

# The Leadline



The Voice of NATRC Region One Competitive Trail Riding

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## TAIL WINDS

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This quote, penned by Jamie Dieterich, opens the report of the above noted “workshop” meeting. Because of this meeting and its ensuing recommendations, you will probably be seeing some changes in the remaining rides of the season.

I would urge everyone to get out their NATRC Rule Book and review the five founding philosophies of our organization, which have not changed in all these years. The consensus of those at the meeting was that we had drifted from those philosophies and needed to make some adjustments to reclaim our heritage and still stay within the rules as they currently exist. These include, but are not limited to:

1. Making mileage measured and accurate and close to the maximum for each division.
2. Making the pace, especially for Open Division, close to the maximum so that the Vet Judges can judge on horse condition and soundness instead of “manners”.
3. Creating more difference between CP and Novice Divisions so that Novice is truly for the new horse/rider and CP capitalizes on the extra experience and abilities of horses in that Division.
4. Making awards (both “Ride” and “Year-end”) more prestigious for Open to encourage riders to move to the higher divisions and similarly graduate them for CP and Novice.
5. Promote cross judging between Vet and Horsemanship judges.
6. Eliminate “contrived” obstacles and those that cause delays and backups.
7. Limit rides to 45 horses so, in these economic times, one set of judges can be used.
8. Have generous refund policies to encourage riders to enter early and not be penalized if the horse fails to start after initial vet-in.

These changes will, of course, be dependent on the willingness of ride managers to incorporate them and judges to accept them, but our initial reactions have been favorable. As always, you, the riders, are the ultimate consumer and must feel these changes are for the good. As you encounter these changes, please feel free to send your comments to the Region 1 Board of Directors which has endorsed them.

If we want rides to continue, we need to support them! Break-even, for most rides, requires at least 30 entries (there are usually as many volunteers to support a ride as there are riders!). Less could mean cancellation. So, please, please, please, make the remaining rides of the season more than break-even and get your entry in early.

Anyone who has questions about or is interested in getting an official copy of the above mentioned meeting summary can contact me by email or telephone. Hope to see you on the trail!

*Phil Young, Chairman*

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(Editor’s Note: For more on the above-mentioned workshop, please see page 3.)

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*From the Editor . . .*

As is the case with most everyone, I have been having a very busy summer. Summers here in Alaska are especially frantic, since we have about four months, in a good year, to cram in all the things you can't do during the other eight months.

This year has been an especially lovely summer, with very little rain and comfortable, warm temperatures since May. The no rain part has not been good for my pasture or garden, but it has been great for getting the roof on my new barn completed and getting the whole thing painted. It has also been great for the farmers who are trying to dry hay.

In June, I hosted a 4-H club whose members are all interested in competitive trail riding. The whole club came out and spent two days and one night at my place. They wanted to practice camping overnight with their horses. And since some of them, who had previously ridden Novice and CP, were planning on moving up to the Open Division of the Challenge of the North CTR, they wanted me to take them out on the trail and practice riding at Open speed. We had a great weekend, and all the kids did very well, both on the trail and in camp. I did some short lecture/demos on tack and equipment and map reading/timing and we did a mock vet check and a trailer/camp check. The kids who went on to actually enter the ride in July all finished and most of them came away with ribbons.

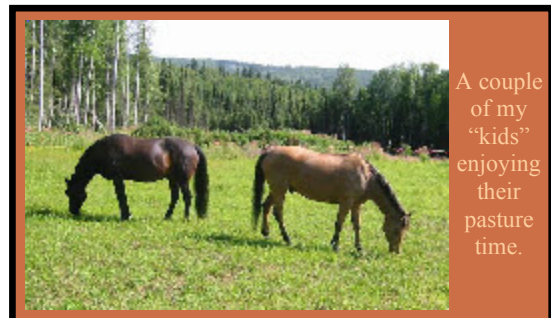
The first week of July, I hosted a dressage clinic with an instructor from Oregon. Then the middle of July, I was Ride Manager and Trail Master for the Challenge of the North CTR. Of course, I had been working on the ride since early winter, and had been riding the trails since the beginning of summer. The ride went smoothly and all the riders seemed to be having a great time. Our judges were awesome and really made the ride an educational experience for all the riders.

In addition to all the horse activities, I've also been busy working on my property, including the house and barn. We've been in our current location for almost two years now. Last summer we got the pasture area seeded and growing. So this summer, I got it fenced so I could turn the horses out there. They really love their pasture time! Additionally, I got my arena area fenced, and as I mentioned earlier, we've been working on finishing the barn that we started last summer. We also planted a garden, put up a greenhouse, and hauled in a winter's supply of hay.

So that's what I've been up to since April. Now it's time to get ready for winter. It's said that, in Alaska, winter is not a season, it's an occupation!

Be sure to send me ride stories or other items of interest to the rest of Region 1. Some photos would be great too! The next submission deadline is December 1. Hope to hear from you between now and then!

*Laurie Knuutila*



A couple of my "kids" enjoying their pasture time.

## Workshop Meeting at Mount Diablo - 05/03/2009

Over the past few years, a common thread of concerns has been expressed from members, riders, and judges of Region 1. Peter Rich recently framed these issues well in a series of letters he submitted to many people and to the Hoof Print. The day after Region 1's first ride of the season, at Mt. Diablo, several of us (including some riders, judges, and members of the R1 BOD) held a workshop at the Concord Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Association clubhouse to discuss these issues and recommend a course of action.

Attendees:	Nancy Kasovich
Jean Armer	Sherry Lindley
Carol Barnes	Carol Ormond
Ray & Sue Brezina	Peter Rich
Jamie Dieterich	Kris Skoog
Joe & Ashley Dillard	Linda Thomason
Greg Fellers	Bob Young
Jim Ferris	Phil Young
Sue Flagg	

Everyone present contributed ideas to the workshop. Many thanks to all who participated and a special thanks to those who were not involved in the ride but cared enough to come to the meeting anyway. The following is a summary of the items discussed and the conclusions reached.

At a regular meeting on June 14, 2009, the R1 BOD endorsed these recommendations. We believe the current rules and philosophies of NATRC are sound and offer many options.

### Items discussed:

1. Pace and distance of rides, especially in the Open Division, that make it nearly impossible for Veterinary judges to separate horses on soundness and metabolics.
2. Horsemanship values, especially in the Open and CP Divisions, that tend to judge more trail trial type tests than care of the horse issues.
3. Ride Management options to encourage entries and maximize use of judges.
4. Co-Judging between Veterinary & Horsemanship Judges.
5. Year-end & Ride Awards: quantity and quality.
6. Publicity/Promotions.
7. How to proceed.

### Summary of conclusions and recommendations reached at this meeting:

#### 1. Pace and Distance of Rides.

a. Ride Management should be encouraged to make the Open rides more difficult. This would include using as close to the maximum mileage for any ride type (AA, A or B), terrain permitting. The pace should be what the original standards of NATRC would have allowed. Mandatory forward motion should be used for all divisions into P&R stops. For instance, a one mile forward motion could be used for Open, less distance for CP and the least distance for Novice. The use of mandatory forward motions would provide more stress on the horse and help vet judges separate the fit horse from the not so fit horse. Accurate mileage

should be used —no more 48 miles and getting credit for 60—make it an honest 55-60 miles over two days in Open, 35-40 miles in two days for Novice/CP.

b. Open should be properly set up distance and pace-wise so that the trail is the obstacle. Judges should be encouraged to use "forward motion" observations as the horses go by – not set up obstacles that would interfere with the pace. Properly timed, there is no time for stop ping to do obstacles or for getting off trail.

c. There should be more distinctions between divisions. Novice should be for the really novice horses and/or riders. CP does not have to be the same pace and distance as Novice although we recognize that it's easier for ride management if it is. We'd like to encourage rides to be structured so CP could be a little faster than Novice, yet still be within the NATRC guidelines. That makes it difficult for those CP riders wanting to mentor Novice riders, but you can't make everyone happy. Suggestion: add 2-4 miles for CP to allow them to go faster. To accomplish this and not impact judges/P&R stops: (1) could use the Novice map, decrease all times by 5-10 minutes (2) add a short loop to increase CP mileage - without a judge in this area so that CP could trot horses out and still be at the same P&R and obstacle locations. This would decrease backups at P&R stops and allow CP to move out a bit more. We'd also suggest that CP have more difficult obstacles; CP could be the obstacle division. We'd encourage judges to follow Mike Peralez' (veterinary co-chair of the Judge's Committee) three guidelines on obstacles: (1) Is it safe for horse and rider?, (2) Is it appropriate for the sport of competitive distance riding? and (3) Does it adversely affect the flow of the ride?

d. Ride Management should be encouraged to time rides using the most appropriate horses/riders. This would mean timing each Division over the course on consecutive days using the same horse exactly as the ride would be ridden. They also need to have Trailmasters make a comprehensive list of appropriate spots on the trail that a Horsemanship judge can get to that would be good for observing riding skills. This would help avoid delays and backups associated with more contrived obstacles and the riders would be more relaxed not knowing the judge was around.

2. Horsemanship Judging Values. Peter's articles have questioned many horsemanship judging practices (i.e., is cantering appropriate?). However it was felt that if the three obstacle guidelines stated above were strictly followed, many of the overly contrived and "what if" obstacles would automatically be eliminated. It was agreed that there are many ways competitors display their riding skills, or lack thereof, if judges are able to discreetly observe them on the trail, at lunch, P&Rs, etc. The main ingredient is to have a thorough meeting of the minds between Ride Management and Judges to establish proper parameters prior to the ride and for the Trailmaster to provide suitable observation points. Since the National Judge's Committee (NJC) is once again reviewing horse and horsemanship cards, it was felt that the NJC can and will deal with observed excesses. The use of proper obstacles will help allow the vet judges to

separate horses based on soundness and condition and let the "manners" points be reserved for those horse issues that create concern to those around them (standing for the mount or exam, whinnying, crowding, buddying, kicking and biting) rather than insignificant normal horse behavior that causes no problems.

### 3. Ride Management Options

a. Refund Policies. We would encourage ride management to have generous/friendly refund policies as an incentive for riders to submit entries early and get to the rides. This refund policy would be included in the ride entry. As an example, if a horse is disqualified at initial check in, the entry fee, less a small administrative fee, should be refunded. If there is a death or illness in the rider's family that keeps the rider from attending, a refund in full should be made. Other reasons could be made, but, in most cases, the administrative fee would be charged. A no show (person that did not try to notify the ride manager/secretary) would forfeit their entire entry fee.

b. Non-refundable deposits: A suggestion, made in discussions subsequent to the meeting, was to possibly use non-refundable deposits to hold a spot on rides with balance due 5-10 days before the ride. If not paid in full, the rider would go to the waiting list.

c. One set of judges. We've traditionally used two sets of judges in R1, but ride entry numbers indicate that may be a luxury we really can't afford any more. The veterinary judges indicate that 45 is about the maximum number of horses they can handle fairly. Therefore, we would encourage ride management to plan their rides for one set of judges (one Vet, possibly two Horsemanship Judges) and limit their rides to 45 riders. Having a rider limit also creates an incentive to register earlier.

d. Fun rides/clinics. Another suggestion was to add a separate, paid, "clinic/pleasure" ride for Novices or others during a "B" ride or on Sunday for "A" rides. This was done at Mt. Diablo this year and at Almaden last year. This can add to the profitability of the ride and be a good learning experience for Novice riders who competed the day before.

e. Mentors. Ride entries could contain information saying mentors are available, and also indicating a place for riders to let us know how they heard about the ride.

4. Co-judging: Judges could work more as a team—as they used to. Horsemanship judges could assist the veterinary judge with non-veterinary issues such as mounts, trail manners, etc., and pass those comments on to the vet judge. The horsemanship judge could "share" observations with the vet judge (i.e., if the horsemanship judge judges a mount, no need for the vet judge to also do this—can share the information). Veterinary and Horsemanship Judges should be encouraged to discuss prior to the start of judging exactly what each of them should look at. This cross judging should be announced at the start of the ride briefing so the riders have no surprises. Then the vet judge can focus on soundness and metabolics—or, as Mike Peralez puts it, "Those things they are uniquely trained for." At the Mt. Diablo ride, it was announced to the riders that the two horsemanship judges would pass on horse comments to the one vet judge.

5. Year-end Awards - Incremental Award System: Open awards should be the most prestigious. National awards to CP/Nov should be limited as an incentive for them to move up. Both National and Regional Year-end Awards should be graduated where the best awards go to Open Division, with lesser awards to the CP Division and even lesser awards to the Novice Division. Ride management should also be encouraged to use this graduated awards approach for ride awards. Year-end awards should be changed to the system used by other organizations when ties occur (this does not apply to ride awards because all ties must be broken). For instance, under the current system, if there was a 6-way tie for second place, all six would get a second and four more awards would be handed out for third through sixth (if there weren't any more ties). Any other group would give six seconds and no other awards; a total of seven awards instead of the eleven we would give.

### 6. Publicity/Promotions.

a. Publicity: Target breed organizations with mileage awards. Promotional material should be sent to them suggesting NATRC as a venue for their members to acquire mileage. Encourage these horses to enter Novice/CP—areas where Gated horses and Quarter Horses can do well. Use this as an incentive for new riders. Also submit write ups to Endurance groups—can encourage new riders or experienced riders with green horses to start out in NATRC and build a foundation with their horse before moving on to Endurance mileage Also blurbs about NATRC should be sent to these same organizations for possible inclusion in their newsletters.

b. Promotions need to be increased, i.e. Bigger/better awards for Open Division. Seeking out possible donors or cheaper prices for ride and year end awards.

### 7. How to Proceed: Recommendations from this workshop will be presented to the R1 BOD.

We recognize that other regions may not see the sport the same way Region 1 does. Nancy Kasovich concluded when she was NATRC President that we can't change regional differences. We can, however, do something about the sport in our region, raise the bar regionally and still be within the framework of the original NATRC philosophies and current rules. Ray Brezina (NATRC's National President and Region 2 Board member) felt R2 would see things the same way.

Ride Management is involved in some way in almost every conclusion reached. We would need to communicate with them to achieve change. Subsequent to the meeting, Sue Flagg, Ride Secretary for the 2009 R1 Benefit Ride, indicated that she and the ride manager are really looking forward to incorporating many of the suggestions at that ride. There are several more R1 rides that have time to incorporate these changes if they are willing.

## Region 1 Members Volunteer at Tevis

By Karel Waugh

For many years Region 1 has provided volunteers at the Robinson Flat vet check at Tevis and this year was no exception. Most of us gathered on Friday, July 31, to help set up the vet check area. Robinson Flat is a beautiful place so it's easy to come and work and enjoy the cool air and catch up with friends we haven't seen for a while. On Friday evening we all brought out great food and had a wonderful potluck. We have some really good cooks in Region 1!

Those members who worked were Phil and Betty Young, Karel and Bob Waugh, Kathy Nixon, Debbie Murphy, Tara Flewelling, Mary Jones, Jan Jeffers, along with Michelle and Joe Pimentel. We also had a friend of Helen Steenman's, Denise Thornton and a friend of Sue Flagg's, Robin Everett, who came and helped.

Phil and Joe were put in charge of directing traffic which is a daunting job as the crews are anxious to get into Robinson, even spending the night below the barricade, ready to rush in as soon as they are allowed. The guys did a terrific job.

The gals worked in the pulse box and were efficient as always. No one had to wait to get their horses checked.

After the last horse left the stop we all started the clean up. I think this year was the easiest year for that as the crews did a pretty good job of cleaning up left-over hay and bran mashes so we didn't have to do it.

There were several NATRC riders in the race. Ken Wolgram from Colorado (Region 3) didn't get to finish as his horse was pulled at 70 miles. A Region 2 rider, Thor Halseth did finish. Other NATRC riders who finished include Allen Horn, Region 2, Karen Stackpole Region 1, Jennifer Radar Region 1, and Linda Upton, Region 1.

There were 169 horses that started the race and I think the final finishers were 82 or 83, so even with cooler weather, it's still a tough race.

Consider volunteering to help next year as it's quite an experience!

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## NATRC Turns 50!

NATRC will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2011. Plan now to have a share in the celebration by supporting the organization in any way you

can, including managing a ride, competing in rides, donating toward national awards, or becoming a National sponsor. It's gonna be a blowout celebration, and you won't want to miss it!



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# 2010 National Convention

## "Hats Off to Our Horses"

February 19-20, 2010  
Reno, Nevada

**Region 1 will be hosting the  
2010 NATRC National Convention  
in conjunction with the  
AERC National Convention.  
This promises to be the best one yet!!**

### **Grand Sierra Resort and Casino, Reno, Nevada**

Hotel reservations can be made now. The room rate is \$69 per night, single or double occupancy. All rooms are subject to Washoe County room tax, currently 12%. An additional per person charge of \$20.00 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. The hotel asks that all reservations be received before Monday, January 18, 2010. You qualify for this guest rate by identifying NATRC. Reservations received on or after January 18, 2010, will be accepted based on availability at the prevailing guest room rate. There are also a limited number of rooms available at \$89 per night that include a refrigerator and microwave (same restrictions and taxes as above).

#### Schedule of events:

February 18, 2010	National Board of Directors meeting Guests welcome
February 19-20, 2010	Speakers Vendors offer incredible shopping opportunities
February 19, 2010	Friday evening. Dave Stamey, the Old Buckaroo himself, will be performing, followed by dancing at the Grand Sierra Resort's C&W Bar
February 20, 2010	National awards banquet
February 21, 2010	Region 1 awards breakfast

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

Last time we hosted the National Convention in 2004, we asked all of you to please donate something special for the auction, 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! If you could please bring a special National Convention auction donation to the R1 Benefit Ride (September 19-10, Bort Meadow) **along with** your raffle and auction item for the Benefit Ride, it would simplify things for all of us.

See you at Bort Meadow!!!

Jamie Dieterich, National Board

## National Board of Directors Meeting Report

1. Jamie Dieterich traveled to Denver on Thursday, July 9, to work with other members of the Judges Committee on reviewing horsemanship scorecards for 2009 rides so far. 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.
2. The Financial Report was presented on Friday evening, July 10, 6 PM. Membership and ridership are down, thus revenues are down.
3. Elaine Swiss, R4, is actively seeking more sponsors. 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."
4. 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 that will be voted on in November include:
  - a. Stabling. The 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. We're trying a simpler proposal. Please let any of your R1 BOD know what you think of the following proposal:

### Stabling

1. All horses shall be kept in a designated area from preliminary check in until after the final examination.
2. The Stabling Options used are at the discretion or requirements of CTR management and/or the CTR facility.
3. The Stabling Options 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).

b. Another proposal would address 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.*

### SUGGEST ADDING:

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

5. Management Chair, Jean Green, will be sending monthly, single topic email "blasts" to ride chairs. There are many topics that come up that are teaching and learning opportunities, and they are possibly more effective when conveyed in a timely manner. Along this line, we are hoping the Rules Interpreters will play a 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.
6. Region 1 will be hosting the National Convention in conjunction with AERC February 18-20, 2010. See more details in this issue.
7. Complete minutes from the NBOD meeting will be published in Hoof Print.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jamie Dieterich*



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# Region 1 Ride Results

Results not official until published in "Hoof Print"

## Mt. Diablo

5/2/09 Region One-CA  
 B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 37  
 Chairman: Ellen Pofcher  
 Judges: Greg Fellers DVM, Nancy Kasovich-O/CP, Karel Waugh-N  
 Novice Sweepstakes: Malika/Hoog, Karina-99  
 Open Sweepstakes: Phantom Dusk/Boicelli, Gene-99.5

### Open Heavyweight

1/2 Phantom Dusk/Boicelli, Gene  
 2/1 Carioca MDF/Brezina, Sue  
 3/3 Abdul Latif BL/Rader, Jennifer  
 4/4 Tura Lura/Cannon, Linda  
 P Thunder Dancer/Pilgrim, Maria

### Open Lightweight

1/1 Desert Reinbeau/Meroshnekoff, Angie  
 2/2 DMS Apple Jack/Mullens, Damara  
 P Marilyn/Pimentel, Michelle

### Open Junior

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

### Novice Heavyweight

1/ Aron Moon/Tracy, Mike  
 2/5 BVA Slate/McLaughlin, Lisa  
 3/1 Jazz 4/Brown, Doug  
 4/6 Zoe BL/Brooks, George  
 5/4 Tosca BL/Mertens, Becky  
 6/3 Porter BL/Schroeder, Eric  
 /2 Fames Baydal BL/Fitts, Gary  
 P Royal Prancer/Pimentel, Joe

### Novice Lightweight

1/4 Malika/Hoog, Karina  
 2/1 Diamonds Forever/Doub, Kathleen  
 3/2 Helvetias Prince/Hass, Cliveden  
 4/3 Renno/Ballard, Tanya  
 5/5 Luna BL/Gillette, Michele  
 6/6 Attana/Chemouni, Elisabeth  
 P Valentyne/Jones, Kyle

### Novice Junior

1/2 Mesa 6/Diaz, Sonya  
 2/1 Chi/Anderson, Ali  
 P Buzzard/Isgrigg, Kayshe

### Novice DO

Snap 2/Ward, Keith  
 7th Heaven Star/Fuller, Lisa

### Competitive Pleasure

1/2 Om El Shakeeb Dream/Dillard, Joe  
 2/1 Majnu/Dillard, Ashley  
 3/3 Cimarron Al/Armer, Jean  
 4/4 Stealth Knight/Boicelli, Victoria

## Mt. Quarry

5/16/09 Region One-CA  
 B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 27  
 Chairman: Vickie Myers  
 Judges: Larry Goss DVM, Jim Ferris  
 Novice Sweepstakes: Fames Baydal BL/Fitts, Gary-99  
 Open Sweepstakes: Marilyn/Pimentel, Michelle-98

### Open Heavyweight

1/1 Carioca MDF/Brezina, Sue  
 2/4 Jamal BL/Upton, Robert  
 3/2 Tura Lura/Cannon, Linda  
 4/3 Phantom Dusk/Boicelli, Gene

### Open Lightweight

1/3 Marilyn/Pimentel, Michelle  
 2/1 Canadian Diamonte/Flagg, Susan  
 3/4 YTWOK Coppi BL/Stackpole, Karen  
 4/2 DMS Apple Jack/Mullens, Damara  
 5/5 Bey Ashif BL/Upton, Linda  
 CO Desert Reinbeau/Meroshnekoff, Angie

### Open Junior

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

### Novice Heavyweight

1/2 Fames Baydal BL/Fitts, Gary  
 2/4 Tosca BL/Mertens, Becky  
 3/3 Royal Prancer/Pimentel, Joe  
 4/1 Jazz 4/Brown, Doug  
 5/5 Digger/Crowe, Chris

### Novice Lightweight

1/2 Avalonn/Rutledge, Lorissa  
 2/3 Emma 2/Dunphy, Kelly  
 3/1 TA Mira-Image/Swain, Stephanie  
 P Rosie 4/Kelly, Donna

### Competitive Pleasure

1/1 Majnu/Dillard, Ashley  
 2/4 OM El Shakeeb Dream/Dillard, Joe  
 3/5 Stealth Knight/Boicelli, Victoria  
 4/3 WL What Willie Be/Dockter, Susan  
 5/2 Cimarron AL/Armer, Jean

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# Region 1 Ride Results

Results not official until published in "Hoof Print"

## Georgetown

6/20/09 Region One-CA  
 B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 36  
 Chairman: Helen Steenman  
 Judges: Leroy Burnham DVM, Susan Flagg  
 Novice Sweepstakes: Jazz /Brown, Doug-99  
 Open Sweepstakes: Desert Reinbeau/Meroshnekoff, Angie-100

### Open Heavyweight

1/1 Phantom Dusk/Boicelli, Gene  
 P Tura Lura/Cannon, Linda

### Open Lightweight

1/1 Desert Reinbeau/Meroshnekoff, Angie  
 2/3 DMS Apple Jack/Mullens, Damara  
 3/2 Marilyn/Pimentel, Michelle

### Open Junior

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

### Novice Heavyweight

1/4 Jazz 4/Brown, Doug  
 2/1 Digger/Crowe, Christine  
 3/ Valentyne/Jones, Kyle  
 4/ Fourday Dancer/Roth, Constance  
 5/6 Tosca BL/Mertens, Becky  
 6/5 Brownie Phoenix/Robledo, Debra  
 /2 Royal Prancer/Pimentel, Joe  
 /3 Hes a Free Agent/Thompson, Kim  
 Lightning 3/O'Rourke, Sarah  
 P Jazz 5/Dorsey, Pamela

### Novice Lightweight

1/1 Zoe BL/Hoffman, Rose  
 2/ Malikah/Hoog, Karina  
 3/4 Renno/Ballard, Tanya  
 4/3 Helvetias Prince/Haas, Cliveden  
 5/2 TA Mira-Image/Swain, Stephanie  
 6/5 Rabea BL/Van Tuyll, Caroline  
 /6 Azzana BL/Chemouni, Elisabeth

### Novice Junior

1/2 Chi/Allen, Kimberly  
 2/1 Redwind/Dorsey, Bailey  
 3/3 Buzzard/Isgrigg, Kaysha

### Competitive Pleasure

1/5 Victory Glow/Brown, Dannan  
 2/ Deux Chausettes/Jones, Mary T.  
 3/2 Mahabbma/Mierkey, Bev Barmettler  
 4/6 Garnet/Lieberknecht, Kay  
 5/3 NB Nike/Bacon, Nancy  
 6/1 Symplicity Sue/Arnold, Susan  
 /4 Stealth Knight/Boicelli, Victoria

## Challenge of the North A

7/18-19/09 Region 1A - AK  
 A-O/CP Total Riders: 26  
 Chairman: Laurie Knuutila  
 Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski, DVM, Kathy Shanor  
 Open Sweepstakes: Monet's Image/ Moore, Debra - 93

### Open Heavyweight

1/1 Indy's Midnight Sun/Wilfer, Lauren  
 2/4 Brisco/Stevenson, Brandy  
 3/3 Daisy/Hrncir, Dorothy  
 4/5 Some Kind of Bandit/Walrath, Bobbi  
 5/2 Toyota/Coon, Tracy Jo  
 P Belle/Mitchell, Katie

### Open Lightweight

1/3 Monet's Image/Moore, Debra  
 2/2 Glory/Grogan, Brenda  
 3/5 CR Splash of Magic/Hamlin, Ginger  
 4/1 Take A Trip/Sears, Rachel  
 5/4 TJ/Hoffman, Angela

### Open Junior

1 / 2 Dusty/Allen, Kaitlyn  
 2/1 Teabiscuit/Sears, Shelby

### Competitive Pleasure

1/6 Gypsy/Hogan, Brenda  
 2/2 Jasmine's Magic/Nieman, Colleen  
 3/1 Wildwood Royal Twist/Dent, Susan  
 4/ Siddasnickerechoes/Lorence, Kelti  
 5/3 CY/Bergman, Stephanie  
 6/ Sanalta's Sugar and Spice/Hamlin, Kiana  
 /4 Flash's Gentleman Jim/Forrester, Donna  
 /5 Denali Snowstorm/Osimowicz, Emma  
 Isa Perfect Dream/Antonini, Katie  
 Dry Sark/Lighthall, Kaitlyn  
 Dartagnan's Path/Schirack, Julia  
 Future's Razzel Dazzel/Luther, Natalie  
 Star of Excellene/Halley, Catherine

## Challenge of the North B

7/19/09 Region 1A - AK  
 B-N Total Riders: 6  
 Chairman: Laurie Knuutila  
 Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski, DVM, Kathy Shanor  
 Novice Sweepstakes: Lulu/Stevenson, Kelly - 94

### Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Lola/Berkley, Claudia

### Novice Lightweight

1/1 Lulu/Stevenson, Kelly

### Novice Junior

1/1 Brisa/Hinzman, Heather  
 2/3 Sweety/Eagan, Patty  
 3/2 Sabre/Eagan, Kelly

DO Granite/Howard, Natalie

## 2009 REGION 1 RIDE CALENDAR

<b>May 2</b>	<b>Mt. Diablo</b> Ellen P. ... Sec: Martha Flannery 	Clayton, CA (925) 672-3733 (925) 673-9858	"B" O/N/CP mtnoaks@earthlink.net
<b>May 16</b>	<b>Mt. Quarry</b> Vickie ... Sec: Marilyn Hunter 	Auburn, CA (530) 823-1202 (530) 885-4819	"B" O/N/CP mhunter@onemain.com
<b>June 20</b>	<b>Georgetown NATRC</b> Helen St. ... Sec: Lucinda Elliott 	Georgetown, CA (530) 333-4364 (530) 887-9785	"B" O/N/CP hsteenman@yahoo.com siselliot@att.net
<b>July 18-19</b>	<b>Challenge of the North</b> Laurie ... Sec: Eezlie Wilfer 	Fairbanks, AK (907) 378-9190 (907) 474-4631	"A" O/CP "B" N wildroseph@ yahoo.com wilfer@acsalaska.net
<b>July 18-19</b>	<b>Pilchuk CTR</b> Kathryn ... Sec: Patty Knapp 	Stanwood, WA (360) 403-8471 (360) 652-9107	"A" O/CP "B" N kkmoonshadowranch@msn.com
<b>August 22-23</b>	<b>Jackson Forest</b> Steve Meroshnekoff Sec: Maria Pilgrim	Ft. Bragg, CA (707) 743-9973 (707) 795-8163	"A" O/CP "B" N iambrewing@aol.com wolves1961@sbcglobal.net
<b>September 6</b>	<b>Harvey Bear Ranch</b> Chere Barger Sec: Kathi Bruns	San Martin, CA (408) 683-2247 (408) 683-5695	"B" O/N/CP kvbruns@aol.com
<b>September 19-20</b>	<b>Bort Meadows Reg. 1 Benefit</b> Joe Pimentel Sec: Sue Flagg	Oakland Hills, CA (209) 537-9355 (925) 890-2144	"A" O/N/CP; "B" N Limit 85 LegacyRanch1@aol.com iluvmulestoo@yahoo.com
<b>October 10</b>	<b>Round Valley Regional Park</b> Gene Boicelli Sec: Sue Flagg	Brentwood, CA (925) 672-6491 (925) 890-2144	"B" O/N/CP Limit 30 geneboicelli@aircloud.net iluvmulestoo@yahoo.com

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# Ride Stories

## Georgetown

Taken from the horsesctr listserv

From Kaysha Isgrigg:

What a wonderful ride we had! Buzzard was so well behaved it was great. It was like an opposite him compared to Mt. Diablo.

The trail ride was marked great. We actually got lost once. We went from point 4 to point 6, realized we missed point 5 which happened to be lunch, turned around and rode back down, found our way to lunch and ended up an hour behind. It gave us like an extra 5 miles or something. How fun! ^\_^ But after lunch we all were in great moods still (including the horses) and we continued on despite our time problem. We did lots and lots of trotting. I have honestly never trotted that much for that long. Sadly, I ended up giving poor Buzzard a sore back. With all the trotting my legs went numb and by the end I was having trouble staying light and keeping off his back. Poor guy. He kept a good attitude though!

The trails were beautiful and surprisingly we made up all of our time and made it in before our maximum! Holy cow! it was so amazing. And we weren't the only ones surprised! We brought a new junior along named Kim and she absolutely enjoyed it. She has a little bit of spotlight anxiety, but seemed to get over it quick. She got a 2nd place horsemanship ribbon and 1st place horse. ((out of 3 novice juniors)). Buzzard and I both got 3rd places.

Before the award ceremony, at the trailer, Valentyne stepped unknowingly on a bee's nest. Kyle happened to be in

camp (thankfully) and noticed dust. He went over to her and she was bucking and throwing a HUGE fit getting attacked by bees. He untied her and trotted her around, swatting off bees the best he can. Buzzard was at the end of the trailer and hid himself behind it. We ended up untying everyone and moving the trailer away from the bees. Poor Valentyne,. But she didn't get it extremely bad or have an allergic reaction (so far).

Next up is the Jackson Forest ride! I know what I have to work on and hopefully it turns out as wonderful as this ride did (without getting lost of course). ^\_^ I'm very happy about how the ride turned out. It was awesome that we made it in on time, but even if we didn't, I wouldn't have cared because both Buzzard and I had a good time.

From Michelle Pimentel:

Just want to touch base. Don't know much for the Novice/etc. division but for the OPEN this ride was some tough ride!

It surely tested the horses' respiratory ability! It was a fast ride and over some tough terrain...lots and lots of rocks and manzanita ...but....

Isn't it about fitness? We (the Open people) all complained about it going toooooo fast but it surely divided us all. And that's what it's all about, isn't it? Fitness? Making a marked division between leaders (leading horses)???



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# Ride Stories

## Georgetown, continued

Hey, I didn't win....but I am going to take what I learned and apply that to my training.

My little Mule has to go many more uphill/downhill to get into really good shape....

So there you go!

From Stephanie Swain:

A great BIG THANK YOU to the Ride Management and all the wonderful Volunteers that worked the Georgetown ride!

The trail marking at Georgetown was excellent this year. Even so, I managed to take a wrong turn going into lunch. I was busy looking at my map and completely missed the ribbons marking a left turn, and my horse followed the trail to the

right. I guess he hasn't learned to read trail markers yet. After a bit I realized there were no other hoof prints going in my direction and no ribbons for an awfully long time. We ended up 50 minutes behind time, but also managed to make it up and come in under max time.

It was a really nice ride with a lot of new trails from last year's ride. The weather turned out to be quite nice too. The early forecast last week was for in the low 90's, but it ended up not being nearly that hot. It was really quite pleasant. My horse 'only' got stung by one yellowjacket just before the final P&R.

My 28 year old gelding, Baba also had a 'first'. He actually walked calmly and quietly behind another horse for the last few hours of the ride - something he's never done before. It made for a really nice ride. Can't wait for Jackson Forest.

## Challenge of the North

By Laurie Knuutila - Photos by Lisa Mitchell

The 2009 Challenge of the North Competitive Trail Ride was held in the Two Rivers area outside of Fairbanks, Alaska on July 17-19. There were 32 riders entered, 12 of which were first-time competitors. There were first-timers in all three divisions. Only one rider (and not a first-timer) did not finish the ride. Our rider numbers did a dramatic flip-flop from previous years. Usually we have considerably more Novices than Open or CP. But this year, we set a record for the most Open riders ever, in any ride in Alaska, with 13 competitors entered. There were 13 CP competitors and 6 competitors in the Novice Division. There were two Open Junior riders, three Novice Junior riders, and five juniors in CP.

Our veterinary judge was Stephanie Ostrowski, D.V.M., from Atlanta, Georgia, and our horsemanship judge was Kathy Shanor from Parker, Colorado. Stephanie brought along her husband Darrell to act as her secretary. Because of generous donations of airline mileage from both ride benefactor Curt Freeman and Stephanie, we were able to bring these judges from so far away. Both judges generously donated their fees.

Because of numerous huge forest fires around Fairbanks, in the days prior to the ride, the air was, at times, quite smoky. However, on ride weekend, the winds were favorable and the air was clear. The temperature was in the high-70's to mid-80's, and no rain fell! Competitors came from Anchorage, Wasilla, Palmer, Valdez, Willow, and Glennallen, as well as North Pole and Fairbanks.

While checking in the horses Friday afternoon, both Dr. Ostrowski and Kathy took time to talk to the competitors, especially the first-timers, and explain procedures and findings. At the ride briefings on both Friday and Saturday, Dr. Ostrowski spoke about electrolytes and effective ways of cooling horses. Everyone learned from listening to her, and the information was very timely given the fact that many of the horses had come from cooler areas of Alaska and were not accustomed to the warm Interior.

The first day of competition began at 7 AM with riders

leaving camp. The trail was nearly 30 miles for Open and 20 for CP. Right out of camp they all rode across a creek while the judges observed them. Then the trail took them up a long, gradual hill. The Open riders completed an extra loop while the CP riders did a hill climb to their first P & R of the day. At the Open P & R, the judges asked the riders to climb up a short steep bank, back between two trees, then go down the bank. In addition, Dr. Ostrowski did a metabolics check. The heat took its toll and, although many riders were putting Dr. Ostrowski's cooling suggestions into practice, there were a few points lost at the P & R's. After their P & R's, both divisions did a long gradual downhill to their lunch stop, which was located

at my house. Upon leaving the lunch stop, the riders got to do the "dreaded" judged mount.

After lunch, the riders made another loop on a second hill across the valley from the first before returning to camp. Along the way, the judges watched them cross a wooden bridge and then, on their return after their loop, they did a trot-by and metabolics check for Stephanie, and a map/timing exercise for Kathy. Back in camp, the judges checked the Open and CP horses, then the Novice Division horses. Everyone gathered for a potluck dinner, with an enormous amount of food brought by everyone.

Sunday turned out to be cooler than Saturday, with a few more clouds, but still no rain.

The day's trail was shorter and faster than the Saturday trail. Although it was considerably flatter terrain, the increase in speed made up for the lack of hills. A couple miles out of camp, the

riders climbed what the P & R crews "affectionately" call "Killer Hill", since they have to hike to the top. It is a short, but steep climb to the top of a ridge. The judges were there observing the riders climb the hill. After the P & R, the riders followed the ridgeline for nearly two miles before dropping back down to the valley floor. From there, the trail took them past some hay fields and to the banks of the Chena River, where they could wade, and even swim, in the cool water. Along the way, the Open riders were asked to do a halt, stand, then sidepass exercise and the CP and Novice riders were asked to halt, stand



Open rider Lauren Wilfer and Indy's Midnight Sun crossing the creek.

# Ride Stories

## Challenge of the North, continued

and back. After the river, there was a forced trot into the second P & R. At the P & R, the CP riders were asked to trot over some poles on the ground and the Novice riders were asked to walk over those same poles.

From the P & R, the Novice and CP riders rode along the edge of some farm fields before returning to camp, while the Open riders rode a longer loop before they got back to camp.

The cards were tallied and, after dining on barbequed pulled pork and beef brisket with all the trimmings, the awards were handed out and Dr. Ostrowski and her husband Darrell were able to make it to the airport in plenty of time to catch their plane back to Atlanta.

We would like to thank the judges for making the ride such an educational opportunity. Many of the riders expressed their gratitude for the extra time spent helping them learn about what the judges were looking for and explaining the notes on the riders' cards.

Thanks also to all the volunteers who came together to help make the ride happen. As Ride Manager, I would like to especially thank my incredible Ride Secretary Lezlie Wilfer, without whom I could not have done this ride. Lezlie is great for bouncing ideas off of, and she always remembers things I forget. Julie Southwood, our awesome P & R Captain, put together some great teams to work the P & R stops. Julie is one of our long-standing volunteers, having helped with rides in Fairbanks for twenty years now. Thanks also to Judy Beckhorn-Ross, who came up from Wasilla to fill the job of Rules Interpreter. She also did a good job of driving the judges around the trail.

As Trail Master, I would like to thank my trail crew, Don and Hannah Smith and Walt Brunner, who helped me mark trail. Because of extensive vandalism of trail markers in the area, I am forced to mark trail on ATV's immediately ahead of the riders. Don, Hannah and Walt brought their ATV's out and spent the weekend eating dust. Thanks also to Bev and Dave Nester, who helped with preliminary trail work and also with pulling ribbons afterward. Bev also has a long history with CTR's in Fairbanks, having either competed in, managed or been trail master for rides dating back to the early 1970's.

Thanks also to Diane and Bill Sullivan, who came all the way up from the Anchorage area to be safety riders. They did an excellent job and were very helpful to the riders. And everyone always loves watching Bill ride his Rocky Mountain Horse Jake around camp sans bridle and saddle.

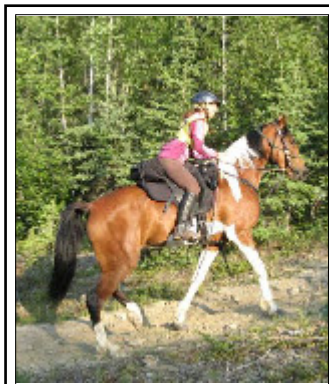
And then there's Nancy Williams, who intended to come as a competitor. But a nasty fall from her horse a few weeks

before the ride changed that. Thank goodness for helmets! Nancy came up from Wasilla anyway, and since she has experience with putting on a very successful poker ride, I put her in charge of a fundraising poker ride that we did during the regular ride. The riders could purchase a hand (or hands, as many as they wanted) of "poker" for \$10.00 prior to heading out on the trail. Then during the course of each day's ride, Nancy had them draw a numbered poker chip from a bag. She recorded the number for each player and tallied up the numbers at day's end. We awarded a beautiful Laurel Burch coffee mug to each day's high point winner and also gave an award to each day's low hand winner. We raised a little money to help pay the bills, and a huge thanks to Nancy for her help!



CP rider Kelti Lorence shares her lunch with Siddasnickerechoes

As I think back over the ride, some images pop into my head. These are a few of my mental Snapshots From The Ride:



CP rider Donna Forrester climbs "Killer Hill" on Flash's Gentleman Jim.

The judges and their secretaries are sitting around a picnic table at ride camp. The table is located next to a small playground and a little girl with an even littler dog in her lap is gleefully sliding down the slide in the playground. Both dog and girl are laughing as they climb back up the slide to come down again.

Two competitors are filling their water buckets from a hose. Something has gotten them laughing and they are laughing so hard they cannot stand up straight.

The dining hall is filled to overflowing with folks who are talking, laughing, smiling and eating.

Several junior riders are hand walking their horses around camp, visiting with other campers while their horses enjoy some grass. The late evening sun glints off the shiny coats of the horses.

A lovely black Morgan with flowing mane and tail bucks exuberantly as his rider lunges him.

The P & R crew is sitting on fold-up chairs in a circle in the middle of a dusty dirt road on the side of a mountain, laughing hysterically over something one of them said.

A first-time rider is grinning from ear to ear as she crosses the finish line on the second day.

A man that you just met this weekend is loading bags and bags of manure into a truck to take it to the disposal site, because it's something that needs to get done.

The whole group of people attending the awards dinner claps long and loud for the first time competitor, a young girl from a remote area, who wins her first ribbon in that huge CP



Riders make their way beside the hay fields on their way to the river.

division.

To me, that's the essence and spirit of NATRC rides and that's why I try to keep it alive in my corner of the globe.

## NATRC Region 1 Board Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2009

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m., at 11300 Pickle Barrel Lane, Auburn, California, by Phil Young, Chairman.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of March 8, 2009 meeting were sent to everyone via email by Sue Flagg. Corrected minutes approved.

### Treasurer's Report:

Checking: \$7,125.32

Convention Checking: \$251.78

Savings CD: \$11,585.56

Jim has received rider's fees from 2009 Mt. Diablo and Mt. Quarry rides. Bounced checks from Convention have been cleared.

### Committee Reports:

Physical Resource Coordinator: Linda Thomason. Linda has purchased storage boxes for all the Region 1 materials so it will be together and won't get dusty.

The Mad Hatters (Linda Thomason, Lynne Hutnick, and Sherry Lindley). It has been suggested that volunteers have a hat/vest/shirt to help riders identify who they are. Discussion on what we need, how many we need, for which positions and research cost of hats, vests, shirts.

Historian: Kathy Nixon. No report.

Wonder Workers: Steve Meroshnekoff. No report.

Points/Membership: Jim Ferris. As of 6/12/09 we have 97 (family, single, junior) and 38 lifetime members. 47 members have not renewed. Discussion re sending a personal postcard to people who haven't renewed. Jamie suggested waiting until after July NBOD meeting. She will tell Laurie then that Jim will do a follow-up postcard.

Publicity: Linda Thomason. Bay Area Equestrian Network and Horse 'N Pony already had rides listed (except Georgetown). Maybe contact breed organizations. Sue suggested contacting the National Breed Liaison and Kathy Nixon who does breed awards.

Benefit Ride: Oakland Hills - Joe Pimentel & Sue Flagg. Hoping to implement some of the things mentioned during the Mt. Diablo workshop - speeding up Open and CP. Have timed Novice Saturday trail to see if it

could be done in 6 hours or less including P&Rs. It can. Discussion on the CTR list that Novice likes a lunch break. Looking into second horsemanship judge. Carol Ormond will vet all divisions.

The Leadline: Laurie Knuutila prepared the Spring issue and sent to Sue for printing and mailing. Sue mailed 100 copies, the rest went via email.

National BOD: Jamie Dieterich, Lynne Hutnick & Sue Flagg. Sue will be attending the July meeting for Lynne. When Jamie does the Region 1 report, she'll give a summary of recommendations from Mt. Diablo workshop. Bad check policy will be discussed again. Still working on definition of "a ride." Need nominations and resumes for National Board by September 1, 2009. Lynne is not running for her seat again. Sue doesn't want to run for Lynne's seat. Need nomination for Region 1 to replace Lynne. Jamie mentioned that term limits for National Board members are being discussed. Elaine Swiss from Region 4 has come up with a "strategic plan." Jamie will forward the Power Point presentation to R1 Board. Stabling rule still under discussion.

Region 1 Website: Angie Meroshnekoff. No report.

Ride/Clinic Management: Jamie Dieterich. Debbie Murphy trying to find a date to do the V-6 Ranch ride in 2010. Robyn Berwick also planning to do a ride near Murphys. Helen Steenman has said this will be the last year for the Georgetown ride.

Outreach Coordinator: Linda Thomason. She's going to Georgetown and will work with Sherry. Linda will have cards, bags and gifts for first time riders. Sherry's going to Jackson Forest. Linda will be at Harvey Bear, Oakland Hills and Round Valley.

Trails Advocacy Coordinator: Judy Etheridge. Some discussion re possible State Park closures.

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



Judging Issues: Jamie Dieterich, Betty Young, Sue Flagg. Erin Kmentos is applying for a horsemanship judge's card.

### Old Business:

R1 Handbook - Phil forwarded Ride Chairperson description to Sue for review.

2009 Mini Convention: Linda Thomason, Chair. It made about \$2,000 (includes raffle, extra insurance, and not the junior fund money).

National Convention 2010: Sue Flagg, Chair. Sue still needs a logo drawing to go with theme "Hats Off To Our Horses." Has sent preliminary information to Hoof Print for publication in the next issue. Hotel contract has been signed. Room rates of \$69/night. Dave Stamey has been booked for the Friday night entertainment. Sue needs to plan a trip to Reno to meet with the hotel catering staff to coordinate the awards dinner and Sunday morning R1 awards breakfast.

T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Sales. Angie Meroshnekoff. No report. Phil will send Angie a note.

Junior rider paybacks. Angie's fundraiser ideas - bake sale, etc. Raised ~\$350 at R1 Convention for Junior Rider Fund.

Unsupervised juniors on the trail. Lynne, Jamie, Sue and Angie appointed to discuss this issue. No report yet.

Peter Rich Letter re Resuscitating NATRC and Mt. Diablo workshop May 3, 2009. Jim moved to accept the summary with minor typo/spacing corrections. Jamie seconded. Unanimously approved. Discussion re retitling this report Plan to distribute to meeting attendees, Region 1 judges, R1 ride chairs, Ray Brezina, Lory Walls, Mike Peralez, Laurie DiNatale (for her information only).

### New Business:

Timing and mileage. Discussion about what R1 BOD can do to help ride management obtain more accurate timing and mileage. Sue has been very helpful timing trails for certain rides. We have other members who could help with this.

Next meeting on Sunday, September 27, 2009, at Lynne's house, 9:30 a.m.

Sue moved to adjourn, Lynne seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Susan Flagg, Secretary*

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