



The Stirrup March & April 2004

Region III Newsletter

Region III Juniors are BIG Winners

Age is no problem for the Shanor Kids, They can ride and compete with riders many times their ages...even combined! Region III is very proud of Kymberlie and Matthew Shanor for their recently awarded National Championships. Kymberlie was awarded High Point Junior Horse and Horsemanship Nationally, NATRC National Grand Champion Junior Horse and Horsemanship, and Her horse, MKS Shamal Nejma, was awarded High Point National Arab in Competition.

Matthew was second in Horsemanship Regionally, Third in Horse Nationally and was awarded 4th in National Horsemanship. He finished the ride season with the reserve Champion Junior Horse, Egyptian Gem Star.

Often NATRC judges have complimented our junior riders by saying they can compete and win against anyone and that they always ride as if they had a full complement of competitors in their age group to compete against even if they are the only ones in their classes. Region III has some great riders and horses and our Juniors are only a part of the news. See the "more aged" riders who won awards nationally on pages 5 and 8 of this newsletter.



National Junior Champions Kymberlie Shanor and MKS Shamal Nejma, show their great form on the trail in competition last season.



...gyptian Gem Star and Matthew Shanor moving out at the Colorado Trail CTR in August, 2003. Their placing there and at other rides led to their National awards.

Region III Board met in Loveland April 3rd

The BOD met in Loveland and covered a number of topics and concerns. Meeting was called to order by President Kay Gunkel. Members present were Kay Gunkel, Marc and Kathy Shanor, Susie Witter, Priscilla Lindsey, Kathy Brown, Mike Jubb, Doreen Portner, Tracie Scarlett, Jane Young and Susan McKelvy. The Treasurer, Priscilla Linsey reported she had two boxes of stuff to wade through and that her husband, Steve, will help her to audit and reconcile the accounts. The balances in the various accounts are as follows: \$7348.37 in the Memorial Account, \$6038.70 in the Reserve Account, \$3227.20 and \$2395. in 6-month CD's for a total of \$11,660.90. The Checking Account has \$2839.14 currently and that she has opened an account at her local Sunwest Bank in Idalia, CO to facilitate access. The discussion that followed suggested retention of the current banking relationship as well as there is a long history. The bookkeeping system will be established on Quicken so items can be categorized and reports generated as necessary. This will make transfer of the treasurer's duties seamless and simple in the future as well.

The issue of non-profitability and necessity of a 5-year plan was discussed and a Budget committee was set up with Marc Shanor, Pricilla Lindsey and Kathy Brown. They are requesting suggestions from our membership so please, contact them!

The problem of absent members at the BOD meeting was discussed. By-laws do say that 3 meetings missed means an ouster from the BOD. Copies of the By-laws were not available so the matter will be re-visited.

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Dr Kay Gunckel, Region III President. She judges, she competes, she presides and prescribes! What a woman!

Region III President's Prescription

I hope all of you are anticipating the start of the ride season as much as I am. It will be so nice to see old riding buddies, as well as meeting new friends to our sport, not to mention, the beautiful trails we will be riding. I am madly getting my trailer ready to hit the road with new tires, rewiring and just getting it in tip-top shape so travel to the rides will be as uneventful as possible.

The Region III Board of Directors met recently and we have been working to make this year a really good one. Please carefully read through your Stirrup newsletter so to be knowledgeable about changes we are making this year. Of particular note, are the updating of the weight cards. We reviewed sample cards from other regions and adopted ideas from them. We are also going to give "Blemish" cards a trial spin which we believe will aid riders when they check-in with the judges at the beginning of the rides to remember all the old nicks and

scratches on their horse which could become a problem at check-out. This will help the harried Secretaries for the judges too.

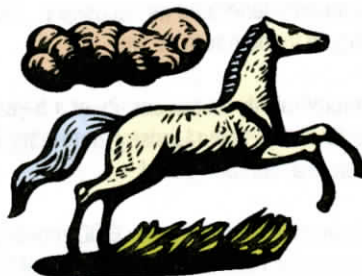
We have three new chairpersons to be acknowledged as helping our region this year: Region III Trail Advocacy Chair is **Jeff Brown**, Region III Publicity Chair is **Tracey Korthius**, and Region III Ride Coordinator is **Kathy Shanor**. Sue McKelvy will be constructing next year's Ride Book with help from Kathy Shanor who will ascertain that all rides listed have been or are in the process of being sanctioned. Please thank these people for volunteering for the positions and give them your suggestions and help.

Lastly, I would like to announce that the National Board of Directors' Meeting will be in Denver on July 10th. All NATRC members are invited and welcome to attend. It is a great opportunity for all of us to see what our organization is doing first-hand at a national level. We can meet riders from other regions and put faces to names listed in the Hoof Print Newsletters. The location is yet to be determined but we'll let you know.

See you on the trails soon!

Dr Kay Gunckel

There will be ribbons at Island in the Sky CTR!



Judy Mason says "Despite my husband's fondest dreams, Island in the Sky CTR will not be ribbonless!" She promises plenty of ribbons as well as spray chalk to mark the trails for riders. You won't be lost or confused.

They are planning some GPS games to help us get familiar with the device and ask riders to bring their own GPS units to play. Also, they say, if you have appropriate cables to download a track from a computer, bring them too. Perhaps a practice track will be available to try out.

"Hope to see you at Island in the Sky! Its going to be fun with or without a GPS!"

Chokecherry Ride Report

Region III's first CTR took place on April 17-18 in Farmington, NM. Co-chairs Bill and Jenny Smith, ever the consummate hosts, welcomed 55 riders and made them comfortable in a campground 3 miles from Farmington at a stables which provided shade, water and a nice arena for check-ins. The trail led riders through spectacular desert terrain of canyons, slick rock and cliffs. Distant views included the snow-capped La Plata mountains in SW Colorado and Shiprock as well as the arroyos, wild flowers and grotesquely weather-carved rocks. Judges Kathy Budd and Jerry Weil joked and encouraged riders as they asked them to sidestep their horses over a bush, or back between other bushes and turn on the forehand as well as observing the riders mount their horses and traverse up and down ravines. There were a good group of junior riders which spices up the competition! Everyone had forgotten something...be it a bridle or a hairbrush, "shakedown for the first ride" problems which were always solvable with a loan from a fellow rider.

Saturday's weather was breezy but warm and several riders sported some sunburns at the end of the day. Must remember sunscreen! Management served a first-rate, fresh grilled "hamburger and all the fixings" lunch out on the trail to all riders which was appreciated. Margueritas served at the 2 mile point eased the riders into camp. Poker played at the P&R's as a VFW fund raiser for the veterans' memorial in Farmington was a blast! Sunday was a lot breezy and colder but scenery and trails were great!

Saturday evenings' entertainment included briefing (early!) and announcements and songs and poetry from Cowboy Poet Mike Leonard. Then the surprise announcement of the recent (4/15) marriage of NATRC Judge Jerry Weil and Kim Downing (Reg.6 competitor from Kansas City, MO) which all present celebrated with cake and bubbly! Both looked very happy as the picture attests!

Next year be sure to make this ride! It is skillfully and gracefully managed, good trails, great camping, and your fellow competitors are wonderful companions! The best thing is meeting new and old riding friends and seeing new horses as well as old mounts again. Milne Parish and Zeus (his new horse) were competing in Open which just seemed to be right! The Browns had their "hot tub" set up and heated water circulating for any or all to enjoy despite it being a bit chilly between the tub and the camper!

Ride Results....Unofficial, ofcourse, are as follows:

Open Lightweight Horsemanship: 1st Debbie Zinkel, 2nd Lin Ward, 3rd Tracey Korthuis, 4th Terri Roberts Smith, 5th Roxann Lane, 6th Judy Wise Mason. **Open Heavyweight Horsemanship:** 1st Ken Wolgram, 2nd Janine Ancell, 3rd, Darrel Dye, 4th Matt Baker, 5th Jim Ward, 6th (tie) Jeff Brown and Linell Miller. **Open Junior Horsemanship:** 1st Matthew Shanor, 2nd Kymberlie Shanor.

Horsemanship: 1st Susan Peters, 2nd Steve Ancell, 3rd Kathy Brown, these 3 placing were separated by pluses!) 4th Kim Alsup, 5th Rochelle Gribler, 6th Jane Young.



Newly-weds Kim Downing Weil and Jerry Weil at the Chokecherry Canyon CTR. Kim acted as Jerry's vet judge secretary for the ride...a multi-talented couple who are wished much happiness and a long life of good times together!

Novice Lightweight Horsemanship: 1st Beth Sims, 2nd Susan La Rue, 3rd Lisa Lucero, 4th Abbie Hazelwood, 5th Gina Levesque, 6th Vonnie Frane. **Novice Heavyweight Horsemanship:** 1st Wava Lee O'Brien, 2nd James Sinnett, 3rd Jerry Sims, 4th Robert Bulcock, 5th Pat Wilson, 6th Karen Belcheff. **Novice Junior Horsemanship:** 1st Jessica Lucero, 2nd Mariah Becksted.

Open Lightweight Horse: 1st Panama Jack, Terri Smith, 2nd MKS Shamal Nejma, Kathy Shanor, 3rd Remington Steele, Roxann Lane, 4th Egyptian Gemstar, Laurie DiNatale, 5th Quickly, Betty Wolgram, 6th Brown-R-Dawud, Judy Mason. **Open Heavyweight Horse:** 1st Summer, Ken Wolgram, 2nd Brazo's Blaze, Jeff Brown, 3rd Johnny Danger, Linell Miller, 4th Rocky Top 2, Jim Ward, 5th Lady's Charlie B, Janine Ancell, 6th Sky, Darrell Dye. **Open Junior Horse:** 1st June's Lucky Mac, Kymberlie Shanor, 2nd Sierra Blue, Matthew Shanor.

CP Horse: 1st Rock'n EZ Royal Tee, Steve Ancell, 2nd Gorda Bo Ann, Rochelle Gribler, 3rd RMR Nahr Amir, Carolyn Andersen, 4th All the Rage, Kathy Brown, 5th Kokopelli Moon, Susan Peters, 6th Rock'n EZ Ribbon, Patricia Ann Hansford.

Novice Lightweight Horse: 1st Prime Contender, Terri Yates, 2nd Mandolin, Susan La Rue, 3rd Mo Marque, Gina Levesque, 4th Penny, Lisa Lucero, 5th Bonanza's Rebel G, Beth Sims, 6th Diamond, Vonnie Frane. **Novice Heavyweight Horse:** 1st Denniss the Menace, Pat Wilson, 2nd Ali Selene, Robert Bulcock, 3rd El Sarmin, Art Alsup, 4th Quiero, Karen Belcheff, 5th Rock'n EZ Ray, Jerry Sims, 6th Buzz, James Sinnett. **Novice Junior Horse:** 1st Lightning, Jessica Lucero, 2nd Chaco Bonito, Mariah Becksted.

Open Sweepstakes (High Point Horse) Panama Jack, Terri Smith
Novice Sweepstakes (High Point Horse) Prime Contender, Terri Yates,
and **High Point CP Combo:** Rock'n EZ Royal Tee, Steve Ancell.



BOD Meeting Minutes Continued...

Susie Witter reported on items discussed and decided at the National Board meeting in Reno in February. The 2006 National Convention is Region III's responsibility but Region IV may want it as they could combine with AERC as was done this year so successfully. Rides listed in the Ride Book must be sanctioned or pending sanction to be listed. This is necessary to meet insurance requirements. The problem of defining and determining points according to the classification of a ride (A, AA or B) will be decided and set by the National Board. Teamwork points (horse and rider combined) are being tallied nationally. National BOD will meet on July 10th in Denver and Region III members are invited to attend.

Terri Yates, Rabbit Valley CTR, sent a thank you for the money received for continued improvement of the parking facility there.

Mentor program was successful last year and will continue with Olga Spanoff and Doreen Portner. Pre-ride contact often answers many questions and better prepares riders for their first competition. Consider volunteering as a mentor for at least one ride this season.

Linell Miller needs some new pix for our booth at Expo...so send her some showing you and your favorite mount.

Current membership stands at 47 single members and 28 family members. If you have not renewed your membership yet, you need to do it as this issue will be the last one sent to other than currently enrolled members!

Helmet awards were discussed with acknowledgement to Jim and Lin Ward for soliciting donations for awards at regional seminar. Mike Jubb will also attempt to solicit sponsorships.

Safety Riders program was discussed and Jane Young will pursue the old booklet prepared as guidance for people safety riding. Ideally each CTR should have 2 Safety riders in each division. Suggestion was made that for one ride per season, an Open competitor volunteer as a safety rider. Marc Shanor will safety ride all rides provided his son, Matthew is "entertained".

Weight Cards will be available at all rides for riders in the Open and Novice divisions. Sample of the Region IV weight card was shown and favorably received and Sue Peters, Supply Chairperson will provide them to each CTR management for distribution to riders. Riders are reminded that should they change their saddles or personal weight significantly over the season they need to re-weigh. Ride Management can request a rider to re-weigh at any time during a ride.

Blemish cards were also suggested as an aide to riders and judge's secretaries. Chatfield CTR was selected as the first trial of these cards which may be copied and filled in, laminated by the individual rider for presentation at check-ins to identify all long-standing scratches, scabs, or defects on their horses so that nothing is missed.

Vests will be modified and updated to be smaller and have a larger pocket in front to hold more than a tightly-wadded map. The San Juan Valley Trail Riders who sponsor many of our west slope rides will use Region III's vests until they can update their own vests. Funding was approved to aid in this project.

Doreen Portner reported on the National Trails Advocacy actions showing a sample of the new T-shirts featuring Sue McKelvy's design that are being sold to raise funds for projects. Wayne Tolbert from Tennessee and Ray Bzrenia have stepped up to the plate to act as national coordinators for Trails Advocacy and will strive to set standard fees and requirements for CTR's on public lands by lobbying in Washington, DC. T-shirts will be available for sale at our rides starting with Chokecherry Canyon. Region III BOD voted to purchase T-shirts to distribute to ride managements as volunteer appreciation and to support the Trails Advocacy effort.

Colorado State Parks are hosting county-wide meetings "Have a Say in How You Play" this spring and Region III members are urged to attend ones that affect areas where they live. If you can't attend provide input at www.parks.state.co.us.

Suggestion has been made to award high point prizes to first year riders from each region. Reg III would like to recognize riders from each district and ask that members make suggestions on this proposed program.

Regional Chairs for Publicity, Tracy Korthius, Trails Advocacy, Jeff Brown and Ride Coordinator, Kathy Shanor were appointed and approved.

Finally, **Navajo Lake CTR is the Region III Benefit Ride.** Their entries have been expanded to accommodate 120 riders and members are urged to either compete the ride or donate to it by working or funding it. Contact Bill or Jenny Smith to volunteer. The annual Benefit Ride raises funds for the Region III's general expenses which members' dues don't always cover. Last year's Benefit Ride, Colorado Trail CTR raised \$1500 plus for Region III which was a wonderful and appreciated boost! So get your entries sent in for this ride!

Meeting was adjourned with the next meeting set for July 9 possibly at the same facility at which the National BOD meeting is to be held. Check the Hoofprint for location.



Tracie Scarlett, Marc Shanor and Kathy Shanor hard at work on Region III's BOD meeting business on April 3rd.



Region III National Awards for 2003

The National Convention was a combined event with AERC and NATRC which turned out to be a special opportunity for riders in both disciplines to meet and talk about the strengths and differences in their sports. NATRC received a free booth and, with that and the hospitality suite attendees were able to meet old friends and make new ones. Trail Advocacy T-shirts were sold to many people including 4-wheelers! A Tevis entry for the first on the waiting list was won by Jan Jeffers, a brone horse statue was donated by Equisure, an Australian Saddle with an arab tree, Colima model was donated by la Vetta Hardin of Outback Ranch and was won by Milne Parish! Wayne Tolbert was selected to work with AERC's Jerry Fruth on national trails issues and will be attending the American Horse Council meeting in April. Jeff Brown will be Trails Chair for Region III and will be assisted by Judi Tobias and Barbara Remy. Perhaps riders from western slope would also consider joining this important group to work to make the equestrians concerns heard. Contact Jeff to join in the fight! Finally, Boa Horse Boots are not legal for use on CTRs sanctioned by NATRC.

Region III had the distinction of being awarded the most (10) National Championships of any region in NATRC! Winners are as follows:

National Champions: Brazo's Blaze	Jeff Brown
June's Lucky Mac	Bill Smith
Rock's EZ Ruby	Jenny Smith
Summer	Ken Wolgram
Phantom's Masquerade	Matt Baker
Panama Jack	Terri Smith
Brown-R-Dawud	Judy Mason
MKS Shamal Nejma	Kymberlie Shanor
Egyptian Gem Star	Matthew Shanor
Rocky Top II	Jim Ward

Region III 2003 Team Awards:

Open Heavyweight:	Rock'n EZ Ruby/mft	Jenny Smith	1st
	June's Lucky Mac/mft	Bill Smith	2nd
	Phantom's Masquerade/gr	Matt Baker	3rd
	Summer/gr	Ken Wolgram	4th
	Brazo's Blaze/gr	Jeff Brown	5th
	Rocky Top II/mft	Jim Ward	6th
Open Lightweight:	Brown-R Dawud/arab	Judy Mason	1st
	Panama Jack/arab	Terri Smith	2nd
	MKS Fancy's Folly/arab	Kathy Shanor	3rd
	Remington Steele/gr	Roxann Lane	4th
	Mahra Khan/har	Milne Parish	5th
	Huck's Last Love/arab	Lin Ward	6th
	Quickly/gr	Betty Wolgram	6th
Open Junior:	MKS Shamal Nejma/ar	Kymberlie Shanor	1st
	Egyptian Gem Star/ar	Matthew Shanor	2nd
	Foxton Bon Bon Belle/morg	Jessica Vose	3rd
	Porter/gr	Jasmine Tanner	4th

Region III 2003 Competitive Pleasure Team Awards:

GS Jokers Are Wild/arab	Tracie Scarlett	1st
Touch of Yeller Gold/mft	Gary Inman	2nd
Johnny Danger/tw	Linell Miller	3rd
Becky C/mft	Sandra Hollis	4th
Misty Sunrise/mft	Carol Beumer	5th
Independence Dai/ar	Sena Fitzpatrick	6th
Sea Hello Dolly/har	Heather West	6th

Region III 2003 Novice Team Awards:

Novice Heavyweight:		
RV Dutch Chocolate/gr	Lois Hoth	1st
Top Gun/ft	Forrest Marsalis	2nd
Zane's Belle Ringer/mft	Jerry Sims	2nd
Ali Selene/arab	Bob Bulcock	3th
Mac/grade	Sherri Halligan	4th
Tamago-Khanibb/arab	Leona Arnett	5th
Snickers II/grade	Yvonne Boss	6th

Novice Lightweight:		
Cloudsrest Zephyr/arab	Tracy Korthuis	1st
RMR Nahr Amir/arab	Carolyn Andersen	2nd
J Cross Smart Dian/qtr	Elaine Chavanon	3rd
KH Night Rebel/arab	Jan Adam	4th
Amity Summer Joy/arab	Diana Thearin Chilton	5th
Diamond Lil/rky mtn	Vonnie Frane	6th
Lady Ann's Wind Dancer/mft	Beth Sims	6th

Novice Junior:		
Cookies & Cream/welch	Sophie Chavanon	1st

2003 Overall Open Horsemanship:

Heavyweight:	Jenny Smith	2nd
	Bill Smith	3rd
	Ken Wolgram	5th
	Jeff Brown	6th
Lightweight:	Kathy Shanor	3rd
Junior:	Kymberlie Shanor	1st
	Matthew Shanor	4th

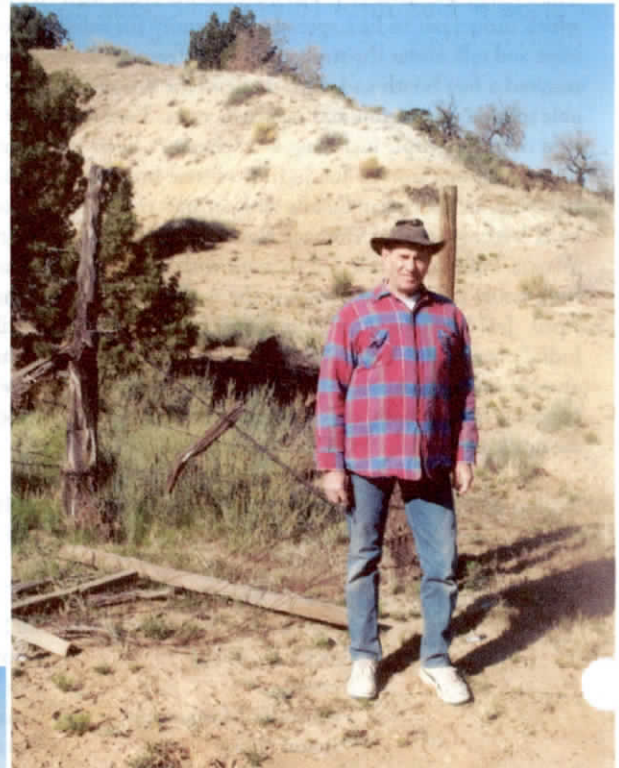
Congratulations to Betty Wolgram as she poses next to Quickly and holds the special award presented to her at the Chokecherry Canyon CTR for 5 years of service as Region III's Newsletter and Ride Book Editor.



Chokecherry Canyon CTR April 17-18, 2004



Sandhills and Junipers...some of the special desert scenery of western New Mexico.



Bill Cumberworth mans the cattle gate for riders with a ready smile.



Horses quench their thirst compliments of the "Waterboys" diligent efforts to meet them at several points on the CTR with cool and welcome water!



Rules Interpreter Doreen Portner watches horses and riders at the final P&R on Sunday...windy and cool!



Classified Advertising - Barn Sale

For Sale: Beautiful 15 yr old registered bay Arab gelding, 15.3 H, sound, well-mannered, all vaccinations current, no vices, trail-wise and energetic \$3000 Brenda Simmons 970-887-1164

Sky Pilot is for sale...Morab Gelding, 11 yr, dark bay, sound with stamina, trail-able and ready for competitive trail or endurance events with a confident rider. \$4000
Call Sandy Vernon at 970-887-9011 or E-mail: vernonwiney@rkymtnhi.com

Kenlyn Urban Challenge Ride - May 1 with preceding Saddle-fitting clinic on April 30th in Aurora, CO. This is an easy 25/50 mile endurance ride with a 15 mile fun ride anyone can do!

Contact Linda Fisher kenlyn@idcomm.com or go to the website www.kenlynarabians.com

Wasach Humane Society has a number of horses available as companion animals or for light riding including Bert San Lynx an 18 year old quarter horse gelding who has worked hard on a cattle ranch most of his life resulting in injury to his legs, back and ligaments. Bert is a gentleman looking for a "retirement" situation and if you can provide it, contact Stephanie Miller at smiller@ubtanet.com or Cheryl Smith at Cheryl@wasatchhumane.org

2 Pairs of Boa Boots For Sale Size 1 \$130/pr
Lippert "no slip" saddle pad \$90
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Talk to Diana Marquardt at the rides or call her at 970-887-2450

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Kathy Brown sent a note concerning our elder rider, Milne Parish, who made National Convention thanks to the generous gifts of his fellow competitors. While there, he was honored with a special narrative written and read by Kathy Budd which moved many present to tears and resulted in a standing ovation for Milne and his late partner, Mahra Kahn.



Bert San Lynx stands ready to join your herd as a grateful pensioner.

Diana Marquardt says labeling yourself and your horse with identification is a good idea. A business card or return address label works to tuck in a saddle bag or inside your helmet. Put dog tags on your horse's bridle & halter.

To order call 800-443-8247 and get tags at two for \$10.99 or e-mail Diana for more information
tomdiana@granbyweb.net

Suggestions from Members

Matt Baker suggests that NATRC recommend a special assessment on horse trailer registrations (this will require legislation by states) with the additional funds designated for USFS and BLM to create and maintain equine trails and facilities. He said that this has been successful for the OHV (Off Highway Vehicles) enthusiasts in getting areas and trails opened and maintained for their sport. He says after more than 15 years of volunteering with the USFS and local recreational authorities in his area (Ft. Collins, CO) that nothing speaks louder than money!

Judy Mason suggests that Region III needs a traveling microphone system that will enable Ride Management to be heard at briefings...something compact and powerful. This will be considered at the next BOD meeting...any other ideas? Let your BOD representative know!



The Message Board

From the Editor:

Thank you to the many Region III folks who sent me encouraging and often funny e-mails after the first Stirrup issue was published and mailed. Please keep your commentary coming! Some glitches did occur and for those I apologize such as my somehow cutting off the 6th place Regional winner in heavyweight novice horsemanship, Diane St Peters. My apologies and Congratulations, Diane!

My first competition was Chokecherry Canyon and as usual I got by with the help of friends such as Jim Ward who clipped the Baron's winter coat enough to facilitate cooling in warmer temperatures and Roger Beumer who kindly helped me change a bald tire on my trailer. To travel home on good tread was truly peace of mind! Kudos to the Smiths and their friends and family and the Waterboys, they staged a wonderful experience for competitors. How lucky we are to have such people who give of their time and talents in our Region.

How do you think we should honor and thank our hard-working ride managers? Some have suggested buying them dinner at the Regional convention, others think a special vest designating them as managers with the NATRC logo would be appropriate...what's your idea. Let me know and keep the suggestions coming! Thanks!

Sue McKelvy (303) 838-2890 sumac@idcomm.com

Donna Johnson wants to Cruise with fellow riders!

Donna Johnson wonders if some of you might be interested in a Caribbean cruise on Voyager of the Seas. It would depart from Miami, FL and visit ports like Nassau, Bahamas, St Thomas, VI, San Juan, Puerto Rico and Labadee, Hispaniola. After the ride season ends and the snows start falling (we hope) and cold clamps down, this may be a wonderful trip! Prices range from \$4025 for Balcony suites to \$679 for interior staterooms. Let Donna know if you're interested by June 15th. Call her at home: 303-898-8139.

Susan Peters suggests that we update riders on potential camping or overnight stops with their horses. She says Stewart's Thoroughbreds 6886 Hwy 165, Colorado City, CO 81019, (719) 676-3323 is managed by Shirley Pigg and welcomes riders coming up from New Mexico to front range rides. They are just off I-25 at the exit for Rye/Colorado City. Easy on/off/in/out!



More National 2003 Award Winners

2003 Overall Open Horse:

Phantom's Masquerade
Rock'n EZ Ruby
Brazo's Blaze
June's Lucky Mac
Brown-R-Dawud
Panama Jack
MKS Shamal Nejma
Egyptian Gem Star

Matt Baker
Jenny Smith
Jeff Brown
Bill Smith
Judy Mason
Terri Smith
Kymberlie Shanor
Matthew Shanor

2003 Overall Open Horsemanship

2nd Place Heavyweight
3rd Place Heavyweight
5th Place Heavyweight
6th Place Heavyweight
3rd Place Lightweight
1st Place Junior
4th Place Junior

Jenny Smith
Bill Smith
Ken Wolgram
Jeff Brown
Kathy Shanor
Kymberlie Shanor
Matthew Shanor

Way to go! You make us proud! Keep it up and coming!

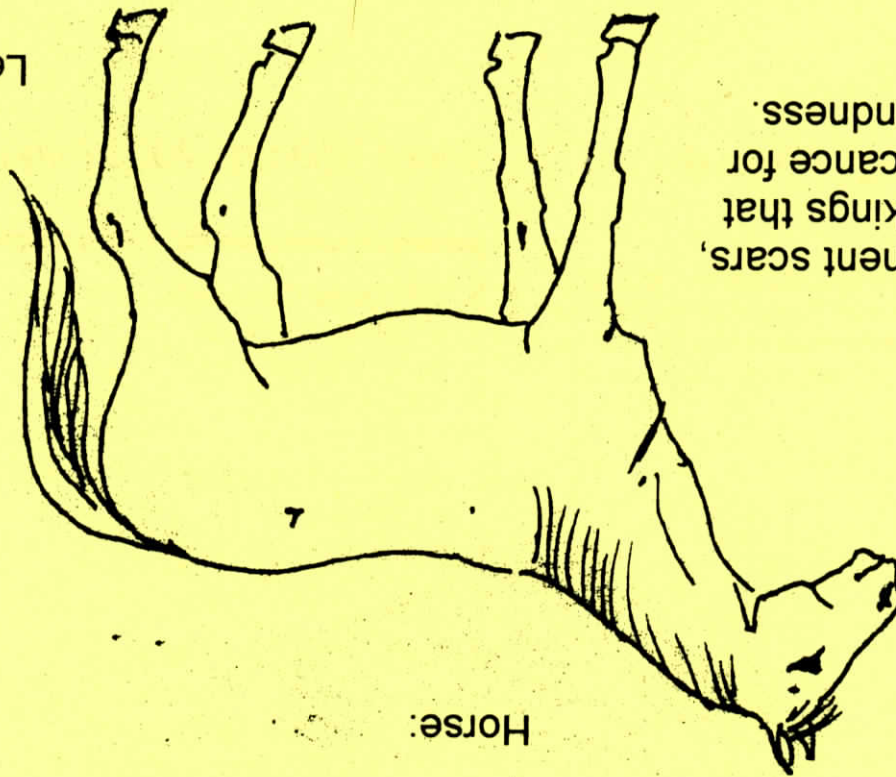
Ride Questionnaire Responses :

At the Region III seminar held in Taos, a questionnaire was distributed and results are that riders identified **trails as their number one concern**...they need to be challenging not dangerous and safe. Timing should be done 2 days in a row on the same horse. **Second concern was safety riders**. Most felt they should be close enough to aid but not interfere with competitors. That SR's need to be advised of duties, should know the trails (ride them prior to CTR), have safe, experienced, conditioned horses, to pair an experienced SR with a newbie, to know how to efficiently and easily evacuate to roads or vehicles and be able to "pony" another horse. **Meals** were mixed in response...some loved having them, others felt they added to expenses already too high. **Ride entry fees** were requested to remain the same providing that they allowed management to cover costs or even be lowered. **Briefings** were thought best when they occurred before dark, with Judges speaking and then Open trail being discussed and those riders dismissed, then novice/cp trails covered as the latter would potentially have more questions.

Awards received a high rating for importance with ribbons and useable items especially for Opens and certificates rated as lowest in value. Competition awards for Novice thought a good idea for encouraging riders. Expedition of check-in/check-out procedures was correlated to getting riders to remain for awards presentations. Extra people at check out to tally scores is great. Check-out as riders arrive back in camp Sunday advised, judges get paperwork completed quickly and have a system of scoring that is efficient and expeditious. **Judges Qualities** preferred: fair, professional, friendly, fun, informative, consistent, discuss obstacles, explain, honest, no favoritism!

Left Side

Add permanent scars,
scabs, markings that
have significance for
judging soundness.



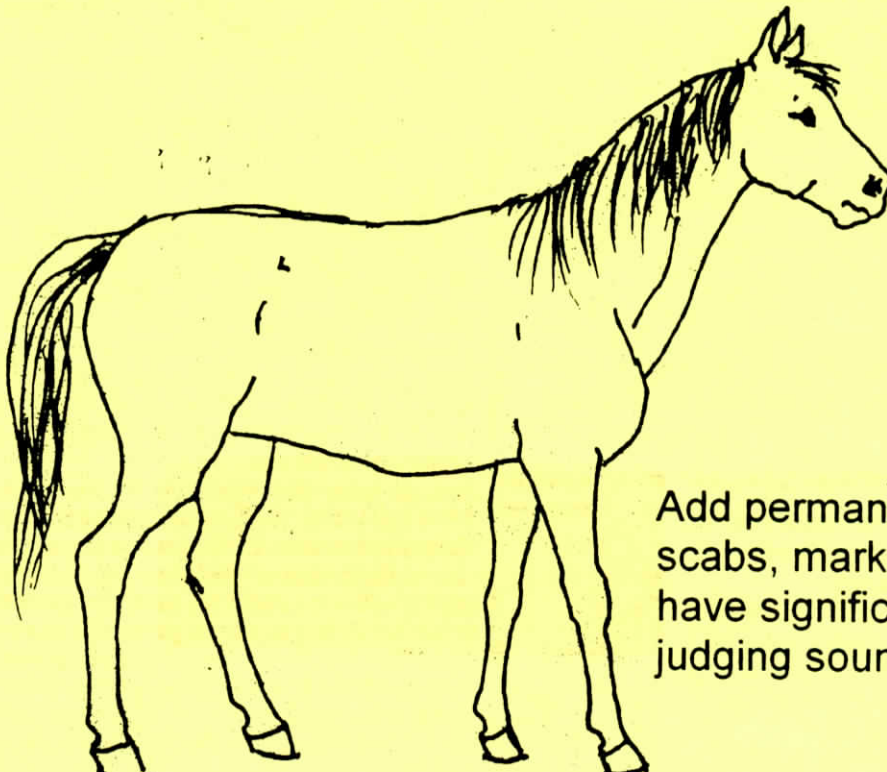
Horse:

Region III Blemish Card

Fold on this line to form left and right side of your horse

Region III Blemish Card

Horse:



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judging soundness.

Right Side