

RIDE & TIE



NEWSLETTER

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Tom Johnson, Rufus Schneider and Koon finish first at 2007 World Championship

Message From The President

I'm truly proud to be President and part of the Ride and Tie Association. We had over 200 people (served 180 dinners) and at least 60 horses in the campground on race day. There were no complaints even about the shower and vet lines. Even more impressive, when Annie and I walked the campground Sunday night with our camp hosts, Andy and Sharon Andersen, the place looked like we had never even been there, except for a little hay and a few extra recyclables by the bins.



Don and partners Cinder and George finish 26th!

If you were not at this year's Championship race in the Humboldt Redwoods you missed a good one. Don't take my word for it, ask your friends who were there. I have completed 20 Championships. I think this was the best. This is the first time that there have been pipe corrals, enough for most of the competitors. Only

Frasier Park and Big Creek had showers as part of the deal. The campground was large and easy to use with a really nice group picnic area for the awards, potluck/barbecue, and playing tunes. Many people even got to see bears during the race. That may sound bad, but it was a good thing. Everything there was great.

Counting the short course we lined up 46 teams at the start. Bud Johns was there to drop his hat and get us going. For those that were on foot it was a great start since the horses were in the meadow just below the road and for a change we were able to see them. Heat is always a concern for these races. It was a particular concern since we only had two vets, Jim Steere and Greg Fellers. Fortunately there was a cool rain on top of the first ridge and heat was never a problem. Annie says that morning in the vet check they wished they hadn't worn shorts, but it wasn't raining.

Coming down the mountain on the second loop we went through stands of huge old growth redwoods with lots of switchback single track trails. I found it impossible to keep focused on the trail and found myself trotting down through the switchbacks on my horse staring up at the trees. What a great place! What a good horse!

Thanks to Ted Ruprecht for suggesting the location and gently persuading Chris Amaral in to being our race director. I asked Chris if he would like to put it on again at Cuneo Creek and he mentioned something about punching me in the nose. Don't fear, we will return to the Humboldt Redwoods, just probably not next year. Sunday morning after the race I did overhear Chris and Marlene Allen discussing how they might change the course for the next time.

Be sure and check out the results. We had some pretty awesome teams. Rufus Schneider and Tom Johnson became only the second man/woman team to win the Championship in 37 years. There was less than a minute between the first woman/woman teams. Madison Trocha made history when she became the youngest ever at nine years old to complete the Championship course. Her horse, Barbie, was the youngest horse in the race. At the other end of the spectrum were Ted and Joan Ruprecht in the short course at a mere 150 years on 26 year old Feather.

The election results for the Board of Directors were: Don Betts 25, Rufus Schneider 25, Ted Ruprecht 25, and Annette Parsons 1 (write in vote). There will be three positions up for election again next year. We have nine elected members on the Board of Directors. There have been five new members within the last three years. Please let a Board Member know if you are interested in serving. We will have a nomination committee by the next Newsletter.

In the next Newsletter we will announce the site of next year's Championship. In the mean time check the schedule. There are three fine races coming up in July and many more in the following months. They need your participation to keep them happening. Pick one or two. You will be glad you did.

First Place Team: "What Tom Says, Goes!"

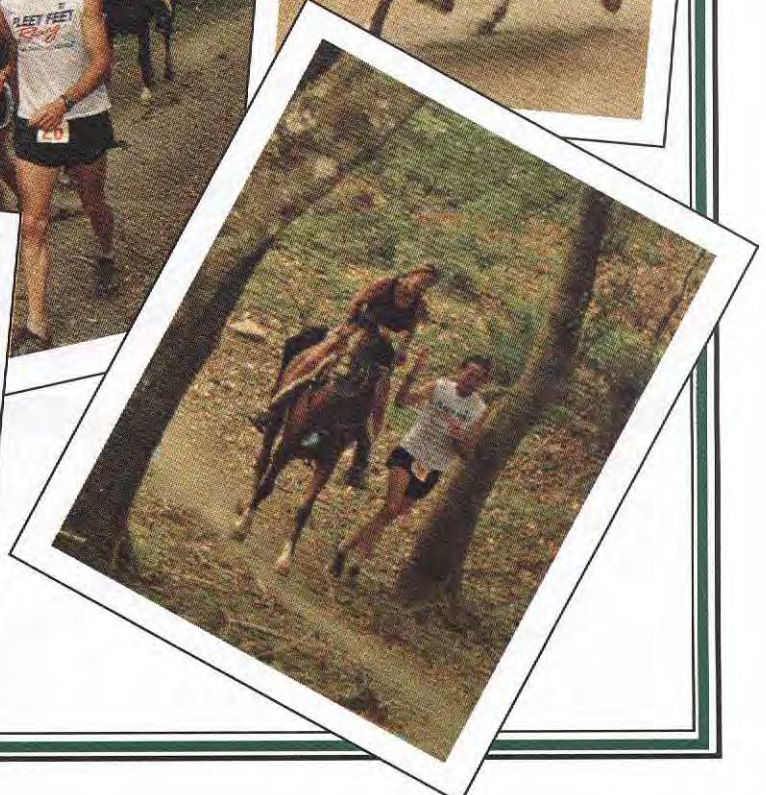
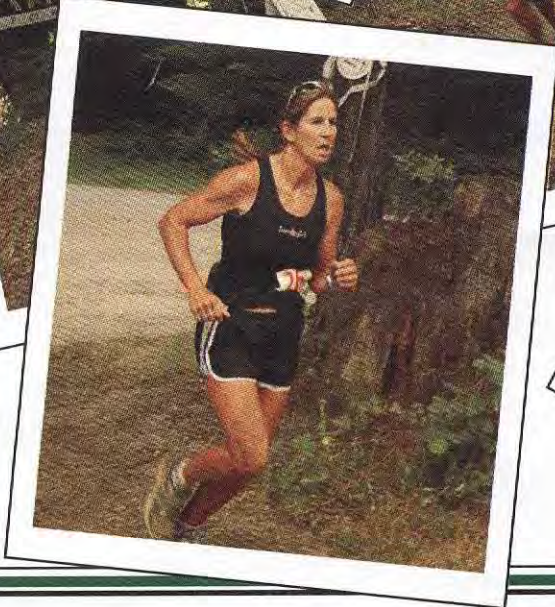
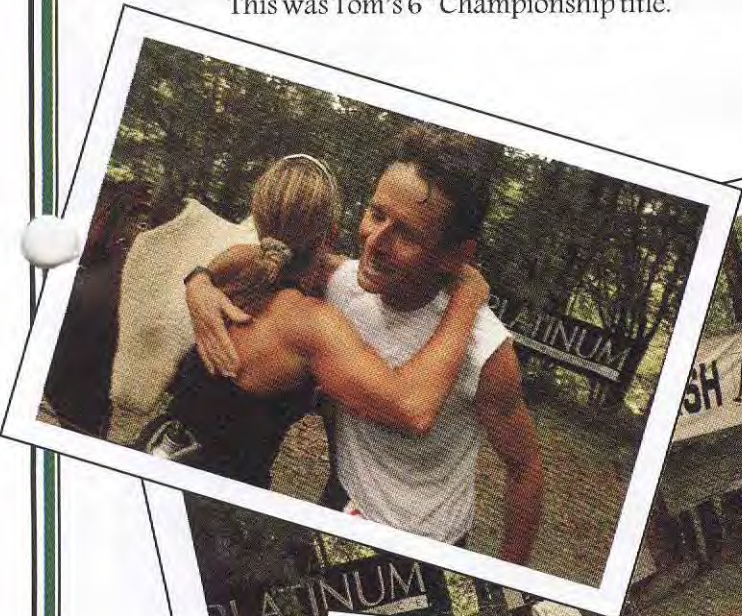
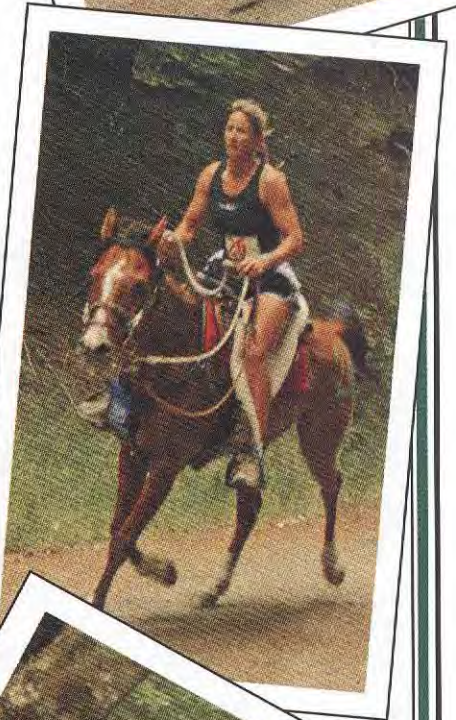
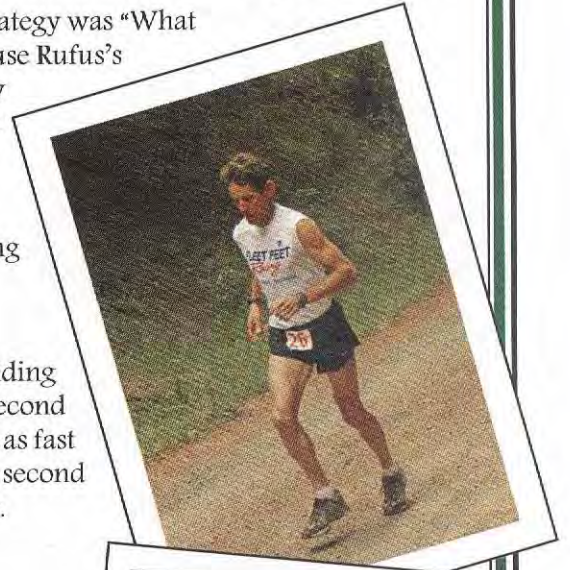
By Don Betts

For the first place team of Tom Johnson, Rufus Schneider, and Koonas, the strategy was "What Tom says, goes." The plan was to take it easy on Koonas on the first loop and use Rufus's running on the first hill and let Tom take the hill on the second loop. They planned to give Koonas as much time as possible in the vet check. Tom took Koonas into the vet check from four miles out.

For the first time ever Rufus and Koonas had a real crew. It was a family thing headed up by Marcia Smith and Marv and Rosemarie Johnson.

Koonas had a super day because of the crew, cool weather on the ridge, good riding by Tom and Rufus, and a new Koonas attitude. Rufus got to ride most of the second loop before catching Tom. Rufus says she held in her knees, ducked and rode as fast as she could down the switch back and through the giant redwoods on the second loop. They joined up in time to let Tom have a good ride into the final vet check.

It was Rufus and Koonas's first ever Championship title. This is only the second time in 37 years of ride & tie that we have had a woman win the Championship. This was Tom's 6th Championship title.

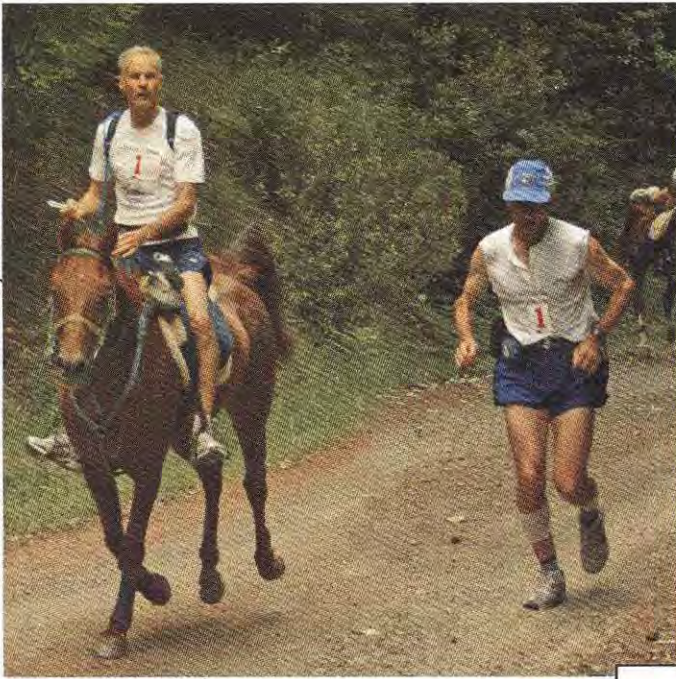


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First Man/Man Team Finishes Second

Tom Gey, 48, and Jim Howard, 52, and Magic Sirocco finish second with a time of 3:24. Tom and Jim were the first place team last year at Santa Ysabel. Jim started Ride & Tie at the 1980 Levi's, won his first in 1981, and holds the record for the most wins at nine Ride & Tie World Championships. Tom Gey started Ride & Tie at Fraser Park in 1989. Teamed with Elaine Ruprecht, Tom has placed first in the Man/Woman category at three previous championships.

Magic Sirocco is owned by Jim Howard. The horse is the product of Ruprecht breeding, and is gaining a reputation as one of the top horses in the history of the sport. Magic Sirocco has been in the top three finishers every year since his debut in 2001. During his career he has won the Championship event four times and been awarded BC three times.



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Barrett & Wilson First Woman/Woman

The fifth place team, Laurie Wilson and Carrie Barrett on Basia were the first Woman/Woman team. This year's championship was Laurie's tenth completion and Carrie's second. Laurie Wilson has placed first in the Woman/Woman category in six previous races. Carrie Barrett, with partners Alina Vale and Basia, were the first Woman/Woman team at the Santa Ysabel Championship last year. Basia, who earned Best Conditioned Horse in 2006, is owned by Liz Carey.

When asked for a quote Laurie said, "It is good to be back after two years. I am really jazzed about ride and tie again! Basia is an amazing horse and I felt privileged to get to ride her again."



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Best Conditioned: Lakota Mare

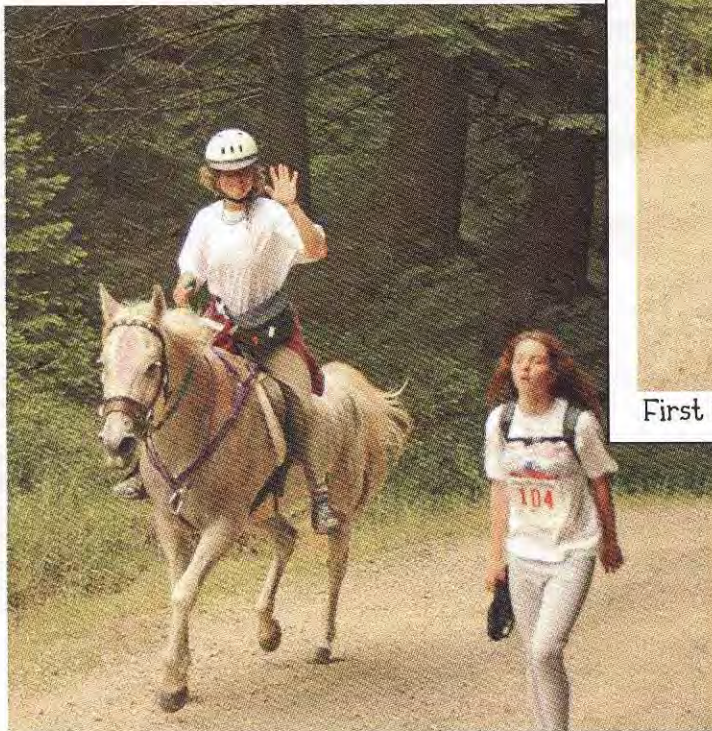
Best Condition Horse, Lakota Mare is a 14 year old Arabian. She has competed in three championships and has 337 career Ride & Tie miles.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jennifer says Lakota Mare belongs to Jeff Townsend and Warren Hellman. Warren says he and Jeff gave her to Jennifer and Heidi. In the meantime Lakota Mare emailed saying that she doesn't know who she belongs to but had this to say about the race: "You know, we mares (girls) who are in such great condition never want to miss a chance to kick sand, dry leaves, and small stones in the faces of those boys who always come out here struttin' around like this is a man's sport. I'm proud to accept this award on behalf of all the participating mares- two legged and four. (I do feel sorry for the hominids who always have to trot because you can't canter.)"

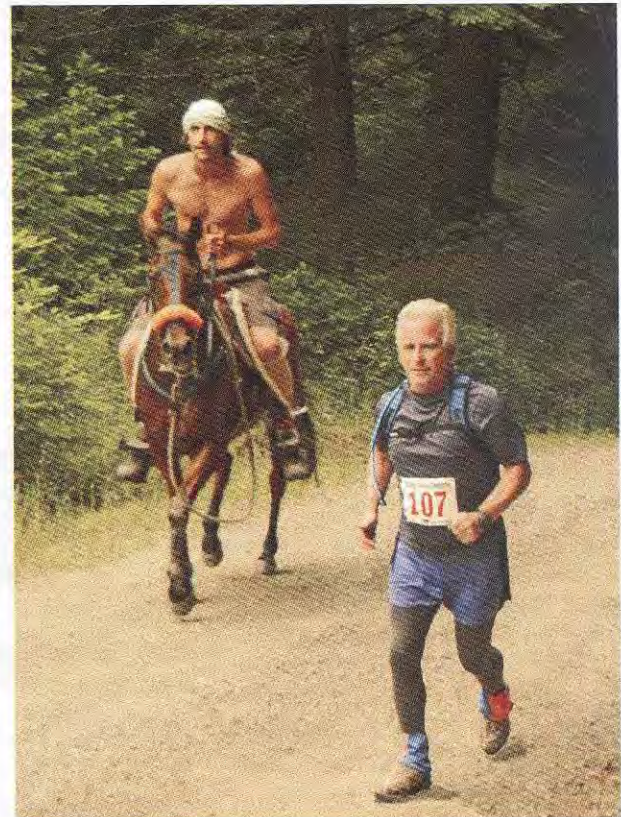
SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONS

Short Course races began in ride & tie as practice competitions for people trying out the sport or for people who didn't want to compete in the long distance races. As the sport has evolved the Short Course Events have become competitions in their own right. In 2006 the Ride and Tie Association began sanctioning the Short Course Ride & Ties and keeping track of short course miles and points.

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Second Place: Stacy Helgesen on Nesaba Magic and Aundrea Ruth

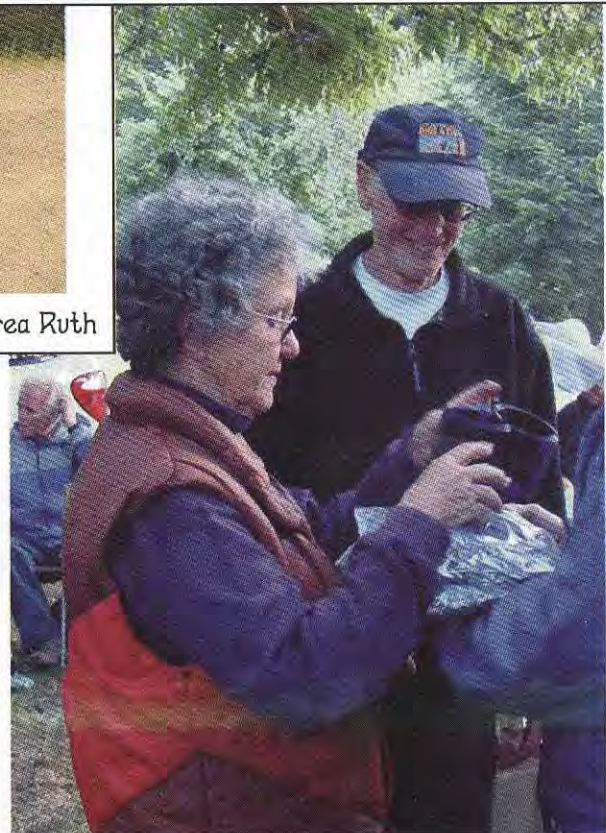


Barry Thorpe, Photographer

First Place: Rick Noer and Tomas Pais on Justin

The rules for short course events differ from the long course Ride & Ties in that short course races must be held along with a long course event, and that the competitors' finish time is determined by the time all members cross the finish line and the horse's pulse reaches the required criteria.

This year's Champions of the 16 Mile Short Course are: First Place--Rick Noer and Tomas Pais on Justin who completed the course in 2:37, Second Place--Aundrea Ruth (a Junior!) and Stacy Helgesen on Nesaba Magic in 2:57 and Third Place--Joan and Ted Ruprecht on Feather in 3:30.



Annie Betts Photo

Third Place: Ted and Joan Ruprecht

37TH ANNUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RIDE & TIE RACE RESULTS

1. TOM JOHNSON AND RUFUS SCHNEIDER ON KOONA	3 11
2. TOM GEY AND TIM HOWARD ON MAGIC SIROCCO	3 24
3. T. REYNOLDS AND DENNIS TRACY ON SAN FRANCISCO	3 27
4. MARK RICHTMAN AND MARY TISCORNIA ON SAL	3 42
5. CARRIE BARRETT AND LAURIE WILSON ON BASIA	3 51
6. HEIDI LAMBERT AND JENNIFER TISCORNIA ON LAKOTAMARE	3 52
7. JOHN OSTERWEIS AND DENNIS RINDE ON BEY	3 54
8. TIM BROWN AND RUSS KIERNAN ON SAQUAR ADONAI	4 15
9. DIANNE DIXON-JOHNSON AND PAUL JOHNSON ON LAMAR	4 22
10. CURT RIFFLE AND DAVE RIFFLE ON RED	4 27
11. WARREN HELLMAN AND JEFF TOWNSEND ON FLEW	4 27
12. JANICE HELTIBRIDLE AND KATE KANE JOYCE ON VICTORY	4 29
13. CAROL RUPRECHT AND ELAINE RUPRECHT ON FINDEFAR	4 30
14. JONATHAN JORDAN AND ALINA VALE ON FLØER	4 32
15. STEPHANIE IRVING AND BEN VOLK ON BEZI	4 37
16. STEVE ANDERSON AND FRANK LIEBERMAN ON GYPSY	4 41
17. TIM CLOVER AND HEATHER HUGGINS ON SPIRIT	4 42
18. LISA PRESTON AND JOSH STEFFEN ON ABU	4 44
19. MELANIE WEIR AND KATIE RZADKOWOLSKA AND KAMANICHE	4 45
20. GABRIELLE WAGNER AND LISA FORD ON ECHO	4 51
21. TESSA DEFRANCO AND JESSICA JACOBS ON BRISO	4 51
22. KIRSTEN SEUFERTH AND JENNIFER SIEGEL ON SCATRIS	4 54
23. LIZ PERKIN AND TIM RUBIN ON PUMPKIN	5 03
24. BARRIE GRANT AND BYRON GRANT ON RON G	5 09
25. SCOTT WINFIELD AND LESLIE GATES ON ZVESDA	5 10
26. DON BETTS AND GEORGE HALL ON CINDER	5 27
27. BERIT MEYER AND SHERRY SKILLWOMAN ON TEZONA MOON	5 29
28. KATHY BROADDUS AND LANI NEWCOMB ON VOLTAIRE	5 34
29. HOLLY CARR AND TORIE BRUNDY ON BEY LLIASON	5 36
30. MELISSA RIBLEY AND CATHY SCOTT ON LD MONIQUE	5 46
31. MELISSA QUEEN AND LISA QUEEN ON ARAFAIRE	5 53
32. PAMELA LEACH AND CAROL STEWART ON OLYMPIAN	7 14
33. BOB TROCHA AND MADISON TROCHA ON BARBIE	8 15
DOYLE EGGERS AND DAWN HARTSOCK ON DOC'S DUBONNET	DNF
GUNILLA KENT AND MICHAEL WHELAN ON MARC	DNF
CHRIS AMARAL AND MARLENE ALLEN ON ABEBE BAKILA	DNF

SHORT COURSE

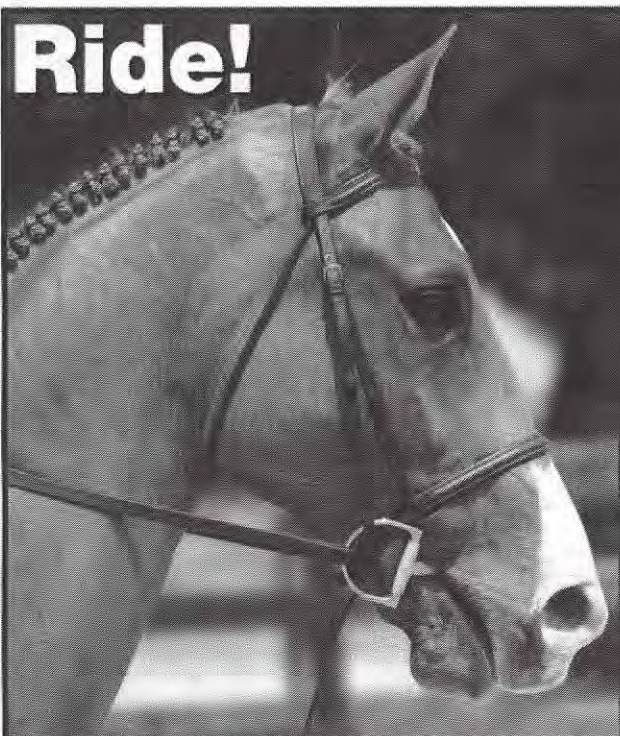
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2. AUNDREA RUTH AND STACY HELGESEN ON NESABA MAGIC	2 57
3. JOAN RUPRECHT AND TED RUPRECHT ON FEATHER	3 30
4. TRACEY BAKEWELL AND DON STRONG ON FRANK	3 30
5. CINDY CONOVER AND SUE TURNER ON SHAMAR	3 32
6. RICK BLICK AND CAULIN TROCHA ON KB	3 44
7. LUPE DE LA FUENTE AND PAM JENSEN ON STAR	3 50
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9. MARK KEIL AND VICTORIA KEIL ON SHIFTE IMPRESSIONS	4 02
10. JULIE MORELAND AND SEQUOIA WARD ON KENOBI	4 11

IMPORTANT INFORMATION about Race Results, Points and Miles

This past year a committee from the Ride and Tie Association Board of Directors updated the Sanctioning Packet for the Race Managers. The Packet makes it very clear that Ride Results MUST be turned in within two weeks following the event. If results are not turned in, it may be assumed that no race occurred and that there were no results to report. If your race has not been reported here, check with the race manager to find out if the race results were sent in.

In addition, no race results are final until the status of a competitor's membership has been verified. Results published here are not necessarily final. To make sure your points and miles count, be certain that you and your Ride & Tie partner are both current members of the Association when you enter.

CONGRATULATIONS
To Elaine Ruprecht and Jim Clover!
Each have now completed over
1000 ride & tie miles!



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RACE RESULTS

HOG SCRAMBLE RIDE & TIE 32 MILES

4:49 Doyle Eggers/Dawn Hartsock/Bear
DNF J. McBride/K. McBride/HK Ishtar's Jamie

MOUNT ADAMS RIDE & TIE 25 MILES

3:23 Lisa Preston/Josh Steffen/Cinder
4:05 Liz Perkin/Tim Rubin/Pumpkin
5:25 Chris Fitch/Katie Fitch/Flash

QUICKSILVER RIDE & TIE 22 MILES

2:09 Jeremy Reynolds/Curt Riffle/Red *BC*
2:14 Tom Johnson/Rufus Schneider/Koona
2:23 Mark Richtman/Mary Tiscornia/Sal
2:26 John Osterweis/Dennis Rinde/Majik
2:28 David de la Rosa/F. Lieberman/Gypsy
2:28 John Hall/Sara Smith/Basia
2:32 Jonathan Jordan/Laurie Wilson/Chrissy
2:44 Jennifer Tiscornia/Alina Vale/Rocket
2:47 Steve Anderson/Gabrielle Wagner/Echo
2:53 Warren Hellman/Jeff Townsend/Flew
2:54 V. Khachadourian/D. Tracy/San Francisco
3:00 Tessa DeFranco/Jessica Jacobs/Brioso

SHORT COURSE 11 MILES

1:38 Carrie Barrett/Sheila O'Neill/Chance
1:54 Michelle Jay-Russell/Don Strong/Stashi
2:20 Lupe De La Fuente/Doyle Eggers/Star
2:24 Molly Rebscher/Steve Rebscher/Lily

SHORTEST COURSE 6 MILES

1:06 Tracy Bakewell/Scott Bakewell/Frank
1:10 Alexander Eischen/Biz Eischen/Corky
1:31 Sadie Julin/Nicole Voytovich/Blackberry

MICHAUX MADNESS RIDE & TIE 3 DAYS

Saturday 30 MILES

6:26 Janice Heltibridle/Kate Kane Joyce/Frisky
6:30 Kathy Broadbus/Lani Newcomb/Red McIntosh

Sunday 25 MILES

4:59 Janice Heltibridle/Kate Kane Joyce/Bubbah
5:03 Farzad Faryadi/Karen Isaacs/WBF Cedric
6:30 L. Newcomb/Mark Trader/Diamondback Rattler

Monday 25 MILES

4:38 Janice Heltibridle/Kate Kane Joyce/Frisky
5:19 Kathy Broadbus/Lani Newcomb/Newman

Number 19's Wild Run by Dawn Hartsock

Well Jim Steere, this story is for you..... Saturday June 16th started out like just another Ride and Tie Championship, beautiful morning, relatively calm start, and a happy group of runners and riders disappearing up the hill into the gorgeous Cuneo Creek Trails. That is about where the normality of the day ended for #19 aka Doc's Dubonnet or DD as we call our new ride and tie mount. This was to be DD's first big Ride and Tie, she had done one small race in December at the Manzanita Take II Ride and Tie without event.

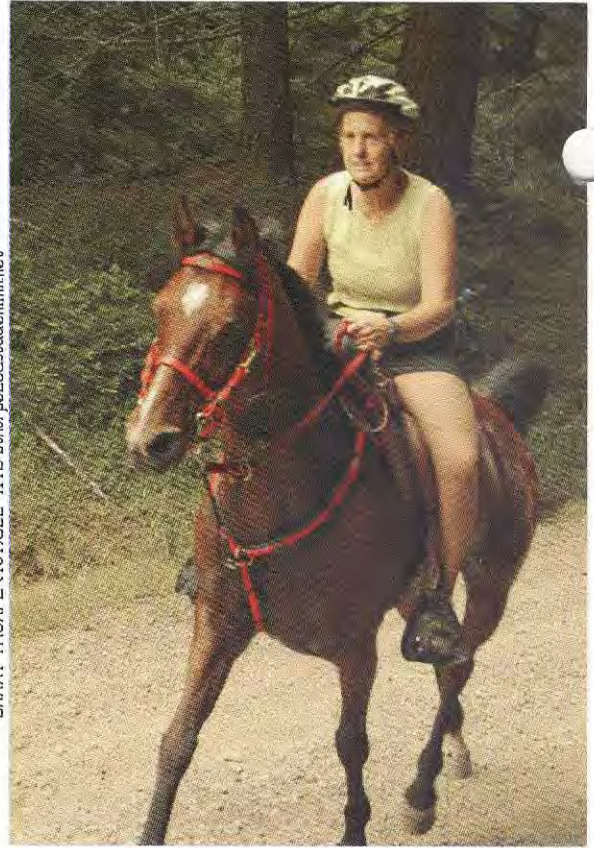
About mile five her rider (aka Doyle Eggers) tied her to a strong tree and took off running, well about 1/4 mile down the trail Doyle heard "LOOSE HORSE" just in time to turn and see # 19 flying down the trail, after a moment of thinking "I wonder who's horse that is....?" Doyle realized "Oh NO, that is DD our horse" so he valiantly jumped out to try and stop her. After a short round of "Dodge Horse" she snuck past him and blared off down the trail with Doyle running as fast as he could (but alas not fast enough to catch the speeding DD) after the horse.

Meanwhile back on the trail the runner (aka Dawn Hartsock) is thinking hmmm (you know how this horrible thought goes) I should have come to the horse by now....could I have run past her. But Dawn reassures herself for another

mile that Doyle must have done a long tie since it is down a steep hill and he probably is thinking "Dawn will be making such good time running down hill I better tie long". So finally at the bottom of this long steep down hill Dawn decides she must have run past the horse and she turns around and starts back up "THE HILL".

As Dawn begins to pass other runners and riders she asks that age old question that all ride and tiers know..."Have you seen my horse...#19, brown horse with a bright red bridle?" Everyone answers "No...but I really wasn't looking for her so I am not sure!" So by the time Dawn reaches the top of the hill she decides, "No I didn't run past the horse, she must have gotten loosebut if she got loose she must have run off into the woods otherwise she would have run into Doyle and he would have tied her or come back to tell me what happened."

Meanwhile Doyle is still running after #19.



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Dawn and Number 19 Before Mile Five

DD is still fartlek-ing down the trail scattering riders and runners as she goes....until about 3.5 miles down the trail a good Samaritan (aka Mark Richtman) finally catches her, now Mark gets a new challenge....he has ➡

ANOTHER MYSTERY SOLVED!

Congratulations to Ellen Rinde and Dave and Linda Poston and Kathy Appleby (with the help of Bud Johns) for their correct guesses that May's Mystery Photo was indeed BIG BEAR 1980! Below are some of their comments:

Ellen Rinde: The mystery photos in the May 2007 newsletter are from the start of the Levi's R&T, going up the ski run at the Big Bear in southern California. We've had lots of crazy race starts but that was definitely the steepest ever. My family took a truck load of horses down but I don't recognize any of our gang in the photos. I think the woman wearing the visor, riding the grey horse with the red breast collar, is Wendy Watson from Marin county. Otherwise, I don't recognize anyone.

Dave and Linda Poston: This month's mystery pictures are probably the start of the 1980 race in Big Bear California. The thing that makes Dave unsure is the fact the riders are so spread out on the hill, so if not Big Bear, probably it is the start of the 1982 Ride and Tie near San Jose (Quicksilver Park Area). Dave thinks the person on the near chestnut horse is George Hall. Regarding the last mystery picture, Dave says that it is definitely the Eureka Ride and Tie. He competed with Bruce LaBelle. Dave thinks the guy in the white shirt behind Danny Barger is Wayne Heinrichs, and to his right is Mike Sarkisian. In front of Danny and to the right is Steve Shaw.



What no one noticed was that dead center in the middle of the horse photo is a young Don Betts wearing yellow shorts and clinging for life as he rode up the ski run on a bare back pad. His partner, Steve Gutsche is in the othe photo also in yellow shorts.

caught a horse with NO TIE ROPE....what to do? Mark notices a big log so he decides he can just loop her long reins over the log and be off. But #19 doesn't like this plan of being tied with the bit so she immediately pulls back and pulls a huge log across the trail. The Good Samaritan, Mark Richtman realizes that unless he gets that log out of the trail he is going to be "THE BAD GUY" but alas the log is too heavy he can't move it and #19 just looks at him and sure isn't going to help!

Meanwhile back with Doyle...he is still running down the trail after #19, and about now he is beginning to have some thoughts of guilt when he thinks about Dawn who by now must be wondering if she ran past the horse....should he go back? (up that nasty hill...) no she'll figure it out soon and he still doesn't know where #19 is...so on he runs.

So Dawn is now running back down that infamous hill where she seems to have spent the last 30 minutes and just then along comes...Tada!! Our famous President of the Ride and Tie Association and Dawn's long time buddy, Don Betts. So Dawn immediately asks Don "Have you seen DD?" To which Don replies "Was she wearing a red bridle and does she have white on her face?"

"Yes, yes," Dawn replies.

"I think she is back up THE HILL, a long way back" says Don reluctantly. So Dawn turns around and walks (there is no more run left in her for THE HILL) back up THE HILL.

Meanwhile back at the log with our Good Samaritan/BAD GUY.... Another female runner comes along and Mark convinces her they together can move the log, the skeptical runner gives it her

all and they remove the log, and our once again Good Samaritan ties up #19 (after detaching her reins from the bit this time) and runs off to catch his partner aka Mary Tiscornia who by now is wondering where the heck Mark is (and this is not to be the only time during the day where Mary is wondering where Mark is...but that is another ride & tie story).

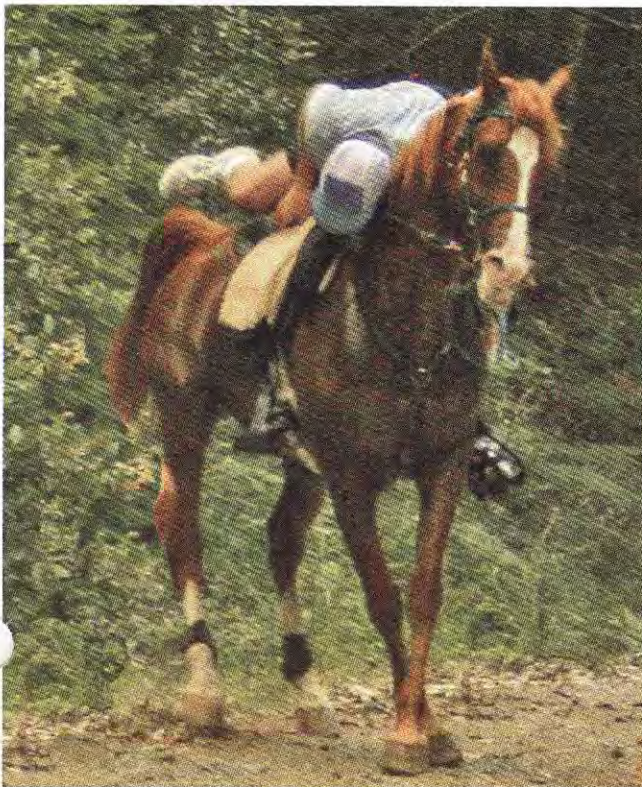
Eventually Doyle comes across #19, and decides to leave her where he found her deciding "Dawn will figure



Doyle approaching Vet Check

it out" **CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

Barry Thorpe Photographs



Dave, what ARE you and Red doing?



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And he keeps running all the way into the vet check.

So back on THE HILL, as Dawn reaches the top for the second time she runs into Pam Jensen who is teamed up with Star, #19's stable mate and Pam is absolutely certain #19 is not back on the trail. This seems likely since #19 would have screamed at Star if he had passed. So Dawn is now convinced DD is running through the forest, and Don Betts was mistaken (or just trying to get her to run up THE HILL again) and she turns back around and heads back down THE HILL toward the vet check to go find Doyle so she can start looking off the trail for #19, the missing horse.

So by now Doyle is at the vet check, wondering if he should have gone back and taken the horse to Dawn so she would know what happened (he is also wondering if he will be sleeping on the floor of the camper tonight).

Dawn has been running/walking in the rain and mud for 1 hour and 45 minutes when she hears the two Trocha Girls yell "Here's #19!" And sure enough Dawn comes around the corner and there is DD, shaking in the rain where she has been tied for over an hour. After checking all limbs for injuries, Dawn walks DD until she warms back

up and then off they go trotting along until they reach the vet check.

Well when Dawn reaches the vet check Doyle hesitantly explains what happened....they do a quick exchange and Dawn runs out of the vet check and Doyle takes DD to the vet. The vets assess #19 and decide she is "good to go" and off the team goes on the second loop.

Well that team with #19 gets to cooking and they begin passing teams and they come into the 2nd vet check in great cadence. The vet once again says DD looks great and is still full of steam and off the three teammates go to the finish.

As they congratulate themselves at finishing in 23rd place despite the crazy start the team doesn't realize this story isn't over yet.

Well #19 gets cleaned up and placed in her corral for a bite while Dawn and Doyle go have a bite before the 1 hour post-race vet check. When Dawn and Doyle come back at 45 minutes after their finish #19 is standing on three legs. When they walk her out it is apparent she is lame on her left hind leg!

Maybe a cramp, so they walk her for the next 10 minutes around camp to see if it will go away. As they walk around camp

people keep coming up and saying "Oh #19 is yourrrrrrrr horse, she jumped off a four foot embankment in front of me running down the trail at a full gallop" etc etc etc.

By the time they go see Jim Steere they are sad that their horse is lame, and happy that she is even alive after they hear all the stories of #19's WILD RUN.

Jim confirms DD is lame and he will need to give them a DNF and offers to recheck her tomorrow.

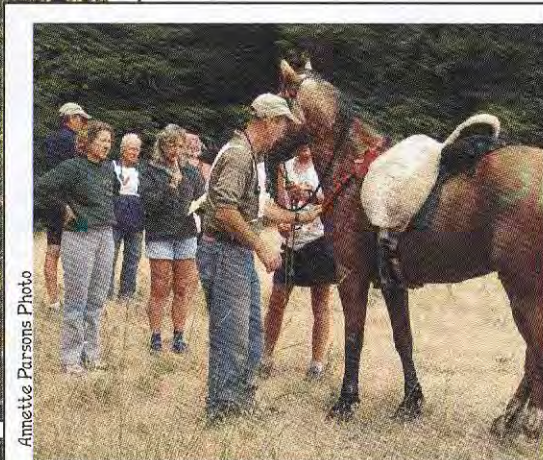
By the next day #19 is 95% sound and Jim Steere tells them he thinks she will be fine by the next day, and sure enough she is fine. As an extra precaution she is taken to her own vet at home who performed an ultrasound (she had a previous injury on that leg) and he too agrees all is well with #19!

Jim Steere heard the whole story and he said "you have got to write this up for the ride and tie newsletter this is a REAL Ride and Tie story that will be remembered long after everyone has forgotten about this race." So Jim this story's for you!

Dawn Hartsock's first championship was in 1998 at Donner Summit. She has been competing in Ride & Tie for nine years and has completed six prior championships. Dawn has 792 career Ride & Tie miles.



Amie Betts Photo



Amie Parsons Photo



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Barry Thorpe, Photographer

IN THE NEWS

by Carol Ruprecht

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

Endurance News "36th Annual Ride & Tie World Championships", September 2006.

Southern Horse and Rider "Ride & Tie" by Carol Ruprecht, October 2006.

Ride! Magazine: I am certain there was one, following Cool R&T, as Kathleen McFarren, editor, was at the race. But I didn't actually see this issue.

Ridemagasinet Equipage, a Scandinavian Magazine (sent them photos, but they haven't sent me a copy)

Women's Adventure "Grab your Running Shoes and Mount Up!" in Sports Trend.

ePodismo "Ogni tanto lasciami il cavallo" 5/9/2007 (on page, on-line) Photo, description of the sport in Italian and offer of free entry for an Italian team at our Championships.

The Equestrian News "It's Moms vs. Kids - and a Lot of Heart - at Ride & Tie" by Carol Ruprecht, Jun/July 2007. Report on Santa Ysabel R&T

Ride! Magazine, June 2007 pre-race announcement (I haven't seen issue yet).

Santa Cruz Sentinel, Out and About "Kicking up dust in ride and tie" posted by Julie Jagg June 21st, 2007 ()

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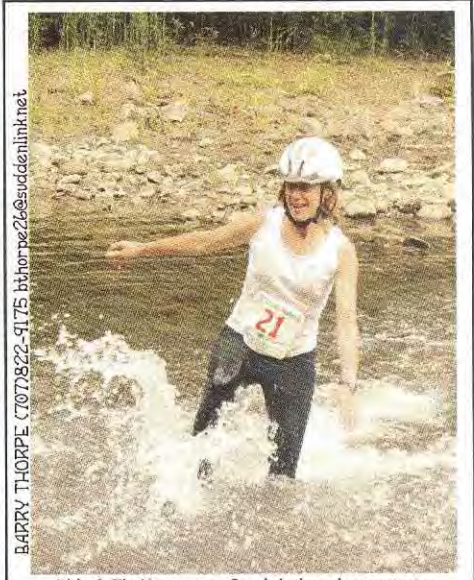
My Introduction to Ride & Tie by Stephanie Irving

Ben Volk emailed me a few weeks before the World Championships. He knew I was a rider and he heard I was a runner. Did I want to be his partner? And, did I happen to have a horse that could go 35 miles and tolerate being tied to a tree.

Yes, I wanted to compete (but should I really try my first ride and tie at the World Championship?). I had a horse that could go 35 miles, and a horse that would probably be fine left tied to a tree with other horses galloping by him. Trouble was, they were two different horses. My dilemma: do I take the horse which might breeze through 35 miles (but might end up doing it without you after the first tie) or the horse which might work to finish 35, but would be there for you when you needed him.

For my first ride and tie, I chose the latter. Bezi, our 23-year-old Arab, figured out the tie-up routine by about the third tie (okay, so he broke loose on tie number two, but I'll forgive him for that, and a big thank you to a member of team number 25 for snagging him before he got very far). Bezi made the riding part of our team enjoyable. I could actually relax between runs. Cup of tea anyone? Running through the redwoods was an incredible experience, and for me, heightened, at the top of the red loop in the morning mist in the tall trees (just as we were descending) by the sighting of a bear lumbering down the trail.

It was such a kick running in the woods and coming around the corner to a horse, looking down the trail, awaiting your arrival. "Want a ride?" Bezi seemed to say. "Come on, I know which way he went, and I'll get you

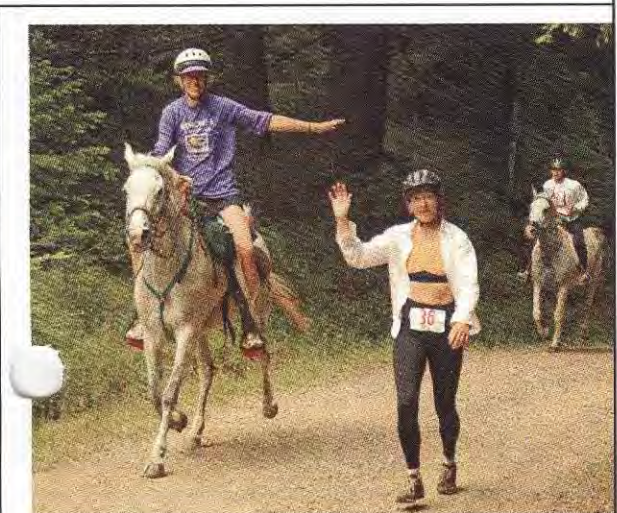


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Ride & Tie Newcomer, Steph Irving, demonstrates the way a ride & tier SHOULD cross water

there faster if you just hop on." Riding and running. It's a combination that works. It jazzes you. You get tired, but you don't stop. You just keep going. With a nod to my husband, I'm not sure if I could get away with making as bold of a statement as Jessica dares print on a t-shirt; however, it does seem to make a darn good natural amphetamine. One week later and I'm still smiling. When's the next fix?!

Steph Irving began endurance riding about 20 years ago. Ironically, ever since she and her family moved to southern Washington, she hasn't competed very much (too much time at soccer games and school board meetings). Instead, she and Steve King give back to their previous passion by hosting the annual Mt. Adams Endurance Ride (and Ride & Tie). She ran two marathons earlier this year which is why she said yes to competing in the 35-mile World Championship Ride and Tie on a last minute notice.



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2007 RIDE & TIE SCHEDULE

See 2007 Handbook for more information on each of these races

- 21 JULY **GOLD COUNTRY GEORGETOWN RIDE & TIE--Georgetown, California--5,13 and 25 Miles--Dawn Hartsock (831) 663-6206, grover1959@aol.com and Cheryl Domnitch (530)273-5668, cdefpe@aol.com. Mail Entries to Cheryl at 12793 Sierra Vista Drive, Grass Valley, California 95945**
- 15-21 JULY **FORT STANTON RIDE & TIE--Fort Stanton, New Mexico--Four 35 Mile Races--Roger Taylor,(505) 897-4985, 500 Camino del Bosque, Albuquerque, NM, 87114, Roger_Sue@prodigy.net**
- 21 JULY **BANDIT SPRINGS RIDE & TIE--Ochoco National Forest, Oregon--30 Miles--Janelle Wild (541)849-2460, mfarm@centurytel.net 584.Romie Howard Rd. Yoncalla, OR 97499**
- 11 AUGUST **SANTIAM CASCADE RIDE & TIE--Sisters, Oregon--30 Miles--Anna Sampson (503)829-6002 and Mary Nunn (503)829-5321, Send Entries to Mary at 16501 South Butte Creek, Mollala, OR 97038**
- 25 AUGUST **HEADWATERS OF THE ROGUE RIDE & TIE--Prospect, Oregon-- 25 and 16 Miles--Annette Parsons (541)846-6656, 1831 Slagle Creek Road, Grants Pass, OR 97527 aparsons@apbb.net**
- 7-9 SEPTEMBER **BIG SOUTH FORK RIDE & TIE--Onieda, Tennessee--8,30 and 55 and 100 Miles--Joanne Mitchell, 9013 Coburn Drive Knoxville, TN 37922 865.693.4308 jfgmhorse@bellsouth.net**
- 8 SEPTEMBER **THE COOLEST RIDE & TIE--Cool, California--4, 9, 13 and 22 Miles--Frank Lieberman and Linda Shaw, (530)886-0890, 1810 Windy Court, Cool CA 95614, coolgalinda@sbcglobal.net**
- 21-23 SEPTEMBER **CHESAPEAKE RIDE & TIE FESTIVAL--Fair Hill DNR, Maryland--20,30, 45, 50 and 80 Miles--Cate Peloquin, 1328 Salonica Place, BelAir MD 21024 CPENGUIN57@aol.com, (410)420-7678**
- 5 OCTOBER **ALABAMA YELLOWHAMMER RIDE & TIE--Talledega National Forest, Alabama--25,50 and 100 Miles--Jo Mitchell, 9013 Coburn Drive Knoxville, TN 37922 865.693.4308 jfgmhorse@bellsouth.net**
- 6 OCTOBER **MANZANITA RIDE & TIE--Boulevard, California--15 and 25 Miles--Terry Wooley Howe, (619)445-5443 21800 Japatul Valley Road, Alpine, CA 91901, TerryHowe@hughes.net**
- 7 OCTOBER **MAN AGAINST HORSE RIDE & TIE--Prescott Valley, Arizona--25 Miles--Cheryl Johnson, 3134 Angus Drive, Prescott, AZ 86305, (428)541-0680 Johnsonfamily17@juno.com**
- 20 OCTOBER **FOOTHILLS OF THE CASCADES--Molalla, Oregon--25 Miles--Anna Sampson (503)829-6002 and Mary Nunn (503)829-5321, Send Entries to Mary at 16501 South Butte Creek, Mollala, OR 97038**
- 27-28 OCTOBER **FORT VALLEY RIDE & TIE-- Fort Valley--Virginia--12, 30 and 50 Miles--Claire Godwin, (301-948-0158 crgdvm@aol.com. Send entries to: Susan Trader, susntrader@aol.com, (540)882-9721, 16813 Clarkes Gap Road, Paeonian Springs, VA 20129.**

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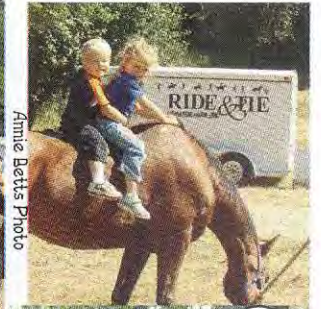
RIDE & TIE UPDATES

JULY 21 - GOLD COUNTRY/GEORGETOWN
RIDE @ TIE--new stand alone ride @ tie with
 new trails! 5,13,25 mile courses! Please note
 ride management will evaluate weather forecast
 and if hot weather expected, expect an early
 morning start! See ya there! Dawn Hartsock
Grover1959@aol.co 831-663-6206 @ Cheryl
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JULY 21: BANDIT SPRINGS RIDE @ TIE
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 pine and aspen forest in the beautiful Ochoco
 National Forest east of Prineville, Oregon. For
 more info: Janelle Wilde 541-849-2460
mfarm@centurytel.net.

25 AUGUST - HEADWATERS OF THE
ROGUE RIDE @ TIE We are shaping up to
 have some good teams again this year! Grab a
 partner and come join us. Bring something for
 our informal awards dinner potluck. Also...I
 will soon have a color map of the course
 available in pdf format. Email me if you want
 me to send you one when I get it done.
 Remember to send in your entry early for the
 discount! See you at Headwaters! -Annette
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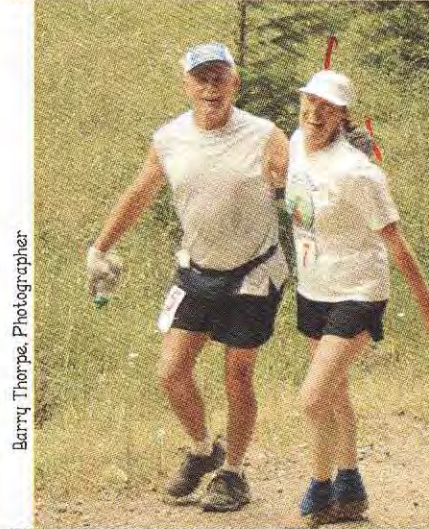
6 SEPTEMBER- COOLEST RIDE @ TIE
 Important Changes 9/8/07
9/7/07 At Barnloft in ALT:
 4:00pm registration
 5:00pm pre-race vetting
 5:00pm Pot Luck
 8:00pm Race Briefing
9/8/07 At Olmstead Staging Area:
 6:00am vetting
 7:00am ride announcements
 7:15am R@T start-22miles
 7:20am R@T start-9, 13 miles
 7:25am runners start
 11:15am pre-race briefing R@T-4 miles
 11:30am R@T start-4 miles



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JUNIOR RIDE & TIE

Upon return from the grand Championships Race, rather sore and a little tired, I couldn't help but beam and share the great experience and welcoming environment with all my friends. With the two-toned number '18' still gracing the hindquarters of my horse, and the belt buckle shining in its case, we were welcomed home. Time and time again you retell stories, funny happenings in camp, on the road, or during the race. My trusty steed, Ari, getting so hyped up pre-race that he started bucking in place (Just to warm-up his legs, I'm sure...) We didn't quite expect the energy (and a little craziness) that he put forth this race, his first.

One of my favorite stories comes from the Big Trees section of the second loop, aptly named. Now this is the place where you would have needed a 20 foot line to make a tie (Invariably the first thing my friends said when I told them the Championships were in the Redwoods was, wow, you're going to need a long rope.), but it was in fact a no-tie zone anyway. Running along on foot, I entered the area already expecting to have found my horse. I entered the trickiest part of Ride 'n Tie- the mind games. Doubt begins to seep in, and of course Ari is a beautiful liver chestnut that camouflaged perfectly in the bark of certain large trees in the area... Did I pass him? What if he got loose? Should I turn back and look again? I continued on, passing a hiker out looking at the trees. I must have looked knowledgeable (or maybe I looked like I lived in the woods...) because he asked me if I knew where the 'Flat Iron Tree' was. Okay... "Well I think I've heard of it... I think it's laying on the ground somewhere, Oh, and have you seen a horse?No, I haven't lost a horse, it's a race, and, uh, I gotta go." Later I laughed about how funny I must have looked running through the woods, a little dirty, and donning a riding helmet...

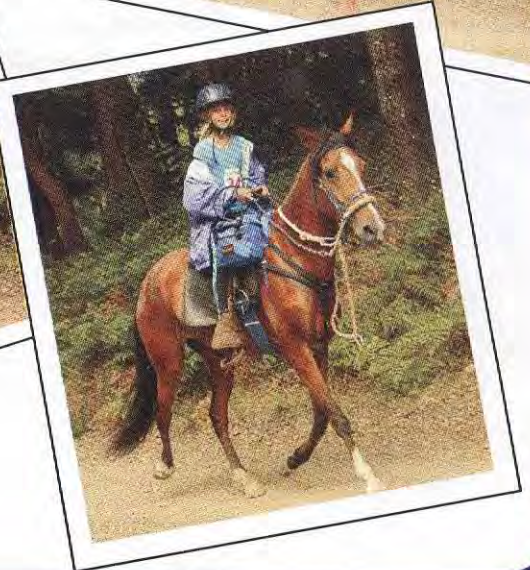
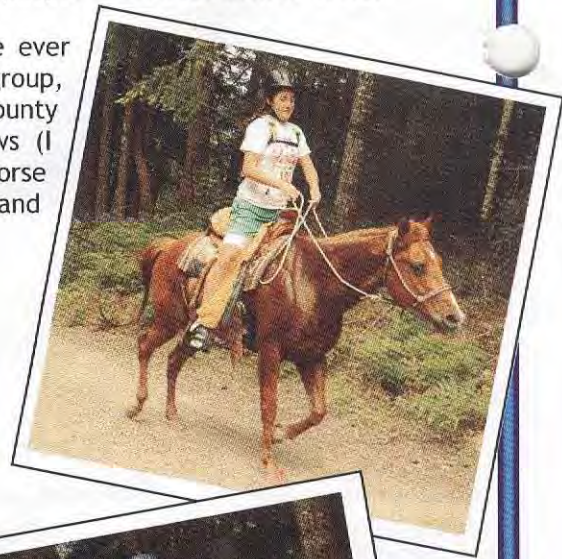
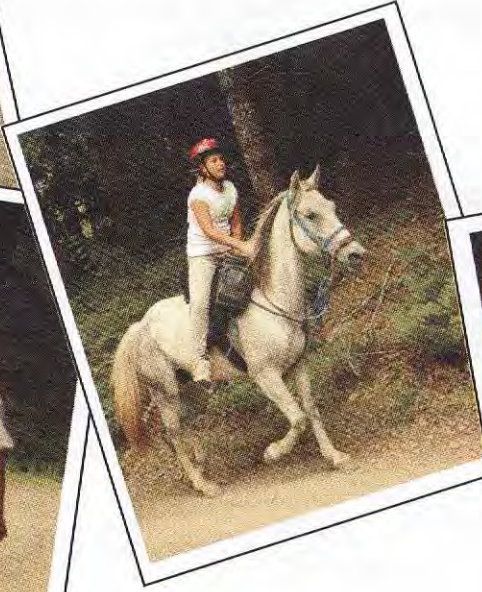
All in all, I found the Championships a huge success, and would like to thank EVERYONE who helped, and all the Juniors who braved the distance and had a great time! You really do have something to brag about, and next time bring a friend! A great idea was voiced by Jessica, about starting the short course races after the long course has finished, so parents or other Ride 'n Tiers can have the chance to do both the full and then the short with a Junior. I am in full support of this idea, and I think the short course rides are a great way to get people started in Ride 'n Tie!

We are all enjoying a break from school right now, but when you are ever encouraged (or required) to do a presentation for your class or a 4-H group, consider Ride 'n Tie! I have presented a 'Ride and Tie' presentation at both county and state levels in 4-H with a great response and successful reviews (I received

First Place at the Oregon State-wide Spring Horse Classic!). People are always grateful for a new and exciting topic, so give it a try!



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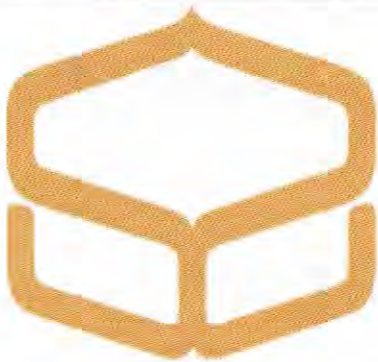
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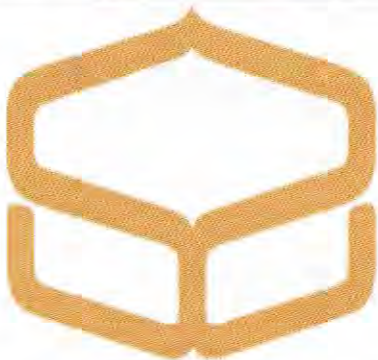
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