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2021 Rides Region 1 NATRC - We have Rides!!

See Page 6 for information

NATRC is continuing educational webinars and online mileage and trail challenges that are open to all members. See www.natrc.org for details. If you have questions, please contact any of the board of director members. The names and contact information are listed in *Leadline* and on the Region 1 website at www.natrcregion1.org

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Chair's Column. . .

Notes from the Chair

Hello and thank you for being a part of this great group! NATRC Region 1, where it all began in 1961!

Let me introduce myself to those of you who are not familiar with me. Practically born on horseback (yes there is a photo somewhere of mom riding while pregnant with me), I have been on/around horses my entire life; I cannot think of a time that I have been without a horse. I started NATRC at the age of 17, did my first ride at the Wild Horse Valley in Napa on one of my sister's horses, with borrowed gear and sleeping on the ground... and I have never really stopped. Yes, there have been a few sabbaticals from competition at times, but never for long. I have participated in hundreds of rides over the years, in this region and two others. When I can't compete, I try to help out at rides by being a judge's secretary, P&R crew, ride timer, ride secretary, co-ride manager, ride manager, safety rider, as well as clearing and marking trail. I have helped put on both regional and national conventions over the years and been emcee at multiple conventions, I actually *enjoy* public speaking. Anyone who has been to one of my rides or conventions knows I can't seem to shut up for long.

Add to all this my many years in 4-H, FFA, the Great Pyrenees Club of California, showing dogs, Sonoma County search and rescue, serving on the water board in my little community, helping out with livestock evacuations in northern California during disasters, and doing livestock hauling in my spare time

But enough about me, I want to talk about *you*. Our region is really a community, a wonderful community of members from all walks of life and many different experience levels. But...we have become stagnant over recent years, with so few entering rides, so few helping out at rides, the same small core of burned-out ride managers over and over. No, COVID has not helped at all but it's time to move forward.

That's the negative...now here's the positive: Don't Panic! What can you do to help? You can *get involved*. There are many, many ways to accomplish this without even entering a ride.

Do community outreach, volunteer at rides, volunteer with your local equine organization, help put on clinics, advertise, encourage fellow riders in the sport or even trails advocacy. Put up NATRC info on bulletin boards in barns, stables, feed stores, tack stores. Get family and friends involved too; many of our rides have nice camping and local attractions. Attend board meetings! Yes, you are invited and even encouraged to attend. Get on a committee or just submit ideas.

We need ride managers, clinic organizers, people to find/suggest potential rides sites, mark trail, talk to administrative personnel at parks; even some of the ride secretary duties can be done remotely.

Juniors, you can be a tremendous help to NATRC too! What can we do for you? How can all of us make this more interesting/fun/attainable? Juniors can do outreach, too, by speaking at local 4H and FFA meetings, discussing how NATRC and horses in general have impacted their lives. NATRC wants your opinion and suggestions; they are very valuable.

We can do this together!

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Watch web site for ride results
Coming Soon



Minutes of NATRC Region 1 Board of Directors Meeting

Held via Zoom videoconference

19 May 2021

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by acting Chair, Maria Pilgrim.

Present: Jamie Dieterich, Karen Smart, Maria Pilgrim, Angie Meroshnekoff, Steve Meroshnekoff, Donna Stidolph, Stephanie Swain, Kris Skoog, and Linda Thomason

Guest: Trisha Tanaguchi.

Election Results - Confirmed:

Linda Thomason re-elected to a 1-year term; Karen Smart elected to a 3-year term.

Election of Officers:

Chair – Stephanie nominated **Maria Pilgrim**, Linda seconded – all agreed

Secretary – Jamie nominated **Stephanie Swain**, Maria seconded – all agreed

Treasurer – Jamie nominated **Linda Thomason**, Maria seconded – all agreed

Secretary's Report:

Donna moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held 19 November 2020, Steve seconded - all agreed.

Treasurer's Report:

Account Balance: \$21,143.16 as of 4/30//21 (includes \$340.00 profit from April clinic)

Very little activity in 2020.

Committee Reports:

Physical Resource Coordinator: Linda Thomason – resource list provided via email.

Historian: Donna Stidolph – No update.

Wonder Workers: Steve Meroshnekoff - No update.

Points/Membership: Donna Stidolph – Jamie has made updates as information becomes available. Donna and Linda are on national membership committee. There are three databases which have been slow to catch up following the reversal to annual expiration date for membership.

Publicity/Outreach Coordinator: Linda Thomason – Kris and Donna helped get ride dates into various publications; Linda posted ride dates with eight local organizations. Three new riders came to Cowboy Camp from the April clinic; six from Debbie's clinic. Linda will send e-blast for Eel River ride; Angie boosted Eel River ride on Facebook.

The Leadline: Karen Smart – next issue will be the Summer Leadline. Need official Cowboy Camp ride results. 7/1 deadline; 7/15 publishing date.

National BOD Report: Angie Meroshnekoff – summary of clarifications and proposed rule changes for 2022 and how the Region 1 Board of Directors voted:

1. For a Junior Competing membership, the rider must be under the age of 18 at the beginning of the ride year. In a Family Competing membership, the Junior must be under the age of 18 as of January 1. **The proposed change would make both dates, to be under the age of 18 as of, the same - the beginning of the ride year.** Region 1 - YES

2. The proposed change would allow membership in multiple regions. There are snowbirds who live in one region in the summer, another in the winter. Some riders are close to two regions and compete in both. **The proposed change would let riders be eligible for regional awards in more than one region if they paid the required dues** – which are still being deliberated. Region 1 - YES

3. **The proposed change would correct region definitions.** The map of the regions in the United States continues north into Canada, and the Canadian territories have changed since the definitions were incorporated into the Rule Book. This would make the definition of region boundaries more consistent with the map. Region 1 - Yes

4. This proposal would **clarify that having won national awards in Open or CP would make a rider ineligible to compete for national year-end awards in the Novice Division.** But we would not want to exclude Novice national year-end award winners from competing in the Novice Division. Region 1 - YES

5. We have received repeated requests to consider lowering the age for junior riders. **The proposal would lower the age from 10 to 8.** Juniors under 10 would have to be able to care for their horse with minimal assistance and would have to ride with a sponsor. Region 1 - NO

6. Hoof boots and pads were not allowed for many years. "Temporary hoof protection" referred to boots such as Easy Boots which could be used until a shoe was replaced. We now allow hoof boots, so the term "temporary hoof protection" is no longer appropriate. **This proposal would delete the reference to temporary types of hoof and leg protection from DO and LeD.** Region 1 - YES

7. **Standing wraps and compression socks would be allowed during stabling.** Ice boots are allowed now, but the proposal would move the statement from the Drug Rule Appendices to the Rule Book. Region 1 - NO

Region 1 Website: Donna Stidolph – no update other than posting of entry forms. Angie to send entry for Eel River to Donna for website.

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In Memoriam

Submitted by Linda Thomason

Recently Region 1 lost two well-known NATRC supporters: Jim Jeffers and Maryetta Stebbins. Those of you who have been in the sport for awhile rode with or worked rides with both of these folks for many years. They will be missed but live on in the many memories we shared with them.

Jim Jeffers



Jim and his wife Jan started with NATRC in 1972 at the Gilroy Hot Springs Ride. Then in 1976 Jim received his horsemanship judging card, and for many years he enjoyed working the rides as judge. He, along with Jan, also managed several rides as well as helping out at numerous clinics throughout Northern California including the Horse Expo in Sacramento. I recall an early clinic (in the late 80's I believe) in the Gilroy area where Jan was instructing people on proper mounting technique. Jim was her demonstration rider. Jim walked out in the most outlandish multi-colored tights, bright shirt and decorated helmet. We all cracked up and could hardly keep a straight face during the presentation due to Jim's antics. He had a wicked sense of humor.

Jim and Jan Jeffers were also very instrumental in negotiating NATRC's corporate sponsorship with Sundowner Trailer Corporation from 1998-2003.

Jim applied his talents as an illustrator and for many years did all of the cartooning for *Hoof Print*. You may remember his design for the official 2004 convention t-shirt featuring a horse seated at the slots, happily winning a ton of carrots. The convention was held at the Silver Legacy Hotel, so of course the horse became our convention mascot and was named "Silver".

In the 1980's Jim served on the national board of directors and was co-chair of the Judges Committee. When not involved with horses, Jim could be found toying with his miniature train setup on his Gilroy property or touring on his motorcycle.

Jim was involved in many aspects of NATRC and enjoyed sharing his talents and time to promote competitive trail riding. In 2009 Region 1 honored Jim and his wife Jan with the Jim Menefee Honorary Lifetime Membership Award for their tireless work and support of the sport and Region 1.

Jim Jeffers passed away May 25th, 2021.



Maryetta Stebbins

Maryetta had been involved with NATRC since the early 1970's. She was an excellent horsewoman who took her horse, Pisano, to a National Championship the first year she competed him. After competing for many years, she began to manage rides. She was involved with the Dale Edgar Memorial Ride for many years, helped Emma McCrary with the Swanton ride, and helped organize numerous clinics. She also served many "tours of duty" as a rules interpreter, judge's secretary, P&R team member, ride cook, ride timer and basically wherever else help was needed. In 2002 she drove all the way to Oregon to volunteer as a timer for the ride.

She represented Region 1 on the National Board of Directors, served as the national treasurer, the *Hoof Print* Editor and chair for three national conventions, including the 2004 R1 convention in Reno, Nevada - the same convention that featured Jim's drawing of Silver as the convention mascot! She wore many hats over the years tirelessly supporting Region 1. In 2002 she was awarded the Max Barmettler R1 Honorary Lifetime Membership Award in recognition for her many years of supporting NATRC.



Maryetta Stebbins, Convention Chairperson, Diane Uchytel, Hospitality Suite Volunteer, Betty Young, Secretary

I remember her as one of the Pink Flamingo ladies back in the days when I first got into the sport. They were called the "Lovely Ladies of the Flamingo Lounge", the lounge being a van that belonged to R1 member, Pat Fischer. The Flamingo Ladies set up Bert and Ernie, their flaming pink flamingos, around their campsite at many rides. Maryetta would pull into camp with her motorhome, her large standard white poodle, and set up her pink flamingos. It was quite entertaining, although many of the horses were not so impressed.

One ride morning she was in charge of making coffee for the judges. You all know how important that first cup of early morning coffee is to jolt you awake for the ride. Well, you can imagine the looks on everyone's faces when they realized that she had made them DECAF!. Continued

In Memoriam continued

Maryetta Stebbins - continued

Maryetta had an unforgettable laugh, and you could always tell when she was around in camp. She was a very approachable person, and one of her greatest contributions was her mentoring and clinics. She helped introduce dozens of people to competitive trail riding. I don't know how the name originated, but Maryetta was often referred to in Region 1 as "Mother Maryetta". After retiring from competing, Maryetta continued to help at rides until she moved out of state to be closer to her family.

Maryetta was born Christmas Day, 1931, in Little Rock Arkansas. She passed away May 21, 2021 in Soquel, California.

Honorary and Appreciation Nominations due Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

Ruth Mesimer, Honorary and Appreciation Chair

Jim Menefee NATRC Lifetime Achievement
Workers Hall of Fame
National Appreciation
Regional Appreciation for National Recognition

PROCEDURE

Brain storm with your fellow region members and prepare write-ups for deserving folks in your region. Submit nominations and write-ups to your region's BOD for approval. **PLEASE**, keep the word limit in mind on each nomination and submit in Word format.

A person designated by each region's board forwards the approved nomination write-ups to the Honorary and Appreciation Chair.

Your national board members receive all of the approved nominations and make their selection at the November 13, 2021 meeting. NATRC presents the awards to the chosen recipients at the following national convention.

CRITERIA

Jim Menefee NATRC Lifetime Achievement Award - awarded one time only to an individual. Each region may nominate one NATRC member for the award. The national BOD selects one. The recipient gives a brief speech upon accepting the plaque at the national convention. This award honors Jim Menefee, a favorite judge who was especially encouraging to Novices and first-time competitors. ***Write-up limited to 400 words.***

Workers Hall of Fame - one time only to an individual, pair or couple. Each region may nominate one member for the award. The BOD selects one or more at their discretion. ***Write-up limited to 400 words.***

National Appreciation Award - each region may nominate one member for this award. The BOD selects three. A recipient can be eligible only once every 3 years. ***Write-up limited to 200 words.***

Regional Appreciation Award for National Recognition - each region may nominate up to three members for recognition. Nominees may be individuals, pairs, or groups such as ride sponsors or clubs. ***Write-up limited to 200 words.***

**PLEASE CONTACT YOUR NATIONAL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES, ANGIE MEROSHNEKOFF,
OR JAMIE DIETERICH, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE SOMEONE**

2021 Ride Schedule

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When (if) entry forms are available, we'll put links to printable registration forms for all rides in the table below. You can also sign up on-line at RMS, the [NATRC Ride Management System](#), and many of our rides allow you to pay on-line.

Oh yeah. NATRC Region 2 (their rides are pretty much in So Cal and Arizona) isn't that far away and their rides are great, too - [check out what they have to offer](#).

And most of our events will offer Leisure rides, designed to let riders figure out if NATRC is for them. A description of what's involved is [here](#).

Translation of ride types and divisions: An "A" ride is two days, a "B" ride is one day ride on Saturday. We don't have any this year, but a "B2" ride is a one day ride on Sunday. The divisions are O, CP, N and L. Sooo, "O" is Open, "CP" is Competitive Pleasure, "N" is Novice, and "L" is Leisure. So when you see "A" O/CP/N "B" N/L in the ride descriptions below that means there's a two day ride with Open, Competitive Pleasure and Novice divisions, and a one day ride on Saturday for Novice and Leisure divisions. There's more info about the divisions in the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section of the website.

| Ride Type & Date | Entry Forms | Ride Name/ Management | Phone | Email |
|--|---|---|---|--|
| April 24 | COMPLETE Ride Entry and Volunteer Forms | Spring Kick-Off Linda Thomason | Loomis, CA (510) 708-1439 | linda.thomason0610@gmail.com |
| May 15-16 "A" O/N/CP "B" O/CP/N/L May 15-16 | COMPLETE Ride Entry and Volunteer Forms | Cowboy Camp Maria Pilgrim | Williams, CA (707) 217-3582 | wolves1961@sbcglobal.net |
| June 19-20 "A" O/N/CP "B" O/CP/N/L | COMPLETE Eel River Entry and Waivers | Eel River Steve Meroshneoff Sec: Maria Pilgrim | Potter Valley, CA (707) 743-9973 (707) 217-3582 | iambrewing@aol.com wolves1961@sbcglobal.net |
| July 25-26 "A" O/CP "B" N/L | COMPLETE Lazy Mountain Entry and Waivers | Lazy Mountain Trail Adventure Cindy Bonine Sec: Claudia Sihler | Palmer, AK (541) 517-2878 (907) 355-2521 | Bonine99@aol.com bettercompanion@gmail.com |
| August 22-23 "A" O/N/CP "B" O/CP/N/L | Jackson Forest Ride Entry & Waivers | Jackson Forest Summer Steve Meroshneoff Sec: Maria Pilgrim | Fort Bragg, CA (707) 743-9973 (707) 217-3582 | iambrewing@aol.com wolves1961@sbcglobal.net |
| October 16 "B" L Limit 40 | No entry forms yet | Cool Canyon Leisure Ride Terry Reed Sue Flagg | Cool, CA (925) 890-2144 | hrAFlame@hotmail.com janismom57@gmail.com |
| Oct-03 "A" O/CP "B" N Limit: 45 | Round Valley Ride Entry & Waivers | Round Valley Regional Park Gene Boicelli Sec: Linda Thomason | Brentwood, CA (925) 672-6491 (510) 708-1439 | geneboicelli@gmail.com linda.thomason0610@gmail.com |

Junior Rider Rebate

Junior riders who are NATRC members by the second Sunday in November of a ride year and complete 3 or more rides in that same ride year are eligible to receive a rebate of \$30 per completed ride for up to 3 rides. Deadline to apply is December 1.

Please contact Linda Thomason, R1 Treasurer, for more details

Spring Kickoff Trail Riding Clinic April 24th, Loomis CA.

A big thanks to the great group of horse folks who attended the Spring Kick-off trail riding clinic at the Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association arena in Loomis, CA. All of us involved in the clinic appreciate the support of the Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association for allowing us to rent their facility and to use their obstacles. Although we weren't able to come up with a workable PA system, the two clinic instructors were creative and managed to do without.



Twenty-three participants attended Saturday which is a large group for a training clinic. We ended up with more entries than two instructors were able to accommodate and had to turn away some of the applicants. My apologies to those who couldn't register- hopefully next year! I think that after spending 2020 sequestered, many folks were eager to enjoy a group horse event. The facility was large and people were able to spread out and feel comfortable. The day started off with a "parking obstacle" as we asked participants to back into their parking spots so we could accommodate the large number of rigs and facilitate departures in the afternoon. Thought to self: I think we could offer a trailer clinic for trailer safety and maneuvering. Will put it on the list for future ideas!

Our clinic instructors were Debbie Murphy and Terryl Reed. Debbie Murphy is a current Region 1 Leisure Division judge while Terryl Reed rode NATRC for many years and used to be a Region 1 Horsemanship Judge. With their many years of experience, they were able to provide not only useful information for the group but many stories from their past adventures. The riders and horses represented all levels of skill and experience. When you have such a great mix, participants learn from each other as well as the instructors.

The day started with arena work consisting of both in hand and mounted work. The participants were divided into two groups, and each instructor went over the reasons why in-hand work is important. You must be able to handle your horse safely for the vet, the farrier, and when you're on the ground with your horse. The riders took a short break and returned saddled up for "the trail". Tack safety was discussed, and the instructors went over the different types of tack and how to properly adjust it. After mounting, a sample of trail obstacles was introduced, and each horse/rider pair was guided through them. There was some trial and error, but it was fun and a good learning experience for all. The day was long and folks were getting tired (especially our poor instructors who had to stand in the sand arena all day), so there was little time for practicing on the ½ mile trail surrounding the arena. However, all participants were exposed to pulse and respiration checks and reminded that we should all be able to do this not just to monitor our horse's conditioning program but to provide information to the vet in case of emergency.

The clinic was a good opportunity to expose young horses to groups as well as a tune up for those experienced horses and riders. The feedback was positive and everyone felt that the experience was beneficial as well as fun. I hope to see some of the clinic participants at a Region 1 NATRC ride, applying what they learned at the clinic. See you on the trails in 2021.
Linda Thomason, Spring Kickoff Clinic Chair 2021

For information on NATRC competitive trail riding and NATRC Region 1, check out the following sites. Please share this information with friends and fellow riders.

NATRC Region 1 Information:

www.natrcregion1.org This is the Region 1 website where you'll find the ride schedule, stories and photos from prior rides. You'll also find the Judge's Corner where a Horsemanship Judge answers questions. Additionally, the contact information for the Board of Directors for Region 1 is also listed.

The Region 1 Facebook page CTR discussion group:

Here you can virtually meet with fellow riders, have discussions and find answers to many questions as well as learn what's going on with the trails and horse camping in your area.

The NATRC National website:

www.natrc.org

Non-members have limited access to material on the national website whereas members have additional material that can be accessed. Membership information is located here as well as information from the many regions across the U.S. The NATRC Rider's Manual is located here (for members) as well as information for putting on clinics and rides. Lots of good stuff!

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Ride/Clinic Management: Jamie Dieterich – Linda has been investigating three potential new rides for 2022: (1) Spenceville (Grass Valley area) (2) Skillman (3) Skyline Park (Napa).

Region 1 Benefit Ride – Linda – Higher expenses than for past rides, so profit will be less. Raffle earned ~\$300.00, Silent Auction ~\$1040.00; final report not completed yet. Maria – group of riders camped away from the main group; rule book specifies “designated area” – this needs to be addressed. Additionally, there was a horse at the ride which got out of control with the Junior rider unable to manage it.

Trails Advocacy Coordinator -Trisha Taniguchi - BLM is looking for volunteers to perform trail maintenance work.

Judging Issues – Angie Meroshnekoff, Jamie Dieterich – training of LeD judges is currently the biggest issue; if more than 20-25 LeD riders, a second judge is needed; limit for number of LeD riders to be added to sanction application/entry forms.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lynge Groverman (Simoni) has offered another \$500 grant for the 2022 Skyline ride, as well as \$500.00 for “pony awards” (need clarification from Lynge as to what she means by this).

Fundraising – made \$340.00 from Spring Kickoff Clinic in April 2021.

LeD Breed Awards – Angie to donate framed picture for year-end awards.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jamie moved to formally propose a revision of R1 bylaws so the R1 BOD terms coincide with NBOD elections; that all terms run from January 1 through December 31; Donna seconded. All agreed

Due to situation at Cowboy Camp (rider attempting to compete with a bareback pad), there needs to be clarification on the definition of a saddle. Angie said this will be brought up at the next NBOD meeting, as this also makes a pre-ride tack check important at the start of the ride.

Need procedure in place to deal with dangerous horses – Angie to pursue this at NBOD meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

Time: 1:00 pm

Date: 07 September 2021

Location: Zoom videoconference

CLOSE OF MEETING:

Stephanie Swain moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm, seconded by Steve Meroshnekoff. All agreed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Swain

A Ride Called Quarry By Karen Smart

Once upon a time there was an NATRC ride called “Quarry”. It was a fun ride through the American River canyon from Auburn to Cool and beyond and always had a big turnout. Many horses were desensitized on that ride – by helicopters and freight trains, what fun. And on Saturday night we were serenaded by the roar of stock cars racing on the nearby track. Camp wasn’t far from conveniences so a short drive (or walk if you wanted) to the store for ice and whatever else was needed.

There was one drawback and it was a goody – it was always hot – very hot!! It was a big open space with no source of water except horse water, and no shade. The folks back in camp must have suffered a bit during the day – at least the riders got a bit of a dip in the river.

On one of those rides, late in the afternoon after most everyone was back in camp, we heard a sound, something from our childhood. It was almost like a dream but when we all spotted it we couldn’t believe our eyes for what we all saw was – the Ice Cream Man in his little truck – music playing. I never found out how he knew we were there but it was



Eel River Photos



Thank you
Linda Winfield



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Spring issue - Submission: April 15; Publication: May 1
Summer issue - Submission: August 1; Publication: Aug. 15
Fall/Winter issue - Submission: Dec 15; Publication: Jan. 1

Advertising rates per issue:

Full page—\$40
Half page—\$20
Quarter page—\$10
Business card—\$5

Classified ads are free to Region 1 members in good standing, one per issue, up to 30 words. Submit ads to the Editor via email or as hard copies via regular mail; hard copies will be scanned as submitted. Make checks payable to NATRC Region 1.

Cowboy Camp Photos



Thank you
Karen Smart

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NATRC 2021 VIRTUAL CHALLENGES

<https://www.natrc.org/virtual-mileage-challenge-2021-1>

Virtual Obstacle Challenges <https://natrc.org/virtual-challenges-1>

The Virtual Obstacle Challenge Series is back for summer 2021! Because ride competition has resumed, the summer obstacle challenge has a slightly different format than last year. For the summer 2021 series, we offer three separate challenge sets, each one containing three obstacles. You may choose to do one, two or all three sets. It's what works for you!

The series is again broken into four experience brackets with awards given to those with the top scores in each bracket. To be eligible for an award, you must submit at least three videos out of the nine obstacles offered. That could be a video from each set, or any combination thereof. Each set is \$15 per entry. You may enter multiple equines.

The 2021 Virtual Obstacle Challenge schedule is:

Challenge Set 1 runs May 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021. We shared the obstacles for this challenge set in our NATRC Facebook group, regional and national websites, and E-News. The deadline for submitting videos is 11:59 pm, June 30, 2021. At that time, the first challenge set will close to entries.

Challenge Set 2 runs July 1, 2021 – August 31, 2021. We will release the obstacles for this set on July 1, 2021. You may submit your videos anytime until 11:59 pm on August 31, 2021. At that time, the second challenge set will close to entries.

Challenge Set 3 runs September 1, 2021 – October 31, 2021. We will release the obstacles for this set on September 1, 2021. You may submit your videos anytime until 11:59 pm on October 31, 2021. At that time, the final challenge set will close to entries.

Go to natrc.submit.com to register and submit your videos.



Remember to Log your Training/Non-Competitive Miles for the 2021 Virtual Mileage Challenge

Don't forget to log your non-competition miles! The Virtual Mileage Challenge for 2021 runs December 01, 2020 – October 31, 2021. This is where you get credit for all those casual riding miles and conditioning miles (non-competition miles).

Those with the highest mileage totals for each bracket at the end of the challenge will receive awards. It is easy to register and submit your miles. Simply fill out a Mileage Challenge application at natrc.submit.com and click save (not finish). The \$50 participation fee applies to the whole year. Multiple equines? Just complete one application per equine and let the fun begin! Then as you ride, you fill in the date, mileage, etc. on the log table in your account and watch your miles add up! Each time you add to your log, click save (not finish).

Be sure to tell your friends about our Virtual Challenge options. We'd love to have them join in on the fun and introduce them to NATRC. The first-time free membership applies to those who would like to join us virtually.

Did you know that NATRC has a youtube channel?

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