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President's Letter



Dear Region III,
First of all, I hope that all of you had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year. Ours was quiet (by choice), no company and no traveling. We are VERY cold here in Craig and it's all we can do to keep the water

open and the horses and cows fed and happy during our long winters. But all is well so far. Now if spring (which is June 15 for us if we're lucky) would just hurry and get here.

Next, I want to thank you for electing me to represent you on the National Board of Directors. I hope you know that I will do the very best job that I can. Please e-mail or call me with any questions or concerns you have, no matter how small, either about our region or nationally, and I will get back to you. I also want to thank Doreen Portner for the work she has done for us for the past nine years and Carla Richardson who continues to work hard for us.

I attended the National Board meeting in Denver on November 14. I was not able to be there for the entire meeting as I had just spent the past three days in Gunnison meeting with a prospective new ride manager and the BLM there, but I do want to report several things that were of concern to a number of our Region 3 members. First, the National Board is working very hard to hold down expenses and increase revenues during these difficult economic times. Other organizations are faring much worse than we are. Both membership and revenue were a bit higher as of September 30 of 2009 over the same time in 2008, but NATRC still showed a loss of approximately \$7,300. Last year NATRC lost about \$16,000, so 2009 did reflect an improvement. Reduction of Hoofprint to four issues a year saved about \$5,000.

I have faith that recovery is on the way. NATRC has had a lot to offer for almost 50 years and will continue to do so. A number of you had expressed concerns in your e-mails about the financial situation and I am pleased to report that the Board approved a Strategic Plan with five goals for 2010:

- 1) 10% increase in rides.
- 2) 10% increase in competitors
- 3) 5% increase in members (will be measured in July)
- 4) 10% increase in revenue
- 5) A breakeven budget

These goals are very doable. Region 3 had eight rides sanctioned in 2009; if all goes well, the region will have either nine or ten rides in 2010 and we will meet goal #1. With more rides and good turnout for those rides, we should also accomplish goal #2. In 2009 we had 330 total competitors; our goal would be to have 363. With more rides and with our members supporting our hardworking ride managers, we can easily accomplish goal #2. To accomplish goal #3, we will have to show a gain of 12 members for a total of 238. It would be wonderful (and probably

miraculous) if all our 2009 members renewed for 2010 but every organization has some attrition. Just guessing here, but if our attrition rate in Region 3 would be 10% in renewals, we would need to gain 35 new members to meet this goal. This can be done if we all do our part.

I feel that we can accomplish this gain if we all talk to new competitors and other non-members about what we have to offer, especially in Region 3, for the bargain price of \$50 single membership and \$60 family membership per year. We have a Stirrup that, thanks to Kerry Bingham, is published online at our website, sent to all members in beautiful color graphics who will receive it online, and a black-and-white printed copy mailed to the rest. We have a chat list for members only to ask questions and use for publicity and many other uses. We have wonderful year-end recognition for riders and volunteers alike.

Those of you who wrote e-mails will also be glad to know that the Judges' Committee revealed a proposed rule change for hoof protection which, hopefully, will be accepted by the Rules Committee and formally proposed to and accepted by the Board at its February meeting. After allowing the required time for comments from the general membership, voting on such a rule change could take place in November and, if passed, a new hoof boot rule would be implemented in 2011. I know that some of you wish it could be done sooner since it has been talked about for so long, but this is the process. I have heard that some have said that they will not rejoin and/or not participate in rides if it's not changed now. I can only say to everyone, "Please be a part of the solution." Be a supporter of positive change. The Board wants to get it right, not just pass a rule, as some have been passed before, and then have to go through numerous rewrites.

I presented the results of the Region 3 e-mail survey done in October which showed overwhelming support for the acceptance of all kinds of hoof boots. I also presented a proposal to allow a voluntary "booted division" for 2010 whereby riders could compete for ride awards in addition to the DO mileage, but the Board felt it might "muddy the waters" right now to add another division while considering a change in the hoof boot rule. It was, however, pointed out to me that any ride itself can offer any "additional" awards that it wishes. In other words, if a ride wants to offer one or more ride awards for horses in the Distance Only division, management is free to do so. They would just need to work it out with their judges. For example, a ride could offer a high point DO horse, or a high combined DO horse and rider, whatever. The Region 4 directors have already picked up on this idea and are encouraging their ride managers to "go for it." I will be e-mailing our ride managers to solicit their ideas and opinions. It could be a very good way to encourage more participation in DO in addition to just "riding for the mileage" whether booting or not. If you, the members, have any ideas to share, please let me know.

Sorry this is so long. Please read the rest of the Stirrup carefully as there are many other important announcements that I didn't want to mix up with my president's message. This issue also contains the information on the great convention that Chuck Smith is planning for us. We would love to see it be the best attended year-end convention ever.

Stay warm and hug your critters. I can't wait to see all of you again.

Happy Trails,
Betty Wolgram, President

Editor's Letter

Happy New Year everyone! Hope this letter finds everyone healthy and relaxed after our nice long holiday. We actually had all three of our children here along with our new five month old grandson! Needless to say, we had a wonderful Christmas.



Then reality sets in. New Year's Resolution time. What do I want to accomplish this new year? Hopefully, at least one of your new year's resolutions involve your relationship with your horse. Whether your goal is to simply spend more time with your horse or as lofty as earning a National Championship, try to make one promise to yourself for your horse! No matter if you're new to the sport, or are a seasoned champion there is always something to improve on. As for me, well, the list of improvements needed goes on and on and on!

I would like to thank Betty Wolgram who has been doing a fantastic job as president. She is responsible for a majority of the content of this newsletter. She wants to make sure our Region is kept informed and up to date on recent happenings. Thanks Betty!

Wishing everyone a great new year and sure do hope to see all of you at one of our many rides this season.

Take care, ~Kerry

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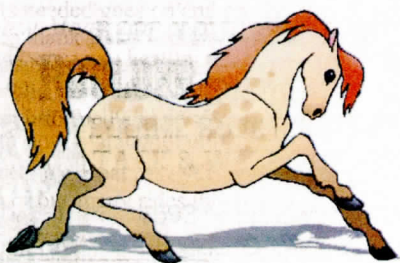
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Outgoing/Incoming Region 3 Board of Directors

Incoming directors will be installed at the board meeting to be held at our convention in Taos, NM, on Friday, March 19, from 5pm to 7:30pm. Outgoing directors also need to attend this meeting if at all possible. I want to thank outgoing directors, Jerry Sims, past president; Olga Spanhoff, At-Large; Jill Talbot, District 1; and Doreen Portner, National Director, for their service to the region. I also want to congratulate Virginia Snip, District 3; Cheri Westmoreland, At-Large; and Jim Sinnett, District 2 for their reelection to another term and thank them for agreeing to run again. Those with one year remaining on their present terms are myself, Linell Miller, District 2; Chuck Smith, District 3; and Beth Sims, At Large. Carla Richardson remains on the Board as a National Director. Carla Richardson remains on the Board as a National Director.

To our brand new incoming directors, Diane Wingle, District 1, and Brandy Ferganchick, At-Large; thank you so much for stepping up to the plate to serve our region. Chuck Smith has also been appointed by the Board to serve the one year remaining on Kathy Shanor's term as National Board Alternate.

Since I was elected to a National Director's position, **the Board is asking for a volunteer that it can appoint to serve the one-year term remaining for my District 1 position (north of I-70).** The Board could leave the position vacant if necessary but we would appreciate it if someone would step forward so that the Board can more easily maintain the required quorum at the three yearly meetings. Please contact me if you have any questions about this position.

Sherri Halligan has agreed to remain as an alternate for District 1. Jenny Smith and Shelley Green will remain as District 3 alternates. Thank you! **We do need to find another alternate for District 2 (south of I-70 and east of the Continental Divide excluding New Mexico).** Alternates are asked to attend, if possible, any meeting that the regular district representative is unable to attend. They are also asked to vote on any issues when a regular district representative is unavailable to vote. Their input and help in contributing to board decisions is extremely valuable and much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Betty Wolgram, President



Start 2010 off right!

Come to the Region 3 Convention!

It's not just about awards. We're having great presentations and great hospitality. All-around education and fun for all who attend (See attached schedule and registration forms).

Vest numbers for 2010 ride season will be sold at convention. Open, \$30; Competitive Pleasure, \$20; Novice, \$10. If you wish to pre-purchase your vest, contact Chuck Smith: (home) 505-334-3373 (cell) 505-215-2625 E-mail: chucksmith2020@earthlink.net.

Our hospitality room is being hosted by Jenny Smith and she would really appreciate donations. (505) 215-9791 E-mail: jennysmith1974@earthlink.net.

Silent auction donations are needed. Please contact Betty Wolgram 970-824-8359 E-mail: bkwranch@hughes.net.

Premier parking for each ride will again be auctioned and a brand new auction, Premier Check-In (successful bidder gets to go to the front of the line at all rides you attend. Single bidder, non-transferable).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.
Looking forward to seeing you,

Chuck Smith
Convention Chair

Spring Trail Trials

The San Juan Valley Trail Riders are hosting a "Trail Trial" in March of this year, the date being Sat., March 13, 2010 in Farmington, NM. Bill and Judy Cumberworth have again generously offered their arena as the home site. Last year's ride will serve as a basis for this years, making it a bit easier on the volunteer help. Tentative plans are being made to host the trail trial in conjunction with ACTHA. Last years trials were a good beginning but the monies earned were small. ACTHA is the new "IN" trail trials organization, handing out lots of incentives to participate. They advertise that they are, "paying you to ride your horse" by handing out ACTHA bucks which are good at any sponsorship store. Sign up 30 days in advance earn \$50, 29-20 days in advance get \$25, place 1st thru 6th earn \$150 to \$25, etc. For more details visit the ACTHA website at: <http://www.actha.us/>

The purpose of working with ACTHA is manifold. First and foremost, it would pull more riders from a more widely advertised base. Through increased participation we would raise more money to improve our NATRC rides, provide incentives for ride managers and volunteers, and to defray incidental expenses associated with ride managing. Second, it may prove to be a nice jumping off point for new members in NATRC. Both organizations could end up complimenting one another; increasing interest in developing a great trail horse; get people involved in keeping, developing our horse trail systems; and adding to the horse activities available in our region.

The Trail Trial will consist of an 8-10 mile ride with 8 - 10 obstacles. It will also offer the possibility of an 8-10 mile recreational ride on Sunday along the NATRC trail to the West of the highway.. We need volunteers: one or two judges per obstacle, cooks & servers (ideas on breakfast and lunch), trial markers, safety riders, and other misc. helpers. PLEASE CALL TO VOLUNTEER Trail Trial manager, Cheri Westmoreland. Cheri is also interested in ideas for obstacles if you would like to contact her. Please call or email Cheri Westmoreland. 505-325-5721 ecwestltd@msn.com

Region 3 Convention Schedule - March 19 & 20, 2010
Best Western Kachina Lodge
413 North Pueblo Road, Taos, NM 87571 (800) 522-4462

Friday, March 19

4:00 p.m. -

Registration and Hospitality Suite Open

5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Region 3 Board Meeting

Saturday, March 20

7:00 a.m.-8:00

Registration

7:00 a.m.-8:15

Ride Management Meeting (breakfast meeting)

Anyone who is, has been, or wants to be involved in ride management

"New for 2010" Betty Wolgram - "RMS Instruction" Susan Peters

General Membership Meeting

Break

8:30 a.m.-9:30

9:30 a.m.-9:45

9:45 a.m.-11:15

Tellington TTouch by Jessica O'Donoghue, certified practitioner. Santa Fe, NM. Jessica will demonstrate this gentle method of bodywork and movement exercises designed to positively influence equine behavior, performance, and health.

11:15 a.m.-11:30 Break

11:30 a.m.-1:30

Luncheon with Speaker s (Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico)

Nick Martinez, Santa Fe, NM., 14th generation horseman of New Mexico.

Vice Chair, BCH of New Mexico Board; Chair, BCH of America Volunteer Hours Committee; Member of Continental Divide Trail Alliance National Board; Rio Grande Mule and Donkey Association; Northern New Mexico Horsemen Association. Mr. Martinez has devoted untold hours helping to maintain and preserve trails.

Barbara Kiiper, Farmington, NM., Retired to New Mexico in 2008 from Southern California with the goal of dedicating part of her life to keeping horse trails open. Helped found the Farmington chapter of BCHA (3 Rivers Chapter) and is its president. The chapter is proud to say it has grown 40% since it was formed in July 2008.

Break

1:30 p.m.-2:00

2:00 p.m.-4:00

Garrett Ford, CEO, EasyCare, Inc., Tucson, AZ "Hoof Boots in Long Distance Equine Sports"

Presentation Summary: Dr. Neel Glass invented the first Easyboot in 1970.

Since that time hoof boots have been used by thousands of horses around the world and continue to be tested in the toughest long distance events. Horse boots continue to evolve and now come in many styles and configurations. We will take a look at the history, where boots are now, fitting tips for the long distance rider, and how to condition the barefoot horse in hoof boots.

Time on your own to put in that final bid on silent auction items (bidding closes at 5:00 p.m., enjoy socializing in the hospitality room, get ready for dinner.

Dinner and Awards, Silent Auction results, Other Special Auctions to benefit Region 3 (Premier Parking, Premier Check-in), and purchase vest numbers for 2010 ride season. Bring your checkbooks!

4:00 p.m.-6:00

6:00 p.m.-

Want to keep your vest number?

Pre-purchase your vest number from Chuck Smith BEFORE convention.

Novice - \$10

CP \$20

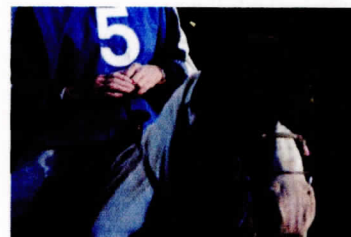
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Chuck Smith

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Flora Vista, NM



Registration Form
Region 3 Convention/March 19 & 20, 2010
Best Western Kachina Lodge
413 North Pueblo Road, Taos, NM 87571
1-800-522-4462

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ EMail _____

*Please make your hotel reservation directly with the hotel and mention NATRC convention.
Rates start at \$79/night. Reserve EARLY; this is spring break week.*

Seminar \$30.00 x _____ = _____

Ride Management Meeting Breakfast \$7.00 x _____ = _____

Lunch w/Keynote Speaker \$14.00 x _____ = _____

Dinner and Awards Banquet \$22.00 x _____ = _____

(Late fee if postmarked after March 1) \$10.00 x _____ = _____

Total Submitted: \$ _____

Make check payable to "Purgatory Trail Ride Acct." and mail to:
Kathy Brown
Convention Secretary
P. O. Box 76
Taos, NM 87571

Cancellation fee of \$15.00/person if cancelled after March 10, balance paid will be refunded.
NO SHOW, NO REFUND.

NEW FOR 2010 RIDE SEASON!!

After much discussion regarding ways to help our region's ride competitors and managers, the Region 3 board has voted overwhelmingly to approve the following proposals for 2010 ride season:

#1 For the ride season 2010, Region 3 will give a fleece blanket to its Open Division riders who earn a subsequent National Championship on their horses. (NATRC only gives the first blanket and then gives a patch for subsequent Championships on the same horse.) The blanket will state "NATRC National Champion 2010" and the horse's name. Prices will be obtained and blankets will be purchased from the most reasonable source.

#2 For the ride season 2010, Region 3 establishes a CP horse award as follows:

In the Competitive Pleasure Division, a horse shall be declared a Region 3 NATRC CP Champion Horse when all the following requirements are met during the Region 3 ride season:

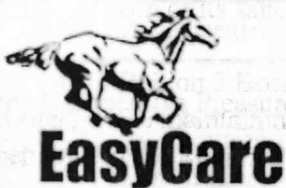
- 1) Horse is awarded at least one 1st place and one 2nd place (or two 1st places).
- 2) Horse accumulates a minimum of 65 points.
- 3) Only Region 3 rides will count.

Region 3 will purchase a fleece blanket which will state "Region 3 NATRC CP Champion Horse" and the horse's name. Prices will be obtained and blankets will be purchased from the most reasonable source.

#3 For the ride season 2010, Region 3 will purchase Novice horse and horsemanship 1st through 6th place ribbons for each of its sanctioned rides.

Your Region 3 Board of Directors has committed itself to the goals of rewarding its members and ride managers while maintaining financial responsibility and soundness. Awards may vary from year to year depending on the Region's finances; however, the Board is dedicated to doing its best to provide incentives such as these. We would like to thank all our members and ride management for their support and for making these incentives possible.

Sincerely,
Betty Wolgram, President



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NATRC OVERALL 2009 YEAR END PLACINGS & AWARDS:

Congratulations to the following Region 3 riders for NATRC year-end placings:

Open Heavyweight Horse:	5 th place	Rock'n E.Z.Rey	Jerry Sims
	6 th place	Touch's Yeller Gold	Gary Inman
Open Heavyweight Horsemanship	4 th place	Jerry Sims	
Open Lightweight Horsemanship	4 th place	Brandy Ferganchick	
High Average CP Horse	2 nd place	Summer (97.26%)	Betty Wolgram
	4 th place	Prides Lawyer (95.68%)	Jim Sinnett
High Average CP Horsemanship	3 rd place	Diane Wingle (97.61%)	
	4 th place	Betty Wolgram (97.54%)	
	6 th place	Jim Sinnett (97.15%)	
2009 Region 3 Team Awards (regional horse and horsemanship points combined):			
Open Heavyweight	1 st place	Jerry Sims	
	2 nd place	Gary Inman	
	3 rd place	Cheri Westmoreland	
	4 th place	Kathy Budd	
	5 th place	Don Budd	
	6 th place	Jenny Smith	
Open Lightweight	1 st place	Brandy Ferganchick	
	2 nd place	Judy Wise Mason	
	3 rd place	Teri Smith	
	4 th place	Susan Peters	
	5 th place	Roxann Lane	
	6 th place	Gwen Brown	
No Region 3 Open Junior Qualified			
Novice Heavyweight	1 st place	Bill Wingle	
	2 nd place	Ed Westmoreland	
	3 rd place	Wava O'Brien	
	4 th place	Robin Kelly	
	5 th place	Leona Arnett	
Novice Lightweight	1 st place	Juleen Feazel	
	2 nd place	Donna Dunkelberger	
	3 rd place	Kirt Vanpoolen	
	4 th place	Jody Carman	
	5 th place	Susan Larue	
	6 th place	Cheryl Jarrett	
No Region Novice Junior Qualified			
Competitive Pleasure	1 st place	Carolynn Andersen	
	2 nd place	Diane Wingle	
	3 rd place	Betty Wolgram	
	4 th place	Jim Sinnett	(con't on next page)



5th place Vicki Heniser
6th place Betty Garrett

Congratulations to our 2009 Open National Championship Horses:

Rock'n E. Z. Rey Jerry Sims (first National Championship)
Fawn Creek Thor Brandy Ferganchick (first National Championship)
Brown R Dawud Judy Wise Mason

Recipient of Jim Menefee Honorary Lifetime Membership Award: Doreen Portner
Region 3

Recipient of Worker Hall of Fame Award: Jenny Smith

Recipients of Regional Appreciation Awards: Region 3
Jeff & Kathy Brown
Beth Sims
Susan Peters

Above awards will be presented at the National Convention in Reno, NV. If you are unable to attend, the awards will be sent to Region 3 and presented to you at the Region 3 Convention in Taos, NM.

Submitted by:

Betty Wolgram, President

TENTATIVE REGION 3 RIDE SCHEDULE 2010

For those of you who need to plan early for days off to attend rides, below is a listing of tentative ride/clinic dates. Only those with an asterisk () are officially sanctioned to date; others are pending sanctions very soon (we hope). Sanctioned rides will be reflected as such online at the Region 3 and NATRC websites and in the Hoofprint and Stirrup.*

Submitted by: Betty Wolgram, President

<i>Name of Ride</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Manager</i>
<i>Pinon Mesa</i>	<i>April 17 & 18</i>	<i>Chuck Smith chucksmith2020@earthlink.net</i>
<i>Greenland/ Clinic</i>	<i>April 24</i>	<i>Susan Peters sapeters@pcisys.net</i>
<i>Navajo Lake</i>	<i>May 8 & 9</i>	<i>Bill/Judy Cumberworth/co-chair Kerry Bingham judic@digii.net or kbingham630@msn.com</i>
<i>*AF Academy</i>	<i>May 29 & 30</i>	<i>Larry & Judi Tobias shortdog05@msn.com</i>
<i>*Colorado Trail</i>	<i>June 5 & 6</i>	<i>Dee Overholt daccounts1@qwestoffice.net</i>
<i>*Willow Springs</i>	<i>June 19 & 20</i>	<i>Kirt VanPoolen kirt4821@peoplepc.com</i>
<i>Purgatory (benefit ride)</i>	<i>July 17 & 18</i>	<i>Chuck Smith chucksmith2020@earthlink.net</i>
<i>*Island in the Sky</i>	<i>August 7 & 8</i>	<i>Judy Mason masonranch@aol.com</i>
<i>Quartz Creek</i>	<i>August 21 & 22</i>	<i>Kathy Morgan colokate@yahoo.com</i>
<i>Caja del Rio</i>	<i>Sept. 11 & 12</i>	<i>Shelley Green showdoggal@msn.com</i>
<i>*Chokecherry</i>	<i>Sept. 25 & 26</i>	<i>Jeff & Kathy Brown equine@newmex.com</i>

Trail Advocacy from Doreen Portner

Led by NOHVCC, (National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council), a group of national and state trail advocacy organizations representing equestrian, OHV, and bicycle interests recently completed a collaborative effort to develop a Guide to help improve safety and trail satisfaction for all trail enthusiasts on multiple use trails. It is titled SHARING OUR TRAILS-A GUIDE TO TRAIL SAFETY AND ENJOYMENT. The Guide may also be found at www.natrc.org on the Bulletin Board.

SHARING OUR TRAILS – A GUIDE TO TRAIL SAFETY AND ENJOYMENT

Responsible trail enthusiasts, both motorized and non-motorized, have much in common. They have an appreciation for our public lands and want to enjoy what our public lands have to offer.

In many parts of the country trails are open to and shared by equestrians, OHV riders, bicycle riders, runners and hikers. Trail sharing can and does work when people respect each other and work cooperatively to keep each other safe.

While it is important for people to respect each other on the trail, it is important to remember that equestrians are dealing not only with other trail enthusiasts' personalities, they also are working with horses whose temperaments are as individual as our own. Horses' natural instincts can influence their behaviors and affect the way they react to circumstances encountered on the trail.

For these reasons, it is important that equestrians know their horses well enough that they are confident that they will be able to control their horses when they encounter other trail enthusiasts who are allowed on the trail.

Conversely, OHV riders, bicycle riders, runners and hikers must understand that "equestrian only" trails must be respected for the safety of both the horse and rider. These trails offer the opportunity for horsemen to acclimate their horses to basic trail conditions without encountering "unknown threats" that can trigger the horse's natural instinct of flight.

When young or inexperienced horses encounter new conditions on the trail like OHVs, bicycles, runners and hikers, and even certain scents, the flight response can end with disastrous results for the horse or rider.

When equestrians on well-trained horses and other responsible trail enthusiasts meet each other on the trail the encounters can be enjoyable social exchanges if the groups understand how to work together to keep the encounters safe.

These basic guidelines will help ensure that meeting on the trail will be a safe and enjoyable experience:

Guidelines for all trail enthusiasts:

Common Courtesy

- Respect all trail restrictions and use only trails open to your mode of transportation.
- Be considerate of others on the road or trail.
- When traveling on shared use trails, continually watch for other types of recreationists.
- Slow down when sight lines are poor.
- Keep speeds low around other recreationists.
- Keep noise and dust down.
- Keep your ears open – no ear buds for an iPod or MP3. Listening to headphones or ear buds can make it difficult to hear and communicate with other recreationists. In some areas it is illegal to operate vehicles or bikes with both ears covered.
- Keep pets under control. Some trails require dogs to be leashed. Be familiar with local rules

Yielding

- Yield the right of way to those passing you from behind or traveling uphill.
- Motorized vehicles yield to mountain bikes, runners, hikers, and horses.
- Mountain bikes yield to runners, hikers and horses.
- Runners and hikers yield to horses.

NATRC COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDING CLINIC AT GREENLAND OPEN SPACE
SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010 (SNOW DATE SUNDAY, MAY 2ND, 2010)

Bring your horse and come join us for a day of education, fun, and camaraderie with other horse lovers. This clinic is great preparation for the Air Force Academy Ride on Memorial Day weekend, the Colorado Trail Ride in early June, and the Willow Springs Ride in mid June.

Agenda:

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| 8-9 am | Check in and Continental Breakfast |
| 9-10 am | Welcome by Susan Peters and Susie Witter, NATRC Horsemanship Judge
Overview of CTR
Rider Packets
What the veterinary and horsemanship judges look for
Obstacles are everywhere
Timing out – setting watches
Goal – continual improvement (Riders Manual) |
| 10:00-11:30 | Obstacles on the Obstacle Course |
| 11:30-12 | Lunch |
| 12-12:30 | Tack up and Tack Check |
| 12:30-1:15 | Practice Trail Ride with a Pulse and Respiration Check – 4 miles |
| 1:15-1:45 | Receive Score Cards
Questions and Answers |

Price - \$35 which includes continental breakfast and lunch. Audit (no horse – just rider) - \$25. Refunds less \$10 admin fee if cancelled before April 1st, 2009.

Trail - We will be doing 4 miles of the Greenland Open Space Trails.

Directions - Take the Greenland exit off I25 (exit 167) – go west ¼ mile then south ½ mile. At the Greenland Open Space we will have directed parking (plenty of parking).

Registration - 25 rider limit and 5 auditor limit - and this clinic always fills so register soon by sending a **check made out to CTR** to Susan Peters, 17215 Saddlewood Road, Monument, CO 80132. Email is sapeters@pcisys.net, 719-439-5669. Include your email address, phone numbers, name.



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Greenland Clinic Needs Participants AND Experienced NATRC Riders to Volunteer!!

The Second Annual Greenland Clinic is scheduled for April 24th (Saturday) (snow date - Sunday, May 2nd) at Douglas County Greenland Open Space (just off I-25 between Colorado Springs and Denver). This clinic always fills so encourage your friends who have been wanting to try NATRC - to sign up soon (details in attached flyer).

Also we need you!!!! - - - experienced NATRC riders who would be willing to volunteer for various positions.

Douglas County has built a very nice horse obstacle course at Greenland that has about 10 obstacles that are good NATRC obstacles. We'd like to get a number of NATRC riders who would be willing to be the "judges" for some of these obstacles as we will put a "judge" at each obstacle. In a short period of time - one clinic participant can try 10 different obstacles and see how they might be judged in a NATRC ride. Prior to the clinic, we will have compiled score sheets for each obstacle to help the judges score each rider (so no need to feel that you must have judging experience - experience competing should be adequate - although we are happy to take any "real" judges!!)

Prior to the clinic participants riding the course - we will need a few NATRC riders/horses to demonstrate a good way to do the obstacle. We'll sign up volunteers and their horses for each obstacle. We envision that these demoers would then ride the trails as either point riders or safety riders.

After the riders have gone through the obstacle course - they will go out on a short 4 mile loop - with a P&R back at the start point - the "judges" can move from judging the obstacles to taking P&Rs.

With the exception of the safety riders/point riders; horses are not required - however, feel free to bring your horse as doing the obstacle course/riding the trail would be great training - and you are free in the afternoon. Greenland Open Space and the adjoining Spruce Meadows Open Space have over 30 miles of trails - mostly dirt trails with little elevation so this area makes for a good early spring ride.

Volunteers needed - - -

Registration - 1 person
Food Prep (on site) and Serving - 1 person
Obstacle demoers - up to 4 (I envision the safety riders/point riders as doing the demos - each rider doing about 2 obstacles)
Obstacle Judges - up to 10
Safety Riders - up to 6

Potential Obstacles (demoers needed):

Mount
Step over a log on the trail
Trot over a series of logs
Back an L shape
Side pass down a log
Turn on the hind/Turn on the haunches
Step up a series of graduated step ups
Back in hand
Put on a slicker
Open a gate
Drag a rope

Other obstacles that we probably won't use but people can try later in the day:

Cross a bridge
Negotiate tires
Cross a teeter totter
Pull a bag of rocks out of a mailbox

Total Volunteers 16 volunteers plus Susie and I.

Please email Susan Peters at sapeters@pcisys.net with your contact information, the positions/demos you could do; and whether you would be bringing a horse.

Sincerely,

Susan Peters



Christmas Fixins'

Biscuit, Gravy help Budds offer carriage rides for holiday season

Charlotte Burrous

The Daily Record (reprinted with permission)

FLORENCE — No matter what the theme is, an old-fashioned Christmas will come alive in the height of the season in Florence.

This year will be no different when Kathy Budd harnesses Biscuit and Gravy to a decorated carriage, then picks up Santa Claus to bring him into town, where he greets children of all ages the Saturdays before Christmas in downtown Florence.

Owned by Don and Kathy Budd, "Biscuit and Gravy have both been working in harness since they were 2 years old," she said. "Now, they're 8 and 9" years old.

She was quick to point out that their neighbors, Barbara and Hubert Martinez, along with her sister, Twilla Caudron, also help them every year. The germ of an idea began when the Budds purchased Biscuit when she was 1 year old.

"She was from the Hayman fire area," Kathy said. "Those people got burned out and had to move away, so we got Biscuit. Then, we got lucky enough to find Gravy in Pueblo because they are so well matched" when it comes to size and color.

Originally named Sea Biscuit because she ran fast, the Budds shortened her name to Biscuit then a year later purchased the second pony they named Gravy. Don noted that the names of the driving horses need to be different so they'll know which one the driver is talking to, he said. After finding the horses, the couple learned about a buggy, which was made by Bob Hand. When he got ready to get rid of it, he consented to sell it to the Budds. After Don installed a tongue on the wagon for the horses to pull it, the couple began to offer the service to the communities.

"We love kids," Kathy said. "The ponies are kid magnets."

Whenever the Budds take the carriage around town, the youth ran out to see them.

"The kids' eyes sparkle when they get to touch them," she said.

Not long after getting the horses and wagon, Florence Chamber board member Rudl Mergelman asked the Budds to bring their carriage to the Christmas festivities in downtown Florence. Along the way, a Penrose Chamber board member asked them to participate in the Penrose festivities, as well.

"The kids generally remember their names," Kathy said. "We tell them 'b' for brown and Biscuit is brown, and 'g' for gray and Gravy is gray. They call us the 'pony people.'"

The Budds also belong to the Wagonmasters Club, where Don serves as president. Kathy's involvement with horses began when she was a child, living in Iowa on the same farm as her grandparents.

"I drove big work horses with my grandfather," she said. "We fed the cattle with the big work team. I think you're born with a fascination for horses." She credits her grandfather with helping her to get acquainted with horses.

"I was his shadow," Kathy said. "He taught me how to be with horses. He gave me a lot of liberty to learn to be with horses."

When she turned 3 years old, she named her first spotted pony Dolly.

Along the way, she got involved with horses in various 4-H clubs. After she graduated from high school, she moved to Wickenburg, Ariz., to work as a wrangler on a guest ranch.

"My sister says it was to be a cowboy," Kathy said. Several years later, she moved to California, where she rode a 100-mile endurance ride from Squaw Valley to Auburn.

"It took three years of preparation with the horse," she said. "I always knew my horse could do it, but I wasn't sure that I could."

But she did.

Later, she met Don on a competitive trail ride, which is a 60-mile trek in two days through the North American Trail Ride Conference.

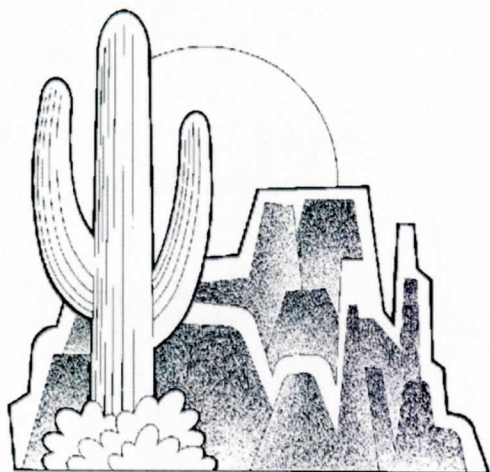
In their spare time, the Budds compete at least once a month with trail rides, which is the first step to the national contests, which Kathy has won several times.

In addition, the Budds participate in competitions with Biscuit and Gravy along with the wagon through the Wagonmasters Club. Kathy also enjoys camping, cooking on the Dutch oven and participating in other outdoor activities.

The next event for Biscuit, Gravy and Kathy to feature Santa Claus will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and Dec. 19 at the corner of Pikes Peak Avenue and Main Street in downtown Florence.



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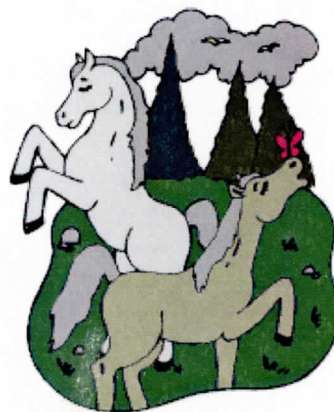
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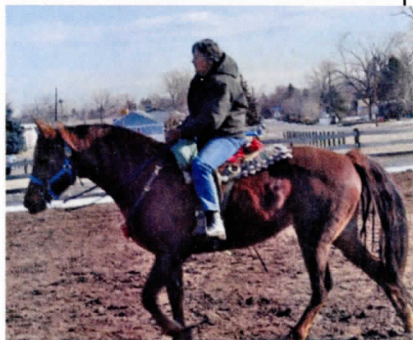
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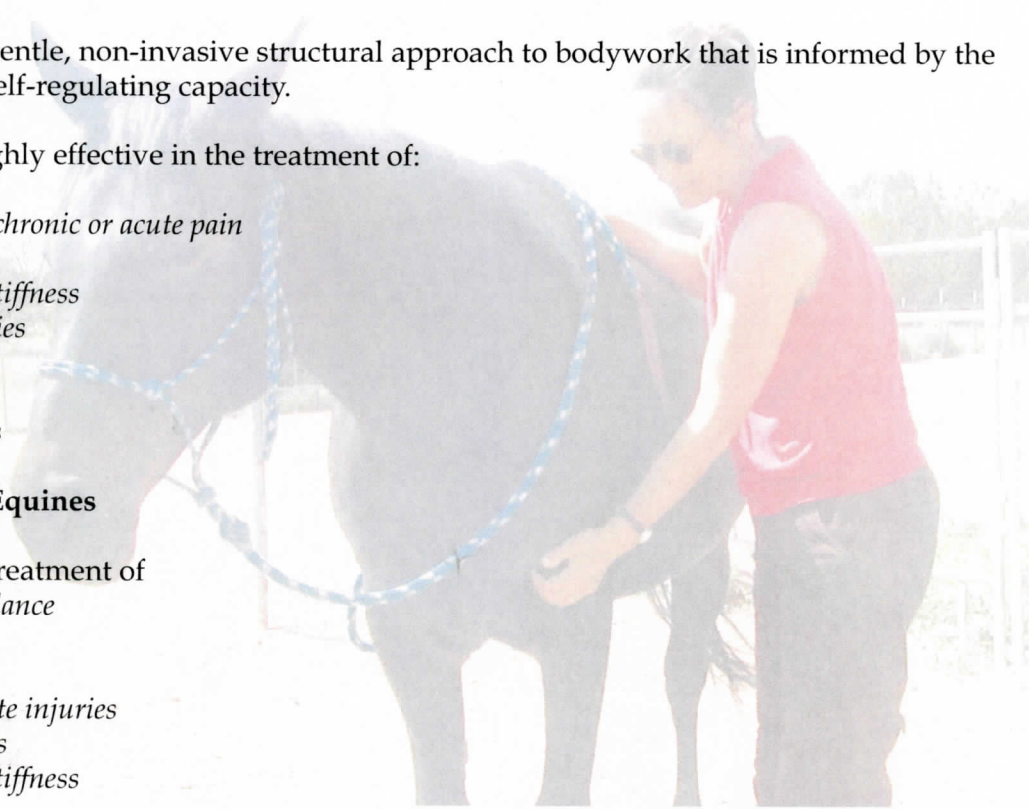
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