

RIDE & TIE NEWSLETTER

JULY 2013

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AUGUST 2013!

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Ben Volk on a surprised Superman, with Olivia Hankel
Bandit Springs, Prineville, Oregon
Picture by Steve Anderson



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ben Volk
Ride & Tie Association President

It is Ride and Tie Association Board of Directors election time again. Exercise your right to vote! Active members in Competitor and Family membership types, as well as Lifetime and Founding members are eligible to vote. Family memberships get two votes.

To vote online, simply go to the Ride & Tie website at www.rideandtie.org and click on "VOTE HERE" on the home page. This will take you to the Vote Page, where you can identify yourself by membership number. Note that if you use your name, there may be more than one person with the same last name, so be sure to select the correct one. Once the system has "found" you, a ballot will appear. Simply click the "YES" button next to the name of the person you are voting for. You can vote for up to three candidates.

Note: Only active members can vote. If you have not renewed for this year you will receive a message stating "Our records show that you are not a current member. If you believe this is in error, please contact us at ContactUs@rideandtie.org".

2013 RIDE & TIE SCHOLARSHIP

The \$1,000 Ride and Tie Association Jim Steere Memorial Scholarship will be available again in 2013 to any student enrolled in a veterinary program in the United States. This is the fourth year The Ride and Tie Association has offered the scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded to the veterinary student who submits the best short article that is useful for publication in the Ride & Tie Newsletter. The 700-1,000 word article may be technical or scientific, or could relate to experience with horses and/or competition.

Students at the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine were recipients the first two years. In 2012, a Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences student was the beneficiary.

Each article must have a cover page that includes: name, current address, year in veterinary school, title of article. A bibliography of sources used should also be included.

Send submissions to scholarship@rideandtie.org by August 1, 2013. The winning article will be selected by a committee chaired by the Ride and Tie Association's head veterinarian. The selection will be announced at the 2013 World Championship Ride & Tie race being held in Fort Bragg, California on August 24th.

The Ride and Tie Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting competition, sportsmanship, horsemanship and education about the enjoyment of the sport of ride & tie. All of the funds donated to the scholarship fund are used strictly for this purpose.

If you have any questions please contact us via e-mail at scholarship@rideandtie.org or call 509-521-6249. You can also visit our website at www.rideandtie.org.

Ben Volk, President

Greg Fellers, DVM, Head Veterinarian

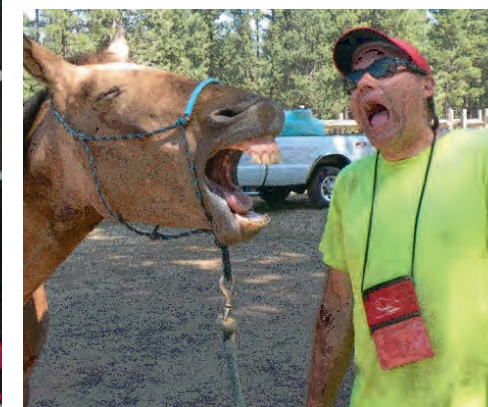
RIDE & TIE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: AND IN THE RUNNING WE HAVE . . .



GUNILLA PRATT

I completed my first ride and tie in 1999. I was hooked after that. This is definitely my sport since I love horses and I love to run. I also love endurance riding. Anything that has to do with a horse is what I am all about. I have rescued and found homes for many horses. I also have several unwanted horses that are older and are out to pasture living out their golden years. I have loaned out my extra horses to people that don't have a horse and want to compete in Ride and Tie. It has worked out nicely to get people involved in this great sport. My barn is always open to a newcomer. When we are out riding and I see a runner I ask them if they ride. I invite them to ride with me and then I reel them into ride and tie. (I'm still working on a few people.) I have great computer, management and organizational skills. I am a very positive person and I love to encourage others. I have enjoyed Ride and Tie and I know I would be a great addition to the board of directors.

Thank you for your consideration.



STEVE ANDERSON

A
vote
for
Steve
is
a
vote
for
a
"good
laugh!"



CHRIS AMARAL

I did my first Ride & Tie in 1983 with so little riding ability that I pleaded with my partner to not make me ride. I did, and ever since have had more fun than I knew was possible. I would like to join the board in their efforts to grow the sport and return it to the numbers that participated when I got started. I was the race director for two championships in Humboldt Redwoods State Park, continue to mentor newbies across the region and offer unsolicited running advice to everyone within earshot. As an active participant in running races for almost 40 years, nearly 30 years endurance riding including serving in a supporting role for Pan American Championships and North American Championships Teams I know I have the background to help Ride & Tie thrive. I am grateful for the work the board members that have served in the past have done and excited for the chance to work as a part of the board that has provided me the chance to have so much fun over the years. I say it every year at ride camp at the championships; you are the nicest group of people to spend time with.

SAVE THE DATE!
AUGUST 24, 2013
43RD ANNUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
RIDE & TIE
FORT BRAGG, CALIFORNIA
 Spectacular views, great camping and course.
 Featuring Long and Short Course.

Go to www.rideandtie.org for flyer and entry. Enter online!!
 Thursday night year end awards and BBQ dinner provided.
 Board meeting prior and all meeting and all members welcome.
Camp opens Aug. 20th.
 Music nightly. Bring your instrument.

Go to www.rideandtie.org for more event schedules and information.
 Volunteers needed.
 Contribute 4 hours for shirt and dinner.

A LOOK BACK: 42ND ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2012 RESULTS

2012 World Championship, Bandit Springs, OR						
Long Course:	33 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Ben Volk	Dennis Summers	OMR Tsunami	4:22:00	1
		Jim Howard	Sara Howard	Magic Scirocco	4:32:00	2
		Mary Tiscornia	Mark Richtman	Nero	4:36:00	3
		John Osterweis	Sean Pont	Quick Sands	4:44:00	4
		Thomas Gey	Elaine Ruprecht	Findefar	5:00:00	5
		Rufus Schneider	Moses Vaughan	Temperence	5:29:00	6
		Sequoia Ward	Chris Amaral	Fortune	5:37:00	7
		Michele Roush	George Hall	Clowns Courage	5:40:00	8
		Gunilla Pratt	Michael Whelan	Stryde	5:42:00	9
		Jim Clover	Melissa Queen	Kiger Deserts Golden Rose	5:42:00	10
		Byron Grant	Lee Agur	Tess	5:56:00	11
		Rae-Anne Wadey	Shannon Giebelhaus	MR Ladybird	5:57:00	12
		Peggy Smyth	Liz Perkin	Phyliss	6:01:00	13
		Susan Smyth	Melissa Montgomery	Joe Peshi	6:06:00	14
		Paul Johnson	Brent Johnson	Ron G	6:10:00	15
		Belinda Buchholz	Heidi Talbott	Levi	6:12:00	16
		Annette Parsons	Charles Conrow	Spirit	6:16:00	17
		Jennifer Tiscornia-Steere	Victoria Ordway	Rocket	6:17:00	18
		Carol Wadey	Robyn Wadey	Gypsy	6:27:00	19
		Russ Kiernan	Jim Brown	Rush Creek Thor	6:29:00	20
		Lisa Schuller	Laura Queen	Cinder	6:42:00	21
		Hillary Bates	Jennifer Weaver	Flyaway Joe	6:48:00	22
		Steven Anderson	Debbie Hansen-Bernard	Abby	6:51:00	23
		Lew Hollander	Doug Madsen	Freedom	6:56:00	24
		Richard Noer	Tara Jordan	Jerry	7:13:00	25
		Kirsten Seyferth	Julie Thomas	Kadin	8:12:00	26
		Jennifer Monioz	Karen Perkins	L.P.	10:20:00	27
		Jennifer Titus	Barrett Titus	Stue (Ima Tuckin Casd)	DNF	
		Tom Noll	Cindy Davis	Frank	DNF	
		David De La Rosa	Amy Betzelberger	Bubba	DNF	
		Merry Law	John Hall	Sweet Gypsy Rose	DNF	
Short Course:	20 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		R G Root	Ira Hickman	Flaming Will	2:58:00	1
		Stephanie Irving	Rachel Toor	Cosmos	3:31:00	2
		Elizabeth Adams	Iris Ward	Irish Maggic	3:34:00	3
		Pat Browning	Dennis Rinde	Bud	4:13:00	4

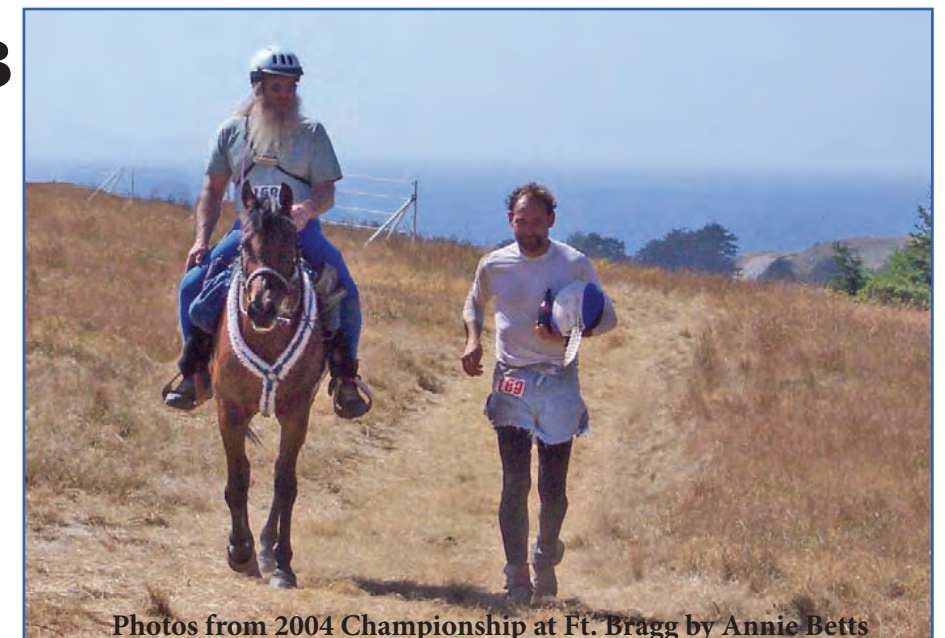


43rd Annual
World Championship
Ride & Tie

August 24, 2013
Ft. Bragg, California

Entry Fees:
\$150 Championship
\$100 Short Course

RIDE
& TIE



Photos from 2004 Championship at Ft. Bragg by Annie Betts

Camp opens August 20, 2013

Contact Race Director: Forrest Tancer 707-484-0012 forresttancer@mac.com
or R&T President Ben Volk 509-521-6249 bvolk@rideandtie.org

Mail entries to: Ride and Tie Association

2709 Road 64, Pasco, WA 93301

or enter online at www.rideandtie.org

All competitors must be members of the Ride and Tie Association
(join online at www.rideandtie.org)

More info and directions to camp available in upcoming issues of the
Ride & Tie Newsletter or online at www.rideandtie.org

HELPING OTHERS

by Jennifer Monioz

Descanso Ride & Tie, June 8, 2013. It started out like any other Ride & Tie race: a flurry of horses, riders & runners setting out on a trail on a beautiful morning with the sun coming up over the hills. The first couple of miles were pretty routine: we rode, tied & ran with Irish Mike & Gunilla whose horse Kahana was running his first R&T, to make sure he wasn't alone at ties so he could learn what we were out there doing. He caught on quickly & they moved ahead, beyond us at a faster pace than we could keep (my human partner is not a runner).

Then between miles 3-4, I was on foot on a beautiful section of single track with dense, tall bushes on both sides. I was anticipating a left turn ahead when I heard my human partner yelling. Her voice was coming from my right, beyond the thick brush, off the trail. From what I could gather, she had tied our horse LP, he broke the tie by pulling a dead bush out of the ground & took off running into the thick brush. None of us could see the other due to the density of the vegetation but we could hear each other so we could communicate somewhat. I made my way through the brambles & branches to a rock outcropping so I could get a vantage point to locate LP. I could hear him crashing through brush & then his hooves clattering on rocks. I spotted LP, called to him & was able to make my way to quickly grab him before he could run off again. We got him settled down & cleaned up - just minor scratches thankfully - it's amazing how scary a little bit of blood on a light gray horse can appear! It took us a few minutes to figure out how to get back to the trail from the off-trail section we had ended up in, but once we did we were able to take a few minutes to clean ourselves up & determine if we were ok to continue the last 20+



Jennifer Monioz and Susie Schober

miles of the long course. This whole bit of misadventure took about 30 minutes.

While we were brushing leaves, twigs, thorns and spiderwebs off ourselves & LP and picking out ~100 fox tails from our shoes & socks, another team came up the trail slowly, 2 young girls in pink with a cute pony. They looked pretty upset so we asked what was wrong, if they needed help. They were having trouble with their pony at the ties, she was used to being tied with a buddy horse and was being difficult out there all by herself. They were either turning around & going back to the start or pulling out at the vet check. I suggested we all ride, tie & run together for the next few miles until we parted ways on our respective courses at the long/short course split, so that the

horses had a "buddy" to be tied with and could calm down together and so we could all just generally regroup and get back into a good mental place in order to continue or at least make it to the next checkpoint. I'll say it was really nice to be able to run & ride & talk with someone out there on a day like this.

We learned the high school-aged girls (Abigail and Bree) were there with Challenge Ranch, a local non-profit program that offers underprivileged children a chance to learn to ride horses. Challenge Ranch had a few kids riding the Descanso Endurance Ride that day also, and we had seen some of them at the Cuyamaca Ride & Tie last October as well.

Coming down the hill to the course split we asked to have our pictures taken together by the ride photographer. We parted ways, the girls to the Sweetwater Bridge vet check and us on the long, tough trail (mostly uphill it seemed, and with little shade, if any) on the long course loop. Without any further mishaps and with a much-needed stopover at the mid-ride vet check to re-fuel, we managed to finish the long course and passed the final vet check. We learned shortly after that the girls with the pony had checked in at Sweetwater and decided to continue the course, and finished first place in the short course. We were so proud of them & went to find them and give our congratulations. The girls were so happy to have finished, and gifted us with a beautiful photo-filled Challenge Ranch calendar as a thank you.

Ride & Tie isn't just about racing and winning, it's about sharing the experience with others and helping out along the way so that they'll want to come back and try it again. We all helped each other out there & got completions because of it. I'm looking forward to seeing those girls and their friends at future Ride & Ties. 🐾

REMEMBERING DAL BURNS

July 2, 1951 - June 5, 2013

Dal passed away at home from complications from cancer. He was born in Newcastle, England and in the eighties he immigrated to the United States.

From the first experience Dal had racing in a Ride and Tie he was hooked on the sport. Dal became the editor of the Ride and Tie Newsletter with great enthusiasm. Dal enjoyed telling people it was "the most fun you could have with your clothes on".

Dal traveled extensively and was an explorer, a stuntman, actor, radio script writer, dairy farmer, acting teacher as well as an extremely accomplished computer engineer. From his experiences in the outback of Australia at the age of 18 he wrote a one-man performance piece, "Outback", which he performed off and on for five years and also recorded as a CD.

Dal was an accomplished equestrian who rode his Peruvian Paso, Bella, in several limited distance endurance rides. He was a popular member of the horse community in Napa Valley and was a familiar figure running the trails near his home in Angwin.

Dal will be missed by many.

~ Peggy Smyth



Peggy and Bella bid Dal a farewell.

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RACE RESULTS!!

Biltmore, May 11, 2013, Clemson, SC						
Long Course:	30 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Karen Isaacs	Diane Wilson	Shameless	4:17:40	1
		Barbara Mathews	Lara Gonzalez	Esther	5:35:25	2
		Janice Heltibridle	Carrie Baris	Bubba	6:17:40	3
		Rhonda Venable	Dave Venable	Dakota	DNF	
Short Course:	15 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Ben Day	Morgan Kenelly	Kings Cutting Edge	2:53:22	1
		Courtney Krueger	Sarah H Krueger	Davanna Tom Cat	2:53:24	2
Short Course:	9 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Gail Cooley	Monika Branham	Patience	2:06:51	1
Short Course:	4 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Karen Isaacs	Madeline Isaacs	Shameless	1:13:15	1

Cache Creek, May 11, 2013, Williams, CA						
Long Course:	25 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		George Hall	John Hall	Clowns Courage	3:31:00	1
		Cheryl Domnitch	Cathy Scott	Fly Away Joe	4:00:00	2 BC
		Susan Smyth	Meghan McNamara	Joe Pesci	4:08:00	3
		Jennifer Monioz	Richard Noer	LP	4:18:00	4
		Michael Whelan	Gunilla Pratt	Mark	DNF	
Short Course:	15 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Rachael Lyons	Julianne Houlst	Katrina Kisz	2:01:00	1
		Heidi Agler	Steve Pool	Red Horse	2:05:00	2
		Colleen Kelly	Kim Burleson	Echo	2:09:00	3
		Torey Kortun	Susan Schober	Rio	3:00:00	4
		Bill Logan	Diane Logan	Kai	4:10:00	5

Mt. Adams, May 18, 2013, Trout Lake, WA						
Long Course:	25 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Ben Volk	Lucas King	Superman (Rasa)	3:22:00	1
		Chris Amaral	Kirsten Seyferth	Kadin	4:15:00	2 BC
		R G Root	Ira Hickman	Aladdin	DNF	
Short Course:	12 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Diana Cooper-Knutz	Jodi Hoctor	Rowdy	1:43:00	1
		Tara Duey	Sara Sanchez	Butter	2:01:00	2
		Alyssa Marre	Susan Powell	Liberty Mt. Star	2:08:00	3

Mt. Adams, May 19, 2013, Trout Lake, WA						
Short Course:	12 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Liza Linde	Kendall Utter	Kadin	1:59:00	1 BC
		Kirsten Seyferth	Chris Amaral	Fortune	1:59:30	2
		Tom Cooper	Jamilee Shaffer	Lily	3:11:00	3
		Jala Neufeld	Susan Bhatt	Mystic	3:16:00	4

Descanso, June 8, 2013, Descanso, CA						
Long Course:	23 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Rufus Schneider	Kevin Kellar	Temperance	2:50:00	1
		Beth Love	Aaron Ruud	Cisco	3:07:00	2
		Gunilla Pratt	Michael Whelan	Kahana	3:37:00	3
		Sharlee Rushing	Jeanne Sesky	Jerry	4:37:00	4
		Jennifer Monioz	Susan Schober	LP	5:00:00	5
		Carol Ruprecht	Thomas Gey	Findefar	DNF	6
Short Course:	15 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Abigail Hughes	Bree Cable	Lacie	4:18:00	1

Klickitat Trek, June 13, 2013, Glenwood, WA						
Long Course:	25 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Kendall Utter	Lucas King	Kadin	3:55:00	1 BC
Short Course:	15 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Ben Volk	R G Root	Lady 3	1:28:00	1 BC
		Beyyine Ozkan	Stephanie Irving	Twix	1:31:00	2
		Andrea Anderson	Blair Carroll	Luke	1:35:00	3
		Alyssa Marre	Susan Powell	Liberty Mountain Star	1:48:00	4
		Gillian Woodruff	Melinda Guice	Don't Ya Know I Dazzle	1:50:00	5

Snow Tent Slide, July 6, 2013, Georgetown, CA						
Long Course:	20 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Melissa Montgomery	Becca Stone	Ziggy	3:56:00	1
		Gunilla Pratt	Mike Whelan	Khana	4:00:00	2
		George Hall	Molly Hall	Clown's Courage	4:09:00	3 BC
		Cheryl Domnitch	Eve Blumenfield	Fly Away Joe	4:40:00	4
		Sue Smyth	Meagan McNamara	Joe Pesci	4:43:00	5
		Jennifer Munizo	Brenda Blinn	LP	5:52:00	6
		Merry Law	John Hall	Sweet Gypsy Rose	5:53:00	7
		Rick Noer	Jeanne Sesky	Jerry	7:29:00	8
Short Course:	10 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Ann Marie Barnett	Jim Mathers	Sister	1:20:00	1
		Sandy Smyth	Mikaela Sawava	Emily	1:38:00	2
		Austin Eliante	Hannah Ramey	Mickey Blue Eyes	1:38:00	3
		Colleen Kelly	Kim Burleson	Echo	1:41:00	4
		Victoria Ordway	Jess Pinto	Mojito	1:43:00	5
		Bill Logan	Diane Logan	Tucker	2:17:00	6
		Tory Kortun	Susan Schober	Angel	2:54:00	7
		Rose Marie Moore	Emily McDonald	Cyrus	3:00:00	8

UPCOMING 2013 RACE SCHEDULE

Jul 27-28, 2013, OLD DOMINION Ride & Tie Weekend

Saturday Clinic from 1-3, then nighttime Ride & Ties at 7pm 6, 12,25 miles. Sunday 6, 12, 25 miles. Director: Lani Newcomb, 540-554-2004
Contact: give2bute@aol.com

Jul 27, 2013, SENECA STAMPEDE Ride & Tie Seneca, OR

25 miles. Manager: Les & Holly Rouska 541-419-0504, 541-280-5853. Contact: rouskova@bendbroadband.com

Aug 10, 2013, SANTIAM CASCADE, Sisters OR

Sisters Rodeo Grounds, Sisters, OR. 10, 30, 50, 80 mile courses. Manager: Anna Sampson 503-829-6002. Contact: sampson@molalla.net

Aug 23-24, 2013, VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS Ride & Tie, Ivanhoe VA NEW RACE!!

15 and 30 miles. Held at Jubilee Park. Negative Coggins required. Contact Barb Mathews. 919-545-0034. Contacts: bmathews@wwpeds.com

Aug 24, 2013, 43rd ANNUAL RIDE & TIE CHAMPIONSHIP Fort Bragg, CA

Race Director: Forrest Tancer, 707-484-0012. Contact: forresttancer@mac.com or Ben Volk at bvolk@jub.com

Aug 31, 2013, ONE HEART BENEFIT Ride & Tie Maxwell, IA

4.5, 12 and 20.5 miles in at Heart of Iowa Nature Trail. This is a benefit Ride and Tie for One Heart Equestrian Therapy Center. Manager: Eileen Witt (515) 290-2306. Contact: oneheartrideandtie@gmail.com

Sep 1, 2013, OLD SELAM RIDE & TIE Old Selam, ID

30 miles. Manager: Beth Bivens 208 989-1069. Contact: bbbivens@icehouse.net

Sep 6-8, 2013, BIG SOUTH FORK Ride & Tie, Jamestown/Oneida, TN

Friday: 10, 20, 30 and 50 miles Saturday: 30 and 55 miles Sunday: 4 and 8 miles. Manager: Joanne Mitchell 423-337-6194 (h) or 865-250-1645 (c)
Contact: jfgmhorse@gmail.com

Sep 15, 2013, BIG BEAR Ride & Tie Big Bear, CA

17 and 23 mile courses. Manager: Kat Swigart 714-747-3563. Contact: katswig@earthlink.net

Sep 20-22, 2013, CHESAPEAKE Ride & Tie Elkton, Md Fair Hill DNR

10,15,25,30,50,80,100 mile courses. Manager: Catherine Peloquin (410) 652-3454. Contact: cpenguin57@aol.com

Sep 21-22, 2013, RIDE BEAR I & II Ride & Tie Gilroy, CA

10 and 25 mile courses. San Martin Road, 2 miles east of Highway 101. Manager: Sandy Holder 408-218-5028. Contact: slholder002@gmail.com

Sep 25, 2013, Owyhee Canyonlands Ride & Tie Oreana, ID CANCELLED

Sep 28, 2013, Owyhee Canyonlands Ride & Tie Oreana, ID CANCELLED

Oct 5, 2013, MANZANITA Ride & Tie Boulevard, CA

15 and 25 mile courses. Manager: Terry Woolley Howe. Contact: terryhowe@hughes.net

Oct 5-6, 2013, INDIAN TERRITORY Elevator Ride & Tie, Lake Oologah, OK

5, 8, 10, 16, 20, 25, 30, and 50 miles. Pot Luck Dinner Saturday night before awards. Manager: Susan Young. (918) 685-0072.
Contact: glenn218@yahoo.com

Oct 12, 2013, LESLIE YATES MEMORIAL COOLEST Ride & Tie Cool, CA

23, 14, 9 and 4 mile ride tie courses 18 mile Biathlon Course (9 mi run, 9 mi ride, 2 people) Manager: Susan Smyth, Carrie Barrett.
Contact: susansmythjackson@gmail.com, carriebarrett2@gmail.com

Oct 19, 2013, FOOTHILLS OF THE CASCADES, Mollala, OR

25 miles. Manager: Anna Sampson, Mary Nunn, 16501 S. Butte Creek Rd, Molalla, OR 97038, (503) 829-5321. Contact: flyingn@molalla.net

Oct 25-26, 2013, FORT VALLEY Ride & Tie, Fort Valley, VA

HELMETS REQUIRED. Seven Fountains Road, Fort Valley, VA 22652 18, 30 and 50 mile courses. Contact: susntrader@aol.com, (703)556-0223.

Oct 26-27, 2013, CUYAMACA Ride & Tie Julian, CA

Distances: 28,20,13,11,5 miles Manager: Gunilla Pratt 858-735-1373. Contact: gunillapratt@gmail.com

Oct 26, 2013, THE HAUNTING Ride & Tie Bend OR NEW RACE!!

50, 30 and 15 miles. Linda Tribby 541-576-2442 or Anna Sampson 503-829-6002. Contact: lltribby@gmail.com, sampson@molalla.net

REMEMBERING PUMPKIN

It is with sad news to report Pumpkin (Annie Betts) passed away 6/28/2013 at the age of 19. Pumpkin raced for 4 years, starting in 2006 and accumulated 236 miles in 10 races, including one long course championship and two short courses. Don and Annie Betts loaned Pumpkin out for many of the races and there are people out there who did these races with him and will remember him. I spent many a time out at the Betts' ranch in Sequim, WA looking after the horses when they went on a trip. All the horses knew their "place" in the barn at feeding time. And Pumpkins was right behind the feed and tack room where I would prepare their grain mix. I would often see him sticking his head above the wall to see and smell what was going on. And through the chicken wire I would pass him one or two carrots before the other horses got their grain mix. It was his way of saying "I get to eat first!" He may have been picked on but I had my way of sneaking other carrots to him so the other horses wouldn't bother him eating. Always the gentle horse for the kids to ride. We will miss seeing him in the pasture.

~ Steve Anderson

CACHE CREEK RIDE & TIE 2013

by Susan Smyth All Photos by Eve Blumenfeld

Welcome to all the new members of ride and tie. Team SoCal came up to support NoCal.

What a hot day! The strategy had to include dealing with the heat and humidity. There were a total of 10 teams. 5 in the short course and 5 in the long course. Eve originally came to take photos and crew and now has done two ride and ties since! 🐾



John Hall and George Hall | 1st Place



Cheryl Dominich and Fly Away Joe | Cache Creek Vet Check



Gunilla Pratt and Irish Mike | Finish Line Cache Creek



Meghan McNamara and Susan Smyth

SNOW TENT RIDE & TIE 2013

All Photos by Cole Reedy



Snow Tent Ride & Tie Race Start



Snow Tent Ride & Tie Race Start



Sandy Smyth on Emily | Snow Tent Ride & Tie

BANDIT SPRINGS RIDE & TIE 2013

All Photos by Steve Anderson



Liz Perkin, Kirsten Seyferth tacking up Kadin | Bandit Springs, OR



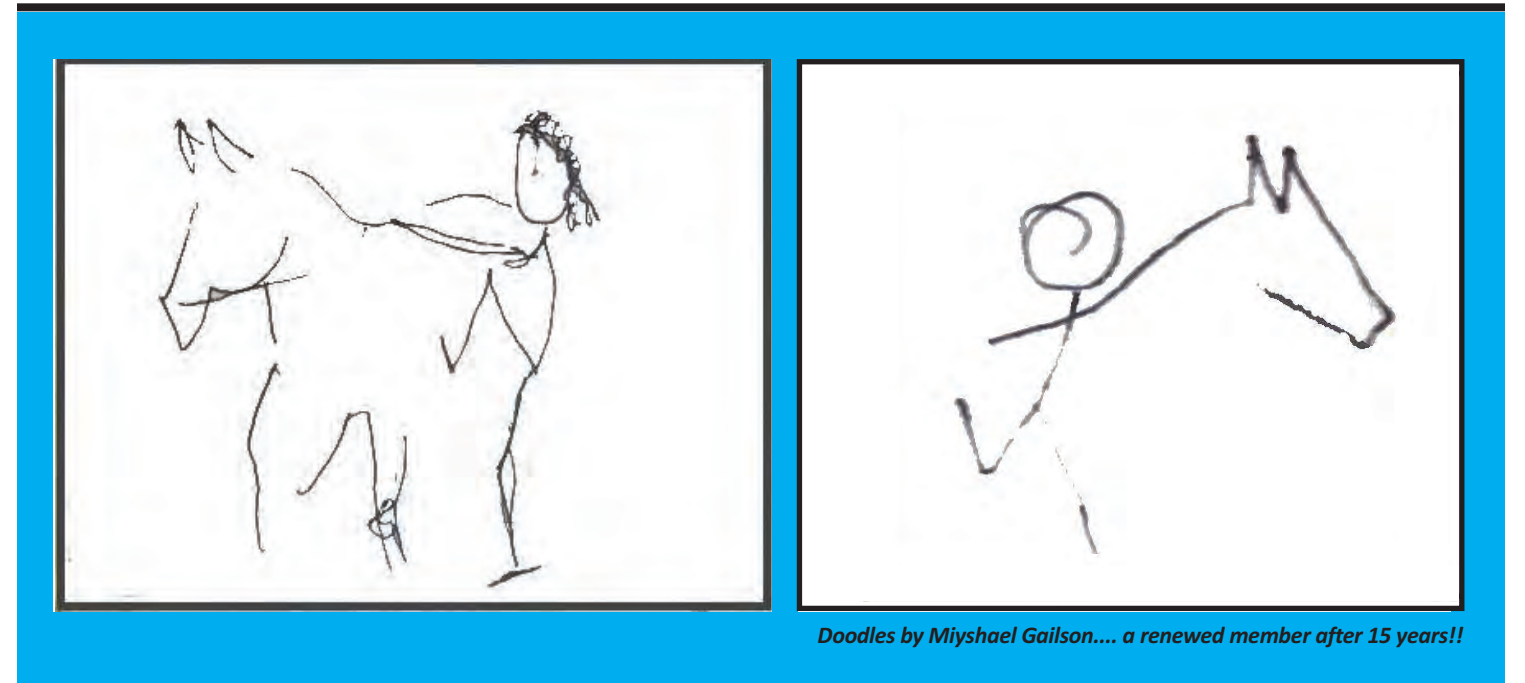
Liz Perkin on Kadin and Kirsten Seyferth getting ready to start the race



Action shot of Liz Perkin cleaning up Kadin's poop!



Liz Perkin on Kadin, Kirsten Seyferth, Ben Volk on Superman, and Olivia Hankel at the start of 25-mile race | Bandit Springs, Oregon



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Two sisters from Germany (Miriam Schmidt and Uta Konig) who traveled to the US in 2008 to participate in the Championship R&T at Taylorsville, CA. They placed 4th overall on their borrowed horse, "Seventeen".

Miriam Schmidt, Uta Konig and Seventeen, 2008
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