

NATRC Region Six Convention, January 18-20, 2008
Holiday Inn Express and
Prairie Meadows Race Track and Casino
Altoona Iowa

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If you have any questions, please contact Martha Kunkle at mk1124@dwx.com or 515-989-0123. Please send your completed registration form and fees by Wednesday, January 9th, 2008 to: Martha Kunkle, 16535 Dubuque St, Carlisle, IA 50047

There will be interesting speakers to hear: •Dr. Peggy Miller DVM from ISU, "Nutrition for Competition"; •Jeff Ridley, Journeyman Shoer; •A tour of the backside of Prairie Meadows; •A Speaker provided by Prairie Meadows on the racing industry and or betting. Hospitality room for socialization on Friday night starting at 6 PM. Don't forget the awards ceremony. You may be getting an award! An auction will follow the awards ceremony; some quality items needed for the auction. Let me know if you have something to donate. I am also soliciting monetary donations for the hospitality room.

Name _____ Phone # (____) _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____ E-Mail Address _____
Name(s) of family members attending: _____

Registration fees:
\$25 per person (1st family member living in the same household is \$25) _____ x \$25= _____
\$15 per additional family member living in the same household attending _____ x \$15= _____
\$25 per Awards Banquet meal _____ x \$25= _____
Make checks payable to Region 6 NATRC, Inc.) Total Amount: _____

Please select your meal choice(s): # of Meals
_____ -Pork
_____ -Chicken
_____ -Vegetarian

President's Message by Cheri Jeffcoat

Where did the ride year go? Even though I wasn't competing, just working, it seemed to speed by.

What's new? My horse Saku, suffered another injury on the same leg and is no longer fit to go Open. The issue would always be one of the infamous "intermittent" lameness problems. Of course, I could push it but that would be such a disservice to her and even worse would be an example of bad horsemanship on my part. So, I have to bite the bullet and make a change. Drat, when I bought her there was the old "this is the last horse I am going to start in CTR" floating in the back of my brain. Oh well, I don't do well without challenges in my life! Time for me to "suck it up"!

What else is new? Thankfully the National BOD did not pass the obstacle rule. It would have caused some real havoc in the 46 states that have equine liability laws. The NBOD passed several clarifications but those that had a lot of member dissension were tabled. That is good for now. We must remain vigilant!

I judged one ride in Region 6 this year. I was somewhat surprised that it appeared that as competitors, we really seem to zombie out, not thinking, not paying attention to our horses. I went home after the ride and just could not resolve what the problem is. I know folks care, I know we want to do well, I know we want to have fun and be safe BUT there was something missing. One of the things I saw was that there were so many conversations going on that very little attention was being paid to the horse. And, then when the rider asked the horse to do something the rider had problems gaining the horses' attention because the rider had ignored the horse for a long time, just a passenger. I know I have not been competing but it seems to me the focus was just not on our horses. Repeatedly, I heard "my horse does this at home". I am not buying this. We are NOT at home, where is the training process failing? Are we paying the same focused attention on our horses at the ride as at home? Are we really putting our horses in different situations to reinforce that they can side-pass and back ANYWHERE, not just "at home"? When riding "at home" do we take advantage of different ditches, trees, gates etc or do we use the exact same places every time? Are we mixing up our practice areas? Are we thinking? Are we really working on a partnership with our horses or are we more interested in our conversations?

I love the camaraderie and people in our sport but I also recognize that we are there to compete. When we compete the focus should be on our partner. Maybe our theme for 2008 should be "Striving for Excellence". Excellence is not a dirty word. I think I will tape a note to the front of my saddle to remind me that I will "Strive for Excellence" and hopefully have my brain working at the same time!

Given what I have written, we have all winter to think about what we need to do to work on the partnership with our horses. If I sound "preachy" I apologize; however that does not take away what I observed. In my heart of hearts, I truly believe we have the "best" horses and riders in Region 6, we just need to rededicate ourselves to being the very best and "Strive for Excellence". See ya' at convention in Des Moines.

Welcome to the Following New Region 6 Members!

- Scott Campbell family, Oskaloosa, IA
- Molly Havercamp, Iowa City, IA
- Kimberly Pillard, Vinton, IA
- Carol Nichols family, Manhattan, KS
- Sherie Taylor, Manhattan, KS
- Brenda Messick, Ceresco, NE

Change of Address, email address or phone number?

Please contact Ruth Mesimer, Region 6 Secretary/Treasurer of any changes to your address, email address or phone number. Contact Ruth at 6818 N Elm Street, Liberty, MO 64068 OR 816-781-9496 OR rmesi@msn.com.

EKAHA HILL & DALE 2007

By J.R. Kendall

The weekend of June 16 -17 brought to NATRC and Region 6 the 27th consecutive year of Hill & Dale. And 27 years absolutely does not seem possible.

Some years the ride has gone so smoothly we await the fall of the other shoe, (human or horse), and others are full of errors, items forgotten etc. This year we saw the implementation of the much heralded new RMS entry program and indirectly it almost caused the ride to be cancelled. 13 days prior to the ride we had 17 entries and that is not enough to make any ride worth while. We put the word out through various channels that the ride was in jeopardy and low and behold we started 54. This is a ride manager's nightmare and a ride secretary's major headache. In addition, the Hillsdale area experienced numerous heavy rainfalls a few weeks prior to the ride - to the point we wondered if it would be too dangerous to ride. But Mother Nature came through with bright sunshine and brisk Kansas style winds to help dry the trails.

Our vet judge, Dr. Darlene Wehr, was a hit with the riders. She and her husband make a good team. Horsemanship judge Jean Green was her usual thorough self continually offering pointers and suggestions to riders. We hadn't seen Jean for several years and it was good to have her here again.

Our awards ceremony was capped by the presentation of the Gerald Peterson Memorial Trophy. The award is in honor of the late Gerald Peterson who was instrumental in the early days of Hill & Dale and continued to his death. The Petersons were breeders and strong supporters of the Arabian breed and the award criteria is the top combined horse and horsemanship score for any purebred or part bred Arabian. This year the award and trophy have a new home with Christine Abbott.

If you have ever attended one of my rides you have heard me say how thankful I am to have such a great group of workers, something ride management cannot do without. And, to that end, 2007 was the final year for our trusted trail master, Ginny Peterson in handling that job. I can't even think about how much more difficult my job would have been without her for all, and I do mean ALL, 27 years. Thanks is an insignificant recognition. Competitors have Ginny to thank also for the great trails and markings. For all practical purposes, she is responsible for the trails even existing around Hillsdale Lake. We were there before the State of KS took the area over; we were there before there was any water in the lake; we were there before the road over the dam was paved; and we were there before any local saddle clubs staked claim to the area and trails. She is also the author of the name Saddle Ridge for the equine campground on which we camp. Tell Ginny how much you appreciate what she has done for you and your safety.

Ginny and I recently had the pleasure of speaking at a meeting of the Hillsdale Ruritan club. This is the group that has provided the Saturday night BBQ for so many years and they invited us to talk about our sport and what sets us aside from other distance programs. (And, we found that night that they cook other things equally well. Boy, did we eat!!) And we have special long time ties to some members of this group such as Dave Green who headed up the Corps of Engineers at the time we started 27 years ago. It's always nice to have "contacts" in high places. And Bill Smotherman who heads up the Ruritan BBQ effort and on whose land we camped for a few years before Saddle Ridge came to be. If you have been around long enough, you will remember Bill owns the pasture on the SE corner where you now turn North toward the water tower.

All in all, 2007 was another good year for us and we expect to see you in 2008. Mark your calendars for the 28th ride; scheduled for June 14-15, 2008. This is a week earlier than normal to allow yours truly to take a "personal week". It also puts a week between H&D and Cedar Creek.

Help Wanted - Newsletter Editor for Region 6

Region six is looking for a new newsletter editor. Contact Cheri Jeffcoat and let her know that you are interested in the job. Cheri can be reached at 402-866-2198 or e-mail at cj31835@windstream.net.

Kansas Flint Hills - A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 35

October 6-7, 2007

Chairman: Olivia Huddleston, Duane Daily

Judges: Darlene Wehr DVM, Cheri Jeffcoat, Steve Lindsey (Horsemanship Apprentice)

Open Sweepstakes: Strike the Gold/Kendall, Elizabeth-93

Novice Sweepstakes: Kansas Enduring Freedom/Avery, Suzanne-94.5

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Novice Junior - 1

DO Penny/Kaniper, Linzy

Novice Lightweight - 3

1/2 Golden Mr. Jet Charge /Stucky, Marla

2/1 Bar Diamond Jessie/Payne, Debbie

3/3 Sky Star Junior/Nore, Robin

DO Duke/Kaniper, Stefany

DO Ks Bluestem General Franks/Davis, Sherry

Novice Heavyweight - 8

1/6 Kansas Enduring Freedom/Avery, Suzanne

2/4 Sun Rock Glory Blaze/Bouska, Alan

3/2 Angel's Ricochet Shot/Klamm, Liz

4/1 Snickers/Marston, Marilyn

5/3 Sir Timothy Gold/Andre, Tamara J

6/ Major 2/Nore, David

/5 D.M.'s Eye of the Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen

P Tia/Lacy, Rex

DO Honey/Kaniper, Todd

DO Sonny/Brown, Terry

Competitive Pleasure - 6

1/1 Frontgate Phoenix/Garcia, Sara J

2/4 JGC Maximum Overdrive/Levinson, Rhonda

3/6 Lucky/Elder, Janis

4/2 Lee's Royal Chance/Jackson, Becki

5/5 Christians Prince/O'Shea, Betsy

6/3 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish

DO PS Twilight Mist/Lindsey, Priscilla

DO Ribbon Ridge Moon Shadow/Hayes, David

DO CO Bandana/Hayes, Marsha

Open Junior - 1

1/1 XD Michaela/White, MacKenzie

Open Lightweight - 5

1/1 Strike the Gold/Kendall, Elizabeth

2/2 Elmer Bandit/Wood, Mary Anna

3/3 Jac Natalie/Hathhorn, Jackie

4/4 Rick to the Rescue/Childs, Maggie

5/5 Skya/Abbott, Christine

Open Heavyweight - 4

1/1 Touch of Prince/White, Hope

2/2 Prime Sensation/Clapper, Tina

3/3 My Nightmare/White, Vickie

P Gabriel/Anderson, Sam

Indian Cave, NE - B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 31

October 13, 2007

Chairman: Gary McCoy and Chuck Edwards

Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Frank Keeran

Open Sweepstakes: Royal Sunset/McCullough, Ty-99

Novice Sweepstakes: Royal Pazzazz/Haeberle, John-100

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Novice Junio - 3r

1/1 Miss X/Barnes, Taylor

2/2 Steppin Out Annie D/Kimmen, Katlyn

3/3 Scooter/Haeberle, Joe

Novice Lightweight - 6

1/4 Country Star Jet WH/Keller, Donna M

2/3 Bar Diamond Jessie/Payne, Debbie Jean

3/1 Golden Mr Jet Charge/Stucky, Marla

4/5 Fantasy Moon Dancer/Prey, Virginia Lynn

5/2 Blues Grand Finale/Messick, Brenda

6/6 Amigo Rissar/McIntosh, Tracy

Novice Heavyweight - 2

1/1 Royal Pazzazz/Haeberle, John

2/2 Snickers/Marston, Marilyn

Competitive Pleasure - 6

1/2 MPS Peppodoconita/Parys, Shari

2/3 Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Stich, Kay Lynn

3/4 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish

4/1 Frontgate Phoenix/Garcia, Sarah J.

P The Soccress Marqueasa/Snow, Marilyn

P Rock'sStrolling Jim/Maiwald, Susan

Open Lightweight - 7

1/3 Strike The Gold/Spilker, Maggie

2/5 Elmer Bandit/Wood, Mary Anna

3/2 Winchester Charm/Hirsch, Lucy

4/1 Nc Elbey Elegance/Kendall, Liz

5/4 Cheyenne 1/McCullough, Debbie

6/ Classic Son CC/Courts, Linda L

/6 Rick to the Rescue/Childs, Maggie

Open Heavyweight - 7

1/3 Royal Sunset/McCullough, Ty

2/1 Windstorm Sienna/Tolbert, Wayne W

3/5 Touches Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary

4/2 Blaze 5/Clapper, Tina

5/4 Prime Sensation/Spilker, David R

6/6 Ace of Hearts/Miller-Inman, Linell

/ Dash My Heart/Wickland, Bill

Region 6 Rally

November 2007

Whispering Pines, MO - A-O/N/CP Total Riders:57
October 27-28, 2007
Chairman: Kim Weil
Judges: Rhonda Gregory DVM, Gretchen Patterson
Open Sweepstakes: Nc Elbey Elegance (Gus)/Kendall, Liz-99
Novice Sweepstakes: Angel's Ricochet Shot/Klamm, Liz-99.5
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/ Jimmy/Dietrich, Roseann
/ Big-N-Bad Bullwinkle/Pillard, Kimberly
/ Toddy/Smith, Katie
/ Hope 2/White, John
/ Haye's Strikin Jack/Williams, Sally
/ Doc's Surgeon General/Young, Adam Hale
P Child of the West Wind/George, Curtis R

Novice Junior - 2

1/1 Rio/Cheatum, Hannah
2/2 Country Quietachick WH/Levinson, Alexandra R

Novice Lightweight - 12

1/5 King's Mountain Hale Bop/Dollarhide, Patti J
2/6 Skip/Henry, Barbara
3/2 Jesse/Van Dyke, Laura
4/1 Country Star Jet WH/Keller, Donna M
5/4 Tidys Sonofa Boot/Collier, Sarah
6/ Buck/Mayfield, Midge J
/3 Royal-T-Sunset/Amelong, Cynthia
/ Rebel/Havercamp, Molly
/ Fax a Clue to Melly/Price, Kit
/ Brighton Sassy/Seiler, Gail
P Sky's Cocoa/Medici Shelquist, Kim
P Mts Wise Investment/Spencer, Lana Christine

Novice Heavyweight - 18

1/1 Angel's Ricochet Shot/Klamm, Liz
2/2 Chiefs Iron Peggy/Moore, Gabby
3/ Smokey/Marcus, Claudia
4/ Patriots Analyze This/Nash, Candace L.
5/4 D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen Ann
6/6 Cstar Della J Ester/Bailey, Lee
/3 Lenas Sure Nuf/Schmidt, Michelle
/5 Mateo/Weber, Jerry
/ Another Champagne Lady/Stichnote, Kim
/ Cedar/Maxwell, Denise
/ Sun Rock Blaze/Bouska, Alan James

Competitive Pleasure - 10

1/ JGC Maximum Overdrive/Levinson, Rhonda K
2/2 Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Stich, Kay Lynn
3/1 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
4/4 Frontgate Phoenix/Garcia, Sarah J.
5/6 Arte Puro SNJ/Stanford, Mary
6/5 Star Santana/Sapp, Mary
/3 Take A Walkaloosa/Hess, Lucie
/ Domino Scout/Cotham, Barry
/ SF LA Traviesa/Partlow, Erin
/ Bad To The Bud/Young, Marianne
DO Ribbon Ridge Moon Shadow/Hayes, David
DO Co Bandana/Hayes, Marsha Ann

Open Lightweight - 8

1/2 Nc Elbey Elegance (Gus)/Kendall, Liz
2/5 Strike The Gold/McCullough, Debbie
3/ Jac Natalie/Hirsch, Lucy
4/3 Skya/Abbott, Christine
5/1 SBJS Luckee Dee/Roberts, Beverly
6/6 Lucky/Elder, Janis
/4 Elmer Bandit/Wood, Mary Anna
/ Rick to the Rescue/Childs, Maggie
DO Spanish Rose/Esbensen, Dana B.

Open Heavyweight - 4

1/4 Prime Sensation/Clapper, Tina
2/3 Royal Sunset/McCullough, Ty
3/2 Little Grey/Wallis, E Christine
4/1 My Nightmare/White, Vickie

2008 Tentative Ride Schedule for Region 6

April 12-13	date available	July 27	Sunflower State Games – Kay Wolfe Chair
April 26-27	Perry Lake, KS		MOTDRA sanction, Perry Lake, KS
May 10-11	date available	August 2-3	date available
May 17-18	Big Hill, KS – Paul Bryan Chair	Aug 30-31	NE Nat'l Forest, Halsey, NE
June 14-15	Hill & Dale, KS – JR Kendall Chair	Sept 13-14	Dave Smith at Brushy Creek, IA
June 28-29	Cedar Creek, MO – Chris Wallis Chair	Oct 4-5	Flint Hills, KS – Ty & Deb McCullough Chair
July 12	NBOD meeting, Denver CO		
July 19-20	date available	Oct 11-12	Indian Cave, NE
		Oct 25-26	Kanopolis, KS – Priscilla Lindsey Chair

Want to change your ride weekend date? Want to manage a ride?
Contact Ruth Mesimer, rmesi@msn.com or 816-781-9496 to discuss a date.

Equine Care Winter Checklist

By Priscilla Lindsey

Water: Adequate water intake is vital. Horses will drink best if their water source is warmed to about 60 degrees or warmer. A combination of a dry forage diet and low water intake can increase the incidence of impaction colic. Tank heaters and heated water buckets are inexpensive compared to a vet bill for colic treatment! Adding soaked beet pulp to the diet is another way to increase fluid intake.

Shelter: Horses are well-adapted to living outside in the cold, but sometimes additional shelter becomes necessary for comfort, such as extreme wind-chill or a combination of wet and cold. If plenty of trees are not available for a windbreak, a run-in shelter or snug stall might be in order. Blanketing is seldom necessary unless no other shelter is available. Even then, only the very old, very young, underweight or ill horses are likely to need the extra protection.

Calories/weight: As the temperature drops, horses burn more calories to produce body heat and will need an increase in feed, especially hay. Be sure to monitor weight with a weight tape or by frequently feeling the ribs and backbone. Don't depend on a visual exam, as the fluffy winter coat can be deceiving! If weight starts to fall, an addition of more fat to the diet might be in order, such as mixing some corn or soy oil into the grain.

Hoof/health care: Although hoof growth decreases in the winter, don't neglect the farrier's visits. And, keep up your regular de-worming routine, as a heavy worm load can be hard on a horse that is dealing with cold-weather stress.

Notes from NBOD meeting Friday and Saturday, November 9-10, 2007

by Ruth Mesimer

Friday, November 9, 6 PM

Financial Report from Treasurer

Revenue and expense statement for the period January 1 through September 30, 2007 with a comparison of revenue/expenses at this time in 2006

	As of 9-30-2007	As of 9-30-2006	Difference
Revenue	82,806.92	90,750.20	down 7,943.28
Expenses	92,353.87	89,438.78	up 2,915.09
Net income	- 9,546.95	1,311.42	down 8,235.53

Change in revenue from 2006:

Sponsors down 5,708.25, Donations down 7,439.25, Membership up 3,527.58

Change in expenses from 2006: Scholarships up 2,000

Discussion followed: Corporate sponsors other than horse related; marketing report developed 10 years ago; plan coming forth from Bev Roberts and group.

Judges Committee met – 7PM until? – used conference call to bring others into discussion (DVM's Mike Peralez, Stephanie Ostrowski, and Kay Gunckel – Liz Grogan, Paula Riley and Sallie Kudra). Patsy Conner, Debbie McCullough and Kathy Brown in attendance.

Saturday, November 10

Publicity report – Kathy Brown – articles/stories in America's Horse (AQHA) and Western Horseman (4 articles). Produced results from survey responses of folks who had not renewed membership. Membership application will now include a category for those who would like to receive Hoof Print.

By-laws and Rules – Lory Walls – Please inform membership that proposed rule changes come to the national board from members in the organization. The NBOD does not sit around the table and dream up rule changes to present to membership; too many other things to take care of.

Outcome of rule changes votes (there are 19 listed in the September/October 2007 Hoof Prints.

Passed: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17.

No: 10 (CC ride), 11 (stabling, bring back in Feb) and 18(eliminate requirement of offering CP if Novice is offered)

Tabled: 6 (mileage open division), 7 (saddle in camp), and 19 (obstacles)

Nomination – Ray Brezina, President, appointed Cheri Jeffcoat, Patsy Conner and Jan Jeffers to count ballots during lunch. Jeffcoat stated eligible to count all but Region 6 votes.

Ride Sanction – Patsy Conner, Discussion about Indian Cave and amount of mileage ridden and conditions. NBOD determined this did not meet mileage requirements - change status of IC from A to B ride, letter to competitors and ride management of decision reached and change in points earned being mailed.

Insurance – Might go down a few dollars for 2008.

Membership – Marlene Buttrey resigned. Cheri Jeffcoat distributed reports to each region providing information on DO vs HDC competition for years 2006 and 2007. Also reports by region listing those who competed and pointing out those who had not joined NATRC. President Brezina appoints Cheri Jeffcoat to Membership Chair position, Jeffcoat accepts.

Judges Committee – Patricia Tersteeg, DVM, Carter Hounsel, DVM and Rhonda Gregory, DVM approved.

Championship Challenge – Gary Clayton brings forward budget and proposal to hold 2008 CC at Land Between the Lakes on September 27-28. Motion passes.

Honorary & Appreciation – Ruth Mesimer - Nominees brought forward. NBOD voted for the following:

Jim Menefee Honorary Lifetime Membership Award – Patsy Conner

National Appreciation Award (total of 3) – Kathy Brown R3, Gary Clayton R5, and Kathleen Green/Beni DeMattei R2

Regional Appreciation at National Level – R1, Concord Mount Diablo Trail Riders Assoc, McCrary Family, Nancy Kasovich. R3, Kay Gunckel, Mike Mason. R5, Sara Baldwin/Doug McConnell, Phillip Buttrey. R6, Zack Edwards, Pat Welsh.

Convention 2008 – Junior allowed to attend speakers for free.

Old Business

Memorial Awards for Bill Smith and George Cardinet, Jr. – No information at this time.

New Business

R1 – Trial of splitting CP into weight classes, will not affect national points (regional thing). Motion passes.

R2 – Trail of combining Open into Senior and Junior classes, will not affect national points (regional thing). Motion passes.

Meetings 2008 – July 11-12, Denver, Renaissance Hotel November 15, Little Rock, AR in conjunction with American Trails Semi-annual Symposium.

Election Results

Ty McCullough reelected to NBOD

NBOD Officers for 2008

Ray Brezina reelected as President, Lory Walls reelected as Vice-President, Connie Driskell reelected as Treasurer

2007 Worker Report Form Due

Reminder!! Time to get your 2007 Region Six Worker Report Form completed and turned in to Trish Cleveland keeper of Region Six worker points. Mail those forms to Trish Cleveland, 16550 Say Road, Wamego, KS 66547-9665.

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