



# Texas Trail Challenge Club Newsletter

May / June 2026

## Simple, right?

As President, I am responsible to the membership for all areas of TTCC. The work Ride Managers do is something I am interested in. I've been out on rides placing ribbons, setting up facilities, and after the ride, taking down ribbons and trail cleanup.

But—how do these rides get set up for route and obstacles I wondered? It sounds simple: find a place, set a trail, place obstacles, clean up brush, get a caterer, and hope for good weather. News flash: simple ain't easy, as we all know. I went to Sylvia Perry's Hoot N Hollar at McGowan Valley to help set the route and the obstacles with Silvia and her team for the day: Lissa Rabon (Sr. Judge) and Jim Miller (Trail Boss).

It started simple: several hours of running the initial trail route, setting obstacles as we went. The route was adjusted a few times for overall distance and obstacle spacing. Pacing the ride- distance between obstacle vs how long an obstacle would take was carefully considered. Once these basics were set--the route, obstacles, and distance--the ride manager and trail boss did the next simple thing: How are volunteers and judges moved between obstacles without delaying riders? Can't use the trail being ridden--so what trails for short cuts are there? Do special trails need to be cut? Then the timing between moves--this is considered in the ride layout: #1 team moves to #6 in time to set up, go through the instructions together, and to be ready before first rider gets there.

Lissa showed what is not obvious about judging, it sounds simple at first. The Senior Judge sets 10 obstacles for each day for a total of 20. Now the judge defines the judging criteria for each rider class: Tenderfoot, Maverick, Horseman. That's three different things for each obstacle or 60 items. Then the dozens of codes judges use as shorthand--selected from a long list kept over the years. Simple: Sr Judge and Secretaries are tracking over 200 moving parts, and this all goes to the ride Secretary for their tabulation tasks. This tabulation can fall apart if route and timing is off--but the horn always goes off one hour after last rider! This hour is also where the Ride Manager hopes all riders come in safely, weather holds, and caterer isn't late. Simple: like building a watch covering 20 square miles! Campsites, pens, and catering will be covered in another article.

It was a blast--we had a lot of fun, time flew, and laughter was the order of the day. I recommend all members hang out with a Ride Manager, or Judge, or Secretary--watch and learn. They all turn simple into something easier.

Be well,  
Scott Butcher, President

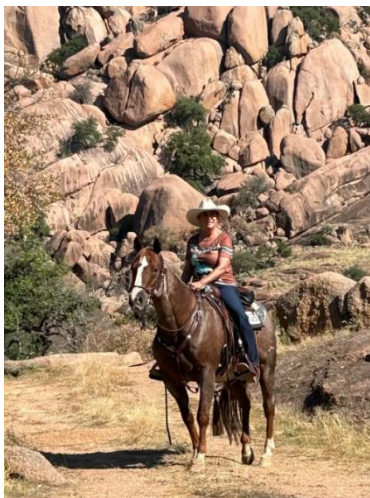
## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 1- Registration** for *Wyatt Wanderer* opens, hosted by Bill and Annette Thurlow on September 26 & 27 at Wyatt Ranch in Glen Rose. Shoes or boots are recommended.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU—PEGGY SUE JOHNSON

I've spent most of my life with horses, good friends, and I have a whole lot of stories to tell. My name is Peggy Sue Johnson, I am retired after 46 years of cutting and styling hair and let me tell you, I've seen a lot of life in those years!

These days, I call Abilene home, where I spend my time with my



*Inks Ranch - Llano, Texas*

wonderful family and, of course, my horses. My love for horses started the very first time I laid eyes on one. Something about them just grabbed my heart and never let go. I grew up riding with friends, going to play days, and attending horsemanship camps. I was also part of 4-H, which taught me so much and shaped my love for the western lifestyle. That love came full circle when I introduced my daughter Kristen to horses, and she caught the bug just like I did. She went on to compete at the state level and even rode on the drill team in college with the famous Six White Horses at HSU. One proud mama moment after another.



Life, of course, had its ups and downs. After college, my Kristen was diagnosed with a very rare kidney disease, and my world shifted. My focus became helping her fight and heal. Those were hard years, but also years that showed me just how strong family can be. In 2018, after her successful kidney transplant, I finally felt like I could breathe again. That same year, I found my way back to riding and discovered something just as special, my WWW gals. These women are more than riding partners. They are my Ride Tribe, and I am beyond blessed to have them.



*The WWW gals at Celebration*

I ride a red roan gelding named Kater, and let me tell you,



*Peggy jumping Kater at High Tail It, photo by Rhonda Fryer*

he's got more personality than most people. He's more like a dog than a horse, and we have the best time together. I started riding in TTCC in 2018 and quickly fell in love, not just with the riding, but with seeing the beautiful ranches all across Texas. I will be honest; I enjoy the ride a whole lot more than the competition. As a senior maverick, Kater and I just go out there to have fun, and we do exactly that!

And through it all, I've had my rock, my husband Kris, for 41 years. Thank you, Lord, for that man. He has been there for every Wild West Wrangle and every step of the way.

Now I want to share something that happened to me this past year, something I never saw coming, and my life changed in an instant. On September 14, 2025, I had an ischemic stroke. My day started like any normal Sunday. I went to church and went about my day, but something just didn't feel right. I couldn't

quite put my finger on it, I just felt off. As the day went on, that feeling didn't go away. Around 4:45 PM, I developed a sharp headache in my left temple. I had already called my daughter once earlier, but this time I called her again, and thank goodness I did. She didn't hesitate. She got to me as fast as she could. By the time we got to the hospital, things changed quickly. I became confused. I couldn't speak clearly. I couldn't follow instructions. It was like my brain and my body were no longer on the same page.

But my daughter knew. She is a dual-certified nurse practitioner (Family Health and Mental Health), and at that moment, she didn't hesitate. She immediately told the staff I was having a stroke, and everything moved very quickly then. A CT scan was ordered, and care was started immediately. I truly believe her quick thinking, her medical knowledge, and God's hand in that moment made all the difference

If I could share one thing with you, it would be this. Don't ignore your body when something feels off. I didn't have flashing warning signs at first, just a feeling that something wasn't right. *That feeling matters.* . Strokes don't always look the way you expect them to, but acting quickly can save your life and your future. I'm so thankful to still be here, still riding, and still spending time with the people I love.

Long Live Cowboys and Cowgirls,  
Peggy Sue Johnson

My daughter, Kristen Muterspaugh, tells her side of the story. Last fall, my mom had a stroke, and in a matter of moments, everything changed. As a dual-certified nurse practitioner, I recognized what was happening quickly. I knew the signs. I knew the urgency. I knew what could happen if we didn't act fast.

When I got the call from my mom saying she wasn't feeling well and her symptoms hadn't improved, I knew she needed to go to the emergency room. She didn't want to go, and honestly, I understood. As someone who works in health care and has had my fair share of experiences, I knew that hesitation is normal. But this was different. Thankfully, I was able to get her to the ER, where she had her stroke mere minutes after our arrival. In that moment, everything changed. I wasn't just a provider; I was a daughter watching someone I love in one of the most vulnerable moments of her life. That feeling is something I will never forget. Thankfully, she received treatment quickly, and today I am incredibly grateful to say she is back to her normal self with no lasting deficits.

But the truth is, those 12 hours of waiting to see if the medication was going to work were the longest, most difficult hours of my life. Even with all my medical knowledge, all the training, and all the experience, I still felt helpless. That experience changed me. It reinforced something I tell my patients every day, **time matters, and trusting your instincts matters. If something feels off, don't wait.** Don't second guess yourself. Speak up, get help, and act quickly. Stroke does not discriminate. It doesn't wait until it's convenient, and it doesn't always look the way you expect. If sharing our story helps even one person recognize the signs sooner or seek care faster, then it's worth it. Hold your loved ones close. Learn the signs. And never underestimate how quickly life can change.

With love and gratitude from a daughter who is forever thankful she still has her mom.



## Stroke Awareness: Know the Signs, Save a Life

May is Stroke Awareness Month, a time to learn how to recognize the signs of a stroke and act quickly. A stroke can happen to anyone, at any age—and every second counts. A stroke occurs when blood flow to part of the brain is interrupted, either by a clot or bleeding. Without oxygen, brain cells begin to die within minutes.

The easiest way to remember warning signs of a stroke is the acronym B.E. F.A.S.T.:

**STROKE: Know the Signs – BE FAST**

Remembering **BE FAST** can save lives by prompting individuals to seek medical help without delay. CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY.

Assisting Hands®  
Home Care

<b>B</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>T</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>EYES</b>	<b>FACE</b>	<b>ARMS</b>	<b>SPEECH</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Sudden loss of balance or coordination.	Blurred or double vision, sudden vision loss.	Uneven smile or drooping on one side of the face.	Weakness or numbness in one arm.	Slurred speech or difficulty speaking.	Time to call 911 immediately if you observe any of these signs.

Strokes don't always look the same. Other possible symptoms can include:

- Sudden confusion or trouble understanding
- Sudden vision problems (in one or both eyes)
- Sudden dizziness, loss of balance, or trouble walking
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause

Why Acting Fast Matters: Time is brain. The faster someone receives treatment, the better their chances of recovery and reducing long-term damage. Even if symptoms go away, it could be a warning sign of a future stroke.

*A note from the editor—Peggy's story truly touched my heart. My best friend from seventh grade had a very different experience. Her husband felt funny at church. He is diabetic and they thought it was a blood sugar issue, so they went home, ate something, and took a nap. When he woke up, he could not get out of bed. He spent a long time in the hospital and never fully recovered. So please listen to your body and take care of yourself! J.W.*

## RIDE RECAP – High Tail It

Thirty-some-odd riders walked, trotted, loped, and jumped through the beautiful wildflowers at Lazy F/ Los Arroyos Ranch in Smiley, Texas, on March 14th and 15th for the High Tail It ride. Gina Stepchinsky and Tiffany Janke were the ride managers and Tracee Casarez was the trail master for this 8.6 mile ride winding through the trees over mostly sandy, flat terrain. The weather was absolutely glorious with cool mornings and warm sunlit afternoons. Scott Butcher was the ride photographer. Lissa Rabon was the senior judge and focused on natural obstacles; she was assisted



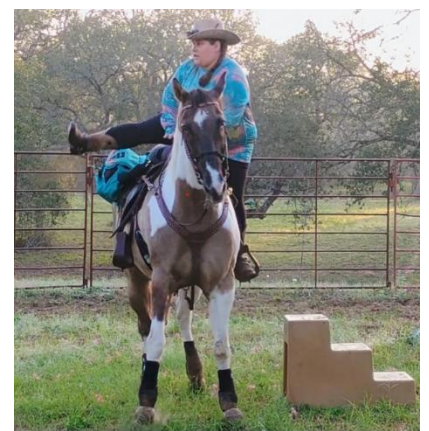
*Kerri April riding Nelly with the neckrope*

by Ann Stacy, Teresa Corgill, Kelly Beard, Kris Maley, and Becky Cash. The competition began with sending your saddled horse at liberty both directions in the round pen, halt, and then proceed to the mounting block and mount. A few horses really felt the need to get their energy out with a buck and a rear, but most were well behaved. Other obstacles included ground tie, tailing, wind the rope around the tree, map check, transitions, gate, neck rope, dropping stirrups and going over cavelletti, vertical straddle a log, and a cowboy curtain. Lissa also gave the learning moment



*Keenia Cowey sending MisTe at liberty*

about knowing where you are on the trail, following the map, using a trail app, and using the compass app; important information to find your way back to camp or being able to report your location in case of an emergency. Lissa finished the judges debriefing by talking about the dismount (disguised as a ground tie) and that nearly everyone touched their cantele, saddle bag, or the horse's hip with their foot. She suggested exercising by lifting your foot up every day, perhaps starting with a foot stool, then the arm of a chair and working up to the back of the couch or the kitchen counter, lifting your leg higher so it will clear all your gear and the cantele easily. Lynane Plumlee had the high point score in Horseman Senior of 193.5.



*Casey Cowey and Doozy*

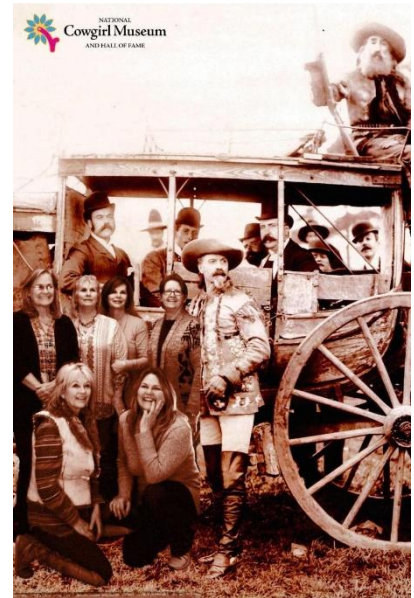
## RIDE RECAP- Wild West Wrangle



Ginny Mayfield and Cheryl May were ride managers for Wild West Wrangle held on April 11 & 12 at a new location, Mr. Lowell Johnson's 600-acre working cattle ranch in Ovalo, Texas. This third-generation ranch has a rich history with Lowell's ancestors coming from land grant property in

Oklahoma and his grandfather's history of being a stowaway on a ship from Norway. The Johnson Ranch was awarded the Family Land Heritage Award by the Texas Department of Agriculture in 1984 for 100 years of continuous operation. Mr. Johnson turned 94 last November and enjoyed attending the ride meetings and meals and even watched the drag obstacle out on trail.

The theme for the ride was Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show and judges were dressed in costume. A few riders also wore period clothing which only added to the spirit of the Old West. Senior Judge Kelly Beard was assisted by Kris Maley, Becky Cash, Annaliese Scoggin, and Cheryl May; and Rhonda Fryer was assisted by Casey Cowey as ride secretary. Scott Butcher was photographer. The weather was excellent, overcast and breezy. There was heavy rain overnight Saturday but none during the competition. About thirty



*Teresa Corgill with mustache on Abby*

riders competed on Saturday and twenty rode on Sunday, over the eight-mile trail. Obstacles included trotting without stirrups, 360 degree turn, drag, forward lateral, following a designated trail, in-hand back downhill, the garrocha pole, ground tie, gate, and delivering the pony express mail bag.

Neal Hughes introduced Dr. R. Harry Angerson, Ph.D. who spoke about the feed he created, Total Equine, as the learning moment at Wild West Wrangle. Another learning moment featured quick release knots, including the Bank Robber's Knot.





*The floozy Marta Covington and Dutch*



*The Pioneers - Jess, Emily, and Pecos Hopkins*



*Annie Oakley AKA Cheryl May*

## **SPRING CLINIC-Judges**

Director, Kelly Beard

The Spring Rider Clinic was held on March 28, 2026, at Vicki Van Steyn's home near Valley Mills, Texas. Vickie has a bazillion obstacles and a round pen, so riders had the opportunity to work with many different obstacles. The clinic was organized by Judges Director Kelly Beard who was assisted by clinicians Vicki Van Steyn, Becky Cash, Annaliese Scoggin, and Cheryl May. Thirty -three participants including eight juniors



*Annaliese Scoggin on Winchester (gaited) and Kelly Beard on Little Joe (stock)*



*Candice Smith on Renegade*

and eleven new members began the morning with stretching and warm up exercises for horse and rider. Then riders practiced sending their horses in hand through a maze of tires, across the teeter totter bridge, and other obstacles. After a short break there was a demonstration of gaited horses and stock horses at various gaits. The gaited horses had leg wraps of the same color on each side of the horse, while the stock horses had colored leg wraps diagonally to show the difference in movement at various gaits.



*Gina Stepchinsky sending Jazz through the tires*



*Lisa Doering navigating tight turns through the logs*

After a lunch of sandwiches at the house, the group was broken up into five teams and riders began negotiating obstacles with their horses while clinicians observed and gave suggestions for a better performance. The day ended with the five teams being judged over several obstacles and the final obstacle was a mass side pass,



*The junior riders sailed through the cowboy curtain*

five riders from each of the five teams, in a relay race passing a baton to the far end and then back to the beginning. Yellow team won with the highest overall score! The weather was breezy and cooler but rain free. Although Vickie offered to bake lasagna Friday night, the group voted to go out to Burger and Wok, a fun restaurant in Valley Mills. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the clinic, learn a lot, and it was fun to see new faces.

## RAFFLE CHAIRMAN

Susie Jernigan volunteered to organize the raffle this year! She needs donations of gently used tack, riding gear, decorations, clothing, etc., for the raffle held at each ride. Tickets are only \$2 or 6 for \$10 and the funds raised go directly to the club. So look through your tack room and home and bring your raffle donations to Susie at the next ride or contact her at [brazoshome@yahoo.com](mailto:brazoshome@yahoo.com). She does not have storage for larger items so contact her regarding those!



## SURVEY SAYS. . .

During Celebration members filled out an informal survey about why they ride with TTCC and what events and activities are most/least important to them.

Since Celebration many who were not present asked if they could fill out a survey. So, the survey was emailed to members on April 21, 2026. If you missed it, please contact Bill Thurlow (817-267-7676) or by email: [treasurer.ttcc@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.ttcc@gmail.com). Please only fill out the survey once and return it before May 15, 2026, so that it can be tabulated with the others!

## Texas Trail Challenge Club Celebration - 2025



## Volunteers

Allyn Hughes

Megan Smart

Bambi Lang

Rhonda Fryer

Barney Cash

Ryleigh Blair

Cathy Schulze

Shelley Hilton

Ginny Mayfield

Susie Jernigan

Haley Altomare

Sylvia Perry

Halle Beard

Tom Blackmon

Jim Miller

## Volunteer of the Year

### & 20 Day Pin

Bill Thurlow

## 10 Day Pin

Barney Cash

Carla Chandler

Ginny Mayfield

Scott Cowey

## Thank You Sponsors

- David & Carol Warren – Warren Veterinary LLC
- Tom & Leah Lynch – Our Friends Campground
- Greg Dial – The Gentle Rein
- Jamie Zoch – Compass Conversions
- Donnie Eaton & Carin Bauer – Bugs Unlimited Pest Control
- Barney & Becky Cash – Cash Corral Pet Care & Handyman Services
- Jim Miller & Kim Gehring
- Scott Butcher – Scott Butcher Photography
- Barbara Knight – Knight's Cottage
- Robert & Susie Jernigan – Crazy 8 Ranch
- Dan Tarillion – T<sup>2</sup> Financial Solutions
- Kate Love Hollar – On Trail Clinics



## Committees

- Kit Shadrock – **Webmaster**
- Rhonda Fryer – **Photographer**
- Scott Butcher – **Photographer**
- Carin Bauer, Haley Altomare, Scott Butcher, Charles Maley, Melissa Neal, Lynane Plumlee, Connie Standridge – **By Laws Committee**
- LeeAnn Boore – **Celebration Awards**
- Lynane Plumlee, Keenia Cowey, Bambi Lang, Kris Ritter, Connie Standridge – **Celebration Decorations**
- Juli Steele – **Directory**
- Juli Steele & Becky Cash – **Raffle**

- Jean Wilson & Ginny Mayfield – **Newsletter**
- Jean Brandau – **Ride Tribe**
- Alex McStay – **Youth Involvement**

## **Board of Directors - 2025**

- Carin Bauer – President
- Juli Steele – Membership Director
- Kelly Beard – Judge’s Director
- Lee Ann Boore – Ride Director
- Tiffany Janke – Treasurer

We would like to recognize: Mary Ann Brandon, Karen Pantel, & Greg Dial for serving January through April.

## **Secretaries**

Kit Shadrock  
 Rhonda Fryer  
 Marcy Stellfox  
 Annette Thurlow  
 Sharon Price  
 Cathy Schulze  
 Tiffany Janke

## **Assistant Secretaries**

Nancy Fenimore  
 Leah Lynch  
 Tooter Smith  
 Pat Baring  
 Keenia Cowey  
 Carin Bauer  
 Debra Sannwaldt  
 Bonnie Pasko  
 Rawan Spann

## **Judges**

Kate Love Hollar	Lissa Rabon	Greg Dial	Cheryl May
Nancy Williams	Melissa Neal	Tiffany Janke	Doanna Daniel
Teresa Corgill	Sybil Eagan	Annette Thurlow	Cheryl Sofaly
Karen Pantel	Carol Warren	Ann Stacy	Bonnie Pasko
Nancy Fenimore	Jerilyn Stanka	Tracee Casarez	
Kelly Beard	Mary Ann Brandon	Jean Wilson	

## Buckle Series



Tenderfoot – Christina Martin & Roman

Maverick – Marta Covington & Credit Card

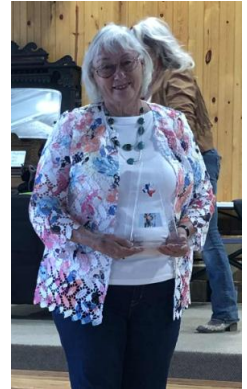
Horseman – Lynane Plumlee & Fritz/Cookie

Wild Card – Juli Steele & Cheyenne

## Century Award

Bonnie Pasko & Traveler

Raylene Welch & Champ



## Mileage Awards

### 100 Miles

Chad Albrecht

Casey Cowey

Nina Day

Jody Elliot

Tonya Lindsey

Ruth Ann Pieri

Soleya Southerly

Kella Staller

J

Tyson Staller

Peggy Watkins

### 250 Miles

Jackie Bonner

Linda Ellis

Gretchen Fuchs

Sara McMillan

Connie Meredith

Sylvia Perry

Debra Sannwaldt

Juli Steele

### 500 Miles

Carin Bauer

Kim Gehring

Peggy Johnson

Barbara Knight

Bambi Lang

Annaliese Scoggin

Megan Smart

Cheryl Sofaly

Vicki VanSteyn

### 750 Miles

Ginny Mayfield



### 1000 Miles

LeeAnn Boore

Marta Covington



## Iron Riders

Chad Albrecht

Halle Beard

Jackie Bonner

Casey Cowey

Jody Elliot

Tiffany Janke

Tonya Lindsey

Kris Maley

Sara McMillan

Melissa Neal

Bonnie Pasko

Sylvia Perry

Ruth Ann Pieri

Debra Sannwaldt

Cheryl Sofaly

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Time

Haley Altomare

Kelly Beard

Keenia Cowey

Juli Steele

Vicki VanSteyn

Annette Thurlow



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Time

Becky Cash

Kim Gehring

Kate Love Hollar

Connie Standridge



## 4<sup>th</sup> Time

Jean Wilson



## 5<sup>th</sup> Time

Jim Miller



## Tenderfoot Adult

6<sup>th</sup> – Casey Cowey & Doozy

5<sup>th</sup> – Haley Altomare & Rio/Jake

4<sup>th</sup> – Ruth Ann Pieri & Shadow

3<sup>rd</sup> – Jackie Bonner & Hope/Queso

2<sup>nd</sup> – Christina Martin & Roman

1<sup>st</sup> – Tonya Lindsey & Red



## Tenderfoot Senior

5<sup>th</sup> – Ginny Mayfield & Ricky

4<sup>th</sup> – Sylvia Perry & Dory

3<sup>rd</sup> – Kathy Harlan & Phoenix/Vandy

2<sup>nd</sup> – Sara McMillan & Dobey/Joey

1<sup>st</sup> – Debra Sannwaldt & Sandy



## Maverick Adult

6<sup>th</sup> – Halle Beard & Twister/Dally/Ranger/Lucy/Rex

5<sup>th</sup> – Keenia Cowey & MisTe

4<sup>th</sup> – Gina Stepchisky & Jazz

3<sup>rd</sup> – Carin Bauer & Arti

2<sup>nd</sup> – Kris Ritter & Creek/Tango

1<sup>st</sup> – Marta Covington & Credit Card



## Maverick Senior

6<sup>th</sup> – Jim Miller & Buddy

5<sup>th</sup> – Shelley Hilton & Copper

4<sup>th</sup> – Leah Lynch & Stella

3<sup>rd</sup> – Marilyn Dardenne & Ranger

2<sup>nd</sup> – Raylene Welch & Bella/Champ

1<sup>st</sup> – Barbara Knight & Shakar



## Horseman Adult

6<sup>th</sup> – LeeAnn Boore & RC/Scoobs

5<sup>th</sup> – Annaliese Scoggin & Winchester

4<sup>th</sup> – Cheryl Sofaly & Cass/Camilla

3<sup>rd</sup> – Vicki Van Steyn & Pippa

2<sup>nd</sup> – Melissa Neal & Ricochet/Chip of Gold

1<sup>st</sup> – Lynane Plumlee & Fritz/Cookie



## Horseman Senior

6<sup>th</sup> – Vivian Johnson & Tobijah

5<sup>th</sup> – Tom Blackmon & Edd

4<sup>th</sup> – Jean Wilson & Renegade/Rio

3<sup>rd</sup> – Kelly Beard & Little Joe

2<sup>nd</sup> – Becky Cash & Trulee

1<sup>st</sup> – Connie Standridge & Annie



## Wrangler Awards

4<sup>th</sup> – Chad Albrecht – Dida Ritz

3<sup>rd</sup> – Tracy Cann & Nairobi

2<sup>nd</sup> – Kate Love Hollar & Simply Amazing

1<sup>st</sup> – Kim Gehring & Ringo



## Champions & High Points

### Tenderfoot:

Reserve High Point – Christina Martin & Roman

High Point – Tonya Lindsey & Red



## **Maverick:**

Reserve High Point – Marta Covington & Credit Card

High Point – Kris Ritter & Creek/Tango



## **Horseman:**

Reserve Champion – Connie Standridge & Annie

Champion – Lynane Plumlee & Fritz/Cookie

## **Horse Awards**

### **Green Partner High Point of the Year**

Ringo ridden by Kim Gehring

### **Green Partner Reserve High Point**

Dida Ritz ridden by Chad Albrecht

Honorable Mention Green Partner

Tadpole ridden by Alex McStay

Nairobi ridden by Tracy Cann

## **Horse Awards**

### **Working Partner High Point of the year**

Annie ridden by Connie Standridge

### **Working Partner Reserve High Point**

Ricochet ridden by Mel Neal

Honorable Mention Working Partner

Pippa ridden by Vicki Van Steyn

Arti ridden by Carin Bauer

Creek ridden by Kris Ritter

Roman ridden by Christina Martin

Hope ridden by Jackie Bonner



## Horse Awards

Overall High Point Seasoned Partner (13+ Years of Age)

### Seasoned Partner of the Year

Fritz ridden by Lynane Plumlee

### Seasoned Partner Reserve High Point

Credit Card ridden by Marta Covington

Honorable Mention Working Partner

Little Joe ridden by Kelly Beard

Winchester ridden by Annaliese Scoggin

Shakar ridden by Barbara Knight

Red ridden by Tonya Lindsey

Sandy ridden by Debra Sannwaldt



## Most Improved Riders

### Sandra Ladd Award

Tonya Lindsey

### Jennifer Severson Award

Kim Gehring



## TTCC General Meeting March 14, 2026, at High Tail It, Lazy F Ranch

Meeting called to order at 5:41

Board members present: Directors Steele, Beard, and President Butcher were present.

Carin Bauer acted as secretary for minutes.

Kelly Beard, Judges Director:

- Rider Clinic scheduled for March 28th, three acres of obstacles 36+ people signed up.
- Judging guidance: we'll now be working with our judges to score gaited animals equally.
- Upcoming meetings with all judges to work on scoring questions and consistency across scoring.

Bill Thurlow, Treasurer: (by Scott)

- \$10,930 in the TTCC account.
- Approximately \$1,000 belongs to ride managers. Please, when you reserve for a ride pay the ride manager as noted, not TTCC.

Leeann Boore, Ride Director: (by Scott )

- The ride managers are working on manual updates as the year moves along.
- Interested in trying out ride manager? Please reach out!

Juli Steele, Membership director:

- Need to push for friends and children to come to our club.
- Volunteers! We always have room for volunteers--Juli can get you set up with whatever you would like to do. A listing of common tasks for volunteers is being created.
- New sponsors are always welcome; donations made can be used as advertising expenses by business sponsors.

Carin Bauer, Bylaws Committee chair:

- Bylaws are back from attorney with changes. Currently in committee for final review and edit. Once completed, work will be sent to board with recommendation/guidance for vote.

Fundraiser update from Carin Bauer:

- Parking at Cadence Bank for graduation events May 21st through the 22nd and/or May 29th and the 30th. We need six to eight volunteers minimum, info to be posted.

Scott Butcher, President:

- Reports organizing all records with Tiffany in one place on Google Drive for the club.
- Processes being standardized and simplified as much as possible.
- Our new raffle person is Susie Jernigan.

Member questions from the floor:

- Can a person contact a ride manager directly to register children? Suggestion is register day of ride, but let Ride Manager know in advance.
- Suggested offering free for children at rides to keep the family costs down?
- How many members for 2026?
- Suggestion: General email addresses for potential members to contact on our website like info at ttcc.com and that sort of thing. Scott and Tiffany will work on this.
- Difficulty in logging into accounts on website can be frustrating, not consistent between mobile and computer devices. Can that be fixed?

- Can a button be put on a page on website Board of Directors' pictures and info?
- TTCC Facebook page rules need to be applied to everyone on the page. Example, education clinics of certain people could or couldn't be advertised. Policy has been inconsistent at times, can that be changed?
- Do we want to start a new Facebook page? Members only?

Scott advised answers would be sent to members

Meeting adjourned at 6:27.

## **Texas Trail Challenge Club Board of Directors Minutes February 10, 2026**

8:10 Call to Order. President Butcher, Director Boore, Director Beard, Director Steele and Treasurer Thurlow in attendance via zoom.

Review of Robert Rules

Director Reports:  
January Minutes filed

Ride Director: Nothing to report

Judges Director: New judges will be apprenticing. Director Steele recommended to have apprenticing spaced out to help Ride Managers move judges. Director Beard reported that judges were needed and apprenticing needed to be finished.

Membership Director: Nothing to report

Treasurer: Current balance is \$11,006.57  
Upcoming expenses will be upgrading to Zoom meeting.  
Insurance which has been paid upon discussion.  
A need for an audit and turn in of all receipts.  
Cost of \$500 for ribbons.

Committee Reports:

President Butcher along with Treasurer Thurlow had meeting with lawyer. President Butcher is researching and finalizing some "legalize".

Process/Procedure--President Butcher reported that he was compiling all historical records and placing into folders accessible to BOD. A bit of "housekeeping", no changes to any forms, just organizing.

Upcoming Events: Rocky Road at Parrie Haynes February 14 & 15. Judges apprenticing will be included with ride.

High Tail It at Lazy F March 14 15. Tiffany Janke stepped up to co-manage ride with Gina Stepchinsky.

Celebration March 21. Finalized caterer and change of date for event.

Unfinished Business:

Spring General meeting will be held at High Tail It in March. All BOD members except for Director Boore will be in attendance.

Ride Safety concern was brought up to BOD about usage of non-natural obstacles. Discussion was that as trail riders, we need to be aware of a lot of different factors on trail. No changes to current guidelines. Director Beard will address the issue.

#### New Business:

Iron Rider tracking was discussed and will be implemented at the first ride (Rocky Road). Webmaster Janke is putting together a tracking sheet to simplify procedure. Director Steele recommended that it be put in Ride Manager handbook to remind riders to announce intention to accomplish Iron Rider. BOD discussed low attendance. Treasurer Thurlow will put out a small survey at Celebration for members to write any concerns or ideas to present to BOD. Fund Raisers were discussed, possibly an online auction verses a ride as many cannot attend fund raisers especially during the holidays. Ride Tribe was discussed. Motion made by President Butcher: TTCC will no longer have Ride Tribe involvement because it is not part of our mission statement, effective immediately. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Recorded as Motion 2026-10 in log.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35

## **Texas Trail Challenge Club Board of Directors Minutes March 9, 2026**

Meeting began at 8:16pm via zoom. All board members were present.

Director Boore: Nothing to report.

Director Beard: Spring Clinic, 32 people have signed up so far.

Director Steele: Nothing to report.

Treasurer Thurlow: \$10,930.07 in the account, approximately \$1,000 needs redistribution to ride managers due to incorrect payment processes.

President Butcher: Bylaws okayed by the lawyer and sent back to committee for review.

Discussions: President Butcher announced  
the implementation of a new Google Drive system for document sharing.

Allowing or not, a completely in-hand rider to participate in a trail challenge.

Replacing the current secretary printer with a new model and keeping the current printer for Membership Directors.

Rider safety

Motions: Motion 2026-11 Complete In-Hand Course Competition Passed 5-0. President Butcher made the motion, Treasurer Thurlow seconded "Complete In-Hand Course is not allowed by TTCC, Course is Ride Only. This language will be added to 2027 Ride Rules. This is formal guidance for 2026, effective immediately. This does not eliminate specific In-hand obstacles as specifically designed by Senior Judge. In-Hand by Rider choice for safety is allowed."

Motion 2026-12 Rider Safety: Rider Declined for, or removed from, a ride for Safety Reasons. President Butcher motioned, Treasurer Thurlow seconded, "If a Ride Manager or Judge believes any Rider registered or participating in a ride to be a safety concern, the Rider will be declined prior to ride or will be asked to leave the ride. In any case, Emergency Contact for that Rider will be contacted immediately and advised of the situation. The rider fees will be

refunded using same method Rider used at registration. This policy is effective immediately and shall be made part of the TTCC Rules for 2027."

Motion 2026-13 New Printer Purchase for Ride Secretaries. Passed, 5-0, President Butcher motioned, Treasurer Thurlow seconded. "A new Brother Printer, HL-L2460DW, and one refill will be purchased at best available price in reasonable time with budget not to exceed \$250. This printer will be sent to Ride Secretaries for field usage at rides. The Current Brother HL-L2325DW printer will be given to TTCC Board Secretary for general usage to support Board and Membership tasking."

Meeting adjourned at 9:47pm

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