



## A Message from the President

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### It is Your Turn

What a great first half of a ride season it has been. I have enjoyed each of our rides and have made many wonderful memories. The three clinics that we have held in Region 6 have been extremely rewarding. I have particularly enjoyed being able to meet and introduce new riders to our favorite sport. I am looking forward and cannot wait for the second half of our ride season!

As we are beginning to look ahead to the 2023 ride season there are some special opportunities available to each of us. We have so many wonderful members and volunteers that make what we enjoy doing possible. It is time now to nominate worthy individuals for our honorary and appreciation award recognitions as well as the very special Diamond of the Year award.

We are also looking for individuals to serve as board members on our Region 6 Board of Directors as well as one Region 6 board position on the National NATRC Board of Directors. Our board members are an important part of our organization. All of us should consider giving back to our organization through this service. Now is the time for you to step up and take your turn!

See you out on the trails and around those campfires!

John Zeliff

Region 6 President

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- ◆ Visit [www.natrc.org](http://www.natrc.org) for:
- ◆ Updated Ride Schedule/Events
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- ◆ So much more!



# Editors Corner

## By Christina Lyons

### I Can Do Hard Things!

Note: This is a column I wrote for the newspaper, but I think everyone who has spent time with a horse can relate.

Early in June, I spent my mornings helping with Vacation Bible School at my church. We had over thirty children from Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. I spent most of my time in Creators Canyon (crafts) and am still working on getting the paste out from under my fingernails.

It was so much fun watching the children learn and create throughout the week and all of the adult volunteers worked together to make things go smoothly. However, you can't have that many children in a small space without noticing the energy that seeps from their little pores. They wiggle and giggle a lot!

Without a doubt, I have never been so tired as I was on Friday afternoon.

Every morning we started in the sanctuary with music, drama and prayer. Every morning, Shana Ensz would make the experience fun.

"I know you're tired," she would say with just a touch of southern accent. "I'm tired too, but you can do hard things. Stand up and repeat after me - I can do hard things!"

It took me a minute to realize it, but she was right. We can all do hard things. In fact, while checking with my favorite resource for all things creative, (Pinterest) I found there is a whole "I can do hard things movement." Who knew?

In reality, I've known it for some time and feel like I've been doing hard things throughout my life, but last week I really needed to hear it.

May 30th was the ninth anniversary of my dad's passing after a struggle with cancer. My world changed forever with his death.

In early June I learned that a close friend was having some health challenges that were just be-

coming more intense and he was back in the hospital.

I have several friends that are hurting right now. A niece that is having some problems during pregnancy and other friends that are just at a loss for words because life is hard.

With all of the shootings and chaos in our world, it's a hard place to be sometimes.

Repeat after me - I can do hard things!

I reminded myself of that as I sped to the farm at 10:00 on Friday evening with my husband and son in tow after getting a phone call that the cows were out.

(What is the deal with these cows anyway? They are belly deep in grass and they have to swim across the watershed to munch on beans that are less than two inches tall!)

Hard never comes for me at convenient times, but can we really plan for it?

"Strength grows in the moments when you think you can't go on, but you keep going anyway." (Unknown)

Something tells me that somewhere during his 46-year career in law enforcement, my friend, now retired Chief of Police Bruce Lang, had a hard day or two. Probably several. But he kept going and what I always appreciated was his positive attitude.

What can we learn from our friends? How can we be a friend?

I love this writer's perspective: "We don't learn a lot in seasons of comfort. We learn it in seasons of struggle."

"Someday, when we are very old, someone much younger will ask us, "did anything good come out of that hard season in your life?" And we will clasp our wrinkled, worn hands together on our lap, and we will lift our one small voice to say, "Yes, my dear. That's when I learned to trust God and love Him with my whole heart. That's when I learned what I was made of." (Jennifer Dukes Lee)

***Repeat after me: I can do hard things!***

# Come Ride With Us!

## Important Dates

### Put on Your Calendar and Plan to Attend

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- Sign up for the NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge now
- Sign up for set 2 of the NATRC Virtual Obstacle Challenge now
- Autumn Adventure at Big Hill, Cherryvale, KS October 1-2, 2022 (A, B, LeD Ride)
- Stephens Forest Fall Fiesta, Lucas, IA October 22-23, 2022 (A, B, LeD Ride)
- National Convention in Sacramento, CA February 24-26, 2023
- Horse Trail Riding Expo, Elkhorn, NE March 4-5, 2023
- EquiFest of Kansas March 17-19, 2023
- Region 6 Convention in Omaha, NE March 24-26, 2023

It is time to start planning our 2023 ride season schedule. Please consider being a ride manager next year. This is an excellent way for you to give back to our favorite sport. You will find being a ride manager challenging but rewarding as well. We are always looking for new ride and clinic locations to go along with our past locations. Work with Mary Fettes, our Region 6 ride coordinator, to secure a ride date(s) for next year.

## Welcome New and Returning Region 6 Members!

### April thru May 2022

#### New

SabriyaSamo, Kansas City, KS  
Mary Kaye, Leawood, KS

#### Returning

Dwight Hanson, Ithaca, NE  
Liz Klamm, Hutchinson, KS  
Louise McCall, Castana, IA  
Sandra McNiff, Lincoln, NE  
Ruth Schindler, Plattsmouth, NE  
Gary Holliday, Topeka, KS  
Christina Lyons, Beatrice, NE

**Renew your membership today  
at [natrc.org](http://natrc.org)**



# Kanopolis Canyons, Region 6 Benefit, KS

## \*\*\*\*\* Unofficial Results \*\*\*\*\*

A

5/21-22/2022

Chair: Marilyn Marston

Judges: Verona Chaffin, DVM and Priscilla Lindsey

CP/N/O Total Riders: 21

### Horse/Horsemanship

#### CP Heavyweight - 2

1/1 RohoHonoy Mocha WH / John Zeliff

2/2 Sparks on Blacktop / Leon Shoenhair

#### CP Lightweight - 5

1/2 PVA Light Nthe Storm / Kristen Johansen

2/1 Breezy 2 / Patricia Lysinger

3/3 Goodness Gracious / Maggie Childs

Pull EZ Rocket WH / Marla Stucky

Pull Kaique Rain / Trish Cleveland

#### Novice Heavyweight - 2

Pull Benners Montana Rosebud / Julie Landuyt

Pull Annie Oakley / Melvin Houghton

#### Novice Lightweight - 3

1/3 Dolly 3 / RiannaDeselich

2/2 Daylight / Eileen Stecik

3/1 Diva / Catherine Crites - ftc

#### Open Heavyweight - 1

1/1 King's Charley R.E. / Kris Wech

#### Open Lightweight - 8

1/1 TA Kaiser+ / & Deanne Prusak

2/4 Rushcreek Frontier / Helen Smith

3/- Envy My Fame / Travis Brinck

4/6 Allumination MCS / Lori McCutchen

5/2 RPH Ebony Diamond / Patti Hicks

6/3 VA Caradelle / Margaret Reynolds

-/5 Moon Shadow's Black Gold / Alanna Price

-/- Mardigras RA / Cynthia Peticolas

CP Sweepstakes: RohoHonoy Mocha WH / John Zeliff, 95

Novice Sweepstakes: Dolly 3 / RiannaDeselich, 98

Open Sweepstakes: TA Kaiser+ / & Deanne Prusak, 99



## \*\*\*\*\* Unofficial Results \*\*\*\*\*

B1

5/21/2022

Chair: Marilyn Marston

Judge: Debby Starr

Leisure Total Riders: 6

### Leisure Adult - 5

1 Cowboy 6 / Debra Smart

2 Barbee / Cheryl Bohling

3 Xenara / SilaSamo

4 WMA Platinum / Mary Kaye - ftc

5 Shadow Mayhem / SabriyaSamo - ftc

### Leisure Experienced - 1

1 Hungarian Jade / Mary Anna Wood

## \*\*\*\*\* Unofficial Results \*\*\*\*\*

B2

5/22/2022

Chair: Marilyn Marston

Judge: Debby Starr

Leisure Total Riders: 3

### Leisure Adult - 1

1 WMA Platinum / Mary Kaye - ftc

### Leisure Experienced - 2

1 Hungarian Jade / Mary Anna Wood

2 Annie Oakley / Julie Landuyt





Region 6 Kanopolis Canyons ride was a success!! Thank you from Marilyn Bledsoe Marston and me to the riders for supporting this ride, to the judges and volunteers who all worked hard on their piece of a many faceted weekend. It takes a lot of folks! Also, thank you for the pre-ride trail crew that came more than once and spent Mother's Day clearing trail!

We had no storms, but cool and windy on Saturday. There were a few unscheduled dismounts and unfortunately, Marla Stucky got an ankle broken in one Saturday morning, I know everyone wishes her fast healing!!

**Ride Manager:** Marilyn Marston

**Ride Secretary:** Ruth Messimer

**Judges, A ride**

Priscilla Lindsey, Verona Chaffin DVM

**Leisure Division,** Deborah Starr

**Judges secretaries**

Steven E Lindsey, Christina Lyons

Tammy Andre

**Timer:** Kathryn Jackson

**Safety riders**

Open: Sharon West, Denise Brown

N/CP: Tina R Clapper, Virginia Prey

Leisure: Linda Helmer

**P&R chair:** Chuck Edwards, and his crew, I don't have all the names, but you are so appreciated, thank you!!

**Rules Interpreter:** Liz Klamm

**Ride Photographer:** Andy Klamm

**Benefit Auctioneer:** Steven E Lindsey, who coaxed over \$700 with his assistant Vanna..er um Lucy Hirsch!!!

**Farrier:** Cheryl Hopp Bohling

**Special shout out to Park Ranger Wendy Bowles**, who is so supportive of our group and this ride. Wendy and her crew clear trees and debris, puts out trail signs, and maintains the camp and trails year round. For our ride Wendy mowed trails, the P&R and check areas, cleared several big trees we found, helped me put out signs, and helped in the P & R crew! She also kindly pulled all the signs for me after the ride.



# PonyXpress at Rock Creek Station Fairbury, NE

## \*\*\*\*\* Unofficial Results \*\*\*\*\*

June 11, 2022

Chair: Helen Smith

Judge: Debby Starr

B1 – Leisure Division Total Riders: 6

### Team

#### *Leisure Junior – 1*

1 Camilla PBJ / Ruby Rinne

#### *Leisure Adult – 4*

1 River Rose / Moni Norton

2 Sylvester / Cheryl Frederick

3 BlackHawk / Vickie Gautier

P Barbee / Cheryl Bohling

#### *Leisure Experienced – 1*

1 Focus Jessie / Sarah Smith

## \*\*\*\*\* Unofficial Results \*\*\*\*\*

June 11, 2022

Chair: Helen Smith

Judges: Tamara Gull, DVM and Esther Diagula

B1 - O/N/CP Total Riders: 3

### Horse/Horsemanship

#### *Novice Heavyweight - 1*

1/1 Cowboy 6 / Debra Smart

#### *Novice Lightweight - 1*

1/1 Rosharon Ashes / Sandra McNiff

#### *Open Lightweight - 1*

1/1 VA Caradelle / Margaret Reynolds

Novice Sweepstakes: Cowboy 6 / Debra Smart, 90

Open Sweepstakes: VA Caradelle / Margaret Reynolds,

97



## \*\*\*\*\* Unofficial Results \*\*\*\*\*

June 12, 2022

Chair: Helen Smith

Judges: Tamara Gull, DVM and Esther Diagula

B2 - O/N/CP Total Riders: 7

### Horse/Horsemanship

#### *Novice Lightweight - 2*

1/1 OGR's Romeo / Linda Record

P Daylight / Eileen Stecik

#### *CP Heavyweight - 1*

1/1 RohoHonoy Mocha WH / John Zeliff

#### *CP Lightweight - 2*

1/1 Kaique Rain / Trish Cleveland

P PVA Light Nthe Storm / Kristen Johansen

#### *Open Heavyweight - 1*

1/1 L.L. Remington / Marilyn Marston

#### *Open Lightweight - 1*

1/1 Allumination MCS / Lori McCutchen

Novice Sweepstakes: OGR's Romeo / Linda Record, 96.5

CP Sweepstakes: RohoHonoy Mocha WH / John Zeliff, 96

Open Sweepstakes: Allumination MCS / Lori McCutchen,

97.5





# Monzingo Lake Maryville, MO

\*\*\*\*\* Unofficial Results \*\*\*\*\*

June 25-26, 2022

Chair: John Zeliff

Judge: Sarah Smith

## **B1 - LeD Total Riders: 11**

### ***Leisure Junior – 1***

DO Camilla PBJ/ Ruby Rinne

### ***Leisure Adult – 8***

- 1 Sylvester / Cheryl Frederick
- 2 Fiddler 2 / Kim Rasmussen
- 3 Xenara / SilaSamo
- 4 WMA Platinum / Mary Kaye
- 5 BlackHawk / Vickie Gautier
- 6 Barbee / Cheryl Bohling
- Shadow Mayhem / SabriyaSamo
- Rosharon Ashes / Sandra McNiff

### ***Leisure Experienced – 2***

- 1 Rushcreek Concho / Helen Smith
- 2 BCW Vega / Verona Chaffin

## **B2 - LeD Total Riders: 8**

### ***Leisure Junior – 1***

DO Camilla PBJ / Ruby Rinne

### ***Leisure Adult – 5***

- 1 Sylvester / Cheryl Frederick
- 2 Fiddler 2 / Kim Rasmussen
- 3 Barbee / Cheryl Bohling
- 4 WMA Platinum / Mary Kaye
- 5 BlackHawk / Vickie Gautier

### ***Leisure Experienced – 2***

- 1 Rushcreek Concho / Helen Smith
- 2 How D Golden Gail / Mary Anna Wood





Recap from John - Ride Chair.

The Mozingo Lake Clinic and LeD Ride was held June 25-26 at Mozingo Lake near Maryville, Missouri. The horse campground has 13 electrical sites, water hydrants, horse pens, hitching posts, and a modern shower house. The horse trails are extremely well maintained.

On Saturday morning we had six clinic participants. They received instruction from some of the top trail riders in our region. That afternoon, following the clinic, was the first of two LeD rides. The weather had warmed up by then, but

the riders and horses handled it well. Ride management had extra water placed out on the trail for the horses just in case. Sunday morning brought cooler weather along with another fun filled and educational ride.

Huge thank you to the wonderful clinic and ride volunteers who made this weekend possible and a huge success. A special thank you also to our judge, Sarah Smith. Our riders benefited significantly from the knowledge that she shared.



## **October will be Election Time for National and Region NATRC Boards**

While we still have a few rides left this season, the R6 Board is starting to plan for next year. One big part of that is ballots for new Board Directors (Regional and one National) will be going out to the membership on about 10/1/2022.

If you would like to be a Board member, if you think you have something good to bring to the region, please let Ruth Mesimer know by 9/15 and we will get you on the ballot. Note we will need a short bio about you including what good you would bring to the position.

If you have questions about the jobs, contact Ruth Mesimer.

### **1.) National Board of Director Election**

**The term of a NATRC director is 3 years. NBOD meetings are held monthly via Zoom and in person during the national convention, usually held in February.**

Interested in running for the NATRC National Board of Director position? Contact Ruth Mesimer, Nominating Committee Chair, **by September 30, 2022** for application; a bio sketch of 200 words or less will be needed for the ballot. This election is held by email and/or mail-in ballot. Ballot will be included in the September newsletter, voting to be completed by October 31. The winner of this election will be announced at the November NATRC Board of Directors meeting and the term will begin January 1, 2023.

This year Region 6 will need to fill a NATRC Board of Director position. Marla Stucky has held this position since 2020.

### **2.) Region 6 Board of Directors Election**

**The term of a Region 6 NATRC director is 2 years. Meetings held via Zoom and email.**

Terms expiring December 31, 2022 are:

State BOD positions: Melvin Houghton, MO

Three At-large positions: Marilyn Marston, KS / Shari Parys, NE / Helen Smith, NE

One At-large alternate: Kristen, Johansen, IA

One NBOD director: Marla Stucky, KS

The above listed people ARE eligible to run for these BOD positions.

Those serving in unexpired terms are:

State BOD positions: Mary Fettes, IA / Tamara Andre, KS / Alex Braun, NE

Two At-Large positions: Kristen Schmalzried, MO / Cheryl Bohling, NE

One At Large alternate: Trish Cleveland, KS

NBOD: John Zeliff, MO / Margaret Reynolds, Alt., MO

**Interested in running for a Region 6 Board of Director position? Submit** your Bio sketch of 200 words or less to Ruth Mesimer, Nominating Committee Chair, **by September 30, 2022**. This election is held by email and/or mail-in ballot. Ballot will be included in the September newsletter, voting to be completed by October 31. The winner of this election will be announced via email in November to the Region 6 Board of Directors and the term will begin January 1, 2023.

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Sign up today for the 2022 NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge. This year's challenge, which runs 1/1/22 until 12/31/22, is on! Year-end awards will be given for the finishers with the highest number of miles at the end of December! NATRC has partnered with Top Trail for this year's challenge. Top Trail will be hosting the challenge, and this year all your rider miles count – training and competition miles! To register go to the [Top Trails NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge](#) page. Rules and procedures are detailed there.

Join in on the fun by signing up now to help Region 6 win this challenge for the third year in a row!



Obviously there are a lot more rides that need to be included in the newsletter and several other thank you's! I will do another newsletter at the end of the ride season, however, I wanted to get the Board information out for consideration. My apologies—this summer just got away from me!

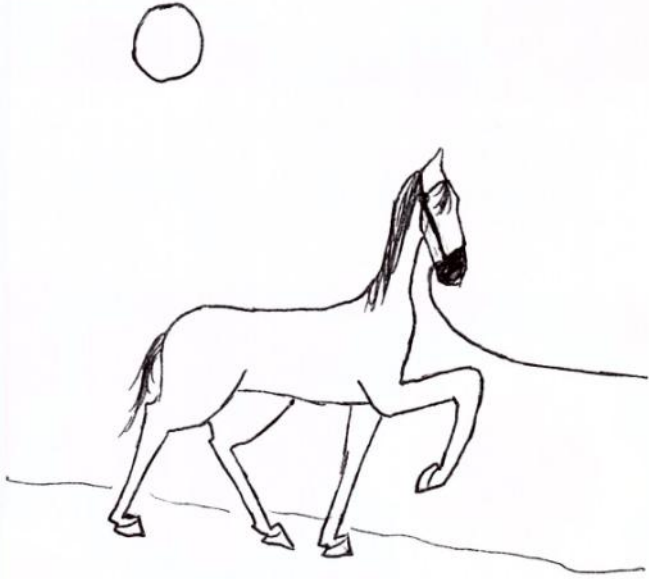
Also, if you managed a ride and it is not included in this newsletter, please send me a brief summary of your event. Doesn't need to be anything long or extended, just short and to the point. Tell me about the weather, a favorite story or a memory that was made. Send it to [clyons@bpsnebr.org](mailto:clyons@bpsnebr.org) . Thanks so much!



Dear Keller/Stitch Family,

Thank you for supporting me in my first NATRC ride through your scholarship donation. On my first ride I learned a lot riding on Cam with my mom. I have waited a long time to start riding in this sport and I love being here. Thank you so much.

Sincerely, Ruby Rinne



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