



Region 6 Rally



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President's Message

Is everyone having a great time with the rainy season we have had this late spring? The weather has certainly been interesting in the region and beyond! After competing at Flying R, somehow Katy found remarkably dry trails for all of the recent weather, but I hear that that was not the case at Hill and Dale. Perhaps next year we will have a nice even spread of rain and sunny days, with *perfect* weather for the rides! Ok, I know, that might be just a dream. One can hope, right?

Whatever the weather may be, I always hope we find a great connection with our mounts--I think I am starting to get there with my horse, Rio. We have quite a ways to go, but I think we are really making good progress together. All of this I contribute to homework--we all have our preferences on training methods and mine happens to be Clinton Anderson--whatever flavor you choose, the more time you spend working with your horse, the more benefit you will reap! In other words, the work you put in equals results. You don't have to win the President's cup to succeed either--success is all within yourself. Anything that you can improve upon, even if it is just a little bit, is a win in my book. We don't start by running as a baby, do we? We start by rolling, then scooting, then crawling on up. This applies to our horsemanship--take things step by step, break them down into simpler pieces. Over time, it adds up and will get you where you want to go, as long as you're willing to put the work in.

The *perfect* horse is maybe like our *perfect* weather--maybe just a dream? But we can all try to achieve that dream. Happy trails to you all!

Sincerely,
Erin Glassman
NATRC Region 6 President



Erin trying her hand at working cattle at a recent Clinton Andersen clinic. She'll be good the next time she has to move cattle off a NATRC trail. :)

2015 REGION 6 RIDE SCHEDULE

Ride Date	Ride Type	Ride Type and Ride Name
July 25-26	A & B rides	VON HOLTEN RANCH, Mora, MO
Aug 29-30	A ride	THE PONYXPRESS AT ROCK CREEK STATION, Fairbury, NE
Sept 12-13	A ride	DAVE SMITH FALL FIESTA, Brushy Creek, near Lehigh, IA
Sept 13	B ride - Novice Only	DAVE SMITH FALL FIESTA, Brushy Creek, near Lehigh, IA
Sept 26-27	A ride	INDIAN CAVE, Indian Cave State Park, Shubert, NE
Oct 10-11	A & B rides	KANOPOLIS, Kanopolis State Park, Marquette, KS
Oct 24-25	A ride	CEDAR CREEK REGION 6 BENEFIT, New Bloomfield, MO

Linda Tellington-Jones Award

Congratulations to Marla Stucky for earning the 2014 Region 6 Linda Tellington-Jones Award for Excellence in Horsemanship! This is a huge testimony to her amazing skills and consistent effort, and was awarded at the Exploring Sand Hills CTR this year. We are proud of you, Marla!



Marla Stucky and EZ Rocket WH at Indian Cave CTR last year (Photo courtesy of Andy Klamm)

2015 Region 6 Ride Results—Exploring Sand Hills: A Ride

Exploring Sand Hills A

4/11-12/2015 R6-KS

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 55

Chair: Liz Klamm

Judges: Natalie Morris DVM, Jean Green

CP Combo: EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla

Novice Sweepstakes: Sasha/Smith, Helen-95.5

Open Sweepstakes: Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish-93

Open Heavyweight

- 1/3 L.L.Remington/Marston, Marilyn
 2/4 Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Stich, Kay
 3/2 Gen's Rockin Shadow/Ward, Jim
 4/1 My Nightmare/White, Vickie
 5/5 PS Arikaree Bask/Glassman, Erin

Open Lightweight

- 1/5 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
 2/1 King's Mountain Hale Bop/Dollarhide, Patti
 3/ Taking Over My Heart/Levinson, Rhonda
 4/3 Rushcreek Allie/Messick, Brenda
 5/ Tornado Watch/Farris, Denise
 6/2 PS Sabres Sun/Everhart-Valentin, Kira
 /4 Princess Dina/Payne, Debbie
 /6 Turner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin
 SC Akil Gassur/Brinck, Travis
 P Rosies Chexy Lady MC/Frazier, Linda

Open Junior

- 1/1 Little Ann/Klamm, Jason
 2/2 Angel's Ricochet Shot/Klamm, Ryan

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 Smart Lil Red Buck/Frieze, Heather
 2/ Windy V/Vasa, Tammy
 3/ Hershey/Martinez, Ty
 4/2 Pure Texas Smoke/Serafini, Juanita
 5/ Kaluha/McNiff, Sandra
 6/3 Duke/Mass, Joyce
 /4 Steppin'Out Annie D/Prey, Ken
 /5 Mi Lady/Martinez, Melissa
 /6 Commanche BH/Sedlacek, Merry
 P Jake/Gudenkauf, Lisa
 P Bartending For Money/Vasa, John



Sarah Rinne (L) and Jason Klamm (R) at Exploring Sand Hills (Photos courtesy of Andy Klamm)

Novice Lightweight

- 1/ Sasha/Smith, Helen
 2/5 Risky Snickers/Martinez, Samantha
 3/1 Dakota Cole/Olson, Calleen
 4/4 Buck/Kaniper, Stefany
 5/3 Cheyenne/Fearing, Donna
 6/6 Shahteechs Thunder/Shively, Joyce
 /2 Peaches/Koontz, Susan
 Jim Bob's Cookie/Licata, Mary
 Indian Diamond Girl/Schuman, Belinda
 P Cedar's Devereux B/Plumer, Joni
 P Gus/Staten, Justine

Novice Junior

- P Jericho Twistin Jac/Staten, Brook
 P Two Eyed Bob/Keith, Lauren
 P Cinnamon/Keith, Erin

Competitive/Pleasure

- 1/3 EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla
 2/ Fives Bert Harlan/Bouska, Alan
 3/5 Lethal Status/Ankersen, Sharron
 4/4 Razonn Trail Dancer/Colby, Mary
 5/ Dun Come Unzipped/Reynolds, Margaret
 6/ Country Diamond Rio/Blue, Erica
 /1 Frontgate Phoenix/Rinne, Sarah
 /2 Wyntez Buddy/Roberts, Beverly
 /6 D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen
 T-Bone B Blacky/Ross, Kerri
 Fantasy Moon Dancer/Prey, Virginia
 Roho Honey Mocha WH/Hinkebein, William
 /DO Country's Magic Fox WH/Wolgram, Betty

2015 Region 6 Ride Results—Exploring Sand Hills: B Rides

Exploring Sand Hills B SATURDAY 4/11/2015

B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 5

CP Combo: Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna

Novice Sweepstakes: MBF Cristalena/Hucksoll,
Margaret-91.5

Open Sweepstakes: Spot Me Wild/Sylvara, Karen-91.5

Open Heavyweight

I/I Spot Me Wild/Sylvara, Karen

Novice Lightweight

I/I MBF Cristalena/Hucksoll, Margaret

P Mighty Mouse/Harrod, Ashley

P Tuffy's Super Nova/Allen, Kim

Competitive/Pleasure

I/I Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna

Exploring Sand Hills B SUNDAY 4/12/2015

B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 6

CP Combo: X-Diamond Maya/Siebert, Marianne

Novice Sweepstakes: Northdreams Diamond Jewell/
Johnson, Marilyn-88.5

Open Sweepstakes: Spot Me Wild/Sylvara, Karen-91

Open Heavyweight

I/I Spot Me Wild/Sylvara, Karen

Novice Heavyweight

I/I Northdreams Diamond Jewell/Johnson, Marilyn

Competitive/Pleasure

I/3 X-Diamond Maya/Siebert, Marianne

2/2 X-D Mutasim/Siebert, John

3/1 Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna

P HA Flames of Desire/Wenger, Toni

Woah! That's a LOT of miles!

Congratulations to Winchester Charm for achieving his huge goal of 10,000 NATRC miles at Nickers N' Neighs this year! Mary Anna Wood attained her own high mileage mark of 23,000 at Flying R Ranch while riding Patti Dollarhide's mule, a first for Mary Anna in all those miles! We love to see such incredible long-term competitors, both human and horse!



Photo of Winchester Charm and Mary Anna Wood (above) courtesy of Hope White.

Photo of Mary Anna and King's Mountain Hale Bop (right) courtesy of Patti Dollarhide.



2015 Region 6 Ride Results—Nickers N' Neighs

Nickers N' Neighs A

5/2-3/2015 R6-KS

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 29

Chair: Hope White/Vickie White

Judges: Patrick Regier DVM, Priscilla Lindsey

CP Combo: Razonn Trail Dancer/Colby, Mary

Novice Sweepstakes: Flyhawk Dreamer/Vernon, Katy-99

Open Sweepstakes: L.L.Remington/Marston, Marilyn-99

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 L.L.Remington/Marston, Marilyn
2/2 Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Stich, Kay

Open Lightweight

- 1/4 Rushcreek Allie/Messick, Brenda
2/2 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
3/1 Princess Dina/Payne, Debbie
4/3 Dun Come Unzipped/Reynolds, Margaret
5/6 SC Akil Gassur/Brinck, Travis
6/5 AM Micado's Race/Hauser, Jeanie
P Tornado Watch/Farris, Denise

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/2 Rosita/Bohling, Cheryl
2/1 KS Franks Banjet/Chaffin, Verona
P Clancey O'Tucker/Royle, Gracie

Novice Lightweight

- 1/DO Flyhawk Dreamer/Vernon, Katy
2/4 BRA Leonardo/Norris, Troy
3/1 Jim Bob's Cookie/Licata, Mary
4/3 Sasha/Smith, Helen
5/5 Perfection's Red Alert/Laffey, Elizabeth
6/2 Shahteechs Thunder/Shively, Joyce
P Sundown Taz/Patillo, Joanna

Novice Junior

- 1/1 Shady Sunset WH/Reeter, Jessica
2/3 Superlady Teton/Patillo, Kaley
3/2 Country Mocha WH/Reeter, Josie
P Yorktown Special/Jennings, Morgan

Competitive/Pleasure

- 1/1 Razonn Trail Dancer/Colby, Mary
2/2 Silver Valley Tate/Hanson, Mary
3/5 Lethal Status/Ankersen, Sharron
4/4 Roho Honey Mocha WH/Hinkebein, William
5/6 Nikita's Chilli Sensation WH/Berry, Michele
6/3 Country Diamond Rio/Blue, Erica

Nickers N' Neighs B—SATURDAY

5/2/2015 R6-KS

B-O/CP Total Riders: 3

CP Combo: Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna

Open Sweepstakes: King's Mountain Hale Bop/Dollarhide, Patti-100

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 King's Mountain Hale Bop/Dollarhide, Patti
2/2 Pistol Annie/Shelman, Stacie

Competitive/Pleasure

- 1/1 Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna

Nickers N' Neighs B—SUNDAY

5/3/2015 R6-KS

B-O/CP Total Riders: 6

CP Combo: D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen

Novice Sweepstakes: Risky Snickers/Martinez, Samantha-72

Open Sweepstakes: Angel's Ricochet Shot/Klamm, Ryan-99

Open Junior

- 1/1 Angel's Ricochet Shot/Klamm, Ryan

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 Mi Lady/Martinez, Melissa

Novice Lightweight

- 1/1 Risky Snickers/Martinez, Samantha

Competitive/Pleasure

- 1/3 D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen
2/2 Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna
3/1 Little Ann/Klamm, Liz



Mary Licata checking in Jim Bob's Cookie at the Nickers N' Neighs ride (photo courtesy of Sarah Rinne)

2015 Region 6 Ride Results—EKAHA Hill & Dale

EKAHA Hill and Dale

5/16/2015 R6-KS

B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 42

Chair: Mary Colby

Judges: Kate Jacob DVM, Priscilla Lindsey

CP Combo: Summer/Wolgram, Betty

Novice Sweepstakes: Safara/Horne, John-99.5

Open Sweepstakes: Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland,
Trish-100

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 L.L.Remington/Marston, Marilyn
- 2/2 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken
- 3/3 My Nightmare/White, Vickie
- 4/4 Spot Me Wild/Sylvara, Karen

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
- 2/2 King's Mountain Hale Bop/Dollarhide, Patti
- 3/4 Rushcreek Allie/Messick, Brenda
- 4/5 Hes a Rockstar/Van Order, Barbie
- 5/3 Dun Come Unzipped/Reynolds, Margaret
- 6/6 Pistol Annie/Shelman, Stacie

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/4 Safara/Horne, John
- 2/3 Duke/Mass, Joyce
- 3/2 KS Franks Banjet/Chaffin, Verona
- 4/5 Bones/Schneider, Michelle
- 5/ Kaluha/McNiff, Sandra
- 6/1 Hot Carma/Jakopak, Mark
- /6 Commanche BH/Sedlacek, Merry
- P Kam/Thomsen, Patrice
- P Wildcard Tonto/Fowler, Kylie
- P Pony/Miller, Faye

Novice Lightweight

- 1/4 Auli Sabah/Fischer, Jennifer
- 2/5 Shaateekhs Thunder/Shively, Joyce
- 3/1 Jim Bob's Cookie/Licata, Mary
- 4/2 Sensation AI Miss/Plumer, Joni
- 5/3 Sasha/Smith, Helen
- P PS Miss American Pie/Levinson, Alexandra

Novice Junior

- 1/1 Shady Sunset WH/Reeter, Jessica
- 2/2 Country Mocha WH/Reeter, Josie
- 3/3 Countrys Lady Traveler WH/Jennings, Morgan
- 4/4 Zoey/Schneider, Shane

Competitive/Pleasure

- 1/3 Summer/Wolgram, Betty
- 2/ DCC Diablo/Jakopak, Summer
- 3/4 Roho Honey Mocha WH/Hinkebein, William
- 4/2 Winnie/Thearin, Dianna
- 5/ Silver Valley Tate/Hanson, Mary
- 6/1 Wyntez Buddy/Roberts, Beverly
- /5 T-Bone B Blacky/Ross, Kerri
- /6 Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna
- Country Diamond Rio/Blue, Erica
- Lethal Status/Ankersen, Sharron
- WWW Dot Hunk/Berry, Michele
- P JGC Maximum Overdrive/Levinson, Rhonda



Safety riders Ty and Debbie McCullough silhouetted against the Exploring Sand Hills skyline (Photo courtesy of Debbie Payne)

Vet Checks at CTR — by Tammy Vasa

Two Thousand Fifteen was going to be our year! After sporadically dabbling in CTR for a decade, the last couple of years I became more of a regular to the sport after introducing my husband, John, to competition at the last Turkey Trot in 2013.

John had been to a CTR clinic with me years ago and at the time, we didn't have the horses to compete. His horse, Ginger, was a hot head and my gelding, Blue, would limp whenever he saw the halter. It was my goal to eventually have a horse I could compete with but it never really interested John. When he lost Ginger unexpectedly a few years back, he ended up buying a new mare, Bartending For Money (AKA Fancy) that was a joy to ride. Calm, settled and pretty to boot!

John may be able to outride me but he has a hard time lunging a horse. The vet did not call Fancy off at that inaugural ride but did say that he might want to consider shoeing her for longer rides. She had seemed a bit soft. But overall, he and Fancy had a great first ride; taking home Sweepstakes! We had so much fun, we signed up for the next ride at Indian Cave and once again John and Fancy were in the ribbons. I was a bit envious, having only placed a couple of times and no where in the top range, so for the final ride at Kanopolis that year, we switched horses and I garnered a third place on that nice red mare.

The next year, we hit the early rides: Perry Lake and Hillsdale. At both rides, the vets saw something with the way Fancy was moving. Their streak was over as she checked out Grade 1 lame. Then once again at Indian Cave, Grade 1 lame.

This was the fall of our son's senior year and football obligations kept us from competing again that fall and we didn't see much riding as we went into basketball season. We would steal some rides on nice days but there aren't many of them during Nebraska winters. When the farrier was shoeing for the first CTR at Sandhills this year, we were excited for the upcoming season. No more high school sports. We were officially "empty nesters".

The Sandhills ride was an easy ride. No hills, no rock; a great season opener. When John and Fancy checked in, the vet asked for a second trot out. She was going to call her Grade 1 but okay to ride out. She would ask for a recheck after the ride. Fancy did well that first day; really, I thought she looked better on the trail than in check in. But at the vet check after the ride, she was almost three legged lame. We had her shoe pulled wondering if perhaps it slipped and resulted in a hot nail; but never the less, John and Fancy's ride ended on Saturday.

Coming up lame for that ride alone would not have sent off any warnings to us. A hot nail perhaps? An abscess? Fancy is only 8 years old; we would have laid off her for a few weeks and then went on riding. But competition and thorough vet checks provided historic evidence that something more serious may be going on. Unfortunately, x-rays confirmed arthritis in Fancy's knee; the same one that was showing grade 1 lame at the competitions. Her CTR career was short lived and now over.

I had always heard that CTR was such a good sport not only because it is doing what we love to do - trail ride - but it was educational, too. It taught us to be better riders and showed us ways to take better care of our horses. I remember those "recruiters" telling me what a perk it is to have your horse looked at by a vet in the heat of a ride. And because of the vet checks, we found out early that our young mare was not sound for this sport and that she would require special care for pleasure riding.

Our empty nest season didn't pan out like we had hoped. We haven't competed since that first ride in April. Competitive Trail Riding is something that we like to do together; it seems only fair that I wait until he gets his next horse ready for competition. He'll start conditioning our son's horse for fall rides and perhaps next year as well. And as of this publication, we just purchased a two year old filly that we hope will be his next competition horse in 2017. And what about Fancy? Well, if all goes as planned, her first baby will be making a CTR debut in the year 2020.

Summer Heat Formula — shared by Ruth Mesimer

With Summer heating up here is a nice chart to consider if you should ride or not. Every rider is different, but keep an eye on your horse when riding in hot temps. Here is a simple formula to aide you in your decision.

air temperature + relative humidity - wind speed = answer

180 or above: don't ride

130-170: use caution

130 or below: ride!



Today in Canton Ga it is 86 degrees, 44% humidity and wind is 2mph:

The total would be - 128. so ride away. Though it feels pretty warm outside the low humidity would allow for evaporation of sweat, so ride away.

Determine: Temperature (F) + relative humidity (%) - wind speed For example:

Temperature (F) 79

Relative Humidity (%) 58

Wind Speed 4.6 (MPH)

Answer = 132.4

Less than 130: All go - horses can function to cool themselves assuming adequate hydration.

130 - 170: Caution-a horse's cooling mechanisms can only partially function as intended. His body will not be able to cool itself properly and some cooling management procedures will need to be performed.

180 or above: Stop - a horse's cooling systems cannot and will not function adequately. All cooling procedures will need to be utilized to keep the horse out of serious trouble.

Save the Date!

NATRC National Convention
February 18-21, 2016
Reno, Nevada

Held in conjunction with AERC = Awesome Speakers & Vendors!!

Your Feedback is Needed!

Below are rule change proposals being discussed by your National Board of Directors next month. Please read over them and let Sarah Rinne or Shari Parys know your thoughts so we can best represent our Region!

RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS for 2016

LEG PROTECTION (Pg 5-2)

SECTION 5 – THE RIDE

E. Hoof Protection/ Leg Protection

1. There are no shoeing restrictions.
2. All types of hoof boots that provide sole protection are allowed. However, any attached strap, keeper, or gaiter must not extend above the pastern. The judges may request to observe the area covered by the attached strap, keeper, or gaiter.
3. **Optional hoof boot accessories (not an integral part of the hoof boot) that extend above the coronet are not permitted.**
4. Protective devices, such as bell boots, wraps, **or wraps/socks under hoof boots** are not permissible on the legs of horses. The leg is defined as all structures above and including the coronet.

F. Tack

1. Riders must use a saddle and headgear with attached reins. The type of saddle, headgear with reins, and other equipment is at the discretion of the rider within the bounds of good horsemanship. However, no inhumane method of restraint is to be used.
2. Trail gear desired by the competitor during the ride will be carried on the horse. No part of a rider's wearing apparel is considered trail gear.
- ~~3. Protective devices, such as bell boots or wraps, are not permissible on the legs of horses except for hoof sole protections as allowed under Section 5.E.2. The leg is defined as all structures above and including the coronet.~~

Rationale: Many riders and Rules Interpreters have questions about what types of boots or accessories are permissible. Moving #4, currently under Tack (F.), to Hoof Protection would help to further clarify what's permissible.

COMPETITIVE/ PLEASURE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (Pg 9-5)

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

B. Annual Awards, 2. National Awards

- j. COMPETITIVE/ PLEASURE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: In the Competitive/ Pleasure class a horse shall be declared a National Champion when all the following requirements are met within the first 12** rides officially started in the same year. Type A ride counts as 1 ride, Type B ride counts as ½ ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.
 - (1) Awarded two firsts or one first and two second placings from any ride type.
 - (2) Awarded the first or second placing from any ride type in any two states or two regions, or is awarded a national placing in HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE/ PLEASURE HORSE.
 - (3) Accumulated 75 points. **Lower to 65 points if horse is limited to first 12 rides.**
 - (4) Horses competing for a National Championship Competitive Pleasure award must be at least 60 months of age.
 - (a) Registered horses are considered 60 months of age as of actual foaling date on the registration papers.
 - (b) Unregistered horses are considered to be of eligible age if they have a "full mouth" (all permanent incisors having erupted and are in wear) as determined by the veterinary judge.

**** or raise number of rides to 16 if the requirements are to be the same as for an Open National Championship.**

Rule Change Proposals for 2016—Continued

NATIONAL NOVICE AWARDS (Pg 9-6)

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

B. Annual Awards, 2. National Awards

- p. HIGH POINT NOVICE HORSE: Points shall be credited to horses for the purpose of determining annual high score awards in each Novice class (i.e., HWT, LWT, JR), first through sixth place. Only the first 6 rides officially started will count. Type A ride counts as 1 ride, Type B ride counts as ½ ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride. These criteria will be used for the purpose of determining various championships and additional awards which may be considered in the future.
- q. HIGH POINT NOVICE HORSEMANSHIP: Points shall be credited to riders for the purpose of determining annual high score awards in each Novice class (i.e. HWT, LWT, JR), first through sixth place. Only the first 6 rides officially started will count. Type A ride counts as 1 ride, Type B ride counts as ½ ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride. These criteria will be used for the purpose of determining various championships and additional annual awards which may be considered in the future.

Purpose: Each of our divisions deserves to be recognized nationally.

CHANGES TO DISTANCE ONLY/NOVICE ELIGIBILITY (Pg 4-2)

SECTION 4 - DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

A. DIVISIONS, f. Limitations

- (7) No accredited NATRC horsemanship or horse judge shall compete for horse or horsemanship awards in the Novice Division.
- (8) Any rider having attained 3,000 miles in competition or having won two or more National Championships, President Cup, Jim Menefee Combined Horse and Horsemanship, Bev Tibbitts Grand Champion High Average Horse, or Polly Bridges Memorial High Average Horsemanship in any class in any previous year is ineligible to compete for horse or horsemanship awards in the Novice Division.

Purpose: To reduce the appearance of impropriety by having experienced NATRC competitors competing a horse in the Novice Division regardless of their horsemanship status of DO. It was discussed that an experienced competitor does have a competitive advantage despite riding a green horse.

CHANGE IN SWEEPSTAKES POINTS (Pg 9-6)

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

C. Point Distribution

3. The Open Sweepstakes winner will receive points based on the number of starters in the Open Division. ~~equal to the highest points awarded for the total number of horses in the Open Division in any of the three Open classes.~~ The Novice Sweepstakes winner will receive points based on the number of starters in the Novice Division. ~~equal to the highest points awarded for the total number of horses in the Novice Division in any of the three Novice classes.~~
4. The Sweepstakes winner will receive points, in addition to other points won for horse, as follows: 3 points for a Type AA ride, 2 points for a Type A ride, one point for a Type B ride.
5. Points earned in one class will not be added to points earned in another class by the same horse or rider. 9-6 Revised 01/2014

Rule Change Proposals for 2016—Continued

CHANGES TO RIDE OFFICIALS/SAFETY RIDER/SAFETY PERSONNEL (Pg 3-2)

SECTION 3 – MANAGEMENT OF RIDES

B. Ride Officials

6. ~~Safety Riders Personnel: One or more safety riders personnel designated by Ride Management will follow competitors be available on the trail to assist any horse or rider in event of emergency. Safety riders personnel must be 18 years of age or over.~~

Purpose: To reduce liability for Ride Management and NATRC. Not all safety personnel are on horseback nor do safety riders always directly follow the riders. Stating safety riders 'will follow competitors' could be interpreted as legally binding. Using the term safety personnel allows Ride Management to designate safety riders, P&R crew members, safety personnel on ATVs etc.

PROPOSED RULE CLARIFICATIONS

REMOVAL OF UNNECESSARY STATEMENT (Pg 9-5, 9-6)

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

B. Annual Awards, 2. National Awards

- l. HIGH POINT OPEN HORSE: Points shall be credited to horses for the purpose of determining annual high score awards in each Open Class, (i.e., HWT, LWT, JR), first through sixth place. Only the first 16 rides officially started will count. Type AA ride counts as 1½ rides, Type A ride counts as 1 ride, Type B ride counts as ½ ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride. ~~These criteria will be used for the purpose of determining various championships and additional awards which may be considered in the future.~~
- m. HIGH POINT OPEN HORSEMANSHIP: Points shall be credited to riders for the purpose of determining annual high score awards in each Open Class, (i.e., HWT, LWT, JR), first through sixth place. Only the first 16 rides officially started will count. Type AA ride counts as 1½ rides, Type A ride counts as 1 ride, Type B ride counts as ½ ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride. ~~These criteria will be used for the purpose of determining various championships and additional annual awards which may be considered in the future.~~
- o. HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE/ PLEASURE HORSEMANSHIP: Points shall be credited to riders for the purpose of determining annual high score awards in the Competitive/ Pleasure Division, first through sixth place. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A ride counts as 1 ride, Type B ride counts as ½ ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride. ~~These criteria will be used for the purpose of determining various championships and additional annual awards which may be considered in the future.~~

Rationale: Starting in 1975, the Rule Book read, for Annual High Score Awards, "Points will be credited to horses for the purpose of determining annual high score awards in each open division (at that time, HWT, LWT and JR were divisions rather than classes), as well as the various championships and additional annual awards to be considered in the future."

In 1985, the wording was changed to read:

HIGH POINT OPEN HORSE: Points shall be credited to horses for the purpose of determining annual high score awards in each Open Class, (i.e., HWT, LWT, JR), first through sixth place. This criteria will be used for the purpose of determining various championships and additional awards which may be considered in the future.

"This/ these criteria" originally applied to points being credited. It kept being pushed to the end of the paragraph. (1) It is not necessary for the meaning, and (2) it is not reasonable to make a statement that certain criteria will apply to "various championships and additional awards". Each championship and award should be very specific to itself.

Rule Change Proposals for 2016—Continued

RIDE YEAR CLARIFICATION (Pg 9-1)

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

B. Annual Awards, 1 General

- e. Horses receiving annual awards must be ridden by a member during **the ride year** of NATRC.
- f. Riders receiving annual awards must be members during **the ride year** of NATRC.
- g. **Ride year will end immediately after the second Sunday in November.**
- h.g. A non-member joining NATRC at any time during the ride year in which he has competed in a ride will start to accumulate points from the first ride ridden in that year. (For exceptions see Section 9.2a(3), 2c(5), 2e(5), 2k(4)).
- i.f. Points are based on the table in Section 9C4.
- j.f. In order to qualify for annual awards the competing horse or rider must have completed at least three rides of any ride type in their designated Region (See Section 10 for Region 1A requirements).

Rationale: Many riders don't realize they must be members by the end of the ride year. Section 1 – General, describes membership for 12 months beginning January 1. The only place "ride year" is defined is under Section 2 – Sanctioned Rides and Clinics.

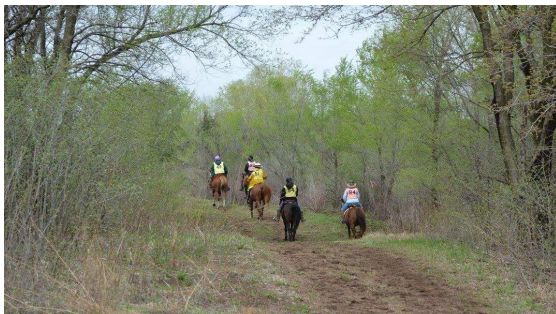
POINT DISTRIBUTION (Pg 9-6)

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

C. Point Distribution

- 1. **Points shall be based on the number of starters in a Class. Points will be awarded as outlined in table of section C-5 (6). Each division may have All or Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior classes.**
- 2.f. Disqualified or pulled horse and rider receive no points.
- 3.2. DO horse and rider receive no points.
- 4.3. The Open Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to the highest points awarded for the total number of horses in the Open Division in any of the Three Open classes. The Novice Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to the highest points awarded for the total number of horses in the Novice Division in any of the three Novice classes.
- 5.4. The Sweepstakes winner will receive points, in addition to other points won for horse, as follows: 3 points for a Type AA ride, 2 points for a Type A ride, one point for a Type B ride.
- 6.5. Points earned in one class will not be added to points earned in another class by the same horse or rider. 9-6 Revised 01/2014

Purpose: For clarification of how points are awarded.



*Heading down the trail at Exploring Sand Hills CTR
(photo courtesy of Andy Klamm)*

Erin Glassman's National Board Alternate position expires December 2015. We need another Region 6 member to serve in this position. Please contact Ruth Mesimer if you have any questions about what the role entails. It is a great way to learn more about what happens on the National level and meet the most talented people from across the nation!

**Region 6 Resume for
Nominees to NATRC Board of Directors, Alternate**

NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE

P.O. Box 224, Sedalia, CO 80135, Phone 303/688-1677 natrc@natrc.org www.natrc.org

In order to select a slate of nominees for this year's ballot, we need a resume of your qualifications. Please complete this form, include a resume of 200 words or less as outlined below (in Microsoft Word format, please), sign the pledge and return this form and resume **by September 10, 2015** to:

Tammy Andre, Nominating Committee Chairman
504 East 16th Street, Hays, KS, 67601
howertoncpa@media-net.net

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN A NATRC MEMBER? _____

INTEREST IN NATRC (RIDER, MANAGER, JUDGE) _____

Please make a statement regarding your interest, qualifications, related interests and what you would like to do for NATRC. Be brief and please do it in 200 words or less. The information will be used on our ballot to acquaint the voters with you. Attach an additional page and return to the Nominating Committee Chairman, **Tammy Andre, 504 East 16th Street, Hays, KS, 67601**

Results of the election will be announced after the fall meeting of the Board of Directors. The NATRC office will notify you, and if elected, your term will begin in January.

As a member of the NATRC Board of Directors, you will be expected to attend the Board meetings held three times a year. Expenses related to the Board meetings are borne by the Board members. The current Board has voted to split transportation costs (not rooms or meals) equally between all Board members who are attending the meeting. The average shared cost of the transportation for the past year was \$377.00. Total average cost to attend the three meetings, including transportation, hotel and meals, was \$736.00 per meeting. Most of the Regions are able to provide some funding for their Directors. Please check with your Regional Directors to receive additional information.

Thank you for your interest in your NATRC.

PLEDGE

IF I AM ELECTED TO THE NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, I AGREE TO BE PRESENT AT ALL BOARD MEETINGS, IF POSSIBLE, AND TO ACCEPT THE EQUITABLE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AS VOTED BY THE BOARD ON WHICH I SERVE.

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE _____

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 Cheryl Bohling, Cook, NE
 Verona Chaffin, Kansas City, KS
 Jennifer Fischer, Beresford, SD
 Mary Ginn, Jewell, IA
 Morgan Jennings, South Bend, NE

Gina Kollars, Arlington, NE
 Melissa & Ty Martinez, Maize, KS
 Audrey Morris, Shawnee, KS
 Jessica Reeter, Chillicothe, MO
 Josie Reeter, Chillicothe, MO
 Stacie Shelman, Overland Park, KS

Welcome Back Region 6 Members!

Bobbie Barton, Independence, KS
 Eileen Berkley, Bennington, KS
 Travis Brinck, Ellsworth, KS
 Kira Everhart-Valentin, Manhattan, KS
 Summer & Mark Jakopak, Freeman, SD

Sandra McNiff, Lincoln, NE
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 Patrice Thomsen, Topeka, KS
 Marianne & Adam Young, Troy, MO

*Thinking
of you*



Joni Alberts-Plumer, on the death of your son, Vaughn Jay Plumer, who returned to his heavenly home on June 7, 2015.

Family suggests memorial contributions to:

The Navigators, Kansas State University, 8629 Eagles Landing Circle, Manhattan, KS 66502
 or

Rolling Hills Zoo, 625 N. Hedville Road, Salina, KS 67401

Liz Klamm, recuperation from June 6th back injury and surgery

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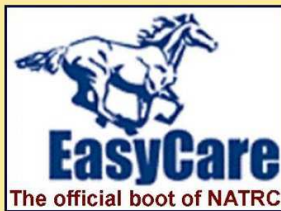
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Vet check line up at Exploring Sand Hills CTR (Photo courtesy of Brenda Hoefler)

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