



RIDE & TIE NEWSLETTER



JUNE 2014

BILTMORE RIDE AND TIE 2014 *Courtney Krueger and Mark Landers at the finish line!*



Above: Courtney Krueger (left rider) on Davanna Tomcat, Mark Landers (right).
Photo by Desiree Donich Werth





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ben Volk

Ride & Tie Association President

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ell hello Ride & Tie fans! It's good to see you again. Hopefully you are getting your bodies and horses all tuned up for the 44th Annual World Ride & Tie Championship to be held on July 12, 2014 in Georgetown, California. Susan Smyth and her team are gearing up to make this one of the best Championships in a long time. Go to www.rideandtie.org for more details about the Championship.

Mark Twain said "20 years from now you will be disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the one's you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." The Ride & Tie Association has been safely sailing along with a membership of around 500 and yearly participation at the Championship around 25-30 teams. While this seems like a fine course to maintain, the Board of Directors is striving to ensure the sustained existence and growth of the sport. We are entertaining an unsolicited proposal from the American Endurance Ride Council (AERC) for some type of partnership or merger. AERC has over 5,000 members and many of our Ride & Ties are hosted at AERC sanctioned rides. If you feel strongly one way or the other about some partnership with AERC, please let a Board Member know.

On the plus side of the equation AERC offers a much wider audience which means exposure to more sponsors and more riders. For some participants the sport of Ride & Tie may be a gentle gateway to endurance riding. Take me for instance. I did my first R&T in 2006 and my first endurance ride (Limited Distance) in 2013. I likely would have never even tried endurance riding if not for my early introduction to R&T. Many of you, like me, are likely already AERC members and participate in both R&T and endurance.

Right now we enjoy many of the benefits of AERC without having to be members. We are typically welcome guests at endurance rides throughout the US. We do have a few stand-alone R&T events but those are few and far between. We however still have to maintain our own insurance, newsletter, and advertising effort. A partnership with AERC may allow us to piggy-back on to many of these amenities currently managed by paid AERC staff.

Now don't get me wrong, any discussion of a partnership or merger with AERC would require careful thought to determine how to continue to manage the Ride & Tie Endowment Fund. The R&T organization and endowment fund was established in 1989 to among other things "Take steps to assure the longevity of the sport of ride and tie." With Levi's no longer sponsoring the sport we needed to have an organization to keep the sport alive. In my estimation the Ride & Tie Board has done an admirable job in sustaining the sport against many odds from funding to competition from other sports. Part of this sustainability effort included maintaining a healthy endowment fund to fund the operation of the association. We would also need to discuss our roles within AERC and the future of the Ride & Tie Board. Would we continue to manage the Ride & Tie World Championship similar to the Tevis Cup? Or would we merge the Championship with a well-established endurance ride? These and hundreds of other questions would need to be adequately addressed as part of any partnership consideration.

Now for the cons of joining AERC. AERC is a large organization with a correspondingly large bureaucracy that goes along with it. Right now the R&T Association is very nimble and can respond to our members fairly rapidly. One example of this flexibility is the newly formed sport of Equathon. For those that have not heard of Equathon there will be an event just for you on July 13, 2014, the day after the Ride & Tie World Championship. Equathon eliminates the "ties" associated with Ride & Tie and is simply a relay race with the horse and rider completing a 10-12 mile course followed by a runner completing the same course on foot. In the "Iron" Equathon, the rider that just completed the ride jumps off and runs the course as soon as his horse has reached pulse criteria. Equathon went from an idea to a race with rules, points, and vet criteria in less than 6 months. It is unlikely we would enjoy this relative nimble response time under a larger organization.

Whether we form some type of partnership or a merger with AERC is entirely up to the membership of the Ride & Tie organization and the AERC. We see a lot of benefits to a strategic partnership which would be a win-win for both organizations. What say you? Are you ready to dream big and discover? Or would you prefer to keep the status quo. If you answered "keep the status quo," are you ready to step up and be a volunteer? Hundreds of hours of time and effort go into managing and promoting the sport of Ride & Tie. With your help, we can keep this organization sailing in safe waters. Without volunteers we'll be sinking slowly into oblivion. Ride and Tie my friends. I'll see you on the trail. 🐾

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Join online at www.rideandtie.org

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PLEASE VOTE ONLINE FOR YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

There are 3 positions open at this time which are currently held by
Melanie Weir, Sherrie Reimers, and Ben Volk.

We'd like to thank Melanie and Sherrie for their years of service on the Board.
A BIG thanks to Melanie for stepping in as President when Don Betts stepped down.
Please take the time to vote online at www.rideandtie.org.

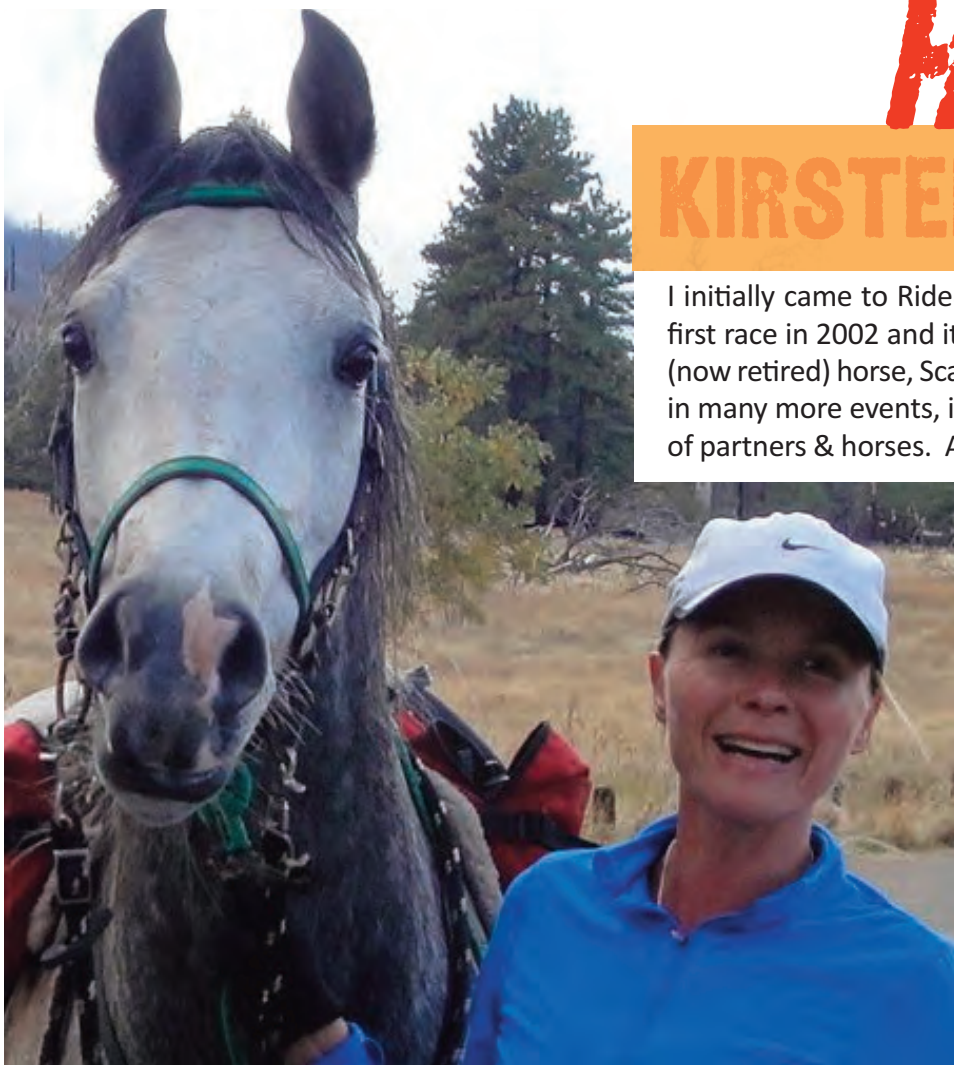
RIDE & TIE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: AND IN THE **RUNNING** PLEASE . . .



MEET

JANICE HELTIBRIDLE

My twin sister got me hooked on R&T and ultrarunning back in the mid 90s and it didn't take me long before I made the jump to sign up to become a lifetime member. I partnered with my sister for several years, using her horses, learning more about the sport, and getting a little more time in the saddle before we both branched out to try to garner more victims, ah... I mean participants into the sport. Over the years, I've managed to talk fellow runners, endurance riders, friends, coworkers, and every now and then even my own son, into trying the sport! It's not unusual for me to be involved in a last minute scramble to put another team together – whether it involves finding another human, borrowing someone else's horse or lending one of my own. In addition to a multitude of single R&T events in distances ranging between 5 and 50 miles, I've also competed and completed in numerous back-to-back multi-day events, 2 Swanton Pacific 100 mile R&Ts, as well as 2 championships. I love the sport and am excited to see that the number of events and participants here on the East Coast is growing. While I'm getting older and slower – I hope I'm a little wiser (tactics and strategy can make a difference sometimes ☺), I would like to continue to promote and give back to the sport that I find so exhilarating. ➔



HERE'S

KIRSTEN SEYFERTH

I initially came to Ride&Tie through endurance riding, I did my first race in 2002 and it was love at first try for both me and my (now retired) horse, Scatris (aka "Slim"). I have since participated in many more events, including 5 championships, with a variety of partners & horses. A personal focus has always been to bring new competitors into our great sport. Last year, for the first time, I acted as race director at the Klickitat Ride&Tie, which was a great opportunity to support our community more actively. As board member I will listen to the interests and concerns of all ride&tiers, young and old, new and seasoned. ➡



AND

BEN VOLK

After completing my first Ride & Tie in May 2006, I knew I was hooked on the sport. Since that fabulous day 8 years ago I have completed 36 Ride & Tie events including 5 Championships. I had the good fortune to win the 2012 World Ride & Tie Championship with Dennis Summers. I have been on the Board of Directors since July 2011, and I would like to run for the Board again. I have served as your President since 2012 and have thoroughly enjoyed the position. My biggest concern is to maintain or increase participation in the sport. I think we can do that by attracting sponsors and keeping multiple events available for Ride & Tie. I would be honored to serve on the Board of Directors for another 3-year term. ➡



**A HUGE THANK YOU FOR
THE GREAT SUCCESS
OF THE TOOTH FAIRY
FUND FOR
MICHELE ROUSH**



To all of the people and organizations who have assisted the Tooth Fairy Fund a sincere thank you.

Donations have now reached nearly three quarters of the anticipated costs in Michele Roush's dental repairs.

The balance should be able to be taken care of privately.

This has been through the kindness of members of the Ride and Tie Association, AERC members, Tevis, Quicksilver Riders, XP Rides, Pacific Northwest Endurance Rides, Western States Trail Foundation, and friends. A special thanks goes to the Ride and Tie Association for acting as a fiduciary with this Fund.

Pat and Nita Browning, who were once helped in the same way, are thanked for initiating this project.

Michele writes:

Nine and a half months later.....

It is hard to believe that nearly a year has gone by since I met my Tevis rock head-on. What a life-changing split second that was. However, it was not all for the bad. It challenged me to really appreciate life and the fact that I am still in it. And I immediately became a CalStar advocate! Every one of us should become a member of CalStar or whatever helicopter rescue service is local. Trust me on this one, it is well worth the annual membership fee.

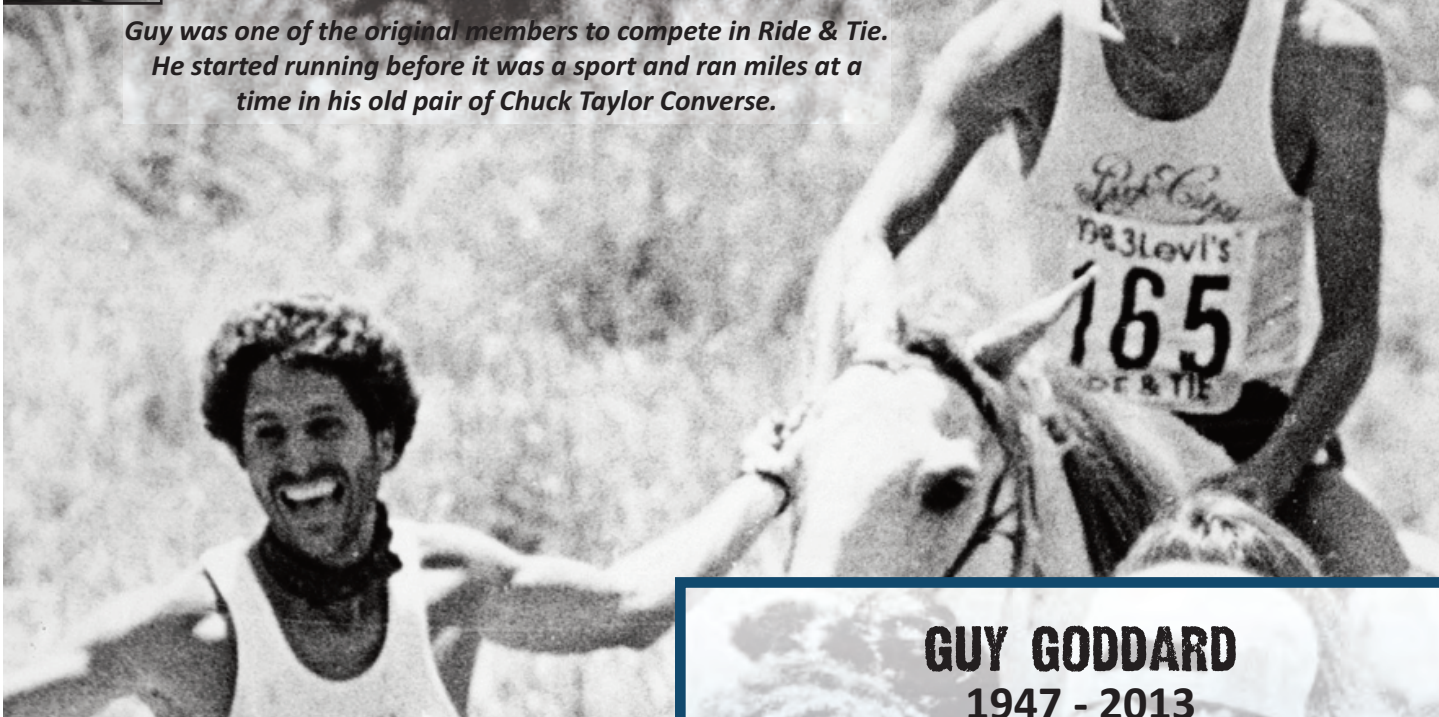
Healing is an interesting phenomenon, and I have gotten a close view of it lately. Some of it happens automatically, but some of it has to be worked at. Emotional stress works against physical healing, and financial stress is one of the most insidious types, I have found. So I can tell you that the support of the Ride and Tie family and others through the Tooth Fairy Fund has been a huge gesture with profound positive effects. Relief of financial pressure enabled by the Fund has allowed me to focus on the healing of my body, and for that I am so very grateful.

Thank you all. 🐾



IN MEMORY : GUY GODDARD 1947 - 2013

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Park City resident and longtime Ride and Tie competitor Guy Goddard passed away in early October 2013. Guy teamed with founding member Ralph Wadsworth in the early 1980's and later with Kent McLaren. Guy was a strong advocate and competitor in both Utah Ride and Ties and World Championships for many years.

This photo from the Eureka 1983 Ride and Tie Championship shows the energy and enthusiasm that Guy brought to the sport. Guy is shown astride his horse Miscka, celebrating with longtime partner Kent McLaren.

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Jun 14, 2014, OLD DOMINION Ride & Tie, Orkney Springs, VA

25 miles. Happy Valley Road. Contact: Susan Trader 540-882-9721. Contact: SusnTrader@loudounwireless.com

Jun 21, 2014, SUNRIVER CLASSIC Ride & Tie, Bend, OR **NEW RACE!!!**

Sunriver Classic Distance(s): 10, 30 Location: Wanoga Snow Park: West of Bend, Or on Century Dr near Mt Bachelor ski area. Date: June 21, 2014. Contact: lfox2002@yahoo.com

Jun 22, 2014, WILD WEST Ride & Tie, Nevada City, CA

12 and 25 mile courses. Melissa Ribley 530-268-1378. Contact: mribley@gmail.com

Jul 12-13, 2014, BANDIT SPRINGS Ride & Tie, Ochoco National Forest, OR

10 & 30-80 mile Ride & Tie Elevator July 12 10 & 25 mile Ride & Tie Elevator July 13 Also – 10, 30, 50, 80 Endurance.

Contact: jwilde@wildevents.info, eraggep@msn.com

Jul 12, 2014, 44th ANNUAL RIDE & TIE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, Georgetown, CA

Long/Short Course Championship Saturday. Equathon Sunday. Hosted By: Gold Country Endurance Riders.

Contact: Sue Smyth 916.316.2096, susansmythjackson@gmail.com

Jul 26-27, 2014, SENECA STAMPEDE Ride & Tie, Seneca, OR

Distances: 15, 30 Elevator: yes

Jul 26-27, 2014, OLD DOMINION Ride & Tie Weekend, Orkney Springs, VA

25, 12, 6 mile courses. Happy Valley Road. Contact: Susan Trader 540-882-9721. Contact: SusnTrader@loudounwireless.com

Aug 9, 2014, SANTIAM CASCADE RIDE Ride & Tie, 15 miles West of Bend, OR

NEW TRAILS!!! *Ride camp is located at the Sisters rodeo grounds. Contact: Anna Sampson (503) 829-6002. Mary Nunn (503) 829-5321.

Aug 22-23, 2014, IRON MOUNTAIN JUBILEE Ride & Tie Ivanhoe, VA

12 + 25 mile Ride & Tie Labor Day Weekend 2-Day Ride & Tie Both Days 25+55 & 25+50 Mile Endurance Ride At Mt. Spokane State Park. Contact: bvolk@jub.com

Aug 30-31, 2014, JEDI HORSEMANSHIP Ride & Tie, Mt. Spokane, WA **NEW RACE!!!**

12 + 25 mile Ride & Tie Labor Day Weekend 2-Day Ride & Tie Both Days 25+55 & 25+50 Mile Endurance Ride At Mt. Spokane State Park

Sep 5-7, 2014, BIG SOUTH FORK Ride & Tie, Jamestown/Oneida, TN

Held in conjunction with the Big South Fork Endurance Ride Friday and Saturday: 30 and 50/55 mile courses (\$70 per team) Friday: 10 and 20 mile courses (\$50 per team) Sunday: 4 and 8 mile courses (\$30 per team). Contact: jfgmhorse@gmail.com

Sep 19-21, 2014, CHESAPEAKE Fall Ride & Tie, Fair Hill DNR near Elkton MD

Friday-30/15/10-Mile Ride & Ties, Saturday-30/15/10-Mile Ride & Ties, Sunday-20/10-Mile Ride & Ties Beautiful Fair Hill DNR, Maryland, upper barn area Elkton, Maryland The trail covers beautiful rolling hunt country in Fair Hill DNR. Perfect trail for beginners as well as experienced runners/riders. The well-marked trail traverses open fields, wooded trails and dirt roads, with shallow stream crossings. Contact: cpenguin57@aol.com., give2bute@aol.com

Oct 4, 2014, INDIAN TERRITORY ELEVATOR Ride & Tie, LAKE OOLOGAH, OK

8, 17, 21 and 30 mile courses. Susan Young (918) 685-0072. Contact: glenn218@yahoo.com

Oct 4, 2014, MANZANITA Ride & Tie Boulevard, CA **NEW RACE!!!**

Oct 4, 2014, JUBILEE RANCH RIDE Ride & Tie, Prescott, WA **NEW RACE!!!**

Ahhh, the smell of apples in the air, green grass and some really awesome photo opts!! This is going to be crazy fun!! We will have our normal rides starting in the morning hours and then at 10 am the Ride & Tie and a 2nd 25 at 3 pm for those who want to "try out" a 50 or 75 or maybe ride a 2nd horse. Volunteer in the am, ride in the pm? It's up to you! Contact: arabracer100@yahoo.com, jubileeranchride@yahoo.com, bvolk@jub.com

Oct 11, 2014, COOLEST Ride & Tie and Equathon, Cool, CA

21, 12, 9 and 5 mile Ride & Tie Courses. Equathon- 12-ride/9-mile run. All proceeds will be donated to Horses honor: respite for aging horse retirement. www.horseshonor.org. Contact: Sue Smyth 916.316.2096 or Eve Blumenfeld 916-838-0376, susansmythjackson@gmail.com, eveblumenfeld@comcast.net

Oct 18, 2014, FOOTHILLS OF THE CASCADES Ride & Tie, Molalla, OR

Ride & Tie held in conjunction with Endurance Ride. Contact: Anna Sampson (503) 829-6002, sampson@molalla.net; Mary Nunn (503) 829-5321, flyingn@molalla.net.

Oct 24-25, 2014, FORT VALLEY I Ride & Tie, Fort Valley, VA

Friday and Saturday: 50, 30 and 18 mile courses. Seven Fountains Road. Contact: Claire Godwin, DVM 240-687-1450. Contact: crgdvm@aol.com.

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Giddyup and Run, April 5th, 2014, Crossville, TN

Long Course:	25 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Dave Venable	Rhonda Venable	Dakota	3:40:00	1
		Barbara Mathews	Liana Gonzalez	Esther	3:58:00	2
		Melissa Hoose	Janice Heltibridle	Bubba	4:03:00	3
		Courtney Krueger	Sarah H Krueger	Davanna Tomcat	5:05:00	4
		Carrie Baris	Greg Bradner	Shawnee	5:17:00	5
Short Course:	15 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Charlesey Charlton	Michael Sullivan	Tye	2:35:00	1
Short Course:	4 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Vicki Monroe	Hannah Monroe	Sebastian	0:38:00	1

Giddyup and Run, April 6th, 2014, Crossville, TN

Long Course:	25 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Dave Venable	Rhonda Venable	Dakota	3:37:00	1
		Barbara Mathews	Liana Gonzalez	Esther	4:21:00	2
		Greg Bradner	Courtney Krueger	Shawnee	4:56:00	3
Short Course:	10 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Melissa Hoose	Janice Heltibridle	Davanna Tomcat	1:26:00	1
		Vicki Monroe	Holly Monroe	Sebastian	1:27:00	2
Short Course:	7 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Karen Isaacs	Madeline Isaacs	Olaf	1:33:00	1

Biltmore, May 3rd, 2014, Asheville, NC

Long Course:	30 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Rhonda Venable	Dave Venable	Dakota	4:59:00	1
		Karen Isaacs	Beth Brinkley	Jubilee	5:09:00	2
		Courtney Krueger	Mark N. Landers	Davanna Tomcat	6:41:00	3
Short Course:	8 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Heather Fahy	Greg Cumberford	Jake	1:34:00	1

Biltmore, May 4th, 2014, Asheville, NC

Long Course:	25 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Callie Fogle	Barbara Mathews	Esther	6:22:00	1
Short Course:	8 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Karen Isaacs	Madeline Isaacs	Shameless	2:00:00	1

Clemson, May 9th, 2014, Pendleton, SC

Long Course:	30 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Jeremy Reynolds	Morgan Kenelly	Sonny	4:59:00	1
		Rhonda Venable	Dave Venable	Dakota	5:10:00	2
		Barbara Mathews	Liana Gonzalez	Esther	5:19:00	3
		Janice Heltibridle	Melissa Hoose	Bubba	6:11:00	4
		Courtney Krueger	Carolyn Logan Peoples	Davanna Tomcat	6:46:00	5
Short Course:	15 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Charlesey Charlton	Michael Sullivan	Tye	3:18:00	1
Short Course:	8 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Karen Isaacs	Madeline Isaacs	Shameless	2:11:00	1

Clemson, May 10th, 2014, Pendleton, SC

Long Course:	30 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Karen Isaacs	Beth Brinkley	Shameless	4:50:00	1
		Barbara Mathews	Liana Gonzalez	Esther	5:49:00	2
		Dave Venable	Rhonda Venable	Shawnee	DNF	
Short Course:	15 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Janice Heltibridle	Melissa Hoose	Bubba	2:16:00	1
		Courtney Krueger	Sarah H Krueger	Davanna Tomcat	2:22:00	2
		Terry Wyatt	Theresa Bagwell	Stevie	2:34:00	3
		Michael Cooley	Gail Cooley	Patience	2:58:00	4
Short Course:	8 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Carrie Baris	Greg Cumberford	Jake	1:54:00	1
		Sheree Holmes	Sara Borkosky	Gem	2:39:00	2
		Ashleigh Werth	Caroline McAtee	Davanna Dave	3:04:00	3

Mt. Adams, May 17th, 2014, Trout Lake, WA

Long Course:	25 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Ben Volk	Rachel Toor	Marquetable Asset CCA	3:08:00	1
		Tanja Menks	R G Root	Aurora	3:22:00	2
		Steven Anderson	Kirsten Seyferth	Kadin	3:42:00	3
		Stephanie Irving	Annie Marino	Ruby	3:58:00	4
		Chris Amaral	Morgan Gratz-Weiser	Fortune	4:06:00	5
Short Course:	12 miles	Partner 1	Partner 2	Horse	Time	Place
		Kammi Hickman	Ira Hickman	Aladdin	1:46:00	1
		Jodi Hoctor	Diana Cooper-Knutz	Rowdy	2:02:00	2
		Susan Powell	Alyssa Marre	Glory	2:07:00	3
		Ona Larsell	Carole Garner	Dunny	DNF	
		Madelynn McIlwain	Tara Duey	Butter	DNF	

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