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Stirrup

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President's Message:

Dear Region 3;

It is an honor to serve as your president. I appreciate the trust and faith that you have in my ability to help our region continue as a respected and successful region. The shoes being filled are big given our past leadership. I would like to personally thank our outgoing president, Julleen Feazel, for her hard work and dedication to Region

We have had two successful rides so far this year with a total of 9 rides scheduled with one of them being a brand new ride care of Bill and Diane Wingle, Hartsell Spring CTR. We also have first time ride manager Thearin for Rabbit Valley.

My number one goal for the region this year is to inspire us to embrace our different personalities and ideas and to promote and inspire mutual respect for all and encourage viewing our differences as an asset for our success. I would like to work to ensure our continued success as a prosperous region in both our large membership and ride participation but also our spirit of fair and honest competition.

To help build a secure future a vital task is to encourage broader involvement across the organization in board duties and responsibilities. In looking at the board composition on the next page, it seems obvious some, myself included, are wearing too many hats. Given everyone's busy lives finding time to be active in a volunteer organization can be challenging but without being overly dramatic the long term success of this organization depends upon it. Having grown up with my parents involvement in NATRC, my involvement both as a rider and worker and now with kids of my own the multigenerational success of our region is of vital importance to me. In my opinion, for Region 3 to be a healthy organization it is paramount we get more people involved. We are not a region of a select few people, it takes everyone with all of our diversity to excel and we are stronger together.

Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in a board position or want to share your ideas for the future of Region 3. I wish you all safe travels and happy trails.

Chuck Smith



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From the Editor...

While I am sure I noticed this at previous rides, for some reason or another, it really clicked with me at Navajo. I was out there Sunday with the kids and was struck with all the spouses who weren't riding but there to help their significant other. In addition to spouses there were several kids there for our kids to interact and play with. As always, everyone was very welcoming to our kids.

Yes, NATRC is a sport. Yes, NATRC is a competition. Yes, NATRC is a place to learn.

It just struck me how much it is also a family (however anyone defines that) event. The individual families that come then seem to become part of one big family. It seems that is increasingly rare right now in our society and I am truly blessed that I am part of this organization.

John





Hartsel Springs Ranch CTR, August 5-6, 2017

Hartsel Springs Ranch Competitive Trail Ride**Hartsel, CO****August 5-6, 2017 Type A & B (Saturday only) event Limited to 60 riders**

Come join us for the Hartsel Spring's Ranch Competitive Trail Ride in Colorado's South Park area at 9,000' this summer. The original ranch was over 29,000 acres. The property is home to over 100 head of buffalo and numerous pronghorn antelope. Trails will cross both the south and middle forks of the South Platte River. Natural hot springs, stage coach trails, outposts, historic buildings, and Gold Medal wild trout fishing are part of the many attractions. Come enjoy the beautiful wildflowers and the panoramic views of the Front Range and Mosquito Range Mountains.

Trail: Elevations vary from 9,000 to 9,300 feet. Footing is rocky; shoes or boots are highly recommended. This is mid-summer in the Colorado Rockies, and nights can be cool. Bring all the necessary mountain gear such as suntan lotion, rain gear, and make sure you can carry adequate personal water. Horse water is available on the trail. One-day Saturday "B" Novice/CP and two-day "A" Novice/CP/Open divisions are available. Trails will be approximately 17 or 27 miles each day depending on division. Bring your GPS and download ride tracks.

Directions to camp: Camp is at the Hartsel Springs Ranch Lodge. It is accessed from US-24 or CO-9. From the East (Colorado Springs) via US-24, immediately after entering Hartsel, turn left onto CO-9. After turning onto CO-9, immediately (75') turn left onto CR-59 and go about two miles to the lodge (on your left). From the West via US-24 (Buena Vista), or via CO-9 (Fairplay), drive almost through Hartsel, and turn right (South) onto CO-9. After turning onto CO-9, immediately (75') turn left onto CR-59 and go about two miles to the lodge (on your left).

Camp: Horse water provided from stream next to camp. Bring your own people water. All dogs must be secured at trailers when not on leashes. No dogs at briefing or meals. Horse panels up to 12'x12' allowed. Indoor shower \$5. All horses must be attached to trailers. Camping/lodging options:

- Primitive camping Friday and Saturday night is \$15/night payable at check-in.
- Additional nights are \$10/night. Contact ranch directly for reservations at 719-289-6154.
- Electric only: Add \$5 / night, limited availability on a first come, first served, with full registration payment.
- Cabins (sleep 4-6): \$180/night (contact ranch directly for reservations at 719-289-6154. Two to three bedrooms with kitchen, fireplace and bath. Cabins are next to camp. Camping charge for your horse rig is waived.
- Lodge rooms: \$130/night (contact ranch directly for reservations at 719-289-6154. Rooms are next to camp. Camping fee for your horse rig is waived.

Schedule: Ride check-in for all riders (A & B) begins at 2:00 PM on Friday August 4th and will continue until dark. Please make arrangements for late check-in if necessary. A First Time Competitor meeting will follow each briefing. Each evening, riders will be given maps and a briefing for the following day's trail.

Meals: All meals will be provided Friday dinner through Sunday lunch by the wonderfully talented Chuck Smith. Saturday evening will be a pot-luck where management will supply the meat portion of the meal. Please bring a side dish to share.

Awards: Ribbons for horse and horsemanship will be awarded for 1st-6th place for the B ride and in the A Novice division. Sweepstakes awards for open and novice and combined horse/rider CP.

Rules: The ride will be conducted under current NATRC rules with Novice, CP, and Open divisions. We also offer the Distance Only (DO) class for those who wish to complete the ride for mileage only. Colorado law requires that out of state horses have current Coggins and health papers. Bring copies to registration.

Ride Manager: Bill Wingle, wingles@uncert.com; 303-279-1290 (cell).

Ride Secretary: Diane Wingle, diane.wingle@gmail.com; 303-847-7006 (cell).

Fees: Ride entry fee (includes NATRC national and regional fees, drug testing, trail use fee): NATRC members \$145; Non-NATRC member \$156. The junior entry fee is reduced by \$25. Region 3 has an additional \$30 special discount for junior members on three rides in the 2017 season, so Juniors, please indicate if this is your 3rd ride or less this year in Region 3. Camping/lodging fees – see above. Register at <http://rms.natrc.net/> or contact ride secretary. Deposit of \$50 due with entry and balance due at ride check-in (unless reserving electric hook up, then payment in full is required). Refunds less \$20 administration fee.

Make checks payable to "Tanglewood Ranch" and mail to: Diane Wingle, 8841 Tanglewood Road, Franktown, CO 80116.



Team Awards 2016

National Year End High Point Team Awards - All horse and riders must complete at least 3 rides to be eligible for these awards. Horse Points and Horsemanship Points accumulated from all Region 3 rides in 2016 combined to determine the placing.

Novice Lightweight Team



Kat Bonham, Louise Ehrich, Jill Strandquist, Krisite LaValley

Novice Heavyweight Team



Carrie Gardner, Devon Daney, William Morgan



Competitive Pleasure Team



Diane Wingle Karen Wylie Gary Inman Natalie Brooker

Open Lightweight Team - Open Junior Team



Calleen Olsen Juleen Feazell Lin Ward Alexis Combs



Open Heavyweight Team



Kay Gunckel Jim Ward

USEF, AERC Issue Joint Statement on Endurance Horse Welfare

[FEI Addressing Endurance Horse Welfare Issues](#)

The United States Equestrian Federation and American Endurance Ride Conference have issued the following statement regarding endurance horse welfare issue occurring in some nations:

The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) and American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) join other countries around the world in expressing increasing alarm over continued disproportionate equine deaths, equine doping, and catastrophic injuries in National and International events held in Group VII.

The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) has previously sanctioned the United Arab Emirates (UAE) with suspensions, rule changes and educational measures. Clearly, further intervention is required, and therefore, the USEF and AERC were very pleased to learn that the FEI is working with new leadership at the United Arab Emirate Equestrian & Racing Federation (EEF) to put in place and ensure compliance with safeguards to protect horses and when warranted, impose tougher and more severe sanctions.

USEF and AERC share strong beliefs and concerns regarding horse welfare and fairness in competition and we recognize that not all Group VII endurance venues are tainted by the lack of respect for horse welfare. Innovations in other regions of the UAE are to be commended.

The USEF and AERC are committed to working together and with the FEI and National Federations worldwide to ensure that the welfare of our horses and fairness in competition in the sport of Endurance is given the highest priority.

information from The Horse, March 23 submitted by



High Point Awards 2016

Horses must complete 3 rides to be eligible for these awards.

Novice Lightweight Horse- 2016 Award



Left to right 3rd Mr San Puppy Louise Ehrich 2nd Alaata Sol Jill Strandquist
5th Senteney's Spirit Kristie LaValley 6th Rockin Silver Splash Kat Bonham

Novice Heavyweight Horse- 2016 Award



1. Foxhaven's Medicine Man William Morgan
2.(tie) A Goodtime Cowboy Casanova Devon Daney 2.(tie) SAS'S My Future is Spots Carrie Gardner



Competitive Pleasure High Point Horse



4. Big Mac's My My Karen Wylie 6. Danner Gary Inman
2. Kokopelli Moon Natalie Brooker 1. Eduardo el Negrito Knight Diane Wingle

Open Junior & Lightweight - High Point Horse



Open Lightweight

3. Dakota Cole Calleen Olson 1. Turner's Wild Card Lin Ward
5. SAS's Smokey Annie Oakley Juleen Fezell

Junior Lightweight

1. Lincoln Alexis Combs



Open Heavyweight - High Point Horse



4. Talk Til Midnight Gunckel, Kay 1 Gen's Rockin Shadow Jim Ward

REGION 3 - HIGH POINT HORSEMANSHIP 2016
Horses must complete 3 rides to be eligible for these awards.

NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT



Kristie LaValley, Louise Ehrich, Jill Strandquist, Kat Bonham,



Novice Heavyweight High Point Horsemanship



Carrie Gardner Devon Daney William Morgan

Competitive Pleasure High Point Horsemanship



Dianna Thearin - Gary Inman - Hannah Clark - Natalie Brooker - Diane Wingle



Open Lightweight & Junior High Point Horsemanship



Calleen Olson Juleen Fezell Lin Ward Lexi Combs

Open Heavyweight High Point Horsemanship



Kay Gunckel - Jim Ward



Mileage Awards 2016

The Mileage Awards are for rides in Region 3 only.

250 Horse Miles Award



Left to right

320 Miles Classic Lines - Syndi Scott 360 Miles Mr San Puppy - Louise Ehrich
360 Miles Alaata Sol - Jill Strandquist 360 Miles Safara - John Horne

250 Rider Miles Award



Jill Strandquist-360 miles Hannah Clark-270 Miles



500 Rider Miles Award



Calleen Olson, Karen Wylie, Natalie Brooker, John Horne

1000 Miles Horse Award



1180 Miles Talk Til Midnight - Kay Gunckel 1440 Miles Gen's Rockin Shadow - Jim Ward
1400 Miles Turnner's Wild Card - Lin Ward 1140 Miles Eduardo el Negrito Knight - Diane Wingle



1000 & 1500 Rider Miles Award



1000 Miles Award

1180 Miles Syndi Scott 1060 Miles Janna Combs

1500 Miles Award

1830 Miles Alexis Combs 1530 Miles Juleen Feazell

1500 Horse Miles Award



1580 Miles Big Mac's My My - Karen Wylie



2000 & 4000 Rider Miles Award



2000 Miles Diane Wingle 4380 Miles Jim Ward 4140 Miles Lin Ward
(Sorry Lin your 4000 mile glass is on order-WHOOPS!)

NATIONAL MILEAGE AWARDS



2,000 MILES Big Mac's My My Karen Wylie
1,000 MILES Talk Til Midnight Kay Gunckel **6,000 Miles** Touch's Yeller Gold Gary Inman
1,000 MILES Gen's Rockin Shadow Jim Ward
1,000 MILES Turner's Wild Card Lin Ward
1,000 MILES Lincoln Lexie Combs
1,000 MILES Eduardo el Negro Knight Diane Wingle



Special Awards 2016

REGION 3 - 100% Club

Congratulation to the 100% Club winners.



Jim Ward Chuck Smith Lin Ward



Competitive Pleasure Champion Horse

Criteria=Horse wins at least one 1st place and one 2nd place (or two 1st places) in the CP Division. Horse Accumulates a minimum of 65s points in the CP Division. Only R3 rides Count.



Eduardo el Negro Knight Diane Wingle

HIGH POINT NOVICE FIRST YEAR HORSE

A special year end award given to the high point Novice Horse in it's first year of competition to NATRC. Both owner and rider must be NATRC members.



SAS's MY FUTURE IS SPOTS Carrie Gardner



Bill Smith "Buddy" Award

This is a very special award given in honor of Bill Smith (Chuck's father, Jenny Smith's husband). Bill was Region 3's "Best Buddy" and this special award is given to the person who is a "Buddy to All". It can be a rider or a volunteer, whoever has displayed sportsmanship, horsemanship, friendship and enthusiasm for our sport.



The winner of the "Buddy Award" for 2016 was Dr. Bill Wingle. Bill is a BUDDY to everyone and always willing to help if not riding. Bill attended nearly every ride in 2016 and has been a frequent 100% Club winner. You can email Bill throughout the year and he always responds quickly. Bill will hike out to some far point and open a gate, take his camera and take marvelous photos, posting them later on his web site. Bill is always willing to assist Ride Management with maps/timing. Bill has managed rides, and clinics. Bill has tried to share his knowledge of GPS with Region 3. At CTRs he downloads tracks on competitor's GPSs. This always included long lines hanging out his horse trailer door to the wee hours. (Thanks Diane for sharing Bill with all of us).

REMEMBER
there are no mistakes
Only Lessons
LOVE YOURSELF

**TRUST YOUR CHOICES
& EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE**



**Best Managed Ride Region 3 - 2016
Chicken Creek - Chuck Smith Ride Manager**



2 years in a row! Very close with MLAZYC. The membership votes on which ride was managed the best! This is an award that is sought after by all the ride managers. It means that everyone really had fun and appreciated the ride management, the trails, the food, the judges and the overall effort made to put on an outstanding ride. Congratulations Chuck and your team!!!!!!! Sorry Chuck, Jim just sorta of jumped in your picture. LOL

Outstanding Sportsmanship of the Year

The purpose of this award, in it's 2nd year, is to honor and acknowledge the person who continually displays Good Sportsmanship through out the ride season. Outstanding Sportsmanship - Diane Wingle
Diane modeling her 2016 Outstanding Sportsmanship vest! Diane always asks to pass, always moves off the trail willingly to let you pass, always lets you know if you make a wrong turn, always stops to help, mentors new riders, gives you drinks of "firewater" when thirsty.



Standout - Moved back into the SUN at MLAZYC during a P&R



Ruth Tyree

Ruth Tyree was a highly respected horsewomen in the Rocky Mtn area and a pioneer to the sport of NATRC within Colorado. This award is presented to the open rider in the region who has the highest average horsemanship score and did 75% of the rides.



Winner - 2016 Ruth Tyree Award is Lin Ward - 97.20

Ken Burkdoll

Ken Burkdoll was the 1st Region 3 rider to win NATRC's President's Cup. Ken was a popular horsemanship judge before his tragic death. In his honor this award is given to the highest average combined score for open horse and rider did 75% of the rides.



Winner 2016 - Turnners' Wild Card & Lin Ward 192.80



National Awards

Region 3 was well represented for all the National Awards members won.
The top prize in NATRC is the President's Cup.



**PRESIDENT'S CUP TURNNER'S WILD CARD (206 Points)
Ridden by Lin Ward (R3).**

To read Lin's acceptance speech and other photos from the National Convention, go the NATRC.org and click on the March 24,2017Hoofprint.

Jim Menefee Memorial

Overall Combined Open Horse and Open Horsemanship
Turner's Wild Card & Lin Ward396 Points

Bill Smith Memorial

- 1. Gen's Rocklin Shadow Jim Ward..... 172 Points
- 2. (Overall Open Lightweight Horse Overall)
- 1. Turner's Wild Card..... Lin Ward..... 206 Points

Lin and Jim brought all of their National Awards to the Regional convention, because we wanted to see all the wonderful prizes, including a Specialized Saddle. Lin also gave us the "Reader Digest" version of her President's Cup Acceptance Speech.





COMPETITIVE PLEASURE AWARDS
Overall Competitive Pleasure Horsemanship



Diane Wingle

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS COMPETITIVE PLEASURE



Eduardo el Negrito Knight Diane Wingle

HIGH POINT BREED AWARDS

American Donkey and Mule Dee Bar Society - Cheri Westmoreland



American Indian Horse Registry Foxhaven's Medicine Man - William Morgan
Half-Arabian Awesomes Fire N Ice - Ken Wolgram

Kentucky Mountain Saddle Turnner's Horse Assoc Wild Card - Lin Ward

Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Assoc Dakota Cole Calleen Olson

Tennessee Walking Horse Breeder's & Exhibitor's Association Gen's Rockin Shadow - Jim Ward

A special Thank You to Krisite LaValley for taking all the photos from the Award Ceremony at the Regional Convention in Longmont. You did a marvelous job.

GO NATRC.ORG - SPRING 2017 HOOFPRIENT!

REGION 3 IS VERY WELL REPRESENTED IN THE MARCH 24, 2017 HOOFPRIENT! HIGHLIGHTS OF REGION 3 WINNERS AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

- LIN WARD AND TURNNER'S WILD CARD - PRESIDENT'S CUP!
 - LIN'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH
 - ALL OF LIN NATIONAL AWARDS
 - REGION 3 OPEN AND CP NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
- LAUIRE DI NATALIE - JIM MENAFEE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
 - BETTY WOLGRAM'S - WORKER HALL OF FAME
 - JIM WARD AND GEN'S ROCKIN SHADOW AWARDS
 - KEN WOLFRAM AND AWESOME'S FIRE N ICE AWARDS
 - KAY GUNCKEL AND BILL MORGAN - ACCEPTING AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS - Region 3 is proud of you!

SUE BREITAG AWARD

The Sue Breitag Award is nominated by and voted on by the membership of Region 3 for the individual(s) who have gone above and beyond in the past year. In 2016 the recipients of the Sue Breitag Award are Greg and Juleen Feazell.

Juleen is the outgoing President for the region serving in 2015 and 2016. While she may not have set out to be President she excelled at it. The year she became President she was also balancing personal family matters and still led our region with enthusiasm and dedication. She has spent countless hours gaining new and retaining current members. She has personally sponsored first time riders to encourage them to return. Juleen has been a large contributor and prolific writer for the Stirrup newsletter. On top of being the president she has also has been our Award Chair the last few years. This is a challenging and time consuming job. As you have probably seen from her leadership she believes in the philosophy of NATRC and gives her all for its success. While Juleen has used a firm hand when needed she has also shown her tender humorous heart.

Even though Greg does not compete he has been a steadfast contributor to the Region. Greg is always willing to take whatever task is asked of him. He has worked on P&Rs, assisted with timing, helped cook and clean, aided with paperwork/recordkeeping just to name a few. Greg was indispensable for the success of Island in the Sky. His easy going, caring, friendly personality helps riders and workers enjoy their time at rides. He also provides excellent advice from a well thought out and rational point of view.

This award should have been given out at the regional convention in Longmont, but it is challenging to try and keep this award secret from the Awards Chair. Greg and Juleen, while doing different tasks, make a great team together. On a personal note, they have been my sounding board the past several years and true friends to me and my family. We are lucky to have them as part of our NATRC family.

**Honorary and Appreciation Awards****Jim Menefee Lifetime Achievement Award Laurie DiNatale**

Region 3 member, Laurie DiNatale was honored with this very prestigious NATRC award at the National convention in Chattanooga Tennessee. Following is a copy of the speech given to honor Laurie at the National convention.

"Laurie was introduced to NATRC in 1970, attended her first ride as a volunteer in 1971, started competing in 1979, and won a National Championship on Revilo Sundance in 1989. In the mid 1980's, Laurie and a couple of friends started the Region 3 Benefit rides which were successful and fun. She served on the Region 3 BOD, was elected to the national board in 1991, and was selected to be the new National Secretary at the November NBOD meeting 1993, later renamed Executive Administrator.

Laurie continued to volunteer for many positions at CTRs in all regions. Ride managers always breathed a sigh of relief when Laurie showed up. Laurie's knowledge of NATRC and the best way to handle any situation gave the ride managers a special "peace of mind". She only missed one BOD meeting since 1991 when her mother had surgery. She served with ten presidents: Nancy Kasovich, J.R. Kendall, David Whitehouse, Jerry Weil, Bill Smith, Gerald Ferguson, Cheri Jeffcoat, Ray Brezina, Gary Clayton, and Kim Cowart. How many times did she watch the BOD trying to reinvent the wheel?

She often represented NATRC to other organizations. A strong advocate for trails, Laurie was responsible for having the NBOD meeting in Little Rock, AR, in November 2008 to coincide with the National Trails Symposium on their 40th anniversary. NATRC made an important statement by being one of the few equine representatives there.

Every task described for the Executive Administrator in the bylaws requires attention to detail, communication with others, and probably a deadline. Yet it wasn't so much all that she did, but how she did it, always advocating for the horse, always conveying strong support for the philosophies of NATRC, always with the right mix of personal and professional attention.

Laurie's responses to questions were so refreshing and served to keep NATRC running smoothly for 23 years. Laurie always took the time to answer questions and often provided the history of why certain rules or problems had been resolved in the past. She was smart, never gossiped, listened, stuck to the facts and was always concerned that you were satisfied with her answer. She helped provide a sense of belonging for so many.

A newcomer on the national board commented that Laurie was welcoming and kind; "she made me feel worthy."

Laurie has been our leader, our friend, our helper, our mother hen and all the while has been professional, cheerful, respectful, efficient and kind. Her children and granddaughter have literally not known her in any other role than that with NATRC. No one is more worthy than Laurie DiNatale to be recognized for lifetime achievement in NATRC."

Betty Wolgram - NATRC's Worker Hall Of Fame

Betty Wolgram has been an active in NATRC for 21 years beginning her membership 1995. Betty and her husband Ken have been active competitors in Region 3 and have done a fair amount of rides in other regions as well. Betty has been absolutely dedicated to NATRC during her 21 years. She has used her brilliant mind and nearly photographic memory to learn every rule of NATRC. Betty has been instrumental in many of the improvements and rule changes over those years.

Betty was served on the National Board for 3 years. Betty dedicated 3 years as the National Membership Chair and 1 year as co-chair. Betty and Ken have also attended most of the National Conventions in the past and attended many of the National Board Meetings.

Region 3 has kept running on track thanks in large part to Betty's dedication to NATRC. Betty served on the Region 3 board for 12 years. She was President for 6 years, Vice President for 2 years, and Secretary for 4 years. The committees Betty chaired in Region 3 is also impressive; 12 years as the Membership Chair, 12 years as keeper of the By-Laws, 12 years as committee chair of The Standing Rules and Procedures, 4 years as Ride Coordinator, and 4 years as Newsletter Editor. Betty also served as Co-Ride Manager 3 CTRs and was the Trail Master for 1 ride.

Betty also made a large impact with the number of new riders she and her "soul mate", Summer, have mentored over the years. Betty's skills as a former school teacher served her well when helping new riders learn our sport. New competitors who were lucky enough to have Betty and Summer as mentors almost always became NATRC members and continued to ride in NATRC for years.

NATRC and Region 3 are so very lucky to have had Betty Wolgram as such a valuable volunteer and competitor for the past 21 years and can think of no more deserving to become a member of NATRC's Worker Hall of Fame than Betty Wolgram.



In the Rear View Mirror, by Calleen Olson

The Region 3 Convention is in the rearview mirror now, but not the lessons and great memories of friends and colleagues recapping the season with awards, and all the great information presented by various speakers.

One of the key lessons brought out in the convention was a long discussion that unravelled during the Judges Q&A. It was brought up by many members, several situations that were considered unsafe and unsportsman like, that Patsy Connor took to heart. She reminded me that if anyone ever has a valid safety issue, it should be presented in writing to the National Judges Committee, of whom Kim Cowart is in charge. You must sign your name to your complaint, as anonymous complaints will not be considered, since there is no one to reply back to. Also, during Dr. Kay Gunkels' presentation on "Gut and Health Issues", she talked about how stressful trailering our horses can be, and the impact it has on their mental/emotional, and gut/metabolyte balance. Lin Ward made a lasting remark to put it in perspective, "every 5 hours of trailering, is equivalent to 1 mile riding on the trail."

Kudos to Lin Ward who made Region 3 proud for winning the Presidents Cup! What an accomplishment! Congratulations to all the award winners. I don't have to remind myself, it takes a village to make this all worth it at the end of any ride, or the season.

I want to "Thank" all who took the time to attend, volunteer and participate, whether with your horse at the Horse Demo with Kyle Kimbal; Gary Wall and Bill Wingle, and many others who took photos to share and remember the weekend; and all the speakers and judges who shared their expertise and views. Thank you to Colorado Horse Rescue for sharing their space with us. Vendors: Hubbard Feeds, Jim and Lin Ward, and Sharon and Dave Dashner, and Donna & Roy Dandy for loaning stock panels for corrals, and especially Chuck Smith for being like a lighthouse when I felt lost at sea (many times). So now that I've accomplished the longest run-on sentence, I'll let the photos tell the rest of the story. See you on the trails...



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Save the Date (2018)



HOTEL ALBUQUERQUE
at old town



NATRC NATIONAL CONVENTION

February 9-11, 2018

Save the date! Region 3 will be hosting the 2018 National Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We want this to be a truly Wild West experience full of Southwestern Hospitality for the entire NATRC family. We've found a venue but are still brainstorming to come up with a theme. Start making plans to attend this fabulous event in February of 2018. We also need Region 3 members to volunteer to help us make this a success! Please check out the HELP WANTED section of this Stirrup and volunteer to help. If you don't want to be a chair person but see one of your friends is in charge, contact them and offer to help out. For more information, check out the NATRC Region 3 Facebook OR contact Chuck Smith or Julieen Beazell.



2017 Ride Schedule

NATRC Region 3 - Schedule for 2017

June 10-11	Air Force Academy – Colorado Springs
July 22-23	Chicken Creek - Mancos, CO
Aug 5-6	Hartsel Springs Ranch – Hartsel, CO
Aug 19-20	Music Meadows - Westcliff, CO
Sept-9-10	Colorado Trail - Buffalo Creek, CO
Sept 23-24	Chokecherry CTR - Farmington, NM
Oct 14-15	Rabbit Valley - Mack CO

Note to Managers and Riders

Jim and Linn Ward will again be hosting the Friday Happy Hour at rides.

Managers please also list this in the ride agenda or under meals, so everyone knows.

It really helped everyone to get to know each other, new and old alike.

1 hour before the Friday meal or 2 hours before briefing, which ever works for that ride. If for some reason we will not be able to attend we will make sure someone else is hosting that ride.





National Convention 2018

NATIONAL CONVENTION - HELP WANTED

Albuquerque, New Mexico

February 9-11, 2018

Region 3 is hosting the NATRC National Convention in 2018. We need a TON of help to make this convention a success. If you can chair one of these positions please contact Chuck or Juleen.

- ◇ Chairpersons – *Chuck Smith / Juleen Feazell*
- ◇ Convention Secretary - *Cathy Cumberworth*
- ◇ **Publicity –**
- ◇ Speakers - *Laurie DiNatalie*
- ◇ Vendors – *Lin Ward*
- ◇ Name Tags – *Kerry Bingham*
- ◇ Welcome Bags – *Kerry Bingham*
- ◇ Registration – *Cheri Westmoreland, Kerry Bingham*
- ◇ Flowers *Devon Daney*
- ◇ **Decorations, Signs and Backdrops**
- ◇ **NBOD Liaison**
- ◇ Printed Event Program – *Dayna Morgan*
- ◇ **AV / Technology –**
- ◇ **Gifts for National BOD –**
- ◇ **NATRC Gather Photos for National Winners –**
- ◇ **Photographer (Saturday) –**
- ◇ **Photographer (Sunday) –**
- ◇ Region 3 OLD TIMES Memory Video - *Wava O'Brien*
- ◇ **Raffle / Misc Projects –**
- ◇ **Silent Auction -**
- ◇ **National Awards Banquet –**
- ◇ **Arranging Awards for National Awards**
- ◇ **Region 3 Awards Breakfast/Program (Sunday-morning)**
- ◇ **Arranging Awards for Region 3**
- ◇ **Hotel Coordinator –**
- ◇ **Convention Assistant –**
- ◇ **Trip around ALBQ.(Friday afternoon) –**
- ◇ **Hospitality Room (Friday & Saturday) –**
- ◇ **Music/Dance - Friday evening -**



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