

Final Pre-Championship Notes

by Mary Ann Buxton

Dear Ride & Tie Family,
 On the long weekend of May 20-24, Mary Tiscornia, Steve Shaw and I traveled up to Klamath Falls to look at the course Cam Curtiss and Ron Kelly are proposing for the 1999 Easyboot Ride & Tie Championship Race. We were struck by how beautiful it is! The campsite was covered with snow when we were there last November, and it has only just warmed up. The first view you get of the site is from the top of the hill, and you see a vast green meadow with a stream and some irrigation ditches, and snowcovered peaks in the background. On the way up we passed Klamath Lake with its varied birdlife, including white pelicans, egrets, Canadian geese, yellow headed blackbirds, cinnamon teal, and sandhill cranes.

The campsite itself has lots of trees for shade and water is running well right now. Because of the late spring, there will likely be mosquitos, and Cam says he sprays regularly every Wednesday (with Malathion) to keep them at bay. If you're sensitive, you'll want to be out of camp around 5:00 pm, when the regular spraying takes place. He'll also spray on Friday - time to be posted. We are asking for chips to be scattered on the road through camp to try and keep down on the dust. You can help by driving slowly.

The course at this time is very fast,

rather flat and mostly on old logging roads. The start of the race will be exciting for spectators and participants as well. Make sure you pre-ride the starting meadow as there are some irrigation ditches you'll want to know well before galloping over them! The views – especially on the first loop – are spectacular! One stretch has Aspen lake in the foreground and snow covered Mt. Shasta in the background. There are plenty of trees for ties. We've had to alter the course already because a bald eagle has nested along the proposed route. We have asked for more hills and trails. We'll see the changes when we go back the first week in July.

The surface is primarily graded, but there are sections with ground-up lava rock that can be sharp on horses' feet. During the clinic, one rider's mount had a bad bruise. Mary Tiscornia suggests using Easyboots.

Annette Parsons and her husband Jim Clover joined us to "GIS" the course. Annette had her high tech equipment with her and will provide a very accurate map, for which we're very grateful.

The R & T clinic on the 22nd went stunningly well. Twenty-two people came from near and far to hear Mary Tiscornia and Steve Shaw reveal their winning strategies and training tips. From the great questions asked, it was a group of "quickstarts" and they'll all be leading

their own clinics in no time at all! Our local organizing crew headed by Tim Kerns even thought to provide us with a Port-a-potty!

Tim's doing a great job of getting local cooperation. Jan Kelley, our volunteer coordinator, was there to report on all the local people that are excited about helping us out. Cam and Jennie Curtiss, owners of Rock Creek Ranch could not have been more hospitable, and we're looking forward to hearing their band "Outta Nowhere" both Wednesday for the "surprise" and Saturday at the banquet. We had fun meeting the Shriner's Muleteer Desert Patrol, who will be providing the food for the BBQ. They are going out of their way to cook up a delicious, yet nutritious meal! They'll add lots of local color as well! Most of them were hiking, riding, hunting and fishing in these back woods way back when. Ask them to tell you their stories!

There are two entries to the race site – depending which way you're coming on 140 W. Make sure you don't turn left at the bottom of the hill opposite Rock Creek Ranch. You are likely to be rear-ended! Oregon Department of Transportation has asked Cam to open up the EAST entrance at the top of the hill, where there are 4 lanes, and people aren't traveling so fast. SO if you're traveling northwest from Klamath Falls, turn left

continued on page 5

INSIDE:

- | | | |
|---|--|---------------------------|
| 2- President's Message, by Mary Tiscornia | 4 - Schedule of Championship Week Activities | 9 - Recent Results |
| 3- Notes From the Championship Director | 7 - A Note from the Head Veterinarian | 10 - Big Creek Ride & Tie |
| | 7 - Point Standings | 11 - Race Schedule |

President's Message

by Mary Tiscornia

Hello, everyone.

Steve Shaw, Maryann Buxton and I went to the race site in Klamath Falls to conduct a local clinic, review the trail, and pull some things together, so I thought I'd give a report.

It took us about 6+ hours from the Bay Area with a horse trailer. There was no check at the border into Oregon but they may spot check, so have your Coggins and health certificate just to be safe.

The clinic went well with about 10 teams and the word is that we should have more than our usual number of Oregonians. Sherode Powers dropped by with a horse for Steve. It was great to see him.

The trail is on property belonging to Cam Curtis and U.S. Timberlands (a private logging company). It will be 40 miles long, fast, and relatively flat. There will be three loops, all starting and ending in camp. The footing is generally good with a few rocky sections. I would recommend Easyboots because of the faster pace, especially if you plan to be a front runner. Steve and I are working with Cam and Ron to put in more off-trail sections and some steeper pitches. I think, however, you will all find the trail quite nice. There are some great views and some lovely galloping sections.

The start is in a large beautiful meadow about a mile long and half that wide. The footing is terrific with no holes but, it does have an irrigation ditch running across it. It may have some water in it and, while not deep or wide, will come up quickly. If you have the chance, you might practice galloping over a ditch or two. There is plenty of room to spread out but, as everyone knows, the start is usually less than calm and we do funnel down to a road about 3/4 of a mile out so I would suggest that if you can come early and accustom yourself and your horse to the start.

The camping is very nice. Lots of flat with plenty of trees and water for the horses. The weather will probably be warm and could be hot; however, my recollection of the Sun River race was 110 degrees all week and rain and hail the day of the race, so come prepared for anything.

Maryann, Tim Kerns, Ron Kelly, Cam Curtis, Jan and all her volunteers are doing a great job and we should have a great race. Get your entries in early. Until then happy trails and training.

Mary Tiscornia

Phone (415) 868-0771; Fax (415) 868-2563

E-mail escalles@pacbell.net

YOUR NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD!

If you have become a new member or renewed your membership since the previous newsletter your membership card would be attached

HERE.

We want to make your 1999 race season as carefree and rewarding as we possibly can. Help us help you. Renew!

THE RIDE & TIE ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Nancy Kerns

ASSOCIATION BOARD:

Dave Andreotti
Lon Clearwater & Leah Mirsch
Robin Klaus
Ellen McCrary
Jon Osterweis
Jon Root
Steve Shaw
Dr. Jim Steere
Mary Tiscornia

FOUNDING MEMBERS:

Lon Clearwaters & Leah Mirsch	Kirsten Petersen
Bradley & Clark Davis	Steve Shaw
Warren Hellman	Jim & D'Ann Steere
Wayne & Robin Hinrichs	Levi Strauss & Co.
Mike & Cynthia Jespen	Mary Tiscornia
Aileen Johnson	Ralph & Peggy Wadsworth
Lud & Barbara McCrary	Bud & Fran Johns
John Osterweis	Eric Thompson
	Lars Thompson
	Brian Zuniga

LIFETIME MEMBERS:

Chris, Linda & Steven Anderson	Mo, Nori, & Whitney Livermore
Nancy Beacon	Lani Newcomb, DVM
Lee Betak	Barbara Osterweis
Don Betts	Anita Parra
Vern & Marge Biehl	Calvin Paulette
Kathy Broadus, DVM	Brian Purcell & Jan Kahdeman
Pat & Nita Browning	Chet Relyea
Jaret & Ruthanne Conklin Owen	Mark Richtman
Jack Garnett	Curt Riffle
Guy Goddard	Emmett Ross
Byron Grant	Tom Rotkis
Lew, Hanne, & Lewis III Hollander	Ted & Joan Ruprecht
Tom Highland	Lari Shea
Carl Hill	Marcia Smith
Tom Johnson	Godfrey & Suzanne Sullivan
Peter & Martha Klopfer	Judy Teichman
Kent McLaren	Kathy Thompson
Skip Lightfoot	

The Ride & Tie News is published by
The Ride & Tie Association
PO Box 697, Foresthill, CA 95631
(530) 367-2525
www.rideandtie.org

1999 EasyBoot Ride & Tie Championship

Entry Forms: Enclosed is an entry form. Remember to send it by June 15 for the early entry price. If you do not send it by June 15, bring it with you to the race site, as Leah, our faithful and hardworking Treasurer will not be at her home, she will be at camp! If she does not receive it before she leaves, you will need to pay the full entry fee!

Site information

The camp is in a beautiful meadow on the site of Tomahawk, an old ghost town. There is plenty of water for horses in the creek, and Mt. Shasta Spring Water Company is generously donating some drinking water. Bring your solar showers, however.

As Cam Curtiss says, "Cattle and dogs don't mix." We encourage you to leave your dogs at home. If you must bring your dogs, they must be on a leash at all times!

The race will start and finish at the campsite, and the vet checks will be at the campsite, making it a good race location for spectators and logistics easier for crewmembers.

Course maps will be distributed with your race packet at the race site.

Mosquito Spraying

There will be mosquito spraying in camp Wednesday, July 5 in the afternoon, and again, Friday, July 9, around 5:00 PM. If you are sensitive to Malathion, please plan to be out of camp at that time.

Coggins and Health Certificate

Because you are going out of state, you need to bring these with you.

Directions to Race Site

Please note: There are two entrances to the camp. Do not turn left onto the West entrance to the camp at the bottom of the long hill!

From Redding/San Francisco

Take I-5 north to Weed and exit to Hwy. 97 north, continuing to Klamath Falls. As you approach Klamath Falls, take the Hwy 140/66 exit toward Ashland/Medford. At the stop sign, turn left and

cross under the overpass.

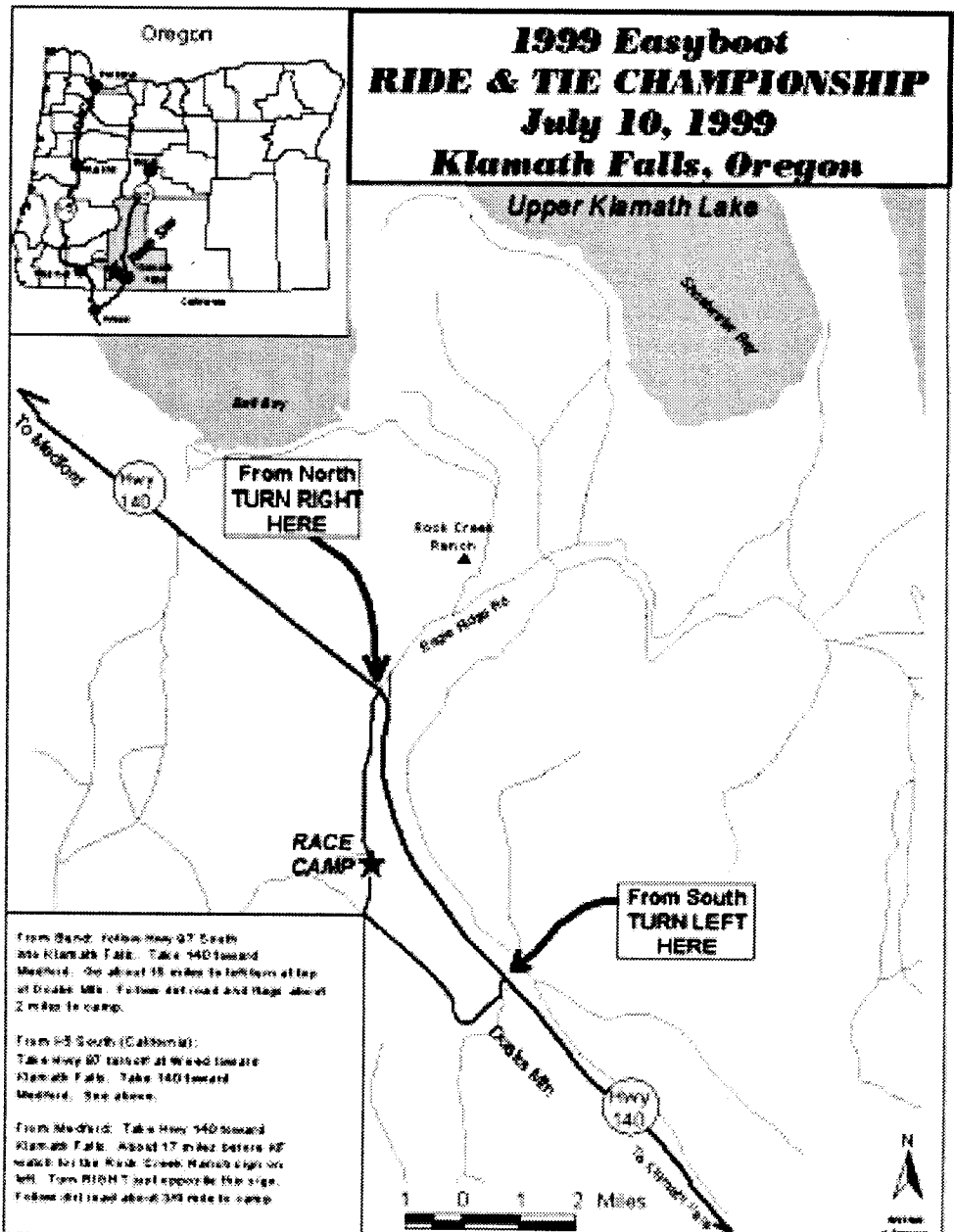
Drive approximately 50 yards and turn right to continue on Hwy. 140 west toward Lake of the Woods/Fish Lake/Medford. The Running Y Resort will be on your right at 7.2 miles. Continue on for approximately 10 miles. At the top of the hill, is the EAST entrance to camp. In the short section where there are four lanes, there will be a dirt road on your left. Turn left carefully, as there is a lot of traffic on this road. Follow the signs on the dirt road for about two miles to camp. If you miss this entrance, please do not

turn left onto the WEST entrance, as it is at the bottom of a long hill and hard for people behind you to stop. Instead, turn right just before Rock Creek Ranch, onto Eagle Ridge Road. Loop around so that you come out at the Ranch entrance, then cross the road when it's safe.

From Bend

Take Hwy. 97 south 140 miles to Klamath Falls. As you approach Klamath Falls, watch for the exit to continue toward Weed/San Francisco. Continue on

continued on next page



continued from previous page

Hwy 97 for 2.5 miles to the Hwy 140/66 exit towards Ashland/ Medford. At the stop sign, turn right. See the italicized directions above.

From Portland/Eugene

Take I-5 south through Eugene and exit to Hwy. 58 east toward Oakridge. Drive 90 miles to the junction with Hwy. 97 south. See the directions from Bend, adding the underlined directions above.

From Medford/Grants Pass

Exit I-5 onto Hwy 62 to White City. At White City, turn right onto Hwy 140 east and continue about 50 miles. Turn right at the WEST entrance at the bottom of the hill, opposite the sign to Rock Creek Ranch. You will see corrals at the entrance. Drive about ½ mile on a dirt road to camp, with a large meadow on your right. If you miss this turn, you can drive to the top of the hill and turn right as indicated above. You will have a two-mile drive on a dirt road.

Grass roots publicity search

The question arises, "Why would a company chose to sponsor an athletic event?" The answer usually has to do with what they will get out of it. Usually what a company will get out of being a sponsor has to do with publicity associated with the event. There is another area of opportunity for you! Enclosed is a "grass roots" press release form. Please take a few minutes to

1. write down all the press contacts you can think of
2. fill out the form
3. make as many copies of the form as you have contacts
4. Send the forms out!
5. Send a copy of the completed form with your race entry to Leah Mirsch for future use.

You will be amazed at how effective this grass roots method of getting publicity is. It has been through the efforts of a wonderful crew of very dedicated individuals that the race is celebrating its 29th year in 1999. Can we count on you to become just a little more active

Championship Schedule of Events	
July 3 to July 11	Camp opens Trail open July 3 to July 9 Race Week Activities: Volleyball, Visits to Crater Lake, Golf, Cow Pasture Croquet, Boating, Kids Games
Wednesday, July 7	Surprise party – 7:00 PM
Thursday, July 8	Merchandise sales 12:00 PM – 4 PM Ride & Tie Board Meeting - 12:00 PM Vet Clinic, Linda Blythe, DVM - 2:00 PM Member Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner 6:00 PM
Friday, July 9	Merchandise sales 10:00AM – 6 PM Registration 10:00: AM – 6:00 PM Horse Exam by Vets 12:00 PM – 5:00PM Kids games – 1:00 PM Pre- Race meeting 6:00 PM
Saturday, July 10	8:00 AM Race Starts 4:00 PM Race Ends Merchandise sales 10:00AM – 6 PM Banquet 5:00 PM Awards 6:30 PM Dancing after – 'til 9:30 PM
Sunday, July 11	Disassemble camp

part of that crew? It will only mean a better race for all.

Accommodations for non-campers

For those of you who don't like to camp, the following are suggestions for accommodations:

- Running Y Ranch and Resort (800) 244-6015 or (888) 850-0275. The hotel is currently booked due to a golf tournament, but it's worth getting on the waiting list, as I am told rooms will open up. Identify yourself as part of the Ride & Tie for special rate of \$60 on availability. There are also condos for rent: \$200/night for 2 bedrooms and \$250/night for 3 bedrooms.

- Shilo Suites Hotel (800) 222-2244 or (541) 885-7980. Special rate of \$89 for 2 queen beds or \$99 for a king bed.

- Econolodge (800) 446-6900 or (541) 884-7735. Special rate of \$38/ night or \$190/week for room with 2 beds.

- Red Lion Inn (800) 773-5466 or (541)882-8864. Regular rates \$74-\$99.

- Best Western Olympic Inn (800) 528-1234 or (541) 882-9665; reg. rate \$61.

- Rocky Point Resort (541) 356-2287. It is 9 miles west of the race site. There are 4 cabins: 1 bedroom (sleeps 4) \$75, 2 bedroom (sleeps 6) \$95. Motel rooms are \$55. For the special rates, you will need to mention the Ride & Tie.

July is a busy time for Klamath Falls, so please book early.

Volunteers

If any of you are not racing this year, we need volunteers! Please contact Jan Kelley, of the Running Y Ranch (541-850-5585) to sign up for a specific category. Volunteers may receive a special T-shirt, generously donated by Mountain Monograms.

Thanks to our sponsors

Race bags

RUNNERS WORLD

Bart Yasso
(800) 638-0482
154-182 East Minor St.
Emmaus, PA 18098



Gift Certificates

SPORTACK

Garrett Ford
(800) 248-8225
1600 E. Hanley Blvd., Ste 136
Oro Valley, AZ 85737



Cash donation

RUNNING Y RESORT

Amy Cavalero
888-797-2624
5115 Running Y Road
Running Y, OR 97601



20 one-year subscriptions

TRAILBLAZER MAGAZINE

Susan Gibson
Fax (541) 318-5505
PO Box 939
Pine Lake, GA 30072



Best Condition horse blanket

SAN LUIS REY CLINIC

Barrie Grant
(760) 726-4566
4211 Holly Land
Bonsall, CA 92003



**San Luis Rey
Equine Clinic**

Five fanny packs

TRAILS END

Darleen Cervasio
567 West Channel Islands Blvd. #212
Port Hueneme, CA 93041
(800) 758-6344



Four wooden hand made tack boxes

SID SULLIVAN

Sid Sullivan
(208) 384-1727
2405 Gekeler Lane
Boise, ID 83706

Sid Sullivan

Insect repellent, sun screen for participants

QUANTUM, INC.

Mike West
(800) 448-1448
754 Washington St.
Eugene, OR 97401

QUANTUM

Final Pre-championship Notes Continued From Front Page

there! If you're traveling southeast turn right at the bottom of the hill, at the WEST entrance.

Make sure to get your entries in early to save \$30! Call Judy Haulman 530-367-2525 at the Ride & Tie Association for your entry form or download it from the website. Remember to send in your individual press release form to your local newspapers, so we can get good local publicity! And when you get that story, send Judy a copy of it for the files and to help us get sponsors for next year!

Happy training! And many thanks to all of you who either helped organize or participated in the Clinic!

— Mary Ann Buxton,

Easyboot 1999 Championship Ride & Tie Race Director

Phone: (415) 456-9391

Fax: (415) 454-1419

Email: mabuxton@cwix.com

Steve Shaw Adds:

I was particularly impressed with the new venue for the race and the support of all of the people involved. It has the potential of being one of our many return sites! The wildlife in the area is fantastic; there is great fishing right on the camp grounds and even more in the nearby Klamath Lake. Bird watching opportunities are ample, with many neat things to see and Crater Lake nearby, too. I am sure that someone will come up with some good swimming holes and maybe even some hot springs (I sure want to know about any of those!)

This campsite has so much history around it, and all of the surrounding area as well. I can see that we have many weeks of exploring to do and I hope that all of you can convey that to the rest of the Ride and Tie Family and excite them to come up and enjoy it all.

We are fortunate to have such committed people involved, Judy Haulman, MaryAnn, Tim Kerns and the Curtisses, among the few. — Steve Shaw

Thanks to our sponsors

Two sets ice boots

ARBEE ICE BOOTS

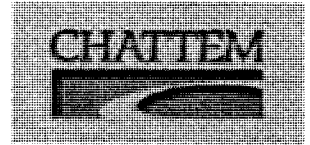
Ron Sanches
(805) 472-9228
70320 Jolon Rd.
Bradley, CA 93426



Flex-all, Icy Hot, Sports Crème for participants

CHATTEM, INC.

Caroline Barley
(800) 366-6833
1715 W. 38th St.
Chattanooga, TN 37409



Two saddle pads

BIG R RANCH FARM & HOME SUPPLY

Don Trotman
(541) 882-5548
6225 6th Street
Klamath Falls, OR 97601



Saddle pad

CLOUD NINE PADS

Joyce Anderson
(800) 447-1787
906 White Post Rd.
White Post, VA 22663



\$750 certificate toward a saddle

BOZ SADDLERY

John Bozanich
(209) 539-2179
33024 Globe Dr.
Springville, CA 93265

**BOZ
SADDLERY**

Title Sponsorship

EASY CARE

Garrett Ford
(800) 447-8836
1600 E. Hanley Blvd., Ste 136
Oro Valley, AZ 85737



Two \$150 certificates for a John Bozanich horsemanship seminar

BOZ OBSESSION

John Bozanich
(209) 539-2179
33024 Globe Dr.
Springville, CA 93265



One overhead tether

EQUINE INNOVATIONS

Jerry Young
(775) 353-1550
25 El Caballo Trail
Sparks, NV 89436



Two fanny packs w/ water bottles

CABALINE SADDLE SHOP

Vicki Leeds
(415) 663-8303
11313 State Route No 1
Pt. Reyes Station, CA 94956



Embroidered horse blankets

GRIFFINS

Hank Griffin
(406) 821-3126
Box 248
Darby, MT 59829



One Tush Cushion

CASHEL CO.

Kay Sabich
(360) 978-4330
446 Gore Road
Onalasta, WA 98570



Race numbers plus Gu for all participants

GU

Tory Jackson, Sport St. Marketing
(800) 400-1995
1221 Eighth St.
Berkeley, CA 94710



A Note From Your (Horse) Doctor

by Head Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Steere

Ride and Tie Participants,
Do This:
1. Call your vet, Have him/her do a health exam, plus a trot-out to make sure your horse is healthy and sound for the R&T.

2. You need an official health certificate for interstate shipment to Rock Creek Ranch, Klamath Falls, Oregon, a blood test showing that your horse is negative to Equine infectious anemia (EIA), and a permit number from the Oregon State Veterinarian, which your vet will procure after his exam and blood

test, and this permit number is attached to the official health exam. Oregon is very particular about protecting the health of their livestock, so do not fail to get this done within 30 days of the R&T.

On Saturday, June 19, I will hold a Ride & Tie clinic at Artaurus Vet Clinic, to perform the Interstate health exam, plus a soundness trot -out, take blood for the Coggins(equine infectious anemia) test and call the Oregon State Veterinarian for a permit number for your horse(s), at cost plus 10% (\$30 total). If you are in easy driving range and want to avail

yourself to this service, please call for approximate appointment time (between 10 and 12 noon).

The address is: #2 San Antonio Road, Petaluma (half way between Novato and Petaluma).

We have not been over the trail yet but, unless your horse has well-toughened hooves, pads or Easyboots on the front are well-advised. I look forward to seeing you all for the 29th running of the Ride & Tie Championship.

— Warmly, Jim

Point Standings (through Big Creek)

Seven sanctioned races have been completed and recorded through the end of May. Those include Cahuilla Heights, Mountainside, Quicksilver Pro/Am and Big Creek in CA, Prineville in OR and No Frills in VA.

Chris Turney and his horse, Buddy, are off to an impressive start this season. They have competed in four races with four different partners, winning three and placing third on the other one. Few teams have jelled yet; only three (Bob Edwards/Frank Lieberman, Skip Lightfoot/Curt Riffle and Bill Logan/Diane Logan) have completed more than one race together. Most of the other teams cur-

rently scoring in the top five were the high placing teams at Big Creek, the longest and most heavily attended race so far this year.

OOPS!!!

The year was over, all the points had been tabulated, the results had been published and the awards had been presented. Then the Association office received a note from one of our loyal members, saying she really never understood how points were calculated but she did understand miles and she believed she hadn't received full mileage credit for the year.

Following discussion between the office and our volunteer points recorder, it was found that the results from one race were received by the office but never forwarded to the recorder. The overlooked race was the Fort Valley event in Virgin-

ia. That opened a can of worms relative to one of the 1998 annual team titles!

The woman/woman team title had been closely contested throughout the season. On the West Coast, there was the team of Arleene Foster and Evelyn Marshall. They completed eight races of 25-30 miles plus the Championships for a total of 233 miles.

From the East Coast, there was Kathy Broaddus, DVM and Lani Newcomb, DVM. They completed one 25-miler, two 50-milers and one 100-miler plus, the Championships for a total of 256 miles. Once the points were recalculated including Fort Valley, Broaddus/Newcomb took the lead by a mere three points with a total of 389 points vs. 386 points earned by Foster/Marshall. Congratulations to both teams for an impressive year and our apologies for the oversight.

INDIVIDUAL POINTS

1 -- Chris Turney	284
2 -- Warren Hellman	211
3 -- Curt Riffle	208
4 -- Tom Christofk	205
5 -- Bob Edwards	203
5 -- Frank Lieberman	203
6 -- Laurie Riebeling	196
7 -- Mark Richtman	158
8 -- Becky Widler	149
9 -- Skip Lightfoot	137

INDIVIDUAL MILEAGE

1 -- Bob Edwards	107
1 -- Frank Lieberman	107
1 -- Chris Turney	107
2 -- Tom Christofk	82
2 -- Warren Hellman	82

HORSE POINTS

1 -- Budweiser (Turney)	284
2 -- Samurai (Hellman/Osterweis)	211
3 -- Fancy Belle (Edwards)	203
4 -- Zaraph (Christofk)	150
5 -- Rajiek (Lightfoot/Riffle)	137

MAN/MAN TEAMS

1 -- Bob Edwards/Frank Lieberman	108
2 -- Skip Lightfoot/Curt Riffle	98
3 -- Tom Johnson/Mark Richtman	67
4 -- Matt Madieros/Chris Turney	64
5 -- Warren Hellman/Jeff Townsend	61

WOMAN/MAN TEAMS

1 -- Diane Logan/Bill Logan	59
2 -- Michele Shaw/Steve Shaw	43
3 -- Ellen McCrary/Dennis Rinde	40
3 -- Cindy Webb/Gary Webb	40
4 -- Linnea Hearst/Mike Hearst	37

WOMAN/WOMAN TEAMS

1 -- Mo Bartley/Becky Widler	46
2 -- Lauri Riebling/Mary Tiscornia	43
3 -- Linda Mornell/Mara Mornell	40
4 -- Peggy Jern/Dana Tryde	37
5 -- Debbie Lyons/Abby Radecki	34

Recent Results

No Frills Ride & Tie, Herndon, VA April 10, 1999 - 25 Miles

1 -- Mark Lovecky/Kim Burns	Cloud	4:16:59
2 -- Lu Dooley/Tom Hutchinson	G.M. Baymar	4:18:02
3 -- Janice Haug/Andy Peterson	Timber	4:23:58
4 -- Jean Lichtenberger/Tom Sites	G.M. Ballistic	4:36:02
5 -- Doris Kulp/Patty Proyost	ARR Alex	4:54:10
6 -- Lani Newcomb/Kathy Broaddus	Crystal	4:58:02
7 -- Karen Clark/Karen Deskins	Jeb	5:28:52

Mountainside Ride & Tie, Redding, CA April 17, 1999- 25 Miles

1 -- Chris Turney/Dennis Scott	Budweiser	11:35
2 -- Jim Cloud/Les Nightingill	Bones	11:44
3 -- Gayle Snow-Lynch/Christy Snow	Stari Night	12:04
4 -- Dave Vanwicklin/Dave Burkland	Starfire	12:14
5 -- Jerome Beauchamp/Peggy Flynn	Zango	12:43
6 -- Annetta Parsons/Debi Waynob	Sari	12:50

Prineville Ride & Tie, Prineville, OR May 9, 1999 - 25 Miles

1 -- Becky Fiedler/Teresa Copeland	Tsahad Stas	3:11
2 -- Elizabeth Schafer/Debbie Hanson	Sunny	4:20
3 -- Joan Ruprecht/Ted Ruprecht	Magic Nisaba	4:40

Big Creek Ride & Tie, Santa Cruz, CA May 15, 1999- 25 Miles

1 -- Mark Richtman/Tom Johnson	Eli	3:53
2 -- Steve Shaw/Michele Shaw	Cougars Clown	4:00
3 -- Chris Turney/Matt Madeiros	Budweiser	4:06
4 -- Warren Hellman/Jeff Townsend	Sam	4:10
5 -- Mo Bartley/BeckyWidler	Don	4:12
6 -- Curt Riffle/Skip Lightfoot	Rajzik	4:20
7 -- Ellen McCrary/Dennis Rinde	General Geranium	4:33
8 -- Tom Christofk/Christoph Shork	Zaraph	4:42
9 -- Paul Robinson/John Steinmetz	Tazz	4:45
10 -- Laurie Riebeling/Mary Tiscornia	Albi	4:48
11 -- Jeff Herten/Jim Hurley	R D Famus	4:49
12 -- Gabrielle Mann/Alain Karmitz	Savannah	5:14
13 -- Linda Momell/Mara Mornell	Macho	5:17
14 -- Peggy Jern/Dana Tryde	Hi Lite	5:19
15 -- Frank Lieberman/Bob Edwards	Fancy Belle	5:23
16 -- Leslie Yates/George Hall	Kian	5:37
17 -- Debby Lyon/Abby Radecki	Belesemo Malik	5:56
18 -- Robin Klaus/Dave Tarpinian	Rafiq	6:06
19 -- Jim Steere/Thom Steere	Bombay	6:14
20 -- Bill Logan/Diane Logan	Duke	7:45
DNF Dave VanWicklin/Roger Dike	Jassure Al Baraq	

1999 Quicksilver Ride & Tie, San Jose CA May 6, 1999 - 23/11 Miles

1 -- Dan Barger/Chris Turney	Budweiser	2:15
2 -- Tom Christofk/Tony Brickel	Zaraph	2:33
3 -- Lorrie Barger/Christy Snow	McCoy	2:39
4 -- Curt Riffle/Sara Smith	Corky	2:40
5 -- Mark Richtman/Luke Richtman/ -- Jake Richtman	Eli	2:44
6 -- Laurie Riebeling/Molly Gleason	Omega Sun	2:48
7 -- Linda Rapposelli/Michael Rapposelli	Mystique	2:52
8 -- Warren Hellman/Russ Kiernan	Sam	2:58
9 -- Frank Lieberman/Bob Edwards	Fancy Belle	3:00
10 -- Gayle Snow-Lynch/Mike Lynch	Brandy	3:10
11 -- Steven Anderson/Sandy Smyth	Rainbow	3:12
12 -- Bob Spoor/Shellie Hatfield	Major Attraction	3:13
13 -- Jerome Beauchamp/Robert Beauchamp ..	Tango	3:15
14 -- Cheryl Dominitch/Jennifer Rader/ -- John Stenmetz	Rajzik	3:16
15 -- John Osterweis/Barbara Osterweis	Victor	3:22
16 -- Paul Rink/Bob Perrault	Bezane	3:24
17 -- Gabriell Mann/Desiree Mann	Savannah	3:51
18 -- George Hall/Deb Sell	Fire	3:52
19 -- Susan Simons/Dawn Hartsock	Montana	4:11
20 -- Paul Robinson/Don Betts/Les Nightingill/ -- Cathy Magor	Tazz	4:14
11mi - Frank Lieberman/Bob Edwards	Fancy Belle	
Best Conditioned Horse	Budweiser	

Quick Quicksilver Report by Curt Riffle

We had 23 teams entered (three of the 23 had to cancel at the last minute) for the 23-mile event. This is up from 19 last year.

We invented a new category that is not sanctioned but worked out well: Introducing the ride & tie relay! Mark Richtman's kids couldn't run the 23-mile course, so one substituted for the other at the vet check. Cheryl Dominitch's partner couldn't continue past the vet check, so Cheryl found a person who was crewing and finished the race with him.

Finally, Les Nightingill was kicked in the leg by Paul Robinson's (his partner) horse. Paul took Les to the hospital at the vet check, so they gave the horse to Don Betts who was standing around drinking beer and telling lies. Don found A SPECTATOR who wanted to try out the sport and they finished the race. So we had three teams in the Quicksilver Ride & Tie relay category!

Sarah Smith (a novice from Berkeley who is also a freelance writer) and I won the Pro-Am on Corky finishing 4th overall, but dueling the whole race with Lorrie Barger and her sister Christy. They beat us by 100 feet!

1999 Big Creek Ride & Tie

Back after a one-year hiatus due to "El Nino" flood damage, this year's Big Creek Ride and Tie was run under perfect (cool and dry) weather conditions. Twenty-one teams competed over the hilly 34-mile course. Overall winner in a time of 3:53, first man/man team and Best Conditioned horse honors went to Tom Johnson/Mark Richtman on Eli – no surprises there. Newlyweds Michele and Steve Shaw on Cougar's Clown were first man/woman team. First woman/woman team honors went to Mo Bartley and Becky Widler on Don.

As usual, there were lots of interesting stories to tell after the race. Tom Christofk and Christoph Shork were running strong in second until Christoph got off course somewhere on the second

loop. Tom left their horse at the second vet check and ran to the finish; Christoph and the horse finally arrived nearly an hour later for an eighth place finish.

At a hand-tie less than a half-mile from the start, Mary Tiscornia's horse, Albi, slipped his bridle and ran off. Her teammate, Laurie Riebeling, spent nearly 45 minutes searching for the lost horse. Once she found him, Laurie rode the fastest trip ever around the first loop of the course, catching Mary just before the first vet check. They went on to finish in tenth place and the veterinarians gave Albi an honorable mention for Best Condition.

The mismatched teams of Matt Madieros/Chris Turney and Ellen McCrary/Dennis Rinde competed head to head much of the way, using strong runners (Chris and Dennis) and experi-

enced riders (Mat and Ellen) to their advantage. In the end, Chris' more seasoned horse prevailed, carrying them to a third place finish, while Ellen ended up leading her young horse most of the last three miles, dropping to seventh place.

Last place finishers were Bill and Diane Logan, who toughed it out to complete the course in 7:45. Leslie Yates made his annual trip out from Missouri to get his ride & tie fix. Novice contestent Peggy Jern showed that she's already a ride & tie convert when she was heard saying after the race, "The hills weren't nearly as tough as I expected!" since this is considered one of the toughest courses around, she has a great future in ride & tie.

Annual Awards Program

The Ride & Tie Association has an annual awards program to recognize competitors of diverse talents for their excellence at ride & tie and their support of the sport through dedicated participation throughout the year. The intention is to recognize outstanding performance over a variety of courses for the whole season, as opposed to the Championship race that recognizes superior performances on a given day and a given course.

The point system we use was originally developed by Lew Hollander in the *Ride & Tie Gazette* to spread recognition over "the long, the fast, and the durable." The system has been adjusted slightly a couple of times as our sport has evolved. With an increasing diversity of race lengths and sizes, the Board once again recognized the need to adjust our point system. Our goals were to:

1. Make the system easier to understand while keeping the original concept of recognizing both miles completed and teams passed; many members never did figure out how the bonus points were calculated under our old system.

2. Make allowances for a wide variety of race lengths and sizes under one system.

3. Keep the record-keeping relatively simple in respect of the fact that it is all done by a volunteer who is also an avid ride & tie competitor.

4. Hopefully not create any unintended consequences.

Effective for the 1999 season, points will be calculated by

the following formula:

1 point per mile + 3 points per team passed.

The following awards are presented each year, based on points earned for completion of Ride & Tie Association-sanctioned events during the season running from January 1 through December 31:

1. High Point Individual (top 10): Individuals who accumulate the most points overall based on total number of starters in each race; can be with any partner or any horse.

2. High Point Teams (Top 5 in each division: (M/M, M/W, W/W): Teams of the same two people that accumulate the most points in their division, based on the number of starters in their division in each race. Teams may use any horses throughout the season.

3. High Point Horse (Top 5): Horses that accumulate the most overall points based on the total number of starters in each race; can be with any teams.

4. High Mileage Individual (top 5): Individuals who accumulate the most mileage at sanctioned events throughout the year; can be with any partner or any horse.

This new system was well received when presented at our annual awards banquet in February. Now we'll see how well it works in practice. Your Board of Directors welcomes your input.

1999 Race Schedule

JUNE 12

Browning's Challenge
Grass Valley, CA; 22 miles
Pat & Nita Browning
21266 Pleasant Valley
North San Juan, CA 95960
(530) 272-8912

JUNE 27

Mt. Adams Challenge
La Center, WA; 10/20 miles
Dennis O'Brien
PO Box 761
La Center, WA 98629
(360) 263-5064

JULY 10

**29th Annual Ride & Tie
Championship**
Klamath Falls, OR; 38 miles
Judy Haulman
PO Box 697
Forest Hill, CA 95631
(530) 367-2525

AUGUST 7

Champagne Ride & Tie
Santa Cruz, CA; 30 miles
Steve Shaw
155 Baltusrol Drive
Apros, CA 95003
(408) 685-3436

AUGUST 21

Horsethief Canyon Ride & Tie
Descanso, CA; TK miles
Rufus Schneider
PO Box 311
Descanso, CA 91916
(619) 445-2060

AUGUST 28

Headwaters of the Rogue Ride & Tie
Ashland, OR; 10/30 miles
Ann Swartz, DVM
3053 Deer Trail Lane
Medford, OR 97501
(541) 535-6509

AUGUST 28

Swanton Pacific 100 Ride & Tie
Santa Cruz, CA; 100 miles
Ellen McCrary
318 Swanton Road
Davenport, CA 95017
(831) 423-6089

SEPTEMBER 4

A Brief Nevada Ride & Tie
Gardnerville, NV; 25 miles
Gary Ceragioli
230 Shake Hill Drive
Markleville, CA 96120
(530) 694-2972

SEPTEMBER 5

Rockbridge Ride & Tie
Rockbridge, VA; 25/50 miles
Jean Lichtenberger
1788 Seven Fountains Road
Fort Valley, VA 22652
(540) 933-6991

SEPTEMBER 18

Bloomfield Boogie Ride & Tie
Grass Valley, CA; 11/25 miles
Donna Jones
11017 Iron Clad Road
Rough and Ready, CA 95975
(530) 432-1371

OCTOBER 2

Cool Ride & Tie (Pro-Am)
Auburn, CA; 11/22 miles
Suzanne Remillard
1971 American River Trail
Cool, CA 95614
(530) 823-0973

OCTOBER 16

Carrillo Cheese Ride & Tie
Ortego Canyon, CA; 22 miles
Robyn Tustison
7522 Slater Avenue, # 101
Huntington Beach, CA 92647
(949) 728-0723

OCTOBER 30

Mile High Ride & Tie (Pro-Am)
Idyllwild, CA
Arleene Foster
38230 Lorenzo Lane
Hemet, CA 92544
(909) 767-1237

OCTOBER 31

Fort Valley Ride & Tie
Hume, VA; 25/50 miles
Jean Lichtenberger
1788 Seven Fountains Road
Fort Valley, VA 22652
(540) 933-6991

NOVEMBER 13

Cowboy Country Ride & Tie
Hemet, CA; 25/50 miles
Arleene Foster
38230 Lorenzo Lane
Hemet, CA 92544
(909) 767-1237

Do you need a ride to the Championship?

OR,

**Do you have room in your car for a person, or room in
your trailer for a horse?**

**Call the Ride & Tie Association Office so we can fix you up
with a ride or riding partner!**

(530) 367-2525

STALL SPACES FOR RENT AT CHAMPIONSHIP

Rock Creek Ranch has horse stalls available for rent at this year's Championship race site. The stalls are conveniently located across the road from base camp. The stalls will rent for \$20 per night (which includes alfalfa hay) and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If you are interested in keeping your horse(s) at the Ranch contact Leah Mirsch at 310-541-8641 prior to June 30 for reservations. Leah will also be in camp beginning July 6 and can assist you then.