

Y2K marks the 30th Anniversary of Ride & Tie

This year's Ride & Tie Championship is tentatively scheduled for June 24th at Big Creek Ranch in Davenport, CA, pending conformation of one more landowner.

A big "Thanks!" to Lud and Barbara McCrary for generously extending the use of their beautiful ranch. Many have ridden the Big Creek course in times past and know how tough it is. For those who have not... do plenty of hill training. The course is gorgeous! Huge pines, fern lined trails, lovely streams, grassy meadows, spectacular views and... challenging hills. Bring the family because the camping is great. The meadow (camping area) at Big Creek lies nestled between towering pine and oak covered hills. A charming stream runs along the outer edge of camp and is the perfect depth for kids to splash and explore. The half mile road in and out of camp is perfect for biking, and there are hiking and riding trails in every direction. But watch out for the poison oak! A highlight for anyone who camps for more than a day or two are the 'his' and 'hers' outdoor redwood showers complete with hot water and an occasional chilly breeze to exhilarate.

Since the Championship is relatively 'next door' for a lot of Ride & Tiers we hope that this year will be one of our better turn outs.

See ya there!

Mary Tiscornia

Ride & Tie
Championship

30th

Anniversary
June 24th
Davenport, CA



Dusty Corners Saturday, July 24, 1999, 6:30AM.

Diesel engines on both sides of my street are started up. Silvia Dodson is with me, John Fortner with Diane Wyatt across the street in big trucks with horse trailers. We are on our way, 25 miles through the American River Canyon, to Dusty Corners; a remote vet check at the 46-mile point of the Western States 100 Mile Ride.

Soon after we arrive, come more trucks with horse trailers: Jeff Harter, his wife Michele, and daughter Rachael; Dave and Beth Van Wicklin with daughter Traci and three of her friends; Chris and Matt Renfrew with friend Lois bring the water tank. Gary Van Wicklin with wife and two daughters pull in and join us in cutting up watermelon (this year I remembered the BIG knife; last year we cut the rind with a small pocketknife, then tore the rest apart with our hands!), water jugs are filled, In and Out timers are set up, 70- and 100-gallon troughs are placed and we coordinate with the Vets and radio personnel.

8:30 AM. So far so good.

8:31 AM. That ends. The pump on the water tank does NOT want to work – and it just has to!! The "guys" work on it, even the "gals" work on it. Eight people head to the creek in the truck with the tank. If the pump won't work to draught the water out of the creek, a bucket brigade will fill the tank: they CANNOT return without

Ride & Tiers take Tevis Cup and Haggin Cup at the 1999 Western States 100 Mile Ride

Ride & Tie members did themselves proud at the 1999 Western States 100 Mile Ride, aka 'The Tevis.' Congratulations to Rebecca Fiedler, winning the Tevis Cup in 14 hours flat! Tom Christofk, only seconds behind the second place horse finished 3rd; Garrett Ford finished 5th; Heather Bergantz, riding Skip Lightfoots horse "Red" finished 7th and won the Haggin Cup for Best Conditioned. Congrats also to Warren Hellman, Gabrielle Mann, Tony Brickel (his 10th buckle!), Jim Sours, Beth Gingold, Kathie Perry, Terri Anderson, Mark Falcone, Cory Soltau, Jeff Herten, Abby Radecki (1st buckle), Godfrey & Suzanne Sullivan (Godfrey on ES Blue Max Best Condition horse at the Ride & Tie Championship race just two weeks prior), Michael Rapposelli, Carol Ruprecht, Tom Gey, Pam Stalley, and Jennifer Stalley. A few did not finish, but we know they will be back to conquer the canyons.

Debbie Lyon, who met with an unfortunate accident early on the trail when a runaway, riderless horse crashed into her horse 'Willie', who then dumped Debby. She was airlifted to Washoe Med Center in Reno with broken ribs, punctured lung and ruptured spleen. Thankfully, Debby is now fully recovery and is looking forward to trying it again in 2000.

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Dear Ride & Tie Family,

It is with an "attitude of gratitude" as a friend of mine calls it when you can't say thanks enough times, that I write my seasons greetings to you. The gratitude is for many reasons, many people:

To you all for your patience while we got this long overdue newsletter out to you, Mary Tiscornia for her seemingly unlimited energy, dedication to the sport, leadership, and patience To the "angels" who remain anonymous but without whose generous financial support the Ride & Tie Championship would not survive. To the very dedicated Board of Directors and Association Administrator Director who travel from far and near to meet and plan the direction and events of the Ride & Tie Association. To Curt Riffle who spends so much of his time presenting the R&T concept to potential sponsors. To Garrett Ford of Easyboot who has sponsored the race for several years, but who due to expansion of his own business this year will not be able to be our title sponsor. To the volunteers who step out of the shadows and take over the critical roles at just the right time to take care of the many, many race details. To the sponsors who give money and product in support of our sport. To the members of the Ride & Tie Association who support it in oh so many ways, the participants in the races who train and travel and fret and sweat and are the real foundation of the sport and Bud Johns who invented Ride & Tie and continues to nurture it and all of us... Thank you!

Survey - The results of the survey we did at the 1999 Championship follow. The areas that are notable to me are: Overall the 1999 race went pretty well. You gave us a "B+". We need to work on getting an "A".

The sport needs more publicity. The sport needs more participants. As for publicity, this year we did pretty well: Six articles in the Klamath Falls Herald and Klamath Falls News, including two front pages, and a full page spread in the sports section. Articles in the Redding Times, The Central Valley News, and the Marin IJ, and others that you need to send me if they appeared locally. A great article in the Men's Journal with a terrific picture with our past sponsor's name, Easyboot, spread right across the top of the picture. (Any others that appeared locally as a result of the "grass roots publicity" we started last year. Remember that you need to send copies to Judy Haulman at the R&T Association office!)

As for more participants most everyone feels that the best way to get new participants is by word of mouth. Invite five of your buddies to join us! It's up to you to recruit!

As the year 2000 approaches I wish you all many joys and lots of love. Celebrate safely and start planning for the 30th Anniversary Ride & Tie Championship and Reunion!

Hugs,

Mary Ann Buxton, 1999 ERTC Race Director

Champagne

The Champagne Ride & Tie is known for a beautiful course overlooking the Pacific coast just north of Santa Cruz, CA. It was also known for having hot showers and flush toilets, not too common for ride & tie race sites! This year's event would again be combined with the 30 and 50 mile Fireworks Endurance

Ride. Unfortunately the usual start/finish and camping area is under construction this year so the course was slightly "modified."

Judy Haulman, our Association Director, again saved the day by agreeing to manage the race for Steve Shaw, who had to be out of town. Eight teams were on hand Friday night to listen to the pre-race ride & tie instructions by the Fireworks race management: "No crews will be allowed at the vet checks and your finish place will be determined when

your horse's pulse rate is at 72 after you cross the finish line." Oh boy, Judy has some explainin' to do to the Fireworks folks!

The morning of the race the starting field looked lean but strong. Laurie Riebeling and Chris Turney looked unbeatable except Chris wasn't hung over.

Lew Hollander and Sid Sullivan came all the way from Oregon and Idaho, respectively, and are always tough competitors. Lew had just returned from the World Triathlon Championships in Sweden where he finished in fourth place even after having a flat tire.

Browning Challenge

This year Pat Browning won the Browning challenge! Last year, if you recall, he finished sixth with partner, Lew Hollander. This year, he teamed with Dennis Rinde to finish first. (They were also the only team that had no five-minute starting penalties. With the team of Ellen McCrary and Steve Shaw hot on their trail, Pat, Dennis and Willie had to work hard to get this win. They won by only two minutes. Ellen, Steve and Tom Meehan (owner of Bausch, Steve & Ellen's horse) remind Pat often that their team had the fastest riding time. They started 10 minutes after Pat and Dennis.

The object of the Browning Challenge is to complete 10 horsemanship skills before the race and four horsemanship challenges during the race. For each challenge before the race that you and your horse do not complete, five minutes are added to your start time.

The race officially started at 8:15 a.m. Pat and Dennis are the only team that started at that time because they completed all 10 of the horsemanship skills. Paul Rink and Bob Perrault com-

pleted all but one of those skills, so they started at 8:20. And so it went, the

more skills you and your horse did not finish, the later you started. Where a team finished is where they finished. No time was added to the finish time as a handicap, only to the start time.

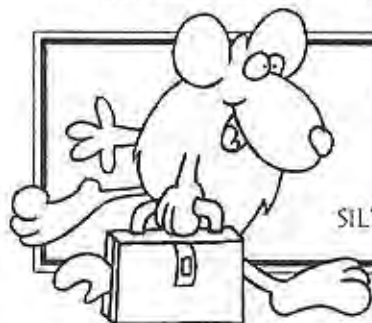
Pat and Willie also had no penalty loops during the race. They jumped the jump, went down the "cliff," walked over the old cowhide, and swam the pond. Steve Shaw and Bausch are the only team that went down the "cliff." Most teams, however, completed the cowhide and water obstacles. Jerome Beauchamp and Peggy Flynn rode Jerome's wonderful horse, Tango. He looked and felt so great after the race, that our veterinarian, Michele Shaw, decided he deserved the Best Condition award. Jerome just started doing ride & ties this year. Doing good, Jerome!

Paul Rink and his partner, Bob Perrault, won \$50 for the first Pro-Am award. Paul generously donated his check to the Ride & Tie Association to be put toward the Best Condition award at the Championship Ride. Thanks, Paul.

Only 11 teams entered the Challenge and nine of these teams fin-

ished. The two who did not finish were pulled by the riders, not the vet. Also, of the 11 teams entered, six were Pro-Am teams. Our membership is really working to get more people entered in this great sport. Long time ride & tie enthusiasts, Chris and Cheryl Knoch, Dave Fanara, and Paul Rink all had a novice as a partner. If you remember Peggy Smyth of the Levi's Ride & Tie days, you'll be pleased to know that her brother, Bill, and his daughter, Sandy, finished the race. Sandy is only 13 years old and Bill is a heavyweight, and they were terrific! One novice team entered, but did not finish. They were looking very good, until Tanaka San decided he wanted nothing to do with that stinky, old cowhide. "Old Timers" Jon Root and Dave Andreotti won the Century in the Saddle awards (easy chairs). They finished 5th despite a starting time of 50 minutes later than the official start. Tough old birds, aren't they?

Again this year, we filmed everyone at the obstacles out on the trail and showed the movie after the awards potluck. Everyone looked much better than they expected. Next year we hope more ride & tiers will challenge Pat at this rather unusual Ride & Tie.



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The Newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Rinde, were all smiles having just won the race down the aisle in great form.

Tim and Melissa Kerns drove from Klamath Falls, Oregon and were looking to complete their first race as a team. They both were big contributors to the Easyboot Ride & Tie Championship event (thanks again!) last July. Don Roth had a novice teammate, Jessica Drayer, a UCSC student he recruited while training on the course (a good example for the rest of us, Don!).

Jerome Beauchamp brought an amateur, his sister-in-law Peggy. Those two looked

fast just standing there.

The Don Betts and George Hall Show was back with George's Levis cut-offs looking race-ready as usual. And of course, there was the awesome Lightfoot/Riffle team, just dripping with talent, ready for their first win in over 55 starts. You would think these guys would get a clue and take up golf or something.

Judy started the field off at 7 AM sharp toward the first vet check reportedly 15 miles away. Unfortunately it was closer to 23 miles away. So much for race strategy. So much for racing, just finish this sucker! And every team did! Chris and

Laurie won in 4 hours and 45 minutes with Lew and Sid finishing a strong second at 4 hours and 53 minute, winning the manly/man category. Happily, all the novices and amateurs did extremely well and all made promises to the throngs of sports reporters at the finish line that they would do another race.

Melissa and Tim Kerns, now known as Team Advil, returned to Oregon with their first completion as a team. Congratulations! In fact, this was just a warm-up for the Ann Swartz's 30 mile Headwaters of the Rogue Ride & Tie. Melissa wanted to do later in August.



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water. We see the red and white truck coming back; is there water? YES! Cheers echo through the trees. A full 500 gallons, pumped from the creek after patient people coaxed the engine into working.

9:37 AM. We get the word: the first of 195 horses is coming at us. The rest of the day is "Hello!" and hugs from friends riding through, "More water!", "Who's driving the next rig out?", "More watermelon!", dust, "What do you mean this horse won't load in a two-horse trailer?" and more dust. Donna Jones arrived just in time to open a horsetrailer for a horse that needed additional medical attention, and needed to get to Foresthill right away. Never a dull moment for six hours straight. Heidi Agler contacts us by radio: truck trouble, she

won't be coming. Diane and Dave have each taken out horses and are on their way back. GOOD, we still have lots of trailers.

3:30 PM. The last horse. She came along slow with an injured rear leg. A little rest and into a trailer, the 10th horse not to continue on the trail. Dusty Corners Vet check is officially CLOSED. We load chairs, coolers, etc., clean up the area and head to Foresthill to catch up on the action, then on to Auburn for the exciting finish. My heartfelt thanks to all the Tevis volunteers, especially our crew at Dusty Corners. For the fourth year, the Ride & Tie Association has been responsible for this stop; it's hectic, fun, dusty, and rewarding. Come join us next year.

Written By Judy Haulman



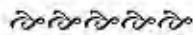
The next Board of Directors meeting will be begin at

*Sunday
10am on Saturday
January 15, 2000 at
Dave & Nancy Andreotti's
7171 Oak Pine Lane
Granite Bay, CA.*

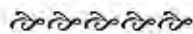
All members wishing to contribute ideas and participate in Association 'decision making' are encouraged to attend.

RIDE & TIE RACE SCHEDULE 2000

June 3, 2000
Browning's Challenge
Nevada City, CA
22 miles
Pat & Nita Browning
530-272-8912



June 24, 2000
30th Anniversary
Championship
Davenport, CA
37 miles
Reunion Course
12 miles
Ride & Tie Assn
530-367-2525



August 5, 2000
Champagne
Santa Cruz, CA
30 miles
Steve Shaw
831-685-3436

August 12, 2000
Swanton Pacific 100
Davenport, CA
yes.....100 miles!
Ellen Rinde
831-423-6089

August 19, 2000
Hartland Riding Club
Plainfield, NH
10,20 miles
Naomi Goodwin
603-469-3512

August 19, 2000
Horsethief Canyon
Descanso, CA
13,26 miles
Rufus Schneider
619-445-2060

August 27, 2000
Headwaters of the Rogue
-Sunday-
Crater Lake, OR
10,30 miles
Annette Parsons
541-846-6656

September 2, 2000
Rockbridge
Ft Valley, VA
12,25,50 miles
Jean Lichtenberger
540-933-6991

September 9, 2000
Big South Fork
Knoxville, TN
20 miles
Joanne Grimes
865-693-4308

September 10, 2000
Big South Fork
Knoxville, TN
10 miles
Joanne Grimes
865-693-4308

September 30, 2000
Cuyamaca Pro-Am
Cuyamaca State Park
24,32 miles
Arleene Foster
909-767-1237

October 27, 2000
- Friday -
Fort Valley
Ft Valley, VA
12,25,50 miles
Jean Lichtenberger
540-933-6991


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