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**President's Message**

Hi all,

Can you believe the summer is half over and we are beginning to look at the last of our rides?! Willow Springs will be in full swing as of this writing, and I wish we could be there with all of you. Up next is Island in the Sky, then Chokecherry, and finally Rabbit Valley. Please note that the Ft. Bayard Ride had to be canceled.

Jerry Sims and I just returned from the National Board of Director's meeting in Denver. We will make a full summary of the board meeting in the next newsletter, but I would like to address the issue of changes in the CP classes that have been discussed over the last year.

As you will remember, we talked about dividing the Competitive Pleasure Division by one of three ways: by weight division to match what we do with Novice and Open Riders; by age division giving CP a senior class; and by experience to give the advanced riders who choose to ride CP instead of Open a place to compete. The National Board looked at all three options and have voted to keep the CP Division as it currently stands stating that the expense of a change is a big issue and the changes would create huge complexities which the regions would have to incorporate into their rides. Ride Management is a big job in and of itself, and the National Board does not want to add additional workload and expenses for these rides. Therefore, the proposed changes were defeated.

There are some exciting changes for our Novice and CP divisions in so far as awards are concerned. So, stay tuned for the details on this aspect.

I would like to encourage all of you to buy your raffle tickets for this year's raffle of a new Trailwise Saddle. The raffle sales so far are down from where we have been in the past years, and this fund raiser for the national organization is very important. Nationally our membership has declined around 30% over last year and this certainly effects all the areas our national organization covers for each of us.

Also, did you know that NATRC is featured on a morning radio talk show? Be sure to go to [www.horseradionetwork.com](http://www.horseradionetwork.com) and download the app on your phone or computer for "Horses in the Morning". These are recorded and can be listened to as a podcast. Some very good discussions and experienced guests are featured.

I hope you all are surviving the heatwave. Nice to get to the mountains for a little break, so we hope to see each of you on the trails soon.

Happy Trials,

Sharon Roper-Dashner  
 Region 3 President





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### From the Editor...

Since it is almost August and this is first newsletter since April, this will be our **Special Summer Edition!** It will cover May-August.



This is how marketers get us to buy "limited edition" items that we don't need and probably were just sitting on their shelves anyway because someone forgot to order enough or at the wrong time of the year.



It all about taking lemons and making lemonade!

~ John



**Navajo Lake CTR Results, May 11-12**

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 37  
Chair: Cathy Cumberworth  
Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Becky Rogers.

CP Combo: Danner/Miller-Inman, Linell  
Novice Sweepstakes: Rocky Top II/Koons, Pam-96.5  
Open Sweepstakes: Cedar Mesa Rushai/Mason, Judy Wise-96

Open Heavyweight  
1/2 Touch's Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary  
2/6 Gen's Rockin Shadow/Ward, Jim  
3/5 Magical Serenade/Halligan, Sherri  
4/4 Peanut/Baker, Matt  
5/1 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri  
6/3 Bookcliff Mountain Fire/Bingham, Kenneth

Open Lightweight  
1/6 Cedar Mesa Rushai/Mason, Judy Wise  
2/3 Turnner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin  
3/5 Sea Dragon/Walls, Lory  
4/4 Isis Khepri/Scott, Syndi  
5/1 Phantoms Masquerade/Lane, Roxann  
6/ GE Spartan/Jarrett, Cheryl  
/2 Hot Saki/Smith, Terri  
Sixes Peppy Lady/Feazell, Juleen  
Goldseekers Wish/Figg, Julie

Open DO  
Kenlyn Irish Rose/Young, Jane

Novice Heavyweight  
1/2 MSA Chloe/Harris, Tia  
2/1 Big Mac's My My/Wylie, Karen  
P Anna's Rhett Buttler/Grabbe, Susan

Novice Lightweight  
1/1 Rocky Top II/Koons, Pam  
2/2 Not a chance/Vanpoolen, Kirt  
P Escalante/Larsen, Lynda  
P Nightts Shaddo/Howell, Perran

Novice Junior  
1/1 Sweet Sue/Vanpoolen, Sydney

Competitive/Pleasure  
1/2 Danner/Miller-Inman, Linell  
2/4 Cadence/Tucker, Nicole  
3/ JOR Picasso/O'Brien, Wava  
4/ Rambler's Danny Rose/Carman, Jody  
5/ Royal's Rock'N EZ Cinnabar/Garrett, Betty  
6/3 Jack Said Take It EZ/Sumner, Susie  
/1 Cedar Valley's Torden Fjell/Ferganchick, Brandy  
/5 Precious Easy Aces/Bingham, Kerry  
/6 Smokey Sedona/Kafka, Karen  
Bailey's Angel Baby/VanPoolen, Hannah  
Tres Beau/Poulton, Jennifer  
P Dash of Quick Silver/Simons, Sandie  
DQ OcamiraCinsaBask/Lynn, Heloise

B-N/CP Total Riders: 5  
Chair: Cathy Cumberworth  
Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Becky Rogers.

Novice Sweepstakes: Grey Moon/Rubens , Mary-94.5

Novice Heavyweight  
1/1 Grace/Daney, Devon

Novice Lightweight  
1/1 Grey Moon/Rubens , Mary  
2/2 Royal Cimmeron/Wester, Jennifer

Competitive /Pleasure DO  
All The Rage/Brown, Kathy  
Brazos Blaze/Brown, Jeff



**General Albert P Clark Memorial Results, May 24-25**

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 50  
Chair: Stephen Bishop, Pam Galchutt  
Judges: Carter Hounsel DVM, Kim Cowart

CP Combo: Eduardo el Negrito Knight/Wingle, Diane

Novice Sweepstakes: Levi/Morgan, Dayna-97

Open Sweepstakes: Phantoms Masquerade/Lane, Roxann-97

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken
- 2/4 Peanut/Baker, Matt
- 3/2 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri
- 4/3 Touch's Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary
- 5/6 Mariah/Wingle, Bill
- 6/5 Magical Serenade/Halligan, Sherri

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 Phantoms Masquerade/Lane, Roxann
- P Regala de la Estrellas/Marquardt, Diana
- P GE Spartan/Jarrett, Cheryl
- P OcamiraCinsaBask/Lynn, Heloise

Open Junior

- P Lincoln/Combs, Alexis

Open DO

- DO-1 Stars Colton Bay/Gunckel, Kay

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/4 Levi/Morgan, Dayna
- 2/3 Big Mac's My My/Wylie, Karen
- 3/1 Solid Country Gold Skye/Conne, Linda
- 4/6 Thunder/Lewis, Donna
- 5/ Tuff/Horne, John
- 6/ Kaluha/McNiff, Sandra
- /2 Remington Steele/Bonham, Kat
- /5 Jazz on Parade/Carleton, Lindsay
- Emma Eliza/Clayton, Sandra
- Fargo/Krzykowski, Carol

Novice Lightweight

- 1/3 Solito/Strandquist, Jill
- 2/1 Maddie/Knoll, Silja
- 3/2 Sunrise's Buenos Dias/Adair, Amelia
- 4/5 Badger/Olson, Calleen
- 5/4 Cappuccino's Smokey Gold/Ehrich, Louise
- 6/6 Authentic/Lagasse, Candice
- P Zippo Dandy's Double/Harrison, Elizabeth

Novice Junior

- 1/2 Bubbles/Colazio, Zara
- 2/1 Kokopelli Moon/Brooker, Natalie
- 3/3 Kayenta/Brandt, Olivia
- 4/5 Pur Ty Rain Danc/Ware, Tori
- 5/4 Ting/Watson, Raina
- P Flippin Sand/Devino, Colleen

Novice DO

- DO-1 Becky C./Wylie, John
- DO-1 Johnnie/Bray, Elvis

Competitive /Pleasure

- 1/5 SAS's Aussie/Walls, Sharyl
- 2/1 Eduardo el Negrito Knight/Wingle, Diane
- 3/6 Winnie/Thearin, Dianna
- 4/ Danner/Miller-Inman, Linell
- 5/ Harlems Spirit of Denmark/Tarvin, Jill
- 6/ RR Skye Robyn/Chaffee, Diane
- /2 Classic Lines/Scott, Syndi
- /3 Indy/Dandy, Donna
- /4 Dukes Eternal Gold/Holder, Sharon
- MSA Chloe/O'Brien, Wava
- Summer/Wolgram, Betty
- Pride's College Boy/Bray, Sherrie
- Stormy White Magic/Vasquez, Louise



## Colorado Trail Results, June 7-8

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 48

Chair: Linell Miller-Inman

Judges: Bethany O'Brien DVM, Priscilla Lindsey

Novice Sweepstakes: Bubbles/Colazio, Zara-98

Open Sweepstakes: Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram,  
Ken-96

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken  
 2/3 Peanut/Baker, Matt  
 3/2 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri  
 4/4 Stars Colton Bay/Gunckel, Kay  
 5/5 Mariah/Wingle, Bill  
 6/6 Gen's Rockin Shadow/Ward, Jim  
 P Magical Serenade/Halligan, Sherri

Open Lightweight

1/1 Phantoms Masquerade/Lane, Roxann  
 2/2 Hank/Winter, Morgan  
 3/3 Turnner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin  
 P GE Spartan/Jarrett, Cheryl

Open Junior

1/1 Lincoln/Combs, Alexis

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Solid Country Gold Skye/Conne, Linda  
 2/4 Ford Mustang/Shoopman, Dan  
 3/2 Levi/Morgan, Dayna  
 4/3 Remington Steele/Bonham, Kat  
 P Fannie/Bishop, Stephen  
 P Big Mac's My My/Wylie, Karen

Novice Lightweight

1/2 Maddie/Knoll, Silja  
 2/3 Rocky Top II/Koons, Pam  
 3/ Cappuccino's Smokey Gold/Ehrich, Louise  
 4/5 Buffnugget G./Halterman, Susan  
 5/6 Authentic/Lagasse, Candice  
 6/4 Jasper/Brown, Gwen  
 /1 Sunrise's Buenos Dias/Adair, Amelia  
 P Badger/Olson, Calleen  
 P Electric Jazz/Grimes, Catherine

Novice Junior

1/1 Bubbles/Colazio, Zara  
 2/3 Ruby Red Slippers/Hein, Liza Jane  
 3/4 Sahara Summer/Conley, Gillian  
 4/5 Kayenta/Brandt, Olivia  
 5/ Pur Ty Rain Danc/Ware, Tori  
 6/2 Kokopelli Moon/Brooker, Natalie  
 /6 Ting/Watson, Raina  
 Versace's Fortune/Devino, Colleen

Competitive/Pleasure

1/3 Royal's Rock'N EZ Cinnabar/Garrett, Betty  
 2/1 Summer/Wolgram, Betty  
 3/5 Cedar Valley's Torden Fjell/Ferganchick,  
 Brandy  
 4/6 RR Skye Robyn/Chaffee, Diane  
 5/ SAS's Aussie/Walls, Sharyl  
 6/2 Eduardo el Negrito Knight/Wingle, Diane  
 /4 Stormy White Magic/Vasquez, Louise  
 CRR Boot Scootin/Roper-Dashner, Sharon  
 Regala de la Estrellas/Marquardt, Diana  
 Indy/Dandy, Donna  
 Ros Jabez/Dashner, Dave  
 MSA Chloe/O'Brien, Wava  
 P Classic Lines/Scott, Syndi



**2 Day Clinic A Success, by Juleen Fezell**

The weather cooperated at Jennifer's Mountain Horse Farm, in Eckert, Colorado on May 3 and 4 as 14 folks participated in the NATRC clinic. The Women's Surface Creek Saddle Club tried something new this year and made their annual NATRC clinic a 2 day event. Bob and Jennifer Nichols went out of their way to make sure everyone was comfortable and we had everything we needed at their lovely farm. We were camped out in a 2 acre pasture, water close at hand and plenty of room to spread out. Bob even made sure we had plenty of firewood for a lovely camp fire and helped facilitate an absolutely perfect evening with folks chatting around the fire until nearly 11pm.

The clinic attempted to mirror an actual ride and had folks arriving by noon, then getting registered and ready to Check-Horses In by 2pm. Trailer checks and methods for tying a horse safely to the trailer we paramount this year as participants we going to be spending the night.

Brandy Ferganchick and Judy Mason kicked the clinic off in Jennifer's indoor arena, with an overview of what NATRC is all about. Juleen Fezell and Kookie, were the demo team for Check-In with Brady explaining every detail. Brady then assumed the role as the horsemanship judge, while Juleen played the role of the vet judge. Each participant then checked their horses and learned how to move around the horse to protect the vet judge. A few had some problems with lunging their horses so professional trainers were standing by to help folks who needed further instructions. P&Rs were covered and practiced with the help of Judy Mason and Melanie Son. Then it was time for a delicious spaghetti dinner and briefing of Sunday's plan.

Sunday was a beautiful spring morning with a tack check and a demonstration by Brandy on the NATRC was to safely mount your horse. Everyone gave mounting a try over at Estella and Bud Holmes's Equine Playground. Eight natural obstacles were selected, demonstrated by a seasoned NATRC riders, Carolynn Andersen, Ole Morgan, Betty Garrett, Bobbi Hansford, Judy Brandy and Juleen. Syndi Scott took videos of the up and down hill obstacles and those were reviewed with riders during the lunch break.

The Equine Playground was the most fun and enlightening for many of the participants, however the trail ride had a great water crossing obstacle, which turned into a swimming hole for a few folks. The two day clinic was a bit more work since three meals were provide instead of just one. However the feedback was positive with most of the participants enjoying the camaraderie of meal sharing, laughs and stories that always seem to draw folks together around a camp fire. Those instructing didn't feel as rushed as in years past and spent more time explaining and demonstrating.

Paula Mitchell, Cedaredge, Colorado and her horse Sham practice lunging for Check-In.

Cassidy Lastine, Fruita, Colorado and her horse Grace do a great job of opening a rope gate while Juleen Fezell and Wende Gist keep a close eye.



Perran Howell and her young Arabian, gelding, Nights Shaddo, practicing stepping over a big log.

Wende Gist, from Fruita, Colorado and Nadrah practice some down hills steps.





Betty Garrett from Eckert, Colorado and Cinna head through the water crossing. Betty don't drop the clipboard.



Junior Rider, 10 year old Hadley Franklin from Meeker Colorado rides McClintock up a steep hill.



Brandy Ferganchick and Dodger have a little fun crossing and playing in the pond.





**REGION 3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES - June 7, 2014**

Place: Colorado Trail Ride

Call to Order: 2:10 p.m.

Board Members and Committee Chairs Present:

Sharon Roper, National Director, President; Sandy Clayton, District 2, Secretary; Diana Marquardt, Board member At Large; Janna Combs, Board member District 1; Diane Wingle, Board member District 2; Donna Lewis, Board member At Large; Kay Gunckel, Board member District 1; Juleen Feazell, Board member At Large (arrived late); Betty Wolgram, Membership Chair.

Board Members absent: Kerry Bingham, District 3; Bobbi Hansford, District 3; Jerry Sims, National Director

Review of March 21 Board meeting minutes. Minutes approved unanimously as corrected below:

Change "Board members present" to Board members and Committee Chairs present"

Page 2, line 9 change to read "experienced competitors who choose not to do open distance and pace"

Page 2, line 12 change "Mike Cooker" to "Mike Coker"

Page 2, line 17 change "953" to "353"

Page 5, line 4 change "Sanding" to "Standing"

Page 6, line 3 change "handled" to "handle"

Page 6 correct typo "ANNOUNCEEMNTS" to "ANNOUNCEMENTS"

Page 6 under "Announcements" use full names Brandy Ferganchick and Betty Garrett

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer was not present but had sent the report in Excel format. There were several discrepancies and concerns noted. The Board decided to defer approval of the report for further review. Sharon Roper stated she would discuss concerns with Treasurer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. National Board Report: Submitted by Jerry Sims

The only concern the Board had was the use of general references to "we" or "they". The board stated they would like to ask Committee chairs to use specific names or groups in their reports so that the Board can understand "whom" the reports are referring to.

2. National Raffle Update: Jim Ward, not present, no report submitted.

3. Stirrup Editor Report: John Volkerding, not present, no report submitted.

4. Ride Book/Ride Coordinator Report: Submitted by Diane Wingle

Diane reported that all revenues were collected and expenses were reimbursed. She had two booklets come back.

5. Publicity/Advertising Report: Syndi Scott

Syndi was not present. She sent word to Sharon that she would like suggestions for publicity. Several board members discussed 4H talks, going to the many Colorado horse clubs and giving presentations, writing articles, etc. At this time, the Board discussed work hour credits for giving these presentations and writing articles. The Board agreed that members should get work credit for this. The consensus was to include in a miscellaneous category for 50 points.

6. Historian Report: Chuck Smith, not present, no report submitted.

7. Supply/Safety Report: Linell Miller-Inman

Linell was not at meeting. Report was submitted through Sharon and Juleen Feazell. The report was broken into three categories:

Category one, P&R cards: After the report was written, Juleen Feazell stated that they located another large





box of P&R cards in various colors. It was agreed that when the Region got low, the Region would reorder the cards in five different colors.

Category two, Safety Supplies: After discussing the report, the Board discussed the concern that safety riders were not getting briefed adequately. Kay Gunckel stated she would write to all Ride Managers about the importance of adequately briefing ride personnel on national safety protocol.

Category three, Secretary Supplies: The board agreed that each area (Western Colorado, Front Range, and New Mexico) would monitor and control their own ride supplies, such as notebooks, dividers, pencils, pens, etc. and purchase in bulk and re-supply as needed. They would submit their receipts to the Region 3 board, who will reimburse the area.

Category four, PA and Walkie Talkies: There was concern by the supply chair as to who owned these items. Old time Board members stated that Region 3 owns them. The Supply Committee needs to take possession of these items and maintain them. There was concern about the older PA system and its future working condition. Diane Wingle offered to have Bill do some research on a new PA system and report back to the Board.

Kay Gunckel motioned for the board to accept all these changes. Sandy Clayton seconded the motion. All approved.

8. Awards Report: Juleen Feazell submitted new 2014 novice awards approved at the March Board meeting for final approval.

It had been recommended by Kay Gunckel to change the name of the High Average Novice Horsemanship award to "The Pat Jubb High Average Novice Horsemanship Award". All the new awards (Dr. Joe Quintana High Average Novice Horse Award, Pat Jubb High Average Novice Horsemanship Award, and Region 3 Novice Champion Horse Award) will be added to the Standing Rules and Procedures.

In addition, there was concern about whether John Horne, the current donor for the High Point First Year Novice Horse Award would want to continue to donate it. The board decided that the Region would also pay for this award if he decided not to sponsor it in the future. Juleen stated that she would contact him about it. Motion by Kay Gunckel, seconded by Diane Wingle, unanimously approved.

9. Worker Points Report: Beth Sims was not at the meeting. An excel format was submitted to the Board. Worker points need to be reviewed. To save time, Betty Wolgram agreed to make recommendations for changes to worker points in the Standing Rules and will send to Sharon to forward to Board members for up or down vote on these recommendations.

10. Nominating Committee Report: Bobbi Hansford  
Bobbi was not at the meeting. The board discussed the district changes and the impact on whether we would have to have a vote for changes in the Fall. This is discussed in detail below.

11. Webmaster Report: Chuck Smith, not present, no report.

12. Membership Report: Betty Wolgram  
Betty was at the meeting and explained report. The Board members agreed that each of us should look at the list of people who had not renewed, and if any of us know these persons personally, to consider calling them to discuss their renewal.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Donations honoring deceased members - tabled.

New Awards - review for incorporation in year-end awards for 2014 (Juleen Feazell).

Juleen felt that we had enough funding to cover the awards for the new Novice awards for 2014. Betty Wolgram stated that we should offer the choice of a halter/lead line combo or a blanket for the Region 3 Novice Champion Horse. The halter is lower cost.

Worker Points - covered in Worker Points report.

New Districts - approved at March, 2014, meeting and added to the Standing Rules & Procedures:

District 1 - All of Colorado east of the Continental Divide, plus Wyoming, Montana, Alberta, and Saskatchewan.

District 2 - All of Colorado west of the Continental Divide, plus Utah and New Mexico.



Eliminate District 3.

How do we incorporate for January 2015? Betty Wolgram will work on the transition of the district changes and consolidation of membership. Based on results, there may not be a need for a Fall election for regional board members. Betty will send information to Sharon before the board meeting. Diane Wingle motioned to approve these actions, Juleen Feazell seconded, board approved.

Competitive Pleasure proposed NATRC rule change - Advanced vs Senior vs HW, LT, Jr - further discussion and decision.

The Board discussed the history of the CP class. The majority felt that the CP class should not be changed. But if the National Board felt there needed to be a change, then Region 3 would prefer the change to be by weight like the other divisions. Kay Gunckel motioned to approve this board recommendation; Diane Wingle seconded it. All voted YES except Sandy Clayton who voted NO. Sandy's contention is that 20-30 pounds is not going to make a difference to most horses. But competing at 65 years old against a 40 year old can make a difference. OR, transferring over from novice to CP where a new participant in CP is now competing against persons with National Championships can effect a person's wanting even to compete any more or not.

Board gave unanimous final approval of changes to By-Laws (Article I, Sections 1 & 3; Article XI, Sections 1 & 2).

Standing Rules - There was discussion on the auctions for the premier parking, premier check-in/check-out, and auction of donated rides. These could be verbal or silent auctions to the highest bidder. Unanimous approval to add wording to Standing Rules.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Convention location for 2015: With the revision of the Districts, it was decided that it is New Mexico's turn to host the convention. The Board prefers the first to the middle of March due to possible April and/or May rides. Sharon Roper will talk to some of the New Mexico members about this event.

2. Criteria for new Year-End Awards - discussed earlier.

3. Clinic Guidelines for our website - Need someone to develop and give to John for Stirrup and Chuck for the website. Betty Wolgram noted that clinic information is available on the National website.

4. Benefit Rides - We need to define how much profit is to be given to the region for consistency. Sharon will discuss this issue with Ride Managers for their ideas and get back with the Board.

5. Additional Business: Mentoring a rider at or during an obstacle was discussed as this issue was presented to us for discussion. The Board agrees unanimously that this is inappropriate and should never be allowed. Betty Wolgram added that she is not aware of an NATRC rule that addresses this issue and that possibly the NATRC judges' committee should be asked to address such a concern.

Announcements: Next meeting will be held at the Chokecherry ride in Farmington, NM, Friday, September 19, at 2:00 p.m.

The Board meeting adjourned at 4:32.



With much sympathy to Susan Peters who lost her mother this summer.



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