

The Latest from Davenport

Site of the 30th Anniversary Ride & Tie Championship and Reunion
June 24, 2000

The 30th Anniversary Ride & Tie Championship, a rugged competition involving two runners sharing a single horse, returns to a time-honored location Saturday, June 24, 2000, when the McCrary family of Big Creek Ranch, Davenport, Santa Cruz County, California, hosts the event for the fifth time.

The McCrary family has been involved in Ride & Tie since 1978 when historic Big Creek Ranch first hosted a Ride & Tie Championship event. All eight family members, headed by Lud and Barbara, have participated in races, sponsored teams by loaning their well-conditioned horses for the races, and worked behind the scenes to insure the race's longevity. The majority of property on which the race is held has been in the McCrary family since 1869.

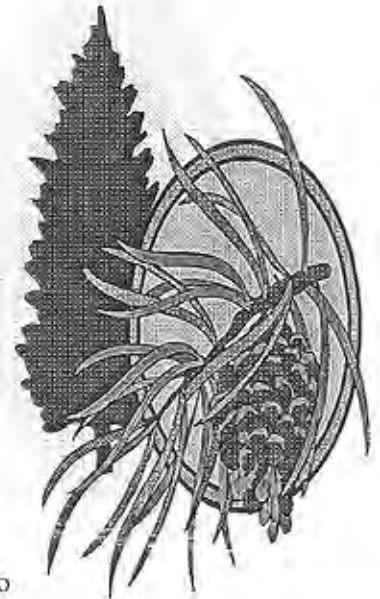
As typical for the area, the 2000 Ride & Tie Championship course will be hilly. Several sections of the trail are new to anyone who's done ride & ties here before. There will be a challenging mix of dirt roads and trails. Maps of the trail will be available at the race site. Most of the rock on the course is shale so pads may not be necessary. There are a few miles of hard-packed dirt road, so if your horse were sensitive to concussion, Easyboots would be the answer.

Anyone ever competing in Ride & Tie has been invited back for the Reunion short-course race. Information on that course comes from our trail maker, Ellen Rinde, as follows: This loop is 12.8 miles in length and also serves as the first loop for the longer Championship course. It's the easiest loop, not the ideal in course layout, but the State Park wants us through their section of the course early before the onslaught of hikers and mountain bikers arrive. The start is on Harris Flat, a large field about ¼-mile in length. The trail then climbs Cemetery Ridge to Last Chance Road. It follows Last Chance Road about 3 miles, then descends through Hayes Maze, a winding trail into Waddell Canyon. The Waddell Canyon Road is flat and fast, the easiest going of the day. Once we reach the coast, we'll begin climbing, passing Big Creek Lumber Company's sawmill and following the old coast road over the hill. The loop concludes by descending Cemetery Ridge and returning to Camp. This is the finish for the Reunion Course and a vet check for the Championship course. For "the rest of the story" there will be course maps and information at the race site.

Please remember that this course is made possible through the generous support of over a dozen landowners in the community. Your respect of their contribution and their requests is essential for the success of this event. One such request is that no dogs be allowed. Please, if at all possible, leave Fido at home.

Don't forget, Thursday night before the race (June 22nd) there will be a potluck dinner where multiple year and top points awards for 1999 will be presented. Plan on attending this potluck/presentation, it is a great time to catch up on visits with friends that you see often or only once a year, eat lots of great food and help recognize the competitors that raced to the top in the point standings.

There are many fun volunteer positions to fill at the Ride & Tie Championship this year. Think of yourself as an IN or OUT Timer, Vet Check Assistant, Traffic Control Person, Finish Line Helper or Seller of Fine Ride & Tie Merchandise....all of it right in the heart of where the action is! There is always something to help with the day before and the day after the competition too. GET INVOLVED.....call now: Judy @ the Ride & Tie office.....(530)367-2525. The camp is located 20 miles north of Santa Cruz and 60 miles south of San Francisco. From Santa Cruz, take Highway #1 north towards Half Moon Bay. Drive past Davenport (9 miles N of Santa Cruz) for 1.5 miles, turn R at Swanton Road sign. Go 4.5 miles to Old Seaside School (now a private residence), turn R through a green pipe gate, follow this dirt road 1.5 miles to the main camp, a meadow with picnic tables and a creek running through it. From San Francisco Bay area, take either Hwy #1 or Hwy #92W to Half Moon Bay, then south toward Santa Cruz for approximately 30 miles, into Santa Cruz County, across Waddell Creek Bridge, past Big Creek Lumber Co. mill, and turn SHARPLY LEFT onto Swanton Road .3 miles south of the mill. Proceed on this winding road for 2.5 miles to the dark red schoolhouse, turn L through the green pipe gate. Watch for our signs. SEE YOU THERE!



Browning's Challenge

June 3, 2000

This was our third Browning's Challenge Ride & Tie. We were hoping for more entries than last year, but only ended up with 6 teams. We added a 22 mile endurance ride (non-sanctioned) just for fun and for those who don't ride & tie. We had 3 riders in that event.

Although the ride was small, we all had such a good time! The Challenge has horsemanship skills before the race, how you do in those, decided when you started the ride & tie. The skills were cut to 5: back your horse up between 2 boards lying on the ground, jump a 1 and a 2 foot log, pick up a baseball cap from the ground while on your horse, and take a rain slicker off the gate and pass it over the saddle. For each obstacle you did not complete you were to be penalized 1 minute from your start time. A vote was taken at the start whether or not we should all start the race at the same time or use the penalties....starting at the same time won! It made the race much more competitive.

Out on the 22 mile trail were 4 more obstacles the rider must complete or take the penalty loops, generally 1/2 to 1 mile long. Jump the plastic pipe (about 2 feet high), go down a STEEP bank, cross an OLD cowhide and cross through a pond and you didn't take the penalty loop. Horsemanship was the order of the day.

We had such great contestants! Rufus Schneider and her son hauled her horse, Justin, all the way from San Diego. Dennis Rinde partnered with Pat Browning to come in 2nd place behind Skip Lightfoot (Mr FUN of Ride & Tie) and Tom Johnson (who said they liked the toughest loop best). Becky Widler took pity on her partner, Chris Turney (who claims he's fat!) and matched his pace to place third. Rufus and her partner, Rick Anderson, placed a very close 4th. Dave Andreotti brought a Novice to the race, Jeremy Max, the team placed 5th. Barry Turner, whose last ride & tie was some MANY years ago, partnered with a newcomer to the sport, Felipe Gaitan. Felipe is from Columbia and really had a new experience in the way we ride, the equipment we use and the whole concept of ride & tie.

Afterward we had a scrumptious pot luck at the house; the pork and beef roasts we "home-grew". After the awards a vote was taken after hearing all the "hard luck" stories of the day and Jenny Meehan won the prize. Tom Browning, trail marshal of the obstacles out on the trail, talked Jenny into jumping the plastic pipe (height, 2 feet) instead of taking the penalty loop. Well, Bausch (her dad's horse) got the pipe caught between his front legs, scared the dickens out of himself, dumped Jenny and took off! He did the whole loop again without Jenny. (They were reunited, no one hurt and went on to finish the endurance ride). Everyone decided she had the worst story to tell. One other story was that Dave Andreotti did something he had NEVER done before...passed up his horse! It appears the horse ducked behind a manzanita bush as Dave went by...his story was almost as pitiful as Jenny's. It is so much fun to laugh at ourselves with our friends after everything has turned out all right.

Steve Shaw and Jenny Meehan truly raced to a photo-finish in the endurance race....with Steve's horse crossing the line just inches ahead of Jenny's. The third entrant did two of four loops and fell ill. In the spirit of things, Ellen Rinde pulled on riding tights and helmet to take the horse the next two loops, after being convinced it was good training for the horse.

Even though our field of contestants was small, we could not have asked for more fun, more help, or more satisfaction from a day. Thanks to all those who helped us put this all together one more time.

Written by Nita Browning

Brownings Challenge Ride & Tie, No San Juan, CA
June 3, 2000 - 22 miles

1	Skip Lightfoot/Tom Johnson	Raj	2:11
2	Pat Browning/Dennis Rinde	Willey	2:22
3	Becky Widler/Chris Turney	Don	2:23
4	Rufus Schneider/Rick Anderson	Justin	2:24
5	Dave Andreotti/Jeremy Max	Grab	3:36
6	Barry Turner/Felipe Gaitan	Jeb	3:37

Where is Pat Browning when he's not doing Ride & Tie?
May 20, 2000, Brown's Valley JR Rodeo Association Grounds in Brown's Valley, California.... it's VERY hot and we find Pat Browning sitting on his great Endurance and Ride & Tie horse, Willey, in the arena with cattle milling about and two dogs doing herd work as if they knew what they were doing. It's true, those dogs do know...this is Jack and Suzie, purebred Border Collies, owned and trained by Pat, competing in the Brace Class at the Brown's Valley Dog Trials. The dogs have to move the cattle through certain formations, gates and into a pen....all by voice commands given by Pat. End result... 1st Place!!! Pat also worked Jack in the Rancher beginning class for a 2nd Place showing. Way to go Pat, Jack and Suzie!!

Get Ready to Rummumble!

By W. Way

Like the Indy 500's famous "Ladies and Gentlemen, start your engines!", Skip Lightfoot signaled the start of the 2000 Quicksilver Pro-Am Ride & Tie on May 6th. Twenty teams followed Skip and Rajzik past the cheering fans, barking dogs and scrambling kids. A record 12 Pro-Am teams made up the field with 7 teams with first time racers. And all of these new people were sharing the same thought: "What have I gotten myself into now?"

It was a beautiful day for riding and tying. The County of Santa Clara's Parks & Rec Department had done a wonderful job of making the course safe and clear after the spring rains. Sixteen teams were competing in the 23 mile event. Two teams were competing in the 11 mile event including Heather Lightfoot of San Jose and Shannon Findley of Gilroy who had to finish on time to get ready for Prom Night that evening. Two teams were competing in the 23 mile Relay event where new runners replace the starting runners at the 11 mile vet check. One of the relay teams consisting of Cathy Kauer, Cathy's horse Graiiis, Diane Enderle and that famous Ride & Tie and Dipsea champion and TV personality, Russ Kiernan, was created in the parking lot 45 minutes before the start of the race.

Unfortunately someone invited the Pro-Am Trolls who caused the usual excitement. One of them untied Heather and Shannon's horse, Split. Appropriate name because that's what he did. Another troll convinced novice Tim Wallace that he had already ridden past his partner, Curt Riffle. So Tim stopped and tied Corky and started to run. Tim got to experience the sinking feeling that every serious ride & tie has felt at some point in their career when he saw Curt running back toward him from the number-checkpoint turn-around. Welcome to the sport, Tim! Another troll pulled off a shoe from Jerome Beauchamp's Tango for the second year in a row, causing Jerome to run the entire second loop and Frank Lieberman to have a long, lonely walk to the finish with Tango.

The team consisting of Dave Van Wicklin, his novice partner, Jorge Zambrano (from Ecuador), Van Wicklin's Jassur Al Baraq and Beth Van Wicklin as crew won the Pro-Am category and finished 4th overall. Jorge won a free 2000 Ride & Tie Championship entry courtesy of the Ride & Tie Association for his performance. Laurie Riebeling and amateur Molly Gleason for the second straight year took first woman-woman Pro-Am honors riding Ken Cook's Rocky. They were also the first woman-woman overall team and second Pro-Am team to finish. Finishing third Pro-Am and only NINE SECONDS behind Laurie and Molly were Merry Law and Robin Cook (novice) riding Merry's Flame. Finishing first man-woman Pro-Am and finishing fourth Pro-Am was Don Roth and Jessica Drayer on Don's Deamon. Dave and Arlene Foster continue to help our sport by coming all the way from southern California and helping their two amateurs complete the race including, junior racer Sandy Smyth from Castro Valley.

Tom Johnson and Bob Spoor finished first overall on Bob's Risky. Head Vet Claude Pacheco did not feel too risky about Risky and awarded him Best Condition. One minute behind Tom and Bob were Chris Turney and Sid Sullivan, from Boise, riding Chris's Budweiser. And finishing one minute behind

Chris and Sid were Skip Lightfoot and Jeff Townsend on Skip's Rajzik who earned Runner Up Best Condition.



BOB SPOOR, RISKY AND TOM JOHNSON TALK WINNING STRATEGY

Two teams were pulled due to horse health issues. A happy ending for Cathy Kauer's horse Graiiis, who in the middle of the second climb up Cardiac Hill, gracefully laid out flat in the grass next to the shade tree she was tied to. She later recovered her composure and the emergency vet could not find anything wrong with her. She just had enough of this madness for one day, thank you!

Hot showers and an awesome BBQ and awards followed the event at co-sponsor Lightfoot Stables. Many thanks to Long Riders Gear (call Tracy at 1-888-420-4327 to say thanks and order some great products) for co-sponsoring the event. Again this year, a \$100 (\$5 per entering team) challenge donation will be made to the Redwings Horse Sanctuary in Carmel, CA courtesy of co-director Curt Riffle.

Reserve 5 May 2001 for the next Quicksilver Pro-Am Ride & Tie. We need more new people in our sport and Quicksilver is specifically designed for new people. Remember to AIM! Ask people to come out and experience ride & tie. Introduce them to the sport and the wonderful people like us. Mentor them in their first race as a Pro-Am team. Please start right away!

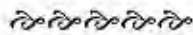
Quicksilver Ride & Tie, San Jose, CA

May 6, 2000 - 23 Miles

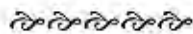
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2	Chris Turney/Sid Sullivan	Budweiser	2:27
3	Skip Lightfoot/Jeff Townsend	Raj	2:28
4	Dave Van Wicklin/Jorge Zambrano	Jassur Al Baraq	2:47
5	Gabrielle Mann/Godfrey Sullivan	Max	2:48
6	Laurie Riebling/Molly Gleason	Rocky	2:53:35
7	Merry Law/Robin Davis	Flame	2:53:44
8	Don Roth/Jessica Drayer	Deanon	3:07
9	John Osterweis/Doro Lohmann	Victor	3:15
10	Robin Klaus/David Tarpinian	Rafiq	3:27
11	Sandy Smyth/David Foster	Melinka	3:29
12	Arlene Foster/Pay Helly	Linda	3:32
13	Cheryl Domnitch/Lorri Stringfield	Jafar	3:32:47
14	Jerome Beauchamp/Frank Lieberman	Tango	4:06
15	Dave Fanara/Mary Inman	Blinky	4:48

RIDE & TIE RACE SCHEDULE 2000

June 3, 2000
Browning's Challenge
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June 24, 2000
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37 miles
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12 miles
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August 19, 2000
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13,26 miles
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-Sunday-
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