

- **2022 NATRC Region 1 Convention**

And Awards Luncheon Wrap Up



The Region 1 Mini-Convention was held March 5th at the Sonoma Driving and Riding Club in Santa Rosa, CA. In the morning, participants attended an informative panel session which discussed horse camping, conditioning, and some historical insights into Region 1's past. Our three-member panel consisted of Nancy Kasovich, Angie Meroshnekoff and Ashley Dillard. All are long-time competitors and Region 1 members. As well, Nancy Kasovich is a Horsemanship judge and Angie Meroshnekoff is a Leisure Division judge. They answered questions from the audience as well as provided their own insights to competitive riding.

After lunch, there was a general meeting where rule changes and updates were discussed as well as general Region 1 topics. General meetings offer the opportunity for members to listen to and discuss proposals from the national organization and to discuss ride topics.

The 2021 awards were presented in the afternoon. *Just a reminder, there were many of you who completed two rides and were unaware that you needed to complete three rides to be eligible for end of year awards.* Something to keep in mind for 2022. If you are a member, you can access the Riders Manual at the national website (natrc.org). Enter your member password, click on Members in the top control panel and choose Rider's Manual. It's a comprehensive manual created by several long time NATRC members and judges that explains pretty much all you'd want to know to compete in NATRC Competitive Trail Riding. This manual is one of your membership benefits, so please take advantage of it.

Convention provides the opportunity to meet up with riding friends you may not have seen over the winter months. Share a few stories and laughs, honor some of our members and volunteers and support those who worked hard and received awards for their efforts.

For 2021, Region 1 chose to honor and shout out to some wonderful volunteers who supported us. The appreciation writeup scripts are included in the awards presentation article available in the current Leadline.

A small, framed photo of each of the recipients was presented at convention as a token of Region 1's gratitude. Without volunteers we couldn't put on events.

Angie Meroshnekoff was also presented with a framed photo of her horse Beau from Region 1. Beau was inducted into the NATRC Horse Hall of Fame for all his accomplishments He and Angie are a great team and deserve the recognition. Congrats to both of them!

Many thanks to Kris Skoog for the chairing the convention and making this all possible for us to enjoy. Also, a thank you to the many volunteers: Maria Pilgrim who MC'd the event, Davern Kroncke and Linda Thomason who took care of the awards, Donna Stidolph who helped man the projector, Jamie Dieterich and Angie Meroshnekoff who prepared the

awards presentation, Stephanie Swain- all around general helper, our panelists-Nancy Kasovich, Ashley Dillard and Angie Meroshnekoff- and others of you who helped set up and clean up. THANKYOU.

Next year, Region 1 will host the NATRC National Convention, attended by members from all six regions in the U.S. It will be held in the Sacramento area. Keep tuned for updates on speakers, dates and registration information. We **really** need some volunteers to help out with awards, entertainment, registration and other items. This is a Region 1 event and Region 1 members need to participate in order for it to be successful. When tasks are divided up amongst a group, no one person is overloaded. So please contact a board of director member to sign up. Your participation is very appreciated!

Photos from the 2022 convention are available on the gallery page of the Region 1 website www.natrcregion1.org and a limited number of photos are available via the link attached to this article.



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