

# RIDE & TIE NEWSLETTER

December 2004



## 2004 Champions!

Racing across the finish line at the 34th World Championship Ride & Tie at Fort Bragg are 1st place finishers, Dennis Rinde, Jim Howard and Majic Sirocco (4:01) above. Brandi Page on Nightcap and Laurie Wilson, (first woman-woman team 4:24) are pictured to the right. Not pictured: Mary Tiscornia and Sid Sullivan with Yaquar Adonai (first man-woman team 4:37) To see more photos go to [www.rideandtie.org](http://www.rideandtie.org).



# 35th World Championship Held in Montana!

Our 35<sup>th</sup> Championship is scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005 in the Kootenai National Forest near Libby, Montana. This will be the first Ride & Tie Championship to be held outside of California since the 29<sup>th</sup> Championship held in Klamath Falls, Oregon in 1999. Prior to 1999, Championships have been held in Idaho, Utah, and Nevada in addition to the many races in California.

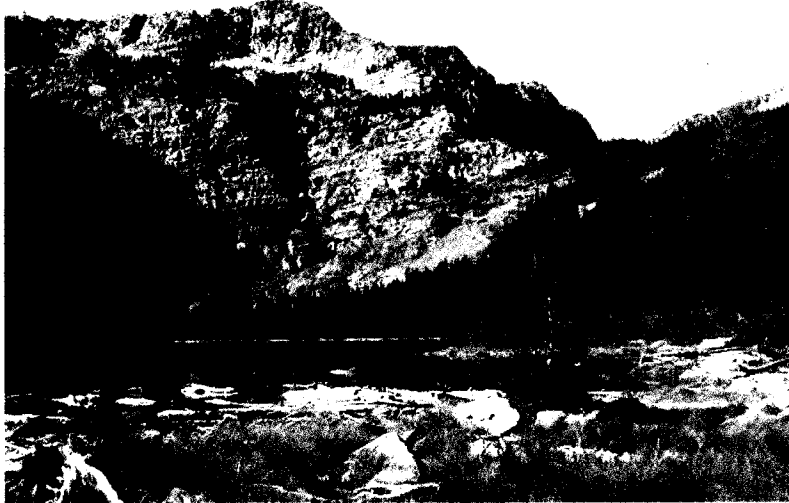
Ride & Tie Association President, Don Betts, reports that the race committee will be inspecting the trail to determine the difficulty and distance for the 2005 race. The race committee will be designing a course about 35 miles long that can be won in about four hours. With a new site, base altitude, overall elevation gain, and

course ruggedness are assessed prior to setting the race distance. "It's ride and tie tradition to move the Ride & Tie World Championship at least every couple years. By varying the terrain, different running and riding skills come

into play. Flatter, faster courses favor different teams than the more rugged courses" explains Betts. "We are hoping that the race, which has been returned to its mid summer scheduling, will once again become the family event it was in Ride & Tie's earlier days. The camping

describes "a challenging course with excellent footing for the horses." An experienced endurance ride manager, Alkire looks forward to hosting the Ride & Tie World Championship. "We hope competitors who are hauling their horses from out of state will make a vacation of it.

It's a great opportunity for local runners and equestrians excited to have the chance to compete in a World Championship right here in Montana."



Geiger Lake near Libby, MT (photo from LibbyMT.com)

area will be available for camping prior to the Championship events. The area is rich in natural beauty, activities and opportunities for vacationing."

Race site director Mary Beth Alkire

In the past couple of years teams have come from Australia, Germany and Spain leasing local horses in order to represent their countries at the Ride & Tie World Championship. Race organizers hope to see more international teams in 2005, with teams from Austria, Brazil and England showing early interest. "With the big race open to all who wish to enter, it's a great opportunity for first time competitors from the neighboring states of Idaho, Washington and Wyoming as well as western Canada to try their hand at this great sport" invites Ride & Tie president Don Betts.

## IN THE NEWS

By Carol Ruprecht

The sport of Ride & Tie has recently appeared in articles in the following venues since your previous R&T Newsletter:  
Equestrian News "Pat's Purse Release" May/June 2004  
Redding Record Searchlight "Horse power, fleet feet" by Thom Gabrukiewicz, May 9, 2004  
"Tiscornia, Kiernan Win Quicksilver Ride & Tie" by Biz Eischen, May 18th 2004  
"Ruprecht, Gey Capture Santa Ysabel Ride & Tie" by Carol Ruprecht, May 21st 2004  
Horse Illustrated "Try Ride and Tie" June 2004  
Santa Cruz Sentinel "Tying on a world title" by Julie Jag, June 24, 2004  
Fort Bragg Advocate-News "Ride and Tie goes the distance at Simca Ranch" by James Humecky, June 24, 2004  
"34th Annual Ride and Tie Championship" by Pamela Burton, June 2004  
Auburn Journal "Howard runs, rides to seventh world title" by Todd Mordhorst, July 01, 2004

The Mendocino Beacon "A successful weekend for Ride & Tie champions" by James Humecky, July 01, 2004  
Santa Cruz Sentinel "Ride and Tie" July 02, 2004  
FitnessPlus Magazine "Triumph of the Team" by Elisa Kinder, July 2004  
Equestrian News "Local Riders to Compete in 34th World Championship Ride & Tie" July/August 2004  
Marathon & Beyond "Our Partner, Slick" by Rachel Toor, July/August 2004  
"Howard Wins Record 7th World Ride & Tie Title" July 27, 2004  
Endurance News "Sister Sports: Ride and Tie" by Carol Ruprecht, August 2004  
Endurance News "Sister Sports: 34th Annual Ride & Tie Championship: Fun in Fort Bragg, California" by Pamela Burton, August 2004  
Los Angeles Times "When three's not a crowd" by Bonnie Obremski, August 31st 2004  
Equestrian News "New Partner and a Family Crew bring Ride & Tie Win to Local Rider" Sept/Oct 2004  
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## PACIFIC CREST RIDE AND TIE SETS NEW FASHION TREND

By Annette Parsons

Southern Oregon's Pacific Crest Ride and Tie is the best kept secret in Ride and Tie! This is unfortunate for those of you who missed it on July 3, as it is a lovely and easy 25 mile course, with excellent weather, great awards, and lots of fun. This year, we had two teams for the sanctioned 25-mile Pro-Am event, and one team for the 10-mile fun Ride and Tie.

Jim Clover, from the Applegate Valley in southern Oregon, and Steve Anderson of Santa Clara, California are no wimps! They both competed in the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual World Ride and Tie Championship at Ft. Bragg, California just the weekend before the Pacific Crest race, as did Jim's horse, "Bones". But that did not deter them from going for it again the following Saturday, July 3. They won, with a time of about 4 hours and 15 minutes. Jim and Bones have competed in many Ride and Ties, including 11 and 7 championships, respectively, an impressive record. Jim is now 62, and Bones is 17, and they are both still going strong! Steve has had the Ride and Tie fever since his first race in 1995.



Dennis Groh in loin cloth with Cinder at Pacific Crest Ride & Tie

Their competition was the Pro-Am woman-woman team of Elizabeth Schaefer, a long-time Ride and Tier from Ashland, Oregon, and Ginny Brown, a newcomer to Ride and Tie but a long-time awesome ultra runner, also from Oregon. They rode Elizabeth's horse, Cruz. This was Cruz's first sanctioned Ride and Tie, his only other experience being a Ride and Tie clinic held in the Applegate Valley in June. After his initial escape at the starting line, when one of the AERC riders caught him for Lizabee and Ginny, they had a good first 8 miles or so. They ended up getting separated in a network of trails and wound up with a non-finish....but true to her positive spirit, Lizabee declared

they still had a great time and she accomplished her goal of getting Cruz some more experience at Ride and Tie.

Our new Ride and Tie Association president Don Betts was another hard-core Ride and Tier who stopped by to compete at the Pacific

Crest Ride and Tie on his return trip to his home in Washington after competing at Ft. Bragg the previous weekend. Don teamed up with Ride and Tie newcomer, Dennis Grow, a horseshoer from Wilderville, Oregon. Don and Dennis did the 10-mile course, and had a great time on Don's horse Cinder. They turned more than a few heads as they raced through the grounds of the Lily Glen Horse Camp during the event, as Dennis sported a loin-cloth, the latest in Ride and Tie attire! Perhaps instead of t-shirts next year at the championship the Association should sell loin cloths with the Ride and Tie logo? Hmmmm....where would the logo be placed?

All in all, everyone had a great time. We were just wishing we could have shared our fun with more of you Ride and Tiers out there. So mark your calendars for next year and come up and see what this Pacific Northwest Ride and Tie hospitality is all about! And don't forget your loin cloth! Maybe we'll have a special award category!

### AS I WAS STANDING IN THE STREET

AS I WAS STANDING IN THE STREET  
AS QUIET AS CAN BE,  
A GREAT BIG UGLY MAN CAME UP  
AND TIED HIS HORSE TO ME.

ANONYMOUS

## BEGINNER'S LUCK

By Dan Moores

It wasn't long after opening Auburn Running Company in February, 2004 that I began to realize our customer base also included horse riders. Expecting to service only runners and walkers, it was nice to know there was another segment of the market that we could rely upon to help us get through our first year. My other false assumption was that they must all be Tevis Cup competitors, since I had not heard of a Ride & Tie, that is until Dave and Beth Van Wicklin came in the store one day and set me straight. As a kid growing up on a small farm in Wisconsin we owned three horses, but despite never learning to ride very well, I always felt comfortable around them and the idea of running and riding in a race sounded like fun. So, being the generous folks they are, Dave and Beth extended an offer to partner at the Gold Country Ride & Tie in Georgetown with Jazz, their 10 year old Arabian, and the stage was set. After a few training sessions on the Olmstead Loop in Cool and portions of

the Western States trail in Foresthill without me falling off, we felt ready for a run at the top ten, provided Jim Howard or Tom Johnson didn't show up to spoil the fun.

As it did for runners at the Western States 100, unseasonably mild weather prevailed on race day, which helped take off some of the nervous edge of not doing well in the heat. Since our strategy was for Dave to hold the horse each time he caught up with me, my only worries were not to get lost or lose the horse. The race would start with Dave in the saddle and me on foot, and because the rules allowed the first tie to be a hand-off, his daughter Tracy positioned herself about a quarter mile down the trail so my first mount would be quick and easy. Pulling out an early lead, I quickly spotted horse and crew just ahead and thought how simple the exchange would be, but the other runners were soon treated to a chaotic scene of Tracie and Jazz spinning around while I struggled to get my right foot in the stirrup. Dave had commented to the other teams in the pre-race meeting that I was a beginner rider, and they must have thought we didn't disappoint them.

But that was about the only obstacle to an otherwise smooth race as Dave and I quickly distanced ourselves from the competition, maximizing our running skills with his riding ability. By the mandatory vet check at the halfway, we had garnered a 10 minute lead. That would stretch to 29 minutes by race's end, although the last several miles seemed to stretch out as I began anticipating the finish line around every false summit and bend in the trail. But it finally came, with Dave backtracking so we could cross the line together. After my wife stopped laughing at the sight of me on a horse, we took some pictures and I reflected on a very fun and unique day. As with my first endurance run, the Ride & Tie bug had bit, and now there's talk of doing the championship next year. But first, someone needs to tell Jim Howard that I'm a beginner...

Next Issue:  
Planning your  
Montana Vacation

# 2005 Schedule



**35th ANNUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
RIDE AND TIE—JULY 9, 2005  
LIBBY MONTANA  
15 & 35 mile courses  
Contact: SharenMcColl (619)445-4485  
Or Don Betts (360)681-5218  
RideAndTieDon@aol.com**

**JANUARY 15, 2005  
PIONEERTOWN Ride & Tie**  
Pioneertown, CA  
12 & 24 mile courses  
Contact: Barbara Robertson  
P.O. Box 904, Helendale, CA 92342  
(661) 510-9863  
barbara.robertson@ngc.com

**APRIL 9, 2005  
NO FRILLS Ride & Tie,**  
Star Tannery, VA  
30/50 mile courses  
Contact: Kate Denisar  
4747 Great Heron Circle, Fairfax, VA 22033  
(703) 868-5283  
kdenisar@att.net

**APRIL 17, 2005  
GRIZZLY MOUNTAIN Ride & Tie,**  
Madras, OR  
20 mile course  
Contact: Don Betts  
146 Janssen Farm Road, Sequim, WA 98382  
(360) 681-5218  
RideandTieDon@aol.com

**MAY 21, 2005  
QUICKSILVER PRO-AM Ride & Tie, PLUS**  
San Jose, CA  
5, 14, 23 mile R&T's,  
PLUS a 12 mile ride/5 mile run Biathlon  
Contact: Curt Riffle  
469 Casita Way, Los Altos, CA 94022  
(650) 949-2321  
crriffle@earthlink.net

**MAY 14, 2005  
SANTA YSABEL Ride & Tie**  
Santa Ysabel, CA  
11 & 22 mile courses  
Contact: Rufus Schneider  
P.O. Box 311, Descanso, CA 91916  
(619) 445-2060

**JUNE 25, 2005  
BEAR SWAMP Ride & Tie,**  
Ithaca, NY  
6, 12, & 20 mile courses  
Contact: Roberta Schmidt  
19 Muckey Road, Binghamton, NY 13903

**JULY 9, 2005  
GOLD COUNTRY Ride & Tie**  
Georgetown, CA  
20 mile course  
Contact: Cheryl Domnitch  
(530) 273-5668  
Cdefpe@aol.com

**JULY 10, 12, 14, 16, 2005  
FORT STANTON Ride & Tie,**  
Fort Stanton, NM  
35 mile courses each day  
Contact: Beth Brinkley  
4800 N Poverty Flats Lane, Willcox, AZ 85643  
(520) 384-2948  
Bbrinkley@ncch.com

**AUGUST 6, 2005  
CHAMPAGNE FIREWORKS Ride & Tie**  
Santa Cruz, CA  
12 & 25 mile courses  
Contact: Curt Riffle  
469 Casita Way, Los Altos, CA 94022  
(650) 949-2321  
Crriffle@earthlink.net

**AUGUST 13, 2005  
SANTIAM CASCADE Ride & Tie**  
Santiam Pass, OR  
20 mile course  
Contact: Anna Sampson  
16501 S. Butte Creek Rd, Molalla, OR 97038  
(503) 829-5321  
flyingn@molalla.net

**AUGUST 20, 2005  
SWANTON PACIFIC Ride & Tie,**  
Davenport, CA  
75 & 100 courses  
Easy 75 mile or more challenging 100 mile  
Contact: Ellen Rinde  
318 Swanton Road, Davenport, CA 95017  
(831) 423-6089  
Ellenm@big-creek.com

**AUGUST 27 & 28, 2005  
ALL KIDDING ASIDE Ride & Tie**  
Waverly, OH  
10, 25 & 50 mile courses  
Contact: Maggie Pritchard  
1934 Buchanan Road, Waverly, Ohio 45690

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2005  
NORTHWEST LABOR DAY Ride & Tie**  
Mount Vernon, WA  
25 mile course  
Contact: Don Betts  
146 Janssen Farm Road, Sequim, WA 98382  
(360) 681-5218, RideAndTieDon@aol.com

**SEPTEMBER 10 & 11, 2005  
BIG SOUTH FORK Ride & Tie,**  
Oneida, TN  
Saturday: 30 & 50 mile courses  
Sunday: 10 Mile course  
Contact: Joanne Grimes  
9013 Coburn Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922  
(865) 693-4308, JFGHorse@netzero.net

**OCTOBER 1, 2005  
MANZANITA Ride & Tie,**  
Boulevard, CA  
13 & 25 mile courses  
Contact: Terry Wooley-Howe  
505 N. Mollison #103, El Cajon, CA 92021  
(619) 445-5443, cancer@inetworld.net

**OCTOBER 15, 2005  
FOOTHILLS OF THE CASCADE Ride & Tie**  
Santiam Pass, OR  
20 mile course  
Contact: Anna Sampson or Mary Nunn  
16501 S. Butte Creek Rd, Molalla, OR 97038  
(503) 829-5321, flyingn@molalla.net

**OCTOBER 22-23, 2005  
FORT VALLEY Ride & Tie**  
Fort Valley, VA  
12, 25 & 50 mile courses each day  
Contact: Jean Whitman  
1788 Seven Fountains Road,  
Fort Valley, VA 22652  
(703) 435-1911, runsallday@aol.com

**NOVEMBER 5, 2005  
HORSETHIEF CANYON Ride & Tie,**  
Descanso, CA  
11 & 22 mile courses  
Contact: Rufus Schneider  
P.O. Box 311, Descanso, CA 91916  
(619) 445-2060

# RACE RESULTS

## PACIFIC CREST RIDE AND TIE, ASHLAND, OR JULY 3, 2004

25 Miles  
 1. Steve Anderson Jim Clover Bones 4:10-BC  
 Elizabeth Shaefer Jinny Brown Cruz DNF

10 Mile  
 1. Don Betts Dennis Grow Cinder 2:00

## CHAMPAGNE FIREWORKS, SANTA CRUZ JULY 17, 2004

25 Miles  
 1. Sara Kelly Alina Vale Basia 2:55  
 2. Biz Eischen Curt Riffle Majik 3:10  
 3. Warren Hellman Jeff Townsend Lakota 3:14  
 4. Doyle Eggers Michelle Jay-Russell Stashi 3:32  
 5. Cheryl Dominitich Sabrina Teller Mocha 4:00  
 6. George Hall Leslie Yates Clown 4:04  
 7. Frank Lieberman Lauren Press ? 4:20

15 Miles  
 1. C. Strongman Lupe De LaFuente Star 4:23

## SANTIAM CASCADE RIDE & TIE, SANTIAM, OR AUGUST 14, 2004

20 Miles  
 1. Mark Keil Martina Keil Cinder 3:46-BC  
 2. Don Betts Bill Mintiens Gavilan 3:47  
 3. Brad Stolfi Stefani Schaeffer Jet 5:00  
 4. Wil Ethridge Hank Stolfi Tiger 5:01

## SWANTON PACIFIC, SANTA CRUZ, AUGUST 28, 2004

75 Miles  
 1. Dennis Rinde Ellen Rinde General Geranium 13:56  
 2. Frank Lieberman Curt Miller Ginger 15:46  
 Carol Ruprecht Alina Vale Find afar DNF  
 Cheryl Dominitich Sabrina Teller Mr. Mocha Brown DNF

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST LABOR DAY, MT VERNON, WA SEPT. 5, 2004

25 Miles  
 1. Josh Steffan Lisa Preston Abu 5:23  
 2. Russ Rogers Pete Cowan Nicky 6:23  
 Don Betts Dave Riffle Cinder DNF

## BIG SOUTHFORK, ONEIDA, TN SEPTEMBER 11, 2004

50 Miles  
 1. Karen Isaacs Beth Brinkley Job 9:40

30 Miles  
 1. Eric Cogdell Janice Heltibridle Frisky 4:41  
 2. Lani Newcomb Kathy Broaddus Red McIntosh 5:21

10 Miles  
 1. W. Rosenbeck Clay Taylor Ms. Goody Twocosks 1:24  
 2. Tykey Truett Holly Scarlet Sam Mazon 1:28  
 3. Joanne Grimes Don Bitchell Ginger 1:34  
 4. Wmilio Solis Susanne Solis TC Lady's Dawn 1:34  
 5. M. Waterhouse Heather Shea Comet 1:36  
 6. Kara Disbrow Dixie Hunter Midnight Cowboy 1:36  
 7. Keith Galloway Liz Galloway Success 1:41

## DONCASTER RENEGADE, WELCOME, MD SEPTEMBER 26, 2004

50 Miles  
 1. Jean Whitman A. Peterson Connica Rose Posha 6:48

26 Miles  
 1. Barbara Mack Shan Han Notara Mesa 2:47  
 2. Janice Heltibridle Lisa Green Frisky 3:10  
 3. Lani Newcomb Kathy Broaddus Red McIntosh 3:51

11 Miles  
 1. Mary Terp Johanna Kappus Hydaway

## MANZANITA RIDE & TIE, BOULEVARD, CA OCTOBER 2, 2004

25 Miles  
 1 Rufus Schneider Anne Langstaff Kuna 2:57  
 2 Carol Ruprecht Kim Morse Find afar 3:35  
 3 Doyle Eggers Frank Lieberman Gypsy 3:47  
 4 Melanie Wier Rick Noer Kamanche 4:07-BC  
 5 Rebeca London David Howe Bandit 4:38  
 6 Jonathan Jordan Tara Jordan Flyer 4:45  
 Terri Castellano Jim Fredette Razario DNF  
 Glen Morgan John McTasney Diane DNF

15 Miles  
 1 Sydney Vale Jim Calkins Pen Dragon  
 2 Gale Kemble Kelly Rojas Black Magic  
 3 K. Scaramella Mike Whelan Anna Mia

## FORT VALLEY, FORT VALLEY, VA OCTOBER 23, 2004

30 Miles  
 1. Lisa Green Jean Whitman Cei Emry's 5:45  
 2. Kevin Townsend Ann Townsend HC Fleet ADM 6:04-BC  
 3. Kathy Broaddus Lani Newcomb, Red McIntosh 6:50

## HORSETHIEF CANYON RIDE & TIE DESCANSO, CA NOV. 6, 2004

22 Miles  
 1 Warren Hellman Jeff Townsend Lakota Mare 3:02-BC  
 2 Doyle Eggers Frank Lieberman Gypsy 3:31  
 3 Bethany Tatanni David Howe Ranger 3:33  
 4 Kirsten Seyferth Gesa Brinks Sparkling Sky 3:49  
 M. Bustillos Gary Vargas Mickey DNF  
 Gunilla Kent Mike Whelan Kuna DNF

13 Miles  
 1 Tom Gey Carol Ruprecht Find afar 2:11  
 2 Evelyn Marshall Rick Noer Tierninoak 2:14  
 3 Diane Casey Kelli Frank Justin 2:17  
 4 Alison Farrin Ken Courian Gydion 2:17  
 5 Sydney Vale Mike Moffat Cedars 2:22  
 6 Mai Nguyen Marian Cassimatis Anna Mia 2:25  
 7 Jonathan Jordan Tara Jordan Flyer 2:34  
 8 Jim Calkins Beth Crawford Zima 2:35  
 9 Kim Meillo K.S. Swigart Windy 2:41  
 10 Glen Morgan John McTasney Diane 3:02

# etc

**NEWSFLASH!** On August 28, 2004 **ELLEN RINDE** became the first Ride & Tier to complete 3000 miles!

**SPECIAL WELCOME TO GUNILLA KENT** who has joined the R&T Association as a Lifetime Member!

**WANTED:** Your photos, artwork, articles for future newsletters. Email it to Ride and Tie Newsletter @ yahoo.com or mail to Annie Betts 146 Janssen Farm Rd. Sequim, WA 98382

**REMINDER: MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE!** Your membership runs from January to January (even if you purchased it mid year.) Pay now so you don't miss copies of the R&T Newsletter! Even better, become a LIFETIME MEMBER and never pay again!

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## IN MEMORY OF BERNICE KALLAND

By Lee Anne Waggoner

Bernice Marie Kalland of Castaic, California passed away on May 7, 2004. Born May 28, 1922, Bernice was a third generation pioneer of the Los Angeles area. Her greatest accomplishments include being a champion endurance rider, winning many 25, 50, and 100 mile horse races. A strong supporter of Ride & Tie events, Bernice once said that the only thing she "didn't like about Ride & Ties is the running part." She left the running up to others but was extremely proud of Mouse, her Ride & Tie world champion, and they continued to "head down the trail" until shortly before her death. Bernice proudly served as a U.S. Marine during WWII and retired from the U.S. Postal Service. She also enjoyed photography and spending time with her family and friends at her Oak Park home, which was homesteaded by her family in 1860. Bernice died from complications following a stroke. A



Bernice and Rush Creek Majic (Mouse) completed their last ride together at the Hog Wild Poker Ride 3 weeks prior to her death.

memorial celebration for Bernice was held in November with several ride and tiers in attendance. To contact the family call 720-838-7356.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT, DON BETTS

Mark your calendar on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005 for the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride And Tie Championship. It will be held in Libby, Montana in the Kootenai National Forest. The Kootenai Forest is a gorgeous part of America and you will really enjoy the trails.

My apologies to the race directors whose events conflict with the Championship dates. July 9<sup>th</sup> was selected because it will allow families to vacation with their children, and it is midway between the Tevis and Western States and the race site was not available after the first of August.

In subsequent issues of the Ride & Tie Newsletter we will have information on Libby, Montana and the surrounding area. We will also be offering information on where you might stay while traveling there with your horses. Now that you have your new Membership Directory you may be able to find people in your area to travel with or possibly haul your horse for you. It's a great directory. It was a very long time coming. I hope you are finding it useful.

I want to mention how grateful the Ride and Tie Association is for all the volunteers, especially Carol Ruprecht and Steve Anderson who have been so helpful this past year.

My wife, Annie, and I will be the Event Coordinators for the upcoming Championship. Since we have never attempted putting on an event this large, we will certainly need your help and comments. If you can help or have any suggestions, please let us know.

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Gavilan, (pictured here with the Riffle boys at Cascade Challenge R&T in 2003) number four horse in ride & tie miles died last September from anaphylactic shock following a penicillin injection. Gavilan was in 32 R & T races, including 13 Championships. People who raced with Gavilan include: Dave and Curt Riffle, Lisa Preston, Julie O'Haver-Schlich, Les Nightingil, Tim Hinrichs, Lupe De La Fuente, Jane Margulis, Lanny Brown, Annie Betts, Bill Mintiens, Russ Kiernan, Martina Kyle and, of course, the team of George Hall and Don Betts. We will all miss him. Don and Annie Betts

## THANKYOU VOLUNTEERS

By Lari Shea

I would like to send end-of-the-year greetings and a big Thank You! to the many folks who helped make the 2004 World Ride & Tie Championships in Mendocino such a great event. First and foremost, thanks to hubby Harvey and daughter Kyala, as well as son Rafferty and friends ranging from Jan from NYC, Jim & Lea, Delos and David from the SF area, and dozens of locals who had never even heard of Ride & Tie, but soon volunteered dozens of hours per. Stacey Bradley was my main trails guru. Linwood Gill and the Parker and Jackson families gave us permission to ride over their lands, and helped us designate and map trails. Mary Wells, whose late husband Fred competed in the very first R&T, did a fabulous job collecting many thousands of dollars worth of donated awards, as well as ordering others in multiple categories for six events.

I particularly thank our generous sponsors, led by Lisa at Moss Rock Endurance, who donated a Free 'n Easy Saddle for Best Conditioned Horse in the Championships. Henry Griffen came through as he always does, with two beautiful horse blankets for 1st Place in both the Championships and the 50 Mile Endurance. Dozens of other sponsors made this one of the most lavish events ever. I personally thank Forrest Tancer of Iron Horse Winery for donating the priceless magnums of champagne with hand etched logos created by T-shirt design donator, Leona Walden of Pacific Ridge Advertising. Curt Riffle, Steve Shaw, Carol Ruprecht, Steve Anderson, Beth Van Wicklen, and most particularly, former race director Laura Christoff offered invaluable help. Head vet, Jim Steere, with wife D'Anne, were a pleasure to work with, as always. Dave Clappet and his ham radio guys are unsung heroes.

I also want to thank the ten Ricochet Ridge Ranch horses who took 18 riders through the various events..... all the riders took fantastic care of their leased critters, and I heartily recommend them to other owners for future events. I've

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# HORSESMEN THAT HAVE RUN RIDE & TIE 500 MILES

## RANK HORSE (OWNER) RACES MILES CHAMPIONSHIPS

RANK	HORSE (OWNER)	RACES	MILES	CHAMPIONSHIPS
1	Scots Bilexijo (McCrary/Rinde)	40	1427	10
2	Corky (Lightfoot/Riffle)	37	1078	12
3	Grab (Andriotti)	34	941	8
4	Gavilan (Betts)	32	912	13
5	Samurai (Hellman)	31	894	8
6	Joe (Hellman)	30	842	8
7	Linda (Foster)	29	839	6
8	Williey (Browning)	19	839	11
9	Scooter (Andreotti)	17	795	6
10	Ggaffon (Webb)	16	681	8
11	Budweiser (Turney)	14	668	8
12	Miami Spice (Clearwaters)	13	659	6
13	Albi (Tiscornia)	20	640	10
14	Eli (Richtman)	20	586	7
15	Cody (Ceragioli)	20	569	5
16	Mis P (Hollantler)	20	561	11
17	Cimarron (Howard)	19	550	6
18	Rajzik (Lightfoot/Riffle)	19	547	7
19	Allegra (Foster/Webb)	19	532	5
20	Justin (Schneider)	18	531	11

STATISTICS BY STEVE ANDERSON

## NOTES FROM THE BOARD

### BOARD DECISIONS:

\*Free entries to the Championship for Carol Ruprecht and Steve Anderson in appreciation of all their hours of volunteer service.

\*Booth at the AERC Convention to be hosted by the Andersons.

\*2005 Championship entry fee of \$100. Biathlon, Ultra-Run and Short Course will be \$50.

\*3 free entries for International Teams as administered by Carol Ruprecht.

\*Pat's Purse will remain at \$1000 to be awarded to the next Pro-Am team to win the Championship. Matching funds come from Pat Browning and the Association.

\*The B.O.D is looking for volunteers to handle the sale of merchandise and the registration at the Championship.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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been leasing horses for the Championships since 1982, with only one adverse experience (personal, ..... all the horses came through just fine!)... and I'm happy to offer advice or recommendations for folks considering leasing horses for Ride & Tie. I won't be able to attend next year's championship event, but I wish Don and his crew the very best of luck!

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Steve Anderson thanks Tracie Van Wicklen for all her help at the Championship. "Good Luck In College Tracie!!"