

# The Leadline



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## TAIL WINDS

Another ride season has become history. My sincere thanks to all our ride managers, new and old, and their support crews and volunteers for all their hard work putting them on!! There would be no rides without them. This issue of the Leadline contains all the Year-End horse and rider results, so everyone should double check their own and address any questions to our Point/Membership guru, Jim Ferris.

It is also time to gear up for our Convention in February. Each region hosts the National Convention every six years and it is our turn again. We last hosted it in 2004 in Reno, where it is again this time. It was one of the largest NATRC National Conventions ever held and the first time it was in conjunction with AERC. Sue Flagg is Chairwoman for the 2010 Convention and has arranged for another spectacular event. Everyone needs to plan to attend. You will get to see many of the top competitors from other regions "up close and personal" as well as get to attend meaningful presentations by knowledgeable people in our sport and "shop 'til you drop" at the multitude of vendors who will be there. Many, many thanks to Sue for heading up this year's event!!

The Region 1 portion of the Convention will be held on Sunday morning when Region 1 Year-End awards will be presented and the Region 1 Annual Membership meeting will be held. This meeting is where the R1 Board members are elected. There will be three seats up for election, one of which will be for a one-year term. Hopefully, there are some of you out there who would like to serve on our Board of Directors and help share the load of running our organization. Anyone who wishes to do so should provide a written ballot statement, snail mail or e-mail, to Sue Flagg, our R1 Secretary, by January 1st so it can be included on the ballot to be voted at the convention.

Best wishes to all for a happy holiday season filled with family and friends. Hope to see all of you at the 2010 Convention.

*Phil Young, Chairman*

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## From the Editor . . .

While most of Region 1 has yet to experience "winter" weather, here in Alaska we have been immersed in winter for a couple months now. The snow came late - there was debate whether we'd have a white Halloween - but it did come. And yes, we did have a white Halloween, but only by a few days. Since then, we have run the gamut of temperatures, from WAY above normal to WAY below normal. Overall, it has been a mild winter so far, by Alaskan standards, with below normal snowfall.

My gang of critters are all doing fine. They are enjoying their winter down time and getting fat and furry. Since I have come into possession of a work-style harness that fits a 15 hand horse, my long-time CTR mount, Bill, has been put to work earning his keep as a pseudo draft horse. I trained him to drive several years ago, and now we are putting his driving talents to work hauling firewood, hay, manure, the arena drag and anything else that's too heavy to drag around by human power. He never fails to start in the cold, like the 4 wheeler or the tractor, and he doesn't require an engine heater to get him going! Just keep him stuffed with hay, a little grain and some water and he's good to go!

My plans are all in place to attend the National Convention in Reno in February. I'm looking forward to seeing those of you I already know and getting to meet more of you that I don't know. Do come look me up while you're there.

Please do everything you can to support all the NATRC national sponsors. Elaine Swiss has been doing a great job at getting these sponsors on board and we all need to do our part to support her and them. They are important to the future of our sport. Be sure to let the sponsors know their support of NATRC is very valuable to you.

There is a tentative 2010 Ride Calendar included in this issue. Look it over and start making your plans now to get to as many rides as you possibly can. The details on all these rides will be filled in as the dates get closer. For you adventuresome souls, think about including the Bald Mountain Butt Buster in Wasilla, Alaska on your calendar. Trust me, you won't be disappointed! It is one AWESOME ride! And if you don't want to bring your own steed, I'm sure we can network to find you a mount.

Also, please remember that this is YOUR newsletter, not mine. I'm just the instrument to compile YOUR news. So send me your ride stories, long or short, ideas for articles that you'd like to see published, or any other input or feedback about the newsletter. I look forward to hearing from all of you!

*Laurie Knuutila*



A second job for a long-time CTR horse - hauling firewood, with some help from the doggies.

## 2009 Region 1 Year End Point Standings

### ATTENTION ALL RIDERS!!!

The Region 1 BOD decided this year to change its' practice regarding ties for Year-End awards. Just like ride awards, Region 1 Year-End awards are supposed to be for the top six horses/riders. Unlike ride awards, ties are not broken for Year-End awards (there is no way to do that). Past practice dictated that if there were ties for a placing, let's say there was a three-way tie for third, the next placing awarded would be fourth. In actuality, since there were five scores higher than this fourth place finisher (first, second and three thirds), their placing should be sixth, not fourth.

This past practice often resulted in a significant number of extra awards over and above the six intended. Starting this year an award placing will be based on how many scores are higher, as in the latter interpretation above. There will be no more than six awards given unless ties require it. There are many ways this could happen (check out the CP Horse placings) but, as a simple example, a seven-way tie for first would result in seven awards, all first place with no second through sixth.

This year's awards are shown using this new method. Everyone should check his or her own results carefully. If you have any questions about your own results or this new method of figuring placings, please contact our Points/Membership Chairman, Jim Ferris.

<b>Competitive Pleasure - Horse</b> Thru 10/10/2009				
<u>PI/ Horse/Breed</u>	<u>Rider</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>1st Yr</u>
1 Majnu / Arab	Dillard, Ashley	40	120	
2 Stealth Knight / H-Ar	Boicelli, Vicki	39	180	
2 Symplicity Sue / Arab	Arnold, Susan	39	140	
4 OM El Shakeeb Dream /Arab	Dillard, Joe	22	120	
5 Victory Glow / Arab	Yeagley-Brown, Dannan	16	60	*
6 Garnet / Grade	Lieberknecht, Kay	10	60	
6 MJ Abiad Amir / Arab	Ferris, Jim	10	60	
8 Cimarron AL / Arab	Armer, Jean	8	40	

<b>Novice Heavyweight - Horse</b> Thru 10/10/2009				
<u>PI/ Horse/Breed</u>	<u>Rider</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>1st Yr</u>
1 Jazz / Other	Brown, Doug	45	140	
2 Garnet / Grade	Lieberknecht, Kay	32	100	
3 Royal Prancer / Pfin	Pimentel, Joe	20	100	
4 Fames Baydal BL /Arab	Fitts, Gary	18	60	
5 Digger / Other	Crowe, Chris	16	60	
6 Valentyne / Grade	Jones, Kyle	12	60	
7 Whoa Max / Appy	Aberg, Henrick	10	40	
8 Fourday Dancay / Arab	Roth, Constance	7	40	

<b>Novice Lightweight - Horse</b> Thru 10/10/2009				
<u>PI/ Horse/Breed</u>	<u>Rider</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>1st Yr</u>
1 TA Mira-Image / Arab	Swain, Stephanie	26	140	
2 Malikah / Arab	Hoog, Karina	16	40	*
3 Renno / Appy	Ballard, Tanya	14	60	
4 Crimson Diamond Cash/Pnt	Carter, Ellen	13	40	*
5 Helvitias Prince / Othr	Haas, Cliveden Chew	11	40	*
6 Azzana BL / Arab	Chemouni, Elisabeth	10	60	*

<b>Novice Junior - Horse</b> Thru 10/10/2009				
<u>PI/ Horse/Breed</u>	<u>Rider</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>1st Yr</u>
1 Redwind / Grade	Dorsey, Bailey	22	100	
2 Chi / Must	Anderson, Alison	17	60	
3 Buzzard / Grade	Isgrigg, Kaysha	11	60	
3 Mesa / Pnt	Diaz, Sonya	11	60	
5 Cypress / Pnt	Casey, Emma	7	40	*

<b>Open Heavyweight - Horse</b> Thru 10/10/2009				
<u>PI Horse/Breed</u>	<u>Rider</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>1st Yr</u>
1 Phantom Dusk / Arab	Boicelli, Gene	35	240	
2 Tura Lura / Other	Cannon, Linda	32	240	

<b>Open Lightweight - Horse</b> Thru 10/10/2009				
<u>PI Horse/Breed</u>	<u>Rider</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>1st Yr</u>
1 Desert Reinbeau / Must	Meroshnekoff, Angela	31	240	
2 DMS Apple Jack/Grade	Mullens, Damara	22	180	*
3 Marilyn / Mule	Pimentel, Michelle	12	60	*

<b>Open Junior - Horse</b> Thru 10/10/2009				
<u>PI Horse/Breed</u>	<u>Rider</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>1st Yr</u>
1 Kami Ko / Grade	Thurman, Ariel	43	240	
2 JB Rockem Sockem Red/H-Ar	Armstrong, Olivia	41	270	*
3 Abbishagg / Arab	Schlerf, Haley	37	270	
4 Kaylee / H-Ar	LaRose, Drina	31	210	

<b>Competitive Pleasure - Rider</b> Thru 10/10/2009			
<u>PI Rider</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Miles</u>	
1 Arnold, Susan	40	120	
2 Dillard, Ashley	33	120	
3 Boicelli, Vicki	30	180	
4 Dillard, Joe	23	120	
5 Yeagley-Brown, Dannan	18	60	
6 Lieberknecht, Kay	17	100	
7 Ferris, Jim	16	60	
8 Bacon, Nancy	13	40	
9 Armer, Jean	11	40	

<b>Novice Heavyweight - Rider</b> Thru 10/10/2009			
<u>PI Rider</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Miles</u>	
1 Brown, Doug	46	140	
2 Pimentel, Joe	30	100	
3 Fitts, Gary	21	60	
4 Crowe, Chris	17	60	
4 Kirchgasser, Daniel	17	100	
6 Jones, Kyle	10	60	
7 Aberg, Henrick	9	40	
8 Roth, Constance	4	40	

<b>Novice Lightweight - Rider</b> Thru 10/10/2009			
<u>PI Rider</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Miles</u>	
1 Swain, Stephanie	34	140	
2 Ballard, Tanya	14	60	
3 Haas, Cliveden Chew	13	40	
4 Carter, Ellen	11	40	
5 Chemouni, Elisabeth	9	60	
6 Hoog, Karina	7	40	

<b>Novice Junior - Rider</b> Thru 10/10/2009			
<u>PI Rider</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Miles</u>	
1 Dorsey, Bailey	20	100	
2 Isgrigg, Kaysha	19	100	
3 Diaz, Sonya	12	60	
4 DePaolis, Alexis	8	40	

<b>Open Heavyweight - Rider</b> Thru 10/10/2009			
<u>PI Rider</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Miles</u>	
1 Boicelli, Gene	35	240	
2 Cannon, Linda	31	240	

<b>Open Lightweight - Rider</b> Thru 10/10/2009			
<u>PI Rider</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Miles</u>	
1 Meroshnekoff, Angela	33	240	
2 Mullens, Damara	24	180	
3 Pimentel, Michelle	10	60	

<b>Open Junior - Rider</b> Thru 10/10/2009			
<u>PI Rider</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Miles</u>	
1 Armstrong, Olivia	45	270	
2 Thurman, Ariel	37	240	
3 LaRose, Drina	35	210	
4 Schlerf, Haley	33	270	

## 2009 Region 1 Year End Point Standings, Continued

### Competitive Pleasure - Combined Thru 10/10/2009

PI Horse/Breed	Rider	Pts
1 Symplicity Sue / Arab	Arnold, Susan	74
2 Majnu / Arab	Dillard, Ashley	73
3 Stealth Knight / H-Ar	Boicelli, Vicki	69
4 OM El Shakeeb Dream/Arab	Dillard, Joe	45
5 Garnet / Grade	Lieberknecht, Kay	19

### Novice Heavyweight - Combined Thru 10/10/2009

PI Horse/Breed	Rider	Pts
1 Jazz / Other	Brown, Doug	91
2 Royal Prancer / Pfin	Pimentel, Joe	50
3 Garnet / Grade	Kirchgasler, Daniel	49
4 Fames Baydal BL/Arab	Fitts, Gary	39
5 Digger / Other	Crowe, Chris	33

### Novice Lightweight - Combined Thru 10/10/2009

PI Horse/Breed	Rider	Pts
1 TA Mira-Image / Arab	Swain, Stephanie	60
2 Renno / Appy	Ballard, Tanya	28
3 Azzana BL / Arab	Chemouni, Elisabeth	19

### Novice Junior - Combined Thru 10/10/2009

PI Horse/Breed	Rider	Pts
1 Redwind / Grade	Dorsey, Bailey	42

### Open Heavyweight - Combined Thru 10/10/2009

PI Horse/Breed	Rider	Pts
1 Phantom Dusk / Arab	Boicelli, Gene	70
2 Tura Lura / Other	Cannon, Linda	63

### Open Lightweight - Combined Thru 10/10/2009

PI Horse/Breed	Rider	Pts
1 Desert Reinbeau / Must	Meroshnekoff, Angela	64
2 DMS Apple Jack / Grade	Mullens, Damara	46

### Open Junior - Combined Thru 10/10/2009

PI Horse/Breed	Rider	Pts
1 JB Rockem Sockem Red/H-AR	Armstrong, Olivia	86
2 KamiKo / Grade	Thurman, Ariel	80
3 Abbishagg / Arab	Schlerf, Haley	70
4 Kaylee / H-Ar	LaRose, Drina	66



## News Tidbits

### Memorial Service for Dr. Louis Larson

Ray and I had the opportunity and honor to attend the memorial service for Dr. Louis Larson. He was the father of long time NATRC rider, Linda Warnekros and husband (62 years) of long time NATRC rider, Shirley Larson.

Louis was an avid horseman. He was there when Wendell Robbie and Will Tevis thought about riding a horse 100 miles in one day. It is now known as the Tevis 100 Mile Endurance Ride, which he completed 3 times.

He was a small animal Vet in Southern California from 1949 to 1987. When he retired, he could concentrate on building safe trails for horses. He is renowned for his work on trails in the Angeles National Forest. He received honors from the House of Representatives, the State of California, the City of Los Angeles, the Department of Agriculture and the US Forest Service for his work on trails across California. A trail in Little Tujunga bears his name.

A special tribute to Doc Larsen will air on RFD-TV on Wednesday, November 25 at 9:30 am and 7:30 pm PST and again on Sunday at 4:00 am PST.

A card and flowers have been sent on behalf of all of Region 2 to Linda and Shirley.

*Ray and Sue Brezina*

### Photos Available From The Round Valley Ride

CD's of pictures of the Round Valley Ride are available for \$5. Contact Donna Stidolph  
[donna@stidolph.com](mailto:donna@stidolph.com)

### Sharing Our Trails

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, "SHARING OUR TRAILS – A GUIDE TO TRAIL SAFETY AND ENJOYMENT", to improve safety and improve trail satisfaction for all trail enthusiasts on multiple-use trails. The Guide can be seen at [www.natrc.org](http://www.natrc.org) on the Bulletin Board.

### GoodSearch and GoodShop

NATRC just received a check from Goodsearch for \$233.27. We receive one penny for each internet search using Goodsearch as the search engine. So that's alot of searches! And you can shop using Goodshop and up to 30% can go to NATRC. They include all the big retailers.

So if you aren't already, please consider going to [www.Goodsearch.com](http://www.Goodsearch.com) and setting North American Trail Ride Conference-NATRC (Sedalia, CO) as your preferred charity. If all of our internet shopping and searching members did that, we could realize an even bigger check next time.

Thanks!  
*Laurie*



# NATRC NATIONAL CONVENTION

February 19-20, 2010 Reno, Nevada

in conjunction with the AERC National Convention

## "HATS OFF TO OUR HORSES"

### Grand Sierra Resort and Casino

[www.grandsierraresort.com](http://www.grandsierraresort.com)



February 18:

7:30 am - 4:30 pm  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

AERC Veterinary CE Program (Veterinarians only).  
National Board of Directors meeting. Guests welcome.

February 19 - 20

Speakers, trade show, raffles, silent auction, tack swap – bring your tack to sell (10% donated to AERC).

Friday speakers, February 19:

**Trade Show Open** 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Joe Pagan, PhD 9:15 am - 10:45 am

Jim Moore, DVM 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Rick Potts 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Stephanie Vallberg, DVM, PhD 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Concert & Dance 8:00 pm

End of concert – Midnight

Recent Advances in Equine Nutrition.  
A New Look at Colic in Horses.  
Developing & Sustaining Relationships with Land Managers.  
Unraveling the Mysteries of Tying-Up in Horses.  
Dave Stamey, the Old Buckaroo himself, will be performing.  
Dance w/ DJ Mike Jaffe following the concert.

Saturday speakers, February 20:

**Trade Show Open** 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Rick Potts 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Mary Hanson 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Hal Schott, DVM & Olin Balch, DVM, PhD -  
4:15 pm - 5:15 pm

Trails—Connecting People to the Land And America's Heritage.  
Planning Successful Grassroots Trail Efforts.

AERC's Research Summit Update.

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

National awards banquet.

February 21:

8:00 am

Regions 1 and 2 awards breakfasts.

Make your hotel reservations now! \$69/ night, single or double occupancy. Upgrades to rooms with microwaves and refrigerators are available for \$89/night. An additional per person charge of \$20 will apply beyond two hotel guests per room. Reservations must be made directly with the hotel by calling 800-648-5080 or by writing to the hotel room reservation department. Identify NATRC for this special guest rate. All rooms are subject to Washoe County room tax, currently 12%. **The hotel asks that all reservations be received before Monday, January 18, 2010.** Reservations received on or after January 18, 2010, will be accepted based on availability at the prevailing guest room rate.

**Free airport shuttle. Buses to local shopping. 50-lane bowling alley. Restaurants. Wine tasting bar. Movie theaters. In-hotel shops. Walking path along the Truckee River. Pet friendly. Fitness Center. Spa. RV Parking.**

**COME EARLY. STAY LATE. WATCH [www.natrc.org](http://www.natrc.org) FOR MORE INFO.**

## Your Help Is Needed!

Region 1 is hosting the National Convention February 19-20, 2010 in conjunction with AERC in Reno.

Last time we hosted the National Convention in 2004, we asked all of you to please donate something special for the **auction and raffle**, and you came through with some terrific items.

We're asking you again to **please** donate something special for this special event. Many of you have creative talents and can make things others would LOVE to bid on. Some of you have a service others would love to take advantage of. This is a situation where that "somebody" who needs to donate something is YOU!

It's a big help to have these items - or at least a commitment – ahead of time.

Please contact  
Or

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# NATRC 2010 NATIONAL CONVENTION

February 18-21, 2010

“Hats Off To Our Horses”



## CONVENTION REGISTRATION

(one sheet per registrant)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (other): \_\_\_\_\_

Name on nametag (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

**Early Bird Special:** **\$125**  
Includes all speakers, Dave Stamey, and dinner.  
*Reservations must be postmarked by 1/15/10.*

**Family Membership Special:** **- \$20**  
*Families under one roof. \$10 off Speaker Sessions Fee per day with each full price registration.*

**Late Fee:** **+ \$25**  
*For reservations postmarked after 2/1/10.*

**Cancellation Fee:** **\$20**  
*For reservations cancelled after 2/5/10*  
**NO SHOWS/NO REFUND!!!!**

**Logo T-Shirts/Sweatshirts:**  
Shirt size: S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_  
(larger sizes available for additional \$3 each)  
Colors: Slate Blue \_\_\_ Purple \_\_\_ Black \_\_\_

	Fee	Total
Early Bird Special	\$125	
NBOD Meeting - Thursday	Free	
Speakers – Friday	\$45	
Speakers – Saturday	\$45	
Dave Stamey – Friday night	\$10	
Awards Banquet – Saturday night	\$40	
Salmon ___ Chicken ___ Vegetarian		
Family Membership Special	- \$20	
Late Fee	\$25	
T-shirt - short sleeved	\$18	
T-shirt – long sleeved	\$20	
Sweatshirt	\$25	
Larger sizes available	+\$3	
<b>Total</b>		

## HOTEL REGISTRATION (made directly with the hotel using Group Name: NATRC)

<p>Grand Sierra Resort &amp; Hotel 2500 East Second Street Reno, Nevada 89595 <a href="http://www.grandsierraresort.com">www.grandsierraresort.com</a> Reservations: 1-800-648-5080</p>	<p>Guest Rooms (single/double) \$69 Luxury Summit Suites \$89 Rental cars available Free airport shuttle Free hotel parking Pet-friendly rooms available</p>
<p>Send convention registration and check payable to: NATRC Region 1 c/o Lynne Hutnick 11300 Pickle Barrel Road Auburn, CA 95602 (530) 887-8674 <a href="mailto:llhoa@sonic.net">llhoa@sonic.net</a> <a href="http://www.natrc.org">www.natrc.org</a></p>	<p>NATRC and AERC join forces again! For the love of the horse – for the love of the rider – for the love of the trail – for the love of long distance riding.</p>

“Come Ride With Us”

# Registration Form

for the

## Region 1 Awards Breakfast

8:00 A.M. Sunday, February 21, 2010

Grand Sierra Resort and Casino, Reno, Nevada

Breakfast includes: Scrambled Eggs, Apple Wood Smoked Bacon, Breakfast Potatoes, Orange Juice, Assorted Breakfast Pastries, Coffee and Tea

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL GUESTS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$17/each

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NATRC REGION 1  
MAIL TO: LYNNE HUTNICK, 11300 PICKLE BARREL ROAD, AUBURN, CA 95602

MORE INFO: Lynne Hutnick [llhoa@conic.net](mailto:llhoa@conic.net) or Sue Flagg [iluvmulestoo@yahoo.com](mailto:iluvmulestoo@yahoo.com)

### Region 1 Board of Directors Seats up for Election

In 2010, three seats on the Region 1 Board of Directors will be up for election. Here is some information on two nominees for these seats.

#### Phil Young

I've been involved with NATRC since 1984, initially as a support person for my wife and son, mostly working on P&R teams and, except for one spell of aberrant behavior in 1993, never as a rider. I was the Region 1 Membership Chairman from 1994 through 1999 and Points Chairman as well from 1996 through 1999.

I was first elected to the Region 1 Board in 1995 for a term of three years and subsequently re-elected for four more terms, a total of 15 years so far. My assignments have included a 2-year stint as Region 1 Chairman (2000 – 2002) followed by six years as Region 1 Treasurer. My last two years have again been as Region 1 Chairman.

This year we embarked on an effort to return our Region 1 rides, especially the Open Division ones, to a faster, harder pace that will allow the vets to separate horses based on condition and soundness criteria, as originally intended, rather than "manners". At the same time, we wanted to make the Novice Division for the true novice and the CP division a bit faster and more challenging than Novice while still staying within the proper parameters. Through Ride and Year-end Award changes, I would like to return Open Division to its former position as something to be aspired to.

If re-elected, I will continue to promote those changes I feel can make the NATRC experience more accessible to a wider variety of riders and horses while still remaining true to it's philosophies and ideals.

#### Gene Boicelli

My name is Gene Boicelli and I am running for the Board of Directors in Region 1. I am a fairly new member, since 2007, after I retired. Since then I rode one year as a Novice, and have ridden Open after that. I have Chaired a new ride, "Round Valley" in the Brentwood, Clayton area in 2009, and will attempt to extend it to a 2 day ride next year.

I am running for the Board of Directors, with the thought of bringing new thoughts to the region, trying to expand the number of rides, and getting more participation in the events that we care so much about. Thank You.

## NATRC Region 1 Board Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:43 a.m. at 7710 Logan Lane, Penryn California, by Phil Young, Chairman.

**Board Members Present:** Phil Young, Sue Flagg, Jim Ferris, Jamie Dieterich, Lynne Hutnick and Linda Thomason. Absent: Robyn Berwick, Angie Meroshnekoff, Steve Meroshnekoff. Guests: Sherry Lindley

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of June 14, 2009 meeting were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking: \$6,041.87  
Convention Checking: \$251.78  
Savings CD: \$11,652.76

### Committee Reports:

**Physical Resource Coordinator:** Linda Thomason. Everything is nicely packed in large plastic zip-locks. Linda will send list of items to BOD. Will tag items with "NATRC" and "Return to." Will take Karaoke machine to Round Valley. Region will supply batteries. The Mad Hatters (Linda Thomason, Lynne Hutnick, and Sherry Lindley) reported on what we need, for which positions and research cost of hats, vests, shirts. Decided lots of people don't want to wear this stuff. Making 4 inch buttons that say "P&R Volunteer," "Ride Chair," etc.

**Historian:** Kathy Nixon. No report.

**Wonder Workers:** Steve Meroshnekoff. No report.

**Points/Membership:** Jim Ferris. Report submitted. Sue to send Jim current membership list provided by Laurie before Benefit Ride.

**Publicity:** Linda Thomason. Linda needs ride calendar for 2010 so she can get it published in various horse publications. Jamie to ask Patsy Conner, sanction chair, to contact Linda when rides are sanctioned. Linda has done well with outreach activities at the rides she's been able to get to. Given out little goodie bags to first time riders with chapstick, thank you letter, horse cookies, bubble bath, etc.

**Benefit Ride:** Oakland Hills - Joe Pimentel & Sue Flagg. Implemented some of the things mentioned during the Mt. Diablo meeting—speeding up Open and CP, made mileage closer to maximum allowed. Included a lunch break Saturday per discussions on CTR list. Judges already willing for next year – Carol Ormond and Doreen Portner (R3). Sue willing to be Trailmaster. Linda Thomason will be Ride Secretary in 2010. Jamie to contact a few members re being ride chair. Deposited ~\$5500. No final ride financial reports yet.

**The Leadline:** How many hard copies do we need? Will discuss under new business.

**National BOD:** Jamie Dieterich, Lynne Hutnick & Sue Flagg. See Hoof Print for proposed rule changes re stabling methods, stallion tie rules.

Region 6 has asked to have a short report from each region to include in their newsletter. Linda volunteered. National webmaster is trying to come up with more information for new riders. She's working on a link from National site to another site that will have "How To" articles. Jim mentioned that a lot of riders are not "web savvy." Would be good to have a non-computer person review the site to see how user friendly it is. Jamie's still working on Judge's Committee stuff. Jamie is working on wording for definition of a "ride" in the awards section of the rule book. Lory Walls, Jean Green have been helping (see attached). Jamie has also been appointed Hoof Print Advocate.

**Region 1 Website:** Angie Meroshnekoff. Take off link to Region 4 website. Webmaster has been doing a great job for us.

**Ride/Clinic Management:** Jamie Dieterich. 2010 rides will probably be Mt. Diablo, Mt. Quarry, Robyn Berwick planning her

ride for Memorial Day, Debbie still wants to do ride at V-6. Georgetown won't go in 2010, Harvey Bear, Benefit Ride in Oakland (need ride manager), Round Valley.

**Outreach Coordinator:** Linda Thomason. Covered under publicity.

**Trails Advocacy Coordinator:** Judy Etheridge. No report.

**Bylaws:** Jim Ferris, Jamie Dieterich, Phil Young, Sue Flagg, Nancy Kasovich. No report.

**Judging Issues:** Jamie Dieterich, Betty Young, Sue Flagg. No report.

### Old Business:

**R1 Handbook:** Phil forwarded Ride Chairperson description to Sue. She needs to review.

**National Convention 2010:** Sue Flagg, Chair Nancy Bacon submitted a drawing we will use. Need to see how it will look on different colored t-shirts. Will put a pre-order for t-shirts, sweatshirts on the convention registration form. Still need to decide on menu for awards dinner (beef, salmon, veggie) and Sunday morning R1 awards plated breakfast. Check w/Robyn & Allison to see if they'd be interested in doing the silent auction and raffle. Linda T. doing baskets for NBOD, Dave Stamey, Laurie, Patsy, Cristy, Mike Peralez (?). Ask Nancy re possibly putting drawing on note cards to sell.

**T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Sales:** Angie. No report.

**Junior rider paybacks:** Still outstanding check from Ariel Thurman (2008).

**Unsupervised juniors on the trail:** Ride managers can add to entry that it is strongly recommended that juniors be supervised. But it's not in the rule book so can't be mandated.

### New Business:

**Hard copies vs. emailing the Leadline:** Had 75 printed and mailed 50. Phil and Betty offered to send out future Leadlines (email and hard copies). Email updates should go to Phil, Jim F., Jamie and Sue.

**Larry Goss' membership:** He paid online. Lynne moved to pay his dues in 2010, Sue seconded. Approved.

**Appreciation Awards:** Discussed and selected.

**Bounced check policy:** Jamie presented proposed policy for National. Discussion. Needs further work. Jim and Phil will work w/Jamie.

**National Board alternate:** Jim Ferris will be appointed to finish out Sue's term following November election.

**Regional Board seats coming up in 2010:** Robyn, Phil and Jim's seat will be available. Possible nominees are Sherry Lindley, Kathy Nixon, Gene and/or Vicki Boicelli,

**Unruly horses:** Need to make P&R workers aware of unruly horses. P&R workers should notify judges if horses are unruly. Should announce at briefing that unruly horses may be excused from the ride, and that P&R crews will be reporting bad behavior to the judges.

Next meeting on Sunday January 10, 2010, at Jim and Sherry's house, 9:30 a.m.

Lynne moved to adjourn, Sue seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan Flagg, Secretary*



## Things Learned in a Winter Horse Corral

By Laurie Knuutila

I'm often asked why I choose to keep horses in Alaska, and the reason is simple: this is where I live, I like it here and I love horses and riding. But I was thinking about horse keeping in Alaska, and I realized that there are some pretty important life lessons to be learned by keeping horses through an Alaskan winter. If I didn't have horses in Alaska, how else would I have learned that:

- \* The claws on a claw hammer work great for knocking ice balls out of hooves.

*Life Lesson: Sometimes a little force is needed to get a good result.*

- \* There's a definite technique to breaking a really stubborn frozen poop pile loose from the ground with a shovel.

*Life Lesson: When attempting to coerce a really stubborn person to see things your way, technique is everything.*

- \* There's also a definite technique to loading the manure sled to maximize its load potential.

*Life Lesson: Keep all the things you have to do in life balanced.*

- \* Braiding forelocks keeps them from freezing to frosted-up eye lashes.

*Life Lesson: Advance preparation is key to surviving harder times.*

- \* Increased hay intake because it's 30 or 40 below is automatically translated into increased poop output.

*Life Lesson: You are what you eat.*

- \* Certain hat/scarf combinations work better than others for feeding at 40 below. Ditto with mitten/glove combinations.

*Life Lesson: Use the right tool for the job.*

- \* Frozen birch logs make great horsey "chew toys".

*Life Lesson: The best things in life are free.*

- \* Certain shovels work better than others for scraping frozen pee off a stall mat.

*Life Lesson: When things get deep, make sure you have the right shovel.*

- \* Frozen horse poop makes great outdoor dog toys, and the dog can simply eat his toy when he's done playing with it. And, there's a million more where that one came from.

*Life Lesson: Take time to laugh and play.*

- \* You have to start at the beginning of winter to carefully sculpt the manure pile in such a way that you can continue to get the manure sled up it clear through until spring.

*Life Lesson: Plan the work and work the plan.*

- \* One visit from a manure pile-scrounging moose can destroy all that careful sculpting.

*Life Lesson: Life can change in an instant.*

- \* Putting a little snow in your shovel will keep a "freshy" from sticking to it.

*Life Lesson: A "thick skin" helps keep the "freshies" that come at you in life from sticking.*

- \* Certain brands of headlamps work better than others for doing chores in the dark.

*Life Lesson: Always let your light shine.*

- \* Furry horsey armpits are a great place to warm up cold hands.

*Life Lesson: Seek comfort when you need it and look for it where you find it.*

- \* Frosty spots on horse legs and bodies sometimes translate into fresh scrapes or cuts.

*Life Lesson: Look below the surface to find the source of the real problem.*

- \* Doctoring those scrapes and cuts in subzero temperatures and pitch black darkness is a real pain!

*Life Lesson: Sometimes you just gotta do what you gotta do.*

- \* You have about 30 seconds to get those blanket straps done up before your ungloved hands freeze solid. If you don't get it done in 30 seconds, seek out those horsey armpits.

*Life Lesson: Get on with the project at hand and don't procrastinate.*

- \* Certain brands of blankets do a better job than others of keeping the herd wimps warm when the temperature takes a nosedive.

*Life Lesson: Friends are kind of like blankets. Choose them wisely.*

- \* Wood ashes work great to de-slick an icy corral.

*Life Lesson: It's a good idea to make certain your footing is secure where ever you tread.*

- \* A trip to the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show in February is a surefire way to help me forget - at least for a few days - all the things I learned in the horse corral this winter!

*Life Lesson: Sometimes you just need to take a break!*

So, you see, I've learned a lot because of keeping horses through Alaskan winters. And every winter, I learn more new things. So, instead of dreading winter and wishing for spring, use it as a learning experience! How many new things did you learn this winter?

## National Board of Directors Meeting Report

Jamie Dieterich traveled to Denver on Thursday, November 12, to work with other members of the Judges Committee to review horsemanship scorecards for 2009 rides. Since 2007, we've been using scorecards that have 2 extra copies. One copy stays on file in the National Office, and the other goes to the Judges Committee for review. Comments from the Judges Committee and this third copy then are sent back to the individual judges for their own review. The goal is to encourage judges to use informative and educational comments on the scorecards and to improve the consistency of comments and scoring.

The Financial Report was presented on Friday evening, November 13, 6 PM. Membership and ridership are down, thus revenues are down. But the good news is that our expenses are more in line with our income, and we're less in the red than last year.

Elaine Swiss, R4, has successfully lined up more sponsors. Check them out on our web site, [www.natrc.org](http://www.natrc.org). She is also working with the Marketing Committee on promoting our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary which will be in 2011. The slogan will be "Proud of our Past; Focused on the Future."

The NBOD agreed to put a hiatus on new rule changes for ride year 2010. However – issues "on the books" may be worked on. Proposed rule changes voted on:

**Stabling.** The current stabling rule is not consistent with itself. It says horses must be kept under similar conditions, but also that sliding tethers are allowed with the discretion of ride management. The consensus is that different stabling options (tied to trailer, tied to overhead trailer-mounted ties, tied to a sliding tether, etc.) offer no competitive advantage, and that a rider should be able to choose what's best for the horse – within the limits of what ride management and/or the facility can offer.

There have been several complicated proposals over the past few years, but none seemed to fit the bill. A simpler version passed. This puts more responsibility on the riders, and also on the judges to evaluate what is appropriate and safe.

Note that portable corrals, hobbling, or staking out may not be used as the **primary** containment. If your horse is tied to the trailer, a portable corral may be set up as secondary containment, or to keep potentially loose horses out.

### Stabling

1. All horses shall be kept in a designated area from preliminary check in until after the final examination.
2. The Stabling Option used is at the discretion or requirements of CTR management and/or the CTR facility.
3. The Stabling Option used by CTR management and/or the CTR facility must be available to all competitors.
4. Stabling Options **Not Allowed** during competition as primary containment.
  - a. Hobbling of any type
  - b. Portable pens/corrals
  - c. Staking out/picketing in any manner
5. Stallions: Stallions must be double tied whenever tied. The primary and secondary rope will not be tied to the same tie spot.
  - a. Stallion double tying requirements are: The primary rope is tied in the normal manner, but the secondary restraint method must be secured around the stallion's neck and tied in the normal manner. If a rope around the neck is secured with a knot, it must be a bowline and run through the halter.
  - b. Other secondary restraint methods may be acceptable (check with horsemanship judge). Two halters are unacceptable.
  - c. Failure to comply constitutes a major rule violation. (See \Rulebook Section 4 E 2 d)

Another proposal passed that addresses the minimum mileage on any one day of an Open ride. The main reason for this proposal is to ensure a ride doesn't have something like 48 miles on one day and 2 miles on the second. This concept has been a guideline of the NBOD for years, but it has not been an official rule. The Sanction Chair feels concepts of minimum mileages are important.

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

**ADD:**

*(2) Mileage in this division shall be a minimum of 15 miles on any one day.*

Management Chair, Jean Green, has continued to send monthly, single topic informative email "blasts", to ride chairs. Elaine Swiss, Rules Interpreter Chair, is working toward making the Rules Interpreters play a more proactive role at rides. Rules Interpreters have many opportunities to answer questions and help avoid problems. They should be very familiar with the rules and be available all during the ride, from preliminary check-in to awards. They also need to submit complete and informative reports.

Judges Committee. Two new veterinary judges were approved: Sarah Schroer, DVM, R1, and Tamara Gull, DVM, R4. Congratulations!

Sanction Committee. Many rides are getting marginal for meeting minimum mileage requirements. The Alaska rides were cited as a good example of more closely approaching maximum mileages. The Sanction Chair will be more closely monitoring ride mileages.

R1's proposal for a policy on dishonored checks was adopted by the NBOD. Basically, if the ride chair is unsuccessful on getting payment on a bad check, the R1 BOD will be notified. If the R1 BOD is unsuccessful, the rider will lose membership (and year-end award) privileges until the debt is paid. Subsequent ride chairs may be notified.

Elaine Swiss, R4, has developed a strategic business plan. A basic part of the plan is for each Region to increase the number of rides offered and the number of riders. In defining NATRC's market niche, she describes our four elements as:

- a) Long Distance (this is the Number One differentiator)
- b) Qualified Evaluation of Horse AND Rider
- c) Emphasis on Education, Safety and Sportsmanship
- d) Family Oriented Fun

Region 1 will be hosting the National Convention in conjunction with AERC February 18-20, 2010. Watch the Hoof Print and [www.natrc.org](http://www.natrc.org) for details.

Congratulations to Sue Flagg who was elected as R1's new representative to the NBOD and to NATRC's Worker's Hall of Fame!! What an honor! What a worker!

Complete minutes from the NBOD meeting will be published in Hoof Print.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jamie Dieterich*



# Region 1 Ride Results

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## Pilchuck A

7/18-19/09 Region One-WA  
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 6  
 Chairman: Kathryn Lewandowsky  
 Judges: Carol Meschter DVM, Sue Flagg  
 Novice Sweepstakes: April 2/Fletcher, Rick-71  
 Open Sweepstakes: Phantom Dusk/Boicelli, Gene-95

### Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Phantom Dusk/Boicelli, Gene
- 2/2 ROL Dancyn til Dawn/Astrino, Phyllis

### Open Lightweight

- 1/1 ML Deseree/Talbot, Barb

### Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 April 2/Fletcher, Rick

### Competitive Pleasure

- 1/1 Stealth Knight/Boicelli, Victoria

### Competitive Pleasure DO

- DO-2 Texas Star/Hurn, Andrea

## Pilchuck B

7/18/09 Region One-WA  
 B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 7  
 Chairman: Kathryn Lewandowsky  
 Judges: Carol Meschter DVM, Sue Flagg  
 Novice Sweepstakes: Sirtenly a Cynsation/Perez, Gina-92  
 Open Sweepstakes: SA Seraphim/Podeszwick, Barbara-93

### Open Lightweight

- 1/1 SA Seraphim/Podeszwick, Barbara
- 2/3 Bellarina/Stewart, Vickie
- 3/2 Kh/Petersen, Jackie

### Novice Lightweight

- 1/1 Sirtenly a Cynsation/Perez, Gina
- 2/2 Fame Bars Jest/Fletcher, Cindy

### Competitive Pleasure DO

- DO-1 Jada Banner Renegade/Scott, Valerie

## Jackson Forest A

8/22-23/09 Region One-CA  
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 21  
 Chairman: Steve Meroshnekoff  
 Judges: Sarah Schroer DVM, Nancy Kasovich  
 Novice Sweepstakes: Garnet/Kirchgasler, Daniel-96  
 Open Sweepstakes: Andarko/Walls, Lory-94

### Open Heavyweight

- 1/2 Raquee/Brezina, Sue
- 2/3 Tura Lura/Cannon, Linda
- 3/1 Phantom Dusk/Boicelli, Gene

### Open Lightweight

- 1/2 Andarko/Walls, Lory
- 2/1 Desert Reinbeau/Meroshnekoff, Angie

### Open Junior

- 1/2 Kamiko/Thurman, Ariel
- 2/1 JB Rockem Sockem Red/Armstrong, Olivia
- 3/3 Kaylee/LaRose, Drina
- 4/4 Abbishagg/Schlerf, Haley

### Novice Heavyweight

- 1/5 Garnet/Kirchgasler, Daniel
- 2/1 Jazz 4/Brown, Doug
- 3/3 Royal Prancer/Pimentel, Joe
- 4/2 Lightning 3/O'Rourke, Sarah
- 5/4 Valentyne/Jones, Kyle

### Novice Junior

- 1/2 Buzzard/Isgrigg, Kaysha
- 2/1 Mesa 6/Diaz, Sonya

### Competitive Pleasure

- 1/2 Symplicity Sue/Arnold, Susan
- 2/5 Stealth Knight/Boicelli, Victoria
- 3/4 Chi/Lieberknecht, Kay
- 4/1 Victory Glow/Brown, Dannan
- 5/3 MJ Abiad Amir/Ferris, Jim

## Jackson Forest B

8/22/09 Region One-CA  
 B-N Total Riders: 4  
 Chairman: Steve Meroshnekoff  
 Judges: Sarah Schroer DVM, Nancy Kasovich  
 Novice Sweepstakes: Sprites Gawahara SJ/Jacobsen, Leeana-87

### Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 CoCo Nu/Harvey, Laura

### Novice Lightweight

- 1/2 Sprites Gawahara SJ/Jacobsen, Leeana
- 2/1 TA Mira-Image/Swain, Stephanie

### Novice Junior

- 1/1 Redwind/Dorsey, Bailey

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## Harvey Bear Ranch

9/6/09 Region One-CA  
 B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 25  
 Chairman: Chere Bargar  
 Judges: Greg Fellers DVM, Karel Waugh  
 Novice Sweepstakes: Ranger 5/Towner, Wendy-96.5  
 Open Sweepstakes: Kamiko/Thurman, Ariel -97.5

### Open Heavyweight

1/1 Tura Lura/Cannon, Linda  
 2/3 Phantom Dusk/Boicelli, Gene  
 3/2 Raquee/Brezina, Sue

### Open Lightweight

1/3 Cassanova/Stillman, Susan  
 2/1 Andarko/Walls, Lory  
 3/2 DMS Apple Jack/Mullens, Damara

### Open Junior

1/1 Kamiko/Thurman, Ariel  
 2/3 Kaylee/LaRose, Drina  
 3/4 Abbishagg/Schlerf, Haley  
 4/2 JB Rockem Sockem Red/Armstrong, Olivia

### Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Ranger 5/Towner, Wendy  
 2/3 Aron Moon/Tracy, Mike  
 3/2 CoCo Nu/Harvey, Laura

### Novice Lightweight

1/1 TA Mira-Image/Swain, Stephanie  
 2/2 Renno/Ballard, Tanya

### Novice Junior

1/2 Redwind/Dorsey, Bailey  
 2/1 Chi/Isgrigg, Kaysha  
 3/3 Cypress/DePaolis, Alexis

### Competitive Pleasure

1/5 Majnu/Dillard, Ashley  
 2/1 Symplicity Sue/Arnold, Susan  
 3/3 Ibn Eclipse/Anderson, Patricia  
 4/4 Crimson Diamond Cash/Carter, Ellen  
 5/ Stealth Knight/Boicelli, Victoria  
 6/2 OM EL Shakeeb Dream/Dillard, Joe  
 /6 Garnet/Lieberknecht, Kay

## Oakland Hills A

9/19-20/09 Region One-CA  
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 19  
 Chair: Joe Pimental  
 Judges: Carol Ormond DVM, Dale Lake  
 Novice Sweepstakes: Garnet/Kirchgasler, Daniel-90  
 Open Sweepstakes: Andarko/Walls, Lory-99

### Open Heavyweight

1/1 Tura Lura/Cannon, Linda  
 P Phantom Dusk/Coe, Deborah

### Open Lightweight

1/2 Andarko/Walls, Lory  
 2/1 Desert Reinbeau/Meroshnekoff, Angie  
 3/3 DMS Apple Jack/Mullens, Damara

### Open Junior

1/1 Abbishagg/Schlerf, Haley  
 2/2 JB Rockem Sockem Red/Armstrong, Olivia  
 3/3 Kamiko/Thurman, Ariel  
 P Kaylee/LaRose, Drina

### Open DO

Cobay/Wolf, Jeanine

### Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Garnet/Kirchgasler, Daniel

### Novice Lightweight

1/2 Royal Prancer/Pimentel, Michelle  
 2/1 TA Mira-Image/Swain, Stephanie  
 CO Valiant Strike/Mathews, Shelley  
 P Mesa 6/Diaz, Sonya

### Competitive Pleasure

1/2 Majnu/Dillard, Ashley  
 2/1 Symplicity Sue/Arnold, Susan  
 CO OM El Shakeeb Dream/Dillard, Joe  
 P A Spotless Request/Bruns, Kathi

## Oakland Hills B

9/19/09 Region One-CA  
 B-N Total Riders: 17  
 Chair: Joe Pimental  
 Judges: Carol Ormond DVM, Dale Lake  
 Novice Sweepstakes: Crimson Diamond Cash/Carter, Ellen-99

### Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Fames Baydal BL/Fitts, Gary  
 2/2 Ranger 5/Towner, Wendy  
 3/4 Jazz 4/Brown, Doug  
 4/3 Whoa Max/Aberg, Henrik  
 5/5 Presentation/Cheney, Rowland  
 P CoCo Nu/Harvey, Laura

### Novice Lightweight

1/2 Crimson Diamond Cash/Carter, Ellen  
 2/1 Zoe BL/Hoffman, Rose  
 3/5 Rabea BL/Van Tuyll, Caroline  
 4/6 Azzana BL/Chemouni, Elisabeth  
 5/ Luna BL/daCunha, Heather  
 6/4 7th Heaven Star/Fuller, Lisa  
 /3 Choice/Overholtzer, Sandra

### Novice Junior

1/3 Redwind/Dorsey, Bailey  
 2/1 Tosca BL/Whittall, Zoe  
 3/4 Cypress/Casey, Emma  
 4/2 Willow/DePaolis, Alexis



## Region 1 Ride Results

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### Round Valley

10/10/09 Region One-CA  
B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 26

Chair: Gene Boicelli

Judges: Sarah Schrorer DVM, Jamie Dieterich

Novice Sweepstakes: Chi/Isgrigg, Kaysha-99

Open Sweepstakes: Kamiko/Thurman, Ariel-98

#### Open Heavyweight

1/1 Phantom Dusk/Shaman, Gina

2/2 Tura Lura/Cannon, Linda

#### Open Lightweight

1/1 Desert Reinbeau/Meroshnekoff, Angie

#### Open Junior

1/3 Kamiko/Thurman, Ariel

2/2 JB Rockem Sockem Red/Armstrong, Olivia

3/1 Kaylee/LaRose, Drina

4/4 Abbishagg/Schlerf, Haley

#### Novice Heavyweight

1/2 Jazz 4/Brown, Doug

2/ Athena/Tidd, Lynn

3/3 Digger/Crowe, Christine

4/6 Whoa Max/Aberg, Henrik

5/4 Garnet/Kirchgasler, Daniel

6/1 Royal Prancer/Pimentel, Joe

/5 CoCo Nu/Harvey, Laura

Fourday Dancer/Roth, Constance

Jelly Bean/Diez, Mary

#### Novice Lightweight

1/1 Crimson Diamond Cash/Carter, Ellen

2/2 TA Mira-Image/Swain, Stephanie

#### Novice Junior

1/1 Chi/Isgrigg, Kaysha

2/2 Redwind/Dorsey, Bailey

3/3 Daisy 2/Tidd, Ruby

#### Competitive Pleasure

1/3 Majnu/Dillard, Ashley

2/4 Stealth Knight/Boicelli, Victoria

3/1 Symplicity Sue/Bacon, Nancy

4/2 MJ Abiad Amir/Ferris, Jim

CO OM El Shakeeb Dream/Dillard, Joe

## NATRC REGION 1 YEAR END AWARD SPONSORSHIPS

Please support your Region! Consider sponsoring a Region 1 year-end award, to be given at the 2010 National Convention being held in Reno at the Grand Sierra Resort & Casino. Your donations will help Region 1 to continue giving high quality year-end awards.

The costs of sponsoring awards are as follows: \$100, \$80 or \$70 for a 1st place award (Horse or Horsemanship) in the Open, CP or Novice Divisions respectively; \$65 for special memorial plaques which include: Bob Smith Perpetual Award, Fran & Carol Dupont Memorial Award and the Pat Ersepke Memorial Award; and \$50 per class (Open Hwt, Lwt., Nov. Jr, etc.) for ribbons, Horse or Horsemanship.

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Also, GoodSearch has a toolbar which you may download and install on your browser. It is a clean, useful toolbar which makes it easy to use GoodSearch and with NATRC as your charity selection for Internet searches.

# TENTATIVE 2010 REGION 1 RIDE CALENDAR

<b>May 1</b>	<b>*Mt. Diablo</b> Ellen Pofcher Sec: Martha Flannery	Clayton, CA (925) 672-3733 (925) 673-9858	"B" O/N/CP mntoaks@earthlink.net
<b>May 15</b>	<b>*Mt. Quarry</b> Vickie Myers Sec: Marilyn Hunter	Auburn, CA (530) 823-1202 (530) 885-4819	"B" O/N/CP mhunter@onemain.com
<b>May 22</b>	<b>*Arnold Rim</b> Robyn Berwick Chris Markus	<b>Avery, CA</b> (209) 534-0451 (209) 728-3148	"B" O/N/CP boonedoggle@att.net markuschris@hotmail.com
<b>June 19</b>	<b>Georgetown NATRC</b> Back in 2011	Georgetown, CA	"B" O/N/CP
<b>July 17-18</b>	<b>*Bald Mountain Butt Busters</b> Diane Sullivan Nancy Williams	Wasilla, AK (907) 688-2250 (907) 376-5137	"A" O/CP "B" N stable@mtaonline.net rio@mtaonline.net
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# Ride Stories

## First Annual Harvey Bear NATRC Ride

By Susan Stillman

Harvey Bear is located close to my home, which is one good reason to ride this ride. Other reasons: Friends are putting it on, and I can support their efforts by signing up as a Rider. Cost a factor? No! The proceeds are being donated to Teri Davis Patane Memorial Camp for Kids.

In 2006, my Arabian gelding, "Cassy", took first place "Horse" awards in Novice which bumped us up to riding CP or Open. Open is 30 miles - slowly paced my memory recalls - though I haven't officially been "conditioning" for this ride. Didn't I recently say yes to a 24 mile ride with Jan Jeffers at Coe park in over 100 degree temperatures at an average 4 mph pace? Cassy did great! So that does it, Open we shall ride.

For me, the most difficult and dreaded part of preparation is bathing the horse for "presentation" to the horsemanship judge. Water is scarce. The well is nearly dry and the holding tank is near empty. Rarely bathing means deep layers of dirt and dust require soapy scrubbing and much rinsing. I leave it to the last, then slosh around in the muddy mess bathing creates - hooves are now caked in mud. I am trying to maintain my own cleanliness and fail. All I can do is forgive myself for not ending up with a squeaky clean horse. Off we go, and as my truck heads out the driveway, I am checking a mental "essentials" list. Had I packed riding clothes, shoes, saddle, girth, bridle, bit, snacks and blanket?

At the Bear parking lot, seeing many rigs being set up and knowing there are old acquaintances to greet makes this all worth it. Signing in, I hear the news that one of our club members and fellow Coe Park mounted patrol person is gravely ill. The park becomes filled with a somber sadness. As I wheelbarrow my saddle for weigh in, I am silently praying for the Linden family and for Marsha. Word got out that Marsha had passed a short time later that same day. We send much love and sympathy to her friends and family.

Back to camp: My horse gets safely tied to a sky hook. A sky hook is a metal extension which pulls out from and is attached near the top of the trailer. A lead line with safety release at the top attaches the horse at just the right length so that he can eat and drink but not step on the line. This is a time saver. I recall my first NATRC ride where I tied my horse directly to the trailer. I duct taped tires, hung soccer shin guards over all sharp places and punched tennis balls onto the trailer door handles. That memory reminds me of how it felt to be a new NATRC rider. To not know what exactly was a safe way to tie a horse so close to the trailer... a

reminder to be compassionate and friendly towards newer riders.

The Vet check-in went well, but that lead line! I know how to lunge, so why is it, when a judge is watching, I can't figure out where the end of the lead line is, can't get my hands on it correctly, fumble around with a mess of rope frantic about not dropping a hand while my horse waits patiently for me to figure it out?!

With check in done, I can relax, greet other riders and spend time setting up a more comfortable camp with coffee pot and stove ready for morning. After a short visit with friends, I began heating a pot of beans with sausage for the pot luck and also time to study the maps. What? 5 + mph pace for most of the 29 miles? This is not to be a SLOW "walk in the park"! I try to find sympathy regarding the pace but am reminded "that is the NATRC pace for Open."... hmm... right...! 5+ mph for how many hours?

The potluck dinner is on time and under a large open shelter. San Martin Horsemen have provided tables, chairs, drinks. Next the Ride meeting: to re-view maps, learn about the trail "markings" and timing. Our start time is 6:30 AM and wake up is at 4:45 AM. We comment on how sweet the cooler weather, then I head off to bed feeling confident that trails will be well marked. And they are well marked, thanks to the team of Chere Bargar, Margo, Kitty Swindle and their expertise in trail marking with pie plates, ribbons and "white plops" to assure no rider heads off onto a wrong trail.

4:45 AM Cock-a- doodle DOOOO! Nikki is cock a doodle do-ing from one end of the camp to the other to insure no one oversleeps.

Hay and mash is put out for the horse, coffee for me, then force breakfast (4 AM is not a time for appetite) Then saddle up, find a safe place to attach my map (right side up if viewed from the ground, up side down during the ride! Duh!) Stash all the important items including magnifying glasses (map reading), frozen waters, snacks, compass, cell phone, ID, bee sting kit. Mount and ready to ride.

6:30AM, the first rider in on her way well before the sun is up. We are setting watches to midnight at the time we check out to start. Wonderfully cool morning air and grass covered hills are ahead as we begin our climb up trails, then turn right for dawn's views of the valley below.

Highlight of the ride: There is a sharp long and continuous turn in the trail around a knoll. From my view, I see 5 riders, 3 of them Juniors, trotting ahead of me. I see them first disappear around the turn, then

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I notice I can see the riders' helmeted heads and shoulders floating along the other side of the knoll. I know they are at a trot... and yet, their helmets appear to float in a perfectly straight line... no bounce, no bobbing... truly a magical morning sight that makes me smile.

We had been told at the briefing that there was no time to dally... "trot the flats"... so trot we did...nearly the entire 29 miles!

P & R's went smoothly; the team was quiet, friendly and efficient. I never felt we were being held up by the vet, and our timing was near perfect.

One "difficult" spot was having to turn my horse, back up a hill, away from the direction of our Camp to follow the pink ribbons. He (my horse) insisted there was an easier route, but easy route was not what the map offered. A longer route winding up and away from camp and back around to the same P & R location... what relief that horse showed me when I finally allowed him to head to camp and lunch.

Timing out from lunch was perfect and "on the nose" for minimum time. The horses ahead are relaxed to the point of barely making forward movement. Mine took up that same meditative "pace", yet the map shows a 5.2 mph pace for over 2 miles UP HILL to a vet check. All of us used an extra 15 minutes to make that destination. After the P&R and vet check, the horses were still showing signs of deep sleep.

This slowing is not favorable... I asked if anyone had firecrackers to get us going. That turned out to not be necessary! There was a moment after leaving the vet check that all seemed to sense a race. Relaxation was tossed to the winds (and WINDY it was!)

Talk about "trot the flats." Holy Moly...! By the 26<sup>th</sup> mile, my legs, ankles, and knees had become like wet noodles. Muscle had turned to Jello and my knees were raking along the sides of my saddle. Now it was all up to my horse. I was sloshing around the saddle wondering when this will end? And PLEASE W A L K ! WALK Cassy! I don't care who passes... W A L K!

After pulling back, I wondered if I had fallen too far behind in time until I saw Open riders grouped on a knoll. The wind is ferocious! Horses are tightly muscled, heads high, dancing and ready to fly! Why the hold up? "We're at the 2 mile mark," too early for the fast paced horses who are not stopping, not even for water. Wind is whipping dust into our faces as we head to the Finish... what is that? A Gate obstacle!

Obstacle accomplished, we are timed in and have only the final vet check in 30 minutes before completion.

The Final vet check went smoothly. We are DONE and can relax for an evening BBQ of beef, chicken, salad, and fresh vine ripened hand picked tomatoes by Kitty Swindle. That's followed by a raffle, and lots of bear prizes: cuddly teddy bears, care bears, polar bear and bears of every shape and size to honor those who the P&R teams elected for special prizes.

When awards were announced, it was such fun watching the proud faces for all the divisions. My Cassanova took first place "Horse"! What an honor! A horse who takes care of himself and me through those lovely winding trails up and around Harvey Bear Park with views of the Morgan Hill and San Martin valley. Horsemanship: I took third. The Judge's comments on the Score card are fair - over a log: yup, up go the heels... I'm "helping" my horse up and over, right? Leaning forward in the trot... like a jockey on a race horse? This week, I am able to tune into and notice these habits and put in correction. That is the benefit of riding NATRC. Not only do we get to ride lovely well-marked trails, and have the safety of the vet checks and P&R's, but we get to learn where to make corrections and then try it again!

Thank you all for putting on such a super ride! Well timed, with friendly and experienced volunteers. Special thanks to Vet Judge Greg Fellers and Horsemanship Judge Karel Waugh and all the hard working folks who put this ride on!

### Oakland Hills Region 1 Benefit Ride

The NATRC Region 1 Benefit Ride was held September 19 and 20th. The ride was staged at Bort Meadows in Anthony Chabot Park. On Saturday, riders rode in Redwood Park and on Sunday in Anthony Chabot. Redwood Park was a surprisingly beautiful place. There are lots of singletrack trails through the trees and lots of elevation change. Another interesting thing about the park is that dogs are allowed off leash(!) Most dogs were quite well behaved but there were a few tense moments on the narrow trails with

overly curious dogs. Riders were treated to great views of the San Francisco bay, and provided with water and granola bars at P&Rs. The ride was timed fast enough to make it a challenge. Yellow jackets at a few spots on the trails provided an excuse to travel even faster than the Novice 3.5 MPH pace ("Bees!!... RUN!!!). Kudos to Joe and Michelle Pimentel and all the great volunteers for putting this ride together.

Ellen Carter & Cash



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## First Ride Happiness! The Round Valley Ride

By Lynn Tidd

We packed up the trailer and were ready to go (on) Friday...We had a great time!

We had:

- A long drive...6 hours.
- A great, flat, well organized campground.
- Perfect weather.
- A good natured ride secretary, who only razzed me a little for refusing my scorecard!
- A quick lesson on how to NOT do your check with the vet. None of our horses longe or trot while being led, apparently.
- A miracle! The horses tied overnight!!!
- Friendliness abounding.
- A lesson or seven about resisting new things.
- A lesson about troubleshooting tack the night before when the ride starts right after sunrise.
- Amazing, amazing horses!
- Lots of little lessons along the ride about what is really needed and what isn't at all when you are riding for 7 hours.

- Amazing horses!
- Almost getting lost with one mile to go, but being saved by a honking ride manager!! Thanks Gene!
- A huge success in improved vet check in after the ride.
- Amazing horses...One with a Very sore back and a shocking rub spot, my daughter, 11, didn't want to remove the saddle on her 15.3 horse because she was afraid she wouldn't be able to put it back on after lunch. Cried big crocodile tears when she saw that Daisy was hurt. Poor Daisy, 20 year old lady who worked SOOOO hard. Big Lesson.
- Ribbons! Ruby and Daisy each won thirds in their junior novice category. Athena won 2nd...a 97! in heavyweight novice. I got a great newcomer award mug!
- Very friendly folks who made us look forward to coming back.

Thanks to everyone who has been helpful answering all my questions and encouraging us, we just might be hooked!

## Round Valley Ride

This ride was the first held at Round Valley regional park. This was the last ride of the season and it was a tough one. Steep uphill and steep downhill... timed fast... we trotted wherever we could and made it in on time with 5 minutes to spare. My horse walks so slow downhill, I think I would have made better time if \*I\* carried HIM!! I don't remember Novice being this

tough!! Sheesh... The vet was very thorough and needed no obstacles/manners to separate the horses. Trail was very well marked, Saturday night dinner delicious, nice awards. Thanks to Gene B. and Sue Flagg and all the volunteers for another great ride!!

Ellen Carter & Cash



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