

the Stirrup

Newsletter of NATRC Region 3

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Official Ballot
2008 Election of Region III Board of Directors

Best Managed Ride (please write your choice on line below)

Four Conner Classic
Ride for the Mind
Colorado Trail

Pinion Mesa
Willow Springs
Island in the Sky

Navajo Lake
Purgatory
Chokecherry

Best managed ride _____

Sue Bretag Region 3 Service Award Nominees vote for 1

The annual Sue Bretag Service award shall be given to an individual who made an outstanding contribution to region III within the current year.

Kerry Bingham – Kerry has done a fabulous job reporting the on goings of the ATRC region 3 families thru the Stirrup newsletter, both in electronic format and print. We all receive timely updates and great stories about what we are up to thanks to Kerry.

District 1 vote for 1 All member living north of interstate 70

_____ - Betty Wolgram

My name is Betty Wolgram. I am a lifetime member of NATRC and am running for board member of District 1. Besides competing for over fifteen years, I have been a ride manager and trail master for the Outlaw Trail and Sagebrush & Cedar rides and have assisted several new ride managers in putting on rides, for example, Rocky Mountain Dream, Spring Training, and Colorado Trail rides. I have also helped on a number of rides with p&r's and horsemanship secretary. I served on the Region 3 Board for three terms and was ride book and newsletter editor for five years. I believe that the Board needs to define several goals for the coming year and then work diligently and communicate with riders, judges, and management to achieve those goals. I am asking *all* members to cast their votes for their district board members even if there are no so-called "choices" as casting your vote anyway will show support for those who are stepping up to serve as well as showing them that the overall membership supports their commitment. So please send in your vote for your district and at-large directors. Thank you.

_____ - Write in

District 2 vote for 1 South of interstate 70 and east of the continental divide

_____ -

_____ - Write in

District 3 vote for 1 South of interstate 70 and west of the continental divide

_____ - Chuck Smith

_____ - Write in

At Large Vote for 1

_____ - Beth Simms

_____ - Write in

Sue Bretag Award

_____ - Kerry Bingham

_____ - Write in

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Merry Christmas Members and Friends of Region 3!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to every one of our great members and everyone else who gets the Stirrup. Believe it or not, the ride season will be here before we know it and now is the time if you are thinking about managing a ride, or being a secretary for a ride or just plain old helping with a ride, let the people in charge know you are out there before they have to ask. This makes it so much easier for management.

The Air Force Academy benefit ride Memorial Day Weekend 2009, has a lot of volunteers to help put on the ride, but to my knowledge we still need a manager. If you can spare the time, please contact me.

As of this writing we have for 2009 the following rides: Pinon Mesa, Spring Training, Navajo Lake Bill Smith Memorial 35th Year, Colorado Trail and Chokecherry. Possible rides: Air Force Academy, Love of Horses, and Rabbit Valley. As you can see we could use a few more good rides. On a good note, fuel prices have gone down and we hope they keep coming down. We also have a little over \$ 14,000 in our checking. We will need money for both our National Directors travel to the National Convention and Year End Awards for the Region 3 Convention and probably some up front funds for the convention. We are looking good with our bank account.

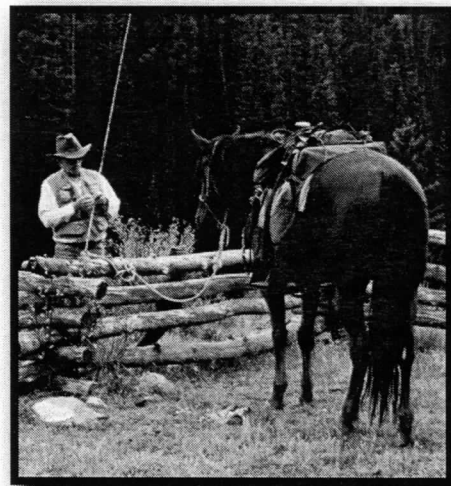
I personally would like to thank Kathy Shanor for the many years of service as our treasure. She now has retired as treasurer of Region 3. Not only has Kathy served as our treasurer, but she has judged many of rides over the years and helped many new people in our sport. I have had the privilege of riding with her, laughing with her and knowing her great spirit. Kathy is truly a wonderful person. Thank you Kathy for just being you.

As you know when someone retires we have to find someone new to take their place. I am pleased to have appointed Chuck Smith as our new treasurer. Chuck loves accounting! I know he will do a good job.

Don't forget the ride book. Get your information to Carla Richardson if you are managing a ride. Also the ride book has a great place for your business ads or happy trail ads, which help pay for the ride book and mailing. Please if you can, get a happy ad for the ride book and send to Carla.

This has been a great Fall for riding, and getting things done outside, I hope your weather has been as beautiful as in the Four Corners area and I hope to see all my friends soon.

Jerry



Letter from the Editor...

Hello everyone....happy holidays...hope this finds everyone with a shed full of wood, a barn full of hay and a big fat turkey in the freezer (or in the oven!). It's hard to believe that another year is ready to pass and that its almost 2009...and time to re-new your membership! I have included a membership form in this newsletter for your convenience....or you can renew your membership online at www.natrc.org

In order to save on mailing costs we have included the Region III ballot for this year. It is on the last page. Please fill it out and mail it to Olga by the end of January. Thanks.

A lot of our members have definitely not hung up the saddle blankets for the winter and have been totally taking advantage of our beautiful fall weather. I hope you enjoy some of their stories in this issue.

Many rides are being planned for next year, but there is definitely a shortage of new blood who would be willing to assume one of the many leadership roles in ride management. If you have the time, the region would appreciate volunteers from all levels of experience.

I am continuing the push to go green. If you are not receiving your newsletter via email and you have the capability to do so, please consider doing it! Not only do you receive your newsletter sooner than snail mail, but in full color! Also, the newsletter is published on the region's website at www.natrc3.org.

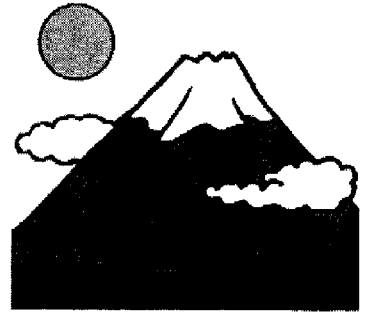
Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Can't wait for the 2009 season!
Sincerely, Kerry



Jack's Creek, Sangre de Cristo Mountains

(Santa Fe National Forest and Pecos Wilderness)

We, Shelley Greene, her boyfriend Phil, RoseAnn and I, arrived on Friday at Jack's Creek which is located approximately 50 miles northeast of Santa Fe in the Santa Fe National Forest and is adjacent to the Pecos Wilderness area. The mountain road to the equestrian camping area is good but you need to be careful where it narrows, the pot holes and areas with no railing. There is a day use area and over night camping with vaulted potties, potable water which was quite good and horse stalls in groups of four. After we cared for the horses I had to take a few pictures of the campsite because the surrounding mountain tops and views of the valley below are picture post-card quality. We had two horses that were in fair condition, one out-of-condition and a green broke mustang that had been on trail only twice before this trip. After we set up camp we took a short ride down to the Pecos River. At this location, the head waters of the Pecos is more of a stream but I was happy that Coco stepped down an embankment, when asked, and we put our tootsies in the Pecos. The mustang reared only once in the stream.



Saturday morning the sky was a cloudless blue and when the sun came over the mountain tops the air immediately warmed up so we decided to not take any rain gear. Big mistake but we learned! We decided to ride to Pecos Baldy Lake. The first mile and a half is almost straight up hill so the horses took it slowly at a 9,100 ft altitude. The trails are perfect for horse training: stream and mud crossings, rocky trails for learning foot placement and narrow trails with drop offs. The wild irises were done blooming but there were other flowers in purple, lavender, white, yellow, blue, burgandy, orange, red and ferns everywhere. We also had the opportunity to pick rose hips and wild raspberries. The sky had been steadily darkening and we were just about 2/10ths of a mile before the lake when it began to rain and quickly turned into pea-size hail. I learned my horse does not like hail but all the horses tolerated it well. The pine trees at the lake are scraggly so they did not provide much cover. As soon as it turned to rain we mounted wet saddles (always an experience) and headed back down. The mustang, which was ridden by Shelly, did extremely well with such little experience on the trails. He learned how to cross mud, after a semi-intense lesson, and did really well with the weather conditions. As we were riding across a grass covered hillside, my horse began to blow up because something-- no one saw anything-- was attacking him. He crow-hopped and backed up so quickly that it felt like he doing a "moon-walking" dance step. Upon examination, we discovered welts on his body which responded well to tea tree cream. RoseAnn's horse also reacted to the insects but did not have any welts.

Thanks to Shelley, we had delicious green chile breakfast burritos for Sunday's breakfast and packed rain gear for a four hour ride on Baldy's Cabin trail with three horses. We took the same steep trail uphill (no choice on this one) and had a wonderful ride enjoying majestic views of the mountains. The quaking Aspen forests are so beautiful, just like I had imagined. The rain gear was put to use on the return trip but the most challenging experience was the 20-minute, thumb nail size hail storm just a half mile from camp. Coco's rear end was tucked under so far that he was almost sitting on the ground. The mustang stood quietly while Cici (spelled?) needed her ears covered to be able to tolerate the hail: that size hail really hurts. Again, as soon as it turned to rain, we mounted up and walked downhill with a rapidly flowing stream under our feet with no mishaps. We discovered two inches of water/hail, it looked like snow, had collected at camp, Shelley's tent was flooded so we packed up quickly to beat the storm for the drive downhill. Unfortunately, this event cut our camping trip by night.

You can't beat magnificent views, challenging riding, good food and camaraderie. We met a trail guide by the name of Delford who lives at Jack's Creek during the summer with his mules and winters in Catalina, AZ where there is a large horse riding population. He knows trails from Wyoming to New Mexico and can be hired for such trips. Shelley suggested we think about a winter horse trip, maybe January, to Catalina and that way we would have someone to show us the trails. At Jack's Creek, Delford cleans the trails by himself. He packs a mule with a two-man saw and cuts fallen trees so we can ride and hike these trails. Oh, I almost forgot, because of our trying day we went out to dinner at the Blue Corn Café in Santa Fe, my first time, and it was delicious. ~ submitted by Linda Trecka

NATRC Region 3 Annual Convention

**March 7, 2009 Holiday Inn
755 Horizon Dr. Grand Junction Colorado
970-242-6790**

Come on , join the fun see your friends, absorb valuable information from great speakers, pick up your 2008 regional and national awards and cheer as your friends receive their awards.

Friday Evening 7:00PM – Board meeting Selection of BOD officers - Open to all
Hospitality Room open Friday and Saturday afternoon and evening to visit and snack. Do come and enjoy the stories and tell some of your own.

Saturday Morning 8:00AM Bring lots of questions !!!

Farrier Dwight Marney - What does a well shod/trimmed hoof look like? -What problems can shoeing errors cause ?- What are the indicators?

Troy and Rae Walck Equine Dentistry: Is your horse having dental problems and are they causing performance and behavior problems?

(Still Negotiating) Exercise: Get stronger and more flexible to ride better.

Christoph Schork & Dian Woodward Global Endurance Training Center Condition your horse and more. (www.globalendurance.com)

4:00PM Annual General Membership Meeting

6:00PM Banquet + Awards + other wildness

Room \$89.00/night for a two double bed room 1-4 people Make your room reservations with Holiday Inn and mention NATRC. Price good until February 20, 2009.

To get your name in the pot for lunch and dinner, you must sign up before February 20 and, to prevent the Chairman Judy Mason from having a nervous breakdown, even earlier is better. Be kind! Both meals will be exciting, delicious Buffets.

Contact Lin Ward to donate food or beverage for hospitality room. JLWard@ris.net

Send your Entry with fees to Convention Secretary Juleen Feazell PO Box 959 Cedaredge, Co 81413. Ph 970-856-7022 - gjfeazell@sopris.net

Name/s _____

e-mail _____ phone # _____

Address _____

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Speakers + Dinner \$65 ☐

Speakers only \$30 ☐

Barn Sales & News Bits

ATTENTION RIDE MANAGERS FOR 2009!

Deadline for your FREE ride description to be printed and distributed in our Region III Ride Book is February 9, 2009. Please send me the details on your ride! If your ride info is basically the same as previous years, all I need is the updated info, because I still have all your previous info saved. You can email to me at:

richardson.carla@gmail.com

or snail mail to Carla Richardson, PO Box 95, Delta, CO 81416

Donations needed for Hospitality Suite for Region III Convention!

Please contact:

Jim or Lin Ward

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Region 3 has a Tax Deductible Donation Number!

The number can be used for tax deductible donations. Anytime R3 is soliciting for money, awards, silent auction stuff, etc. this can be a big selling point. Through NBOD discussions this # or status cannot be used by individual rides UNLESS it is a R3 benefit ride, R3 convention, etc. The number is 501 c3

Deck the halls *and* the stalls!



The holidays will be here before you know it. Check out our special events, grab your shopping list and get started!

Join us for a store-wide "Black Friday" sale (day after Thanksgiving). Friday Nov. 28, to get 10 to 50 percent off various items.

Our annual Christmas Event takes place the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2008, from 6-9 p.m. Come one, come all to our "Evening with Our Artists" party, and peruse the artistic works of Anne Gifford, Ann Hayes, Laurie Prindle, Merry Wertz and Shirley Kardok. Also, visit with author Carol Walker who will be signing copies of her new book *Wild Hoofbeats*.

December is our Tucker Saddle Sale Month. Receive 15 percent off any saddle in stock. Discount does not apply to special orders. If you've been thinking about buying a Tucker, now is a great opportunity to get one!



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Saturday, Mar. 14, 2009, marks the date for our **Annual Competitive Trail and Endurance Riding Classroom Clinic**. The session will feature videos, handouts and discussions by Jill Talbot, Dr. Kay Gunckel, NATRC vet judge and competitor, as well as tips from top local endurance riders Cheryl and Randy Winter. If you're new to distance trail riding events, or want to refresh your knowledge, don't miss this clinic!



Bring this coupon in and **enjoy \$5 off** any purchase over \$30 (excludes sale items).

...More Barn Sales & News Bits

Hi everyone

NATRC just received a check in the amount of \$123.07 from GoodSearch and GoodShop! GoodSearch.com is a search engine that contributes 1.3 cents per search to qualified non-profits. NATRC is one of their qualified non-profits.

GoodShop.com is a online shopping site that contributes a certain percentage of your shopping to qualified non-profits, of which NATRC is one. There are many many online retailers that are included in this program. All of the big retailers like Amazon. For example, LL Bean contributes 2% of the sale to NATRC. Different retailers contribute different amounts. You can see how this can add up.

So during your online holiday shopping this year, remember to go to GoodShop.com. It can be found on GoodSearch.com. And for your chosen non-profit, please enter The North American Trail Ride Conference.

Happy searching and shopping!
Laurie

Help Support the Ride Book for 2009!

The 2009 Ride Book will be coming out March 7, at our Region III Banquet, so we have a little more time than usual to get all the ads and ride descriptions in. Please consider placing an ad to help support the Ride Book, to keep it in print, to offset printing and postage costs. You might also consider asking your local favorite feed supplier or tack store to place an ad.

Ride Managers, please send me your info (dates, judges, fees, meals, directions, etc.) as soon as you can, it's your free advertising for your ride, so take advantage of it and get your info in the book!

Ad rates are: \$10 for business card size, \$20 for half page, and \$45 for full page ad. Please make checks to NATRC Region III, and mail to Carla Richardson at address below.

NOTE -- DEADLINE for ads and ride descriptions is February 9, 2009.

Please mail your ad and payment to Carla Richardson, PO Box 95, Delta, CO 81416
If you have any questions, please email me at richardson.carla@gmail.com or call 970-986-2677

National NATRC Convention

Kansas City, Missouri
February 20-21, 2009

If you need an entry form or more information please contact me and I will get it to you...

Kerry Bingham
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Donations Needed for Reg.III Convention

Donations are kindly being accepted for items for our convention on March 7th. We are in need of door prizes and items for the silent auction, one of our big fund raisers for the region. Please contact Judy Mason at

masonranch@aol.com
or call at 970-856-7022



Check it out!

<http://www.youtube.com/user/natrcrides>

GET READY!!!!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!
SPRING TRAINING CTR IS RETURNING IN '09!!

APRIL 25 AND 26, 2009

To be held Southwest of Roosevelt, Utah

Cost is \$80.00 per ride, ½ off ride entry fee for first 3 first time competitors to pre register

**Terrain is pebbly sand and small rock, shoes for horses suggested
Lunch will be provided for all on the trail on Saturday and in camp after checkout on Sunday. Pot Luck dinner on Saturday night, so bring your favorite dish to share**

**Contact: Leslie Lingle, ride manager:
435-733-0400 or email to: rl@ubtanet.com**

or

**Shardawney Smith, secretary:
435-335-7484 or twoleos@scinternet.net**

Pinon Mesa Fall Cleanup

On November 1st, members from the San Juan Valley Trail Riders, the 4-H group, Country Rebels, and several BLM personnel cleaned up illegally dumped "stuff" around the King Tank area and the shooting area on Pinon Mesa. The BLM folks set up tents and provided shovels, rakes, gloves, and other amenities on the south side of the state and BLM lands about a mile from the Pinion Hills Boulevard entrance. Tom Dugan from Dugan Productions provided Subway sandwiches for everyone. Gino Romero, environmental specialist, from the State of New Mexico also was present. Bill Papich from the BLM office took photos and made a 3 minute video (with music) of our efforts. He also wrote up an informative article that was published in the The Daily Times on November 6th. If you would like a copy of the video please contact him at

Our group filled a 40- yard dumpster in a very short time! Bill and Judy Cumberworth cleaned the area below the cliff edge on the Chokecherry Ride. Ed and Cheri Westmoreland brought their "dump trailer" and filled it to the brim. Abby Hazelwood, Mary Vaughn, Joe Meaux, Linda Jones, Cameron Jones, Carrie Thrower, and Cristy Cumberworth also spent two and half hours picking up everything from discarded furniture to blown up computers. Jerry Sims, Bruce Walker, and three BLM workers filled a 30-yard dumpster about 2/3 full just working around the main shooting area on the east side of Pinion Mesa Recreation Area. The weather was great and the camaraderie among the workers was fun.

But I have to say it is sad to see that so many people in our society don't care about our public lands and they will trash it beyond belief.

Many thanks to all of you who came out to help us. I hope that I didn't leave anyone's name out, if so please know that all your hard work was very much appreciated! Please keep in mind that we need to stay involved with the BLM and state land management. We need to use the trails and take an active roll in protecting our beautiful and precious land.

Beth Sims

Trail Trial FUN Day!

March 15th, 2009
1875 Coyote Drive
Farmington, NM

Bring your horse and a fun attitude! The San Juan Valley Trail Riders are hosting the First Annual Trail Trial Fun Day! This short five mile trail will have ten to twelve "obstacles" which will be judged on a scale of 1 - 10. Prizes will be awarded. Will be listed in the San Juan College Community Learning Center.

Volunteers and competitors are needed. Please contact Cheri Westmoreland at 505-325-5721 for more information.

NATRC MEMBERSHIP FORM

YOU CAN ALSO RENEW, JOIN OR PURCHASE ITEMS ONLINE! www.natrc.org

Memberships run from January 1-December 31. NATRC offers six membership plans (check plan desired):

NATRC announces member benefits thorough Association Resource Group-ARG. Platinum members receive personal excess liability coverage with a \$1,000,000 policy limit. Coverage is for claims brought against members of NATRC (Platinum) arising from the use and /or ownership of a horse and for horse-related accidents involving third party bodily injury or property damage. Coverage will apply when engaged in any horse related activity, and coverage is in excess of any existing valid and collectible insurance. There is no deductible. Professional Liability is not included, and business exposures are excluded. Other Benefits include:

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- ☐ **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**.....\$60.00 per year Household of 1 or 2 adults and children under the age of 18 as of Jan 1 (2 votes)
- ☐ **PLATINUM FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**.....\$100.00 per year Household of 1 or 2 adults and children under the age of 18 as of Jan 1 (2 votes)
- ☐ **PLATINUM UPGRADE TO CURRENT FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**.....\$40
- ☐ **SINGLE ADULT MEMBERSHIP**.....\$50.00 per year Single adult member (one vote)
- ☐ **PLATINUM SINGLE ADULT MEMBERSHIP**.....\$70.00 per year Single adult member (one vote)
- ☐ **PLATINUM UPGRADE TO CURRENT SINGLE ADULT MEMBERSHIP**.....\$20
- ☐ **UPGRADE FROM CURRENT REGULAR SINGLE ADULT MEMBERSHIP TO PLATINUM FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**..\$50 (\$10 for change to Family + \$40 for Platinum Family Upgrade)
- ☐ **JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP**.....\$35.00 per year Single Junior member under age 18 (no vote)
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- ☐ **FAMILY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP**...\$800.00 Husband and/or wife at the time membership is obtained and children under the age of 18 as of Jan.1 (two votes)
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- ☐ **HOOF PRINT** subscription only.....\$15.00 per year US and \$20 foreign

All NATRC memberships include: Rule Book (**upon request**), newsletter, eligibility to compete for NATRC annual high score awards and championships, rider and horse mileage awards, and reduced ride entry fees. **Rulebook can be downloaded at www.natrc.org**

NOTE: All membership fees include both national and regional dues - when you join NATRC you are automatically a member of your respective region. Please list first & last names of all competing family members, we especially need to know if members of the family have different last names:

Name(s) _____

Street _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Email: _____ Birthdates of Junior(s) _____

How did you find out about us? _____ \$ enclosed _____

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Chokecherry Canyon
9/27-28/08 Region 3-NM
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 26
Chairman: Ann & Charles Foutz
Judges: Bethany O'Brien DVM, Judy Cumberworth
Novice Sweepstakes: Angelita Carinosa/Garrett, Betty-95.5
Open Sweepstakes: Cedar Mesa Rushai/Mason, Judy Wise-97

Open Heavyweight

1/3 Obie Won/Spanhoff, Olga
2/4 Rex's Montana Hannah/Westmoreland, Edward
3/5 Ace of Hearts WDG/Miller-Inman, Linell
4/2 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheryl
5/6 Touch's Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary
6/1 Rock'n E.Z. Rey/Sims, Jerry

Open Lightweight

1/1 Cedar Mesa Rushai/Mason, Judy Wise
2/2 Fraidy Cat/Smith, Terri

Novice Heavyweight

1/3 Amiri Zambis/Bulcock, Debbie
2/1 Riddler 2/Anderson, Marti
3/6 Chiro 2/Walker, Deb
4/2 Incandesant PR/Stewart, Ruth
5/5 Miss Monroe 2/Bulcock, Bob
6/4 Animo De Vega/Gagas, Trudy
P Amarillo/Campbell, Kristin

Novice Lightweight

1/4 Angelita Carinosa/Garrett, Betty
2/3 Emily Te/Brown, Gwen
3/2 Glenormiston Rossleague/Wich, Alyce
4/5 Black Eveshka/Dashner, Dave
5/1 Shiloh Sphinx/Roper, Sharon
DO-2 Pay Special Attention/McNally, Maggie

Novice Junior

P Hope 3/Campbell, Diandra

Competitive Pleasure

1/1 Fawn Creek Thor/Ferganchick, Brandy
2/3 CR Blaze of Glory/Frank, Nancy
3/2 Bonanza's Rebel G/Sims, Beth
DO-1 Independence Dai/Fitzpatrick, Sena

DRAFT PRESS RELEASE

Saddle Up For the Congressional Cavalry Program!

In an effort to better represent and serve the horse industry in Washington DC, the American Horse Council and the North American Trail Ride Conference have organized a new grassroots effort entitled, "The Congressional Cavalry program." NATRC members can participate and help to make a difference in federal legislation and regulations that affect the horse industry.

A new Congress will begin in January of 2009. If you care about the national issues that impact you and the horse community now is the time to get involved.

All NATRC members, who wish to be involved in grassroots efforts in Washington are encouraged to join the *Congressional Cavalry* program. The purpose of the program is to enlist individuals from all segments of the horse industry and in every congressional district who will agree to contact their Representative/Senator or federal official when asked.

Cavalry members will be mobilized when there is a need for grassroots contacts, such as letters and phone calls. Members of the program will be put on an email or fax list so they can be contacted and activated quickly. The AHC will provide participants with whatever information is necessary. Participants will be free to do as much as they feel comfortable doing.

If you want to sign up or have any additional questions about the Congressional Cavalry program, please contact the American Horse Council at 202-296-4031 or ahc@horsecouncil.org. (MORE INFO ON NEXT PAGE>>>>)





AMERICAN HORSE COUNCIL

CONGRESSIONAL CAVALRY PROGRAM

An American Horse Council initiative to mobilize individuals from all segments of the horse industry in each Congressional district with an expressed willingness to participate in grassroots lobbying on federal legislation and regulations and in promoting the horse industry to federal officials.

Introduction

The American Horse Council represents the horse industry before Congress and the federal regulatory agencies on important national issues. A critical part of that effort involves guiding and coordinating the critical grassroots effort that goes into dealing with our federal officials. Contacts from constituents are the most effective way to persuade a Member of Congress or a federal official to take action with respect to a particular issue regarding horses.

Existing Grassroots Efforts

The AHC works with Members of Congress, their staff and federal officials on a daily basis. An important part of that effort is to involve our individual and organizational members to affect legislation and regulations important to the industry. When the AHC determines that grassroots action is needed, we contact our individual and organizational members and ask them to contact their Members of Congress or federal officials. The AHC provides (1) an explanation of the issue, (2) a request for specific action, (3) draft letters to the Members of Congress or federal agency that will be involved, and (4) talking points. Our organizations then pass this request on to their individual members for action. This long-standing procedure has been effective and the AHC will continue to do this.

The Congressional Cavalry Program

In our continuing effort to improve our service to the horse industry we have initiated an additional, more formal, approach to contacting federal officials called the *Congressional Cavalry Program*. Under this program we hope to involve even more horse owners, breeders, veterinarians, competitors, recreational riders, farriers, and others, in grassroots efforts. We believe this will make the industry's current grassroots efforts even more effective and will have an even greater impact as the program grows.

Now is the time to let your members know of this opportunity as we prepare for the next Congress, which begins in January of 2009.

How it works

1. We ask that you reach out to your members through direct mail, your newsletter or magazine, email, annual meetings, or other contacts and ask that they join the *Congressional Cavalry Program*.
 - A. We are not asking you or your staff to spend extra time trying to identify individuals to participate. Just let them know of the opportunity and let them sign up with the AHC.
2. It is our goal to have members of the *Congressional Cavalry Program* from all segments of the horse industry and in every Congressional district who will agree to contact their Representative/Senator or federal official when asked.
3. When action is needed, the AHC will provide each individual with whatever information is necessary.
4. These individuals would be put on an email, fax or mail list so they could be contacted and activated quickly.

Cavalry members will be mobilized only when there is a need for grassroots lobbying or other action. All materials and direction required to initiate any action will be provided by the AHC. We do not anticipate this will involve a great deal of time, only an interest in participating. We will not burden participants beyond their willingness to contribute.

Potential Benefits

This is an ambitious program. We do not expect to identify individuals willing to participate in all of the 435 Congressional districts immediately. However, with your help we can achieve this goal and make the *Congressional Cavalry* another effective tool for your organization and the AHC.

Conclusion

Please give the *Congressional Cavalry* program some serious thought. We hope that your organization will participate.

Whole Foods for Horses



As Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, stated, "Let your food be your medicine, let your medicine be your food." Food has energy, vitality, the capacity to nourish, and to heal. It also has endless combination possibilities. I have a life-long fascination with the experimentation with foods for myself and for my animals. I have always been an intuitive cook, using a little of this and that to taste. Years ago, I had no idea that the food I was making could be considered medicine. I found myself wishing to cook for horses.

I got my wish. I am learning how to use foods for their medicinal qualities with some very difficult horses plagued with complicated lameness issues. I love doing intense research in order to be innovative in my approach to help these horses heal. I knew the benefits that food could offer, but I didn't know where to start. I tried countless approaches and many different supplements that promised that their product would make horses heal. "Making" and "healing" cannot be used together. Healing is a process that the animal's body must be prepared for, as it is a time to nourish the cells, so that they have all of the necessary tools to heal in the rhythm of the body.

I began to study Ayurvedic and Chinese medicine, both of which are rich in food therapies. My goal was to find a truly holistic approach that not only healed the horse, but also allowed the horse to experience ultimate health. My own horses gave me an opportunity to learn about applying these ideas to their lamenesses. Sucha, a 31 year old, Quarter horse had severe musculo-skeletal pain. I tried literally every holistic and traditional therapy. Resorting to daily *Bute*® and when that didn't work, daily *Equioxx*®. This was the only thing left that gave him relief. Sucha was experiencing side effects of the drugs. He was off of the drugs and could not rest his left hind leg on the ground. He persistently looked at me, several times that day, as if to say, "Keep trying, Lizzy, I'm not done yet!" The reality was that if I could not find a way to manage his pain, he would be promptly euthanized. He was dangerously close to that truth. Sucha has somehow always introduced me to the best, most influential people, and novel approaches at the perfect time. After scouring the Internet, I found a small company called Theracell EQ that makes therapeutic formulas for horses using whole foods, seeds, and sprouts. I called Tigger Montague, the formulator for Theracell EQ and told her about Sucha and the dire nature of his situation. Based on her sage advice, I made fresh fruit purees targeting pain relief. Sucha gratefully ate all of my concoctions, except the ones with red grapes.

My mixes were not consistent since I could only find certain ingredients. It was a tremendous amount of work to find organic, non-GMO papayas, not raised in Hawaii, in a Colorado grocery! I caved for some devitalized, pale, fruit resembling papayas. He had to have papaya for the anti-inflammatory effects. I kept making fresh smoothies for him three times a day. He kept improving! I read about Theracell Comfort Zone wafers for inflammation and decided they were too complex for me to attempt to make. Within four days of eating the wafers, Sucha was galloping and bucking. No drug ever allowed him to do this.

I wondered if I could get similar results with Elto, my 17 year old Mustang with articulating ringbone. He had trouble with stumbling and with pain. I tried padded boots, herbs, natural trims, shock-absorbing shoes, and injectable joint therapies. Everything worked temporarily. This horse could jump a 2'3" course with merely a neck rope. He could do dressage, eventing, cutting, and trail riding. This was the horse of my life and it was painful to watch him walk. I shared Sucha's smoothies with him, and added cooling ingredients since his pasterns were hot. He needed antioxidants and foods to heal inflamed tissues. He was craving spirulina, watermelon, and celery. He devoured orange slices with the peel, and buckwheat sprouts from my palm. His soundness improved and he had more energy, but he was far from sound.

When dealing with foods and treating them as medicine, the attitude of the person making the "medicine" cannot be ignored. Elto taught me that I could not look at a lame horse and consider him as "dis-eased." I could not feed him fresh foods with the idea that this would fix my lame horse. I had to envision my horse in perfect health and serve his food with the idea of nourishing his whole body. For a horse to be well, it is essential to view him with a healthy body that is capable of recovering itself.

I decided to try Furnace from Theracell. This wafer contains seeds and foods that enhance oxygenation to tissues that need extra circulation to heal. I added Comfort Zone (incredible anti-inflammatory), also from Theracell, for days he needed extra relief. Elto became sound on the Furnace. To this day, he does not stumble. We regularly hand-gallop; something he never wanted to do in the past. He has been this way for months and he keeps getting better! I am relieved not to make more smoothies and sprouts because the ingredients are hard to get in the proper ratios and it is less expensive to buy them from Theracell.

Horses absorb nutrients in whole foods with ease since the body recognizes the substances found in non-processed whole foods in their natural form. Everything the body needs to digest the food is included in the food. The body now functions at a more efficient rate and expresses more vitality. What would your horse's body do with this newfound energy? He could heal an old injury or enhance his digestive system. Maybe he would have more consistent energy levels. The hard-keeper may reclaim his capacity to absorb real food and begin to digest food and assimilate the nutrients, transforming his weight status. His soundness in both mind and body will be increased.

The beauty of feeding using the whole foods approach, is watching your horse continuously bloom and become healthier daily. You will be surprised to see your horse flourish to more optimal health than ever thought possible.

For anyone interested in learning more about feeding whole foods, I would encourage you to look at the Theracell website: www.theracelleq.com. I am so passionate about the results I achieved using Theracell that I have signed on to be their representative in Colorado. I am currently offering free consultations for anyone interested in helping their horses.

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Moab

The name evokes red soil,

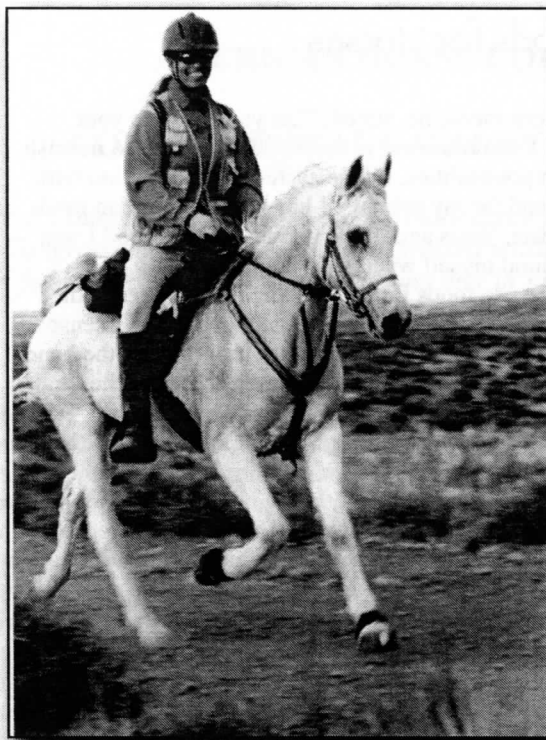
fabulous and fantastic rocks, and beautiful and powerful landscapes. This is one of the reasons that I had been looking forward to the Moab Endurance Ride for months — ever since I had seen it listed on the AERC website. I had not done an endurance ride in well over a year and any attempts to take my gelding back to CTR had been disastrous — just not a good fit.

I arrived at ridecamp at about 4:00 pm on Wednesday and set up camp at the far end of the area — always look at the way the wind blows in a dusty camp and work to be as far upwind as possible. The drive was not bad — a lot closer than I realized. I will have to come up here and ride more often. Ridecamp was huge with many many people and trailers. This was a three day ride, three-one day events for the 25s and the 50s had a choice between three one-day events or a pioneer which was 155 miles over three days. Between the two rides, each day there were 85 to 90 riders. If you ride the individual days, riders can elect to ride any combination of days they wish.

The 25-miler started at 8:00 each morning and I rode out at around 8:20 each day, wanting to be at the back of the pack to try and settle my horse. Although we did spend about 15 to 20 minutes doing circles and backing up, he settled pretty quickly even though there was the occasional glimpse of a horse up ahead. At the first water stop, there was a rider waiting for a trailer with a horse that was tying up. Having been there myself, I gave her some of my electrolytes. I gave some to my horse, wished her well, and went on my way. We rode through washes and open areas just marveling at the beauty of the terrain. Lunch came with my 30-minute hold where food was provided for both people and horses. My horse pulsed down pretty quickly and we went to lunch. The afternoon got pretty hot and by the time I was a few miles out I only had an hour to get to the finish. We trotted in, mostly downhill and pulsed down all within time. My time was 5hrs 18 mins — the winning time was 3 hours flat. I used Easyboots on front feet and was proud not to loose any the whole day.

Friday was pretty cold and windy, unlike the previous day. My husband had arrived the previous evening and it was wonderful to see him out there. This was the first event he had attended and I really enjoyed his help and support. I had lost a boot on the way out and put my spare on at the stop. Then we started on the next loop before lunch and the new boot promptly came off. Fortunately I saw it, stopped and put it back on again. We rode over a bunch of slickrock and beside these huge rock mesas. Made me feel like one of those Western movies where the horse and rider are completely dwarfed by the hills. Once we got to a road we started bombing along — what a blast. Both my horse and I love to canter to along and so we went pretty quickly for quite a while. Suddenly when we rode down into a wash, I realized that there were no other hoof prints in front of or behind us — always a sinking feeling. One of the nice things about endurance is that you can get off and walk or run with your horse, which is what I did. We seemed to walk back forever before we found the turn we had missed — about two miles. In walking I realized just how talcum fine the dirt is — the kind that sucks all the energy out of each step — and realized that my horse had to put out a lot of energy in that footing. When we got there, the reason we had missed the turn became crystal clear. The turn was a 90-degree to the left, but on the right side of the trail was a rusted-out barrel. Both of us were staring at the barrel as we trotted by — one of us thinking, “Do I need to spook at this?” and the other thinking, “Will there be a spook at this?” I’ll let you figure out which was which. Anyway, it took us a long time to get back to the lunch stop and we were pretty far behind our time at that point. Lunch was again a 30-minute hold and by the time we checked out we had 45 minutes to go the six miles back to camp. Well, we made it in 35 minutes flat — even beat the husband back in his truck. That was a fun ride — and we both loved it. We flew back into camp and pulsed down about 10 minutes before cutoff time. However, there went my second and third easyboots — time to buy some more. They just don’t seem to stay on well at these speeds. My horse looked good, started to eat and drink well, and seemed to be happy — even after all that work.

Saturday, the last day, I left about 8:20 again with my horse happy in his new Epic Easyboots. \$140 less in the bank but no plans for loosing any more



of them on this ride. Unfortunately, even though we had started late, there were quite a few riders stacked up small distances apart. In order to find a good envelope for us, we had to put out quite a bit of energy. Eventually, we found a spot with no one in front and no one behind and were able to enjoy the magnificent scenery. It was definitely the most beautiful of all the days. Lots of slickrock and I did not want to trot on it too much. It is not slippery but I was worried about the pounding on my horses feet and legs on all that rock. After we got through the first water stop at 10 miles, my horse was content to just walk along and so we slowed down quite a bit. Coming toward lunch we started to meet 50 milers going the opposite direction and each one made my horse want to trot off again. Unfortunately, he did not drink well at the next water stop and by the time we got into lunch I was a little worried about him. At the check, his pulse had come down to criterion but his respiration was still elevated. The vet asked me to check back after 30 minutes at which point his respiration was still elevated. She cleared me to ride him back in at a walk but I knew that she preferred me to do a “rider option” pull. I decided that if he drank well I would walk him in for the completion, but if he would not drink, I would pull. With his refusal at

the water trough, the trailer was summoned. Since it was another pretty warm afternoon, I was comfortable that I had made the best decision. On the way in, we passed the rider who had come into and out of the lunch stop in first place for the 25. Unfortunately, he had missed a turn, gotten almost all the way back to camp before he realized it, and had to turn around and ride all the way back to where he went off trail. Made me feel better about my goof on Friday — not sure that he was even in the top ten after that mistake.

What a wonderful event. Excellently marked, beautiful, and such a lot of fun. Six trails each marked with a different flag color. Each day the trail map corresponded to the flag color that we were riding that day, was in color, and was gridded so we could estimate mileages around the whole course. Just a marvelously managed and administered event. Every day, everyone who finished received a completion prize — a matted photo of you and your horse the first day; a portable barbeque the second; not sure what it was the third day. The winners got really nice prizes each day — embroidered bale bags, blankets, and the like. Also, the event benefited the fight against breast cancer so it was a ride for a cause.

WINS — FINALLY, my electrolyte protocol is working. I have discovered that my horse is extremely sensitive to potassium (K) levels and that many commercial electrolytes do not have enough K in them. Also, the body will shed K in an attempt to hold on to sodium, making the situation worse. However, I had not a shake, not a cramp, and no pain in my horse and I was so happy.

I did not end up on the chiropractors table after the ride due to a horse pulling out my shoulders. Since we got to go fast a lot of the time, my gelding was much more willing to go slow when I wanted.

I seem to have resolved my saddle pad issues with my treeless saddle and my horse had no back or shoulder soreness from the saddle for the entire ride.

My horse ate well and even drank reasonably at the trailer. He generally is a poor trailer drinker but I used electrolytes and tasty water additives and together they really seemed to improve his drinking.

CHALLENGES — I realized that with the speeds I was riding, I was not at all able to estimate how far I was traveling. I have not ridden that fast in a long time and so I was not realizing how far I was traveling. I need to condition at a faster pace to get a better handle on distance covered at those speeds.

If I had had my Heart Rate Monitor, I would have had a better idea about what was going on with my horse before I did. I need to fix the watchstrap on it and begin to use it again.

Next ride is Color Country in April 2009 — can’t wait. ~submitted by Benedikte Webb-Whitman

STATUS OF SUGGESTED RULE CHANGES FOR 2009
After Nov, 2008 NBOD

1. Page 1-1 Section 1 A 1.b. Reads: Junior Membership: Any person under the age of 18 as of January 1.

Change to read: Junior Membership: Any person under the age of 18 as of the beginning of the ride year.

Page 4-3 Section 4 B.3.a Reads: The rider must be 10 years old to enter competition; thereafter the age of a junior shall be determined by whatever their age is as of January 1 and this age shall continue throughout that ride year.

Change to read: thereafter the age of a junior shall be determined by whatever their age is as of the

beginning of the ride year and this age shall continue throughout that ride year.

Purpose: Because there is the possibility of rides before January 1st, the age of a junior must be established at the start of the ride year and not the beginning of the membership year.

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2. Page 5-1 Section 5.B delete present wording and replace with the following: (from C. Jeffcoat with variations)

B. Stabling

1. All horses shall be kept in a designated area from preliminary check in until after the final examination.
2. Option used is at the discretion or requirements of CTR management and/or the CTR facility.
3. Stabling Options **Allowed** during competition as primary containment.
 - a. Stationary Options (1 of the following 4 options must be available to all competitors.)
 - (1) Trailer:
 - (a) Tie point on trailer (i.e. installed tie ring or upright structural bar).
 - (b) Installed overhead-mounted trailer tie. Swing arm must be locked in place.
 - (2) Highlines: (line tied over the horse's head between two stationary objects)
 - (a) Tie place is at discretion of competitor unless prohibited by management and/or the CTR facility.
 - (b) Horse must be tied to a stationary object (two trees; tree to post; trailer to tree or post; or along length of trailer).
 - (c) If live trees are used, tree savers must be used.
 - (3) Single hitching post or double hitching post with horizontal cross bar.
 - (4) Tie stalls
 - b. Non-Stationary Options (1 of the following 2 options must be available to all competitors.)
 - (1) Highline with the use of a sliding tie ring or sliding knot with tie rope.
If highline is installed between live trees, stops and tree savers must be used.
 - (2) Stalls or paddocks
4. Stabling Options **Not Allowed** during competition as primary containment.
 - a. Hobbling of any type
 - b. Portable pens/corrals
 - c. Staking out/picketing in any manner
5. Stallions. Stallions must be double tied whenever tied. The primary and secondary rope will not be tied to the same tie spot.
 - a. Stallion double tying requirements are: The primary rope is tied in the normal manner, but the secondary restraint method must be secured around the stallion's neck and tied in the normal manner. If a rope around the neck is secured with a knot, it must be a bowline and run through the halter.
 - b. Other secondary restraint methods may be acceptable (check with horsemanship judge).
Two halters are unacceptable.
 - c. Failure to comply constitutes a major rule violation. (See Rulebook Section 4 E 2 d)

2.A. 2. Page 5-1 Section 5.B delete present wording and replace with the following: (from P. Young with many variations)

C. Stabling

1. All horses shall be kept in a designated area from preliminary check in until after the final examination.
 2. Stabling methods **Allowed** during competition as primary containment are as follows. Those methods **approved** for use at a particular ride are at the discretion of ride management and must meet any restrictions imposed by the ride facility. Any method approved by management must be available to all competitors. If more than one method is approved, the one used is at the competitor's discretion.
 - a. Stationary methods:
 - (1) Trailer:
 - (a) Tie point on trailer (i.e. installed tie ring or upright structural bar).
 - OR
 - (b) Installed overhead-mounted trailer tie. If it has a swing arm it must be locked in place.
 - (2) Highline: (line tied over the horse's head between two stationary objects: two trees; tree to post; trailer to tree or post or another trailer; or along the length of a trailer)
 - (a) The lead rope connecting the horse to the highline must be attached to a fixed point on the highline in such a way that it cannot slide. Connection method and tie point are at discretion of competitor unless prohibited by ride management.
 - (b) If live trees are used, a tree saver must be used for each tree.
 - (3) Single hitching post or double hitching post with horizontal cross bar.
 - (4) Tie stalls
 - b. Non-Stationary methods:
 - (1) Highline with the horse's lead rope attached so it may slide along the highline (sliding tether). Connection method at discretion of competitor unless prohibited by ride management. If highline is attached to live trees a lead rope stop and tree saver must be used for each tree.
 - (2) Stalls or paddocks
3. Stabling methods **Not Allowed** during competition as primary containment:
 - a. Hobbling of any type
 - b. Portable pens/corrals
 - c. Staking out/picketing in any manner
4. Stallions. Stallions must be double tied whenever tied. The primary and secondary rope will not be tied to the same tie spot.
 - a. Stallion double tying requirements are: The primary rope is tied in the normal manner, but the secondary restraint method must be secured around the stallion's neck and tied in the normal manner. If a rope around the neck is secured with a knot, it must be a bowline and run through the halter.
 - b. Other secondary restraint methods may be acceptable (check with horsemanship judge).
Two halters are unacceptable.
 - c. Failure to comply constitutes a major rule violation. (See Rulebook Section 4 E 2 d)

Note: Stallion wording has been changed for clarification.

Purpose: Clarify stabling options available/not available to competitors and management. The current wording says horses must be kept under similar conditions, but then allows sliding tethers at the discretion of CTR management – thus the current rule is inconsistent with itself. The proposed change would clear up this inconsistency, would clarify that ride management and/or the CTR facility might have particular limitations, and give the rider several choices within those limitations.

--TABLED for rewrite--

3. Page 8-2 Section 8 D.6. Reads: 6. The decision may be appealed by any affected party. The appeal shall be in writing, signed by the person initiating the appeal, and be mailed (postmarked) to the NATRC Executive Administrator not later than ten days after receipt of the Protest Committee's decision. The National Board of Directors shall hear the appeal. The decision of the Board is final.

Add (in red): The appeal shall be in writing, signed by the person initiating the appeal, be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 (cash, certified check or money order), and be mailed (postmarked) to the NATRC Executive Administrator not later than ten days after receipt of the Protest Committee's decision. The National Board of Directors shall hear the appeal. The decision of the Board is final. If the appeal is allowed, the \$50.00 shall be returned to the party making the appeal. If the appeal is disallowed, the \$50.00 shall be retained by NATRC. The fee for an appeal, which has been filed, processed but then withdrawn, will not be refunded.

Purpose: *To charge a fee to cover costs of the appeal process.*

--PASSED--

4. Page 4-4 Section 4C.6b Reads: The DO team will receive the standard mileage allotments for each day ridden.

Add (in red): If the rider chooses to ride the second day, but does not complete that day, then no mileage will be awarded for either day.

Purpose: *Requires the team to complete the chosen second day to gain mileage credit.*

--PASSED--

5. a. Page 4-1 a. Section 4A1b.(1) Reads: Mileage in this division is 25-35 miles for a "B" ride, 50-60 miles for an "A" ride and 80-90 miles for an "AA" ride.

Change to read: Mileage in this division is 25-35 miles for a "B" CTR (minimum 25 miles), 50-60 miles for an "A" CTR (minimum 50 miles), and 80-90 miles for an "AA" CTR (minimum of 80 miles).

(2) Mileage in this division shall be scheduled for a minimum of 15 miles in any one day. (Exception to this rule shall be at the discretion of the Sanction Chairman.)

In steep and rugged terrain these distances may be shortened.

b. Section 4A2c(1) Reads: Mileage in this division shall not exceed 24 miles in one day or 40 miles in two days.

4A2c(2) Reads: Total mileage in this division is 15-24 miles for a "B" ride and 30-40 miles for an "A" ride.

Change to read: (1) Total mileage in this division is 15-24 miles for a "B" CTR and 30-40 miles for an "A" CTR.

(2) Mileage in this division shall be scheduled for a minimum of 12 miles or maximum of 24 miles in any one day. (Exception to this rule shall be at the discretion of the Sanction Chairman.)

In steep and rugged terrain these distances may be shortened

Purpose: *First to put a minimum mileage requirement on all CTRs (guidelines for minimum mileage if a CTR is shortened due to "catastrophic circumstances).*

--TABLED for rewrite--

6. Page 9-5 Section 9 C.2 Reads: The Open Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to highest points awarded in any of the three Open classes. The Novice Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to the highest points awarded in any of the three Novice classes.

Change to read: The Open Sweepstakes winner will receive points based on the total number of competitors (max. of 6) for the Open Division. The Novice Sweepstakes winner will receive points based on the total number of competitors (max. of 6) for the Novice Division.

Purpose: *To clarify, also the sweepstakes winner is actually the highest scoring horse within the Division and should get points based on the total number in the Division (to a maximum for 6) not just the largest Class in the Division.*

--FAILED--

7. Page 9-1 Section 9 B.1g Reads: In order to qualify for annual awards the competing horse or rider must have completed at least three rides in their designated Region (see Section 10 for Region 1A requirements).

Change to read: In order to qualify for annual awards the competing horse or rider must have completed at least three CTRs in their designated Region (see Section 10 for Region 1A requirements).

Purpose: *To clarify annual award qualification requirements. Please Note: Page 5-1 states "the ride begins with registration and ends with completion of the presentation of awards" with no mention of 1 or 2 days. Another example: Page 9-1 states under Presidents Cup "only the first 16 rides officially started will count" again with no mention of 1 or 2 days. Please also consider the comments under #6 (the purpose portion). This is dealing with the qualification for annual awards in each region and does not affect the National Championship qualifications.*

--TABLED for rewrite--

8. Page 3-2 Section 3 B7. Reads: Safety Riders: One or more safety riders will follow competitors on the trail to assist any horse or rider in event of emergency.

Add: Safety riders must be 18 years of age or over.

Purpose: *To specify that a safety rider cannot be a junior rider.*

--PASSED--

9. Page 6-4 Section 6, Add G. "Completion Only":

1. A horse and rider, for the purpose of "completion only", are considered a team. "Completion only" for one automatically constitutes "completion only" of the other.

--PASSED--

OR

G. "Completion Only"

1. "Completion only" of the horse does not automatically constitute "completion only" of the rider.

Since first option passed, this option was discarded.

Purpose: *The Rule Book is specific about what to do in the case of a pull or disqualification of a horse or rider. In the case of time penalties, the Rule Book specifies "completion only" for both when the team is more than 30 minutes late (5.J4b). In other "completion only" cases, unlike pulls and disqualifications, the Rule Book is not clear.*

10. Page 5-2 Section 5. C. Add 9. Stallions must have a yellow ribbon attached to their tail at all times.

Purpose: *To require the notification that a horse is a stallion to all participants of a CTR (riders, managers, judges, etc.).*

--PASSED--