

# The Leadline

The Voice of NATRC Region 1 Competitive Trail Riding



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## Chairman's News

Spring has come and it's time to get back on the trails. I hope you're all looking forward to the upcoming ride season as much as I am. Each spring I take a few minutes to look at last year's ride pictures and they inspire me to get out there and ride. Although I and my mare Sierica are retired from competitions, we still feel the joy and excitement of heading out on trail. For most of us, our lives are hectic, with commitments to work and family. It's important to take time out for ourselves and the best therapy is to ride out for the day and enjoy our equine partner. To quote from former president and horseman Ronald Reagan "there is nothing as good for the inside of a man as the outside of a horse". I suspect he got this from Will Rogers, but it's still a true statement.

This past winter we tried something new by sending you a few E-blasts about events or meetings that were important to us as Region 1 trail riders. We will continue to do this but need your help. Please notify a BOD member if you find a trail advocacy meeting, a trail work day or trail legislation that might be important for our membership to know about. There are many issues we face as trail riders, and we have been a silent group for too long. We need to "show our faces" at trail planning meetings, park meetings, trail work days. If each of you drags a few riding friends to at least one event per year, it will go a long way in making the general public aware that we are trail/park users and need to be included in the planning process.

A good example of what's happening is the bureaucratic challenges that prevented the Fort Ord Ride. We all owe Donna Stidolph a big thank you for persevering and trying to wade through the paperwork/meetings to put on this ride. Although she wasn't successful for May 2012, she paved the way for a future ride once the land management issues have been resolved. Her efforts show what one tenacious member can accomplish and what we are up against in the future if we don't make our presence known.

Kudos also goes to Angie & Steve Meroshnekoff and Maria Pilgrim for putting on a NEW ride at Lake Mendocino. They are putting on TWO rides this year-Jackson Forest and Lake Mendocino!! And for Laura Harvey for volunteering to be the new ride manager for the Georgetown ride. Make sure you all come out and support their efforts to put these rides on. We wouldn't have a ride season if it weren't for their efforts and the efforts of our continuing ride chairmen who work hard to put rides on year after year.

This year at the Round Valley ride (RV), we are trying something new to attract first time competitors. For every NEW rider that a current NATRC member brings to the RV ride, Gene Boicelli (ride chair for RV ride) will refund you 25% of your entry fee. If you bring 4 new riders- your ride entry is FREE. So if you want to save some money, round up your riding friends and talk them into trying a competitive trail ride with NATRC. It's always more fun to go as a group AND you can "truck pool" to save on gas.

I hope to see you at the rides. Get out on the trail, be safe, have FUN. Happy Trails Everyone

*Linda Thomason*  
Chairman Region 1

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## From Your Editor . .

I hope this issue of Leadline finds you all doing well and getting lots of saddle time. I certainly enjoyed getting to see all of you at the Convention, and my friends and I had a blast! It was a very enjoyable break from a northern winter, and we all came home re-energized for the riding season.

We are quickly emerging from winter here in the far North, as the melting snow, water puddles, mud and mosquitoes, yes, mosquitoes, all attest. The photo below was taken on a lovely spring day with the temperature around 50 degrees. And after the -50 degree winter, that +50 is positively HOT!! Just about all the snow in this photo is now gone.

My horses and I are all doing well, and I'm working on getting everyone in shape for the summer riding season. I am planning on entering two of my horses in the Bald Mountain Butt Buster NATRC ride in Wasilla, Alaska, this year. Bo and I will be doing Open, and my six-year-old mare, Frilly, with a friend riding her, will be doing CP. My long-time CTR horse Bill, who's now 23, is entered in a driving clinic, and he's also the "babysitter" on trail rides with Frilly. There are also a couple other clinics I'm planning on attending, as well as a trail trial or two. So I've got a busy summer ahead. And of course, there's always home projects and gardening to attend to!

This issue of Leadline includes some articles written by some Region 1 members. I've also included a "food for thought" article from an endurance rider. I hope you enjoy my selections and remember, this is YOUR newsletter. So please feel free to let me know what you'd like to see on these pages.

Take care and stay safe!

*Laurie Knuutila  
Fairbanks, Alaska*



Photo by Tony Knuutila

My horse Bo (Indy's Midnight Sun) and I out for a ride on a lovely spring day.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NATIONAL BOD MEETING

The National BOD Meeting was held in Reno, NV March 8, 2012. Jamie Dieterich and Jim Ferris attended to represent Region 1.

**Business of NATRC:** Due to a sound fiscal policy and a lot of hard work, NATRC broke even for 2011 on a cash basis. Revenue was up 1% (thanks in part to the Machu Picchu raffle, sponsorships and donations) and expenses were down 13% over for 2010.

Membership and ridership continue to drive the revenue side of our ledger. As a measurement of our share of growth, Region 1 needs one more member (157) in 2012 and an increase in the average number of riders/ride. I know we can do it.

Please continue to support our sponsors!!! There has to be something in it for them.

**Insurance:** Diane Leshner of Equisure stressed the importance of rides having extra coverage for ATV's or golf carts if they will be used in ride set-up, the ride itself, or ride take down.

**Hoof Print/ Media Advisory:** The bid for Hoof Print design was awarded to Kelly Carper Polden for the second year. Bev Roberts was named as the new NATRC web master.

**Marketing/ Publicity:** Most of us have come to recognize Bev as the Marketing/ Publicity Chair, E-News guru (over 1100 subscribers so far), and branding police. You might not realize she was also chair of the very successful Machu Picchu Raffle. We have a new form of visibility – a permanent sign at a ride site in Colorado showing our partnership with the BLM. Another BIG plus is that we are trading advertising with a number of breed associations and one magazine so far. That is FREE advertising!

**Proposed Rule Changes:** Among the proposed rule changes, some are simply to keep up with the times. For example, one would change the rule that rides have to be listed in Hoof Print at least once to that it would have to be posted on the web site 60 days in advance. Another would allow judges or the ride manager (in addition to the trail master) to designate part of the trail as hazardous and instruct the riders to dismount. A third would emphasize consistency in P&R procedures. Number 4 would clarify National Championship qualifications for Region 1A.

**Number 5 would allow portable corrals with restrictions.** Note: Any use would still be at the discretion of ride management. The sixth proposed change adds wording for CRI (Cardiac Recovery Index) to the evaluation of condition scoring.

*Please see report in Hoof Print and let your R1 BOD or Jamie Dieterich or Jim Ferris what you think of these.*

**Safety Committee:** NATRC has a simple 20-minute Power Point Safety seminar on safety riders. Please contact Jamie Dieterich for details. The file size is less than 500 kb, and I would be happy to email the file and discuss it with you if you're interested.

**Old Business:** GoTo Webinar will be used for a NBOD meeting April 24.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jamie Dieterich*

**R1 Ride Coordinator  
National BOD**

**Information & Education Committee  
Judges Committee**

**Media Advisory Board  
Policies and Procedures**

## Important Information Regarding Year-End Awards!

**The ride year ends the second Sunday in November. November 11, 2012.**

**For eligibility for year end awards, IT IS THE RIDER'S RESPONSIBILITY to have the following requirements completed as indicated by November 11, 2012.**

**(1) NATRC Membership dues must be received and**

**(2) Horse's accurate breed information must be on file with the NATRC Office. [www.natrc.org](http://www.natrc.org)**

**(3) In addition, National breed associations sponsoring year-end awards require that all the equines must be registered with the "association" and "participant(s)" must maintain their "association" membership.**

Any doubt? Send an email to Laurie ([natrc@natrc.org](mailto:natrc@natrc.org)) for NATRC membership verification and Cheri ([Jeffcoat.cheri@gmail.com](mailto:Jeffcoat.cheri@gmail.com)) or Colleen ([colleen@myedl.com](mailto:colleen@myedl.com)) for breed verification. Contact your own breed association if you have questions for them.

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Quarter page—\$10

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The Round Valley Ride is offering a great Incentive!

Receive 25% off your entry fee for each 1st time competitor that you (a current NATRC member) brings to the ride.

There is a maximum of 4 new riders per member, in which case your entry to Round Valley would be FREE!!!


So go recruit some new riders and  
Come Ride With Us -  
FOR FREE!!!

### NATRC Student Loan Program

Student loans are available up to \$5,000 per person /year, at the discretion of the NATRC National Board of Directors, after proper application has been submitted. Preference will be given to a full-time student who has been a member of NATRC or whose family has been an active member for at least three years. Consideration will also be given to a student or a student's family who has been an active member of NATRC for less than three years but more than six months.

For more details and an application, please go to [www.natrc.org](http://www.natrc.org).

## Region 1 2012 Tentative Ride Schedule

<b>May 5</b>	<b>Mt. Diablo</b> Ellen Pofcher Sec: Mary Christopherson	Clayton, CA (925) 672-3733 (925) 252-0269	"B" O/N/CP <a href="mailto:mtnoaks@earthlink.net">mtnoaks@earthlink.net</a> <a href="mailto:mtnoaks@earthlink.net">mtnoaks@earthlink.net</a>
<b>May 19</b>	<b>Hoof Trek</b>	<b>CANCELLED.</b> Permits were delayed due to problems with land transfer. We hope to reschedule in the Fall. Sorry!	
<b>June 2</b> 	<b>Cowboy Camp</b> Jean Armer Sec: Sherry Lindley	Williams, CA (530) 755-8301 (530) 432-6513	"A" O/CP; "B" N <a href="mailto:armer@citlink.net">armer@citlink.net</a> <a href="mailto:shadylin@aol.com">shadylin@aol.com</a>
<b>June 16-17</b>	<b>Round Valley Regional Park</b> Gene Boicelli Sec: Linda Thomason	Brentwood, CA (925) 672-6491 (510) 651-9470	"A" O/CP; "B" N LIMIT 45 <a href="mailto:geneboicelli@aircloud.net">geneboicelli@aircloud.net</a> <a href="mailto:linda.thomason@comcast.net">linda.thomason@comcast.net</a>
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<b>Aug 18-19</b>	<b>Jackson Forest</b> Steve Meroshnekoff Sec: Maria Pilgrim	Ft. Bragg (707) 743-9973 (707) 795-8163	"A" O/CP; "B" N <a href="mailto:iambrewing@aol.com">iambrewing@aol.com</a> <a href="mailto:wolves1961@sbcglobal.net">wolves1961@sbcglobal.net</a>
<b>October 6</b> 	<b>Lake Mendocino</b> Steve Meroshnekoff Sec: Maria Pilgrim	Ukiah, CA (707) 743-9973 (707) 795-8163	"B" O/N/CP <a href="mailto:iambrewing@aol.com">iambrewing@aol.com</a> <a href="mailto:wolves1961@sbcglobal.net">wolves1961@sbcglobal.net</a>

## Region 1 Year-End Awards Presentation

### Welcome

Welcome by Jamie Dieterich. We extend a warm welcome to our far-flung attendees: Laurie Knuutila

and Marilyn Dowding (AK), Lucie Hess (MO), and Kathryn Lewand-

owsky (WA). Thank you so much for coming so far.

### Credits:

- Registration: Betty Young
- Awards: Betty Young and Kathy Nixon
- Photos: Jamie Dieterich, Sarah Ellison, Michael Sullivan, Donna Stidolph
- Membership/Voting: Phil Young, Jim Ferris
- Program: Jamie Dieterich

### Special Thanks:

To all of our P&R teams

#### Region One Sponsor:

Jim and Jan Jeffers did the embroidery on our first place Novice and CP Horsemanship awards.

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Jim & Sherry Ferris;  
Phil & Betty Young

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Linda Thomason

#### Thank You to . . . 2011 Region 1 BOD

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Phil Young (National BOD Alt.)  
Jim Ferris (National BOD)  
Angie Meroshnekoff  
Steve Meroshnekoff  
Gene Boicelli  
Stephanie Swain  
Laura Harvey  
Jamie Dieterich (National BOD).

#### Thanks also to . . .

##### Mentors:

Angie Meroshnekoff and  
Kay Lieberknecht

##### LL Editor:

Laurie Knuutila

##### Webmaster:

Donna Stidolph

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### Region 1 Appreciation Certificates

#### Sherry Ferris

Sherry came to us through Jim Ferris. Jim has devoted much of his life to NATRC, and Sherry must have been pretty perceptive to see that she had to/ wanted to jump in with both feet to share this part of his life.

Sherry has volunteered on P&R teams, secretaried for judges, hosted Region 1 BOD meetings in their home, served up meals, listened to stories, and offered words of encouragement. She will be ride secretary for the 2012 Region 1 Benefit Ride at Cowboy Camp.

Sherry is the kind of golden volunteer we can't do without, and we SURE don't want her to think we take that for granted. Thank you, Sherry. We truly appreciate your coming into our lives.

#### Ride Chairmen:

Ellen Pofcher:  
Mt. Diablo  
Gene Boicelli:  
Round Valley  
Laurie Knuutila:  
Challenge of the North  
Steve Meroshnekoff:  
Jackson Forest  
Kathryn Lewandowsky:  
WA State Horse "Park and Ride"  
Jean Armer:  
Cowboy Camp, Region 1 Benefit  
Ride

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### **Donna Stidolph by Laura Harvey**

Donna's introduction to NATRC could have been better. She heard mixed reviews: we were kinda fun, but we go SO slowly. We have SO many rules. Yeesh.

She gave us a try anyway, starting as a P&R volunteer. Since Donna brought her camera along, she started taking pictures. And what pictures they were. Donna's lens captured fleeting moments, telling the story of the ride in a way most of us never could.

The following spring, Donna appeared horse-in-hand at the inaugural Arnold Rim ride. It snowed, rained, hailed, and all but froze us solid even in the rare moments of sunshine. Donna finally plucked up enough courage to ask a pair of riders if she could ride with them, but they turned her down. Despite all this, Donna took first place in her division for both horse and horsemanship.

Last year Donna took on the task of refreshing our regional website. Viewers can now flip through eye-catching pages, click through to stories, view rides in the photo gallery and ask questions.

Constantly looking for ways to support our sport, Donna seeks out horse organizations willing to give her time to speak at meetings, and this year jumped in to revive the ride at Ft. Ord.

Thank you, Donna, for your enthusiasm, generosity, good-humor and good-will. Thank you for lending us your eye and your lens, for your long hours in cyberspace, and for the even longer hours putting together your ride. From me to you, thank you for your tact, and thank you for not holding a grudge (I really am sorry I said I wouldn't ride with you).

### **Ellen Pofcher**

In the late 30's, a few horsemen got together and talked about a ride from Concord to Mt Diablo and back-about 50 miles. After a lot of talk, it actually happened on Labor Day, 1942. Fifty miles in one day. This was the start of the CMDTRA ride, originally a tough, pleasure ride with prizes for Best Trail Horse, Junior and Senior. In the 1960's, four men, Dr. Bob Graham, George Cardinet, Dr. Murray Fowler and Col. Kestor put their heads together and decided something more was needed as their "pleasure ride" had become very competitive and needed some structure. Their goals were first, to encourage the breeding of sound, suitable horses for trail riding and secondly, teach people how to train and care for their trail horses. NATRC's first official ride was in 1961.

CMDTRA has been putting on NATRC rides ever since. Mt. Diablo was WHERE IT ALL BEGAN, and Region 1 recognizes that Ellen Pofcher has become a driving force. Thank you, Ellen, for making it continue to happen.

### **Region 1 Remembrance Tom Kasovich**

Tom Kasovich, a long-time member and familiar face in Region 1, passed away on November 19, 2011. Kasovich served in the U.S. Army, Navy and Marines during the 1950s before he entered the Army Reserves in 1957 and moved back to Petaluma. He greeted local radio listeners in the morning with his rich baritone voice as a disc jockey until he joined the Petaluma Police Department. His career in fraud cases launched when he began working as a state claims investigator responsible for a jurisdiction that stretched from Petaluma to the Oregon border.

Thomas Anthony Kasovich didn't become cynical during 34 years in law enforcement and believed, no matter the crime, everyone has a bit of good.

Tom loved playing golf, gardening, cooking, reading--most of all--spending time with his family, his dogs, and although he didn't ride, he enjoyed caring for the horses, especially feeding them apples and carrots. He often accompanied Nancy to the rides, where he volunteered as a crossing guard and general bon vivant. Tom made it possible for Nancy to pursue her life with horses, whether judging or competing, supporting her in every way.

### **Regional Appreciation at the**

#### **National Level**

Betty Young

*(Text Published in Hoof Print)*

Maria Pilgrim

*(Text Published in Hoof Print)*

#### **Region 1 Remembrance**

Emma McCrary

*(Text Published in Hoof Print)*

Bill Throgmorton, DVM

*(Text Published in Hoof Print)*



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## Region 1 End of Year Placings

### Novice Division

#### Novice Heavyweight—horsemanship

- 1<sup>st</sup> Laura Harvey  
2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Pimentel  
3<sup>rd</sup> Barbara Berlitz  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tammy Brown

#### Novice Lightweight—horsemanship

- 1<sup>st</sup> Donna Stidolph  
2<sup>nd</sup> Debbie York

#### Novice Junior—horsemanship

- 1<sup>st</sup> Karlie Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Emma Barash

#### Novice Heavyweight—horse

1<sup>st</sup> Place sponsored by  
Gene & Vicki Boicelli  
Ribbons sponsored by  
Linda Thomason

- 1<sup>st</sup> Blue Camel / M-FX /  
Doug Brown  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tango Sierra / M-FX /  
Laura Harvey  
3<sup>rd</sup> Laarkin / Arab /  
Tammy Brown  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuscany / H-Ar /  
Barbara Berlitz  
5<sup>th</sup> Kodi / Grad /  
Joe Pimentel

#### Novice Lightweight Horse

Ribbons sponsored by  
Linda Thomason

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sierra Sunshine / Arab /  
Donna Stidolph  
2<sup>nd</sup> SC Tecka / Arab /  
Debbie York

#### Novice Junior—horse

1<sup>st</sup> Place Sponsored by  
Brian, Darlene & Haley Schlerf  
of B.A.S. Roofing

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kaylee / Grad /  
Karlie Johnson

### Competitive Pleasure Division

#### Competitive Pleasure—horsemanship

Ribbons sponsored by  
Bev Barmettler- Mierkey

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ashley Dillard  
2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Dillard  
3<sup>rd</sup> Haley Schlerf  
4<sup>th</sup> Kay Lieberknecht  
5<sup>th</sup> Jim Ferris  
6<sup>th</sup> Ute Frey

#### Competitive Pleasure—horse

1<sup>st</sup> place sponsored by  
Jim and Sherry Ferris

- 1<sup>st</sup> OM El Shakeeb Dream / Arab /  
Joe Dillard  
2<sup>nd</sup> La Paloma Dream / Arab /  
Ashley Dillard  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lady Tigers Hi Syn / Grad /  
Haley Schlerf  
4<sup>th</sup> MJ Abiad Amir / Arab /  
Jim Ferris  
5<sup>th</sup> Lakota / Grad /  
Kay Lieberknecht  
6<sup>th</sup> Huck Finn / Grad /  
Ute Frey

### Open Division

#### Open Heavyweight—horsemanship

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lucie Hess  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vicki Boicelli  
3<sup>rd</sup> Linda Cannon

#### Open Lightweight—horsemanship

- 1<sup>st</sup> Angie Meroshnekoff  
2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle Pimentel

#### Open Heavyweight—horse

1<sup>st</sup> Place sponsored by  
Phil & Betty Young

- 1<sup>st</sup> Take-A-Walkaloosa / App /  
Lucie Hess  
2<sup>nd</sup> Stealth Knight / H-AR /  
Vicki Boicelli  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tura Lura / Hconn /  
Linda Cannon

#### Open Lightweight—horse

- 1<sup>st</sup> Desert Reinbeau / Must /  
Angie Meroshnekoff

### Region 1 High-point Breed Awards:

Arabian:	OM El Shakeeb Dream/ Joe Dillard
Half-Arabian:	Stealth Knight/ Vicki Boicelli
Appaloosa:	Take-A-Walkaloosa/ Lucie Hess
MFT:	Blue Camel/ Doug Brown
Mustang:	Desert Reinbeau/ Angie Meroshnekoff
Paso Fino:	*Royal Prancer/ Michelle Pimentel & Emma Barash
Other:	Tura Lura/ Linda Cannon
Grade:	Lady Tigers Hi Syn/ Haley Schlerf

\*National Breed Award

### Horse Mileage Awards

1040	Kaylee / gr - Karlie Johnson
1300	Take-a-walkalooa / App - Lucie Hess

### Rider High Mileage Chevrons

8000	Lucie Hess	Region 1
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## Region One Awards at the National Level

*These awards were presented March 10, 2012, at the National Awards Banquet, Reno, NV.*

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### Team Awards

These are awarded for combined horse and horsemanship. All points for rides in which the same horse and rider combination competed are added together. At least three rides must be completed to qualify for annual awards.

#### Novice Heavyweight Team

1<sup>st</sup> Tango Sierra / M-FX / Laura Harvey

#### Novice Lightweight Team

1<sup>st</sup> Sierra Sunshine / Arab /  
Donna Stidolph

#### Novice Junior Team

1<sup>st</sup> Kaylee / Grad / Karlie Johnson

#### Competitive Pleasure Team

1<sup>st</sup> La Paloma Dream / Arab /  
Ashley Dillard

1<sup>st</sup> OM El Shakeeb Dream / Arab /  
Joe Dillard

3<sup>rd</sup> Lakota / Grad / Kay Lieberknecht

#### Open Heavyweight Team

1<sup>st</sup> Take-A-Walkaloosa / Appy /  
Lucie Hess

2<sup>nd</sup> Stealth Knight / H-Ar / Vicki Boicelli

#### Open Lightweight Team

1<sup>st</sup> Desert Reinbeau / Must /  
Angie Meroshnekoff

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## Region 1 Special Awards

### Bob Smith Award

High Point 1st Year  
Novice or CP horse

La Paloma Dream  
ridden by Ashley Dillard (CP)

### Pat Ersepke Award

High Point Novice  
Horse/Rider Combo

Sierra Sunshine  
ridden by Donna Stidolph

### Fran & Carol Duport Award

High Point 1st Year Open Horse  
Sponsored by Brian, Darlene and  
Haley Schlerf of B.A.S. Roofing

Take-A-Walkaloosa  
ridden by Lucie Hess

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## Max Barmettler Award

Honorary Region 1 Lifetime Membership  
Sponsored by Phil and Betty Young

### Jamie Dieterich

submitted by Phil & Betty Young

Obviously, Jamie knows nothing about this, but I need to add one final award to our gathering this morning, the Max Barmettler Award. As most of you know, it is given for outstanding service to the Region over a long period of time and is not always awarded every year.

There is no one in our Region who could be more deserving of this award than our little leprechaun, Jamie Dieterich. She is truly the most amazing of Energizer Bunnies-- no human being should be able to accomplish as many things at once, and to keep them all straight, as she does. She is the very epitome of the multi-tasker!!

While Jamie spends countless hours doing work for the National Board, as well as for the Region 1 Board, today we're primarily honoring and thanking her for the invaluable help she provides at our rides. Not only does she coordinate with all the ride managers to compile a ride schedule each year, she attends virtually every Region 1 ride, often acting as Horsemanship Judge or as Rules Interpreter. She has frequently volunteered her own vehicle to take P&R crews out to their spots when there is a need or to drive herself when she's judging. She can also be seen flitting around camp or out on the trail, taking myriads of photographs of

horses and riders and volunteers. She uses these photos to put together our wonderful awards program every year, as you've seen this morning!

We are truly blessed to have such a hard working leprechaun in our midst!!

I could go on at length about all that Jamie does, and has done, for NATRC and Region 1 in particular. But since she likes these presentations to be kept like she is, short and sweet, I'll simply end by saying:

Thank you, Jamie, for all you do for us and the cheerful way you do it.



## Region 1 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2012, Reno, Nevada

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by Chairman, Linda Thomason. Present: Linda Thomason, Phil Young, Jamie Dieterich, Jim Ferris, Gene Boicelli, Stephanie Swain, Laura Harvey, Angie Meroshnekoff, and Steve Meroshnekoff  
**Guests:** Betty Young, Vicki Boicelli, Donna Stidolph, Laurie Knuutila, Sherry Ferris and Kathryn Lewandowsky

**Election of Officers:** Jim Ferris moved to elect an alternate (to preside in the absence of the Chairman); seconded by Gene Boicelli – unanimously approved.

**Nomination of Assistant Chairman:** Jamie Dieterich nominated Angie Meroshnekoff; seconded by Jim Ferris – unanimously approved.

Jim Ferris moved to retain officers from 2011; seconded by Phil Young – unanimously approved

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of meeting held 25 September 2011 to be submitted for review and approval. Minutes of 22 January 2012 meeting and this meeting to be submitted via email

**Treasurer's Report:** Submitted electronically. Overall 2011 Budget ended with +\$1882 as opposed to projected loss of \$740. 2011 Benefit Ride made >\$2800, Convention made \$3100 with a net loss of \$1100 for year end awards. Juniors need to apply for Junior Fund. Jim Ferris moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Laura Harvey seconded. Unanimously approved.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Physical Resource Coordinator:** Linda Thomason – two sets of bibs received from Marilyn Hunter; Linda has the same resources in her possession as for 2011.

**Historian:** Kathy Nixon – No report

**Wonder Workers:** Steve Meroshnekoff – has hats and enough patches for 2012.

**Points/Membership:** Jim Ferris – Submitted written report (also see Minutes of General Meeting, 11 March 2012). Region 1 2011 membership totaled 79. There were not enough rides in Region 1 and Region 2 combined to allow any

rider to qualify for 2011 National Championships.

As of February 2012 membership was at 39. This number will be updated once the Convention membership applications/renewals have been processed. Jim will be sending email/postcards to past members encouraging them to renew.

There will be no new Lifetime memberships (except for the Menefee Honorary).

Of the vet judges for Region 1 2011 rides, 2 are lifetime members, and Region 1 will pay 2012 membership fees for Leroy Burnham and Carol Meschter (total of \$120)

**Publicity:** Linda Thomason – event listings will be placed in local area horse publications as well as online venues such as BAEN. Has blurbs on all rides posted in BAEN - they allow paragraph with links, other publications only allow 1 line with event information. Angie suggested placing information in BAEN's So. Cal. sister-site. Linda is also making a spreadsheet with newspaper contacts.

**The Leadline:** Laurie Knuutila – has gone to 2 editions – print and electronic (which is more extensive than the print edition). NEED input – Photos, ride reports, articles. Deadline for submissions is 15 April, to be published 01 May.

**National BOD:** Website – proposed having a special 'members only' section available which would include special information like membership/points status

**Region 1 Website:** Donna Stidolph needs input – training stories, pictures, ride stories, etc.

**Ride/Clinic Management:** Jamie Dieterich – There will be no Region 1 Ride clinic this spring. Final permission for Fort Ord ride must come from 3 separate jurisdictions. Donna Stidolph expects to have final answers as of 14 March. Georgetown ride is a go. Lake Mendocino ride – 4 October – possible 2<sup>nd</sup> Benefit ride? BUT will be cancelled if there is any rain. Linda moved to accept as 2<sup>nd</sup> benefit ride; Laura seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Trails Advocacy Coordinator:** Judy Etheridge – No report. Linda says she attends many meetings relating to trails. We need to have NATRC groups do

trail advocacy/trail workdays. Post regular meetings/ events on LL, R1 website calendar.

**Bylaws:** Jim Ferris, Jamie Dieterich, Phil Young: in progress

**Judging Issues:** Jamie Dieterich, Betty Young – no report

### OLD BUSINESS:

**R1 Corporate/Non-profit status:** Phil Young – 501c3 application in progress

**T-shirt/sweatshirt Sales:** Linda Thomason – needs better means to get T/sweatshirts from ride to ride. Will work with Donna and Jamie on the issue.

**NATRC Computers:** Jim Ferris – conversion of membership program in progress

### NEW BUSINESS:

Membership cut-off date for year end award eligibility is the second Sunday in November per the NATRC Rulebook. Ride coordinator needs to remind ride secretaries to check status of entries at each ride to prevent issues in the future. Need to closely follow rules, send reminders to non-renewals, put membership information on ride entry forms.

Steve Meroshnekoff suggested Region1/Region2 cross-regional incentives. Jamie to coordinate with Lory Walls of Region 2 to further explore this idea.

2013 Mini Convention – need Convention chair – post request for help in LL and R1 website. Linda will call to get date with Livermore location. Need input from Jamie re: 2013 National Convention date.

### NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be June 17, 2012, at the Round Valley Ride. It will be sometime in the afternoon after the ride is finished.

September meeting: September 23, 2012 at Big Oak Valley, Ca.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephanie Swain

## Attention All 4-H Horse Members!

To encourage participation by 4H members, NATRC has offered a 4H Junior Rider Year End High Point Award for many years. For 2012 some significant changes were made as follows:

- The award goes to the high point rider and high point horse **regardless** of the rider's division.
- The award is a self-nominating award. The nomination must occur before the end of the ride year, which is the second Sunday in November. This year, it will be November 11, 2012. The rider must (1) be a member of NATRC (2) send Laurie DiNatale an email ([natrc@natrc.org](mailto:natrc@natrc.org)) stating that they are a 4H member and (3) have their 4H leader verify that they are a member with an email to Laurie DiNatale ([natrc@natrc.org](mailto:natrc@natrc.org)).

In a number of states (Colorado is one example), 4H now recognizes competitive trail as an activity that qualifies as a 4H member's project.

Questions? Contact Susan Peters, [sapeters@pcisys.net](mailto:sapeters@pcisys.net).

## Mt. Diablo NATRC Ride Coming Up!

by Kay Lieberknecht

You might know that "Diablo" means "devil", but there is no diabolical aspect to this competitive trail ride planned for May 5, 2012. Hosted by the Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Association, this NATRC event is not a race, and far from being cutthroat competition, the folks are friendly and generous, and the horses are well-behaved. Yes, the mountain is . . . umm . . . mountainous, but in the Spring it is dressed in the most beautiful flowers and bushes and trees, with plenty of water, and it's not hot.

The very first North American Trail Ride Conference ride anywhere was on this mountain in 1961. In this sport horse and rider teams demonstrate their partnership skills over 20 to 35 miles, with a veterinarian judge monitoring the horses' condition, soundness and responsiveness at various points, while a horsemanship judge evaluates the riders' skills, including how they care for their horses. No dressing up is required, and horses can go barefoot, in boots or in shoes, bitless or treeless (a saddle is required, and breastplates and cruppers can help). At the end of the ride there are awards for six places in three divisions, and every competitor receives written feedback on their own and their horses' accomplishments. One Novice rider exclaimed last year, "What a deal! I got to camp in this nice area, then my horse and I walked and trotted 20 miles of beautiful trail, plus I got my horse vetted and I have this riding lesson on paper!" There's nothing like the CMDTRA Clubhouse for ride briefing, meals and awards (and even showers!), and their cooks make the best food, even a vegetarian option.

The hikers and bikers who share the trails at Mt. Diablo are pretty consistently kind and not overly plentiful. Ride management does a thorough job, and during the Friday night briefing they set everyone up for a great experience. The timing, trail markings and the map are always getting better, and safety is the highest priority for all, with "drag" riders following along on steady horses carrying emergency supplies.

Knowing that people across this country ride in rain, snow, wind and humidity, let's get out there no matter what, and get ourselves and our horses in shape to ride Mt. Diablo; it takes about two months of 15 miles a week, some hills included, to be ready. Check out [www.natrc.org](http://www.natrc.org), or contact ride manager, [mtnoaks@earthlink.net](mailto:mtnoaks@earthlink.net), (925) 672-3733.

### Good Search - Pennys for NATRC

GoodSearch.com is a new search engine that donates half its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. You use it just as you would any search engine, and it's powered by Yahoo!

Just go to [GoodSearch.com](http://GoodSearch.com) and be sure to enter NATRC as the charity you want to support. Just 500 of us searching four times a day will raise about \$7,300 in a year without anyone spending a dime! And, be sure to spread the word!

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.

## Region 1 has a Facebook Page!

Find us at NATRC Region 1.

There is also a Facebook page for Region 1A Alaska!

Find that at CTR Alaska (group) and at

Bald Mountain Butt Busters NATRC Ride (Region 1A) (event).

# Better Horse Care . . . For Better Horsemanship

By Jill Owens - all photos courtesy of Jill Owens

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Keeping my horses barefoot isn't just about hoof care. It's part of a larger philosophy of horsekeeping that honors the physical, mental, and spiritual quality of life of the animals in my care. It implies a deep respect and love for horses—indeed all living creatures—that gives heavy consideration to how those creatures would choose to live. At the top of the list is a choice that I think all sentient beings yearn to have, and that is the choice of *freedom*. It is the choice that underlies the essence of a democracy, and for horses I believe it includes the freedom to move about, the freedom to eat naturally, and the freedom to choose with whom to spend their time. My goal is to structure a life for my animals that is safe, natural, healthy, and useful—and then within that structure to offer them a huge range of choices. Not surprisingly, this plan meshes perfectly in many ways with the practice of natural hoof care.

When I was searching for my dream dressage horse, my dressage trainer at the time urged me to get a mature horse already trained to Third Level. However, I soon discovered that it is virtually impossible to find a barefoot horse with this level of training. I had already taken three horses through the transition from shoes to barefoot, and I didn't relish the thought of doing it again.

Although it was a stretch for a sixty-something amateur rider to take on an unstarted colt, I eventually opted for a two-year-old Trakehner who had never had shoes nailed on his feet. We all know that there is more to natural hoof care than pulling the shoes and leaving the horse barefoot. Of course, the trim is of utmost importance, and I am fortunate to have a hoof trimmer (Kimberlie Njirich) who is also a horse trainer and a body



Jill and Pokani doing dressage

worker, thus bringing a broad perspective to her work.

Freedom of movement is also essential for barefoot hoof care to succeed, but it goes much deeper than that. All animals crave freedom, and horses in particular have evolved to range widely in open spaces. I absolutely refuse to keep a horse in a stall, or even a stall/paddock situation. Because my horses are loose on 500 acres of rough, hilly ranchland, I needed my new dressage horse to be able to live successfully this way—hence, another reason to find a young horse who had not lived in a stall his whole life.

Moreover, horses are social animals, and the company of other horses is essential to their wellbeing. My herd is small, but my horses have the freedom to be with other horses, which I believe is paramount to the health of their minds and spirits. I found Pokani at Gateway Farm, a California breeder who pasture-raises their youngsters on acreage in groups. When I turned my new horse loose with the others on our ranch, he knew exactly what to do. He knew how to handle himself on natural terrain, and how to show respect to the lead mare and make friends with the geldings.

If I weren't lucky enough to have acreage, I would still insist on an environment that includes as much movement and socialization as possible. Nowadays, there are many good ideas available on how to produce maximum freedom in limited space—for example, Jamie Jackson's *Paddock Paradise* and Joe Camp's experiments in creating habitats for his herd.

I'm lucky that my California ranch is rich in natural species of grasses that have not been altered through selective

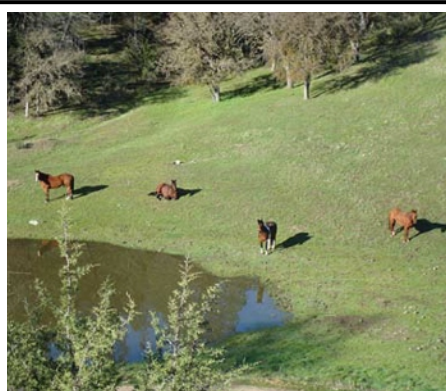
breeding and do not grow on rich or irrigated soil. There is always something to eat, but the horses have to move around to get it, so they stay fit and it's hard for them to overeat.

Horses that are not lucky enough to have this type of feeding situation can still be managed quite successfully. In the past few years, there has bloomed an entire industry offering slow-feeding alternatives that allow horses to eat the way they are supposed to: constantly and in small bites.

The freedom to choose with whom to spend their time is another right I insist on allowing my horses, and this includes whether to spend their time with me. A visitor to the ranch once asked me, "How do you keep your horses from heading for the hills when they see you coming?" People who confine their horses miss out on the exhilaration of being chosen by a horse. But offering this choice requires us as owners to examine and cultivate the relationship we have with our animals.

Recently, I heard a well-known horse trainer talk about his method for connecting with a new horse. "I want him to realize he's stuck with me, and that I'm not going to hurt him." I don't want my horses to ever feel they are stuck with me; I want them to seek my company and to follow me longingly with their gaze when I depart. And while I certainly want them to know I'm not going to hurt them, I want much more than that. I want them to know that life is sweetest when I'm around. This requires working on my relationship with my horses, developing love, trust, and respect in equal amounts, and providing both leadership and safety. It means giving them what *they* need, not what I think they need. I have learned so much about these concepts from my foundation trainer Susan Dockter, and from Carolyn Resnick and Robin Gates, who both specialize in liberty work with horses.

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Jill's herd enjoys freedom on 500 acres!



Jill and Pokani at the 2011 Round Valley Ride



When it comes to training and riding, I seek to extend my philosophy to these areas, as well. I strive to regard my horse's work as a small—albeit important—part of his life, rather than to view his life as existing solely for his work. Last season, my wonderful dressage trainer, Susan Corrie, competed Pokani and qualified him for the California Dressage Society annual championships. He did well there, but it was a stretch for him to live in a stall for five days and to keep his mind on his work. I watched much younger futurity horses compete with utter focus in tests much more difficult than his, and I wondered how this was possible. I thought about it for a long while and began to form some ideas.

In the Communist countries, athletes are chosen at a very young age, plucked from their families, placed in rigorous residential training programs, and required for many years to concentrate all their focus and energy on their sport. While in a democracy we wouldn't dream of managing our young athletes this way, the way we develop our performance horses is analogous to the Communist model: We start them very young, take away their freedom, house them alone in stalls, and limit their experiences to rigorous training in their discipline and little else. In both cases, extraordinary performers are produced, but at what cost? And for how long, before they break down physically or mentally? Why shouldn't our democratic principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness extend to our horses?

In his book *Drive*, Daniel Pink identifies three factors that are present in order for people to enjoy a high level of performance and satisfaction in their work: autonomy—the freedom to direct their own lives; mastery—learning new things; and purpose—reaching higher meaning in

life. I believe that if we allow our equine partners some measure of these satisfactions, with a training program that empowers the horse, makes learning joyful, and honors the importance of relationship and spiritual connection—autonomy, mastery, and purpose—they will enjoy the work they do for us.

In training, I strive for willingness, consensus, and the absence of conflict. In Dr. Thomas Ritter's new book, *Dressage Principles Based on Biomechanics*, he describes the Aikido Principle of training, quoting C. A. Huang and J. Lynch: "In the martial art Aikido, the fighter melts into the opposing force, moves with it, and uses its power to defuse the attack." This approach can be applied to evasions and resistances that our horses offer in training. For example, when the horse braces and comes above the bit, instead of trying to pull his head down, a better way is "to ride a circle and to move the horse's ribcage towards the outside by following its natural swing to the outside of the circle with our own pelvis. The rider blends into the swinging motion and actively accentuates the movement towards the outside...." Dr. Ritter goes on to explain how—with leg, seat, and rein actions that go with the horse instead of in opposition to him—we can use his power to supple his abdominal muscles, engage the inside hindleg, and eliminate the bracing. The current emphasis in dressage on riding biomechanics implies a deep respect for the horse and compels the rider to use his body to create what Mary Wanless describes as the spiral of ease as opposed to a spiral of unease arising from bad riding and the resulting need for coercion.

Are there risks with my program of horsekeeping? Of course! Barefoot horses are sometimes uncomfortable. Their feet are not anesthetized by shoes. If there is an issue, you can't help but see it. I usually boot my horses for trail rides, which is a little more trouble than just having the farrier come out and nail on some shoes. Pokani has one front hoof that is slightly upright, and he is prone to frog disease in that foot. While shoes would mask this, I notice it right away. I have to be quite diligent about managing the tendency for infection, often with daily treatment.

Once in a while, I have to go out on the ranch searching for my little herd. Because they are free, they occasionally wander off, and I have to go find them. They are not automatons. They are used to having choices and they will let me know in a minute if they think I'm unfair or too demanding in training.



Jill with Gypsy and Rocky, both mustangs

At the championship show last fall, Pokani's trainer Sue rewarded him one day with a trail ride around the 100-acre show grounds. A fellow competitor was shocked that she would dare to take a young horse out alone like that, but Sue knew that Pokani was a seasoned trail horse and had even won highest honors in a 20+-mile competitive trail ride only a few months before. The trouble came the following day, when their dressage class was held in an outside arena adjacent to the trail. He got so excited thinking he was going on another trail ride that he couldn't concentrate on his work and did poorly on the test.

Was it worth it? Absolutely! I want my horse to know what the world is all about, and even if that knowledge produces some unexpected setbacks on occasion, in the long run it will make him a happier individual and a better partner and friend for me. A month later, when I showed him myself for the first time, we won both our classes, along with the high-point award for the entire show.

Recently, two exciting things happened: a former dressage Olympian and S-judge predicted that Pokani will do very well at the upper levels of the sport, and a well-recognized trainer of piaffe and passage introduced him to these movements and discovered he has a natural aptitude for them. I'm excited about his potential and hoping I can learn to ride well enough to keep up with him! While it might be tempting to specialize in dressage alone, this year I also have plans for an introduction to cross-country jumping, several competitive trail rides, and a working cowhorse clinic.

I've strayed a long way from the subject of barefoot hoof care, but good horsemanship is like dominoes: one thing leads to another. In committing to responsible care of the hoof, we are led to consider many other aspects of our horsekeeping practices as well. For me it has been, and continues to be, a fascinating and utterly gratifying journey.



Jill's happy horses - living naturally!



## Being The Best You Can Be Takes Time

By Laura Hayes, AERC Vice President

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**Editor's Note:** While this article addresses endurance riding, the principles stated herein apply equally to any distance riding sport.

**E**ndurance riding offers a wide variety of participation. As long as you cover the miles, pass the checks and finish sound, you are considered an athlete in an extreme sport, a sport that makes the average citizen, or even the average rider, question your sanity and revere your constitution.

Whether your goal is to finish first in the WEG, top ten a local ride, or cross the finish line having enjoyed the trail at a leisurely pace, there is a place for you in this sport. There is also a place for your sound and fit horse of any breed, age (over 5 for endurance; 5 for limited distance) or gender.

One common point that all of us share, turtles and hot shoes alike, is the distance. The other is the obligation to our horses to do our very best by them.

Internet chat rooms and ride camp bonfire chatter are full of ideas of how to do it better -- better supplements, better feed, better systems for achieving the goal of crossing the finish line. One person's successful cookbook method can become a huge fad in no time, and not always a success for every rider.

Lots of riders are looking for the one thing or combination of things that will get their horse to that finish line more often, or faster, or in better condition. I'm here to tell you that there are no shortcuts. Riders who do their homework, choose their equine partners well, and put in the time, are the "successful" riders, no matter what your measure of success might be.

### Improve your horsemanship

One area that many of us can improve upon is horsemanship -- our riding in general. Sure, we can

ride 50 or 100 miles in a day, but are we doing it as well as we are able, or is our hero, the horse, going those miles despite our less-than-perfect seats? Many of us could benefit from a few riding lessons, some arena work, and an objective eye to remind us to remain balanced.

Many of the very successful horses in our sport have been schooled in dressage and the proper way to carry themselves. Our partners need riders who know how to remind them to round or collect and use their bodies correctly. If you and your horse don't know how to

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do that, you need to run, not walk, to the best dressage instructor in your area and spend some of your horse dollars on lessons.

### Improve your fitness

Another area of personal achievement that would behoove us

as riders is fitness, not just for our horses, who have to meet pulse requirements and pass veterinary exams, but us as riders.

We're susceptible to becoming tired during the hours on the trail and can't help our superstar horses as well as we should.

Every rider, unless truly handicapped, should be able to get off and walk, if not jog, with his or her horse for a mile or two if necessary. It may be critical if he ever becomes injured or ill on the trail, loses a shoe, or a myriad of other reasons.

Another benefit of becoming more fit is the realization of what you are asking your horse to do. Make it a habit to walk, on foot, the longest hill on your training route. It will become a not-so-subtle reminder of how hard your horse works for you and give you a better understanding of what you should ask of him. There is nothing so humbling as becoming out of breath and winded on a hill you routinely ask your horse to trot.

It was interesting to see the control judge comment in a recent issue of Endurance News that the number one thing you can do to help vets during exams is to have taught your horse to trot out in a straight line. A simple exercise that shows you have done your homework and are the best you can be.

So you can keep looking for the supercharged rocket fuel supplement and the best and lightest saddle and all the things you can buy to make you and your horse faster or more hardy, but nothing will serve you better than becoming a better horseman, riding within your horse's abilities and becoming more fit.

Happy trails,  
Laura



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## MEMBERSHIP FORM - RENEW, JOIN OR PURCHASE ITEMS ONLINE AT WWW.NATRC.ORG

Memberships run from January 1-December 31. We offer eight membership plans: four Regular; two Lifetime and two Platinum. The Platinum plans receive all the benefits of the Regular plans plus personal excess liability coverage with a \$1,000,000 policy limit.

### CHECK PLAN DESIRED

**REGULAR MEMBERSHIP:** All memberships include: electronic national newsletter-*Hoof Print*, your region's newsletter, E-News subscription, eligibility for annual national and regional high score awards and championships, horse and rider mileage awards, reduced ride entry fees, sponsor discounts, and automatic membership in your region.

- ☐ **FAMILY**..... \$90 /yr Household of 1 or 2 adults & children under the age of 18 as of Jan 1 (2 votes)  
☐ **SINGLE** ..... \$60 /yr Single adult member (1 vote)  
☐ **ASSOCIATE...** \$50 /yr Equine-related groups or businesses only (no vote)  
☐ **JUNIOR**..... \$40 /yr Single Junior member under age 18 (no vote)

**LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP:** One time membership payment.

- ☐ **FAMILY**..... \$10,000 Household of 1 or 2 adults & children under the age of 18 as of Jan 1 (2 votes)  
☐ **SINGLE** ..... \$ 5,000 Single adult member (1 vote)

**PLATINUM MEMBERSHIP:** Platinum members receive insurance benefits thorough Association Resource Group-ARG. Platinum members receive personal excess liability coverage with a \$1,000,000 policy limit. Coverage is for claims brought against members of NATRC (Platinum) arising from the use and /or ownership of a horse and for horse-related accidents involving third party bodily injury or property damage. Coverage will apply when engaged in any horse related activity, and coverage is in excess of any existing valid and collectible insurance. There is no deductible. Professional Liability is not included. Business exposures are excluded.

- ☐ **FAMILY**..... \$130 /yr Household of 1 or 2 adults & children under the age of 18 as of Jan 1 (2 votes)  
☐ **SINGLE** ..... \$ 80 /yr Single adult member (1 vote)

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- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00  
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New member? Will you share how you found out about NATRC? \_\_\_\_\_

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