

RIDE & TIE



NEWSLETTER

July 2010



Annie Batts

Jim Howard on Magic Sirocco and Sara Howard finish first in 4:37. See article on page 6.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Melanie Weir, at the start of the Championship and her new term as President of the Ride and Tie Association.

The 2010 Championship is now behind us, but I imagine the stories continue to be told. And what a great event it was! Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it successful! While I would like to start listing the names of everyone to thank, invariably someone would be left out so I won't even go there.

Participation was a better this year with a total of 44 teams in attendance (32 teams in the long course and 12 in the short course) compared to 37 last year and only 28 in 2008). I am liking this trend...so let's all work to keep it going! Can we get 50 teams for next year? Probably, but it will take a lot of teamwork.

This year all who entered received a copy of, "40 Years of Madness: A History of Ride & Tie Championships," compiled by ride & tier Annette Parsons. And thanks to the generous donation by Leslie Yates, each participant also received a copy

of, "What Is This Madness?" written by Bud Johns in 1985. Yes, you should have these books! And you still can -- go to Amazon.com or BarnesandNoble.com to order yours.

Next year's Championship will be held in Humboldt Redwoods State Park, a favorite among ride & tiers, with Sequoia Ward acting as race director. Thank you in advance, Sequoia, for being willing to take this on. For the first time the championship site was selected by ride & tie members in attendance at the annual membership meeting, which is held each year at the championship site the Thursday prior to the race.

This year asks us to bid farewell to Don Betts in his role as President of the Ride and Tie Association. Don has been President since taking over from Curt Riffle in the summer of 2004. Six years is a long time to stay in that role. Don set the bar high, and we owe much to his leadership, as well as his and Annie's seemingly tireless efforts in support of this crazy sport of ours. Luckily, we can expect to keep seeing them around at the various races!

I want to welcome Sue Smyth of Newcastle, California, to the Board. Sue was newly elected this year and will act as Secretary. Ben Volk replaces me as Vice President while Steve Anderson will continue as Treasurer. Ted Ruprecht and Rufus Schneider were re-elected to their positions leaving Lani Newcomb, Don Strong and George Hall to round out the Board. I urge you to get to know your board of directors and thank them for their service. Their responsibilities include (among other things) representing the members, so keep in touch with them. If you want to contact any or all board members see the back cover for contact information.

Looking ahead to the remainder of 2010 and to the 2011 ride & tie season I want to see more; more members, more races and more participation. I look to all of you to help in this endeavor whether or not you have any sort of official responsibility like members of the board, mentors and race directors. Each of us has a responsibility to promote this sport, and to support your local races throughout the year. So go do it, be safe and have fun.

Melanie

RIDE & TIE CHAMPIONS

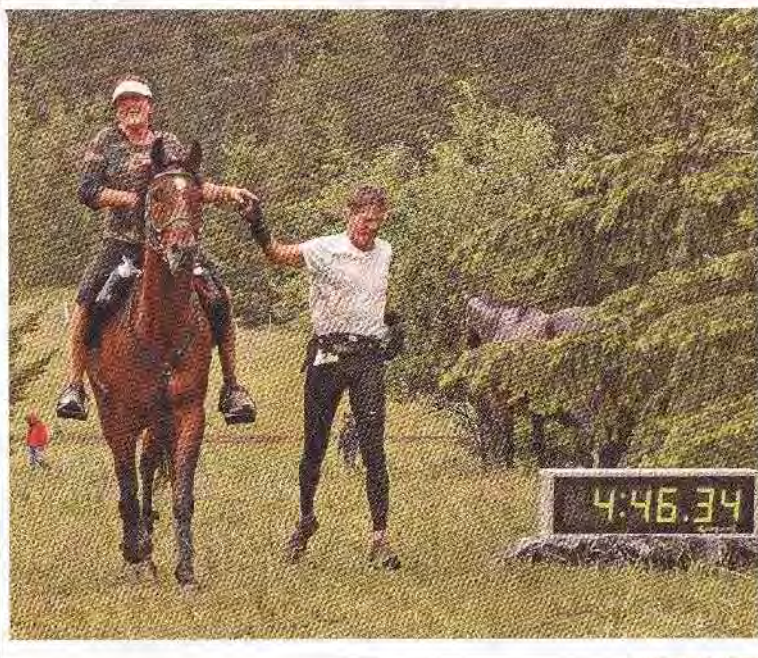
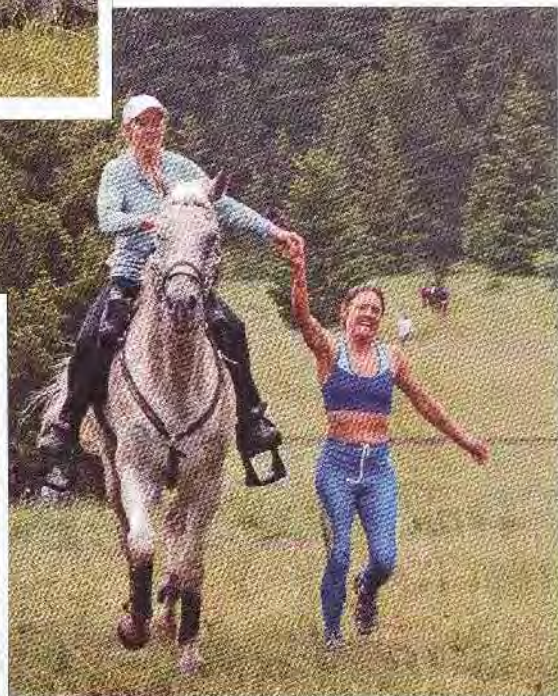


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Cover: Once again Sara Howard and her father, Jim Howard, take first place at the Ride & Tie Championship on their horse, Magic Sirocco. Sara, the youngest first place finisher of a Ride & Tie Championship, when she was 15, is now 17 and is running better than ever. Read the article by Jim and Sarah on page six.

👉 Second Place Finishers, Mary Tiscomia and Mark Richtman on Sal, a 13 year old Arabian owned by Mary Tiscomia. When asked Mary said: "I thought the race was great despite the rain. It was probably harder on the crews. The trail was lovely but took longer than a 35 mile course should have. Mark and I could have changed a couple of things but other than that had a fine race. We loved the camp and the atmosphere. The dance was great and added a lot."

First place Man/Man team, Dennis Summers and Ron Sproat on Rasa (aka Superman). They finished fourth over all and only two minutes behind the third place team. See article by Dennis on page 9.



Annie Betts Photo

Above: Carrie Barrett on Iron Wyll and Heidi Clare Lambert as they finish third overall and First Woman/Woman team. Heidi says about the race:

"From the moment my friend, Warren Hellman, told me about this sport, Ride and Tie has been a source of inspiration for me. This year's Championship was a time that inspiration really saw me through.

I started my trip to the Championship nursing a limp. I was trying to hide it so my teammates, Carrie Barrett and Iron Wyll, wouldn't notice. I kept hoping that I'd wake up in
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Dennis Anderson and his Photo Crew

SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONS

Left: Short Course First Place finishers were Nicole Dillavou and Nicole Stewart with Ms. Stewart's horse, Spirit. Both Nicoles were amateurs prior to this race, both came from Pendleton, Oregon to compete in Championship. Their horse is an 18 year old Quarterhorse. Nicole Stewart said about the race:

Nicole Dillavou and I (Nicole Stewart) had a blast at our first Ride and Tie Championship race. We were very proud of Spirit for how hard she has to work as a quarter horse in an endurance race. For me the hardest part of the race was the training for it. A quarter horse is not designed to go that far at a fast pace. They are designed to follow cows all day long at a walk and then have short bursts of speed to contain the cattle. So to prepare for the race, I had to long trot her for an hour a day. Some days take her out on two rides. That was very hard to do as a high school teacher, coach, wife and mom. The easiest part of the race for both Nicole and I was

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Below: Carla Eigenauer and Kelsey Giles on Jester finish third on the Short Course. Carla's horse, Five Star Fantasy is a 13 year old Arab. Kelsey's comments about the race are on page 15.



Above: Susan Smyth and Bethany Draeger were second place finishers in the Ride & Tie Short Course. Sue is our newly elected Board of Directors member and Bethany was, until she graduated from high school this year, our Junior Editor for the Ride & Tie newsletter.

This was Bethany's first Championship Short Course. Sue has been a Ride & Tie competitor since 1982. Sue says about the race:

What an adventure traveling to Mt. Adams for the 40th anniversary of Ride and Tie! The campground was amazing and the trails were nice to run on. Joe Peshi is like a sports car and we both enjoyed cruising down the trails that alternated between fire roads and single track. Thank you to Bethany Draeger for partnering up

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CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS

JIM HOWARD AND SARA HOWARD ON MAGIC SIROCCO	4:37
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LUCAS KING AND STEPH IRVING ON BYZ	8:49
JESSICA JACOBS AND LIZ PRICE ON MONDART	DNF
EMILY SHOUSE AND SHAY HANSON GOULD ON INDY	DNF
BRANDI PAGE AND LIZ PERKIN ON PIP	DNF
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SHORT COURSE

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AUSTIN DENNIS AND JORDAN MONROE ON KC	DNF

What Is This Madness?

by the Ride & Tie team of Sara and Jim Howard

What is this Madness? This madness is a reunion! Everyone who has come to a Ride & Tie Championship Race and keeps coming back for more fun is part of this amazing family reunion. Each year the Ride-n-Tie group goes horse camping and participate in this fun sport that involves running and riding. This reunion can sometimes seem wild and crazy but one thing for sure, the group of people at this reunion have a positive spirit and the "I can" attitude.

The 40th reunion was full of fun, beauty and memories of past reunions. The Mt. Adams Washington area offered an incredible setting of beauty. One of the great things about this reunion is the experience of traveling to different and unique areas of our country. I could definitely enjoy living in the Mt. Adams area. The horse camping was great, the trails had good footing, and the weather was refreshing.



Photo by Dennis Anderson and the Trout Lake Community Science Club

For many, the focus of this reunion is on the championship race. The race is fun but the total Ride-n-Tie experience is about spending a week in a beautiful place with friends and family. This includes marshmallows at the campfire, singing and playing music, telling stories about past experiences, and getting caught up on news about friends and horses. Yes, the sport of Ride & Tie and the championship race is about spending quality time with friends and family. Our horses are part of the family, so there are actually more family teams in the race than some may realize. The 40th annual race went well for Sara, Sirocco and I.



Photo by Dennis Anderson and the Trout Lake Community Science Club

I don't think I would change a thing about our race experience or the race preparations. Not even the cold refreshing water blasts from the low soft tree branches. Well, maybe two things, the amount of marshmallows my partner consumed before race day, and crew help for Robert, our head crew person of one, who lost his helper and gained two extra teams to crew for. Robert did an amazing job and was invaluable to our success.

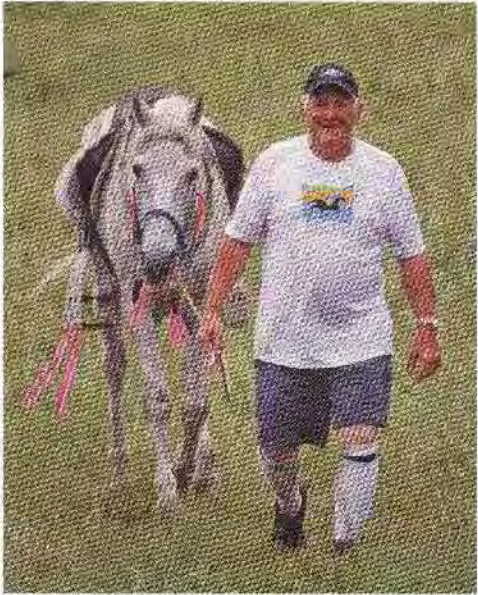
I enjoyed the entire experience of this championship. I admire the toughness of our veteran ride-n-tiers and horses (Jim Steere, Lew Hollander, Pat Browning, and Willey, to name a few). The amount of work that Steph Irving and her family put into hosting this championship is much appreciated. The course was marked well. There was never any question about where to go.

The reunion was special by the 40 Years of Madness History compiled by Annette Parsons. She did an outstanding job putting together the history of Ride-n-Tie championships. Annie and Don have put a huge part of their life into this amazing sport. This is madness but it is passion. Their passion has been extraordinary and this sport will continue because of their efforts. Thank you to Bud Johns for inventing this incredible sport and giving all of us a reason to get together every year.

Jim Howard and daughter, Sarah have completed three Ride & Tie Championships as a team on Magic Sirocco. They have finished first in two of them and second in the other. Jim is third on the all time list with 28 Championships.



Willey Inducted into Hall of Fame by Nita Browning



Annie Betts

Willey and Pat at the finish of the 2010 Championship

Pat Browning's horse, Willey, was inducted into the Ride & Tie Horse Hall of Fame at this year's Championship Ride and Tie in Trout Lake, Washington. Wow! What an honor and guess what? Willey deserves it, Pat was given Willey by his cousin who couldn't really handle this gorgeous 6 year old 1/2 Arab gelding. If you know Pat, you know he takes on a challenge with gusto. But it didn't really end up being a challenge. Willey took to Pat and Pat took to Willey. It was a match made in French Corral (where we live).

Pat was running with Chris Turney as a partner that year and they did very well. Pat was also logging in the high Sierras. He was gone all week long, so he would ride seven miles to a telephone (no cell phones at that time for us) and call me to let me know he was ok and ask what was happening here at home. He rode Willey that 7 miles at 7,000 foot altitude to the phone and the 7 miles back to the logging camp. What a great workout for them both. That year, Pat loaned Willey to Chris and Jim Howard at the Santa Cruz Championship Ride & Tie. They beat the second place team by 33 minutes. Pat was so proud. (Me too.)



Annie Betts

Pat demonstrating how well trained Willey is,

Willey has carried Pat and several partners many, many miles in Ride & Tie and has done very well. He has completed more Championship Ride & Ties than any other horse-12 of them. He has also done several 50 mile endurance rides. Willey and Pat chase cows here at home and in the rough & tumble brush. Pat uses Willey for Team Penning and Cattle Dog Trials. You should see the looks they get when Pat shows up with an English saddle at these "cowboy" events and wins on his little Arab horse instead of a big ole Quarter horse.

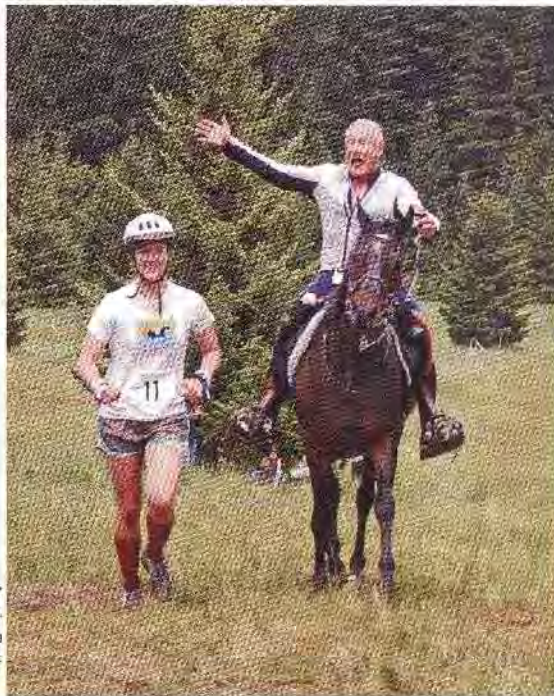
Willey and Pat have taught several people how to ride and also how to do ride & tie. At 25 years old it is quite a feat to keep on keeping on for this great horse. Pat and his partner, first time ride & tier George Peck, took really good care of him at this year's

championship and they didn't finish last. What can I say? Willey is a wonderful horse and so is Pat, his partner for life. Thanks Ride & Tie for a great ride.

The Hall of Fame Horse is chosen by a committee from the Board of Directors. In order to qualify a horse must have had at least 6 Championships, 800 miles and 3 Championship Top Ten completions to be considered.



Annie Betts



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2010 RIDE & TIE SCHEDULE

Check www.rideandtie.org for updated information

- July 10-11 Bandit Springs Multi-day Ride & Tie, Ochoco National Forest, OR, 30-100 mile (elevator) Janelle Wilde
541.849.2460, jwilde@wildevents.info
- July 11,13,15,17 Fort Stanton Ride & Tie, Ft. Stanton, NM, 35 miles, Roger Taylor, 505.897.4985 Roger_Sue@prodigy.net
- July 24 Pacific Crest Ride & Tie, Ashland, OR 10/30 miles, Annette Parsons, 541.846.6656 aparsons@apbb.net
- July 24-25 Old Dominion Ride & Tie Weekend, Orkney Springs, VA, 6/12/20 miles, Lani Newcomb, 540.554.2004,
give2bute@aol.com
- September 4 One Heart Ride & Tie, Collins, IA, 4/12/20 miles, Eileen Witt 515.290.2306, oneheartrideandtie@gmail.com
- September 10-12 Big South Fork Ride & Tie, Oneida, TN 8,30,55,100 miles, Joanne Mitchell, 423.337.6194, jfgmhorse@gmail.com
- ** September 11 Lost Mountain Ride & Tie, Sequim, WA 15 and 25 miles, Don Betts 360.681.5218, rideandtiedon@aol.com
- September 17-19 Chesapeake Fall Ride & Tie, Fair Hill, MD, 12/25 Miles, Cate Peloquin, 410.652.3454, cpenguin57@aol.com
- **September 18 Coolest Ride & Tie Cool, CA,26,16,10, and 4 miles, Frank Lieberman, 530.886.0890, coolgalinda@sbcglobal.net
- October 2 Manzanita Ride & Tie, Boulevard, CA, 15/25 miles, Terry Wooley Howe, 619.445.5443, endurance@hughes.net
- October 16 Foothills of the Cascades Ride & Tie, Molalla, OR, 25 miles, Mary Nunn 503.829.5321, flyngn@molalla.net
- October 22-23 Fort Valley Ride & Tie, Fort Valley, VA, 15/30/50 miles, Susan Trader 540.882.9721, susntrader@aol.com

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Ride & Tie? Sure, Why Not?

by Dennis Summers

Dennis Anderson and the Trout Lake Photo Crew



The Green Team discusses race strategy.

At the Mt Adams Endurance Ride my amigo, Ron Sproat, said the Ride & Tie Championship was on the same trail in a month or so. He is a sneaky character and waited until about halfway through the cocktail hour before he suggested we sign up if I have a horse that might stay tied to a tree. I didn't have the sense to say no right then. About a horse that would tie: I had to think on that part. Everything at home is endurance bred and trained. Standing quiet isn't their strongest asset. Told him I would have to go home and evaluate but provided one will tie, why not?

Back at the ranch I saddled Rasa- aka Superman. He got his name not because of super feats of strength but rather every time you get on he lets you know he thinks he's Superman. You pretty much get on, hang on and hope for the best. When you swing off though he gets pretty quiet. Turns out Superman was ok with the tying and me running off part. Next step Sue went out with me and rode by

him after I tied and he was still ok. He's fit enough. We have the horse part handled.

How about the people part? Ron said he had been running some. I been cross training a lot but don't do long runs anymore. Far as the riding part we ok, we both can ride like native Americans. Ron had ride and tied some back in the 80s and said he had the strategy part handled. Good thing since I had no clue, never did one of these things. Sue made us some bright green shirts and green material to tie on Superman so we could find each other. If we didn't run by our horse or let him get loose we should get around ok.

Mt. Adams is one of the prettiest parts of the world and ride camp is a big meadow at the base of the mountain. The trails are rock free and not very steep. Lot of nice people already there setting up for the race and others prepping to race. Ron and I got out with Superman and did a few ties and the two of them got introduced. All is good so far. Decided on a 1st tie in a quiet spot a bit off the trail 2+ miles out. This we figured would be the best way to buffer Superman from the madness.

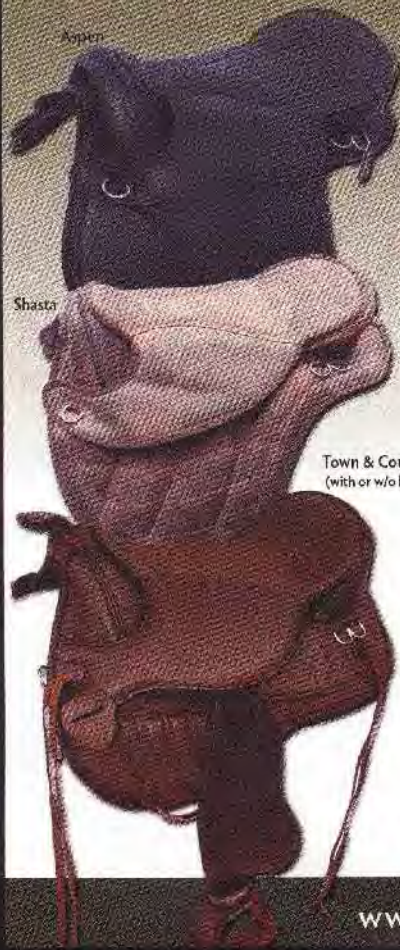
Race morning- got out early and warmed up man and beast, all felt good. I was to ride the start and as we milled around one of the other riders asked me how I was planning to start. Told her I was going to ride like my ass was on fire. She said good luck with that and went to hide behind a trailer. As Bud dropped the hat we high tailed to the other end of the meadow to where it narrowed to 2 track and soon after to single track. Got to the 1st tie before the rest of the mob. Said a silent prayer as I tied and run off. Wasn't long before I was passed by a couple of young ladies riding. Ignorance is bliss, I had no clue who I was racing with. Turns out these two riders were Mary Tiscornia and Sarah Howard. To all of you familiar with ride and tie you now know I was getting in deep early. Things got worse as their partners, Jim Howard and Mark Rickman ran by. I haven't been that overmatched on foot since Tom Johnson took me on a trail run. Undeterred we kept close all day mainly on the strength of Superman.

1st loop went smooth and I rode in to the vet check and passed Superman off to Sue and Carol. Tried to give them 10 minutes or so to get him feed and water each vet check. Figured we would make it up with a strong horse on trail. Off I go on foot 1st human out of the vet check. I had already determined that Jim Howard could not be of this planet the way he runs trail. Pretty uneventful this loop too, felt pretty strong and Superman was, well super. Ron said something about chocolate milk that didn't cooperate with him but was good otherwise. Again passed the horse off to Sue and pushed on.

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From the Editor

Thank you to all of you who have helped me with the newsletter over the past five years. Your ideas, contributions of articles and photos have made it possible for me to produce a first rate newsletter.

When Don announced he was retiring from his position as President of the Ride & Tie Association I started a search for a replacement for me as Editor of the Newsletter. Annette Parsons volunteered for the job and I jumped at the opportunity to hand my creation over to her. Her book "40 Years of Madness: A History of Ride & Tie Championships" convinced me that she would be ideal for the position!

Thank you also to all of you who have, over the years written, phoned, or emailed me to tell me I was doing a good job. When people asked why I, who am not a ride & tier would take on such a task I told them I work for praise. That's true but although I don't participate as a competitor I love Ride & Tie, the sport and the people involved in it. I took on the job of Newsletter Editor because I wanted to make a newsletter that would represent this sport and all those people doing it.

So welcome Annette with your praise and encouragement. Send her articles about anything you can think of. Make copies of all the Ride & Tie photos you take at any race and send them to her. If there is something you would like to see in the Newsletter, send her your ideas. Treat her as kindly as you have treated me and I'm sure the Ride & Tie Newsletter will continue to be a periodical worthy of your sport.

Annie Betts

RIDE & TIE HANDBOOK 2008



Geezer and Babe finish. Babe, aka Annette Parsons is riding Rosie, winner of this year's BLM award as first mustang to finish the championship course. Rosie is from the Riddle Herd Management of south east Oregon

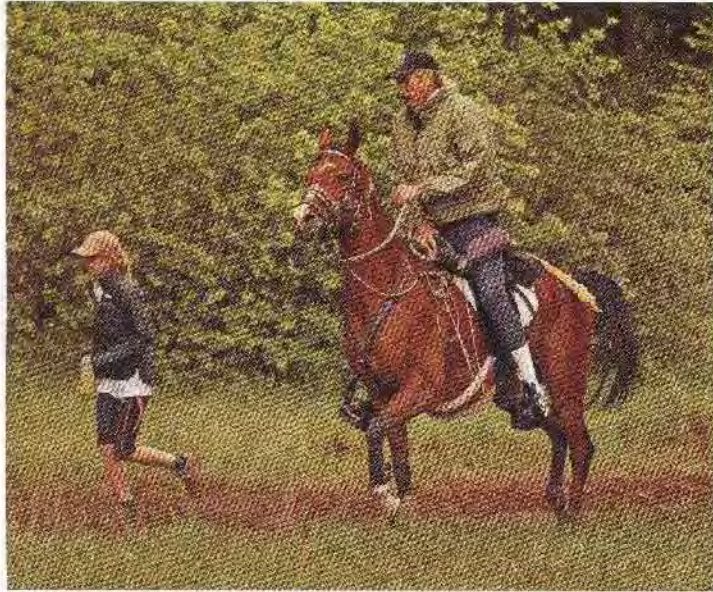
Blonde Thunder ("Bella") with team mate, Libby Volk, won an embroidered hay feeder as first mustang to finish the short course. Bella is from the Alvord-Tule HMA of SE Oregon. Thank You BLM!

CELEBRATING 40



Years of Ride & Tie





THANK YOU PHOTOGRAPHERS!

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RACE RESULTS

FOXCATCHER RIDE & TIE

	25 MILES
Janice Helibridle/Megan Keyes on Bubba	4:22
Pam Karner/Taryn Rathbone on Piper	5:07
Tina Anderson/Jenny Jones on Berl	5:22
Patty Nash/Paula Wilhelm on Taz	6:05

CACHE CREEK RIDE & TIE

	25 MILES
Rufus Schneider/Tracey Bakewell on Koon	3:07
Karen Camilli/Sequoia Ward on Magnificent Obsession	4:05
Rick Noer/Melanie Weir on C.D.	DNF

MT. ADAMS RIDE & TIE

	25 MILES
Carla Eigenauer/Tim Rubin on Five Star Fantasy	4:38
Jim Clover/Annette Parsons on Kiger Desert's Golden Rose	4:41
Lucas King/Autumn Larson on Fleesa Flyer	4:48
Heidi Larson/Calvin Paulette on Dusty	6:37
Ira Hickman/Ben Volk on Mondart	DNF

QUICKSILVER RIDE & TIE

	22 MILES
Curt Riffle/Dave Riffle on Crystal's Charm	2:56
Jonnie Alper/Carrie Alper on Iron Wyll	3:00
Mary Tiscornia/David Tarpinian on Sal	3:06
Russ Kiernan/John Osterweis on Bey	3:12
George Hall/Dallas Jarvis on Clown	4:29
Cheryl Domnitch/Melanie Weir on Fly Away Joe	DNF

Quicksilver Short Course

	11 Miles
Jec Ballou/Siobhan Saunders on Binki	1:51
Kelsey Giles/Laurie Wilson on Shatino "JJ" Piques	1:52
Elicia Kamberg/Moses Vaughan on Shah Anahata AJ	1:54
Susan Smyth/Michelle Spinosa on Joe Peshi	1:57
Victoria Ordway/Jessica Pinto on Mojito	2:09
Brittany Mills/Shelia O'Neill on River	2:52
Pam Jensen/Melanie Lourme on Silver Fantasy	DNF
Merry Law/Robin Davis on Marilyn Monroe	DNF

Quicksilver Shorter Course

	6 Miles
Rachel Grimm/Veronica Spadafore on Tango	1:07
Leslie Steere/Maya Jen Stuart on Aspen	1:37

Kelsey Giles continued

Last year was my first Championship Ride and Tie and I wanted to do well. Unfortunately I got a last minute partner and we didn't communicate well at all. It was a bad day for me finishing as the first place junior team on the short course but 3rd to last. So this year I was hoping for a better ride. I still got a last minute partner but it went well. We placed third on the Short Course even after her horse lost his boot twice. We almost had Susan Smyth on the last mile but Susan and her incredible horse little Joe were just too good for us. But a third on the Short Course and receiving the award for 2009 first place junior with the most points and miles made me feel great! And might I say thank you for Steph Irving for the awesome Championships this year and congratulation to her and her son Lucas for finishing that tough Championship Course!

Sue Smyth continued

for me for this great event. The hardest part of the race was looking at the down pour of rain before the race and wanting to climb back into bed and second leaving my Ride and Tie family behind at the end of the week. Thanks Steph for an awesome job as race director and all the support staff who worked hard to put together a great event. Also a special thanks to Annette Parson for her long hours spent on putting together the ride and tie book. Ride and Tie Rocks!



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Championship in Review

by Greg Fellers, DVM

The 2010 World Championship held near Trout Lake, Washington were a terrific success from the veterinarian's point of view. The base camp facilities, in a gorgeous setting at the foot of snow covered Mt. Adams, were well set up with a very welcome large tent and plenty of room for the vetting area. The trails were well marked and beautiful to run on (I even ran a few miles of them in the days before myself).

Of the 45 teams that started (both distances) 40 finished. Only two of the DNF's were pulled for veterinary reasons, and they were for lameness problems. We did not see any metabolic problems with any horse either during or after the event. I want to extend my congratulations to all of you in the effort you made to get your horses ready for this competition as well as the care you took in pacing your horses to pass through the vet checks in a very expeditious manner.

The only trouble we had with the horses getting down to the pulse criteria were with those that were mentally or emotionally "charged up". These were horses that were otherwise metabolically stable and were sound on exam, so there was no apparent physical reason for an elevated pulse rate. On sequential pulse checks, the rate would be slowing down toward criteria, then they would look around and call out for a buddy, or another horse would move off, and the heart rate would bounce back up 20 beats. This would happen repeatedly, with the team now losing precious time.



Photo by Dennis Anderson and photo crew

Another observation I had was that I don't remember a competition where so many horses were presented for the initial vet in on Friday needing a buddy close to them so that they would be quiet and patient for the exam. Is it possible, then, that when they were back in the same spot going through the same motions the next day without that comfort companion, they had more difficulty relaxing and coming down?

Those of you that had issues with buddying know full well who you are. There are two approaches. Try to break your horse of buddying through separation measures at home and in training. Or, be prepared to deal with it by having that buddy already there in the crewing area when the horse comes in off the course. We had

enough vets and enough room at this venue that we would have welcomed having a crew member bring along the buddy to the vet area to help that anxious horse.

I fully recognize this is not an easy problem to solve. We all know what a social, herd-mentality animal the horse is, and we're usually not going to have much luck "re-wiring" them. I don't pretend to have all the answers, I simply am encouraging some thought and planning go into making the competition the best experience possible for all critters, two-legged and four-legged.

Again, I want to express my gratitude and congratulations for all those terrific people who contributed a lot of hours in planning and work to make the 2010 World Championship a huge success. And thank you also to those vets who assisted me: Mike Foss, Dick Root, and Jennifer Strelkauskus. It was a pleasure working with vets who had experience vetting ride & tie.



notes by Jim Clover

Annette Parsons and Jim Clover host a Ride & Tie Clinic before the Championship to introduce new participants to our sport. At least twelve of this year's competitors had never competed in a championship. Many were novices to the sport.



Championship Pins

Ride & Tie pins are given out to members when they complete 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 or 30 championships. At this championship the following people received their pins:
 Kerri Marshall—5 championships
 Barrie Grant—15 championships
 Leslie Yates—15 championships
 Mark Richtman—20 championships
 Byron Grant—25 championships



Annette Parsons and Rosie on her new Specialized Saddle won in an auction at this year's Ride & Tie Championship. In an email to me, Annette said this about the saddle: "I am mostly riding Lily in it, but did ride Rosie in it yesterday. It fits Lily PERFECTLY with no shims, just the pads about a half inch lowered on the front... I do love the saddle, so far, and Lily is SO MUCH better on the downhill now! Plus, I feel like I am sitting on the horse, rather than on a chair on the horse." When you talk to the people at Specialized, be sure to mention Ride & Tie. Thank you Specialized Saddles for your generosity.

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Gavilan Honored as Horse of Distinction by Melanie Weir



By all accounts, Gavilan, a purebred Arabian was the quintessential ride & tie competitor. He was purchased by Don Betts at the age of five to be a ride & tie horse, even though his previous owners said he couldn't be tied. It was not before it became clear that Gavilan was perfect for the sport. He quickly figured out the game and enjoyed it. He was one those fine animals who would turn when tied to watch for his human partner. And when you were riding him and it was time to stop, you could say, "Find a tree, Gavilan," and he would head off for the one that looked good to him.

In his 13 years of competing in ride & tie Gavilan completed 11 championships as well as 19 other races leading to 912 career miles. Gavilan carried a multitude of human partners in races including Dave and Curt Riffle, Lisa Preston, Julie O'Haver-Schlich, Les Nightingil, Tim Hinrichs, Lupe de la Fuente, Jane Margulis, Lanny Brown, Annie Betts, Bill Mintiens, Russ Kiernan, Martina Kyle and of course the team of George Hall and Don Betts.

Gavilan took care of everyone who rode him whether an experienced ride & tier, a beginning rider or a small child. Annie's favorite memory of riding Gavilan did not happen during a ride & tie race, but rather while going out with a group of backcountry horsemen on their quarter horses to clear trails in the Olympic National Forest. They came upon the raging Dungeness River and while everyone else stopped to stare in dismay, Gavilan, with very little encouragement, walked right in and swam across the river. Gavilan was that kind of horse; willing, wise and brave.

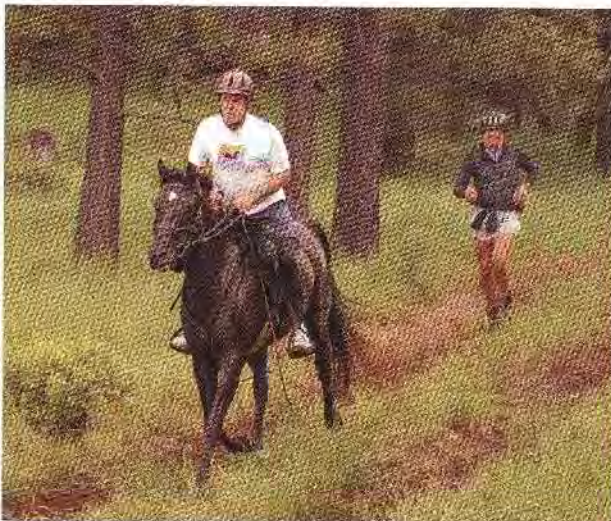
Gavilan died in September 2004 of anaphylactic shock following a penicillin injection at the age of 17. He is sorely missed by everyone who knew him, and none will argue that he truly was a horse of distinction.

The Horse of Distinction Award was established to honor horses that are not eligible for the Horse Hall of Fame. There are three ways to nominate a horse for this award:

1. Go to the website at www.rideandtie.org and click on the Horse Hall of Fame page and follow the instructions to complete your submission on-line.
2. Print the forms from the website, fill them out, and mail them to:

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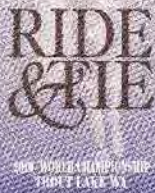


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Ride & Tie Why Not? continued

Got about halfway thru the 3rd loop before the leg cramps started up it was a cool rainy day that didn't help but fact is I was over my head and lucky they didn't start earlier. At about that point here comes Ron and as he passed off the horse I reported that we had a good lead on the next Man/Man team and he was running out of gas. Lucky Superman was fresh, he was digging these little sprints and we shortened up our tie distance. The 1st Woman/Woman team caught and passed us maybe 3 miles out. No worries, I've had lots of practice getting passed by women at endurance rides. The last time aboard the horse I



Arnie Betts

cramped up and had to stuff my offside foot into the stirrup with my hand like a block of wood. Crossed the finish line together 4th team, 1st Man/Man, 1st Pro-Am, cool.

We got lots of cool stuff and even some dinero at the awards dinner. Pretty good for a couple of green duffers. Met a lot of nice people and appreciate the dedication required to ride and tie. I consider myself too young for a bucket list but I guess ride and tie is now covered. That said don't be surprised to see Superman and me next year. We on the lookout to partner up with one who runs hills like the wind and rides like a banshee.

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Heidi Clare Lambert continued

the morning and the pain would be gone. I had injured the joint where my left big toe meets my foot. This happened four days before the race. I had a melt down that night and was feeling horrible about letting down my team.

I finally got my head together and started to pack. I figured that if I couldn't race, I could crew. On Friday afternoon I tried running. Not hopeful. I was still too stubborn (or chicken) to tell Carrie.

I decided that I would start the race and stop if the pain became unbearable. The first few miles were tough. I finally hit my stride and somehow the pain became manageable. I was so relieved that I stopped looking for ribbons and got lost! Geez! When I got back to my wrong turn I was shocked at all the arrows and caution ribbon that I had missed. (-: That's Ride and Tie.....and I LOVE IT!)

The inspiration for me this year came from both human and equine folks. Carrie's horse, Iron Wyll, is an amazing steed. He was so fun to ride- he had so much heart. Every time I got off him and started running I felt like running faster to earn my keep. Carrie must have some of that "Iron Wyll" blood in her as well. About two weeks before the race her doctor told her that she could not run. So she speed-walked the whole race! Carrie's and Iron Wyll's drive was all the inspiration I needed to do my best.

Stephanie, the race director, and her son, Lucas, embodied what Ride and Tie is all about for me. I loved how their courage kept them going after their horse left the race and ran all the way home! Even though they had to go home and trailer the horse back to the race that wasn't the part that stood out in Stephanie's mind. When she received her award, I loved Stephanie's description of how the horse did the LAST loop perfectly. That's a true horse person!

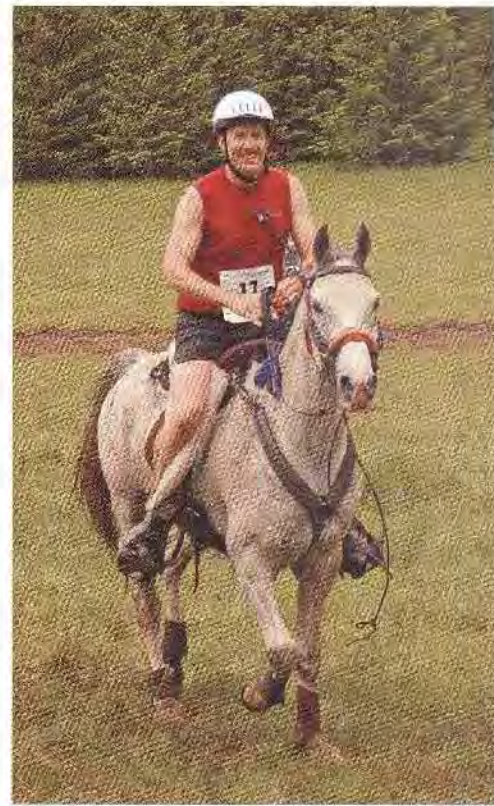
This is such a wonderful community. I feel very fortunate to be a part of it.

Thank you to my teammates, Carrie and Wyll. What a wonderful day, a great adventure.

Nicole Stewart continued

the running. We train plenty of miles daily. We had to slow down the last four miles for Spirit. She was not excited the second loop when we came in for the vet check, she saw her horse trailer etc. and then we cinched her back up to do another loop. She was a little depressed about that. :) The last four miles was hard for her, so we got off and ran with her for a lot of it. Not because of conditioning, but because my horse is a Diva. I love her, she is spoiled, enough said. :) But we did have a good time. We met some nice people. The Vets were amazing. Lots of great tips and help. We were just sorry the kids had to work so we had to leave and could not stay another night. We were all a little sad to go home after the race. The mountain was so beautiful! Nicole and I both plan to come back and do some trail riding at that location again. Thank you so much for everything. We were totally new, but everyone made us feel welcome.

Best Conditioned Horse



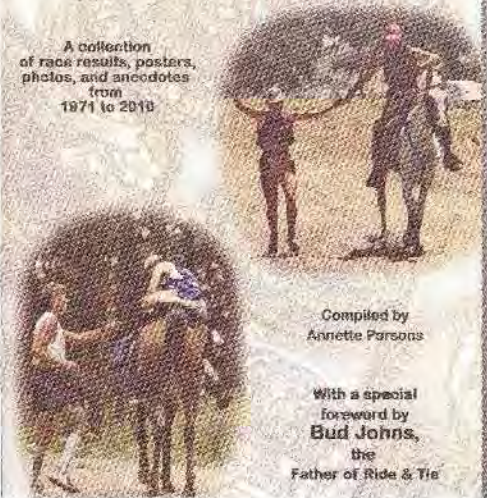
Best Conditioned Horse, Freedom, owned and trained by Susie Morill, finished in sixth place with Ben Volk and Ira Hickman. Freedom is a 14 year old Akhal Teke.



Pat Browning accepts the Hall of Fame Horse award for Willey at the Awards ceremony following the Banquet. Previous horses receiving this award were: Peanuts (Stalley), Smoke (Larimer), Grey (McCrory), Jazeel (Clearwaters), Rushcreek Greg (Biehl), Sur Neflix (Divito) Country Cousin (Rink), Scooter (Andreotti), and Eli (Richtman). Go to www.rideandtie.org to see their photos.

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