

Off The Racquet

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From the President : Nick Cheesman

I am writing to all of you in the last issue of the Off The Racquet for 2007. It is incredible how quickly time passes when you are playing great polocrosse!

Highlights of 2007:

- * Tremendous growth on the East Coast - - watch out Central Zone!
- * Superb and very well attended National Tournament; including 22 players from Minnesota!
- * Presidential Scholarship created
- * Gulf Coast 4 Star named the Official Trailer Sponsor of the APA
- * Under 16 tour including a team from Australia
 - * Play on the mall in Washington D.C.
- * Under 21 tour to Ireland
- * US delegation to the World Cup in Australia
- * Election of Board Members
- * Clinics, tournaments and playdays galore

We have so much more in store for the general membership and would like to thank everyone who has volunteered so much of their time to growing the association. Please keep in mind that we do have elections coming up in December so we need to continue with the nominating process and then make sure that everyone contributes to ongoing success of the APA.

In the next issue of the Off The Racquet, we will be communicating with you as a new Board, additional members and possibly other large corporate donors. The APA has a number of channels of communication for anyone interested in volunteering or voicing their opinion. Polocrosse tournaments will be taking place across the United States throughout the winter months so don't put your horses away just yet.

Have a great fall season and remember to tell all of the equine enthusiasts that you know all about the American Polocrosse Association.

--Nick Cheesman

CLUBS: *Please read the sanctioning forms and tournament letters you receive. If you do not sanction (form and deposit in at the APA) 60 days before the event, your cap fees will be \$13 person instead of \$8 per person. This is to help with umpire travel and insurance arrangements. After your tournament, you have 3 days to email new member info to the Secretary so she can update the next tournament. If you do not send in your cap fees, new member forms, results and player list, in 14 days, you will forfeit the deposit. Thank you.*

ELECTION REMINDER

Current Senior APA members will be getting candidate information and ballots just after November 15th. If you are not a current Senior member (over 18) and wish to vote, you must rejoin the APA. Contact Laura Humphreys at lhumphreys@americanpolocrosse.org.

Ballots will be due in December. Follow the directions on the sheet as to where to send your ballot.

Board Positions Being Elected:

Vice President (held now by Edmund Schenecker)
Secretary to the Board (held now by Laura Humphreys)
Board of Directors (held by Richard Pugh)
Board of Directors (held by Betsy Lovelace)
Mountain Zone Representative (held now by Thea Cross)
Western Zone Representative (held now by Wayne Cooper)

MEMBERSHIP DUES

All membership ends December 31 of each year. In this OTR is a membership form for next year that you can use, or you can go online to pay your membership at www.americanpolocrosse.org



Tessa Rumel, Tina Hutcherson, Anna Whorton



Robby Shuttles, Prissy Rumel, Paul Johnson

Do you ever wonder
how these things get
started?
Here are APA members
at the Alamo/Pit Crew
Playday
just before Halloween

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In case you don't recognize them, they are the 3 Little Pigs and the Lion, Dorothy and the Tin Man...from the Wizard of Oz.

THE TRAVEL TO NATIONALS...Our Members Write In:

Florida Club Goes to 2007 APA Nationals in Pinehurst

Good Times Polocrosse Club sent 7 players, playing in 3 divisions, to Nationals in North Carolina. The drive was a short 8 hours (short by Florida standards, as we travel farther to all other tournaments except our own). We were so thrilled with the accommodations at Pinehurst. The facility's staff was friendly and helpful. The paddocks were clean and convenient, and the barns were even better. The fields were in good shape, and everything seemed to be very organized. We really appreciated the umpires and the umpire scheduling. The concessions were convenient, and the restaurant served an excellent breakfast as well. We really enjoyed ourselves.

My personal favorite games were the Masters and the Juniors. Jamie Zito and Vinnie Pas-

carella played with Amy Keith in Masters. I hope to see a lot more Masters games in the future. The spectators could sit in the tent at the side of the field, eat their lunch, and enjoy watching a fun game of polocrosse. That field side tent provided us with a shady place to relax, and made the hot weather much more tolerable.

Every tournament we attend offers a unique experience, but I can't imagine things being much easier than competing at Pinehurst. And once again, the polocrosse community astounds us with their friendly family atmosphere, warm hearts, and tough competition.

--Debbie Young, Goodtimes Polocrosse member

Bucks County Polocrosse Player -- Nationals First Timer...

Finally!!! It was 2:30 AM and the barn with the motorhome parked next to it was such a welcome sight. I had left PA at 10 AM, stopped to take a breather and pick up Jessi and her horse in MD. We left the DC area around 5 PM. Big mistake! Even taking back roads, we hit traffic and ended up about 100 miles out of our way. By the time we pulled into the racetrack grounds, I could barely keep my eyes open. My parents sleepily came out of the motorhome to welcome us. The horses were so happy to be unloaded, walked around by their grandparents and put in stalls. After giving them water and hay, we joined my parents in their motorhome for some well-deserved sleep, right next door to the horses.

Friday was a day to get us and horses settled: Change, Jess' horse, went to stay with Stef Freundlich's horses in the paddock; and Dutton, my horse, needed bedding, walking and riding. We started the day with a huge breakfast on the grounds and I got my first look at the extent of the property. So many barns, so many horses, so many people; it reminded me of Pony Club Nationals but this was not just for kids.

It was my first time competing at a National level. The thought was a little overwhelming. At breakfast the reality set in. I saw faces that I had met in Texas and North Carolina and faces that I didn't recognize but names I had read on the website and in emails. That night at dinner, I saw and met many more players. Everyone was so friendly

whether an old acquaintance, teammate or a new face. Even on the fields playing, I found the competition very tough but there were always handshakes, hugs and congratulations, whether you won or lost. I came off the field after a chukka on Sunday afternoon saying I needed spurs (my legs had just given out as had Dutton) when suddenly, from the crowd came a person to hold Dutton and another to put spurs on my boots. I hopped right back on with a leg up from that person, still not knowing who it was. We were the last team on the field but the whole group from Minnesota was waiting patiently on the sidelines, cheering for us, until I came off and could give them back their spurs.

Standing on the field at 7:30am Saturday morning with my team and my club, I was awed by the number of colors and players and horses all standing in a line, excited about what the next 2 days would bring. Watching A Grade on 1 field, B Grade on another, my daughter on the third while waiting to play was incredible. A Grade play was fast, scary and awe-inspiring. I've never seen anything like it in many years of watching polocrosse. My parents, who had driven from Delaware in their motorhome to watch Jess and I, were amazed at the speed and hard contact at A and B Grade. My dad commented on the ground shaking under his feet while standing next to the field with A Grade playing.

Continued...

Having my parents there was so much fun and such a big help. For the first time in her life, my mom mucked a stall while Dad walked Dutton. I was shopping under the tent for APA merchandise and they surprised me with a clean stall and happy horse when I came back. Mom had brought so much food that we fed my teammates, Jess' friends and my parents' friends who lived nearby. I tend not to eat much during the day when playing but certainly was happy to have some good food during some of my long breaks. The air-conditioning, flush toilet and hot shower were an added bonus and made the weekend so much more comfortable. For those that know me, I'm not one to enjoy roughing it, so I usually stay in hotels rather than tents but have been sleeping in the car on Friday nights of tournaments this year to save time and money. I have enjoyed waking up right

near Dutton. Nationals was the best of both; a comfy bed, a/c, shower, being right next door to my horse and good company, of course. Good company and the best of all worlds perfectly describe my first Nationals. It was an amazing experience.

—Cheri Brown

NATIONALS 2007

GAME BALLS FOR SALE

Only used one weekend. For \$15 they can be YOURS. (new ones cost at least \$25) Contact Laura

Humphreys: lhumphreys@americanpolocrosse.org

A Big Drive and a Big Time for Minnesota Extreme

Up here in Minnesota and Wisconsin, polocrosse is a very new thing. A few years back it didn't even exist, but we have quickly changed that. This year the 2007 Minnesota Extreme Team had quite a large group traveling to North Carolina for Nationals. We had a full C team, D team and two Junior teams that made the long haul to the south (about 23 hours). It wasn't an easy trip either. Our entire convoy (4 full horse trailers) sat on a highway in Kentucky for three and a half hours! Why you might ask? It was a car wreck. However, that did not stop our team. We waited it out, rushing water to our horses as much as we could. Then when there was nothing to do we took out our rackets, went to the side of the road, and played. Soon we were back on the road. It seemed like this was going to be the trip that never ended, but finally we arrived at Pinehurst.

Now we were ready to play! Everyone was so excited; some even had a hard time sleeping! Despite the intimidation of what was to come, our team worked hard and went down there to show everyone what Minnesota Extreme is all about. And we did just that. Our C Grade team won the buckle after winning all of their matches. But that's

not where it ends... our D Grade team did the same. We now had two teams that won Nationals in their division, but the Juniors still had their final match. In the end they ended up losing to Lone Star in overtime, but this was the game that impressed me the most. I saw such determination and drive in these young kids it was unreal. Our whole team was there to cheer them on and hope for the best. They were, as we expected, simply amazing. But let's not forget our second Junior team. These are Juniors with some of the best sportsmanship I've ever seen (at any age). They always had a smile on their face and were ready to go. In the end Minnesota walked away with 2 division champions, 1 second place team, C Grade Best Horse, C Grade Best #3, D Grade Best Horse, D Grade Best #2, and Junior Best #1.

I can speak for everyone when I say that Minnesota gave it all we had and got rewarded for all their hard work. Everyone had so much fun and when it was time to leave most of us didn't want to. So in the future keep an eye out for the players of the Minnesota Extreme Team!

--Paige Marek

APA MEMBERS: TAKE NOTE! The Presidential Tournaments are coming...you have two great weekends ahead of you to plan for. Many great plans are in the works for a FUN time...raising funds for a really good cause: a scholarship (or two!) are in the works. Your clubs have recently been sent reminders on this program with all the criteria. **THE DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS IS NOVEMBER 8**, and there is no age limit. **TOURNAMENTS: November 17-18 and December 8-9**; both at The Horse Lot in New Waverly, Texas. Come on down!

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AWARDS AT NATIONALS...Recipients Write About Their Meaning

Best Umpire Award 2007

Greetings A.P.A members,
Having recently been awarded the Umpire of the Year award I wanted to take the chance to thank everyone for helping me achieve this. I started taking umpiring seriously back in my home country of New Zealand prior to making my move to the States. Unbeknownst to me, the mentoring system had already kicked in. In N.Z it was Mr. Jack Christian and then upon arriving in the U.S.A. I was very lucky to be introduced to Mr. Jim Hendricks Sr. Both these gentleman showed me that consistent umpiring is a responsibility, one that will help further our game. The A.P.A. has an umpiring system in place which is a credit to those who have worked on it over the years.

I was lucky enough to be able to represent

you all as the American Umpire at this years World Cup. For those of you who are not aware, our umpiring of the game is some of the best in the world, so the pressure was on. The American Umpire did get to Umpire the final, so I say, everyone keep up the good work. It was a great experience and I recommend it as a goal: to see the World Cup up close and personal.

It has been suggested by a few that I am an intense polocrosse enthusiast, so be it; you all have helped create a monster. My love of this game, the people you get to hang with and then being recognized by your peers will be special to me in years to come...THANK YOU...

--See you on the field,
Greg Russell

First-Time U21 Best Rider 2007

The first thing I would like to do in writing about this award is thank my mom. She helped me push through times that otherwise I might have quit polocrosse all together. She has been like a rock for me to lean against when I needed her and nothing I could ever do would be enough to thank her for all she has done for me.

I was very honored to be the first to receive this award because polocrosse is all about the connection between horse and rider. In my opinion, racquet skills and knowledge of the game come second. For if you can not effectively maneuver your horse into the spots you need, all the racquet skills in the world won't help you. The ability to train and play a horse takes a great amount of talent and until this award, there was little award-wise to praise this ability.

I am honored to have been considered the

best U21 rider of this year especially when the U21 bracket holds such a broad range of talent. I hope this award will continue and be an incentive to other U21's to become horse trainers and good riders as much as good polocrosse players. The horse is 90% percent of the game and the ability to control the horse effectively is 8%. The rest are skills; and any person with hand-eye coordination can pick that up.

This award means a lot to me because it highlights one of the advantages some of us who work hard to train their horses to become A Grade level instead of riding made horses. I hope this award continues to bring to light the horsemanship side of polocrosse and that U21's continue to strive to improve their riding abilities.

--Andrew Diemer



Andrew Diemer
of North Carolina
with the first time
Best U21 Rider Award

An Interview With The Q: Best Playing Junior 2007

Quentin Jameson has been around the sport since he was 2 years old. He first started umpiring when he was 4 and was in the back of the pickup truck (we didn't have a playpen). He used to shout, "Chukka!" in the middle of our play then when we all stopped playing, he would ask for a cookie. He really decided that he wanted to play polocrosse about 2 years ago after hearing for years that his sister was the real rider. He decided that he would become a player and he did. Since then, he went over to Australia with the Under 16 team in 2006. He was then elected Captain of the Under 16 squad that hosted New South Wales this past summer. His polocrosse play is treated as a required athletic credit at his school, St. Andrews Episcopal where he is a high school junior. Quentin is looking at colleges all over Texas, the US and is still dreaming of attending the University of New South Wales. He wants to continue to play polocrosse while he is in college – distance and parents permitting. –AK (Amy Keith, his mom)

AK: Were you surprised to get the Shelly Shearer Best Playing Junior Award?

QJ: Yes.

AK: Why?

QJ: There are so many good juniors that it never occurred to me that I would be selected. And Sam (Pohl) wins everything.

AK: What is special for you about winning this award?

QJ: Well, the vote of confidence by the prior winners felt good. But to be included with prior winners like Kyle Young, Ryan Trueblood, Heather Shuttles, Jake Henderson and Amos Underwood is pretty good too.

AK: What has made the most difference in your game over the last year?

QJ: Riding different horses. And my coaches: Cat Pickens, Kiki Pantaze, Alvin True and Dave Brooks. I've learned a lot from them. And my team made it happen; so thanks to Sam Pohl, Andrew Diemer, Caroline Gardiner, Grady Douglass and Robert Pohl.

AK: What did your mom say when you won?

QJ: That you were very proud of me.



Q: Best Playing Junior

Best #1 in D Grade

I was surprised to receive the best #1 in D grade. I felt our team played well together with all of us contributing equally. I was excited to be playing at nationals and winning this award was the icing on the cake.

--Michael Strider

Many Awards for Tessa Rumel in 2007 Nationals

At the 2007 Nationals in North Carolina, Lacey Carter, Tallie Thompson and I won 1st place in the Junior Division. I had a great time playing on the team. Winning "Best #3" was very exciting! I had been working very hard at practice and so had my horse, Bandera. She was awarded "Best Conditioned Horse" and I am very proud of her. It was challenging but it was a lot of fun playing against all of the other teams. I'm looking forward to playing at the next Nationals!

--Tessa Rumel

CLUB NEWS AND TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Warwick Valley Polocrosse 20th Anniversary Tournament

Yes, folks, there is polocrosse up north in the great state of New York! And on September 22/23, a major event was celebrated there – the 20th Anniversary Tournament of the Warwick Valley Polocrosse Club was held in Warwick, NY. The WVPC Tournament has held THE LONGEST CONSECUTIVELY RUN TOURNAMENT in the USA. It all began with a small demonstration match spearheaded by Shayne and Simon Hayson and evolved into the long standing club that now exists.

With only a few members in the club, putting on a tournament is a major undertaking. Everyone chipped in to make the weekend a terrifically

fun time. Participation was smaller than usual – but that only enabled more flexibility in the schedule; no one could say they didn't get enough playing time. We were able to complete all competition matches on Saturday with each team playing 6 chukkas. This provided time on Sunday for a fun Scramble Match – everyone was able to play with players of differing skills and talent. In addition, the F Grade players even got to play (F standing for Fun) – this included people who not only had never played polocrosse before, but also some who had never ever ridden a horse before. The barbeque dinner was fantastic, the company was terrific and the relaxed atmosphere made this tournament truly enjoyable. So...don't forget us in New York! For 2008 we will be back on the schedule in July so plan on coming up north to join us.

Central Zone Regionals Results (September 22-23, 2007)

A-Division:

1st Place: Lone Star 1 (Daniel Johnson, Robby Shuttles, Susan Johnson)

2nd Place: Lone Star 2 (Dori Wiseman, Billy Shuttles, Kiki Pantaze)

Best Player/Horse combination: Dori Wiseman/Ice Man

Most Improved Player: Dori Wiseman

B-Division:

1st Place: North Texas (Thunder Johnson, Wanda Banet, Audrey Schmidt)

2nd Place: Conroe B1 (Kerstie Allen, Larry Jowers, Nick Cheesman)

Best Player/Horse combination: Thunder Johnson/Pistol

Most Improved Player: Kerstie Allen

C-Division:

1st Place: Conroe Country (Kayla Lockart, Theresa Rawls, Travis Rawls)

2nd Place: North Texas C1 (Danielle King, Salim Nice, Bryan King)

Best Player/Horse combination: Travis Rawls/Dually

Most Improved Player: Bryan King

Jr. Division:

1st Place: Pitfork (Olivia Uechtritz, Holt Hutcherson)

2nd Place: Conroe (Lawrence Frattalone, Garrett Frattalone, Sophie Cheesman)

Best Player/Horse combination: Holt Hutcherson/Shirley

Most Improved Player: Holt Hutcherson

Central Zone Awards 2007:

Best Adult Sportsman: Susan Johnson

Best Junior Sportsman: Blanche Strunk

Horse Hall of Fame: Steele Rose (Renee Thompson), H-Ben (Nick Cheesman)

Mountain Zone Regionals Results (September 29-30, 2007)

A GRADE

1st: Habaneros - Willy Van Sumeren, Jim Byrd, Sam Burrows
2nd: Rocky Mountain - Britt Lovelace, Jess Lovelace, Jerry Grim
3rd: Durango - Wendy Hendricks, Ashley Masters, Krii Hendricks, Casey Brown
Best Horse: Bundy (Jessica Lovelace)
Best Player: Jessica Lovelace

B GRADE:

1st: Kokopelli Blue - Paul Repenning, Sandie Noyes, Dale Hopwood
2nd: Kokopelli White - Tony Svaldi, Jeff Wagner, Missy Svaldi
3rd: Habanero Mixed - Casey Brown, Zach Levy, Alison Peticolas
Best Horse: Jake (Tony Svaldi)
Best Player: Paul Repenning

C Grade:

1st: Buena Vista - Bobby Lewis, Natalie Lewis, Jessica Lewis
2nd: Abajo - Kendra Veit, Hugh Veit, Austin Algrhim
3rd: Abajo - Gregg Veit, Silver Laursen, Hunter Veit
Best Horse: Rose (Hunter Veit)
Best Player: Jessica Lewis

Bay Area 2nd Polocrosse Civil War Results (October 6-7,2007)

A GRADE

1st: Orange County – Sarah Ferebee, Rahul Desai, David Brooks
2nd: Lone Warbucks– Stefanie Freundlich, Robby Shuttles, Carrie Hallahan
3rd: Carolina – Sarah Ferebee, Taylor Smith, Sara Cifelli
4th: Bay Area – Dori Wiseman, Caroline Gardiner, Renee Thompson
Best Horse: Heggie
Best Female: Renee Thompson
Best Male: David Brooks

B GRADE

1st: Good Times – Rahul Desai, Jamie Zito, Deb Young
2nd: Bay Area – Nick Balogh, Shannon Molsky, Victoria Prince
3rd: Buckstone – Boggs Shoemaker, Sara Cifelli, John Ryan
4th: Orange Crush – Stef Freundlich, Jess Brown, Lauren Ellis
Best Horse: Tyson
Best Female: Lauren Ellis
Best Male: John Ryan

C GRADE

1st: Carolina Bay – Julia Hickok, Dawn Pugh, Richard Pugh
2nd: Buckstone – Cheri Brown, Andrea Light, Jess Brow
3rd: Timber Ridge – Boggs Shoemaker, Matthew Shoemaker, Brian Shoemaker
4th: Warwick – Diane Sudol, Gary Gittleson, Patti Cifelli
5th: Bay Area – Mike Strider, Michael Strider, Angela Campbell
Best Horse: Maggie
Best Female Player: Julia Hickok
Best Male Player: Michael Strider

D GRADE: Continued next page

D Grade Results, Bay Area Civil War *continued*

1st: Bay Area Happy Feet–David Lynn, Ashtyn Lake, Erin Bottner
2nd: Bay Area Barnacles– Nicole Vandenbossche, Evan Vallee, Charlie Vandenbossche
3rd: Bay Area Girls with Goals – Avery Thompson, Emma Bellet, Sara Ritter
4th: Bucks County – Heidi Stroh, Haley Stroh, Tallie Thompson
5th: Bay Area Two Paints and a Buck – Audra Campbell, Paige Vallee, Rachel Vandenbossche
Best Horse: Shooter
Best Female Player: Nicole Vandenbossche
Best Male Player: David Lynn

APA TOURNAMENTS 2007 and 2008

November 10-11, 2007

S - Tennessee Valley Polocrosse Tournament • Harvest Farms, Harvest, Alabama

Marianne Kearns • (256) 653-0245 • tennesseevalleypolocrosse@yahoo.com •

Comments: All players welcome. Wonderful grounds, great fields. Pets on leashes welcome. Hot showers available, and, if you book early enough we even have a few comfy beds available at no extra charge.

November 17-18, 2007

S - Presidential Scholarship Tournament Series • The Horse Lot, New Waverly, Texas

Nick Cheesman • (832) 693-5094 • nick@thehorselot.com

Comments: All proceeds will go toward the Presidential Scholarship Fund. Come out and support the APA through fun and learning!

December 8-9, 2007

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February 22, 2008

E - Exhibition Polo vs Polocrosse • The Villages Polo Club, The Villages, Florida

Janis Pascarella • (352) 516-0283 • vjpent@quixnet.net

Comments: Polo players vs the master polocrosse players playing polo two chukkas then playing polocrosse two chukkas...who will prevail?

February 23-24, 2008

S - 3rd Annual Winter Classic Polocrosse Tournament with International Masters • The Villages Polo Club, The Villages, Florida

Janis Pascarella • (352) 516-0283 • vjpent@quixnet.net • [Entry Form](#)

Comments: The tournament will include all levels including a junior division as well as a walk trot division. The international masters will include three levels of play to accommodate all our Masters.

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Player _____ Non-player _____ Email Address: _____

Family Membership:(list spouse and/or children 17 and under with Birth Date) _____

All memberships end on December 31st of each year; renewals are due on January 1st. After January 31st, there will be a 20% penalty late fee for renewing members. This is to encourage early membership renewal and help the administrative process. New memberships are pro-rated after October 1st to \$22.50 for Family; \$15.00 for Senior; \$7.50 for Junior.

<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal (late fee after Jan 31 st)	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member (no late fee)	<input type="checkbox"/> Are you a Pony Club or 4-H Member?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	(child 18 yrs. not included)...	\$90.00	Yearly fees... <u>after January 31st renewal is \$108.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	(18 yrs. and older).....	\$60.00	Yearly fees... <u>after January 31st renewal is \$72.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior	(17 yrs. and under).....	\$30.00	Yearly fees... <u>after January 31st, renewal is \$36.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate	(newsletter only).....	\$30.00	Yearly charge
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(General Fund, Player Development Program, Coaching, Umpiring, Nationals)

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I, as a member, agree to abide by the By-Laws and all Rules and Regulations, of the American Polocrosse Association.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

The undersigned states the following: I acknowledge that the game of Polocrosse involves inherent risks of personal injury to me personally, my horse, and damages to equipment and property. Knowing and understanding this, I still desire to participate in and attend APA sanctioned events.

In consideration for my participation in and attendance to these events. I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and assigns, discharge and hold harmless; The American Polocrosse Association, the APA Club, its officers, directors, members and agents, and all other persons or organizations in any way connected with this event including, but not limited to properties, their owners and operators, their officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, heirs, administrators and assigns, from any and all rights, claims or liability for damages from any and all claims of any kind of nature, that might arise out of my participation in any activity in any way connected with this event or taking place upon the grounds.

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I hereby certify that I am covered by medical, health and accident insurance and/or I am responsible for any costs I may incur for my own medical injuries.

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Signature _____ Date _____

Send To Our Texas Address:

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