



NEWSLETTER
SPRING 1983

SNAP!! CRACKLE!! POP!!

Seeing a bit of green grass regenerates our hopes for spring. All this "pure'd" snow is great for skiers and Christmas, but it is not what the poets would have us think is the best for horse back riding. After wading through the knee-high snow and ice and trying to stay warm, just to get on my horse definitely interferes with the magnetism of trail riding. Mother Nature's attitude lacks discipline! Spring has been a rear-guard kill-joy, giving us no hope. Because of the lack of sunshine, I have developed a great sensitivity towards the weather in general. It will keep me from the first ride this season--but--would I have bought a new saddle last October if grass, and what it stands for, were not true--the great, green hope of spring and summer.

NATRC COMES OF AGE

The 16th Annual NATRC (North American Trail Ride Conference) Convention was held February 10-13, 1983, in San Diego, California. The theme was: NATRC "Comes of Age" 21 Years...Still Climbing.

Attending from this area were Christy Cumberworth, Billye Hodge, Vel Naugle, Dr. and Mrs. Joe Quintana, Barbsen, Jim and Violet Peek, Larry

Tobias, Judi Tobias (Region III Editor, HOOFPRINTS), and Patsy Tomb (President, NATRC).

Region III members who were presented with National awards and recognition were Tom Butterfield, Certificate of Service to NATRC; Pat Jubb (NATRC horsemanship judge and new National Board member), placed 5th in National Horsemanship, Lightweight, 134 points; Iris Mosgrove (former National Board member and current Ride Sanction Chairman) awarded a Certificate of Service to NATRC (Ike also served on Management Panel); and Duane and Bessie Scott, awarded honorary lifetime membership.

Region III members who served on panels or made presentations were Dr. Gene Naugle (vet judge), Vet Panel; Bill Bohannan (horsemanship judge), Judges Panel; Bill Cumberworth (Past President, NATRC) spoke on electrolytes; and Judy Cumberworth (Region III President, horsemanship judge and National Board member), Chairman of Riders Panel.

Region III horses recognized nationally were POKEE (grade mare, Milne Parish) National Champion and 4th in Overall Heavyweight, 128 points; SIR NALIX (Arabian gelding, John Miller) National Champion and 6th in Overall Heavyweight, 122 points; CR KRYSTALLETTE (Arabian mare, Pat Jubb) National Champion, 133 points; SABRINA BAR (grade mare, Terri Roberts) National Champion, 102 points; SUTARA (half-Arabian mare, Christy Cumberworth) National Champion, 82 points; TAMARON LA CE (paso fino gelding, Pat McCoy) National Champion, 81 points; BROWN R LANCE (half-Arabian gelding, Amy Brown) National Champion, 80 points; CHICARO'S MOCHA (SQHA gelding, Violet Peek) 2000 and 3000 miles; NIGHTWIND (grade gelding, Ike Mosgrove) 2000 miles; and NUTMEG (grade mare, Judi Tobias) 1000 miles.

Neal McKinstry won the raffle for the Region III ride entries.

POINTS OF INTEREST

NATRC NATIONAL LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS: Leonard Smith, DMV; Jack Meeks; and Judy Cumberworth. These memberships are \$250.

NATRC SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS: NATRC now has two scholarship funds: the Boulton Vet Memorial Loan fund and the NATRC Equine Related Loan Scholarship.

SLIDE PRESENTATIONS: A slide presentation on NATRC rides and judging is available from Ike Mosgrove, 495-2906 (Colorado Springs). Also anyone interested in information regarding local, regional or national NATRC competitive trail rides may contact Ike at the above number.

ROCKY MTN HIGH RIDES AGAIN: Rocky Mountain High III. In the heart of the Rockies--exalting and exhilarating trails!!! August 20-21, Limit 60. Judi and Larry Tobias, 3020 Shrider Road, Colorado Springs, Co 80918; 303/593-7310 evenings.

REPORT TO MANAGEMENT: All rides that become sanction approved in Region III will be receiving a MANAGEMENT LETTER. It will include a worker list, order sheets for Region III supplies, and a sample P&R card for those rides that will be using the INCOMING-OUTGOING P&R teams. This will be an information sheet on how to line up the riders and how to implement this P&R system. Management should order one card per rider for each P&R planned (60 riders x 5 P&R's = 300 cards). A different color for each P&R stop should be used. Cards are 2¢ each. These cards are not used for the Friday preliminary P&R at check-in.

Ride management should be sure to instruct the timers to record the time only when the riders are at the end of the waiting line. Do not make the riders travel to the end of the line during their 10-minute rest period.

RIDE MANAGEMENT--please print your workers' names, use full names.

RIDER'S FEE: Remember to send your rider fee of \$4/rider along with your ride report sheet to Ike Mosgrove, Supply Chairman and Region III Treasurer. If the \$4 rider fee is not remitted, the riders will not receive Region III points or mileage for that particular ride. Riders will be notified if ride management does not submit the Region III rider fee to the Treasurer by October 15, 1983.

TRAIL MARKING RIBBON: The packet you received from Barb Butterfield has information in it concerning your trail marking ribbon. You may order ribbon, discounted, from Allen Precision Equipment, Inc. in Atlanta, Ga. Also, you may order dash plaques with our Region III logo on them from Rallye Productions, Inc.

PUTTING ON CLINICS: Region III-NATRC will donate CLINIC DASH PLAQUES!

SNO-CAP STABLES CLINIC: June 18, 8:00 a.m., limit 30, entry fee \$8. You can rent a horse for \$30. You will be on the trail for 2-3 hours and will be judged and evaluated. This will also include a seminar on camp detail and duties. Contact Cindy Blakesley, Snow-Cap Stables, Glacier View Meadows, PO Box 2167, Fort Collins, Co 80522, 303/493-7523.

WELCOME BACK: Louie Pavetti is back on the vet judges list. 2480 US-6-50, Grand Junction, Co 81505, 303/242-2225.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO NATIONAL NATRC: New members from Region III are Cindy Blakesley, Livermore, Co; Kathy Connolly, Longmont, Co; James David, Grand Junction, Co; Debbie Hupp, Aurora, Co; Susan LaRue, Englewood, NM; Marlen Page, Elizabeth, Co; Regina Quackenbush, Lakewood, Co; Frederica Lincoln Riha, Littleton, Co; Blanch Rudzutaks, Parker, Co; the Clay Boland family, Carbondale, Co; the Joe Burson family, Boulder, Co; the Daniel Clint family, Wheat Ridge, Co; and Christy McCoy, Grand Junction, Co.

We now have 88 paid up Region III members. For information and application forms for Region III-NATRC, contact Judy Cumberworth, Membership Chairman.

MORE THOUGHTS ON 83 NATRC CONVENTION: Gene Naugle's slide presentation on bad manners as being dangerous in horses was superb. Felt sorry for Vel Naugle, though. She had to pose with the "bad" horse. The price of being a vet's wife! Centerpieces were great at the banquet. Handmade mugs (very attractive) filled with balloons with "NATRC 83" on them. Balloons popped all evening at

the slightest provocation. One lucky person at each table got to take mugs home. Our own Judi Tobias has got one in her cupboard to prove it!

The Johnsons--Colby, Ginger, and Cinnamon--all winning awards--prove NATRC is really a family sport.

Sue Eoff's acceptance speech was very emotional, as she accepted the President's Cup...her well-earned right.

Wayne Hyatt's description of a moonlight competitive ride, which was his most memorable NATRC event left everyone in hysterics.

Beautiful green San Diego was a much-welcomed respite from snowbound Colorado. MANY, MANY THANKS TO RICHARD AND GLORIA BECKER.

NAVAJO LAKE RIDE: The ride at Navajo Lake, Farmington, NM, will be timed slower than in the past in consideration of Mother Nature's procrastination in getting around to sending spring weather. PLENTY OF OPENINGS as of 4/25.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Violet Peek's article on marking trails was interesting and well done. I have the highest regard for her suggestions, but would like to present a few observations from the viewpoint of a color-blind rider:

Some statistics say that 20% of men are color-blind to a degree, 5% being severely "afflicted". Red-green is the commonest form of color-blindness, and to a person so affected red, green, and brown tend to look pretty much alike. Therefore, red and orange are colors not easily distinguished. Blue, white, and yellow are usually the most visible colors. Some pinks may look blue and be visible.

Tone and shape are usually more obvious than some of the commonly used colors. For instance, blaze orange against an aspen background is of a similar tone and difficult to distinguish. However, a very dark green ribbon on an aspen might be easily seen. Blue or white would be still better as there would be both tone and color difference. Long ribbons are more evident because the shape is eye-catching.

As a color-blind rider I urge manage-

ment to consider tone contrasts against the background in selecting marking material. Candy strip ribbons offer a double advantage of color and contrast, so are often helpful. And please leave the ribbons plenty long. Thanks!--Neal McKinstry.

VIBES BY VI

Greetings from Golden (alias Nome, Alaska). The polar bear and penguins would be right at home here for the past six months. The last two days, have been raining steady...

Neal McKinstry, your letter to Ginger was greatly appreciated. It is very rewarding to receive an answer to an article one writes. It seems that the colors of ribbons most easily observed by the average rider are the worst colors for color-blindness. I agree whole heartedly with you, Neal, as to the length of ribbons. A lot of trail markers have a long enough ribbon to start with, but by the time they tie it far back on a tree limb or other object and tie it in half, it does not leave much to hang down.

In my experience in tying ribbons, I find that tying on the very tip of a limb by the very end of the ribbon leaves a good streamer. This is much more usable to the trail rider and takes little more time to tie. I am giving my support to you absolutely and hope all ride management will insist on long ribbons.

In reference to Judy Cumberworth's report from riders' critiques, I enjoy a natural obstacle and feel that on most of our rides, we do not need unnatural manmade obstacles. Having ridden quite a few rides, the percentage of what is considered dangerous to the open rider is a small ratio. I agree with Judy on the critique; we riders do not like losing time at an obstacle. The hidden judge is great. Show-ring type equitation does not fit on a trail ride!

Riders of Region III, let me know what your pet peeves are.--Violet Peek

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An just when I thought I knew all the answers, they have changed the questions!

TREASURER'S REPORT

The balance in the general fund as of Decmeber 6, 1982, was \$1,136.43. Deposits totaled \$507.10 (\$480 from membership dues, \$11.44 from Burkdoll & Tryee funds, and \$15.66 interest). Disbursements totaled \$781.28 (included postage, printing, transportation, clinic dash plaques). The balance in the general fund is \$862.25.

The balance in the Ken Burkdoll fund is \$300.38 (donations made by Fixott, Gothberg, Jubb, Lee, McCoy, Mosgrove, Tyree, Forlenza, Wilson, Erler, Fuller, Hindi, Bohannan, Bender, McCoy).

The balance for the Ruth Tyree fund is \$329.61 (donations made by Fixott, Gothberg, Jubb, Lee, Miller, Mosgrove, Tyree, Forlenza, Wilson, Erler, Fuller).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THESE MEMORIAL FUNDS.--Ike Mosgrove, Treasurer

COORS II--SEASON'S FIRST

And what a glorious, beautiful, fantastic, exhilarating and wonderfully-managed ride it was!!!

Mother Nature FINALLY saw fit to grant us some glorious, beautiful weather in which to enjoy the gorgeous and exciting scenery of western Colorado/eastern Utah. Clear skies and warm temperatures. FANTASTIC!!

The management of the ride was superb--absolutely great. Pam Peterson deserves a great, big THANKS. Trail markings were the best I've encountered in my "vast" experience of riding NATRC rides for the past two years. The rider was NEVER out of sight of a ribbon and not too many colors, either. Pam added a very nice touch in providing a "road sign" advising the rider as to the trail (open or novice) he was traveling after a split in a combined open/novice trail. VERY GOOD IDEA, Ride Managers.

The new P&R system was used. It was my first experience with it. Good concept, but--as with all new things--needs to be polished a little. First day, riders had to move to end of line during their 10-minute rest period. Second day, better organized.

Those not in attendance surely missed a grand experience.--Jo Parish

OPEN HWT:

1 Kermit	Ed Gothberg	2
2 HA Rosetta	Neal McKinstry	3
3 Fair Dani	Keith Henriques	
4 Sir Nalix	John Miller	4
5 Pokee	Milne Parish	5
6 Tez Bathal	Cherie Mitchie	
Dee Jay	Dave Thomas	1
Salt of the Earth	Jim Peek	6

OPEN LWT:

1 Rabeea	Nadja Brozina	6
2 Moonrise	Lovell Grych	
3 CR Krystallette	Pat Jubb	1
4 Tameron La CE	Pat McCoy	4
5 Wausau	Bobby Henriques	5
6 Tezrahvel	Shauna Boyack	
Katie	Diane Bohannan	2
Ziptez	Bev Romig	3

OPEN JR

1 CTipper	Stephanie Riley	1
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NOVICE HWT

1 Rosie	Marie Goff	5
2 Mesa Verde		
3 Say Czar	Clay Boland	
4 Blaze	Rick Kern	
5 Stanleys Steamer	Gary Ward	1
6 Wimpys Gimp	Anne Chase	3
Juan Be Cowboy	James Stevens	2
Ahmar-Rih	Vicki Anderson	4

NOVICE LWT

1 Zur Binty Blue	Lynette Gallegos	
2 Abas Moss	Cathy Adair	2
3 Zeus	Marj McKinstry	
4 Syn Aire	Jo Parish	1
5 TJ Bay Fanci	Janet Gray	
6 Hazenya	Kaethe Williams	6
CandysTwistABottom	Linda Doescher	3
Rani Orlof	Andrea Harlan	4
	Richard Williams	5

NOVICE JR

1 Miss Fair Shamona	Lolita Adkinson	3
2 Ga-Rajah	Sabrina Sweet	1
3 Bessie Ball	J.C. Stevens	2
4 3 Bars Pride	Christy McCoy	4

Not official standings--just jotted down at the awards presentation. Apologies to 6th place HWT Novice winner for not catching the name.

REMEMBER!!! Navajo Lake has lots of openings as of this writing. Come and enjoy one of the super rides of the season. Slower ride time takes lack of spring weather into consideration.

REGION III REDE SCHEDULE

Mark your calendar now and send in those entries.

- MAY 7 NAVAJO LAKE, Sec: Judy Cumberworth
(A) 1908 Glade Rd, Farmington, NM
87401 (505/327-2286) [limit 110]
- MAY 28 CAVALIER, Sec: Ike Mosgrove,
(A) 10590 Egerton Rd, Colo. Spgs, CO
80908 (303/495-2906) [limit 60]
- JUN 11 TAOS MTN, Sec: Donna Holmes,
(A) PO Box 2284, Taos, NM 87571
(505/758-3811) [limit 60]
- JUL 2 VEDAUWOO, (Chugwater, WY) Sec:
(A) Phyllis Salzburg, 5021 King
Arthur Way, Cheyenne, WY 82001
(307/634-0623) [limit 60]
- JUL 16 EL JINITE SOLITARIO, (Durango, CO)
(A) Sec: Bill Cumberworth, 1908 Glade
Rd, Farmington, NM 87401
(505/327-2286) [limit 60]
- JUL 23 HUGH OTTE MEMORIAL, Sec: Judith
(A) Otte Regan, Box 821, Lander, WY
82520 (307/332-3246)
- AUG 13 VAN VLEET, (W of Ft. Collins)
(A) Chr: Bonnie Trafford, 868 N.
County Rd 19E, Loveland, CO 80537
(303/669-1279) [limit 60]
- AUG 20 ROCKY MTN HIGH, (E of Buena Vista,
(A) CO) Sec: Judi Tobias, 3020
Shrider Rd, Colo. Spgs, CO 80918
(303/593-7310) [limit 60]
- SEP 3 SNO-CAP STAMPEDE, (W of Ft
(AA Open) Collins) Chr: Cindy Blakesley,
(A Open & PO Box 2167, Ft Collins, CO
Novice) 80522 (303/493-7523) [limit
120]
- SEP 10 TOP OF THE WORLD, Sec: Kathryn
(A) Grove, 27132 Log Trail, Conifer,
CO 80433 (303/838-4750) [limit 60]
- OCT 1 PINON RIDGE, Sec: Billie Hodge,
(A) 2715 Merz Rd, SW, Albuquerque, NM
87105 (505/877-9694) [limit 60]
- OCT 8 CHOKECHERRY, Chr: Bill Cumber-
(A) worth, 1908 Glade Rd, Farmington,
NM 87401 (505/327-2286) [limit 60]

RIDERS!!! PLEASE GET YOUR ENTRIES IN TO
YOUR SELECTED RIDES AS SOON AS YOU CAN!

DEADLINE for Summer Newsletter is
July 1st.

REGION III RIDE ENTRY WINNERS

Navajo Lake	John Miller
Cavalier	Stephanie Ewoldt
Vedauwoo	Dennis Adams
El Jinete Solitario	Katty Wiese
Sno-Cap Stampede	Bob Avila
Top of the World	Laura Saults
Pinon Ridge	Dave Thomas
Chokecherry	Dawn Raschen

With lots of envy and oodles of luck, we
know these riders will have an espe-
cially fun time!!