

RIDE & TIE



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One Horse, Two Riders and One Tough Race

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Photograph by Mike Ahlbrand

First Place Finishers of the 2006 Ride & Tie World Championship in Santa Ysabel, California, Tom Gey and Jim Howard on Sirocco. Jim and Tom were also the first century team with a combined age of 104. As brothers-in-law (both married to Ruprecht sisters) they were the First Family Team. They were also the first Man/Man team and the winners of Pat's Purse.

Message from the President

One Tough Race, it WAS! Just check out that cover photo. When was the last time you saw a finish photo where the winners weren't looking ready to dance the night away. I think we found out why the ride and tiers in Southern California are so good. Survival.

What had threatened to be a hot race was just that. It started out a closely contested competition between several teams and became a battle of vet checks. Working their horse hard and trying to get the respiration down below 72 in 30 minutes became a challenge some couldn't meet.

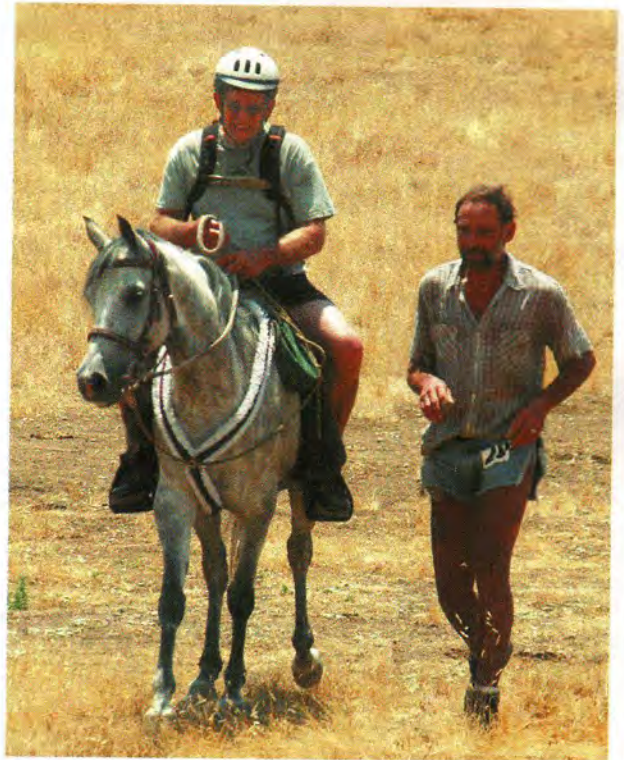
Rufus Schneider did a great job as race director. Terry Wooley-Howe kept our horses in water everywhere. The local cross-country teams kept the runners going with drinks and food at many places on the course. The excellent DVM staff of Rob Lydon, Barrie Grant, Jeff Moss, and Sandra Valdez did fine work protecting and possibly saving a few horses. There were three horses that needed extra care at the race and they are all now doing well.

The competitors did a really good job in taking care of the horses and themselves.

Bud and Fran Johns were there. Bud started the race and both of them helped out at the finish line. Bud's presence always makes the race even more special. It was great to see again Peter and Martha Klopfer from North Carolina. They have completed 13 Championship races beginning with Paso Robles in 1975, where they were the first place Man/Woman team.

There were some outstanding achievements. Jim Howard won his ninth Ride & Tie Championship. That's two more than Mark Richtman and 4 more than the Wad Squad. Mary Tiscornia won her fourth Woman/Man title in four tries with Sid Sullivan. She has also won nine Woman/Woman titles giving her thirteen Division Titles. Mary also completed her thirtieth Championship. Ted Ruprecht, Pat Browning, and Russ Kiernan all completed their twenty-fifth Championship. Leslie Yates came all the way from Murray, Kentucky to complete his tenth. Tom Schreck completed his fifth Championship.

To those who think the Ride & Tie demographics have changed, you are correct. In 1981 at Dog Valley there were 116 teams and the oldest team at the event was Ted and Joan Ruprecht at 98 years. Now for the second year in a row the Championship has been won by a Century in the Saddle team. Of the 29 teams in the Championship, 14 were Century in the Saddle and only Marguerite Davenport and McKenna Steere with a combined age of 34 were below 67 for a combined age.



Don Betts, George Hall and Cinder finish 18th in 6 hours 22 minutes. Don and George completed their 12th Championship together.



2006 Championship Belt Buckle designed by Gist Jewelers

I extend my congratulations to Steve Anderson and Don Strong, our two new Board of Directors members. I welcome back Lani Newcomb and Pat & Nita Browning to our Board. Congratulations to Ted Ruprecht, our new Board Treasurer and Dawn Hartsock, our new Board Secretary. Also I welcome Lisa Preston, our new Administrative Director. My thanks go out to Sid Sullivan, and Laurie Wilson for their past service and continued support and to Sharen McColl for all her fine work for the Association.

Next year's Ride & Tie World Championship race will be held on June 16th at the Cuneo Creek Horse Camp in Humboldt Redwoods State Park. There will be hot showers and flush toilets. There are some corrals for horses. It should be cool and it will be beautiful. Bring your families. It will be wonderful. I will be there going for my twentieth Championship completion along with my good friend and partner, George Hall who will be going for his twenty-fifth. See you there.

Don Betts



Photo by Mike Ahlbrand

First Woman/Woman Team Finishes Second

Carrie Barrett on Basia, and Alina Vale finish second and take First Woman/Woman team in 4 hours, 24 minutes. This was Carrie Barrett's second Championship and first completion. It was Alina Vale's third. Both women competed at Whiskeytown and Quicksilver earlier this year.

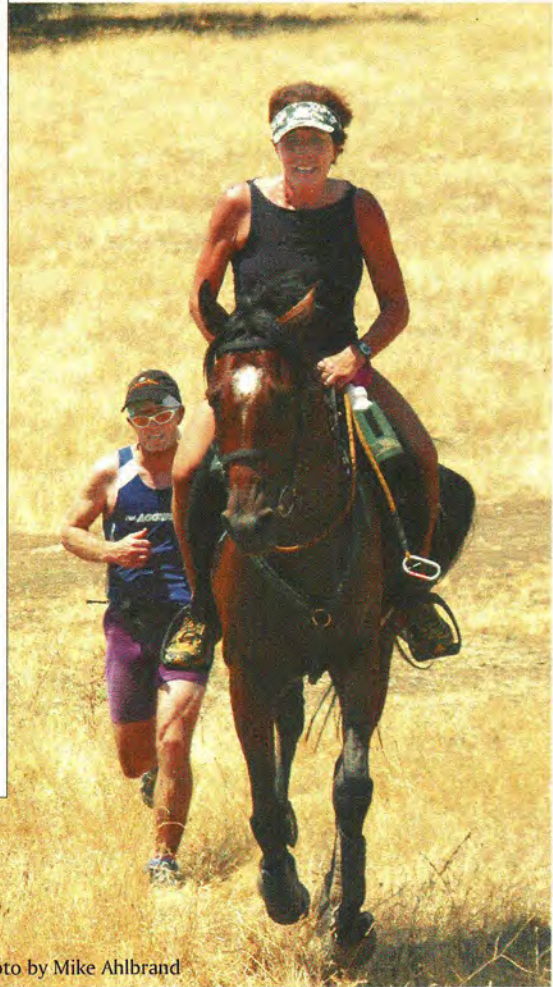


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Photo by Steve Anderson

Liz Carey Takes Home BC Trophy

Liz Carey, owner and trainer of Basia, this year's Championship Best Conditioned horse (seen above with partners Barrett and Vale), holds the Best Conditioned Perpetual Trophy. Basia has competed in eight races and two Championships since her first race in 2003.

Sullivan and Tiscornia Win Man/Woman Again!

Sid Sullivan and Mary Tiscornia finish third taking their fourth First Man/Woman team in four tries! Their finishing time was 4 hours 25 minutes. Mary, who holds the record as longest competing member of the Ride & Tie Association of 35 years, has won the Woman/Woman title nine times (with Dawn Damas: '72, '73, '74, '75, '76 and '77, with Marcia Smith, '90, with Cindy Mann, '95 and with Laurie Riebling Wilson, '99).

CASH PRIZES AWARDED AT THE 2006 CHAMPIONSHIP

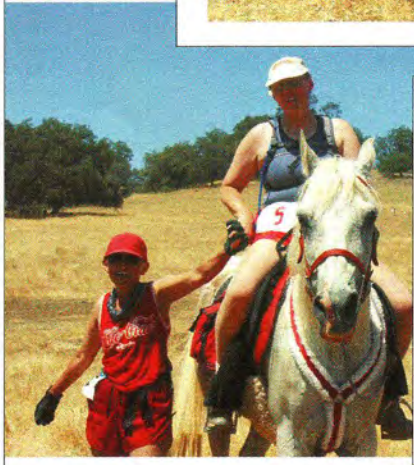
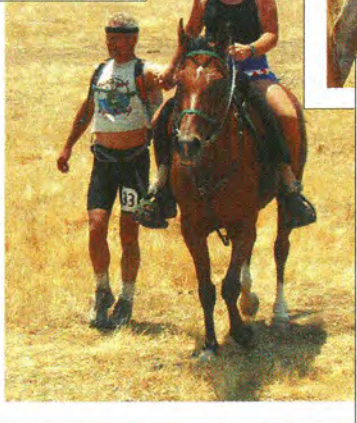
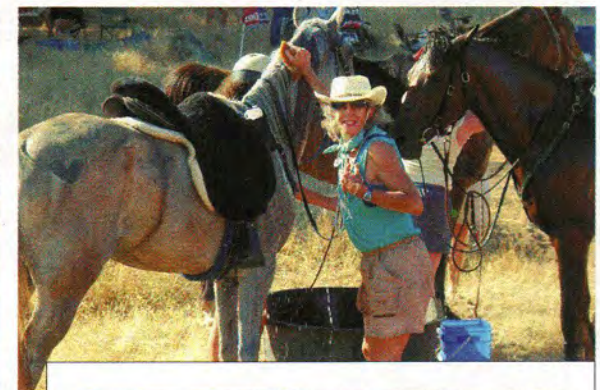
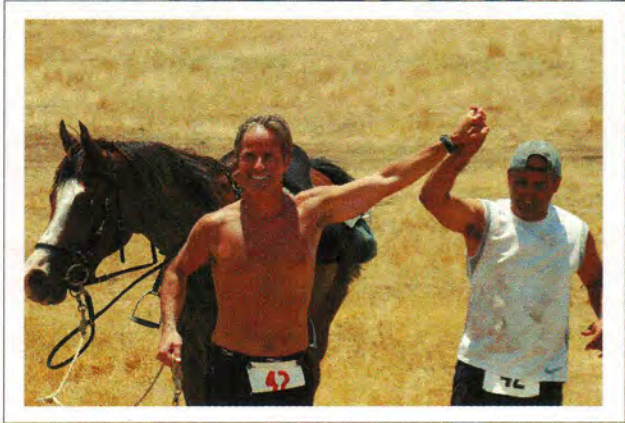
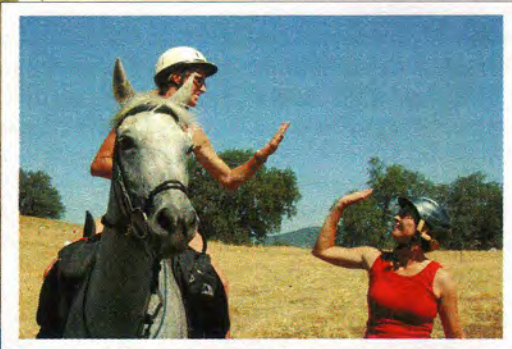
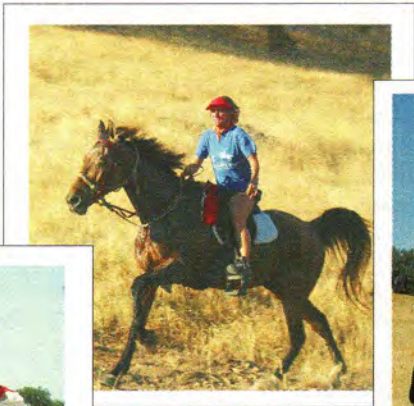
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\$300 Corky Award: Carrie Barrett and Alina Vale

36TH ANNUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RIDE & TIE RACE RESULTS

3:37	TOM GEY/JIM HOWARD	SIROCCO
4:24	CARRIE BARRETT/ALINA VALE	BASIA *BC*
4:25	SID SULLIVAN/MARY TISCORNIA	SAL
4:27	JONATHAN JORDAN/ROBBIE SHULZ	FLYER
4:59	JIM BROWN/RUSS KIERNAN	YAQUAR ADONAI
5:06	HEIDI CLARE LAMBERT/JENNIFER TISCORNIA	LAKOTA MARE
5:08	MELISSA RIBLEY/ELAINE RUPRECHT	JAZZ JUBILEE
5:30	FRANK LIEBERMAN/DIANA LUNDY	GYPSY
5:42	JONNIE ALPER/THOM STEERE	WESOB
5:48	PAT BROWNING/ANNE LANGSTAFF	WILLEY
5:50	RICK NOER/MELANIE WEIR	KAMANICHE
5:57	STEVE AHLBERG/DAWN HARTSOCK	TESS
5:58	JOHN OSTERWEIS/THOMAS SCHRECK	MAJIK
5:58	STEVE ANDERSON/JESSICA JACOBS	BRIOSO
6:14	BYRON GRANT/CHRIS MAMAKOS	CAL
6:18	SANDRA BARISCH/KIRSTEN SEYFORTH	SCATRIS
6:21	DICK BLIZZARD/JANE MCGRATH	SCAMP
6:22	DON BETTS/GEORGE HALL	CINDER
6:37	BETHANY PAPPANNI/LESLIE YATES	SPARKLING SKY
7:29	CAROL RUPRECHT/TED RUPRECHT	OLYMPIAN
DNF	JEREMY REYNOLDS/DENNIS TRACY	CV MATILIJA
DNF	MARTHA KLOPFER/PETER KLOPFER	FANTA
DNF	WARREN HELLMAN/JEFF TOWNSEND	FLEW
DNF	DAVID DE LA ROSA/MICHAEL FRAYSSE	KOONA
DNF	PATTI BOWMAN/DAWN MCCOOL	RUBY
DNF	MEGAN HARTOP/GLEN MORGAN	DIANA
DNF	MARGUERITE DAVENPORT/MCKENNA STEERE	BOMBAY
DNF	GUNILLA KENT/MICHAEL WHELAN	MARKIE
DNF	KATHY APPLEBY/RUFUS SCHNEIDER	CD

SHORT COURSE

2:21	LISA PRESTON/BEN VOLK	MAGIC
2:34	BRYCE VALE/SYDNEY VALE	SIR PRIZE
2:35	TARA JORDAN/DENISE REPPENHAGEN	JUSTIN
2:41	TERRI CASTELLANO/JAMES FREDETTE	FLAME
3:02	AUDREY BALDESSARI/CAYLIN TROCHA	KB
3:09	JENNIFER MANSOOR/AMANDA WOOD	REBA
4:09	LUPE DE LA FUENTE/CAROLINE STRONGMAN	STAR
4:42	BOB TROCHA/MADISON TROCHA	BARBIE
DNF	YVETTE PHIPPS/YVONNE PHIPPS	KISSES



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An Experience I Will Never Forget by Carrie Barrett

The Interest piqued 10 years ago when I relocated to California. I had never heard of Ride and Tie, but wow!, did it sound fun! The only problem was that I did not run; never had, but fantasized about becoming a “runner”. That notion milled around in my head for a few years while I raised my kids, worked and rode, and competed my Jumper in shows. A few years later, I was fortunate to meet Laurie Wilson, who became my rock solid mentor. She said I really didn't have to run that far to compete in Ride and Tie, and to call her when I was in shape to run a bit. When I would go on my (what I realize now) really short runs, my mantra was “rideandtie, rideandtie, rideandtie”. Honestly, I wanted it so bad. I worked up to running a bit and called Laurie. In 2004, with Laurie's help and partnering, I competed in my first Ride and Tie at Quicksilver, where we came in First W/W, and first Pro-Am. I have been hooked ever since, competing around injured time periods (Achilles tendonitis in winter/spring of '04, and 2 femoral stress fractures in the winter/spring of '05). I came into the Santa Ysabel Championships this year still an amateur.

The Training started even before the 2005 Championships in Libby. Laurie and I were lucky to have Liz Carey's horse, Basia, on loan. We decided not to have her make the trip to Libby. So for a year, we've had her at Muir Beach in the Marin Headlands where you can't ride (or run for that matter) with out climbing some pretty serious hills. Excellent training ground – except *not* good training for heat, as it rarely rises above 70 degrees. Together with Laurie and Basia's faithful sponsor, Victoria Mosser, we managed to get Basia out 4 – 6 days a week, week in and week out, no matter what for the whole year. I am grateful for that time I had to nurture a bond and have such familiarity with Basia - so important to take with you into a race. Laurie, the constant coach, would check in – hey – “you should be running this far now – are you??” She kept me in a great training regime and she was really motivating.

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7 AM Race Start at Santa Ysabel Championship. Note: Bud Johns in center of photo.

It Can't Get Any Better by Sid Sullivan

In 1995, the Ride and Tie Championships came to the well recognized town of Sun Valley, Idaho. Not long before, I was approached by my wife's riding friend with the idea that she would teach me to ride a horse if I could motivate her to get back into running shape. The culmination of these two things would be that we would compete at these championships and have a good time. We rode a feisty horse named Sasha. Since I had only been on a horse about 15 times prior to the race, I requested that we stay with my favorite saddle, an Australian type, horn and all. That year there was close to 100 teams and the start in a long meadow leading to some monster climbs. It was unfortunate that our horse took a bad step and got pulled, but this did not deter me from finishing so I ran the remaining loop on my own. I look back on this day as the beginning of my involvement in one of the greatest adventure sports there is.

My athletic life has been centered on my running career of about 30 years. I have been to the peaks of track and field competition ranging from 800m to 10,000m. As my body began to slow down, I was looking for some type of competition to replace the small hills I was now experiencing, while at the same time, give me the thrill of competition and excitement. Although, I still venture back to track and field each year, I also return to the excitement and thrill of ride and tie.

I have always been impressed with the human body and its ability to stretch its limits and go to new places physically. Like many of you, I have asked my body to do some amazing things, not only on the track, but climbing high mountain peaks, biking, rafting and other demanding experiences, but this year's championship race now takes the top spot on my list of the hardest things I have ever done. Although the heat and sun played a part in this experience, the "One Tough Course" of this year surely helped. It was awesome!!!!!! Thanks Rufus.....

I have always been impressed with the athleticism of the horses we race. They are phenomenal athletes, with a great deal of competitive spirit, charisma, heart and mind. I love watching them prepare for a race and watching their nerves prior to the start like we humans do. In the 11 years I have competed in ride and tie, I have ridden some of the best. Not only has it been a privilege, but an honor. They have caused me to be a better competitor.

Last of all, the people of ride and tie are the best. Many of you have played a part in integrating me to the sport. I miss some of the legends of ride and tie, including: Chris Turney, Skip Lightfoot, Tom Johnson, Jerome Beauchamp, Curt Riffle, Dan Barger, Lew Hollander, Garrett Ford, the Fosters, Tom Christofk, Paul Rink, Becky Fiedler, etc. I hope that some day we can get you back for another race and all that it brings.

Although our sport has gone through some changes and now experiences some challenges, the sport itself can't get any better. Two people, one horse and one tough course is where it is at.... See you in Humboldt next year.

A Great Partner (Jim Howard), a Great Horse (Magic Sirocco) and Luck

By Tom Gey

"You should snap him up" is how Elaine Ruprecht, my regular partner for the big race every year, responded when I asked if I could bail on her to partner with her husband instead. So I jumped at the chance to partner with Jim. I knew that Mark Richtman, Jim's first partner of choice, was running Western States the weekend before Santa Ysabel and thus not available. I didn't know how far down the potential partner list I was – and didn't care.

In the days before the race, Jim and I discussed how we should ride the horse considering the heat and the poor footing on the course. Jim's horse, Magic Sirocco was fit, having easily placed in the top ten at a 50 mile endurance ride a month before. But having pre-ridden most of the course, we knew we had to ride carefully through the 30 miles of rocky, rutted mountain trails or we risked being pulled for lameness at the veterinary checks.

We also knew horses could easily become overheated if teams pushed the pace early in the race. We decided to ride our horse conservatively for the first 20 miles – never faster than a trot or a slow canter – and get off and run with the horse down steep, rocky sections of trail.

Jim started the race on Sirocco, trotting slowly, at the back of the starting pack of horses. He

wanted to get the horse safely through the most dangerous part of the race – the start.

I was on foot, ahead of Jim for about a quarter mile before he passed me and went another half mile and left Sirocco at the hand-tie with his daughter, Sara. Sara handed Sirocco to me and I trotted down the grassy single track. Having survived the pandemonium of the start, the race was on and I didn't catch Jim until well after we entered the trail on the Indian Reservation.

After several exchanges, I rode Sirocco into the first vet check, handed him to Sara and took off running. We were the second horse into the vet check, which meant we were pushing the pace a little too fast. I ran out of

the first check at a comfortable pace, having figured that I would probably be half way up the hill across the road on the second loop before Jim caught me with the horse.

Two horses passed me shortly, near the road crossing: Dennis Tracy on CV Matilija and Mike Fraysse on Kuna. When Jim caught me halfway up the hill, we knew two teams were well ahead of us. **CONTINUED ON PAGE TEN**



Tom Gey on Sirocco leave Jim Howard on the ground.

Preston and Volk Finish First on the Short Course

by Lisa Preston

Horses sweat, runners perspire. I glowed. No need to sound like a whiner and even mention the foxtails or all ninety-eight degrees.

When the U.S. Coast Guard dissed me by not giving the Steffens leave to come to the 2006

Ride and Tie Championship in San Diego, I teamed up with serious Ironman Ben Volk. Ben had done his first Ride and Tie just three weeks earlier. We were to ride the Betts' second horse, Silk. She's an 18 year old broodmare whom trainer Erika Steffen turned into a trail horse just a year ago. Though inexperienced and frequently ribbed about her ribbiness, Silk has a great mind and lovely gaits. Ben and I were looking forward to racing with her.

Ben and Silk were probably both less than pleased with me for taking a ten miler on Silk two days before the race that resulted in a small cut on the medial aspect of her left fore's bulb. We put off trying to vet-in until after 0600 on race morning but she still showed some mild lameness.

Julie Lantini generously offered us her horse, Magik, whom she'd brought for company. No one could ask for a sweeter loaner. Magik was perfectly happy to be tacked up and ridden off by strangers.

She tied like a dream and handled beautifully. As Julie had cautioned us that the nineteen year old mare was not extremely fit, Ben and I kept Magik reined back in the early, exciting riding and walked her up hills, as well as several flat miles in the second half of the short course.

I had convinced Ben to go with the strategy of keeping our fast runner (SO not me) out front. He would start on the horse and I would not ride past him in the race. This was a notion that came to me from working out with Don Betts last year as we charged horses downhill trying very hard to catch my 2005 running partner, Josh Steffen. Given how hard a horse and rider work to catch a strong runner and how much time is spent in tying and untying, Josh and I had cut our actual ties in half by me bringing him the horse and doing a flying exchange. He was the only one tying the horse and I was the only one untying. We'd definitely sped up as a team with this strategy.

One team in this championship might have been saved by this strategy simply because it is impossible to forget if you're ahead of or behind your runner if the same partner is kept in front at all times. During this race, one rider tied before reaching his partner. Ooops.

The heat produced mirages of orange-shirted kids with endless cups of **CONTINUED PAGE 10**



PHOTO BY MIKE AHLBRAND

Lisa Preston runs for the finish line with partners, Ben Volk and Majik (owned by Julie Lantini). Preston and Volk were the first place finishers in the Short Course Event.

Jim Howard's Amazing Recovery

An Excerpt from Article by Todd Mordhorst
Auburn Journal Sports Editor, July 6, 2006

When a tree branch crashed down on Jim Howard's chest last November and left him in intensive care for six days, it didn't take much to motivate the longtime endurance athlete to get back on his feet.

"When I woke up from surgery, I wiggled my toes and I knew I could run again," the Applegate resident said.

Six broken ribs, an exploded spleen (which was removed), a punctured lung, an ripped intestine and a lacerated kidney couldn't keep Howard from defending his title at the Ride & Tie World Championships last Saturday in Santa Ysabel, Calif.

Howard and his brother-in-law Tom Gey, of Newport Beach, used their experience - both have been involved with ride and tie for close to 20 years - and one of the sport's top equines - Magic Sirocco - to finish the race in 3 hours, 37 minutes and 43 seconds. Howard and Gey finished 46 minutes ahead of second place on the 30-mile course.

Gey had his own comeback that motivated him for the championship. He was forced to watch the last two Ride and Tie World Championships from the sideline. A horse stepped on his leg and broke it two years ago and a calf injury kept him out of action last year. But Gey said Howard's remarkable comeback was more motivating than his own.

"He just never ceases to amaze me," Gey said of Howard. "He's almost superhuman in terms of what he can do and how he can push his body. He put on quite a running performance. I think he's an incredible athlete, but I think he also has incredible mental strength to do what he does."

Howard, 51, was falling a Douglas Fir for firewood late last year when he had the unfortunate run-in with the tree branch, which came flying down on top of him. Thanks to the quick action of his daughter, Sara Howard, and his wife, Elaine Ruprecht, he was taken by air ambulance to Sutter Roseville Medical Center. He was in surgery within 45 minutes of the accident.

The left side of his body was devastated by the blow. He spent six days in intensive care and three more recovering in the hospital. But within 12

weeks of the accident, Howard was back doing light training, thankful that he could still pursue his passion.

"For me, the finish this year had a special meaning - getting back to health," said Howard, who said he lost nearly half his blood in the accident. "I felt lucky that I healed up so quickly."

When Howard was ready to get back on the horse after his injury, he mounted up on one of the best in ride and tie. Magic Sirocco has now won four of the previous six world championships. The 12-year-old Arabian has also placed second and third.

"He's on his way to being the all-time champion horse," Howard said. "Most teams ride too hard and burn the horse out. Sirocco is 12 years old and he's in his prime."

Last weekend's competition was stiff, right up until the final few miles. Howard and Gey trailed for much of the race until the frontrunning teams both succumbed to the searing heat, which reached 98 degrees in the shade.

"It wasn't a cakewalk," Howard said. "Two other teams went out really fast and we were chasing them. It was a fine line between keeping up with them and going out to fast."

Tried and true Veterans of ride and tie, Howard and Gey knew the torrid pace at the beginning of the race was reckless.

"I think the key was strategy more than anything else," Gey said. "The course was tough for running and riding and it made it that much tougher because it was really hot. Our strategy was to go out slow with the horse, so that if we needed him



Jim Howard on Magic Sirocco approaching the Vet Check.

after 20 miles, we would have a lot of horse left."

The Ride and Tie World Championships have become a huge part of the lives of Howard, Gey and their families. Howard's wife, Elaine Ruprecht, finished seventh in 5:08:04, with partner Melissa Ribley, of Grass Valley.

Gey's wife, Carol Ruprecht, teamed up with her father, Ted Ruprecht, to finish 20th. Sara Howard was the main trainer for Sirocco, preparing the winning horse for the championships.

"We have a yearly camp trip based around the race," Jim Howard said. "It's a family thing."

Howard and Gey claimed the \$1,000 top prize, along with a bonus for having a human team member who had never won the championship. The tandem also took the Century-in-the-Saddle award, for having a combined age of over 100.



OLD RACE GETS NEW RACE DIRECTORS

by Dawn Hartsock

The Quicksilver Ride and Tie received new race directors this year....

This is not unusual for this ride and tie but rather the norm. Many years ago the ride and tie was called the "Mother's Day Ride and Tie" and I'm sorry to say I don't remember the race directors. Then it became the "Brown's Ride and Tie" and was put on by the folks who own Brown's Arabians. Next it was the "Speed and Steed Ride and Tie" run by Rick Appleton and Lanny Brown. When Rick and Lanny left ride and tie Skip Lightfoot and Curt Riffle renamed the annual event at Almaden Quicksilver Park, the Quicksilver Ride and Tie. The last several years Curt Riffle has managed the ride and tie solo. And now this year two new first time race directors, Don Strong and Steve Anderson did the race proud!

If you were at the event you would have thought these two guys had been running this race all these years. The course was well marked, the vet check ran smoothly, the campsite was nice, the T-shirt were awesome and there were many, many other wonderful awards. But the BEST part was that the race attracted many new ride and tiers!



PHOTO BY KURT WAGNER
Gabrielle Wagner rides Loretta out of Vet Check at Quicksilver.
Wagner with team mate Steve Anderson finished sixth.

The Pro AM teams were out in force, Heidi Clare teamed with Jennifer Tiscornia to win first place overall, and they got best conditioned on Lakota, Warren Helman's supermare who was trained by Jeff Townsend. CONTINUED ON PAGE 14

Two People and a Horse and an Exhilarating 26 Mile Race

by Ben Volk

I originally heard about the sport of Ride and Tie a couple of years ago and thought it would be a good way to get involved in the sport that my girls, Libby and Regan, and wife, Susan love to do: horseback riding.

I had planned to do the Mt. Adams Ride and Tie Race with a runner from Kennewick and his big Tennessee Walker. He hurt his ankle and was unable to do the race. Next, I was supposed to ride with a lady from Pasco on her Quarter Horse. She was unable to make the race and needed the horse that weekend. So Susan, Libby, and I went to the race figuring on just riding the 12 mile endurance ride. About 15 minutes before the race I met Annie Betts from Sequim. Her husband, Don, is the president of the Ride and Tie Association and was planning on doing the race. She told me that if I asked him nice, he would probably let me take his place. I asked him and he said "Go get your helmet and have some fun!" I met the Arabian horse, Cinder, about 10 minutes before the start, and I met Tim Ruben from Bend, the other runner, about 5 minutes before the start!

was letting some greenhorn stranger ride his prize Arabian filly (Cinder) on 26 miles of mountain trail. And here was Tim agreeing to do the race with someone who knew almost nothing about ride and tie. Nevertheless, the race went great in the early miles and Tim mentored me as we went along. My first tie was around a branchless 3" diameter tree. When Tim caught up with me he said, "You need to tie higher and to a tree with some branches on it. The tie rope and carabiner (used for climbing) can slip to the ground, and the horse can become entangled if the tie is too low." My next tie was around a 200-year old, 3-foot diameter Ponderosa Pine! Tim's next comment was, "Too short of a tie. The horse needs a little room to move around." The next few ties seemed to go smoothly. I was the stronger runner so I was usually running about 2-3 miles, riding about 1 mile while Tim was running 1 and riding 2-3.

One surprise to me was the vet check at 14 miles. I knew there was some kind of vet check, but had no idea of the implications. The way the last tie worked out, I was to ride Cinder back into camp at the 14 mile mark. She was pretty excited to get back to camp (sort of like heading to the barn) so we trotted and CONTINUED ON PAGE 13

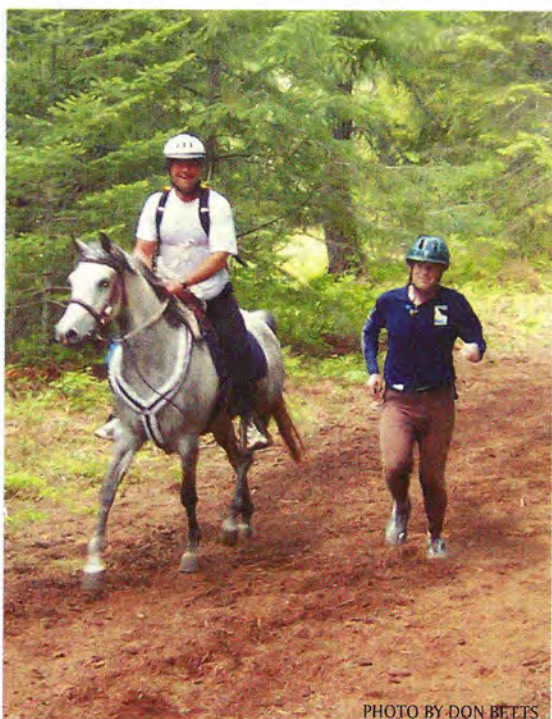


PHOTO BY DON BETTS

Tim Ruben on Cinder and Ben Volk

The whole thing was a big leap of faith for all of us. Here I was jumping on a horse I knew nothing about. And here Don

GREAT PARTNER continued

Two quick exchanges and we reached the top where Jim watered Sirocco while I ran ahead down the gentle grassy slope.

Before we reached the bottom of the hill on the second loop, we were both on foot: Jim running ahead while I led Sirocco down the steepest part of the trail. The horse and I couldn't keep up with Jim and didn't try.

After two exchanges, Jim rode the horse into the second vet check. We had separated before crossing the road, so I ran a little less than two miles to reach base camp. By the time I had arrived two other teams had their runners out on the third loop and the riders were waiting for their horses to reach criteria.

Our crew had been sponging Sirocco, but he was still panting from the heat, so we began an all out effort to cool him off. After several minutes we took him over to vet check where he easily met pulse criteria, but his respiration was still high.

We frantically sponged cold water onto, and scraped hot water off, the horse. Out of the corner of my eye I saw David De la Rosa get on Kuna and trot out of the vet check. This was not a good sign – his horse had out-recovered Sirocco.

After what felt like an eternity of sponging, Sirocco met criteria and we vetted through. We left at a fast canter and Sirocco shifted into high gear. Jim and I had saved the horse for the last loop and he was more than willing to give everything he was asked for now. Trotting the downhills and galloping the uphills, we rode through the Indian Reservation and turned onto the long uphill road toward the aid station at the top.

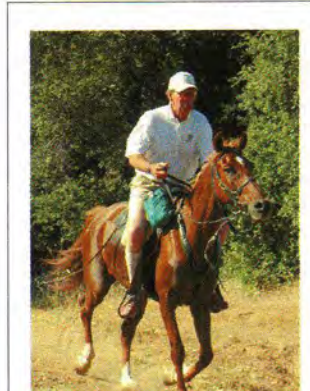
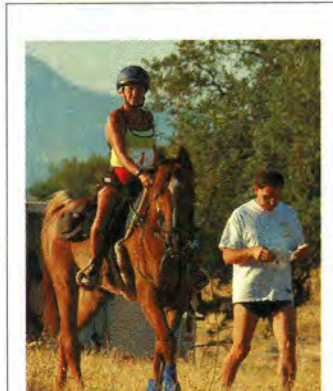
One quarter mile from the aid station I passed Jeremy Reynolds and Dennis Tracy, both on the ground. Dennis had run out from base camp to tell Jeremy that their horse had not made it through the vet check. As I passed, Dennis asked if I was Jim's partner and when I said yes, he gave me the most uplifting message of the race: Jim was still ahead of the other team and their horse

was tiring.

Within 200 yards I passed Mike Fraysse on Kuna: the horse was walking. We trotted together to the aid station and both horses drank. Mike got off to pour water onto Kuna. When we left the aid station and I could sense that although tired, Kuna would try to stay with Sirocco.

We trotted and walked down the steep hill and after turning right on the parallel road I finally caught up with Jim, who was closely pursued by David De la Rosa. I shouted to Jim and could sense his spirits rise as I handed Sirocco to him and took off running. Jim rode to last aid station, and both Kuna and Sirocco drank again.

I cantered Sirocco easily to the base of the last long hill; the hill that climbs up to the finish line. While not daring to look back, I sensed that Kuna was no longer following. Jim and I did several short exchanges before I rode Sirocco to the in-timer and proceeded to do the most boneheaded thing I had done in years on a horse. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 11**



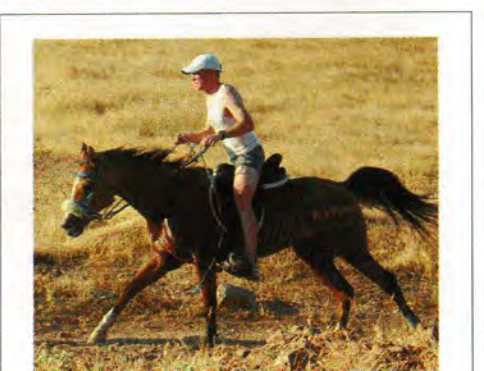
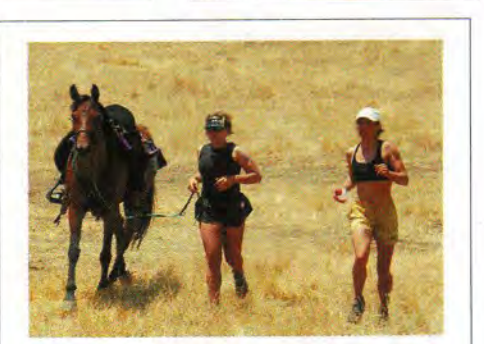
PRESTON AND VOLK continued

cold water, Propel and Gookinade. And fruit. Every competitor experienced this phenomena. Though the long course had an unusually high number of teams pulled during the race, every effort was made for the safety and comfort of the teams. Once again, our race director (Rufus Schneider this year) was also a competitor, so it was handy to be able to ride by and say, "Hey, there's dust out here."

Because the loops were so compact, with a fair bit of overlapping and two-way traffic, we didn't know our ranking during the race. Nor did we care, as we were there merely to get an easy completion on our kind loaner. When Magik and I ambled into the ending route through camp, Ben had been in for twenty-five minutes. He'd probably totaled a good ten miles on the ground in the race, maybe more, as some of his ride time he'd actually been on the ground, leading Magik. Even though he'd had time to shower and change into a tux, he'd waited for us instead.

Touched, I handed Magik over again. Besides, we needed two exchanges before the finish. He handed her back as we jogged through camp together. I handed her back. He hopped on and faked a hard riding finish, while I actually ran hard (for me) for a good fifty or a hundred feet, possibly bringing my day's running to a total of four miles. Imagine our pleasant surprise when we learned we were the first to cross the finish line for the Short Course Race.

Lisa Preston lives near Sequim with Barry with the magic voice, who entertained at the Championship along with Don Betts and George Hall. She has two thoroughbreds she doesn't use for R&T and a very sweet German Shepherd who would go to war over his car. Lisa is the new Administrative Director for the Ride and Tie Association. She has completed about ten Ride & Ties and two Championships plus this year's Short Course.



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GREAT PARTNER continued

Sirocco didn't want to turn left onto the road to the finish. He veered to the right, back toward his camp. Rather than dismount and lead him, I stubbornly pulled on the left rein to no effect at which point Sirocco stumbled over the in-timer sign. We were in first place, we had a big lead, and there were no points to be gained by injuring the horse. Sirocco survived this demonstration of poor horsemanship and after one last tie, I ran to the finish with Jim following closely behind on the horse.

We were the first team in, but Sirocco still had to pass the final vet check before we could be certain of the win. The next 45 minutes were spent cooling, feeding, watering, and walking the horse. We had asked the horse to race the last 10 miles, and I heaved a huge sigh of relief when Sirocco trotted out completely sound for the vet and easily passed the check.

Tom Gey started in Ride & Tie in 1989. He has 1219 total career miles and has competed in 13 championships.



Our youngest competitor, Madison Trocha and her dad, Bob Trocha

EXPERIENCE continued

Everything was going well with the training when Basia and I had a horrifying accident a week before Quicksilver this year. We fell down an embankment, she landing on her back with me escaping being pinned by her by some miracle. We knew she couldn't compete at Quicksilver, but would she come back for Santa Ysabel? She did! But Laurie couldn't – she unfortunately suffered a foot injury (unrelated to our accident) that prevented her from running altogether. Then, a couple of weeks before the race I found Alina Vale, also needing a partner! Alina knew the horse, had ridden her in a couple of other Ride & Ties and was a past W/W champion. I knew she would take care of Basia. What more could I ask for in an emergency partnership?

The Logistics of getting Basia, with her supplies and equipment, myself with camping equipment, my kids (with their own very different schedules), and my sweetheart, Rick, from the Bay Area to Santa Ysabel all at different times, some 400 miles away was overwhelming. Many thanks to Mary Tiscornia for bringing Basia and all my camping stuff down to the race site, and for babysitting Basia until I could get down there the next day. My sons and Rick flew in on separate days. But all the trips to the airport were worth it. We all know that the crew is

as important as the racers and I needed my crew!! I had some nightmares before we left for Santa Ysabel – in one dream I had lost my kids en route and they were wondering around the Gas Light District San Diego, looking for horse and runner. In another, Basia got to race camp, but without food. In yet another, everybody got there but me and the race started without me!

As I arrived at the race site Monday night, I thought two thoughts to myself: "Oh my God. It is HOT!!" And "there aren't enough ties!!" I kept saying that – all days leading up to the race. I lamented leaving my fog shrouded, 65 degree training territory! I was concerned that I might not be able to finish the race and even more scary, that my horse would get into trouble and I would not know it – I have never been on a horse in metabolic trouble – would I know if she got into trouble? Alina was worried she wasn't in good enough shape. In fact, she apologized to me ahead of time for not being in top form. Alina and I spoke of strategy in the days leading up to the race. We both agreed on this philosophy: Most important, be safe. Secondly, have fun. Thirdly, if we do well, that's great, but not ever at the expense of the first two thoughts!

I do have to say that the week before the race turned out to be just as much fun as the race itself and I probably would have been just fine going home the night before the race! The cell phones didn't work so it was just us and the horses for 5 days of riding, running, camping, cooking, stargazing and chilling. Forget Hawaii, this is a vacation for us horse people. There is nothing like hearing the horses whinny at 2 am while you are asleep in a tent 15 feet away.

The Race was, well, damn hot. Actually, 98 degrees hot. But I almost didn't feel it. At least it didn't bother me, much to my surprise, on race day. I think the adrenaline runs so fully through your body that you just focus on one thing – the race. Even the pantyhose weren't that bad! I did know the horses felt it – and many thanks to the race committee and that wonderful volunteer water lady, Terry Wooley Howe! We had plenty of water for our horses which was so crucial on day like this. And there were plenty of ties. The start was exhilarating – I had always started the race running, and had never started a race on the horse before! Horses galloping shoulder to shoulder, and then a riderless horse galloping right along next to you is enough to get anyone excited, right?! The race was on. Yeee Haa! Were we the Pony Express with its motto? "Wanted: young (not me anymore), skinny (trying), wiry (trying) riders. Not over 18 (oh well), Must be expert riders (yee!) Willing to risk death daily (yup), orphans preferred (age cancels this requirement)"

Our first hand tie was a tough one (the poor crew - 2 of whom basically know nada about horses – leaving them to hang onto an amped up Basia

borders on cruelty to humans!), with Alina getting dethroned very temporarily. Boy did she impress my sons when she hopped up and immediately jumped back on! After that, the rest of the race went remarkably well. I always tied, and we did flying ties each time Alina caught me. Every time Alina caught me, we chatted – How are you feeling? How is Basia? Do you need more Goo? Don't forget to drink! Where should we do our last tie before the vet check? This is fun!! You are my hero! You go, girl!! Woohoo!!

I sobered up though, when I saw a horse having trouble. Was this going to happen to Basia in this heat that she isn't used to? I kept wondering, but she kept going. When she did tire midway through the third loop, we walked her for a good 20 minutes, got her to water where she drank and we sponged her. She perked up (could it be we were on our way home??) and was raring to go again. She then finished really, really strong.

The Reward had become reality, instead of the fantasy I thought about during virtually every training run. I would have been so happy just to finish! At the second vet check, my crew told me we were first W/W. Wow. But I knew team Jennifer and Heidi were very close. And Rufus and Kathy were, well darn GOOD. I had no idea where we were overall. I knew I saw at least one team ahead (way ahead) of us. We came in second overall, with Mary and Sid at our heels. The winners were M/M – Jim and Tom – so we were first W/W. We could not believe it! We were so shocked to learn where we placed and I still can't believe it. I am still pinching myself to this day. Wow, a fabulous check for being the first Woman/Woman team, the Corky Award (an additional \$300) for being the first Pro-Am team to finish, a beautiful trophy that belongs in a museum, and a gorgeous belt buckle. And sweetest of all: Basia was awarded Best Condition. With so many great horses involved this honor was the best any of us could have hoped for.

What a great sport this Ride and Tie is, and a great Championship race. Thank you so much to the Race Director, Rufus, her entire race crew, and the volunteer water soldiers. Also thanks to Rufus's track team volunteers, the owner of the race lands, Liz Carey for her amazing horse, my wonderful crew, my awesome partner Alina, my constant mentor Laurie, and Basia's sponsor Victoria Mosser. Lastly thanks to John and Barbara for sharing dinners, and for Mary Tiscornia for getting my horse there, and back, and being such a great camping buddy! Long live Ride and Tie!!!

Carrie Barrett's Ride & Tie career began in 2003 at Quicksilver where she and Laurie Wilson won first Woman/Woman on Cougar's Clown.

RIDE & TIE RACE RESULTS

Santa Ysabel Ride & Tie

Santa Ysabel, California

May 13, 2006

25 Miles

Jim Howard/Carol Ruprecht on Majafar

3:39

Tom Gey/Elaine Ruprecht on Findefar BC

3:39

Rufus Schneider/Kathy Appleby on C.D.

4:08

Glen Morgan/Megan Hartop on Diana

4:13

Anne Langstaff/Juan Morales on Justin

4:50

Rick Noer/Melanie Weir on Olympian

5:00

Dick Blizzard/Jane McGrath on Scamp

5:03

Steve Anderson/Jim Calkins on Zima

DNF

Gunilla Kent/Mike Whelan on L.P.

DNF

13 Miles

Sandra Bartisch/Kirsten Seyferth on Scatris

2:03

David Howe/Bethany Pappani on Ranger

2:07

Arthur Hammons/Sydney Vale on Sir Prize

2:29

Bill Fincher/Yvette Phipps on Kisses

2:31

Patti Bowman/Dawn McCool on Ruby

2:48

6 Miles

Amanda Wood/Jennifer Mansor on Ruby

1:18

Linda Camisasca/Cyndi Testa on Higgins

1:19

Mount Adams Ride & Tie

Troutlake, Washington

May 20, 2006

25 Miles

Tim Rubin/Ben Volk on Cinder BC

4:06

Anne Healey/Tim Weinert on Hershey

4:51

Johanna Oseland/Lisa Queen on Aitopia

DNF

Quicksilver Pro-Am Ride & Tie

San Jose, California

May 20, 2006

22 Miles

*Heidi Clare Lambert/Jennifer Tiscornia/ Lakota Mare BC

2:39

David de la Rosa/Frank Lieberman on Gypsy

2:45

*Christina Eurnz/Dennis Tracy on Frisco

2:48

Mary Tiscornia/Alina Vale on Sal

2:50

Warren Helman/Jeff Townsend on Flew

2:56

*Steve Anderson/Gabrielle Wagner on Loretta

2:56

*Cheri Bice/Karen Deaver on Simeon Shai Zam

3:13

Doyle Eggers/Dawn Hartsock on Tess

3:18

Mary Law/Don Roth on Clown

3:37

Ceryl Domnitch/Lucy Turnbull on Mocha Brown

3:45

11 Miles

Carrie Barrett/Liz Carey on Echo

1:29

Kathi Adams/Bruce Rosenthal on Rusty

1:33

Lupe de la Fuente/Caroline Strongman on Star

2:36

6 Miles

Molly Rebscher/Steve Rebscher

1:28

* SIGNIFIES PRO-AM TEAMS

Michaux Madness Ride & Tie

Mount Alto, Pennsylvania

May 27-28, 2006

May 27--30 Miles

Janice Heltibridle/Kate Kane-Joyce on Frisky

5:44

Enrique Aveleyra/Jean Whitman on Corey

6:27

Kathy Broddus/Lani Newcomb on Red McIntosh

6:27

Ann Townsend/Kevin Townsend on Diamondback Rattler

6:29

May 28--30 Miles

Janice Heltibridle/Kate Kane-Joyce on Frisky

6:55

Enrique Aveleyra/Jean Whitman on Corey

6:57

Kathy Broddus/Lani Newcomb on Red McIntosh

7:20

11 Miles

Ann Townsend/Kevin Townsend on Diamondback Rattler

2:52

Descanso Ride & Tie

Descanso, California

June 3, 2006

23 Miles

Jonathan Jordan/Robbie Shulz on Flyer

2:36

Kurtis Ibarra-Dosio/Rufus Schneider on CD BC

2:43

Carol Ruprecht/Tom Gey on Findefar

3:08

Anne Langstaff/Frank Lieberman on Justin

3:15

Rick Noer/Melanie Weir on _____

3:28

Gunilla Kent/Michael Whelan on _____

3:50

15 Miles

Yvette Phipps/Jeanne Sesky on Kisses

3:39

Maurein Elliot/Christy Hop on _____

3:46

Bob Edwards/James Fredette on _____

4:18

Swanton Pacific Ride & Tie

Davenport, California

July 8, 2006

75 Miles Cheryl Domnitch/Sabrina Teller on Mr. Mocha Brown 19:36



Liz Carey, Alina Vale, Don Strong, Dawn Hartsock, Steve Anderson and Doyle Eggers man the Ride & Tie booth at this year's Horse Expo in Sacramento. Thanks to all of you who helped out this year! PHOTO BY STEVE ANDERSON AND LUCY TURNBULL. PHOTOSHOP BY ANNIE!

IN THE NEWS

by Carol Ruprecht

The sport of Ride & Tie has recently appeared in articles in the following venues, published since the previous newsletter:

Horse Illustrated, November 2005, Page 12 (this should have appeared earlier, but we just caught up with them and confirmed it)

Ride! "Annual Ride & Tie World Championship returns to San Diego in July" May 2006, Page 19

Western Times "Roundup: Ride & Tie Championship Taking Place in San Diego" May 2006, Page 17

Competitor Magazine "36th Annual Ride & Tie World Championship Announced" May 2006, Page 12

Marin: Extraordinary Living "Horses Continue to Enrich Life in Marin County" by Mimi Towle June 2006, Page 62

Physical Mind "Fun Fitness: Ride and Tie" by Loren Muney posted May 15th 2006 at www.physicalmind.com/ride_and_tie.htm

The Record Herald "Michaux Madness Brings Horses to State Forest" by Karen Karaszkiwicz Local News, May 31st 2006

Endurance News "A Teenage AERC member tries a Ride & Tie" by Kurtis Ibarra-Dosio Junior News, June 2006, Page 14

Equestrian News "Ride & Tie Teammates and Stablemates Tie in May Race" by Carol Ruprecht, Jun/July 2006, Page 13

Trail Blazer "Trail Competitions: Off the Beaten Path" May 2006

www.EquiSearch posted the 2006 World Championship PR on their front page on 5 July 2006

Auburn Journal "Where Man and Beast Roam" by Todd Mordhurst July 7 2006 (front page of the sports section)

And coming soon, keep your eyes peeled for the following publications:

Endurance News: The July issue is expected to carry an article by Lani Newcomb on the first Michaux Madness Ride & Tie

Shape Magazine: is working on an article for their August issue. No clue as to it's size or significance, but the writer in charge specializes in Fitness.

TWO PEOPLE continued

cantered into camp. Then I was to leave her with our crew, Annie, and continue running on the next 12 mile loop. Unbeknownst to me, Cinder had to recover her pulse to 60 bpm before she would be allowed to proceed. Her normal resting pulse is about 36 but ranges in the 120-140 bpm range while racing. Tim ran into camp and had time to eat a banana and part of a sandwich before Cinder recovered. Next time I know that I should walk or ride very easy into camp so the horse can recover faster. So, while Tim was goofing around in camp, I was running down the trail. I really started to worry, as part of the challenge of riding the course was reading the trail markers correctly. Most of the markers were at horse-rider eye level and were not always apparent to 2-footed trail users. In addition, there were 12, 25, 50, and 75 mile endurance races being held at the same time so various colors marked the different loops of the course. I ran for 5 miles and started to get uneasy. What had happened to Cinder and Tim? Did I take the wrong loop? Did Tim take the wrong loop? Would I need to run the whole 12 miles solo? I walked a bit and even turned back for a few minutes. Every endurance rider that passed me, and there was about 10-12 of them, I asked "Have you seen a guy wearing a Camelback and tennis shoes riding a grey Arabian horse?" And the answer was always no usually followed by unrestrained laughter! Finally one of the other ride and tie riders, Lisa Queen, caught me and she said that Tim was coming down the trail. He had left the vet check right behind her. She asked "Have you seen my runner?" It turns out her runner had taken the wrong trail through the woods and would end up running 12 miles alone.

From that point on we continued to ride and tie. There is nothing like going from a running induced endorphin high to stampeding through the forest on your trusty steed. Cinder took good care of me and kept me in the saddle. She was nothing like the knothed horses we had on our Montana ranch when I was growing up. Cinder had over 3-years of ride and tie experience and was very steady on the trail. She would see me running down the trail and whinny and shake her head in anticipation. She knew exactly what to do throughout the race. We cantered/ran through a beautiful meadow and proceeded to the finish line. I think I ran about 16 miles that day and Tim ran about 10. But we switched riding and running at least 8-10 times so it was hard to tell.

We had won first place, right? Wrong. The horse must still recover before you are done. The horse must pass a vet check within 15 minutes of finishing then come back in an hour for the final vet check. Then you are done. I can recall Ironman races where I was still hooked up to the IV solution one hour after the race! Cinder passed all of the tests with flying colors, and we were done. And we really did win this time!

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2006 RIDE & TIE SCHEDULE

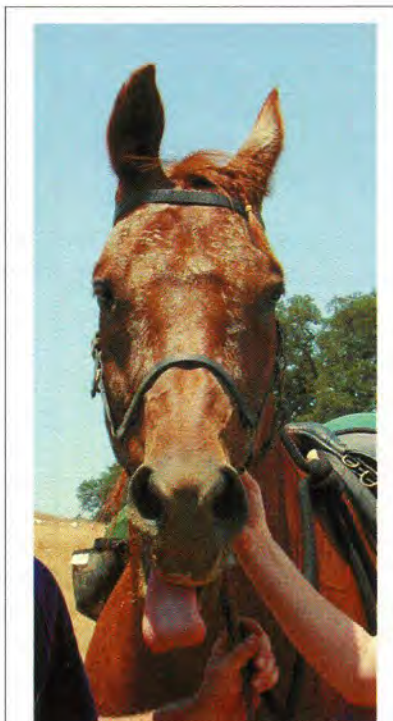
- 15 JULY BANDIT SPRINGS Ride & Tie, Prineville, OR--30 mile course--Contact: Tony Truffer--82684 Simonsen Road, Eugene, OR 97405--(541)485-7106--oregondunesride@efn.org
- 16,18,20,22JULY FORT STANTON Ride & Tie, Fort Stanton, NM--35 mile courses each day--Contact: Roger Taylor--500 Camino del Bosque, Albuquerque, NM, 87114--(505)897-4985--Roger_Sue@prodigy.net
- 12 AUGUST SANTIAM CASCADE Ride & Tie, Sisters, OR--20 mile course--Contact: Anna Sampson or Mary Nunn--16501 S. Butte Creek Rd--Molalla, OR 97038--(503) 829-5321--flyingn@molalla.net
- 26-27 AUGUST ALL KIDDING ASIDE Ride & Tie, Waverly, OH--10/25/50 mile courses--Contact: Maggie Pritchard--1934 Buchanan Road, Waverly, Ohio 45690--(740) 947-2883--maggieszoo@hotmail.com
- 26 AUGUST HEADWATERS OF THE ROGUE Ride & Tie, Prospect, OR, 25/8 mile courses--Contact: Annette Parsons--1831 Slagle Creek Road, Grants Pass, OR 97527--(541)846-6656--aparsons@apbb.net
- 8-10 SEPTEMBER BIG SOUTH FORK Ride & Tie, Onieda, TN--10/30/50 mile courses--Contact: Joanne Grimes--9013 Coburn Drive--Knoxville, TN 37922--(865) 693-4308--JFGHorse@netzero.net
- 9 SEPTEMBER RETURN TO COOL Ride & Tie, Cool, CA--9/13/22 mile courses--Contact Frank Lieberman--1810 Windy Court, Cool, CA 95614--(530) 886-0890--Coolinda@juno.com
- 22-24 SEPTEMBER CHESAPEAKE Ride & Tie, Fair Hill, MD-- 20/30/45 mile courses--Contact: Cate Peloquin--1328 Salonica Place--Bel Air, MD 21014--(410) 420-7678--cpenguin57@aol.com
- 23 SEPTEMBER OLD STAGECOACH Ride & Tie, Simpson Springs, Utah--Contact: Dean Jackson--14381 South 1700 West, Bluffdale, Utah 84065--(801) 254-4347--E-mail Sundownr@xmission.com
- 7 OCTOBER MANZANITA Ride & Tie, Boulevard, CA--13 & 25 mile courses--Contact: Terry Wooley-Howe--21800 Japatul Valley Road, Alpine, CA 91901--(619) 445-5443--cancer@inetworld.net
- 21 OCTOBER FOOTHILLS OF THE CASCADE Ride & Tie, Molalla, OR--20 mile course--Contact: Anna Sampson or Mary Nunn--16501 S. Butte Creek Rd--Molalla, OR 97038--(503) 829-5321--flyingn@molalla.net
- 4 NOVEMBER HORSETHIEF CANYON Ride & Tie, Descanso, CA--11 & 22 mile courses--Contact: Rufus Schneider--P.O. Box 311--Descanso, CA 91916--(619) 445-2060

TWO PEOPLE continued

At the awards ceremony, Don and Annie Betts (Cinder's owners) were pleasantly surprised to receive an embroidered horse blanket for the Best Condition horse. This was no thanks to me riding Cinder like a runaway freight train into the vet check. She had still passed all of her tests at the vet check and finished with flying colors. Tim and I were awarded with embroidered Mt. Adams fleece vests. Every finisher, including over 100 people that did the endurance rides, received an award and recognition.

What a great race. We'll be back next year. And for those of you thinking about a ride and tie, I would recommend you practice and meet your partner, both horse and runner, earlier than 15 minutes before the race! And, get some good trail running shoes. Asics Gel DS Trainers are not suitable for running on horse-trodden mountain trails.

Ben Volk has been competing in triathlons since 1988. Mount Adams was his first Ride & Tie. He and Lisa Preston finished first in the Championship Short Course this year.



Kamanche speaks up about the championship

OLD RACE continued

The third place team was also a Pro AM team with Dennis Tracy and Christina Eurnz.

The sixth place team was also Pro AM with Steve Anderson and a newby Gabrielle Wagner. Karen Deavers also teamed with an amateur, Cheri Bice. Cheryl Domnitch brought a new ride and tier, Lucy Turnbull way to go Cheryl. Debbie Cabrera was there to give the Annual Junior award in memory of her sister Judy. This special award went to Molly Rebscher who teamed up with her Dad to complete the six mile course.

The short course had three teams, they all said they had a great time too!

Lets hope the Quicksilver Ride and Tie keeps going forever !!

Dawn Hartsock, new secretary on the Board of Directors, has been competing in Ride & Tie since 1997. She has completed seven championships

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If there is anything horse or runner related that you would like to buy or sell, or if you are looking for a horse or partner email me at Annie 12345@aol.com or phone at (360)681-5218.

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*Thanks New Supporting Members, Susan Jinkens and Paul Robinson!
 Thanks Leslie Yates for becoming a new Lifetime Member! And
 thanks to you folks who renewed your memberships!*

PHOTOS

There are terrific photos of the Championship for you to look at, or purchase at these sites:

<http://www.insports.lifepics.com> (event code: ride and tie)

<http://annielibbyphotography.smugmug.com/gallery/1626219>

<http://www.digitalequine.com/copper/index.php?cat=23>

A CD of photos from the race or individual photos are also available from Mike Ahlbrand at (619)328-1464 or email sleepy71@hotmail.com

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