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**CLINIC (NATRC SPONSORED) -
 MAY 3-4, 2014
 ECKERT, CO**

**NAVAJO LAKE CTR (40TH
 ANNIVERSARY) - MAY 10-11,
 2014
 NEAR FARMINGTON, NM**

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 BUFFALO CREEK, CO**

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 2014
 PURGATORY, CO**

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President's Message

Thank you for your confidence in keeping me as President for one more year. Learning the ropes can often be a blessing and a curse, but I hope that I have always found a way to make this learning curve into a blessing.

We each come to this sport for different reasons perhaps. One thing is for certain, it is the rare person who makes this sport their entire daily life and focus. Most of us have numerous other responsibilities and interests that keep us moving forward daily in this game called "life". All of us have a table set before us every morning. Some of us refuse to check the condition of the table before heading out the door and come home to the same conditions we last left them (dirty dishes from the night before, or a clean top with things put away). Some of us wiped our table clean before taking on the tasks of the day only to come back and find out that "life" happened while we were gone and our table is cluttered and full of distractions. Our table might even hold a disastrous or traumatic event that no one could have expected.

- ~What does your table look like today?
- ~Have you made plans only to have them change abruptly?

Well, I would suggest that we each purpose for ourselves that we will make every effort not to impose our table condition on anyone else and certainly to give understanding and grace to others when their tables get turned.

The theme chosen for the 2014 Ride Season is "Roundup for Success". A Roundup encompasses many parts and pieces: Someone to make the plans and decide the route, a cook for the wranglers, the wranglers themselves and a dedication to make the roundup a success and lastly to end the roundup with a contented and healthy herd.

Last year one of our goals was to increase the number of rides in our region. For 2013 we had 7 scheduled rides with one ride getting canceled at the last minute from circumstances beyond our control. We are heading into 2014 with 9 rides – 2 more than scheduled last year. A big success in meeting our goal of increasing the rides in our region.

I would like to thank everyone in this region who pulled together to support the Rabbit Valley Management team when this cancellation took us by surprise. We initially were out of pocket around \$1000 with expenses that had been paid for. Even though the riders were very disappointed, everyone pulled together and most donated their deposits, ordered and paid for T-shirts and in the end made up the difference. Our board was ready to help us cover these costs, but we didn't need to request reimbursement because of everyone helping out! I would say, this is the kind of organization that makes me proud to be a part of. As the Ride Manager, I would like to thank each and every one of you for helping us out. Your support and encouragement meant so much.

Another goal was to help new folks get a start in managing rides. I am happy to report that we have accomplished this goal with Stephen Bishop stepping up to do AFA ride and Vicki Dowd bringing us a brand new ride, Ft. Bayard, NM. Many others have come forward to be a support and work as management to these new ride managers. Thank you for taking that step, and as a region we will do all we can to support you in this new role.





Ride Management System
(RMS)
www.natrc5.org/rms/logon.asp

I am reminded of an old saying when going through the nursing program many years ago. The old guard were very hard on nursing students and we would often say that this is a profession that prides itself on eating it's young. Well, that was really nothing to be proud of. Many students dropped out not willing to take the unkind and harsh treatment of some of the established nurses. Having chosen to stay with that profession, I always remembered how uncertain I felt when I was learning and tried to be helpful to the new students. For those of us who have managed rides and those of us who have benefited from the hard work of other management teams, let's lend a helping hand, be encouraging and supportive, and most of all keep our suggestions positive.

I would like for us to consider in the future more options such as offering more "B" Rides which would perhaps encourage more local people to come out and "try" the sport of CTR. Clinics are also a wonderful way to let folks experience CTR and see if it is something they would enjoy.

The National goal for each region is to have at least 10 Rides each year. That is certainly easier to accomplish in some areas where winter leaves sooner and summer lasts longer. We still have a bit of a lull to our season during August, so another new ride would certainly be welcomed. Our region perhaps could get a ride going in Utah, Wyoming or even Montana. Lets Give this some thought.

Please take the time to look at the proposed rule changes sent out in this month's Hoof Prints from the NBOD. Our region, thanks to Jerry Sims, was instrumental in getting the NBOD talking about and considering a change to the CP class. We have also been pushing for more recognition and awards for both Novice and CP. Your NBOD would like to hear your thoughts about the rule changes as we can then present our region's suggestions to the board at the July meeting. You can email either Jerry Sims or myself and we will be sure your thoughts are presented and considered.

At the National Convention in Oklahoma City last month, I had the privilege of hearing Dr. Nancy Loving present. She is a very knowledgeable veterinarian who has been on the endurance circuit for many years both as a vet and as a competitor. Two very interesting suggestions were made by the audience and her at the end of her talk when she presented some shortcomings she feels NATRC could easily address. One of the suggestions was in line with good horsemanship (providing our horses with the very best and not compromising their safety) and that was our practice of denying water access before a P & R. In her opinion and the opinion of many others, we have stressed our horses and asked them to do a long trot perhaps in rough terrain or a long uphill climb, and then we make them wait 10 more minutes to drink when their bodies are telling them they need hydration. The suggestion was to have water available to every horse as they come into a P & R. What a novel idea.

Another suggestion from the audience had to do with eating at the P & R (either horse or rider). It is difficult for a horse to settle down and be quiet and recover when the rider next door is crackling open a granola bar, or eating an apple and it looks good to them.

These are two things to consider whether or not they need to be rule changes or just being considerate.

Lastly, ask yourself: "What do I like best about being in NATRC and what do I like least?" I hope the things we like the best can be capitalized upon and shared by others. The things we like least, I would hope that we can quietly purpose in our own hearts to turn these things into a positive and not let them be a nagging negativity to all around us.

I appreciate our National President, Kim Coward's statement, which I would like to close with: "Focus on common interests and accept our responsibility for NATRC's future, and we will succeed."

Happy Trails to each and every one of you.

Sharon Roper
President Region 3



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From the Editor...

**PATIENCE IS
NOT THE ABILITY
TO WAIT BUT THE
ABILITY TO KEEP A
GOOD ATTITUDE
WHILE WAITING.**

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Joyce Meyer

Now that there are two of the little ones running (well only one is running yet) around the house, the word "Patience" has certainly evolved into deeper meanings.

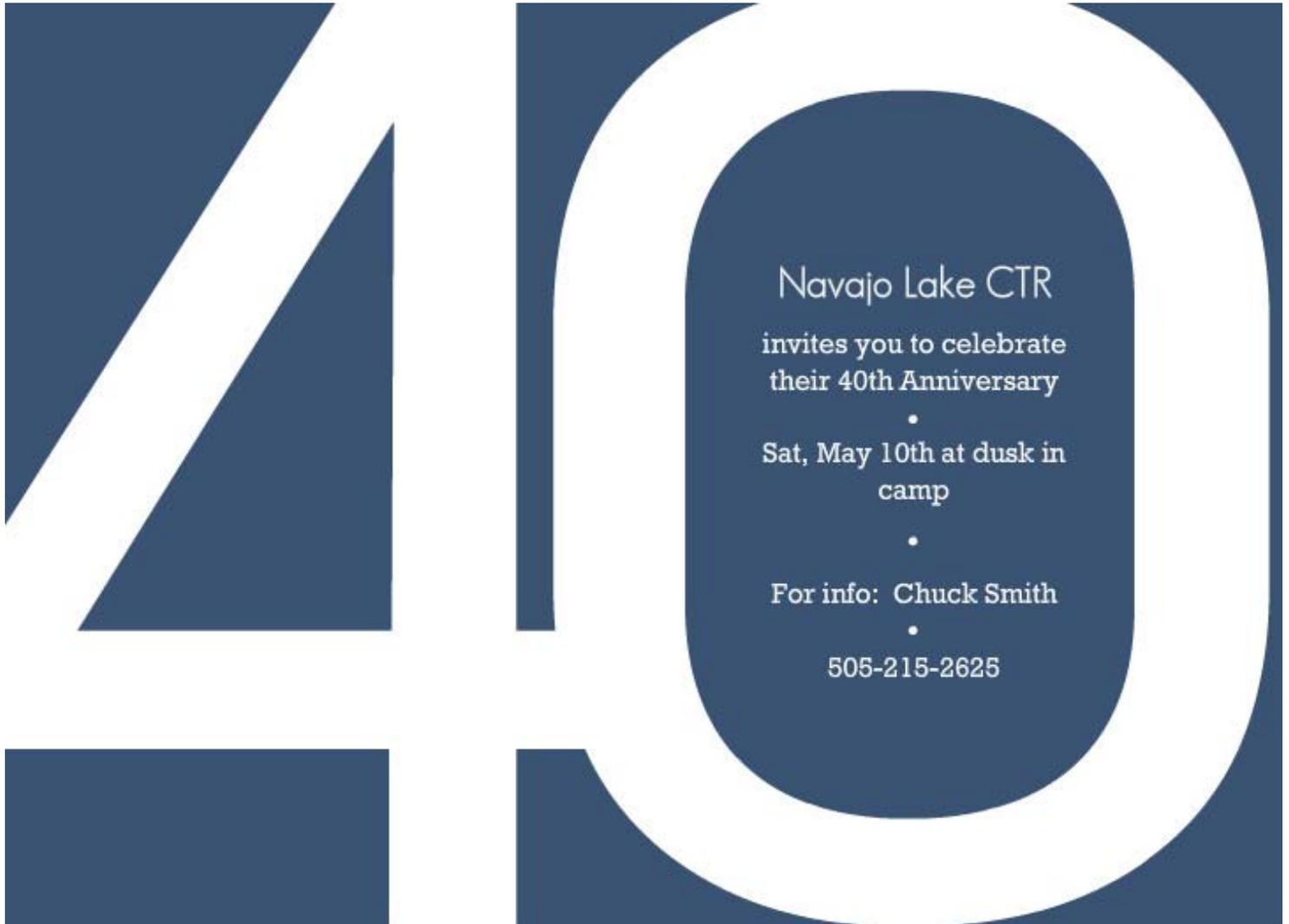
Anytime a heterogeneous group of people get together there are different ideas, desires, expectations, and timelines which can cause feelings of conflict.

Patience is a good place to start and finish





Navajo 40th Anniversary Ride, by Cathy Cumberworth and Chuck Smith



**Navajo Lake CTR Type A Two Day & Type B Sat only
near Farmington, NM May 9-11, 2014 Rider Limit: 60**

The San Juan Valley Trail Riders invite you to be part of NATRC history. Ride the 40th annual Navajo Lake Ride, the longest continuous ride in NATRC. This ride will traverse varied terrain of mesas, arroyos, beautiful rock formations and pinon forest in the spectacularly scenic area around the Navajo Lake Dam. Come enjoy the fun, especially our famous "Mother's Day Trail" filled with surprises! Also have 40th Annv. celebration.

Directions to Camp: The camp is located on NM State Hwy 539 approximately ¾ mile south of Navajo Dam. When approaching from Albuquerque and Bloomfield, travel east on U. S. 64 to about mile 89, then turn north (left) on NM 539; 5 miles to camp. From Eastern slope Colorado, take CO 172 south through Ignacio to NM 511 and south to Navajo Dam, then south on NM 539 to camp. From western Colorado, go to Durango, head south on Hwy. 550 towards Aztec, NM. Just as you enter Aztec, turn left on NM 173 until it ends at a T. (about 18 miles). At the T go left on 511 which will take you to the top of the dam, where you will have to do a turn around in the parking area to



head across the top of the dam. Go up a hill and you'll see camp on your right.

Camp Facilities: Water for horses will be available. Bring your own drinking water. Nights are usually cool so plan to blanket your horse. Two restaurants and a small grocery store are located 8 miles from camp. Emergency Phone: Navajo Lake Visitor Center 505-632-2278 (day) or 505-632-2207 (night). **We WILL allow the 12x12 portables panel pens only.**

Rules: This ride will be conducted under current NATRC rules. We will be offering the Distance Only class for those of you who wish to complete the ride for mileage only. New Mexico state law requires that out-of-state horses have current Coggins and health papers.

Schedule: Pre-ride vet check-in from 2 p.m. until dark on Friday, May 9, 2014. A special First Time Competitor meeting will be held after briefing Friday night. Each evening, riders will be given maps and a briefing for the following day's trails.

Meals: Saturday night is a potluck dinner. Management is providing: meat, green salad and rolls, asks that riders bring a side-dish to share. We will provide lunch on the trail Saturday and lunch in Camp Sunday. We will be having an Ice Cream Social Saturday night along with a video presentation of Navajo Lake CTR.

Awards: There will be 1st through 6th place awards in Novice division, Open and Novice Sweepstakes, CP Highpoint Combined. Awards will be on Sunday afternoon as soon as possible!

Judges: Vet Dr. Jerry Weil, DVM **Horsemanship:** Becky Rogers

Entry Fees: NATRC Member \$110. Non NATRC Member \$126. Junior Members \$60 and Junior Non-Members \$76. Distance Only NATRC Member 1 day \$80 and Non NATRC member 1 day \$96. Two day Distance Only is the same as the regular ride entry fees. Please make checks payable to Navajo Lake CTR. Families of 3 or more (in same household) will receive a discount of \$25. A deposit of \$35 will hold your place at the ride. Refunds will be at the discretion of management.

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Three New Novice Awards Approved for 2104, by Juleen Fezell

During the NATRC Region 3 Board Meeting held on March 21, 2014, the Board of Directors approved adding 3 new Novice year end awards beginning in 2014 and continuing into the future. The High Point First Year Novice Horse Award will continue to be donated by John P. Horne in 2014.

One of the new awards will also honor Dr. Joe Quintana, an exceptional contributor to Region 3's NATRC family who passed away last. The 3 new awards are:

1. Dr. Joe Quintana High Average Novice Horse Award
2. High Average Horsemanship Award
3. Novice Champion Horse Award

All 3 new awards will have the same criteria as Competitive Pleasure.

All 3 classes in the Novice division; Junior, Lightweight, and Heavyweight will be combined for the High Average Horse and High Average Horsemanship. Novice division horse and riders must enter a minimum of 75% of the rides per season to be eligible for year-end High Average Horse/Rider Awards. All rides started will be counted.

Novice Champion Horse Award. This will be a blanket with the name of the horse and year embroidered. Horses will be eligible for this honor when all the following requirements are met: (1) Horse is awarded at least one 1st place and one 2nd place (or two first places) in the Novice division; (2) Horse accumulates a minimum of 65 points in Novice division; (3) and only Region 3 rides will count toward this award.

Novice Division Eligibility for the current year-end high point placings will continue to be a minimum of three rides.

Check out the most recent "Hoof Print", page 56 and 57 to see proposed changes to National Awards for 2015.



NATRC CLINIC
Jennifer's Mountain Horse Farm
Eckert, Colorado
May 3 & 4, 2014

Maybe you tried a NATRC ride in the past and would like to learn more and sharpen your skills. Here is your chance to learn from Experienced, Award Winning NATRC Active and Retired Competitors. You will receive realistic "Hands On" that will mirror an actual NATRC ride, complete with an overnight experience of safe camping with your horse. This will be great preparation for the 2 local NATRC rides, Island in the Sky & Rabbit Valley.

Participants to receive a \$25.00 discount - Island in The Sky Ride or Rabbit Valley-2014.

We will be camping at Jennifer's Mountain Horse Farm in Eckert, Colorado which is just off of State Highway 65 between Delta and Cedaredge, Colorado. Bud and Estelle Holme's adjoining farm has a fabulous equine playground which will be one of the areas used during the clinic.

Fees:

\$50.00 (includes 3 meals) - Participants with horses (Limit 20)

\$30.00 (includes 3 meals) - Auditors without horse & not camping (Limit 5)

For more information please contact:

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or Juleen Feazell at 970 856-1173; email GJFEAZELL@TDS.net

Go to www.natrc3.org for an agenda of the clinic.



27th Annual Colorado Trail Competitive Ride, June 7 & 8, 2014

Buffalo Creek, CO June 7 & 8, 2014 Rider Limit: 60

Help us celebrate the 27th annual Colorado Trail Competitive Ride and enjoy our scenic trails. You will have views to the East of Long Scraggy Peak, the snow-capped Pikes Peak to the South, and Mt. Evans and Mt. Rosalie to the North and West. Terrain is varied with good footing over hills covered in conifers, grasses and aspen groves, speckled with creek crossings and punctuated with wildflowers. Large boulders piled in impossible formations provide unusual images to ponder as you ride. Portions of the trail are on the historic 488 mile long Colorado Trail that crosses the state from Denver to Durango.

Directions to Camp: From Denver- Go SW on US Hwy 285 to Pine Junction. Turn left at the traffic light onto Hwy 126(Pine Valley Road). Go 11 miles thru Pine Grove and Buffalo Creek and continue 3 miles farther to the top of a long hill. Camp is on the right and will have ribbons and signage to alert you for the turn. From the South, take Hwy 24 to Woodland Park and turn N on Hwy 67 to Deckers, Continue across the Platte River Bridge onto Hwy 126 and go about 15 miles. Just past FSR 550, look for signage and ribbons on the left and turn into camp.

Camp: Horse water will be provided by the North Fork Volunteer Fire Dept. Please bring people water. Certified Weed-Free hay is required by the USFS. Contact Ride Chair for possible availability of hay. Days can be warm and nights cool, so bring a blanket for your horse. Shoes are recommended. JW Green's Store carries some food, ice, supplies, and gasoline. It is located 3 miles North on Hwy 126 in Buffalo Creek. Leash laws are in effect for Jefferson County. All dogs must be secured at trailers when not on leash. Hay and manure must be scattered and grounds raked after the ride. The camp straddles the Colorado Trail.

Emergency Phone: Jeffco Sheriff's office (303).277.0211 or Ride Manager Linell Miller-Inman 303.644.5895, Cell 303.249.4960. Cell phones may not work at the camp site.

Schedule: Pre-ride vet check-in begins at 2PM Friday, June 6, until dark. Ride briefings for all riders will be held each evening.

Meals: Friday you are on your own. Saturday's potluck (Italian theme), with management providing the meat and drinks. Sunday lunch will be provided by management.

Awards: 1st thru 6th place ribbons in all divisions. Open and Novice Sweepstakes, CP Highpoint Combined. Breed awards as provided.

Rules: ride will be conducted under current NATRC rules. Distance Only (DO) offered for those who wish to compete in mileage only. Health Certificates and Coggins are required for out-of-state horses. Panels will be allowed, they must be attached to the trailer and no larger than 12x12

Judges: Vet - Bethany O'Brian, VMD Horsemanship: Priscilla Lindsey

Entry and Fees: Price includes all NATRC fees: \$115 Adult Member - \$125 Non Member, \$80- Junior member - \$90 Junior Non-Member. (Region 3 has Junior discounts, please check website). 1 or 2 Day DO, Saturday or Sunday or both \$115 members - \$125 non-member. Checks payable to: Lin Ward, 200 CR 326, Westcliffe, CO 81252

Deposit: \$40 due with entry and balance due at Ride check-in. Refunds until May 20, 2012, less \$15 administration fee. No Show, No Refund!

Management: Chair Linell Miller-Inman, 303.644.5895, lmiller.inman@gmail.com Secretary – Lin Ward, 719-371-6008, linward50@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS: We have a job for all of you, 1 or 2 days. If you are riding, ask your friends if they like to come help us and have some fun. PLEASE CALL-Linell or Lin.



Region 3 Special Awards Presented at Region 3 Convention

These awards were not previously listed in the Stirrup as we try to keep them secret so folks are surprised at the convention.

HI POINT FIRST YEAR NOVICE HORSE



Criteria for this special year end award given to the HIGH POINT Novice Horse in the horse's 1st year of competition. To be eligible, a minimum of 3 region 3 rides must be completed by the horse. Owner & Rider of horse must be a member of NATRC. This photo trophy was sponsored by John Horn.

- This was a very close competition, the winner of 2013's HI Point NOVICE HORSE, with 48 total points was Cadence, ridden by Nichole Tucker from New Mexico. Congratulation Nichole!

REGION 3 BEST MANAGED RIDES 2013

The Best Managed Ride award is voted on by the Region 3 embers each fall at the conclusion of the ride season. Tarryall River Romp was voted The Managed Ride for the 3rd Year in a row. Thanks to management of the dynamic duo of Susan Peters and Pam Galchutt. Pam flew to Grand Junction and opted not to bring the Best Managed Ride Traveling Trophy on the plane with her. Pam poses with the "wee" tag that goes with the Trophy. "Don't drop it Pam".



2013 BILL SMITH BUDDY AWARD was presented by Jerry Sims.



This award is given in honor of Bill Smith, Region 3's Best Buddy. The person or person receiving this award have been an outstanding BUDDY to all. This year the winners of this most coveted award at the Jim and Lin Ward.

2013 SUE BRETAG AWARD is another special Region 3 Award given to someone who made major contributions of time and energy to Region 3 during the year and is voted on by the general membership. Juleen Feazell was the recipient of this award for 2013.



2013 Region 3 CP HIGH AVERAGE HORSE & RIDER



Winner for 2013 = Nathan Arizona and Beth Sims = 196.648 average

(photo courtesy of Christy Cumberworth)

2013 REGION 3-RUTH TYREE HIGH AVERAGE HORSEMANSHIP AWARD.

This award is presented to the Open Rider in the region who has the highest average horsemanship score for 2013. The winner for 2013 Roxann Lane with average of 96.722.

(photo courtesy of Christy Cumberworth)



2013 REGION 3-KEN BURKDOLL HIGH AVERAGE COMBINED HORSE/RIDER.



This award is presented to the Open Rider in the region who has the highest combined horse and horsemanship score for 2013. The winners for 2013 were Touch's Yeller Gold and Gary Inman with the combined average of 193.388.

(photo courtesy of Christy Cumberworth)



Round Up for Success, Region 3 Convention Photos



Sharon Roper-Dashner, President of Region 3 Welcoming everyone to the Convention and conducting the General Membership Meeting. Sharon has a busy weekend as she was also the Chairperson for the Convention.



Andrea Datz of Integrative Horsemanship listens intently to a question from the audience. Andrea was a speaker at the convention.



Inez Throm talked to the group of Extreme Cowboy Challenge and her experiences of training Mustangs.

Worker Point Awards were given out by Beth Sims at the conclusion of Lunch.

Beth said "It Takes a Village" to put on a Competitive Trail Ride, 30 to 50 volunteers. To all our volunteers we extend a hearty THANK YOU for all that you do. Please accept our gratitude for your participation and contributions during 2013.



John Horn and Nichole Tucker receiving their 500 Worker Points Awards.



LouAnn Colby, Wendi Gist, and Dianna Thearin receiving 500 to 1500 Worker Points.



Sherri Halligan and Sharon Roper-Dashner proudly display their 2500 to 4000 Worker Point Awards



Gary Inman receives his 3,500 Worker Point Award and Pam Galchutt receives awards from 5,000 to 7,000. Pam was busy in 2013 giving her time to NATRC.



Linell Miller-Inman proudly display her 7500 Worker Points Pewter Plate.



Jerry Sims receives a Pewter Bowl for his 15,000 Worker Point Award.



The 100% Club members show off their Nice Blue Jackets. From Left to Right Jerry Sims, Beth Sims, Diane Wingle, Bill Wingle, Lin Ward and Jim Ward



Ken Wolgram shares the Acceptance Speech he gave at The National Convention for winning The President's Cup. If you were unable to attend either convention you can read Ken's heart felt speech in the most recent edition of "The Hoofprint". [Way to Go Ken, you make Region 3 PROUD!](#)

ADDITION TO THE AWARDS:

Roxann Lane was a Finalist in the National Overall Open High Average Horsemanship Award, The Polly Bridges Memorial Award. Roxann placed 3rd in the Nation. We missed it in the Jan/Feb Stirrup as well as the Awards Ceremony in Grand Junction. Way to go Roxann!



Jim and Lin Ward were the auctioneering team for the 2014 Ride Season. It was great fun as Ride Entries, Premier Parking Spots and Premier Check-In was auctioned for all 9 rides. The auction raised nearly \$2,559.00 for Region 3!!!!



These lovely ladies were the Novice Lightweight Division winners for 2013. Donna Dandy, Calleen Olson, Diane Chaffee and Susan Halterman.



Novice Heavyweight accepting Horse awards in honor of their horses were, Nicole Tucker, Teresa Milewski and Donna Lewis.



The Competitive Pleasure Year End Horse Award winners are Linell Miller-Inman, Jim Ward, Diane Wingle, Betty Wolgram, Beth Sims and Lin Ward.



Open Junior winner, Alexis Combs and Open Lightweight winner, Roxann Lane pose for their photo.



Open Heavyweight Winners, Ken Wolgram, Bill Wingle, Matt Baker, Madison Baker (nope, she isn't a open heavyweight winner, yet) and Gary Inman.



The Competitive Pleasure Year End Award winners gather to celebrate. Diane Wingle, Jim Ward, Lin Ward, Kay Gunckel, Louise Vasquez, Betty Wolgram and Beth Sims.



The winners of The Land of Enchantment Awards, Best Trail Horses in New Mexico were Tuner's Wild Card ridden by Lin Ward-CP, Mariah ridden by Bill Wingle-Open and Cadence ridden by Nichole Tucker



National Team Awards were present to these Lightweight Novice riders, Calleen Olson, Donna Dandy, Diane Chaffee, and Susan Halterman.



Open National Champions, Ken Wolgram, Roxann Lane, Matt Baker and Gary Inman



National Team Awards were present to these Heavyweight Novice riders, Nichole Tucker, Donna Lewis and Teresa Mileswski.



National Team Awards in the Competitive Pleasure, Jim Ward, Lin Ward, Diane Wingle, Linell Miller-Inman, Betty Wolgram and Beth Sims.



Thanks to Bill Wingle for taking the photos and them posting them on his web site www.nearbytrails.com.

Open National Team Award Winner, Maddie and Matt Baker, Ken Wolgram, Alexis Combs, Bill Wingle, Gary Inman and Roxann Lane.

Dear Region 3 members,

I would like to thank each and every one of you personally who came to our annual convention. We have so many hard working people in our region, and you help make my job as president and convention organizer so much easier.

The vendors were pleased to be a part of our group's activities and had nice comments about the members and their interest in what they had to offer.

We couldn't have managed without Pam Galchutt, Beth Sims and Louise Vasquez stepping in to help out. Thank you so much. And, Juleen Feazell did a fabulous job with the awards along with her helper Syndi Scott. Our silent auction was again a huge success with Diana Marquardt and Linell Miller-Inman at the helm keeping it moving along well. Thanks to Lin and Jim Ward for hosting our hospitality room and conducting the ride entry auction.

Our speakers did great presentations. We were introduced to some new ideas and new concepts in training that makes each of us think and evaluate our own effectiveness.

I would also like to thank those of you who encourage me with this endeavor - Jerry Sims, Pam Galchutt, Juleen Feazell and Betty Wolgram and all the rest of the region members. Thank you for your patience as I endeavor to "remember" all the details.

Ride season begins in earnest soon. See you all at some rides.

With appreciation,

Sharon Roper-Dashner, President Region 3



Make a Difference, Be a Mentor, by Callen Olson

As a new rider to NATRC, and this sport of Competitive Trail Riding, before my first trail ride a couple years ago, I thought "great, riding new trails on my horse, how much fun can that be? I'm an experienced rider, riding since childhood, this should be a breeze." I rode 2 rides that first summer, and was rather disappointed with myself, my horse and so many other things. I wasn't sure if I ever wanted to do this type of riding ever again.

Last summer, I decided to give it another try. But with the encouragement of a new found NATRC friend, I rode with a mentor for the first time. It changed my whole perspective on riding competitively! There were so many things I learned over the course of several rides with my mentor Betty Wolgram. She was not only patient with me, and my constant chatter (I'll admit I do enjoy visiting as I ride), but taught me how to pace my horse for the ever-changing trail, and maneuvering various obstacles at the horsemanship stops. She helped me understand my posture going up and down inclines, looking ahead, not at my horse! She gave advice for changing my attitude, to change my horses' attitude. It certainly has changed my approach on riding trails, competitively or for pleasure. At the end of the season, I actually had won a couple of ribbons. Had I not ridden with a mentor, I probably would not have been as likely to change my style of riding, and lost interest in riding NATRC all together.

I look forward to riding with other mentors this next season, and hope they will take me under their wing as Betty did. Show me more ways I can improve my riding skills and be a better horsewoman. Thank you to all the mentors out their teaching us 'new comers' how to be better competitors.



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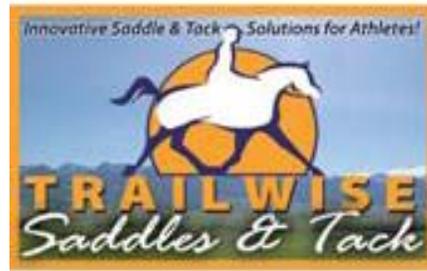


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**2014 General Membership Meeting Minutes**

2014 NATRC Region 3 ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: March 21, 2014; Location: Grand Junction, CO- at the Double Tree Hotel by Hilton

Call to order: 8:10 AM by Sharon Roper-Dashner, Region 3 President. Sharon welcomed everyone and said she was very pleased with the turn-out for the Convention.

Reading and Approval of Minutes from the 2013 Region 3 General Membership Meeting in Denver: Minutes were e-mailed to all members last week, so reading was not required.

Diane Wingle moved to approve the minutes with a correction to indicate that she was present.

Betty Wolgram seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approving the minutes as amended.

Roll Call of Incoming Board of Directors:

Present: Kay Gunckel, Diane Wingle, Bobbi Hansford, Diana Marquardt, Juleen Feazell.

Absent: Janna Combs (arrived later), Sandra Clayton (arrived later), Kerry Bingham, Donna Lewis

Acknowledgement of Outgoing Board Members:

Sherri Halligan, Pam Galchutt, Chuck Smith, Sharon Roper, Juleen Feazell, Susan Peters.

Acknowledgement of National Directors: Sharon Roper and Jerry Sims.

Sharon explained about the vacant National Board Member Alternate position: National President Kim Cowart will nominate the Alternate and the National Board will vote to approve the nomination in July. Sharon recommended Chuck Smith's name for nomination.

Summary of National Board Meeting by Jerry Sims: Rules changes effective for 2014 ride season; proposed rule changes to be discussed in July and to be voted on at November 2014 NBOD meeting.

Jerry is the National 'Recruit' Membership chairperson. There currently is not a "Retention" Membership chair. He reported that nationally, 353 riders were non-members last season, 44 of those are in Region Three. A data base will be started to track and contact non-member riders, headed by Betty Wolgram for Region 3. He stated that Region 3 has better awards than National's for CP and Novice placings. He advised everyone to look at "Hoof Prints" and give input to himself, Sharon and Kim, regarding the CP classes proposed (Advanced and Regular). CP Championship is also in consideration. All proposals will be voted on in November by NBOD. He said that the budget is at \$9,000 plus, and in the black for the 3rd year in a row. Sharon thanked him and noted that a lot of the National improvement proposals originate from Region 3.

Sharon thanked the vendors for attending the convention and urged everyone to support them. She also thanked Dianna Thearin for helping find speakers, and also Chuck for his help. She thanked Diana Marquardt and Linell Miller-Inman for handling the Silent Auction. Bill Wingle was thanked for being the photographer, Juleen Feazell for the Awards, Lin and Jim Ward for running the Hospitality Suite, all ride managers for 2013, as well as the hotel staff for their helpfulness, and to all those who donated goodies and/or cash and auction items this year.

2014 Rides: - new ride management teams for AFA (Steve Bishop was introduced as Co-Manager with Pam Galchutt and Susan Halterman, Secretary); - Purgatory (introduced Secretary Nicole Tucker) and said manager Kerry Bingham is having struggles with the USFS, so hopes the ride won't be prevented; - Chokecherry is waiting for a management team to be formed; - Ft. Bayard, NM is a new ride and she introduced Ride Manager Vicki Dowd, and urged everyone to support the rides. She urged others to take on management positions, because it is rewarding to give back by putting on rides.

Continuing rides are: -Navajo May 10-11 (40th anniversary) Cathy Cumberworth/Chuck Smith; USAFA Gen Albert P. Clark May 24-25, Steve Bishop, Pam Galchutt, & Susan Halterman; -Colorado Trail; Linell Miller-Inman & Lin Ward; -Purgatory, June 28-29, Kerry Bingham & Nicole Tucker; -Willow Springs, July 19-20, Bill & Diane Wingle; -Island in the Sky, August 2-3, Judy Mason, Juleen Feazell & Ole Morgan; -Chokecherry Canyon, Sept 20-21 but not yet sanctioned, Chuck Smith secretary; -Rabbit Valley, Oct 4-5, Sharon Roper & Juleen Feazell; - Ft Bayard, Oct 18-19, Vicki Dowd.



Cheryl Jarrett presented some very old, historic ride posters and flyers from 1986 Navajo Lake Ride, which she will give to Historian Chuck Smith. It had 56 riders!

Sharon introduced the newly elected Officers for 2014: President is Sharon Roper-Dashner; VP is Bobbi Hansford; Treasurer is Chuck Smith; Secretary will be Sandy Clayton. Linell commented that Chuck and John (newsletter) have a new baby girl, congratulated them, and suggested with 2 young children, they may need more help this year.

Sharon gave thanks and appreciation gifts to outgoing Directors and Chairpersons. Sharon reported that the Board Meeting the night before was lively, and minutes will go into the next newsletter.

President's Message: Sharon thanked everyone for their confidence in her. (The entire text will appear in the next newsletter)

Committee Chairpersons for 2014: Sharon announced the chairpersons and thanked them:

Worker Points: Beth Sims (who works hard all year)

Safety/Supplies: Linell Miller-Inman

Stirrup Editor: John Volkerding

Website: Chuck Smith

Ride Book Editor/ Ride Coordinator: Diane Wingle

Mileage and Awards and Special Awards: Juleen Feazell

Membership: Betty Wolgram

Publicity/Advertising/Social Media: Syndi Scott

Historian: Chuck Smith

Raffle: Jim Ward.

The minutes of the Friday night Region 3 Board Meeting will be in the next Newsletter.

Announcement: Sharon will have an Open House at her new store "The Cowboy Mercantile" in Fruita, on Sunday morning for anyone wishing to visit the store.

Adjourn: Motion by John Horne, second by Syndi Scott: all voted to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted by Pam Galchutt, (outgoing) Secretary



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