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The Leadline

TAIL WINDS

--- Phil Young, Chairman

With the Leadline more than a month overdue, I was becoming really desperate and was ready to send out smoke signals to the "Tribe". Fortunately, an angel stepped forward and VOLUNTEERED (what a concept.....) to get this issue out, PRONTO. To Helen Steenman, my heartfelt thanks for offering to do this last minute newsletter (and on top of a trip to Hawaii to boot).

My apologies to anyone who has been inconvenienced by the tardiness of this newsletter. I hope you will, nonetheless, be able to support our upcoming events:

1. First and foremost, our Region 1 Annual Mini-Convention/Awards Presentation will be taking place on Saturday, March 7th in a BRAND NEW AND EXCITING location, the Bothwell Art Center in Livermore. You will find more detailed information elsewhere in this newsletter, along with a registration form. I personally know that Linda Thomason, our new Convention Chairman, has already put in a tremendous amount of time and effort to make this one of our very best Conventions in years. Please support her efforts by attending!

2. Along related lines, please be sure to carefully check the year-end point standings, also included in this issue. If you feel that your points and/or mileage are incorrect, you should contact Jim Ferris immediately. His phone number is 916-663-9661; or email: jcferris@sbcglobal.net

3. Again, along these lines, please consider sponsoring, or donating to, our Annual Awards program. In 2008, the Region suffered from both decreased membership and decreased rider fees, as well as higher operating costs. Any donation you could make would be greatly appreciated. Further information is also included in this issue, or contact Kathy Nixon, phone 530-283-9336; or email: catnixon@juno.com

4. There are two Region 1 Board seats up for election this year, for a three year term (2009-2012). Although the deadline for submitting resumes has passed, I am extending it until Feb. 1st because of the untimeliness of this newsletter. If you are at all interested in serving on the Region 1 Board, and becoming more involved with our sport, please call me (530-283-3221). I would be happy to try and answer any questions you might have. But, IF you have no questions and would like to have your name placed on the ballot, please email your resume to our Secretary, Sue Flagg (iluvmulestoo@yahoo.com) by Feb. 1st.

Those are the items of IMMEDIATE concern. However, there are some very deep problems that we are facing as a Region and as a National organization. Unless we are able to increase the ridership at Region 1 rides above what we had in 2008 (which fell to an all-time low) and bring some NEW rides and NEW ride management on board, I fear for our future. The same general group of volunteers has been hosting rides, volunteering at rides and running the Region's business for far too many years. Many of them are simply burned out and need to take a break. Without more rides and without more riders, I fear we are in grave danger. We have been pulling from banked funds to support our costs and that can only continue for so long.....

While I would have loved to greet the New Year and the new ride season with a more upbeat and optimistic report, I think I need to be honest here. Without the support of EACH AND EVERY ONE of you, we simply won't continue to exist. That means YOU (yes....YOU!) need to support the few rides we have, either as a Volunteer Worker or as a Rider. And YOU must try to bring new riders in, to increase our numbers. It just won't happen without a concerted effort by all of us who love and care about the future of NATRC and Region One!

I hope to see all of you in March, at what promises to be an outstanding Region 1 Mini Convention!!

The **Region One Mini-Convention** will be held **March 7th 2009** at the **Bothwell Art Center, 2466 8th St., in Livermore, California**. Come join friends and fellow riders for a fun weekend in the Livermore Wine Country. This is a great venue with a central location, easily accessible from all areas. The Bothwell Art Center is located in central Livermore, in the heart of the Livermore Wine Country. It's an opportunity to take a weekend break, enjoy convention and leave some time for the surrounding Livermore wineries and antique stores. Neighboring wineries have already donated a couple cases of wine for the awards dinner and raffle prizes. A big THANKYOU goes to Alison Johnson for her procurement talents. She is a primary resource for the many wonderful raffle items already donated. If you remember the Almaden Ride raffle, then you are aware of Alison's talents. In addition, we will have multiple vendors with varied ware that runs the gamut of "4-legged bakeries", trail maps, local artists, horse hair clay potter, tack and equine accessories.

The speakers are varied and will speak about: travels with the US Equestrian Team in Malaysia (Becky Hart, Olympic Gold Medalist), California Trails (Bonnie Davis from the California Trails Coalition, Equine Rescue and Rehabilitation (Dr. Carol Ormond), and Staying In Balance With Your Horse and Your Horse's Way of Going (Erin Klentos--Tevis & Haggin Cup winner). Please bring pictures of yourself riding so that Erin can review individual issues, and we can all learn from this interactive experience.



Please mark March 7th on your calendars. Registration forms are in this issue and available on the NATRC website: www.natrcregion1.org

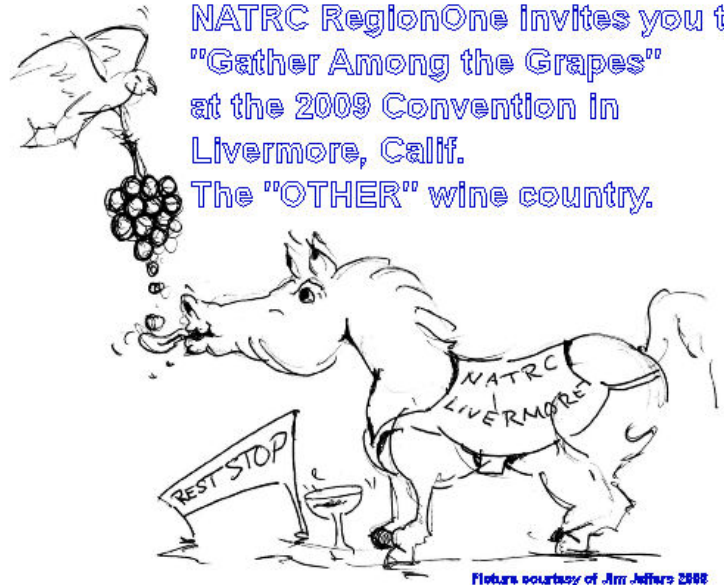
New for 2009: a *CONVENTION CHALLENGE!!* If you are a member of NATRC and you send in 4 NON-MEMBER registrations at the SAME time as yours- then your registration is FREE!! This is a 5-for-4 deal! So discuss convention topics at your local barns and with your riding friends. I'm sure each of us has at least four NON-NATRC friends interested in a fun "Horse Day". Remember- all 5 registrations must be submitted together (otherwise your convention chairperson-me- will go nuts trying to sort this out!) This will be a fun and informative day for every horse person- even if he/she is not interested in competing. If nothing else-they can have fun shopping and winning raffle prizes! So get out there folks and promote your organization!

NATRC members and friends-please try to bring a morning treat to share and an item to donate to the raffle. We will set up tables in the vendor area for breakfast and raffle. Coffee, tea and water will be provided.

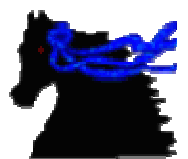
The awards dinner will also be held at the Bothwell Art Center on Saturday evening.

Award sponsorships are needed. Please help- If you know of a business, organization, or individual who would be interested in sponsoring an award, contact Kathy Nixon (530) 283-9336 or email at catnixon@juno.com for information and details. There is a lot of work that goes into the awards and awards night banquet, so please help out if you can.

NATRC RegionOne invites you to
"Gather Among the Grapes"
at the 2009 Convention In
Livermore, Calif.
The "OTHER" wine country.



Picture courtesy of Art Jeffers 2008



Lodging:

There is adequate parking at the Bothwell Art Center; however since this is a residential area, the city will not allow overnight camping. There are numerous hotels/motels in Livermore with a wide price range. Below is a list of some of the hotels I checked out, however I advise you to go on line or call for pricing in March. When I went on line I discovered that you can often find as much as a \$20.00 difference in quoted prices. So check them out and good luck. I am only quoting some average prices for the following lodging:

1. America's Best Value Inn- 1421 1st Street, Livermore AARP rate was \$90.00 but on line with Orbitz, the quote was \$55-65.00 (just an example of the price differences).
2. Extended Stay America Livermore – 2380 Nissen Road, Livermore \$70.00
3. Holiday Inn Express – 3000 Constitution Dr., Livermore \$80.00
4. Hampton Inn - 2850 Constitution Dr., Livermore \$79-89.00
5. Best Western Vineyard Inn – 7600 Southfront Rd - \$83-109.00 (however it's \$80.00 on cheaptickets.com)
6. Quality Inn \$87-109.00
7. Comfort Inn – 2625 Constitution Dr., Livermore - \$89.00 (On Expedia for March 7,8 it's \$69-79.00!)
8. Motel 6 \$45.99

I will try to negotiate with one of the motels for a group rate. Please call if interested in this idea and I will let you know the rates I came up with.

There are two RV/Camping sites in the area are:

1. Del Valle (no electrical hookups) 7000 Del Valle Road, Livermore
2. Alameda County Fairgrounds RV park. 4501 Pleasanton Ave, Pleasanton

Additional Convention Notes:

1. Ben Hall will be on site to sharpen clippers and accept blankets for repair. **Bring your clippers** so they can be sharpened on site while you attend convention. Bring your blankets and they can be mailed to you after being repaired!
2. Orders will be taken by "Clay Pony" for horsehair pottery made out of your own horse's mane and tail. Pottery can also be made from dog and cat hair and the vases can be engraved with the animal's name. If interested, please bring 20-30 long and short hairs.

See you all in March for a "Gathering Among the Grapes" in the beautiful wine country of Livermore, California.

Linda Thomason
2009 Convention Chairperson
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223 Addison Court
Fremont, Calif. 94539

NATRC Region One Year-End Award Sponsorships Sought

Please consider sponsoring one of the year-end awards being presented at the 2009 Region One Convention in Livermore at Bothwell Art Center on March 7th. The cost of sponsoring an award is: \$100 for a first place award, Horse or Horsemanship for each of the 7 classes (a total of 14 awards); \$50 per class for ribbons, Horse or Horsemanship for each of the 7 classes; and \$75 for the special memorial plaques (which includes engraving on the perpetual awards and keepsake plaques). Classes available for sponsorship are Open Hwt, Open Lwt, Open Jr., Competitive Pleasure, Novice Hwt, Novice Lwt, and Novice Jr. Region One memorial plaques include:

- (1) Bob Smith Perpetual Award—presented to the high-point first year Novice and/or Competitive Pleasure horse.
- (2) Fran & Carol Duport Award—presented to the high-point first year Open Division Horse.
- (3) Pat Ersepke Memorial Award—presented to the high-point Novice Horse/Rider Combination.

Contact Kathy Nixon at 530/283-9336 or email at catnixon@juno.com for more information, or to reserve a particular award, set of ribbons, or memorial plaque. Please specify FIRST and SECOND choice of awards you wish to sponsor. Any other donations in the amount of your choice will be gratefully accepted. Checks for sponsorships and donations should be made payable to NATRC Region One, and mailed to Kathy Nixon, 1160 La Porte Rd., Quincy, Ca. 95971-9345.

**NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR REGION
ONE BOARD MEMBERS –
ELECTIONS HELD AT THE CONVENTION**

Linda Thomason

I was first introduced to NATRC in 1988 when I rode my wonderful Swedish Warmblood mare through the torrential rains at Annadel State Park Ride. After surviving the mud and apologizing to my dressage horse, I realized that aside from being cold, wet and aching in joints I never knew I had- I was not only hooked on trail riding but I had learned an awful lot about both myself and my horse. NATRC provided an opportunity to continue learning year after year and introduced me to many wonderful friends. The NATRC sense of “family” has always been one of the organization’s endearing qualities. Over the years I have competed, served as a judge’s secretary, rules interpreter, worked P&R’s, worked in ride camps and worked as secretary and publicity person for NATRC conventions- both national and regional. During the past few years I have worked as one of the outreach coordinators, assisting new riders. I enjoy all aspects of NATRC and would like the opportunity to serve in a new capacity-as a Region One board member. I will do my best to promote this sport and represent the riders of this region.

Angie Meroshnekoff

Most of you probably know me because not only have I been a long time rider and member of NATRC, but I am currently a member of the Region 1 board. I am again running for the Board of Directors, as my seat comes open again this year. I have also been either co-chairman or secretary for four of the last five mini-conventions, and have been involved in many aspects of our sport. Having ridden in all divisions, worked as a P&R person, worked as a judge’s secretary, pinch-hit as ride secretary several times and assisted with fund raising, I feel that I have a good feel for our organization and our sport. I would like to continue the work we are doing on the board to keep our region strong.

LEADLINE EDITOR NEEDED

Region 1 is badly in need of an Editor for the Leadline. It is intended to be published four times a year and is the only real means of communication that our members have. Most of the articles are submitted by our Board members and concern Region 1 business and events. The Editor primarily gathers the articles and organizes them into a printable format that has already been established. Some computer skills are, therefore, required. If you feel you don't have the time to go to the printers or do the folding and mailing, we have volunteers that will do that portion of the job. The Board members are already shouldering the business of running the many facets of the Region and cannot take on this responsibility as well. We need to have someone who will take the helm and make sure that this newsletter continues to exist. Otherwise this may be your last issue for a very long time!

If you will consider taking on this position, please contact Phil Young at 530-283-3221.

IMMEDIATE OPENING AVAILABLE!!

REGION 1 BOARD ELECTION

Our annual election for two seats on the Region 1 Board of Directors will take place at our March 7th Convention. Each term is for a three-year period (2009-2012). If you are interested in running for the Board, please submit a brief statement to Sue Flagg, Region 1 Secretary, by Feb. 1st. Her email address is iluvmulestoo@yahoo.com and her phone number is 925-890-2144.

Those members unable to attend Convention can request an absentee ballot from Sue. Ballots must be returned prior to March 7th.

NATRC Region 1 Convention - MARCH 7, 2009



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Picture courtesy of Jim Jeffers 2008

**Bothwell Art Center
2466 8th Street
Livermore, California**

Please Print:

Name _____ Phone:(_____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address _____

(Please include e-mail address to save postage)

Are you a current member of NATRC? Yes No

Name of additional persons included on this registration form:

1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

Are you taking advantage of the CONVENTION CHALLENGE? If you are an NATRC member and you send in 4 NON-MEMBER registrations at the same time as yours, then your convention registration is

FREE!! (This is a fantastic 5-for-4 deal!) Bring your riding friends and earn a free registration. All 5 registrations MUST be submitted at the same time- no exceptions –please!

Breakfast & Break treats will be provided. Coffee, tea & hot chocolate will be available throughout the day.

Registration Fees: **Adult () X \$39.00 = _____**

Junior () X \$18.00 = _____

Box Lunch for Saturday () X \$7.00 = _____

Early registration discount

If postmarked by Feb. 15th : **Deduct () X \$5.00 (_____) Subtract**

Awards Dinner Buffet Dinner () X \$23.50 = _____

Catered by Black Tie Affair

Total Due = _____

CANCELLATION POLICY: REFUND OF REGISTRATION FEES IF RECEIVED BY 2/27/09

****NOTE: DEADLINE FOR BOX LUNCH & AWARDS DINNER SIGNUP IS MONDAY 3/3/09****

Menu:

- *Choice of Two main entrees**
- *Salads, bread & butter**
- *Choice of multiple side dishes**
- * Coffee and Tea**
- * Dessert: Dessert tray with a mixed variety of desserts**
- * Wine from regional wineries is included with dinner**

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Please make checks payable to: NATRC Region 1

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*****Attention Region 1 Members*****

We are hosting the NATRC National Convention in 2010. We will again be holding it with AERC in Reno on February 19-20, so you know the speakers will be informative and the vendors plentiful!!!! The planned location is the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino.

BUT we need a theme and a logo idea, so the Board decided to have a contest where the winner will receive a free registration to the Convention (~\$75 value). Put your thinking caps on and send me your ideas. I need them no later than February 15, 2009, so the R1 Board can discuss them and choose one. The winner will be announced at the mini-convention March 7, 2009.

Please send all suggestions/ideas to me at:
P. O. Box 261, Knightsen, CA 94548
or email: ilvmulestoo@yahoo.com

Thanks in advance!

Sue Flagg, Convention Chairperson

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Contributions are welcome. NATRC Region One and **The Leadline** do not necessarily endorse or support the opinions expressed in printed articles or advertisements.

The editor reserves the right to edit material as necessary. No letters to the editor will be printed if not signed. NATRC and the staff of **The Leadline** are not responsible for errors in spelling of horses' or riders' names.

2009 Deadlines

Spring issue—April 21

Summer issue—July 28

Fall issue—November 3

Advertising rates per issue:

Full page—\$40; half page—\$20;
quarter page—\$10; business
card—\$5.

Classified ads free to Region One members in good standing, one per issue, up to 30 words. Ads may be emailed, or hard copies mailed to the editor can be scanned as submitted. Send ads to **Editor** and make checks payable to **NATRC Region One**.

Region 1 Results – Final 2008

Competitive Pleasure - Horse Thru 10/04/2008 Region 1 11/02/2008

Pl Horse	Breed	Rider	Pts	Mles	1
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1 Dundees Playboy	Buny M-FX	Berwick, Robyn	36	120	
2 Majnu	Arab	Dillard, Ashley	26	80	
2 MJ Abiad Amir	ARAB	Ferris, Jim	26	100	
3 NB Nike	H-AR	Bacon, Nancy	25	80	*
4 Deux Chausette	Arab	Jones, Mary	24	80	
5 OM El Shakeeb Dream	Arab	Dillard, Joe	22	80	*

Novice Heavyweight - Horse Thru 10/04/2008 Region 1 11/02/2008

Pl Horse	Breed	Rider	Pts	Mles	1
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1 Tori	Othr	Markus, Chris	16	80	
2 Bey Shadow BL	ARAB	Mertens, Becky	11	40	
3 Fames Baydal BL	ARAB	Fitts, Gary	9	40	
4 Harmony	Grad	Dorsey, Pamela	5	40	*

Novice Junior - Horse Thru 10/04/2008 Region 1 11/02/2008

Pl Horse	Breed	Rider	Pts	Mles	1
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1 JB Rockem Sockem Red	Othr	Armstrong, Olivia	34	120	
2 Kami Ko	Grad	Thurman, Ariel	33	100	
3 Redwind	Grad	Dorsey, Bailey	21	100	*
4 DM's Mingo	M-FX	Johnson, Summer	17	80	
5 Chi	Must	Jones, Kyle	15	80	
6 Geronimo	Grad	Yankton, Jordan	14	40	*
7 Chispa	MUST	Anderson, Alison	13	80	
8 Buzzard	Grad	Isgrigg, Kaysha	11	60	
9 Annie	Grad	LaRose, Danielle	10	40	*
10 Silver	Must	Kirchgasler, Daniel	4	40	
10 Willow	Tb	DePaolis, Alexis	4	40	*

Novice Lightweight - Horse Thru 10/04/2008 Region 1 11/02/2008

Pl Horse	Breed	Rider	Pts	Mles	1
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1 Cimarron AL	Arab	Coe, Deborah	29	100	
2 Tango Sierra	M-FX	Johnson, Alison	18	80	
3 TA Mira-Image	Arab	Swain, Stephanie	14	100	
4 Garnet	Grad	Lieberknecht, Kay	12	60	*
5 Shine	Grad	Lieberknecht, Kay	8	40	
6 Renno	Appy	Ballard, Tanya	6	40	

Open Heavyweight - Horse Thru 10/04/2008 Region 1 11/02/2008

Pl Horse	Breed	Rider	Pts	Mles	1
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1 Tura Lura	Othr	Cannon, Linda	24	210	*
2 Molly D	Mule	Dezzani, Rudy	6	60	*

Open Junior - Horse Thru 10/04/2008 Region 1 11/02/2008

Pl Horse	Breed Rider	Pts	Mles	1
1 Kaylee	H-AR LaRose, Drina	26	240	
2 Abbishagg	Arab Schlerf, Haley	22	180	

Open Lightweight - Horse Thru 10/04/2008 Region 1 11/02/2008

Pl Horse	Breed Rider	Pts	Mles	1
1 Canadian Diamonte	H-AR Flagg, Sue	37	210	*
2 Desert Reinbeau	Must Meroshnekoff, Angela	29	240	
3 Royal Prancer	Pfin Pimentel, Michelle	5	60	*

Competitive Pleasure - Rider Thru 10/04/2008 Reg 1 11/02/2008

Pl Rider	Pts	Miles
1 Berwick, Robyn	42	140
2 Ferris, Jim	34	100
3 Bacon, Nancy	26	80
3 Dillard, Ashley	26	80
4 Jones, Mary	22	80
5 Dillard, Joe	18	80

Novice Heavyweight - Rider Thru 10/04/2008 Reg 1 11/02/2008

Pl Rider	Pts	Miles
1 Markus, Chris	16	80
2 Fitts, Gary	14	40
3 Pimentel, Joe	12	40
4 Dorsey, Pamela	8	40
5 Mertens, Becky	6	40

Novice Junior - Rider Thru 10/04/2008 Reg 1 11/02/2008

Pl Rider	Pts	Miles
1 Armstrong, Olivia	41	120
2 Thurman, Ariel	27	100
3 Dorsey, Bailey	20	100
4 Johnson, Summer	18	80
5 Anderson, Alison	15	80
5 Isgrigg, Kaysha	15	100
6 DePaolis, Alexis	13	40
7 LaRose, Danielle	9	40
7 Malatesta, Savannah	9	40
8 Yankton, Jordan	8	40
9 Jones, Kyle	7	60

Novice Lightweight - Rider Thru 10/04/2008 Reg 1 11/02/2008

Pl Rider	Pts	Miles
1 Coe, Deborah	24	100
2 Lieberknecht, Kay	23	100
3 Johnson, Alison	20	80
4 Swain, Stephanie	19	100
5 Ballard, Tanya	8	40

Open Heavyweight - Rider Thru 10/04/2008 Reg 1 11/02/2008

Pl	Rider	Pts	Miles
1	Cannon, Linda	24	210
2	Dezzani, Rudy	7	60

Open Junior - Rider Thru 10/04/2008 Reg 1 11/02/2008

Pl	Rider	Pts	Miles
1	LaRose, Drina	28	240
2	Schlerf, Haley	20	180

Open Lightweight - Rider Thru 10/04/2008 Reg 1 11/02/2008

Pl	Rider	Pts	Miles
1	Meroshnekoff, Angela	33	240
2	Flagg, Sue	29	210
3	Pimentel, Michelle	5	60

Competitive Pleasure - Combined Thru 10/04/2008 Region 1 11/02/2008

Pl	Horse	Breed	Rider	Pts
1	Dundeas Playboy	Buny M-FX	Berwick, Robyn	72
2	MJ Abiad	Amir ARAB	Ferris, Jim	60
3	NB Nike	H-AR	Bacon, Nancy	51

Novice Heavyweight - Combined Thru 10/04/2008 Region 1 11/02/2008

Pl	Horse	Breed	Rider	Pts
1	Tori	Othr	Markus, Chris	32

Novice Junior - Combined Thru 10/04/2008 Region 1 11/02/2008

Pl	Horse	Breed	Rider	Pts
1	JB Rockem Sockem	Red Othr	Armstrong, Olivia	75
2	Kami Ko	Grad	Thurman, Ariel	60
3	Redwind	Grad	Dorsey, Bailey	41
4	DM's Mingo	M-FX	Johnson, Summer	35
5	Buzzard	Grad	Isgrigg, Kaysha	20
5	Chispa	MUST	Anderson, Alison	20

Novice Lightweight - Combined Thru 10/04/2008 Region 1 11/02/2008

Pl	Horse	Breed	Rider	Pts
1	Cimarron AL	Arab	Coe, Deborah	53
2	Tango Sierra	M-FX	Johnson, Alison	38
3	TA Mira-Image	Arab	Swain, Stephanie	33
4	Garnet	Grad	Lieberknecht, Kay	27

Open Heavyweight - Combined Thru 10/04/2008 Region 1 11/02/2008

Pl	Horse	Breed	Rider	Pts
1	Tura Lura	Othr	Cannon, Linda	48

Open Junior - Combined Thru 10/04/2008 Region 1 11/02/2008

Pl Horse	Breed Rider	Pts
1 Kaylee	H-AR LaRose, Drina	54
2 Abbishagg	Arab Schlerf, Haley	42

Open Lightweight - Combined Thru 10/04/2008 Region 1 11/02/2008

Pl Horse	Breed Rider	Pts
1 Canadian Diamonte	H-AR Flagg, Sue	66
2 Desert Reinbeau	Must Meroshnekoff, Angela	62

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NATRC Region 1 Board Minutes

June 20, 2008

Since there was a quorum present at the ride, Phil Young called an impromptu meeting held after the ride briefing at Dru Barner Equestrian Camp, Georgetown, California, to discuss housekeeping issues.

Board Members Present: Phil Young, Sue Flagg, Jim Ferris, Jamie Dieterich, Robyn Berwick, Angie Meroshnekoff, and Steve Meroshnekoff

Absent: Lynne Hutnick and Kathie Schmidt

Guests: Betty Young, Linda Thomason

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Phil Young, Chairman.

Discussion regarding possible locations for 2009 Region 1 Convention. Linda Thomason took a vacation day and spent the day checking out potential sites for the NATRC mini convention. She found a likely candidate. It's called the Bothwell Arts Center--a Multi-use arts facility near the downtown area of Livermore. The place is not fancy, but has multiple rooms so that the speaker room would be separate from the registration area and vendors (if we choose to have them). It would be much quieter for the speakers. The "West End Room" (a play rehearsal room) holds about 100-110 seated. This room would be good to have the awards dinner in if we had 50-70 for dinner. Robyn moved, Angie seconded to approve this location and have Linda continue coordinating.

Unanimously approved. Linda Thomason has agreed to chair this convention with help.

After contacting Kathleen Green and Beni DeMattei regarding their experience coordinating the National Convention with AERC in Reno via long distance, and discussion with Laurie DiNatale, Sue Flagg has agreed to chair the 2010 National Convention. AERC date is February 19-20, 2010, probably to be held at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino in Reno. Sue would like help coming up with a theme.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Flagg, Secretary

National Board of Directors Meeting Summary:
November 15, 2008, Little Rock, Arkansas

Jamie Dieterich

This NBOD meeting was held in Little Rock, AR to coincide with the National Trails Symposium being held there. Quoting from the program, "October 2, 2008, marks the 40th anniversary of the passage of the National Trails Systems Act. This Act opened the door to Federal Involvement in trails of all types, from city centers to remote backcountry. Virtually every trail in the country has benefited from the Act and many trail initiatives over the last 40 years can find their roots in it. There are now 8 National Scenic Trails and 18 National historic Trails, totaling over 48,000 miles. In addition, the Act authorized the designation of National Recreation Trails. There are currently 1,051 trails in the system, totaling over 19,000 miles. It also established the ground-breaking railbanking of

abandoned railway corridors, resulting in over 14,000 miles of rail-trails."

There were MANY agencies and organizations represented in the exhibit hall, but very few of those were related to equine trail use. One of the symposium's organizers addressed the NBOD during their meeting on Saturday and said he felt we had made an important statement by being there – that the equine groups need to make their presence and concerns known.

Several NBOD members spent time Saturday evening through Tuesday in sessions or visiting representatives from other trail groups. Region 5 supplied the materials for the NATRC booth that was manned Sunday – Tuesday.

Thank you for your support that enabled me to stay through Sunday.

NATRC Region 1 Board Minutes

June 1, 2008

Board Members Present: Phil Young, Sue Flagg, Jim Ferris, Jamie Dieterich, Lynne Hutnick, Angie Meroshnekoff, Steve Meroshnekoff
Absent: Robyn Berwick, Kathie Schmidt (all excused) Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 9:55 a.m., 11300 Pickle Barrel Road, Auburn, California, by Phil Young, Chairman

Secretary's Report: Minutes of March 16, 2008 were approved..

Treasurer's Report: New signature cards were completed after election of officers at March 16, 2008 meeting.

Checking: \$3,681.96

Convention Checking: \$2,540.03

Savings CD: \$11,323.29

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Physical Resource Coordinator: Jim Ferris. Discussion re who has what. Jim will make a list.

Wonder Workers: Steve Meroshnekoff.

Update on R1A proposal. Steve has received nothing from Region 1A. Jamie will contact Laurie Knuutila and see what her group has come up with.

Points/Membership: Jim Ferris

2008 roster has been prepared and an email sent to membership asking those who'd like a .pdf file instead of hard copy to save postage costs. Rider numbers down. Suggestion to try trailer-pooling to rides to save on fuel costs.

Benefit Rides:

Oakland Hills - Michelle Pimentel & Sue Flagg

September 20-21, 2008 - Bort Meadow, Oakland, California.

Judges' contracts have been mailed. None returned yet.

Almaden - Phil Young & Ellen Carter Oct. 4th-5, 2008 at Calero County Park, San Jose, "A" Open/CP ; "B" Novice Planning a Novice clinic for Sunday. Volunteers are being contacted.

The Deadline: Angie Meroshnekoff. Deadline's at the printer and will be going out in a few days.

National BOD: Jamie Dieterich, Lynne Hutnick & Sue Flagg. Proposed rule changes were discussed and voting recommendations made.

Region 1 Website: Angie Meroshnekoff. No report.

Ride/Clinic Management: Jamie Dieterich

Lynne Hutnick has offered to take on the ride coordinator job. She used to do it. Jamie would like to share it--Lynne could work on scheduling the rides. But the job also involves a lot of computer work; Jamie proofs and usually edits every ride entry that goes on the web site, also act as liaison with Laurie and Patsy on things. Lynne admits she doesn't have the computer skills. Lynne will do some of the PR work and job share--talking to ride managers, scheduling (i.e. Gilroy - what do they want to do now?)

Outreach Coordinator: Linda Thomason. Was going to go to Gilroy, but it was cancelled. She'll be at the Benefit Rides w/new rider packets. Got a couple of little gifts for the new rider packets.

Trails Advocacy Coordinator: Judy Etheridge. Debbie Murphy felt they were successful at Folsom working w/the bicyclists. No information re the meeting at Mt. Diablo and how it went with bicyclists wanting single track trails opened to them.

Bylaws: Jim Ferris, Jamie Dieterich, Phil Young, Sue Flagg, Nancy Kasovich. Need to get copies of signed bylaws to all board members. Phil will ask Robyn to bring to Georgetown.

Judging Issues: Jamie Dieterich, Betty Young, Sue Flagg. No report.

Old Business:

R1 Handbook - Karel sent a draft job description for Benefit Ride Chairperson. Phil and Sue should have additions after Oakland Hills and Almaden rides are over.

R1 CP trial for 2009 - 50/50 feelings, not enough riders now, so

maybe a moot point. Board members should discuss w/riders at R1 rides--if there were weight classes, would Novice riders move up to CP?

New Business:

Gene Boicelli has proposed a new ride for next year at Round Valley. He has talked with Angie about it. He's willing to be trail master, Angie said she'd help with ribboning - what we really need is a manager. So we should put our heads together on that - see if we can come up with any ideas. Angie has Gene Boicelli looking into a staging area.

V-6 Ranch ride - Debbie Murphy wants to do it in September. Debbie is working w/Varians on trails, bunkhouse there for judges, showers, flush toilets, water at most campsites. Sue and Kathleen Green have offered to help time trails following the AHA Recreational Ride next April. R1 BOD supports Debbie doing this ride. 2009 Mini Convention (2009 National Convention is Feb. 18-21). Two weeks after would be March 7-8, 2009. Any site we pick would need to be available during that timeframe and any other club(s) we go in with would need to be available also. Angie found a website that lists community centers, grange halls, masonic halls. She'll be calling some in the Sacramento area. If that doesn't work, she'll call some hotels.

R1 BOD meeting for January 2009 (two or more weeks before NBOD meeting). Date changed to Sunday, January 25, 2009, 9:30 a.m. at Lynne's house.

2010 National Convention - Will be held with AERC. Sue to check w/Kathleen and Beni re coordinating via long-distance, find out date, etc.

Next meeting on September 27, 2008, 9:30 a.m. at Lynne's house, 11300 Pickle Barrel Road, Auburn, California. Angie will not be able to attend.

Sue moved to adjourn, Lynne seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Flagg, Secretary

NATRC Region 1 Board Minutes

September 27, 2008

Board Members Present: Phil Young, Sue Flagg, Jim Ferris, Jamie Dieterich, Robyn Berwick, Kathie Schmidt

Absent: Lynne Hutnick, Angie Meroshnekoff, Steve Meroshnekoff (all excused) Guests: None.

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m., in Penryn, California, by Phil Young, Chairman.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of June 1, 2008 and June 20, 2008 presented. No corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Checking: \$4,335.03, Convention Checking: \$2,238.76, Savings CD\$11,409.20

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Points/Membership: Jim Ferris. Membership is about the same for 2008 as 2007. There were a few new members who joined at the Oakland Hills ride. Jim will design a postcard to send to past members saying we miss them and asking why they didn't renew.

Publicity: Kathie Schmidt. For future, thinks it might be more beneficial to have the BOD put together an agenda of what they'd like done including a budget and perhaps assign to a regular member. Kathie hasn't had a lot of time to work on publicity this year. Sue suggested having all members carry 10 of the National tri-fold brochures in their truck and hand them out to people they run into on the trail or staging areas. Kathie suggested buying some cheap scoops, punching a hole in them, and putting a 4" NATRC decal on them as completion awards?. Sue suggested using the Region 1 logo w/website and just having them printed at Kinkos. Robyn suggested T-shirts w/trail map as completion awards.

Benefit Rides:

Oakland Hills - Michelle Pimentel & Sue Flagg
September 20-21, 2008 - Bort Meadow, Oakland, California.
We had 38 riders. Everyone seemed pleased w/trails. Riders particularly liked the hot dog lunch, continental

breakfast and potluck. Preliminary numbers look like Region 1 made about \$2000.

Almaden - Phil Young & Ellen Carter
Oct. 4th-5, 2008 at Calero County Park, San Jose, "A" Open/CP ; "B" Novice

Novice Clinic on Sunday.

Discussion re minimum number of riders not to cancel. Still a couple of fees up in the air. Cancellation expenses would be 25% of insurance (\$101), sanction fee (\$75), caterer (\$88) deposit, park permit (\$150), so ~\$400 total. Phil calculated 38 to break even initially, then added in raffle, etc., and came up with 29.

The Leadline: Angie Meroshnekoff. No report.

National BOD: Jamie Dieterich, Lynne Hutnick & Sue Flagg. The ballot is in HoofPrint since all regions only have a single candidate running for the open positions.

2009 proposed rule changes were discussed and national board members were given voting instructions.

Region 1 Website: Angie Meroshnekoff. No report.

Ride/Clinic Management: Jamie Dieterich. Jim Jeffers will be doing a clinic on Sunday at Almaden with the help of Debbie Coe. The Mt. Diablo ride is already sanctioned for 2009.

Outreach Coordinator: Linda Thomason. Linda was at the Oakland Hills ride and will also be at Almaden w/new rider packets.

Trails Advocacy Coordinator: Judy Etheridge. Reminded riders at the Oakland Hills ride of trail advocacy obligations

Bylaws: Jim Ferris, Jamie Dieterich, Phil Young, Sue Flagg, Nancy Kasovich. Need to get copies of signed bylaws to all Board members. Robyn distributed a copy of the signed Bylaws to the Board members present at the Georgetown ride. Phil will send final copy of the Word document to all Board members via email. Sue needs to send a copy to Kathie and Lynne.

Judging Issues: Jamie Dieterich, Betty Young, Sue Flagg. No report.

Old Business:

R1 Handbook - Karel sent a draft job description for Benefit Ride Chairperson. Phil and Sue should have additions after Oakland Hills and Almaden rides are over. Still pending.

Possible new ride at Round Valley in 2009 - Gene Boicelli is still interested, but has a lot of other issues at the moment. Sue pointed out that P&R and judging logistics are a problem.

V-6 Ranch ride - Debbie Murphy still wants to do it in September. Waiting to see how ridership is in 2008. Debbie, Sue and Rudy will be attending the AHA V-6 ride in April 2009 to check out trails and time if necessary.

2009 Mini Convention: Linda Thomason, Chair. Report by Phil Young. Will be in Livermore. Date selected is March 7, 2009.

National Convention 2010: Sue Flagg, Chair. Will be held with AERC in Reno. Date is February 19-20, 2010. Need a theme!!!! Suggested a contest in Leadline - must be submitted by December 31. Winner gets a free convention 2010 registration. Convention will be held at Grand Sierra Hotel--perhaps incorporate in theme?

New Business:

T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Sales - Checking on prices.

Robyn Berwick is planning to put on a "B" ride in May 30 - 31, 2009 at Avery, CA in the Sierras between Murphys and Arnold. Trails are done. Waiting on the Forest Service's blessing. 23 miles for Novice/CP, 32 miles for Open. Possible date change to June 6-7, 2009.

Appreciation Awards - National and Regional levels were chosen.

Next meeting on Sunday, January 25, 2009, 9:30 a.m. at Lynne's house in Auburn. Jamie will be unable to attend.

Sue moved to adjourn, Robyn seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Susan Flagg, Secretary

ALMADEN VALLEY BENEFIT RIDE

While some of the news in 2008 was a little depressing, both of the Region 1 Benefit rides (the first in Oakland & the second in Almaden) were great successes!

At the Almaden ride, there were 40 riders and even more volunteer workers, which made it one of the larger rides last year. In these tough economic times, that reflects a lot of support from both riders and workers. We were especially blessed to have 15 Junior riders (the future of the sport) brought by Kay Liebernick, Wendy Towner (a previous Junior rider herself) and Angie Meroshnekoff. A mini-clinic was held on Sunday, led by Jim Jeffers and Debbie Coe. The total profit for Almaden, which all goes to support Region 1 management activities and obligations (read—for YOU), was just shy of \$1,700. Profit for the Oakland ride was approximately \$1,900.

Since there were more volunteers than riders, as Ride Manager, I think it only appropriate to mention some of those who had such a great role in that success:

My Ride Chairman duties were mostly handled by my wife, Betty, who took care of most of the daily communication and coordination leading up to the ride itself, and Karel Waugh, who was the local coordinator for the Park Service, water supply, potties, drivers, dumpster, safety riders, etc. etc. I don't think Karel planned on having to shoulder quite such a load or have to handle a last minute new requirement by the Park Service that manure be removed from the site. A very special thank you to Dan and Eileen Franks for providing the manure dumpster for free (they donated the entire normal \$450 fee back to the region, making a huge difference in the bottom line!).

Another big thank you goes to Ellen Carter and her enthusiastic assistant, Henrik Aberg, who took care of all the Ride Secretary duties. Everyone should realize that rides don't go well without an excellent secretary to take care of the required paperwork and planning as well as the at-the-ride and post-ride duties.

Rides also don't go well without FOOD. While we had a catered Mexican Fiesta dinner on Saturday,

Kathy Nixon supplied many side dishes to go with it. She also planned, purchased food for and prepared all judge and management meals as well as all the lunches for the workers. Rub-a-dub-dub, thanks for the grub, Kathy!!

Jamie Dieterich planned and organized the clinic, Judged the ride and donated her Judging fee. She also used her own vehicle and fuel for transport.

The Raffle and Silent Auction together netted almost \$1,000. Betty was instrumental in organizing them and setting out and caring for the many items in somewhat threatening weather. Robyn Berwick and her sister, Alison, procured many really nice items. They also brought tables and tents to display and protect them as well as competed in the ride. Robyn was incredible as the raffle ticket caller! Joe and Michelle Pimentel also brought left over raffle items from the Oakland ride as well as lighting strings for the evenings.

I said I wouldn't Chair the ride without the services of Chere Barger & Kitty Swindle as Point riders (the ride date was picked to make sure they could be there). Their help was greatly appreciated. (Chere is planning to put on a new ride this year!! Please support it!)

Another group that needs to be thanked are all the Drivers, who not only got all the Judges and crews to their sites, but donated their vehicles and fuel as well.

One last person who made a huge difference was Doug Bruns. He provided the electrical generator and was a major contributor in setting up and taking down the camp, including the water troughs, and doing post ride cleanup. He was the last one to leave the site! This was in addition to competing on his first ever NATRC ride!!

While there are many more who should be thanked, my space is limited. Many, many thanks to all of you who supported the ride by competing or working and to all who loosened their purse strings to make the raffle and auction a resounding success.

Phil Young

Jackson Forest A

9/23-24/08 Region One-CA
 A-O/CP Total Riders: 12
 Judges: Greg Fellers DVM, Karel Waugh
 Open Sweepstakes: Canadian Diamonte/Flagg, Susan-98

Open Heavyweight
 1/1 Tura Lura/Cannon, Linda

Open Lightweight
 1/1 Canadian Diamonte/Flagg, Susan
 CO/2 Desert Reinbeau/Meroshnekoff, Angie
 P Royal Prancer/Pimentel, Michelle

Open Junior
 1/1 Abbishagg/Schlerf, Haley
 2/2 Kaylee/LaRose, Drina

Competitive Pleasure
 1/1 NB Nike/Bacon, Nancy
 2/2 Deux Chausettes/Jones, Mary
 3/3 Dundee's Playboy Bunny/Berwick, Robyn
 4/4 Majnu/Dillard, Ashley
 5/5 OM El Shakeeb Dream/Dillard, Joe
 P HR Select/Dieterich, Jamie

Jackson Forest B

Total Riders 17
 Judges: Greg Fellers DVM, Karel Waugh
 Novice Sweepstakes: Cimarron AL/Coe, Deborah-100

Novice Heavyweight
 1/2 Ranger 5/Towner, Wendy
 2/4 Summer Breeze 2/Casey, Pamela
 3/5 Geronimo 4/Hernandez, Alvaro

4/3 Bailey 7/Pimentel, Joe
 5/1 Jed/Behr, Linda

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Cimarron AL/Coe, Deborah
 2/4 Garnet/Lieberknecht, Kay
 3/3 Tango Sierra/Johnson, Alison
 4/2 TA Mira-Image/Swain, Stephanie

Novice Junior

1/2 Annie/LaRose, Danielle
 2/3 DM's Mingo/Johnson, Summer
 3/4 Kamiko/Thurman, Ariel
 4/1 JB Rockem Sockem Red/Armstrong, Olivia
 5/5 Buzzard/Isgrigg, Kayshe
 6/ Redwind/Dorsey, Bailey
 /6 Silver 3/Jones, Kyle
 Chispa/Anderson, Ali

Oakland Hills A

9/20-21/08 Region One-CA
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 19
 Judges: Carol Ormond DVM, Dale Lake
 Novice Sweepstakes: Cimarron AL/Coe, Deborah-94.5
 Open Sweepstakes: Canadian Diamonte/Flagg, Susan-96.5

Open Heavyweight
 1/1 Tura Lura/Cannon, Linda
 P Molly D/Dezzani, Rudy

Open Lightweight
 1/1 Canadian Diamonte/Flagg, Susan
 2/2 Desert Reinbeau/Meroshnekoff, Angie

Open Junior
 1/1 Kaylee/LaRose, Drina
 2/2 Abbishagg/Schlerf, Haley

Novice Heavyweight
 1/1 Tori/Markus, Christine

Novice Lightweight
 1/1 Cimarron AL/Coe, Deborah
 2/2 Tango Sierra/Johnson, Alison
 3/3 TA Mira-Image/Swain, Stephanie

Novice Junior
 1/1 JB Rockem Sockem Red/Armstrong, Olivia
 2/3 Redwind/Dorsey, Bailey
 3/2 DM's Mingo/Johnson, Summer

Competitive Pleasure
 1/1 Majnu/Dillard, Ashley
 2/4 OM El Shakeeb Dream/Dillard, Joe
 3/3 Dundee's Playboy Bunny/Berwick, Robyn
 4/5 Deux Chausettes/Jones, Mary T.
 5/2 MJ Abiad Amir/Ferris, Jim
 P NB Nike/Bacon, Nancy

Oakland Hills B

9/20/08 Region One-CA
 B-N Total Riders: 19
 Judges: Carol Ormond DVM, Dale Lake, Sarah Schroer DVM-Apprentice
 Novice Sweepstakes: Kamiko/Thurman, Ariel-98

Novice Heavyweight
 1/1 Ranger 5/Towner, Wendy
 2/4 Apple Jack/Mullens, Damara
 3/ Bey Shadow BL/Mertens, Becky
 4/3 Porter BL/Schroeder, Eric
 5/6 BVA Slate/McLaughlin, Lisa
 6/5 Jazz 4/Brown, Doug
 /2 Fames Baydal BL/Fitts, Gary
 CO Porsjia/Brown, Tammy

Novice Lightweight
 1/1 Garnet/Lieberknecht, Kay
 2/3 Moving Mike JSH/Kahdeman, Jan
 3/2 Emma 2/Dunphy, Kelly

Novice Junior
 1/1 Kamiko/Thurman, Ariel
 2/4 Geronimo 3/Yankton, Jordan
 3/ Chi/Jones, Kyle
 4/6 Buzzard/Isgrigg, Kayshe
 5/5 Sienna 2/Purcell, Rita
 6/2 Chispa/Malatesta, Savannah
 /3 Willow/dePaolis, Alexis

OAKLAND HILLS RIDE PHOTOS AVAILABLE

Ride Manager Michelle Pimentel's dad took photos all weekend at the Oakland Hills ride. If anyone didn't order a CD at the ride and is still interested, they can be ordered by sending \$10 to:

Thearo Snider
 5464 Gilmore Rd
 Pollock Pines, CA 95726

Almaden Valley A

10/4-5/08 Region One-CA

A-O/CP Total Riders: 11

Judges: Carol Meschter DVM, Jamie Dieterich

Open Sweepstakes: Canadian Diamonte/Flagg, Susan-100

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Tura Lura/Cannon, Linda

Open Lightweight

1/2 Canadian Diamonte/Flagg, Susan

2/1 Desert Reinbeau/Meroshnekoff, Angie

Open Junior

1/2 Abbishagg/Schlerf, Haley

2/1 Kaylee/LaRose, Drina

Competitive Pleasure

1/2 Ranger/Towner, Wendy

2/1 MJ Abiad Amir/Ferris, Jim

3/3 Dundee's Playboy Bunny/Berwick, Robyn

4/4 Maybelle/Towner, Christine

P Skip/Casey, Pamela

P Molly D/Dezzani, Rudy

Almaden Valley B

10/4/08 Region One-CA

B-N Total Riders: 29

Judges: Carol Meschter DVM, Jamie Dieterich

Novice Sweepstakes: Kamiko/Thurman, Ariel-100

Novice Heavyweight

1/2 Royal Prancer/Pimentel, Joe

2/1 Apple Jack/Mullens, Damara

3/4 Tori/Markus, Christine

4/ Silver 3/Kirchgasler, Daniel

5/5 A Spotless Request/Bruns, Doug

6/3 Harmony 2/Dorsey, Pamala

/6 BVA Slate/McLaughlin, Lisa

Novice Lightweight

1/ Emma 2/Dunphy, Kelly

2/4 Marilyn/Pimentel, Michelle

3/1 Tango Sierra/Johnson, Alison

4/ SC Tecka/York, Debbie

5/6 Renno/Ballard, Tanya

6/3 TA Mira-Image/Swain, Stephanie

/2 Garnet/Lieberknecht, Kay

/5 Zoe BL/Stackpole, Karen

CO Cimarron AL/Coe, Deborah

Novice Junior

1/4 Kamiko/Thurman, Ariel

2/6 Geronimo 3/Yankton, Jordan

3/1 JB Rockem Sockem Red/Armstrong, Olivia

4/ WF Silver Sabre/Lang-Ree, Cecilia

5/5 DM's Mingo/Johnson, Summer

6/ Coco 2/Wallace, Danielle

/2 Willow/DePaolis, Alexis

/3 Redwind/Dorsey, Bailey

Summer Breeze 2/Casey, Emma

CO Chispa/Anderson, Ali

CO Buzzard/Isgrigg, Kayshe

CO Chi/Jones, Kyle

CO Annie/LaRose, Danielle

ALMADEN RIDE PHOTOS by *Light of Morn Nature Walks & Photography*

Photos of the Almaden Ride are available on CD. This CD features photos taken Saturday morning during the Almaden Valley NATRC Benefit Ride held the weekend of 4-5 October.

A subset of the photos is featured in a 60-page PowerPoint presentation which has also been saved as a .PDF file. A set of the images appearing in the slide show are included in a separate folder for your convenience.

In addition to the photos featured in the slide show, there is a larger subset of photos downsized to share via e-mail with family and friends. I chose the photos I liked best to include in the slide show and those downsized to e-mail. I must say that they are not the best photos I've ever taken, but I wanted to share them with you anyhow as mementos of the day. I hope you enjoy them.

Please feel free to contact me for additional copies of this CD.

In friendship,
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31 October 2008

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- HOOF PRINT subscription only.....\$15.00 per year US and \$20 foreign

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- **What if my membership starts in June?** The premium and coverage are the same should you join in January or June. You would have coverage for 7 months if you joined in June and coverage for 12 months if you joined in January. In both cases the coverage will end December 31st.
- **What is the policy number?** The policy number is 664-62096A07.
- **How can I get a copy of the policy?** Association Resource Group has a copy of the policy, your member club, council or association has a copy of the policy, or you can get a copy from Equisure. The master policy can not be posted on any websites or reproduced without prior written consent from the management of Equisure. Clubs, councils or associations can give a copy of the policy to their current members only.
- **Do I get anything showing I have insurance coverage?** Yes. Association Resource Group will have evidences of Insurance (a brief summary of coverage's, conditions and exclusions) which will be distributed to members only. Again, this evidence is not to be posted on websites or reproduced in any fashion without written consent from Equisure.
- **How would this insurance apply if I have homeowners insurance?** This policy is excess over any other valid and collectible insurance. If you have primary insurance coverage this policy would be excess over that insurance. If you have no insurance this policy would become primary.
- **I am a trainer and run a horse breeding operation, does this insurance cover me?** No. Coverage for businesses and business related activities are excluded.
- **If my horse is boarded away from my residence, do I have coverage?** Yes. You are covered for equine related incidences away from your residence.
- **If I lend my horse to someone to ride, am I covered?** Yes. You are covered for bodily injury and/or property damage for an equine related incident you are held legally liable for.
- **Is my horse covered if it dies?** No. This policy does not provide animal mortality coverage for horses you own. This coverage can be purchased under a separate policy by calling Equisure.
- **Can I increase the limits provided by this policy?** No.
- **My spouse doesn't have anything to do with my horses, is my spouse covered?** It depends on the membership you have purchased. The individual membership includes the member and permanent residents of the household under the age of 18. The family membership includes the member and spouse plus permanent members of the household under the age of 18.
- **I fell off my horse and broke my arm, what kind of coverage do I have for this?** None. This is not a medical insurance policy. You would have to have your own health/medical insurance.
- **What limits are provided by this policy?** The limit provided under this policy is a per household limit and is shared by all member of the same residence. \$1,000,000 aggregate limit ~ \$1,000,000 per occurrence limit
- **Can I add an additional insured to this policy?** This product does not allow additions of additional insureds. If your barn has questions about the insurance provided. Fax or phone Equisure.
- **What should I do if I think I have a claim?** 1. Write down all the details about the incident while they are fresh in your mind. 2. Get the names and phone numbers for any witness. 3. Do not admit fault or make any monetary payment. 4. Contact Equisure at 800-752-2472.

For any additional questions please contact Equisure, Inc. at Phone 800-752-2472 or Fax 303-614-6967

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R1 2009 TENTATIVE RIDE SCHEDULE

March 28	Hoofin' It Clinic Kay Lieberknecht	Ukiah, Lake Mendocino CA (707) 621-3662	
May 3	Mt. Diablo Ellen Pofcher Sec: Martha Flannery	Clayton, CA (925) 672-3733 (925) 673-9858	"B" O/N/CP mtnoaks@earthlink.net
May 16	Mt. Quarry Vickie Myers Sec: Marilyn Hunter	Auburn, CA (530) 823-1202 (530) 885-4819	"B" O/N/CP mhunter@onemain.com
June 20	Georgetown NATRC Helen Steenman Sec: Zina Vitcov	Georgetown, CA (530) 333-4364 (530) 888-0768	"B" O/N/CP hsteenman@yahoo.com zvitecov@sbcglobal.net
July 18-19	Challenge of the North Laurie Knuutila	Fairbanks, AK (907) 378-9190	"A" O/CP; "B" N wildroseph@yahoo.com
August 22-23	Jackson Forest Steve Meroshnekoff Sec: Maria Pilgrim	Ft. Bragg (707) 743-9973 (707) 795-8163	"A" O/CP; "B" N iambrewing@aol.com wolves1961@sbcglobal.net
Sept. 6	Harvey Bear Ranch Chere Barger Sec. Kathi Bruns	San Martin, CA (408) 683-2247 (408) 683-5695	"B" O/N/CP kvbruns@aol.com
Sept. 20-21	Bort Meadows R1 Benefit Ride Joe Pimentel Sec: Sue Flagg	Oakland Hills, CA (209) 537-9355 (925) 890-2144	"A" O/N/CP; "B" N LIMIT 85 LegacyRanch1@aol.com iluvmulestoo@yahoo.com

Notes from the 2008 Georgetown Ride

We had 33 people show up for this ride, which I so appreciate given that attendance for all these kinds of events is really suffering this year. I was really happy that we were able to make this ride go.

It was unfortunate that so many of those who made the effort to come never got to start. Our vet judge, Carol Ormond, did her job well, calling it as she saw it and keeping the best interest of the horses at heart. Ride day was much hotter than anticipated, and several riders

pulled. We also had riders get lost, but fortunately everyone arrived safely back at camp, albeit with some very tired horses. Only 18 riders completed the ride. One lesson riders might take away – ALWAYS attend the ride briefing, and pay attention! Try as we might to clearly mark the trail, some things just need to be explained.

Our horsemanship judge, Nancy Kasovich, was wonderful. She can create an obstacle out of thin air! I would have loved to see the rider cards – I bet the riders learned a ton from their cards.

Our ride photographers, Celenia and Wendy, were present again this year. Don't forget to look for ride photos on display at www.printroom.com/pro/silenteyephoto.

Carol commented that a lot of the unsoundness she saw was with barefoot horses. Since I ride a barefoot horse, I want to offer some insights from things I have learned that you might find helpful, if you are one of those who prefers to keep your horse barefoot. When I first took my horse back to barefoot riding following a winter without shoes, I had a "regular" farrier trim him. He was then sore for several weeks, after going sound before his trim. Then I discovered that there are people who specialize in barefoot trims! They may be certified through an organization called the Association for Advancement of Natural Horse Care Practices (www.aanhcp.net). You can also learn a lot about going barefoot from other websites such as www.hoofrehab.com. The one I personally found most helpful was www.barefoothorse.com. From the "Do Trim" page of that website, and from working with an AANHCP practitioner, I learned how to take care of my horse's feet. One trick is frequent, light trims (often just some light

rasping you can do yourself) as opposed to a radical trim after 8 weeks. Finally, most horses do need to wear boots on their fronts at least for the first couple of years until their hooves recover from wearing shoes. This gives time for the sole callous to develop. Now boots, of course, are a problem in NATRC, because most of the new designs – the ones that stay on – are not allowable under current rules. So here is a suggestion - rather than use boots for all your conditioning rides and then trying to tough it out barefoot for the NATRC ride, dig out those old Easyboots and foam them on.

In spite of the problems we had at this ride, no one complained. I was so impressed at how sportsmanlike everyone was. I guess I shouldn't be surprised – NATRC people are the best!

By the way, someone left a really cute Fox Riders shirt on a table in the picnic area. It is grey with turquoise trim, size small. If it's yours, contact me and I'll mail it back to you. (Unfortunately it's too small for me ☺). hsteenman@yahoo.com.

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