

RIDE & TIE



NEWSLETTER

July 2008



Sara Howard and Jim Howard finish first at Taylorsville Championship in 5:00.52

Message from the President



If the buckles get any bigger we won't be able to wear them on our running shorts. Or we'll have to use suspenders.

The World Ride & Tie Championship at Taylorsville was a great production. Race Director, Dennis Miller and his army of volunteers did an outstanding job. Thank you very much Dennis and volunteers. The course was tough, as challenging as any of the twenty previous championship courses that I have done. It felt like a real Championship course. Despite the difficulty only one team was unable to finish the course and that was because of lameness in the horse early in the race. Our racers took good care of their horses and we had a stellar vet staff of Jim Steere, Bill Benton, Jeanette Mero, and Doyle Rolston. What a luxury to have four good veterinarians.

This was Jim Steere's last year as our head veterinarian. He has decided that 38 years is enough. In regard for his years of service we gave him the honor of dropping the hat for the official start of the race. Once again he did a great job and he didn't even get run over. We will certainly miss him from our veterinary staff, but he will continue as an Emeritus Member to the Board of Directors. Thank you, thank you, Jim Steere.

before. The highest finish yet by a Woman/Woman team, Rufus Schneider and Laurie Wilson in second place. Also our highest finish ever by a foreign team or twins! with Uta König and Miriam Schmidt finishing in 4th place. (For those wanting to write to Uta and want an umlaut for their o (ö) hold down the Alt and press 0246 on the number pad.) We also had the usual ever growing bionic knees, hips, and spines, probably even heart valves, but no one has owned up to having one yet.

For the first time ever we have a family team, Jim and Sara Howard in first place (Father/Daughter) as well as a Pat's purse winner for having a team member that has never won a Championship race

Everything seemed close to perfect. Even the lightening fires held off until after the race and were far enough away that most people got home before the smoke got bad in Taylorsville. The saddle was won by Dennis Miller. Leslie Yates won the \$50 for gas for turning in an early entry. There were at least two dozen other prizes in the drawing. There was plenty of food to go around. Some people even had tri-tip sandwiches and Oreo cookies for the trip home.

Next year we will be back at the Cuneo Creek Horse Camp in the Humboldt Redwood State Park. Since the park is limited in space we will be cutting off the entries at 50 teams. We now have membership renewal on line. We will have the 39th World Championship Ride & Tie entry on line by the first of the year. Make your plans early. You really won't want to miss out.

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First Woman-Woman Team

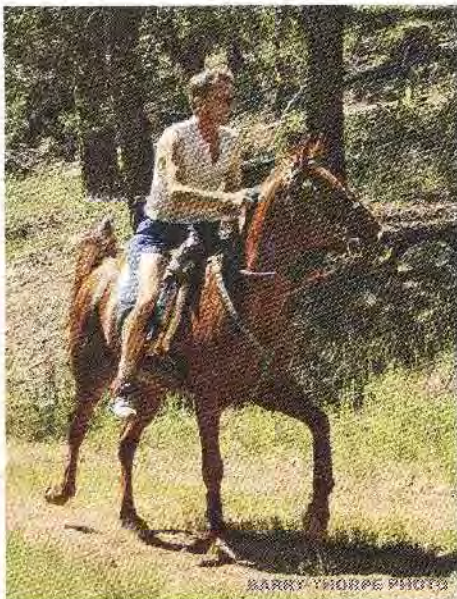
Rufus Schneider and Laurie Wilson on Koonna finished second in 5:32. Rufus Schneider, (first place finisher at the 2007 Championship with partner, Tom Johnson and horse, Koonna), was injured during the first part of the race when a horse kicked her. She continued on to ride and run the rest of the race and went to the emergency room after the race was completed. Laurie Wilson has finished as first Woman-Woman with her team-mates in 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, and 2007. This is Koonna's third Championship. She placed first in 2007 with Schneider and Johnson.

First Man-Man Team

Finishing fifth, was the first Man-Man team of Jim Brown and Russ Kiernan on Yaquar Adonai with the time of 5:46. Russ at age 70 and Jim at age 61 were the oldest team on the course. Russ and Jim finished third in 2004 at Fort Bragg and Russ finished third with Dave Andreotti in 1992 at Santa Cruz.

Yaquar Adonai has competed in four championships and earned Best Condition in 2004 at Fort Bragg.

One observer at the finish-line noted as Jim and Russ finished right behind the German team, 'Do you think following those twins slowed those old guys down or sped them up?'



Best Condition Horse

Magic Sirocco's Championship history includes first place wins in 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006. 2nd place in 2002 and 2007 and 3rd in 2001. He has earned Best Condition in 2001, 2003 and 2005. For the past year, Sara Howard has done all of Magic Sirocco's training. Says Jim, "Sometimes I would go along with them, but just run." When asked about his training Sara says, "We ride about three times each week. It's really nice because there are a lot of trails around our house so we can ride from our property." Magic Sirocco is 14 years old.

SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONS



First Place team, Doyle Eggers, Dawn Hartsock and Tess finished in 3:39. Says Doyle "Nineteen Miles? That's NOT a short course! We call it the Long Course and the Longer Course!"

Second Place team, Victoria Ordway, an amateur from Mill Valley and Susan Smyth from Newcastle, CA on Joe Peshi, an 11 year old half-arab. Their finish time was 3:47.

Third Place team, Brandi Page (now of Seattle, where she is starting her medical residency) and Carl Ross, an amateur from Redlands, on Pumpkin finished in 3:52.



Howard and Howard, An Awesome Team!

by Carol Ruprecht and Annie Betts

Waiting at the finish line, watching for the first team, there was much speculation about who it would be. Most everyone was expecting to witness the first woman/woman win of the World Championship Ride & Tie, but the question was who it would be. Rufus and Laurie were the probable winners, Uta and Miriam were the unknown factor, and we couldn't discount any of the others, after all, this IS Ride & Tie and anything could happen. Then in the distance we saw the first team appearing. No one had binoculars but someone had a camera with a zoom lens and gave us reports as they came closer. After many guesses, came "IT'S SARA AND JIM!" and we all started cheering!

Instead of watching the first woman/woman team to win our Championship we witnessed Sara Howard becoming the youngest person ever to win the Ride & Tie World Championship. Sara also enters the rarified ranks of women who have won the overall event: there are only three female winners in the thirty-eight year history of the sport. And to the satisfaction of this young athlete, she and her partner rode their steed, Magic Sirocco, to his fourth Ride & Tie World Championship Best Condition award.

Sara, who runs high school cross country and track and competes in endurance riding, teamed with her father Jim Howard for this, her first Ride & Tie World Championship effort. She declined her prize money in order to maintain her amateur running status. Her partner and father, Jim Howard, is a well known Masters ultrarunner and now a ten-time Ride & Tie World Champion.



Sara Howard, moving on down the trail.

"Sara has been conditioning the horse for me for the past three years. She wanted to do the Championship, which is all fine and exciting, but nerve wracking for me as a parent. It is a risky sport."

Jim's concerns finally eased only when the start of the race went smoothly. "Our strategy worked. We put Sara out in the front of the team, where there would be less potential commotion with other teams. I still wasn't sure we were doing the right thing," he said.

"My daddy ran a lot of it for me" reports Sara Howard. Their best estimate is that Sara ran a total of 14 miles during the race; more than a normal workout, but certainly within the scope of her training. Prior to this year's event, the record for the youngest win was held by a young man who won the original Levi's Ride & Tie in 1971 at the age of seventeen. Sara reported that she felt great about the race. "I was happy that I didn't have to crew! Plus it was nice to prove to my Dad that he didn't have to worry quite so much."

When asked what the hardest part of the race was, Sara replied, "The last five miles because it was mostly downhill. In my opinion, downhill should be reserved for cars and bikes."



Sara and Jim receiving their buckles

Sara thought it was "kind of a surprise" to have Magic Sirocco win the Best Condition, but she admitted that it was nice, after all the conditioning and training she put in to getting him ready for the race. Her father had a little bit more confidence his horse might win the award. "We took really good care of the horse. He had so much energy toward the end, he was still spooking. It's always chancy though; there is a gauntlet of rocks" on that course, he said.

We hope to see this Howard/Howard team defending their title at the 2009 Championship in Humboldt. When asked if they planned to team up again, Jim said, "Yes, but her high school and college running career has priority."

RACE RESULTS

HOG SCRAMBLE

9 Miles

Debbie Quinn/Katie Leslie on Gordon 1:58
Lynne Mack/Debbie Okrina on 38 Special 1:58

20 Miles

Sherrie Reimers/Laura Lund on Monterey PF 3:58

MICHAUX MADNESS

30 Miles

May 24, 2008

Janice and Dorota Raciborska on Frisky 5:57
Kathy and Lani on Tidbit 7:14

25 Miles

May 25, 2008

Janice Helfbrigle/Patti Nash on Bubba 5:58
Kathy Broadus/Lani Newcomb on Teabiscuit 5:46

QUICKSILVER RIDE & TIE

30 Miles

Rufus Schneider/Tom Johnson on Samson 4:19
Heidi Lambert/J. Tiscornia Steere on Lakota Mare 4:53
Frank Lieberman/David de la Rosa on Gypsy 5:49
Mary Tiscornia/Russ Kiernan on Sal DNF
Dawn Hartsock/Doyle Eggers on DD DNF

15 Miles

John Hall/Steve Anderson on Basia 2:04
Laurie Wilson/Susan Smyth on Joe Peshi 2:28
Jessica Pinto/Victoria Ordway on Ziggy 3:10
Jonnie Alper/Carrie Barrett on Bombay DNF
Don Strong/Bob Trocha on Casey DNF

6 Miles

Olivia Honighausen/Urich Honighausen on Hal 1:46
Elliot Ordway/Fiona Ordway-Mosser on Tassz 1:56

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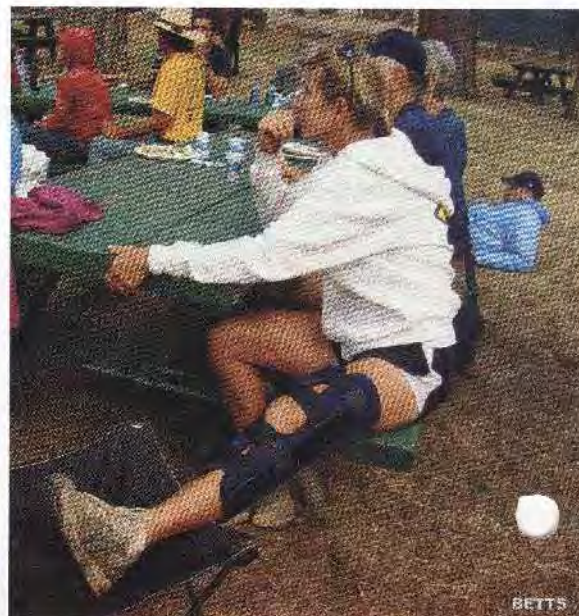
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38TH ANNUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RIDE & TIE RACE RESULTS

JIM HOWARD/SARA HOWARD/MAGIC SIROCCO-	BC, 1ST M/W	5:00
RUFUS SCHNEIDER/LAURIE WILSON/ROONA	1ST W/W	5:32
TOM GEY/ELAINE RUPRECHT/FINDEFAR	2ND M/W	5:39
UTA KOENIG/MIRIAM SCHMIDT/SEVENTEEN	2ND W/W	5:46
JIM BROWN/RUSS KIERNAN/YAQUAR ADONAI	1ST M/M	5:46
JESSICA JACOBS/JENNIFER SIEGEL/BRISO	3RD W/W	6:04
JENNIFER TISCORNIA STEERE/MARY TISCORNIA/SAL		6:04
GUNILLA KENT/MIKE WHELAN/MARCK	3RD M/W	6:08
MELISSA RIBLEY/CATHY SCOTT/LD MONIQUE		6:15
STEVEN ANDERSON/JOHN HALL/BASIA	2ND M/M	6:15
DALE FULLER/BEN VOLK/MONDART	3RD M/M	6:24
KRISTEN REICHARDT/DAVE VAN WICKLIN/JAZZ		6:29
WARREN HELLMAN/TIM REYNOLDS/FLEW		6:37
JIM CLOVER/HEATHER HUGGINS/SPIRIT		7:08
JANE McGRATH/CAROL RUPRECHT/FADWAH'S STAR		7:18
DON BETTS/GEORGE HALL/CINDER		7:21
TRACY BAKEWELL/JULIE WHITTEMORE/FRANK		7:23
LISA QUEEN/MELISSA QUEEN/PIP		7:51
BYRON GRANT/GEORGINA VALENCIA/DOS MADRES		8:26
JONATHAN JORDAN/FRANK LIEBERMAN/GYPSY		8:30
MOSES VAUGHAN/LESLIE YATES/INFINITE COSMOS		9:18
RICK NOER/TIM RUBIN/RUBY RAY		9:20
PAT BROWNING/DON STRONG/BUCK		9:22
ANNE LANGSTAFF/KRISTEN SEYFERTH/SCATRIS		DNF

19 MILE SHORT COURSE

DOYLE EGGERS/DAWN HARTSOCK/TESS	3:39
SUSAN SMYTH/VICTORIA ORDWAY/JOE PESHI	3:47
BRANDI PAGE/CARL ROSSI/PUMPKIN	3:52
CYNTHIA LUSK/JESSICA LUSK/M&M'S PRIDE & JOY	5:10

Have You Seen the German Team?

by Annie Betts

Ride Camp is always exciting as the teams begin to arrive. There are always hugs and laughter as old friends meet and then the speculation about how every one will do begins. This year many conversations began with "Have you seen the German team?" Having two beautiful, fit young women with charming accents seemed to capture everyone's interest. The fact that they were twins doubled it.

Uta König and Miriam Schmidt are 38 year old twins from Scharbach and Neunkirchen, Germany. Uta, a physical therapist and certified athletic trainer and Miriam, a pharmacist, accepted the Ride and Tie Association's invitation to compete in our 38th Annual Ride & Tie Championship. They have been competing in Ride & Tie in Germany for the past fifteen years. In addition to Ride & Tie Uta and Miriam compete in running and cycling sports. They have competed in Triathlon (Olympic distance) and Ironman.

"We grew-up in a small town, where we started doing vaulting when we turned 7 years old. We got addicted to horses and loved to ride any horse we found on a pasture (without saddle and halter). Finally, when we turned 12 years old, our parents gave-up on ignoring our begging to get riding lessons. So we learned how to ride properly. When we were 16 years old our dream came true: our great parents gave us our "Olly" for Christmas. By then he was just a baby and we still have him. He turned 24 years old last Monday. And of course he got a big birthday shower!!! We love him!!! He follows us like a dog when we are training running. We won a lot of Ride and Ties with him, which is surprising because he is a "Fjord-horse" from Norway, who are higher in their pulse rate in general. But he has a consistent pace. We are also doing endurance riding. We have two "Haflinger" (they come from Austria), but they are crossed with Arab-blood. A lot of temperament! And I just bought a Peruvian Paso/Trotter mix, who is really a fast mover." reported one of the twins in an interview with Carol Ruprecht.

And in reply to a question about how they got involved with Ride & Tie they said "We read about Ride and Tie many years ago and were interested in it, because it is combining two sports we LOVE to do: running and horseback riding. So we signed-up for it 15 years ago and ever since then, we are doing it every year."

Uta and Miriam, on a horse loaned to them by Kirsten Seyferth completed the Championship in 5:46. They finished 4th as the second Woman/Woman team. We have invited them to come back for next year's race at the Humboldt Redwoods. (continued on next page)



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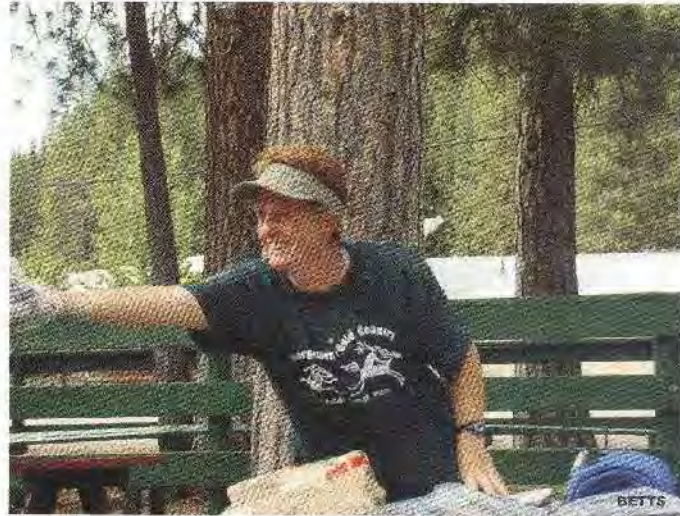
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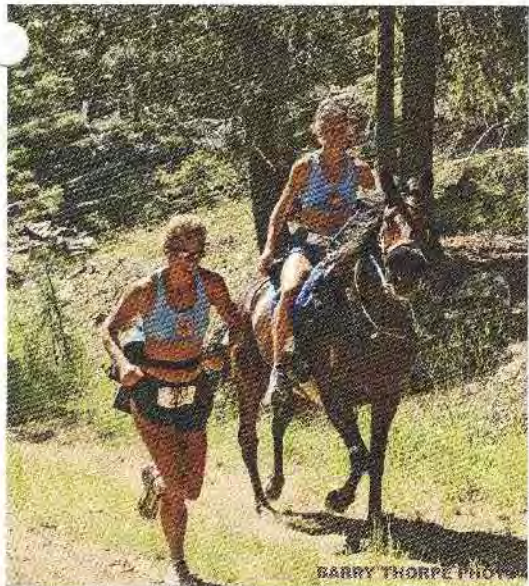
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The German Team continued



When asked in e-mail following the race how ride & tie in the U.S. compares to ride & tie in Germany, Uta replied: "Very different! Much longer in USA and much harder! Here, we don't have these steep Mountains, rough trails and that big loup with the Vet- Cheks somewhere in the woods. Our Ride & Tie is 36 km in length and we have to run/ride three times the same loup. Easier for the crews and vets, but boring for the guys doing the race."

The hardest part of the race for them was "the single trail downhill after the first Vet-Chek. (Especially, when you have to handle it on a new horse!)" and the best part was "the great views we had from all the mountain-tops, like Mt. Jura, but all these nice redwood trees were just neat, too. The whole race, with the great crew, we had, the nice "competitors" on trail, who were so friendly and the whole atmosphere!"

Uta and Miriam would like to come back next year, but as they are both married with young children, it may be difficult to make it. They report that they are going to start working to persuade their families to make it possible.



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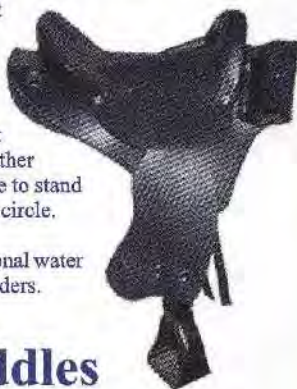
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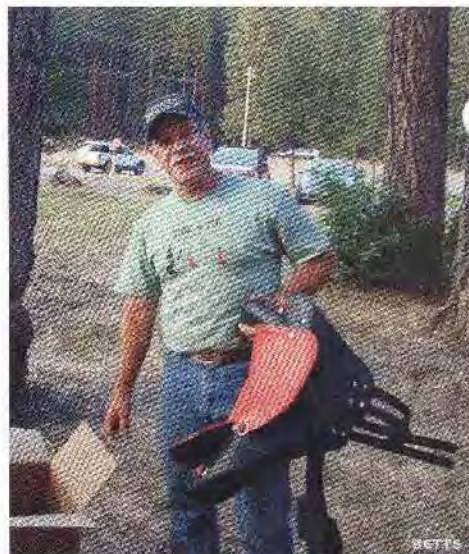
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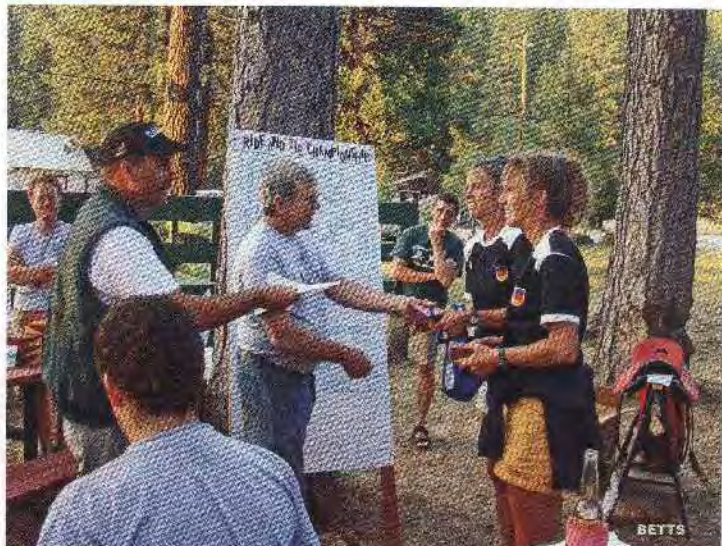
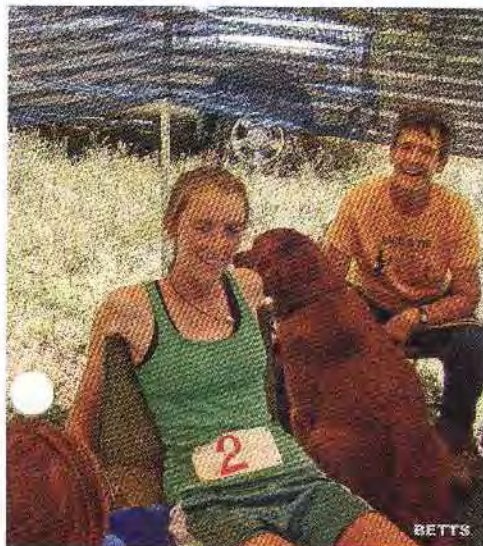
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2008 HALL OF FAME HORSE-SCOOTER

In the Taylorsville County Park on Saturday evening, June 21, 2008, Championship competitors, crews and volunteers gathered to share stories and honor those who had competed on the challenging Mount Jura.

Before the awards began, Mary Tiscornia, representing the Ride and Tie Board of Directors and the Horse Hall of Fame committee presented long time ride & tier, Dave Andreotti with the Horse Hall of Fame statue for his horse, Scooter.

A horse must have completed at least six Championships, 800 miles and three Championship Top Ten Finishes to be considered. The Hall of Fame Committee who developed the most recent criteria (Steve Anderson, Leah Mirsch and Mary Tiscornia) was flexible when making a choice by allowing trades of 300 miles equaling 1 top ten and 1 B.C. equaling 100 miles.

Among Scooter's accomplishments are: 7th Place and Best Condition in the 1990 Trinidad Championship, 8th place in 1991 at Taylorsville, 3rd place in 1992 at Santa Cruz, 10th place in 1993 at Arroyo Grande 15th place in 1995 at Sun Valley and 9th place in 1996 at Davenport.

Previous inductees into the Horse Hall of Fame include: Smoke (Larimer), Grey (McCrary), Peanuts (Stalley), Rushcreek Greg (Biehl), Jazeel (Clearwaters), Country Cousin (Rink), and Sur Nefix (Devito).



SCOOTER— A GREAT RIDE

The Ride & Tie bug hit me in the mid 1970's when I read articles about it in newspapers. I thought it would be fun, even though I didn't know how to ride. I did have my picture taken on a pony in the early 1940s and rode an hour guided trail ride at the Russian River when I was about ten. Now I was forty and wanted to participate in this "crazy race".



A good friend worked for Dr. Sherode Powers as a receptionist at his Mill Valley veterinary clinic. She said he had horses and he knew about Ride & Tie since he worked as a vet on the Northstar race. We hooked up as a team.

Sherode had great powerful horses, but they weren't very well behaved. My riding his horses was my baptism by fire. I was always sore after riding. This went on for twelve years. Marilyn thought she was going to be a widow at any time.

A big change came about in 1992. Sherode moved to Oregon and I needed a new partner. Luck was with me as I teamed up with the Lucky U Racing Team. This

was the Andreotti family, and included the great horse, Scooter. Scooter, Dave and I teamed up for the Santa Cruz Ride & Tie in 1992. We came in third. I didn't know riding could be so pleasurable! After Corky, Rocky, and Bigun, Scooter was a dream come true. He actually stayed tied nicely and didn't take off like a maniac as soon as you untied him and tried to get your foot in the stirrup. He actually went when you were ready and you told him to go. This was a new experience for me!

Scooter took us through many championship races and smaller RATs, and was always willing to give his all. He cruised through vet checks and overpowered the hills, up and down, without hesitation. I feel honored to have been part of Scooter's and Dave's Ride & Tie careers.

Scooter, your induction into the Hall of Fame is well deserved!

Russ Kiernan, a future Ride & Tie Hall of Famer, if we ever decide to recognize people. Russ has completed 26 Championship races with one 2nd and two 3rd place finishes. He has done 1,800 miles of ride & tie.





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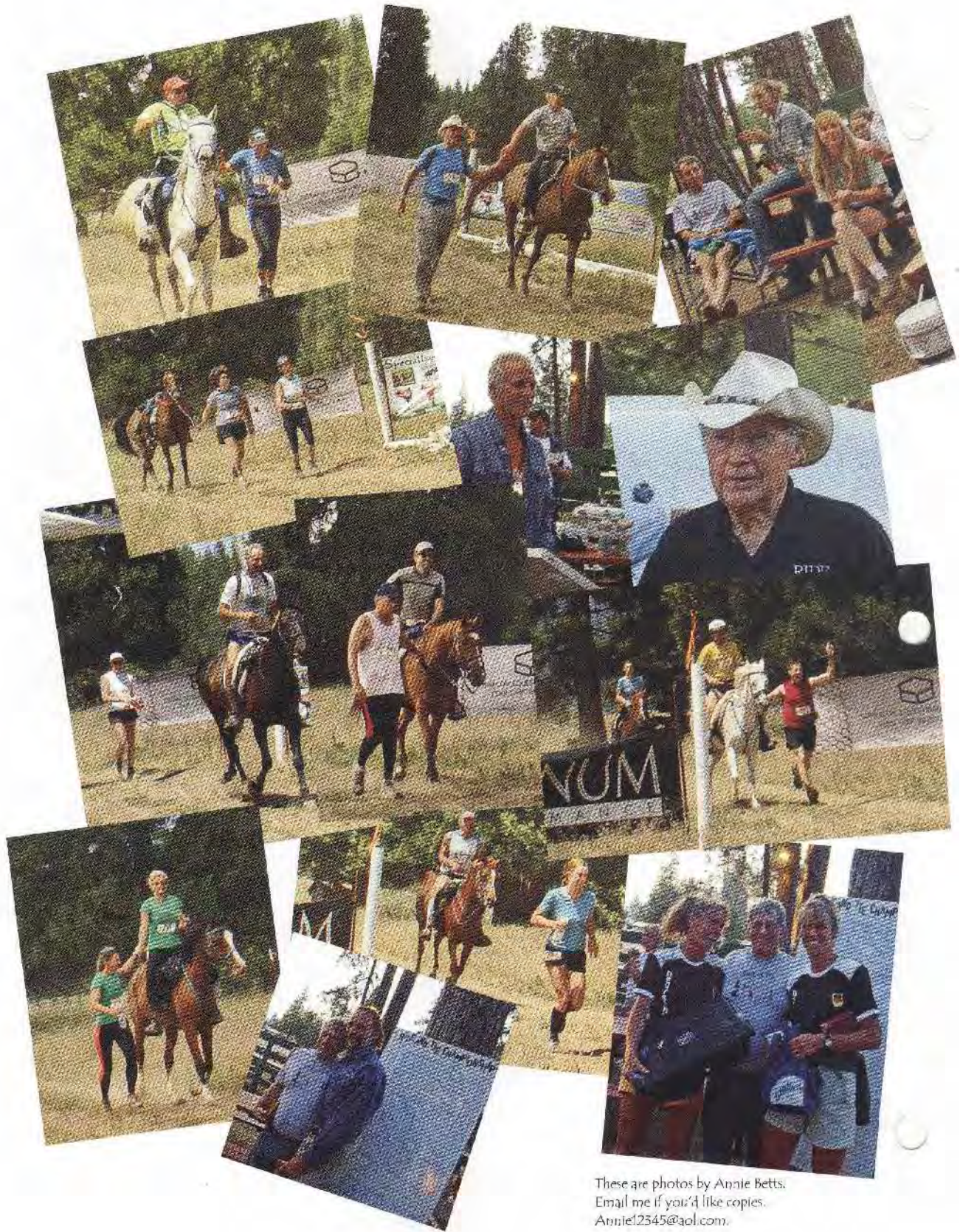


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The May Issue's Mystery Photo got only one response. Steve Shaw says: "I think the mystery photo is Sun Valley. Michele is in the middle of the pic in the back and I remember chasing her and Jon Root through the whole race. Robyn Dubach was my partner."



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