



The Leadline

March 1, 2025
NATRC Region 1
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REGION 1 MINI CONVENTION & AWARDS PROGRAM

Our Region 1 Mini Convention & Awards is scheduled for March 15th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Penryn Pet Hospital, 3210 Boyington Road, Loomis, CA in the Atrium Area.

Our speakers are Dawa Fitzmaurice of Blissful Equine, who will speak on equine bodywork and will demonstrate on a live horse how to diagnose pain with Sports Massage, Stretching and Soft Tissue Mobilization, as well as emergency acupressure (such as colic).

And our own, Maria Pilgrim will give a talk on Emergency Preparedness: what to have in your first aid kit for humans and animals, and evacuation tips.

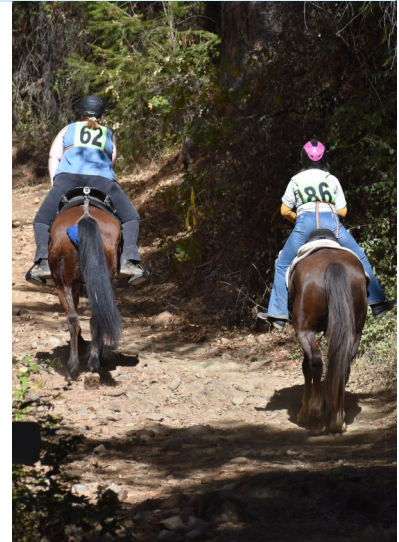
Penryn Pet Hospital is serviced through an easy doorway to Roanie's Coffee. We will provide pastries and water for attendees; other beverages or breakfast-type food may be purchased at Roanie's Coffee. No lunch will be offered, however there are multiple dining choices nearby.

A General Meeting and Awards Program will follow after lunch. For the full registration form including the schedule please see the email sent by Linda Thomason earlier this month. If you have any questions, please contact Maria Pilgrim at (707) 217-3582 or wolves1961@abcgloba.net.

THE LEADLINE IS BACK!

This is our first Leadline since 2022! Jo Schliesman is the new editor and can be reached at R1Leadline@gmail.com. She is looking forward to receiving input from everyone so please do not hesitate to send her stories and information that the rest of us would enjoy reading about.

The deadline for the next Leadline is May 15th. The other deadline dates for submitting articles and additional information are located on Page 4 but remember, do not delay in sending information in as the pages will fill up fast.



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UPCOMING DATES

- February 21-22, 2025
NATRC National Convention
- March 15, 2025
Region 1—Mini Convention
- May 10, 2025
Ride—Mt. Diablo
- May 31—June 1, 2025
Ride—Cowboy Camp
- June 14-15, 2025
Ride—Eel River
- August 23-24, 2025
Ride—Jackson Forest
- October 11, 2025
Ride—Cool Canyon



My treasures don't glitter and clink, they whinny and capture the wind... (Bedouin saying)

Erin McChesney and her horse

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to 2025 Region 1 ride season! We are looking forward to a full ride schedule with four of our five events offering all four divisions of NATRC: Open, Competitive Pleasure, Novice and Leisure at Cowboy Camp, Eel River, Jackson Forest and Cool Canyon! And, we have B1 and B2 offerings at three of these rides, as well as a one-day Leisure ride at Mt. Diablo. Nice layout, beautiful locations, great riding!

I'd like to briefly introduce myself as your 2025 Region 1 Chair. My name is Erin McChesney, I have been an active Board of Director member with R1 for the past three years, and did my first NATRC ride in 1980. I have a NATRC Leisure judge's license, have been manager or secretary for the Cool Canyon ride the past two years,

and I also have an USEF WD Small r license, and a background in endurance and dressage as well. I hope to bring my years of experience and enthusiasm to this elected position, and to work as your Chair to continue the good work in our region, and to grow our region's numbers and events as well.

We have a wonderful Regional Mini Convention scheduled for March 15th at The Penryn Pet Hospital in Loomis CA. Regional awards will be given for the 2024 season, and the Equine Massage Therapist Dawa Fitzmaurice will talk about her experience addressing horse's therapeutic needs through diagnosis and massage. There will be raffle prizes too, so a great place to share time with fellow riders, learn some really interesting stuff (Dawa has worked on my horses and she's fabulous!), and win some great prizes! Hope to see you there, Erin

CATHERINE DE LA CRUZ MEMORIAL AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of this award is to provide participants with an opportunity to express themselves about the impact of horses and NATRC. And to encourage the development of excellence in the field of written expression. Region 1 reserves the right to publish or duplicate this essay.

Rules: The author must be a Region 1 member (Family membership is ok) under the age of 18 but does not have to be an active rider.

- Must be an original essay written by the author with minimal assistance.
- Must be typed and double spaced in 12 pt font and be between 800 and 1000 words.
- Entries are limited to 1 essay per junior per year.
- The topic should be related from the writer's personal experience and should pertain to NATRC but is not limited to competition- it can be from experience at home or volunteering.

Judging Criteria:

- Originality, creativity and conciseness
- Correct grammar and spelling
- Pertains to the subject
- Holds the reader's attention
- Have clear and supporting details
- Pluses given for entertainment value

Entry Submission:

Entries are due December 15th and winners will be prior to but awarded at the Regional Convention.

On a separate page entrants must provide a brief self-biography. The writer's name, address, email address and telephone number along with their association to NATRC.

Email the entry and bio to angie.whitedogranch@gmail.com

Short biography of Catherine de la Cruz by Angie Meroshnekoff

Catherine had many strengths. At age 17 she was one of the first women accepted into Veterinary School at University of California at Davis but sadly she had to leave school before graduating due to a severe illness. Later in her life she earned several different degrees including a Masters in Anthropology. She was a well-respected dog breeder and judge as well as an artist. However, writing and riding were her great interests. She rode hunter / jumpers from a very young age while growing up in San Francisco and after marriage mostly rode whatever horse her daughters owned. Family duties kept her from riding at one point in her life and later full knee and hip replacements made that look like an impossibility. However, she wanted to try. So at age 71 she got back on a horse and re-learned how to ride. Just a few short years later, through the influence of her old friend Nancy Kasovich, she got her own horse - Lola. And at age 75 competed in her first NATRC ride. She finished and even got first place at the next one. Her distance riding competition days didn't last long but for the next decade she dedicated herself to helping out the trail rides in other ways, volunteering at the rides, helping with the secretarial work, fundraising and making awards.

Writing was also where she was at, both commercially and for a hobby. She was a newspaper reporter for the Petaluma Argus Courier and later editor of the Vineyard Press in Sonoma. Catherine was a prolific writer, publishing hundreds of articles on so many different subjects. She wrote and published a book on the history of the Petaluma Fire Department. Much of what has been published about dogs- especially guardian dogs was her writing.

There was of course so much more to her life, this is just an outline of who she was. She believed in the saying "**Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a well-preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming, "Wow what a ride".**

NATRC R1 TENTATIVE 2025 RIDE SCHEDULE

Date	Ride	Contact— Ride Manager & Ride Secretary	Ride Type*
May 10	Mt Diablo Clayton, CA	Chair: Elaine Baker (925) 827-1016 Ms_ebaker@yahoo.com Sec:	B1 L
May 31- June 1	Cowboy Camp Williams, CA	Chair: TBD Sec: Linda Thomason (510) 708-1439 Linda.thomason0610@gmail.com	A O/CP/N B1 O/CP/N/L B2 L
June 14-15	Eel River Potter Valley, CA	Chair: Steve Meroshnekoff (707) 743-9973 angie.whitedogranch@gmail.com Sec: Maria Pilgrim (707) 217-3582 wolves1961@sbcglobal.net	A O/CP/N B1 O/CP/N/L B2 L
Aug 23-24	Jackson Forest Ft. Bragg, CA	Chair: Whitney Braitto (707) 530-5990 Whitney.braitto@gmail.com Sec: Robin Drechsler (707) 923-3097 rdrech59@gmail.com	A O/CP/N B1 O/CP/N/L
Oct. 11	Cool Canyon, Cool, CA	Chair: Erin McChesney (916) 690-5390 empilothill@gmail.com Sec: Linda Thomason (510) 708-1439 Linda.thomason0610@gmail.com	B1 O/CP/N/L

WHICH DIVISION IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

	LEISURE (LeD or L)	NOVICE (N)	COMPETITIVE PLEASURE (CP)	OPEN (O)
*Ride Type	B1 or B2	A, B1 or B2	A, B1 or B2	A, B1 or B2
Number of Days	1	1 or 2	1 or 2	1 or 2
Shortened 1-day Format	X			
Distance 1 day (Miles) 2 day	8-12	15-24 30-40	15-24 30-40	25-35 50-60
Average Pace (mph)	3-4-5	3-5-5	3-5-5	4-6
Horse Minimum Age	4	4	4	5
Classes	Adult, Junior, Experienced	Adult Junior	Adult Junior	Adult Junior
Leg Protection Allowed	X			

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Junior Rider Rebate

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

THE LEADLINE

THE LEADLINE is the official publication of Region 1 of the North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC). The Leadline is published four times per year and emailed to all NATRC Region 1 members. Issues contain updated information from Region 1 committees, ride results, point standings, minutes of board meetings, and the current Region 1 ride schedule.

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DEADLINES:

Issue	Submission	Publication
Spring	Feb. 15	March 1
Summer	May 15	June 1
Fall	Aug. 15	Sept. 1
Winter	Nov. 15	Dec. 1

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VALENTYNE DEMONSTRATES THAT SENIORS RULE AT COOL 2024

Horse's Honor is a horse rescue organization located in Grass Valley, CA. At the 2024 Cool NATRC ride they donated a \$100 gift certificate to be awarded to the most senior horse competing. This honor went to Valentyne, owned by Kay Lieberknecht and ridden by Rhiley Muller. Not only did Valentyne complete the ride, she and Rhiley placed first in the Junior division! Rhiley and Kay both provided some input on their experiences and some background for Valentyne.

From Rhiley Muller:

At the Cool Ride, we got lost, doing circles to find our way but Valentyne listened well. It was special to get to ride her because at 24, she's old. Her arthritis was OK without Bute the week before the ride, so we took her to Cool. She liked the arena a lot for its softness and for rolling privileges. It was a great surprise to get a prize for Tyne (pronounced Tiny- because she's our biggest horse!) being the oldest horse there. I checked if I can buy something online, but no, so I'm eager to drive over to Horse's Honor Tack Store to see if I can get a bridle or a blanket or shipping boots for Tyne.

Thank you, Cool People

Rhiley Muller

From Kay Lieberknecht:

I was a farrier for a 70+ horse ranch where they were breeding horses of color-paints and appaloosas. They had four yearlings without color and they owed me \$2000, so they donated the yearlings who were all wild. The little bay filly was the calmest and smartest it seemed, so I took her to the Tapestry Ranch where I was the equine-assisted learning instructor for 8-12 year old kids in a therapeutic after-school program. The others I gentled and taught the basics, and sold them, with the money benefiting Tapestry.

At Tapestry she was named for the heart on her forehead, spelled uniquely-Valentyne. She became a good riding horse, but after three years there, I noticed through hard experience that she didn't innately like and care about the kids, thought of them as smaller animals to be disciplined by herself.

So I took her to my place, where it was easier to keep the bounciest of kids out of her sphere of influence. Young adult Kyle Jones hooked up with her for several years, teaching her discipline via many miles together.

Once Kyle was on her, waiting to start off in a parade, and a motorcycle suddenly backfired right behind her. Tyne went straight up off the ground with all fours, landed just to the right of where she'd been and stood like she had never moved. Kyle popped off and landed facing forward on both feet at once, just to Tyne's left and took a bow. Those who saw it must have thought it was planned.

About four years ago, Rhiley started coming up to the ranch with her sister but didn't want to ride. She led Tyne on the trails with us and they could keep up, even at the canter. By the time she ever got on the horse, over a year later, there was such a great relationship between them, that Valentyne has been better behaved than ever, even with other riders. Tyne doesn't think of trying to discipline kids anymore, but our dog has to watch out.

Thank you to Rhiley, Kay, Horse's Honor and of course Valentyne.

See you at the Cool NATRC Ride 2025, stay tuned for more information on the Cool Ride later this summer.

Submitted by Linda Thomason, Outreach, NATRC Region 1



Valentyne being ridden by Rhiley Muller

“TATE THE GREAT” ...AN UNLIKELY STORY

By Kristen Edlund

This is an excerpt from an article about a horse named NHR Silver Chalice, aka Tater, owned by Kristen Edlund. To learn more about Tater and the struggle that Kristen had to even be able to ride her again, let alone, ride her in a competitive trail ride see full article on the Region 1 website in the future.

A few weeks after Penny's first "magic session" with Tater, my good friend Valerie asked if I would like to meet her for a trail ride. I explained that I could only walk and that I was rehabbing my horse. We had the best time and Tater didn't take a wrong step. Valerie suggested that we keep riding together and make a goal of riding in a competitive trail ride in October. I thought she was crazy, but ride after ride and day after day, Tater improved. Valerie kept at me and I made it my "Pie in the Sky" goal to ride a horse that others may have given up on in April, in a 10-12 mile competitive trail ride in October.

We continued bodywork with Penny and specialty trimming (no shoes), I did her stretches and exercises, she wore her magnets and had IR treatments. I added top of the line joint supplements, MSM and 100x Equine's Osteo-Max. In September, she came off Equioxx and hasn't had it since! We trained and rode, she got Cavallo boots to cushion her from rocks, and we kept shooting for the goal. Suddenly, the date arrived! It was October and we were competing in the NATRC Cool Ride, in Cool, CA! I couldn't believe it! She was sound and hopefully ready! I have never been so nervous in my life! I knew there were judges and obstacles but I didn't even care. I didn't need to win, I didn't need to even make time...I just wanted to finish the distance with a sound horse, my horse, my soul horse.

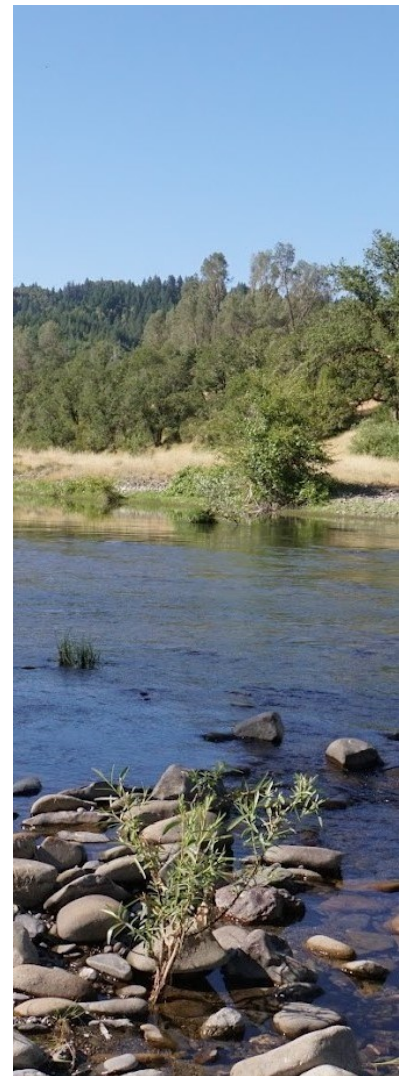
As we left the start, I was nearly panicking. She felt off, she was super excited (something rarely seen in such a mellow horse) and wanting to move out with my friend's Arabian. I had this pit in my stomach, that after everything I had asked too much of her. Suddenly, I realized I just needed to let her go and get balanced, and sure enough she smoothed out into a glassy and sound gait! At the halfway pulse and respiration check, I was so nervous. Maybe she wouldn't be sound, maybe she wasn't fit enough, maybe they would pull her from the race! But to my utter amazement, she did great, hanging in there with Valerie's very fit and experienced Arabian...my little pudgy Morgan! I was so proud!

We headed into the last half of the race and I could not have been more proud of that plucky little horse and all that we had been through! As we crossed the river and headed up the hill, toward the last couple of miles, I already felt triumphant! In the last mile, Valerie said, "If we trot the last mile, we can actually make time!". What? That seemed unreal to me, that not only were we a mile from finishing but we might even finish on time! We were tired and sweaty but that good little mare picked up the trot and brought us home, just under the limit! We had done it! She passed her final soundness check! We didn't win...and yet we did! I have never felt such a "win" in my whole life!

Tater is not a champion by anyone else's standard. She is beautiful but not fancy, she doesn't have perfect conformation but does have a perfect heart! The lesson is never give up on your horse. So many people told me to not spend the time, money, energy, or tears. To just retire her or breed her for her color. They said buy another horse. Tater is my heart horse, if I could never ride her again that wouldn't change, but she deserved more than me accepting her pain. She deserved to have me look and look to heal her pain, until we found the answer...even in the oddest of places. I have so many people to thank, who love Tater as I do, and helped us find the answer. My sister Becky's support in her care and transport to vets and farriers, Ariel - my wonderful vet, Hal the wonder farrier, Penny's magic hands, Valerie's encouragement and faith...and the NATRC for giving us the opportunity for the "Coolest" Ride!



Tater being ridden by Kristen Edlund



How do YOU enjoy nature?



The Open Space Authority is kicking off regional trail planning for the southern portion of Rancho Cañada del Oro Open Space Preserve, including an area formerly known as Blair Ranch, and wants your input!

We are conducting a survey to learn more about how you currently use and would like to use the preserve in the future. Take the brief survey here: <https://bit.ly/rancho-eng>

Celebration of Life for Rita Schlim



For those of you who knew Rita Schlim and wish to pay your respects, her Celebration of Life will be held:

March 23rd, 2025
12pm-3pm
Livermore Elks Lodge
940 Larkspur Dr.
Livermore, CA 94551

Refreshments will be served. A head count is needed for the caterer so please respond as soon as possible.

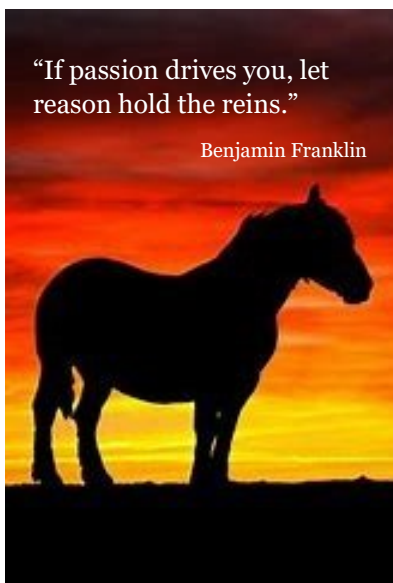
Contact Amada Schlim at (925) 382-4680 (text or call) or email at alwaysdreaming24@hotmail.com.

Submitted by:
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"If passion drives you, let reason hold the reins."

Benjamin Franklin



SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE NATRC REGION 1 BOD MEETING—JANUARY 7, 2025

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:08 by chairman, Stephanie. In attendance were Stephanie, Angie, Maria, Joyce, Erin, Dannan, Rachel, and Joe from the new board. Linda our newly retired treasurer and Lena, our new trail advocate were also in attendance. Donna was absent.

Secretary's Report: Joyce - Linda moved to approve the September 17th minutes, seconded by Dannan. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Linda - Current balance is \$19,962.82. Linda sent her reports via email, attached. We came out in better financial shape than expected, especially considering the high cost of plane fare to bring judges from other regions.

Some of the reports that the treasurer needs to complete were discussed. Linda said not hard but deadlines need to be kept track of and met. There is a CRT-1 end of year financial report that needs to be filled and is why she has done a financial report for each ride and for the convention. There are also 3 California forms and 1 Federal report to be done each year.

Joyce moved to accept the treasurer's report, Dannan seconded. Motion passed.

Physical Resource Coordinator: Linda - Linda sent email with her inventory of T-shirts, ribbons and other items attached. Discussed need to order NATRC T-shirts and new rider T-shirts, including number of each size, what colors we would like and costs. Angie has an account with 1 Ink and offered to place the order. Board agreed on grey and either blue or purple for the NATRC T-shirts and blue for new rider T-shirts. Dannan moved for Angie to use her discretion and place the order, seconded by Linda. Motion passed.

Maria showed us some bibs that she found on Amazon. Discussion followed on how many needed, what colors, what would work for different sizes, etc. Angie moved and Dannan seconded to authorize Maria to place an order and be reimbursed or work with treasurer for payment by Region 1. Motion passed.

Maria moved to have Linda order ribbons for this year, Stephanie seconded. Motion passed.

Historian: Donna Stidolph - No report

Wonder Workers: Joyce Driggers - Have Eel River and Jackson Forest done. Jamie emailed me the volunteer list from RMS and will work on this week and get report for the Region 1 mini convention. Need to recognize workers at convention.

Points/Membership: Donna Stidolph - absent Jamie has suggested that we separate these responsibilities. Jamie has kept track of points and placings of riders for us as she also works with this for National.

Dannan has agreed to be Membership Chair. National sends out a new member list. Linda has been receiving this and sending out Welcome emails. She also adds new members to her email list to send out emails keeping the membership and other interested parties informed of our current events and news. Dannan has agreed to take on this job. Linda will send her a copy of the email letter she has been using. Angie will notify National to begin sending new member information to Dannan.

Publicity/Outreach Coordinator: Linda - Linda will continue in this capacity for now.

The Leadline: Jo - Stephanie will get Jo's email information and pass it on to us, so we can add her to our list of people to attend our board meetings. Jo told Stephanie that she was going to set up a separate email for NATRC use so they would not get lost. Linda had a couple riders that wrote articles that could be used.

(Update: New Email for Jo Schliesman, Leadline Editor is R1leadline@gmail.com)

Also discussed was the frequency of the Leadline publication. Angie did it about every two months. It is up to the person doing it but would like it to be at least 4 times a year.

National BOD: Angie and Maria - the proposal to make the elimination of the weight divisions permanent was discussed. It was agreed that this should be done so the National BOD is not having to vote on it each year. If it was ever decided that they should be brought back, it can always be reinstated.

The national board was also discussing some items that did not need to be in the rule book as they are addressed in other forms. There was also a proposal that would clarify the timing for a ride timer to notify the ride manager of time penalties.

Region 1 Website: Donna Stidolph - not present - Linda will contact Donna to see about getting the website updated and see if she wishes to continue in this capacity. The board suggested that she might also volunteer as one of our official ride photographers.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF BOD—CONTINUED

Lena expressed an interest in becoming our Website manager, if it was needed. She will look into and report on the cost of SquareSpace which she has used in the past.

Ride/Clinic Management: Jamie says Maria is listed in this position on the National Website. Angie said she is our ride/clinic liaison between our region and national

Mt. Diablo 5/3 – The CMDTRA will be putting on a LeD ride again this year with a new trail master. Shouldn't be a problem as their trails are pretty well established.

Cowboy Camp – Date set for 5/31- 6/1. Linda has sent in application with our date to BLM. Our date was changed as AERC took our date due to weather issues in early May. Then they did not change their date but did not communicate with us. Still in need of a ride manager. Linda will put out an email asking if anyone is willing to step forward and do this. Angie has put out requests for judges. She is waiting for replies.

Eel River 6/14-15. Road is reopened. Lots of trail clearing will need to be done. Angie has judges.

Jackson Forest 8/23-24. Linda has been in contact with Whitney and Robin and is helping them with deadlines etc.

Cool Canyon 10/11 Erin is again putting it on. Linda said Carol said that she would be interested in vetting 2 rides this year. She is already doing Eel River. Angie will see if she would be willing to do Cool also.

Trail Advocacy Coordinator: Lena Scaramuzzo – no report at this time. Discussion ensued – fee to join Back Country Horsemen is around \$40/annually. Dannan will send Randy Hackman's (with Back Country) contact information to Lena. Erin is on the board with the Georgetown association that manages Dru Barner. They have a meeting next week. Erin has been thinking about trying to put on a NATRC ride there. Angie said that NATRC National has funds for grants to help with trail maintenance in the amount of \$500. Something to be aware of. We will put Lena in touch with the Highlands Springs group. They have expressed an interest in putting on a NATRC ride. We need to put on our website and Facebook page about Lena being our trail advocate and information can be sent to her.

OLD BUSINESS – Action items from the last meeting were reviewed.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) Angie to place order for T-shirts
- 2) Maria to place order for new bibs
- 3) Linda to order ribbons for the year
- 4) Stephanie to contact Jo for her email address
- 5) Linda will contact Donna regarding the website
- 6) Lena will get pricing for SquareSpace
- 7) Linda will send Dannan the Welcome email she has been using
- 8) Angie will notify National to send new Region 1 member information to Dannan
- 9) Angie to contact Carol about judging the Cool ride

New Business:

- 1) Mini convention – Angie will be the chair for this event as she has already lined up the CMDTRA club house for a possible venue and she has a speaker lined up. The date will be March 15th. Rachel has agreed procure awards and ribbons. Will use budget from last year. Maria will MC. Rachel will write up script for Maria. Jamie can send a template to follow.

(Update: There has been a change of venue to Penryn Pet Hospital, see registration form)

- 2) Angie moved that Region 1 pays our share of vet judges' dues. Maria seconded, motion passed.
- 3) Discussed increasing ride fees due to increased costs, especially the drug fee. Angie said fees have always been up to the ride manager, but now Region 1 puts on all our rides except Mt. Diablo. It was proposed to add a separate line for drug fee, which is \$14 per horse entered. The consensus was to just up the fees enough to cover this. Also discussed the PayPal fees that the Region has been absorbing.
- 4) Election of Officers. Angie nominated Erin for Chair. Stephanie seconded. Erin accepted and board voted her in. Angie nominated Joyce to continue as Secretary and Maria seconded. Joyce accepted and board voted her in. A new treasurer is needed. Asked for volunteers. After a little discussion, Rachel stepped up. Erin moved to nominate Rachel and Dannan seconded. The board voted her in.

Next Meeting: Date: April 8, 2025 Time: 7PM Location: Zoom

Close of Meeting – Joyce motioned that the meeting be adjourned and Stephanie seconded at 9:21 PM



No hour of life is wasted that is spent in the saddle.

- Winston Churchill

MEMBERSHIP

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RIDE RESULTS FOR 2024

Mt Diablo Spring Ride - B1

RIDER PLACE	RIDER	HORSE	DIVISION	CLASS
1	Smith, Sheri	Gold Dust and Diamonds	Leisure	Adult
2	Gutierrez, Emmeline	I Be Kissing Your Assets	Leisure	Adult
3	Minnis, Kim	Oscar 2	Leisure	Adult
4	Johnson, Anastasia	Crusaders Priscila MM	Leisure	Adult
1	Braitto, Whitney	Lightning's Mountainfrost	Leisure	Experienced
2	Driggers, Joyce	CH-Eirelands Irish	Leisure	Experienced

Cowboy Camp - A

RIDER PLACE	HORSE PLACE	RIDER	HORSE	DIVISION	CLASS
1	1	Pilgrim, Maria	Wind River Rose	Competitive Pleasure	Adult
2	2	Drechsler, Robin	Daris Amir	Competitive Pleasure	Adult
2	1	Braitto, Whitney	Lightning's Mountainfrost	Novice	Adult
1	2	Smith, Sheri	Gold Dust and Diamonds	Novice	Adult

Cowboy Camp - B1

RIDER PLACE	HORSE PLACE	RIDER	HORSE	DIVISION	CLASS
1	1	Stamper, Dannan	FV AUR Silver	Open	Adult
2	2	Driggers, Joyce	CH-Eirelands Irish	Open	Adult
1	1	Dillard, Joe	OM El Shakeeb Dream	Competitive Pleasure	Adult
1	1	Hempstead, Barbara	Rocha's Jesse	Novice	Adult
2	2	Harbour, Claudia	Blitz RAS	Novice	Adult
1		Hartman, Theresa	Adormey Without a Trace	Leisure	Adult
2		Muller, Samantha	Denebaborr	Leisure	Adult
3		Hiiesalu, Diana	Fadjurz FireKhracker	Leisure	Adult
4		Brock, Suzanne	Cloud	Leisure	Adult
1		Swain, Stephanie	TKR Leather N Lace	Leisure	Experienced
2		Vitorelo, Rachel	Andy 3	Leisure	Experienced
1		Egerer, Lorelei	Dakota A	Leisure	Junior
2		Zhou, Celeste	Mogley	Leisure	Junior
3		Muller, Rhiley	Valentyne	Leisure	Junior

Cowboy Camp - B2

RIDER PLACE	RIDER	HORSE	DIVISION	CLASS
1	Hiiesalu, Diana	Fadjurz FireKhracker	Leisure	Adult
1	McChesney, Erin	Adormey Without a Trace	Leisure	Experienced
2	Vitorelo, Rachel	Andy 3	Leisure	Experienced
3	Swain, Stephanie	TKR Leather N Lace	Leisure	Experienced
1	Muller, Rhiley	Valentyne	Leisure	Junior
2	Egerer, Lorelei	Dakota A	Leisure	Junior

Eel River - A

RIDER PLACE	HORSE PLACE	RIDER	HORSE	DIVISION	CLASS
CO	CO	Armer, Jean	HRA Mazerati	Competitive Pleasure	Adult
1	1	Drechsler, Robin	Daris Amir	Competitive Pleasure	Adult
2	2	Pilgrim, Maria	Wind River Rose	Competitive Pleasure	Adult
1	2	Yankton, Jordan	Berry Electric NNW	Novice	Adult
2	1	Braitto, Whitney	Lightning's Mountainfrost	Novice	Adult

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Eel River - B1

RIDER PLACE	HORSE PLACE	RIDER	HORSE	DIVISION	CLASS
1	1	Swain, Stephanie	TKR Leather N Lace	Open	Adult
DO		Meroshnekoff, Angie	UnexpectEd	Leisure	Experienced
1		Vitorelo, Rachel	Andy 3	Leisure	Experienced
CO		Silva, Haley	Gator 6	Leisure	Junior

Eel River - B2

RIDER PLACE	RIDER	HORSE	DIVISION	CLASS
1	Vitorelo, Rachel	Andy 3	Leisure	Experienced
1	Silva, Haley	Gator 6	Leisure	Junior

Jackson Forest - A

RIDER PLACE	HORSE PLACE	RIDER	HORSE	DIVISION	CLASS
1	1	Swain, Stephanie	TKR Leather N Lace	Open	Adult
1	1	Pilgrim, Maria	Wind River Rose	Competitive Pleasure	Adult
2	2	Drechsler, Robin	Daris Amir	Competitive Pleasure	Adult
1	1	Braitto, Whitney	Lightning's Mountainfrost	Novice	Adult

Jackson Forest - B1

RIDER PLACE	RIDER SCORE	RIDER	HORSE	DIVISION	CLASS
1	1	Smith, Sheri	Gold Dust and Diamonds	Novice	Adult
1		Scaramuzzo, Lena	Uno Smart Lil Pistol	Leisure	Adult
2		Redin, Lily	Beauhemian	Leisure	Adult
3		Smyth, Susan	Astano	Leisure	Adult
4		Muller, Samantha	Denebaborr	Leisure	Adult
1		Vitorelo, Rachel	Andy 3	Leisure	Experienced
2		Grey, Cristine	DBH Amazingafire	Leisure	Experienced
3		McChesney, Erin	Stoikha II	Leisure	Experienced
1		Egerer, Lorelei	Dakota A	Leisure	Junior
2		Muller, Rhiley	Mogley	Leisure	Junior
3		Silva, Haley	SNW Miss Drift Lena	Leisure	Junior

Jackson Forest - B2

RIDER PLACE	RIDER	HORSE	DIVISION	CLASS
1	Smyth, Susan	Astano	Leisure	Adult
2	Redin, Lily	Beauhemian	Leisure	Adult
3	Scaramuzzo, Lena	Uno Smart Lil Pistol	Leisure	Adult
1	Grey, Cristine	DBH Amazingafire	Leisure	Experienced
2	Vitorelo, Rachel	Andy 3	Leisure	Experienced
3	McChesney, Erin	Stoikha II	Leisure	Experienced
1	Silva, Haley	SNW Miss Drift Lena	Leisure	Junior
2	Hutchison, Arya	Valentyne	Leisure	Junior
3	Dausman, Lilyn	Mogley	Leisure	Junior
4	Egerer, Lorelei	Dakota A	Leisure	Junior

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RIDER PLACE	HORSE PLACE	RIDER	HORSE	DIVISION	CLASS
DO	DO	Smith, Heidi	GMH Khemos Star	Open	Adult
2	1	Stamper, Dannan	FV AUR Silver	Open	Adult
1	2	Swain, Stephanie	TKR Leather N Lace	Open	Adult
1	1	Pilgrim, Maria	Wind River Rose	Competitive Pleasure	Adult
2	2	Towner, Wendy	P. Drucer	Competitive Pleasure	Adult

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-Ilan Shamir

NATRC AND REGION 1

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

NATRC Region 1 Information: www.natrcregion1.org This is the Region 1 website where you'll find the ride schedule, stories and photos from prior rides, You'll also find the Judge's Corner where a Horsemanship Judge answers questions.

The Region 1 Facebook page CTR discussion group: Here you can virtually meet with fellow riders, have discussions and find answers to many questions as well as learn what's going on with the trails and horse camping in your area.

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

NATRC E-News: You can receive electronic announcements on upcoming NATRC rides and clinics, new sponsors and special offers, NATRC promotions and contests, and general NATRC information including details on rules changes and proposals as well as regional and national Board minutes in a timely manner by subscribing now. To begin receiving NATRC E-News, simply go to the NATRC website (<http://www.natrc.org>), click on "RESOURCES" along the top, then, under Resources, select "[Free eNews](#)" After you are directed to the E-News sign-up page, you can choose to receive a variety of different types of announcements. If you would like to send NATRC information to all subscribers or just specific regions, contact the National office (natrc@natrc.org) for help to put your announcement on the official NATRC electronic communication channel.

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RIDER PLACE	HORSE PLACE	RIDER	HORSE	DIVISION	CLASS
1	1	Smith, Sheri	Gold Dust and Diamonds	Novice	Adult
2	2	Scaramuzzo, Lena	Uno Smart Lil Pistol	Novice	Adult
3	3	Braitto, Whitney	Lightning's Mountainfrost	Novice	Adult
5	4	Dudzick, Paul	On The Road To Success	Novice	Adult
4	5	Plaxco, Anna	Mostly Alady	Novice	Adult
6	6	Aguilero, Francisco	Jasper 9	Novice	Adult
1	1	Aguilero, Emiliano	Cookie Clover	Novice	Junior
1		Christenson, Valerie	Song Afire	Leisure	Adult
2		Smyth, Susan	Astano	Leisure	Adult
3		Baker, Valerie	Sashey La Fey	Leisure	Adult
4		Turkov, Lindsey	W2's Huckleberry Sunrise	Leisure	Adult
5		McGregor, Marcia	Cupid 2	Leisure	Adult
6		Cudney, Rebecca	Ariba	Leisure	Adult
8		Edlund, Kristen	NHR Silver Chalice	Leisure	Adult
8		Odabashian, Laura	SVR Flambeau	Leisure	Adult
8		Muller, Samantha	Denebaborr	Leisure	Adult
1		Dillard, Joe	OM El Shakeeb Dream	Leisure	Experienced
2		Dillard, Ashley	Bella Maj	Leisure	Experienced
3		Hempstead, Barbara	eM Dee's Maybelle	Leisure	Experienced
4		Driggers, Joyce	CH-Eirelands Irish	Leisure	Experienced
1		Muller, Rhiley	Valentyne	Leisure	Junior
2		Enes, Drew	Peanut 3	Leisure	Junior
3		Egerer, Lorelei	Dakota A	Leisure	Junior

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TRAIL ADVOCACY

Hello, Region 1! My name is Lena Scaramuzzo and I grew up riding the very remote trails in the Cascade Range of Northern California. On weekends and summer days, I would rise with the sun, tack up my horse and ride until dusk, or whenever my parents told me I had to be home. I have a love for all things outdoors and nature-related, but horses have always been my passion. I retired from Google in June of 2023 and after sailing from Rhode Island to the Caribbean, living on our boat for 6 months, I was thrilled to get back to my horses. In July 2024, I purchased a cute little Quarter Horse, I call Ace. It turns out Ace loves to get out and go as much as I do! So in August we joined our first NATRC ride at the Jackson Forest Demonstration Ride and were hooked! Everyone at NATRC was friendly, helpful, and welcoming. Special shout out to Maria Pilgrim who spent a month responding to every silly question I had as I prepared and Rachel Vitorelo who mentored us on our first ride and without whom we would never have understood the timing rules! In September, when Maria put the call out for a new Trails Advocate, I jumped at the opportunity. Keeping our natural areas accessible to equestrians, beautiful for all to enjoy, and healthy are all near and dear to my heart.

But what exactly does a Trails Advocate for NATRC do? I'm learning as I go, but with the support and input from the board, I'll be finding my way. Here are a few thoughts:

Responsibilities of a Trails Advocate for NATRC

- Ensure Region 1 NATRC members are aware of legislation and proposals affecting trails in their area
- Advocate for the interests of equestrians and other trail users
- Work with government agencies, landowners, and other stakeholders to promote responsible trail use and management
- Educate the public about the importance of trails and the need to protect them
- Develop and implement programs and initiatives to improve and maintain trails
- Monitor the condition of trails and report issues to the appropriate authorities
- Represent Region 1 NATRC at trail-related events and meetings
- Work with other trail advocates to promote common goals

To do this work effectively, I'll need help from all of you. Please [use this form](#) to submit any issues or concerns affecting your respective trails, contacts from organizations with whom we may want to partner, or questions about how to become involved.

Let's collaborate to preserve our trails! Your support is crucial in maintaining the accessibility, safety, and overall health of our forests and open spaces.