



30th Anniversary

High Desert Classic Endurance Ride

This is a very special running of the High Desert Classic and will be held on May 18, 2019! The Ride camp will be located in Stillwater, Nevada, 24 miles northeast of Fallon, Nevada, as usual. What makes this special is that this ride has been going on for at least 30 years. Doris Anderson managed it in the 1980's. When I started managing it, it was a Doris Anderson Memorial Ride. I believe that she would be happy to know that it is still being held annually. We have pictures of riders from those earlier years that will be worth viewing at the ride. Though the fashion has changed somewhat, the trail really has not and it is still a beautiful, remote trail. The above buckle was one of the original ones awarded. This year we will be having a 30th Anniversary buckle that riders can purchase after the ride from Custom Belt buckle in Reno, Nevada. We will have examples at the ride.

A fifty mile ride and a limited distance 30 mile ride will start from the base of the Stillwater Mountain Range, skirt across the playa and climb into the high terrain of the southern Stillwater mountains. The trail contains scenic canyon climbs, desert washes, natural springs and windmills/stock tanks. Like any Nevada ride, there are rocky sections for which one should slow down or accommodate the horses footing appropriately. The trail runs through the historic ruins of La Plata, an early county seat of Churchill County and takes in beautiful views of the Lahontan Valley.

Ride start time: 7 am (Fifty) / 7:30 am (Thirty)

Veterinarians Dr. Susan McCartney, D.V.M.
Dr. Walt Mandeville, D.V.M.

For information, contact me via text or email the highdesertrides@hotmail.com address.

Ride Manager	Nancy Upham	Ride Secretary	TBD
	3618 Bottom Road		Please send entries to
	Fallon, Nevada 89406		Nancy Upham
	(775) 224-6565 (cell)		
	(775) 428-2829 (fax)		

Please send all entries to Nancy at her home address and send your contact information (cell phone and email) to the highdesertrides@hotmail.com. That way I can make sure that I have received entries for all who touch base with me on the highdesertrides@hotmail.com. If we have someone assist with the Ride secretary, this is just a way to double check entries. We need to make sure that we can contact you by either cell phone or email the week prior if there are any changes due to weather. If you have any questions about the trail, email me at either address below or text me on my cell phone and I will text or call you back.

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DIRECTIONS: Traveling from Reno, take interstate 80 to Fernley and then Hwy 50 (second exit) to Fallon or from Carson, take Hwy 50 into Fallon. The turnoff to base camp (Stillwater Road) is five miles east of Fallon, still on Highway 50. A sign for the Stillwater Wildlife Refuge indicates a left turn onto Stillwater Road. Follow this main road (Stillwater Road) 18 miles northeast as it makes some 90 degree turns, eventually becoming a good dirt road 16-17 miles out. The base camp will be located just off this dirt road 1 mile past the cattle grate and just beyond the turnoff to Mountain Well Road. The camping area is an alkali flat with plenty of space and Management will bring horse water. If there are significant rain storms the week before, the camp may need to be slightly relocated. Please call if there are any questions. Please put your email address on your entry. The camp will be available for use Friday the 17th of May through Sunday the 19th of May, 2019.

Services are available in Fallon or the last place is Harmon Junction, which is at the turnoff from Hwy. 50 on to Stillwater Road. Again, water will be available but limited at base camp. Camping prior to the weekend is available at the Fallon Fairgrounds. Call for details.

The trail is a loop configuration. Lunch on Saturday will be at Mountain Well (15 and 35 miles into the ride respectively). The vet check is crew accessible but is limited in parking. The finish will be back at base camp. The fifty mile race will have a vet check and hold at 15 miles and then continue on a twenty mile high terrain loop back into the vet check again for lunch. The thirty mile ride ascends to Mountain Well (15 miles) and then returns down a different trail. The fifties also return to camp on this different trail. Awards for the fifty miler will be given for weight divisions, fastest time and best condition. A "Horse of Excellence" (best condition) will be given for the thirty miler. A pasta dinner will be available for \$5 on Friday evening. Please plan to bring whatever lunch or crewing needs that will be taken to the vet check on Saturday during the ride.

The High Desert Classic Ride

Saturday May 18, 2019

Rider: _____ Age _____ AERC # _____
Address/City / State / _____ Zip _____
Phone # _____ Email _____
Weight Division _____

Name of Horse _____ AERC # _____
Breed _____ Registration _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Color _____
Owner _____ Address _____

Junior Rider (under16) birth date _____

Name of sponsor _____ Relationship _____

Entry fees

30 miler	\$90	_____	Rider / Horse number _____
30 miler Junior	\$65	_____	Check number / Cash _____
50 miler	\$105	_____	Check applicable fees and total _____
50 miler Junior	\$75	_____	
Late application	\$15	_____ (After Tues May 14, 2019)	
Non-AERC fee	\$15	_____	
Friday dinner	\$5	_____	
Extra dinners	\$10	_____ (Saturday evenings)	
Entry into the Nevada Silver Rush Series competition	\$20	_____	

This is also part of the Nevada Silver Rush series. If you have ridden the Rides of March and intend to ride the Red Rock Rumble (same horse / rider) in October, please consider entering in the Series award arrangement. See attached.

Each entry includes one Saturday dinner. Additional meals may be purchased for \$10. A total refund will be given if the Manager or Secretary is notified of veterinary concerns on or before Tuesday May 14, 2019. A \$10 administrative fee will be charged after that point and the refund will be sent out after the ride. A 20% fee will be assessed for "no-show" riders. Please make checks out to Nancy Upham. Checks will be cashed after the ride.

Release, Waiver and Assumption of Risk

I wish to participate in the High Desert Classic 30 / 50 mile endurance ride. I have read the rules, conditions and regulations and agree to comply with them. I am aware that this endurance course covers difficult terrain and on trails where the footing for horses may be unsure. I further acknowledge that competitive or endurance horse riding over considerable distances contains inherent risks of injury and damage to me personally, to my horse, and my equipment. Knowing these facts, I, nevertheless in consideration of your accepting this entry, do hereby for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release the above named rider or their representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns from any and all right, claim or liability for damages, or for any and all injuries that may be sustained by me, including injuries to animals, or from any and all claims of any kind or nature that I might have. Further, I do hereby acknowledge that said release will extend to any accidents, damages, or claims arising out of my entry, caused by my own acts or anyone or any animals within my control.

I do acknowledge that I read the foregoing paragraphs and know and understand the contents thereof.

Signature _____ Date _____

Minors must have the following liability signed by the parents/guardian if under the age of 18.

We, the undersigned parents or guardians of the above child for and in consideration of our child's participation in the above Ride, do hereby release all persons charged with official capacity in the execution of such Ride, from all claims, demands, suits or liabilities which otherwise arise by virtue of injury to or occasioned by our child or any horse under such child's direction or control. We do further authorize any officer, manager, director or supervisory personnel of the above named Ride, to consent on our behalf, to any emergency medical treatment by a properly licensed person, which may be required for our child, and do agree to indemnify, and hold harmless, anyone giving such consent. I declare, under penalty, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Parent / Guardian signature _____ Date _____

Ride Rules

1. The High Desert Ride is open to all persons. Senior riders are persons over 16 years of age by December 1, of the competition year.
2. A Junior rider is under the age of 16 as of December 1, of the competition year. All Junior riders must agree to be accompanied by a Senior ride sponsor, who is 21 or over. The sponsor must agree to remain with the Junior throughout the ride. If the sponsor is eliminated during the ride, the Junior may continue with another willing sponsor upon notification to ride officials. All Juniors are required to wear helmets.
3. There shall be no unauthorized horses on the trail.
4. Horses must be at least 60 months of age.
5. Horses must be shod or have some form of hoof protection.
6. Each horse must cross the finish line within 12 hours elapsed time to qualify for awards.
7. Ride veterinarians' opinions will be final on all matters concerning the horse.
8. All horses shall be presented to the veterinarians for a pre-ride inspection and at all designated times prior to each days ride.
9. The same horse / rider must pass all control points and stay on the marked trail to qualify for any awards.
10. Abuse of the horse and use of stimulants and/or painkillers are prohibited.
11. All horses shall be subject to blood draw or urine tests.
12. Harassment and/or unsportsmanlike behavior toward ride volunteers, other riders or veterinarians may constitute cause for dismissal from the ride.
13. Ride officials decisions are final.
14. Violation of any of these rules shall be grounds for disqualification of horse and rider from this ride.
15. NOTE: All non-AERC members must pay an additional \$10 to the entry fee. You must show proof that you are an AERC member at the time of sign up. Please remember to bring your AERC card to the ride otherwise we must charge you the additional \$10.

This ride is sanctioned by the AERC and agrees to follow any and all rules required for sanctioning a ride.

NEVADA SILVER RUSH

CATCH SILVER FEVER THIS YEAR IN NEVADA! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO GET THE MOTHERLOAD IS COMPLETE RIDES OF MARCH 50 MILE IN MARCH, HIGH DESERT 30TH ANNIVERSARY 50 MILE IN MAY AND RED ROCK RUMBLE 50 MILE IN OCTOBER. SAME HORSE, SAME RIDER SEEK THEIR FORTUNE BY COMPLETING ALL THREE 50 MILE RIDES. EVERYONE WHO COMPLETES THE SERIES WILL BE AWARDED A SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD. JOIN US IN CELEBRATING ALL NEVADA HAS TO OFFER.

ENTRY IS EASY AND CAN BE DONE WHEN YOU ENTER EACH RIDE. ENTRY FEES INCREASE THE LONGER YOU WAIT SO ENTER EARLY.

FEE SCHEDULE:

RIDES OF MARCH 50 MILE (MARCH)	\$15.00
HIGH DESERT 30 TH ANNIVERSARY 50 MILE (MAY)	\$20.00
RED ROCK RUMBLE 50 MILE (OCTOBER)	\$25.00



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