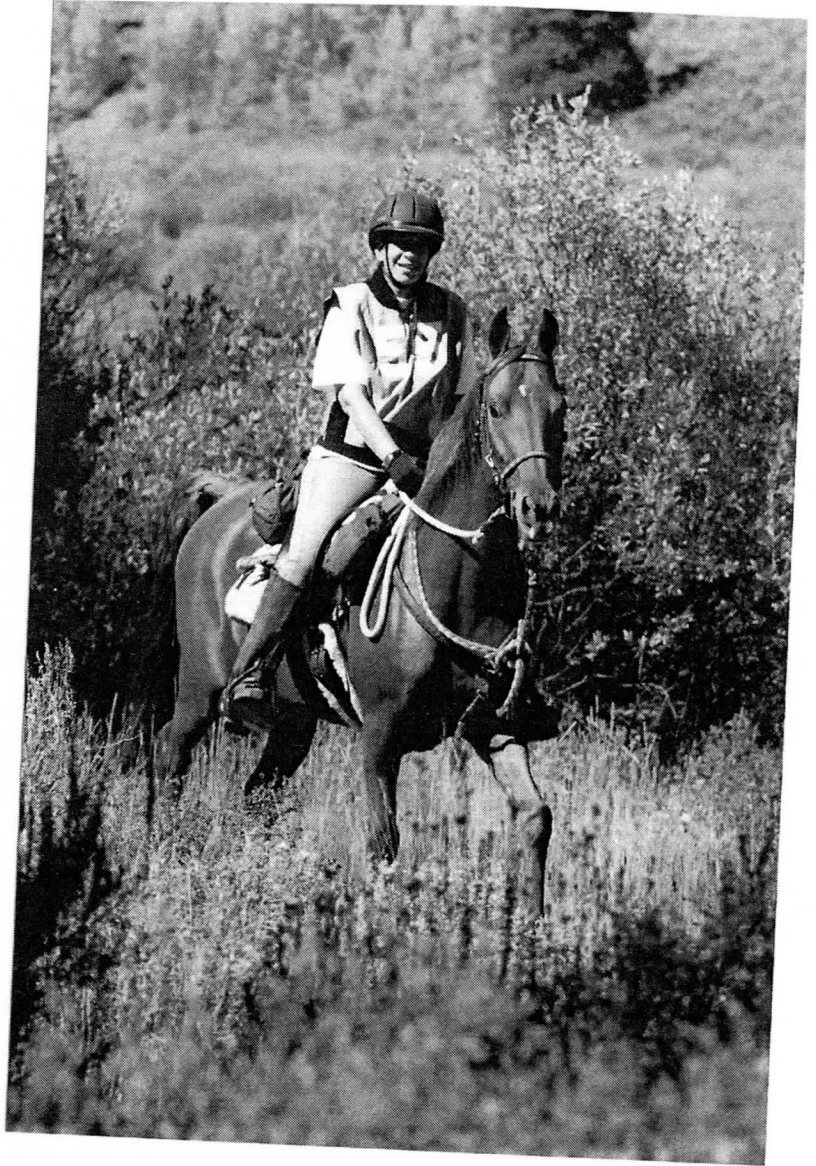
Lois Deitrich

CONGRATULATIONS  
TO  
KEN WOLGRAM,  
JANE YOUNG  
AND LINDA FISHER  
WHO ALL  
FINISHED  
THE TEVIS!



## The Hardest Part of Loving Horses

As most of my friends know, I lost my National Show Horse mare Emagine If, (Matisse) on July 8 due to colic. This has been a tragic loss to me as Matisse was a very special horse to me even though I'd only owned her a little over two years. My good friend, Cathy Goscha, had found Matisse and decided that she would be a perfect match for me. Matisse had been a top 10 NSH halter champion as a yearling but had later changed hands several times. During those years she had been abused and starved. A lady that I've met that does rescue for American Saddlebred horses and National Show horses had rescued Matisse from an abusive barn in California and had brought her to Colorado where she was given to another home. She eventually wound up with the lady that Cathy found her with. Matisse had not had much training as a trail horse, she was literally afraid of her own shadow and heaven help if she came near water! She and I were becoming a good team as she was building a lot of confidence in herself and trust in me. I was so tickled with her at the Red Feather Lake CTR in that she got an "excellent" on a stream crossing. My little mare that couldn't get her feet wet a few months earlier! I was privileged to have owned Matisse for the short time I had her. She had never lost her love of people even though she had been mistreated in her life. Thank God for the forgiving nature of animals. I'm just glad that she was happy and a much loved member of my family while she was with me.

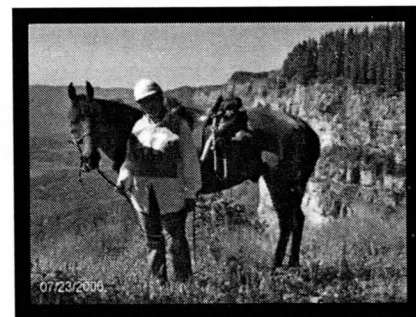


-Sherri Halligan

## *Purgatory Trail Ride*

Hermosa Creek Trailhead, July 21-23 2006

The dark grey masses rolled in over the mountaintop. Distant lightening and thunder could be heard echoing off the sides of the valley. But in the valley bottom, the sun was intense at horse camp, bringing along with it hoards of flies. Horses stood lazily at their trailer, most with fly masks and sheets. The sun seemed just as hot as it was 40 miles south in the desert of northwestern New Mexico. Sweat rolled down my neck as I set up camp and made sure my horse was comfortable. The droning of the buzzing insects and the hot hot sun made me wonder why I had made the two hour trip into the high country of the San Juan Mountains north of Durango, Colorado. Soon the sun disappeared to be replaced by a gusty breeze and an instant 15 degree drop in temperature. Ah! Life in the mountains. A few enormous raindrops plopped down to the earth, beckoning more to follow, but none came. But the horse trailers came! One by one they entered the campground which began to fill it up. The thunder loomed closer and seemed to be saying, Welcome to the Purgatory Competitive Trail Ride!



The ride, sanctioned by NATRC (North American trail Riding Conference) has been held in the same area for almost 30 years. Participants enjoy breathtaking views of jagged mountaintops, huge virgin aspen groves, babbling mountain streams, and a rainbow of wildflowers of every size, shape and color. Saturday's ride traversed nineteen and a half miles. The first few miles followed Sig Creek on the backside of Purgatory Ski Resort. Then it abruptly turns uphill where the horses conditioning is put to the test as they climb a steep switchback trail for at least an hour. Of course, at the top, the horses are given a ten minute rest and then have their pulse and respiration monitored. Then it's back down another set of steep, somewhat treacherous switchbacks returning to Sig Creek. Back to camp for lunch, where riders enjoyed fresh food out of their cooler instead of a mushy sandwich out of a saddle bag! The horses liked it too as they munched contentedly on hay at their home away from home. But the siesta didn't last long. After a 45 minute lunch break we headed up the old Stagecoach Road, which is an actual stagecoach route used in the mining days to take ore from Silverton to Rico. Now it is overgrown and hardly resembles a road, but it surely makes one's mind conjure up pictures of teams of horses pulling wagons and stagecoaches. Our horses were doing well at hauling their human friends up a five mile ascent to Scotch Creek Road and Hotel Draw. At this point the day had warmed to a point where the huge biting flies were swarming and biting the poor horses. There isn't a fly repellent made that will deter these vicious little winged vampires. A few white Arabians let us all know what all of the horses were going through as blood visibly trickled from the fly bites. We prayed for clouds or a breeze to deter them. Thanks goodness they aren't out all of the time, just in the hottest part of the day.

Our judges were very creative with their obstacles on Saturday. There was a large boggy puddle with some logs on one side. We had to go around to the side of the pond and enter it through two trees that were only about 3 feet apart and jump down a 2 foot drop into the puddle. We then crossed the puddle, over a log onto a little mound of dirt, turn sharply to the right and go over another log and through the puddle again. Fun! We also had to go down a steep dirt hill which was probably about 12 feet down to the bottom and then back our horse back up the hill to the judge. The steep back up was challenging for many folks! We also had a gate obstacle, which was challenging with all of the motorcyclists and four wheelers going down the popular trail. At the two mile mark we had to cross a rather wide but shallow creek, stop at a log in the middle, dismount onto the log and then mount again.....without getting wet! Our day was wrapped up with a wonderful Italian potluck. Not only are these folks talented equestrians, they are also fabulous chefs! Dusk was a treat as competitors leisurely walked their horses, letting them graze on the abundant grass. Competitors chatted about the day while the horses occasionally shared knowing snorts and nickers to each other. The distant needles mountains looked purple as the sun set, offset by the puffy pink, purple, orange and grey clouds as a backdrop. Someone's stereo played some very relaxing Native American flute music as everyone settled in for a good night's sleep. Not one little whinny or nicker could be heard that night. It was an evening songs are written about, at least that is what the coyote thought as he serenaded us in the middle of the night.

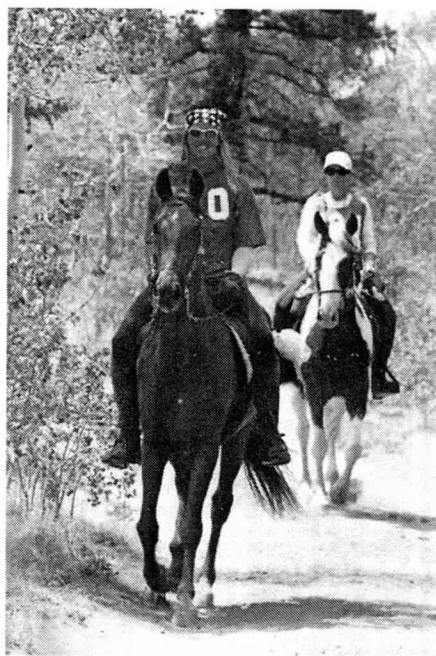
Sunday morning came early as we trotted a figure eight for the judges at 6:30 in the morning to check for soundness. Then off we went to the top of Purgatory Ski Resort and a breathtaking view of the Hermosa Valley. Our horses followed Elbert creek, winding through a valley before we made a steep climb out to a P&R. Then it was back down the steep switchbacks to camp. We made it back to camp by lunchtime where the management served up some grub and the judges did a final check out. Just about everyone hung around for awards which were culminated by the presentation of a beautiful painting (of horses of course!) to Janine Ancell, the ride manager. A great time was had by all, definitely a weekend memories are made of! -submitted by Kerry Bingham



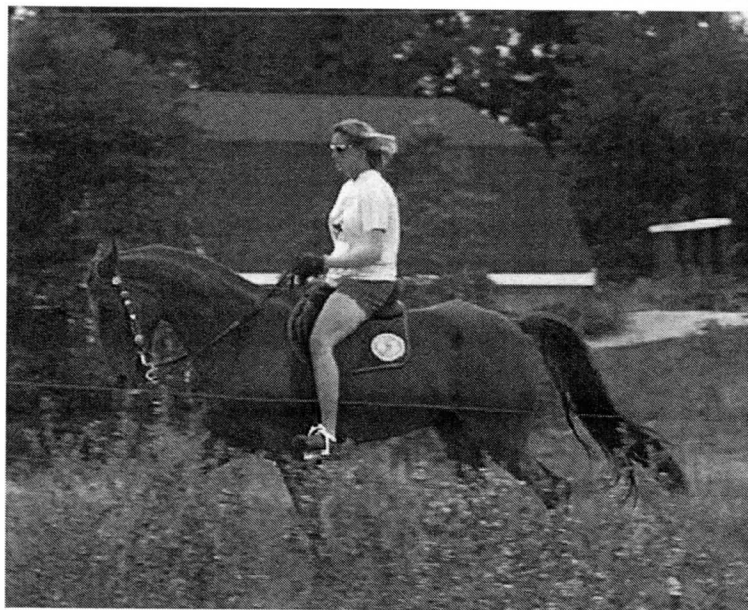
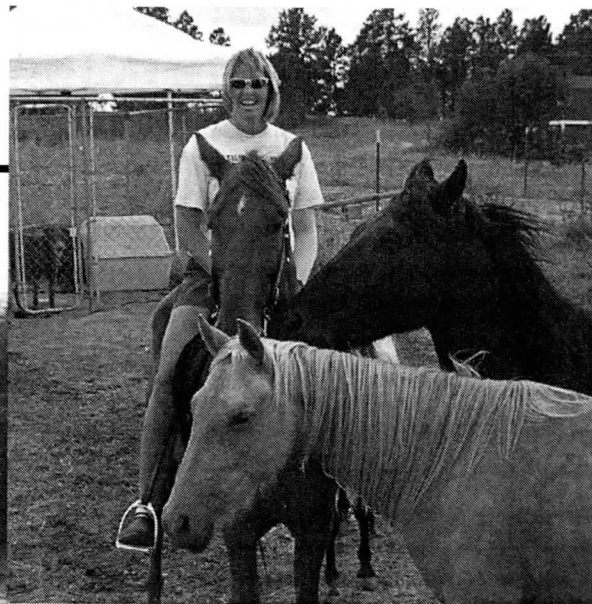
## CTR's Make a Difference for Tennessee Walking Horse

By Lisa Bialy, R3

My horse Strider has come such a long way since we bought him last July. When he was a 2-year-old, he was trained to rack (with the chains and platforms and soring method), so when we bought him as a 7-year-old, he was very nervous and high-strung. He is such a willing and brave boy, and will go into any situation I ask of him. We have a lot of firsts together. The first time I took him on a trail ride, when we went into a little forest, he was shaking so hard because he was afraid. I took him into water for the first time at Chatfield this past spring, and he was shaking so hard, I finally got off and walked him into the water. Now he loves it! He has learned to leave our property without his horse buddies, without hesitation, and has become a steady, calm trail partner. I have these CT rides to thank for a lot of that. The rides have been a wonderful experience for him, as well as me. Now he is used to being around a lot of horses and commotion, doesn't get nervous when another horse is passing on the right or left and won't speed up to try and catch up. I am confident he will do well at the State Fair because of this! (Strider and I will be competing at the State Fair August 27-28 in the TWH Show.) I was so proud of him at our first NATRC ride at the Colorado Horse Park, when he won 4th place in the Novice Heavyweight Horse Division, and won Best of Breed for Tennessee Walkers! What an accomplishment! See you all at Rocky Mountain Dream ride!



(Look for an article Lisa wrote concerning using her Tennessee Walking Horse in NATRC rides in The Voice, TWHBEA's magazine)



## "God Jumps"

By Lauren Davis Baker

God gives us horses and compels some of us to love them. Yet why does the horse, an animal with such a big heart, live such a short life? Perhaps it's because if our horses lived any longer, we wouldn't be able to bear losing them. Or, perhaps it's because God wants to jump. Perhaps God looks down on the fine horses we raise and decides when it's His turn to ride. He gives us a few good years to care for and learn from them, but when the time is right, it's up to us to see them off gracefully. O.K., perhaps not gracefully. Blowing into a Kleenex is rarely graceful. But we can be grateful. To have a horse in your life is a gift. In the matter of a few short years, a horse can teach a girl courage, if she chooses to grab mane and hang on for dear life. Even the smallest of ponies is mightier than the tallest of girls. To conquer the fear of falling off, having one's toes crushed, or being publicly humiliated at a horse show is an admirable feat for any child. For that, we can be grateful.

Horses teach us responsibility. Unlike a bicycle-or a computer-a horse needs regular care and most of it requires that you get dirty and smelly and up off the couch. Choosing to leave your cozy kitchen to break the crust of ice off the water buckets is to choose responsibility. When our horses dip their noses and drink heartily, we know we've made the right choice. Learning to care for a horse is both an art and a science. Some are easy keepers, requiring little more than regular turn-out, a flake of hay, and a trough of clean water. Others will test you-you'll struggle to keep them from being too fat or too thin. You'll have their feet shod regularly only to find shoes gone missing. Some are so accident-prone you'll swear they're intentionally finding new ways to injure themselves.

If you weren't raised with horses, you can't know that they have unique personalities. You'd expect this from dogs, but horses? Indeed, there are clever horses, grumpy horses, and even horses with a sense of humor. Those prone to humor will test you by finding new ways to escape from the barn when you least expect it. I found one of ours on the front porch one morning, eating the cornstalks I'd carefully arranged as Halloween decorations. Horses can be timid or brave, lazy or athletic, obstinate or willing. You will hit it off with some horses and others will elude you altogether. There are as many "types" of horses as there are people-which makes the whole partnership thing all the more interesting.

If you've never ridden a horse, you probably assume it's a simple thing you can learn in a weekend. You can, in fact, learn the basics on a Sunday-but to truly ride well takes a lifetime. Working with a living being is far more complex than turning a key in the ignition and putting the car in "drive." In addition to listening to your instructor, your horse will have a few things to say to you as well. On a good day, he'll be happy to go along with the program and tolerate your mistakes; on a bad day, you'll swear he's trying to kill you. Per-

haps he's naughty or perhaps he's fed up with how slowly you're learning his language. Regardless, the horse will have an opinion. He may choose to challenge you (which can ultimately make you a better rider) or he may carefully carry you over fences...if it suits him. It all depends on the partnership - and partnership is what it's all about.



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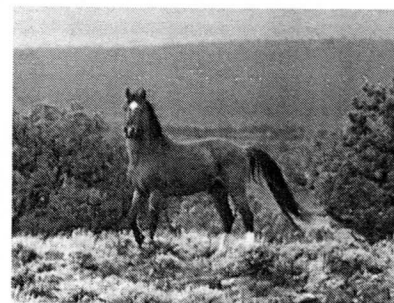
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Mia K., DVM, PhD

Dear Members,

Here are the proposed rule changes that will be voted on in November by the National BOD – folks need to give their feedback to Susie Witter before the November meeting. Her email is [bfhorsefan@msn.com](mailto:bhorsefan@msn.com). –  
Thanks, Kathy Brown

## **RULE CHANGES FOR CONSIDERATION,**

**July, 2006**

1. In Bev Tibbitts (high average horse), Polly Bridges (high average horsemanship) Junior Grand Champion Horse and Horsemanship the wording correctly indicates these awards are presented to the Open Division horse or rider. When originally written the word “class” was not being used to identify Heavyweight, etc. and therefore the word “division” is now being incorrectly used in multiple places.

### *Section IX- Awards*

#### *B. Annual Awards,*

##### *2.b.(3) (b) Bev Tibbitts....*

*“The following information must be included: name, breed and age of the horse, name address and division changed to class of the rider.*

*(4) Every ride which the horse officially start during the year shall count, regardless of placing or finishing, provided it is entered in the declared division changed to class.”*

The above change of wording should also be made for the 3 awards as indicated above.

Any accumulation of points or percentage from more than one class would be in direct conflict with the following rule:

### *Section IX- Awards*

#### *C. Point Distribution*

*3. Points earned in one class will not be added to points earned in another class by the same horse or rider.*

*Purpose: Update the Rule Book to present terms. See above comments.*

2. Delete Section VII (Championship Challenge Ride) and retire the trophy to the Horse Park.

3. Page 5-3, Section V I 5. This paragraph discusses the 2 mile point from the riders’ stand point, but does not prevent judges or management from interfering with the rider. Add: b. No one shall interfere with the rider’s forward progress and/or pacing except when necessary for the safety of the horse/rider.

*Purpose: To prevent interference with the rider’s pacing except when necessary for safety.*

4. Page 5-1, Section V B 1. Reads: Horses shall be kept in a designated area to permit proper supervision at night. All horses must be kept under similar conditions from preliminary check in until the presentation of awards.

2. Stalls or paddocks if available for all competitors may be used. All horses must be free or tied as instructed.

3. Stationary Tie: If horses are .....the rider’s discretion unless prohibited by management.

Change to read: 1. Horses shall be kept in a designated area to permit proper supervision at night. All horses must be kept under similar conditions from preliminary check in until the presentation of awards. Delete red sentence.

2. Stabling options (at the discretion of the CTR management):

a. Stationary Tie: Horses shall be kept tied to stationary objects ..... unless prohibited by Ride Management or (the paragraph remains the same as B.3.)

b. Stalls or paddocks: If available for all competitors stalls or paddocks may be used or

c. Sliding tethers: Horses may be tied to a trailer or between trailers via a sliding tether. If trees are used, stops and tree savers must be used.

*Purpose: to clarify. As the Rule Book presently reads the conditions are to be similar in B 1., but then 2 through 4 gives three different stabling conditions.*

(Proposed Rule Changes, cont.)

5. Page 7-1, Section VII, Championship Challenge

C. Eligibility of Horses

1. This will be a restricted ride.
2. same
  - a. Placed first thru sixth (Open or CP Divisions only), in the NATRC national annual high score award.
  - b. Placed first thru sixth (Open or CP Divisions only), in the NATRC regional annual high score award. This is awarded by the individual regions. This placing may have been won in the year of this ride but not yet awarded.
  - c. same.
  - d. same.
3. The rider must provide documentation of the horse's eligibility.
4. Horses must be at least 5 years of age.

E. Ride Requirements

1. General
  - a. This ride will be for Open and CP divisions only.
  - b. same
  - c. same
2. Mileage
  - a. Open mileage for this ride will be 40 miles per day for a total of 80 miles. CP mileage for this ride will be for 30 miles per day for a total of 60 miles. **In steep and rugged terrain this distance may be shortened.**
  - b. A total of 80 miles will be awarded toward cumulative mileage awards for open. A total of 60 miles will be awarded toward cumulative mileage awards for CP.
3. Pace
  - a. same
  - b. same
4. Classes
  - a. This ride will offer Heavyweight, Lightweight Open and CP classes as defined in Section III Classes. A Junior Open class, as defined in Section III classes, may be offered, if desired, by the ride sponsor, but not required. If no Junior Open class is offered, Juniors may ride either Heavyweight or Lightweight provided they maintain weight requirements of Section III classes. CP will not have any weight divisions.
  - b. same
5. same
6. same

*Purpose: Allow CP horses to compete in the Championship Challenge. Problem: Just eliminated the 5 year old requirement in CP for year end, because of inconsistency—this adds it back. The original idea was to challenge other distance sports.*

6. Page 9-2, 9-3, and 9-4, Section IX, B.c.(3), B.d.(3), B.e.(3), and B.f.(3)

Reads: The rider must declare his intention of competing for this award.

Scores will not be .....

The following information....

This information shall be.....

In each case, delete (3)(a) through (c) and change the following numbering appropriately.

*Purpose: Eliminate the declaration requirement.*



(Proposed Rule Changes, cont.)

7. Throughout Rule Book the terms Novice, Competitive/Pleasure, and Open are used.

Change to read: Division I, Division II, and Division III. (Or another suggestion.)

*Purpose: Make the Divisions more user friendly. Might want to consider A for Lightweight, B for Heavyweight and C for Junior for classes.*

8. Page 6-1, Section VI.A.7. Reads: Obstacles: Judging obstacles must be natural and native to the local terrain and the use of artificial or unsafe obstacles is prohibited.

Option A. Change to read: Observations: Judging observations must be natural and native to the local terrain and the use of artificial or unsafe obstacles is prohibited.

Option B. Obstacles

- a. Obstacles should be natural and common to the terrain.
- b. Obstacles should be appropriate for the skill level expected in a given division.
- c. Artificial obstacles may be used if constraints beyond the control of management prevent the use of natural obstacles and if they:
  - (1) simulate obstacles that a trail rider may reasonably expect to encounter
  - (2) determine the proficiency of skill that a trail horse should possess.
- d. Obstacle safety shall be paramount.

*Purpose: To clarify.*

8. Page 8-1, Section VIII

**A. Informal Concerns, Inquiries, and/or Suggestions**

1. Most concerns, inquiries, and/or suggestions are questions of a general nature and are most appropriately directed to ride management, judges or Regional Board members. They should be handled diplomatically and informatively on a case by case basis. This can usually be done at the ride where a question arises and without triggering a "formal process."
2. Concerns, inquiries, and/or suggestions that cannot be answered satisfactorily in this manner may be referred to the NATRC Executive Administrator (NEA) for possible referral to the appropriate NATRC Committee.

**B. Letters of Concern**

1. **Letters of Concern** addressing issues, other than those which are appropriately handled as either Complaints or Protests per Rule Book Section VIII, **may be submitted in writing by any member, competitor, judge, ride management or ride official** within 30 days of an occurrence at a NATRC sanctioned event to the NATRC Executive Administrator (NEA).
2. The NEA shall send by mail a copy of the Letter of Concern to the individual(s) involved. If necessary, others involved will be contacted and will have thirty (30) days in which to reply to the NEA who shall then forward the information received to the appropriate Chair/ Co-Chair of the Committee if he/she deems it appropriate. The NEA shall track the official communications.
3. The Committee to which the Letter of Concern has been referred shall endeavor to determine if the concern is true, valid, and requires resolution, and will inform the NEA. The concern shall be handled by the Committee in a discreet and professional manner to assure appropriate confidentiality
  - a. The appropriate Committee Chair or Co-Chair shall exercise due diligence in communicating with the individual(s) involved -- preferably in person or by telephone -- to ascertain the complete facts and all pertinent aspects of the situation. Use of e-mail and other mails may be used when personal contact is difficult to accomplish or cannot be made in a timely manner. No action should be recommended by the Chair/Co-Chair prior to communicating with involved individuals. A record should be kept of all attempts to contact involved individuals and of any who decline to respond or otherwise participate in the process.
  - b. The full Committee will be convened within 10 days of the issue being referred to it by the NEA (following the initial 30-day response period) and will begin deliberations using the existing responses and information.

- c. Affected individuals shall be advised in a timely manner as to the outcome of the deliberations of the Committee. A brief summary of the issues and outcomes shall be included in the appropriate Committee's report to the NBOD at the next regular meeting. If necessary, the Committee shall advise and make recommendations to the NBOD regarding any appropriate actions beyond the scope and authority of the Committee in response to the Letter of Concern.

C. Complaints as per Rule Book.

D. Protest as per Rule Book

- E. Drug Violations as per Rule Book.

*Purpose: to provide a way to deal with letters of concern, within the Rule Book.*

9. Page 5-1, Section V A.3. Reads: "The horse and rider shall remain in the Type, Division, and Class in which they officially started."

Change to read: "The horse and rider shall remain in the Division and Class in which they officially started. The horse and rider may elevate from a Type "B" ride to a Type "A" ride provided the change is made immediately after crossing the finish line on the first day's ride. And the same judges judge both the "B" ride and "A" ride equally (same trail and observations). Riders who elevate are not eligible for completion of the "B" ride.

*Purpose: move from the Guidelines to the Rule Book.*

10. Page 3-1, Section III B.6. The Rules Interpreter will not be .....familiar with the NATRC rules.

Add Ride Management may use separate individuals for each division. Ride Management should introduce the Rules Interpreter at all ride briefings. Ride Management should avoid using the Rules Interpreter to perform other duties (for example, secretary, timer, etc.)

*Purpose, move from the Guidelines to the Rule Book.*

11. Page 4-4, Section IV C.6. Eliminate after HDC horses/riders will not count as a competitor in the Class. "In limited rides, regular entries will be allowed to displace DO entries provided that the regular entry is received at least 5 days prior to the day of check-in for the ride. Ride management must make an effort to notify any HDC/DO entries that they might not be able to participate in the ride."

Add "11. The use of portable corrals is allowed, with the following restrictions (requirements): no electrical tap or wire (hot), must not exceed 12x12ft., available space and approved by management, and securely attached to rider's trailer.

12. The rider has the option to only ride the first day of the CTR.

13. Both horse and rider must be entered in DO"

*Purpose, we need to start thinking about the rules for DO.*

12. Page 8-1, Section VIII B.3. A protest must be ...by a deposit of \$50.00 (cash...)...following the conclusion of the ride. Change the deposit to \$100.00.

*Purpose, need to increase the fee to cover expenses associated with protests.*

13. Present wording for the NATRC Bylaws (1/02), Section 2. Judges Committee:

The Committee shall be responsible for an investigation of any judge who no longer exhibits the qualifications required by NATRC. The Board of Directors shall make the final decision as to the revocation of a judge's card after the Committee has found that the person no longer exhibits required qualifications.

Suggested change:

- (f) On receipt of a concern, complaint or protest that a judge has failed to judge according to the rules of the current NATRC Rule Book, the guidelines of the Judges Manual, or the philosophies of NATRC, the Committee shall be responsible for an investigation by appropriate means. The Board of Directors shall make the final decision on action, such as a letter or revocation of the judge's card, after the Committee has found that the judge no longer exhibits required qualifications.

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