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## CHAMPIONSHIP RACE HIGHLIGHTS

Obviously, the night before, no one knew who was going to win the 1997 Easyboot Ride & Tie Championship. But most people at the race site, nestled in the Jackson State Forest near Fort Bragg, knew who most wanted to.

There was Jim Howard and Dennis Rinde. Jim, 42, is one of just two people who has won the championship four times, the last time in 1992. Dennis, 38, is a talented marathon runner who has developed into a great rider. They finished second in the championship last year, and they whetted their appetite for revenge this year with a win at the Mustang Classic in March. They would ride Magic, an endurance horse belonging to Elaine Ruprecht, Jim's wife.

There was Tom Christofk and Dan Barger. Tom, age 45, has gotten his horse and himself into what he called the best shape they've ever been in. In the last 10 years, Dan, age 31, has finished in the top 10 at the championship seven times, including a win in 1990. He also won a 100-mile ultra run, The Old Dominion in Virginia, a couple weeks before the championship. And, as a team, these three won and "Best Conditioned" the Quicksilver 23-mile ride & tie in early May.

There was Chris Turney and Con Wadsworth. Chris, 39, seemed to have the most low-key aspirations. If you didn't know his history, you might not think he cared about winning at all. But then, Chris, a three-time winner of the championship, has a history of telling everyone how out of shape he is and then going out and kicking everyone's butt. Con, 37, is also a three-time winner of the championship, and an experienced endurance competitor known well on the Tevis trail. Their horse, Sandelaro, is Con's endurance horse.

There was Mark Richtman and Brian Purcell. Mark, 42, the other four-time winner of the championship race, had specifically recruited Brian, 41, whom he knew from competing at ultramarathons, to try to be the first Masters team to win the race. The team won the 30-mile Big Creek ride & tie in May. And they would be competing on Eli, Mark's

"I'M SORRY, BUT IF WE DON'T KNOW THEM WELL ENOUGH TO MAKE FUN OF THEM, WE'RE NOT BETTING ON THEM!"

four-time winner of the Best Condition title.

Every one of the teams was ready and fit. The real question, pondered hard at the calcutta held after the race meeting the night before the race, seemed to be "Who is hungriest for the win?" These four teams registered the most serious bids, with the largest bid being placed for the team of Dan Barger and Tom Christofk. But only \$10 separated that bid from the one for the team of Mark Richtman and Brian Purcell.

Of course, a few other teams raised some bidding interests. The team of Gino Pomilia and Eric Stenson, always intense and competitive, drew good money. Kathy Appleby and Laurie Riebeling drew top money for the all-woman teams. Bidders wanted more information about a few teams. How was how good a runner was Jon Root's partner, Michelle Andreotti? Which of the four Wagners was riding with which Wagner, and on which horse? How much is a Foster worth? When no one present could an-

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## Championship Race Highlights

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swer questions about a team that hailed from Utah, and no one was bidding. Tim Hinrichs got off the line of the night. Very much in the spirit of fun that pervades this part of the event, he shouted, "I'm sorry, but if we don't know them well enough to make fun of them, we're not betting on them!"

Calcutta organizers Skip Lightfoot and Chris Knoch eliminated their own teams from drawing serious bids. Skip accused Chris of being fat and out of shape, pulling up Chris' shirt to reveal what could be only mistaken for fat in a crowd of anorexics. He refused, however, to pull up his own shirt for an examination, which did a lot to discourage bids on his team. Finally, it was over. All the questions would be answered the following day.

### The Race

Race day dawned

clear and cool.

There wasn't close

to enough space for

the usual "land

rush" start, so riders

were asked to "self-

seed," positioning

themselves closest to

the start if they were

really going for a win.

It could only work in a sport with participants this cool, and it worked out fine. Crew members positioned even a

mile or more up the trail to provide the first hand-ties were alerted to the start by the whoops and hollers that always see the racers off.

With the race course mapped out in four loops and all the vet checks in one location, spectators and crew had a great opportunity to really follow the progress of the race for a change. The only challenge was keeping track of who was coming in from which loop!

A mile from the end of Loop One, all the usual suspects were present. Jim Howard ran by looking strong. Seconds behind him were Mark Richtman and Brian Purcell, performing a flying tie, with Mark instructing Brian to ride into the next vet. Seconds after that, Dennis Rinde rode by on Magic, a very fresh-looking horse whose dark brown coat glistened black with sweat. Con Wadsworth followed on foot, Chris Turney galloped by, Eric Stenson ran by, closely followed by Michelle Andreotti, the first woman.

The first clue that something was amiss with one of the top teams was when Dan Barger trotted casually by, looking over his shoulder at the scenery as if he was out for a Sunday trail ride. Contrast was provided minute later by Gino Pomilia and then Jon Root, galloping by on obviously keen horses. The question was answered when Tom Christofk, following on foot a minute later, commented, "We've got no horse; there's something wrong."

At the first vet check, essentially a trot-by, all of the teams came and went very quickly. Tom conferred with his wife and crew extraordinaire, Laura (the person who keeps the Association office running and puts out the Journal), about their horse, Pogo. The horse wasn't displaying any major symptoms of distress, he just wasn't himself. Tom said they'd continue to take it easy, letting Pogo pick the pace, and see if the problem would resolve itself.

Another flurry of concern arose when the ambulance headed out onto the trail to

tend to a fallen rider, Lani Newcomb, who, with her partner Kathy Broaddus, DVM, had come all the way from Virginia to compete. Lani was momentarily knocked out by the fall, though she was certainly saved from a head injury by her helmet. The paramedics determined that Lani had broken her collarbone, and recommended strongly that she quit the ride. While Lani allowed them to tape her left arm to her chest, stabilizing the injury, she insisted on continuing - although after she had completed the ride she was heard asking whether she really had completed Loop Two; she didn't remember it.

By the end of Loop Two, the top teams were still all together. Dennis Rinde made another poor poster child for the sport as he waited, splashed liberally with his own blood, for Magic to recover. (Getting on at one tie, Rinde explained, the spirited horse had pushed him into an embankment, where he fell and smashed his finger on a rock.) Eli recovered a minute faster than Magic; who was out a couple of minutes before Sandelaro.

Tom watched Pogo closely as the little bay grabbed at some hay, but wouldn't drink. After just a couple minutes, as Pogo's pulse stayed high, Tom's mind was made up. "There's something wrong with this horse," he said firmly. "I'm pulling him out." What about Dan, running down the trail on Loop Three? "Oh well, it's only another ten miles, and he's a healthy young man; it won't hurt him." Tom tried to joke, as he took Pogo to the veterinarians for an examination.

At the end of Loop Three, at the third and final vet check, the race looked close. Brian rode in at the same time as Jim, but Eli again recovered more quickly. Dennis and Mark ran in perhaps 100 yards apart, but and Mark rode off within a minute or so after getting there. Magic lingered another four minutes before getting the green light from the vets.

The pace was starting to take its toll on Con's horse, too, and the experienced

Wadsworth Racing Team crew worked hard to help the horse recover. They left the check about six minutes behind Eli. In the meantime, the rest of the top competitors were still looking strong. The team that the *calcutta* bidders couldn't make fun of, Paul Allen and Michael McHugh, was in fifth place. Michelle Andreotti looked as fresh as if she had just been dismissed from a high school gym class. Gino Pomilia got cheers from the crowd for his trademark "flying mount," where he runs alongside the horse at a fast trot, bounces once on both feet, and springs into the air, swinging into the saddle, and gallops off picking up his stirrups as he goes. Reportedly, Kathy Appleby and Laurie Riebeling hadn't seen another woman/woman team for an hour.

## The finish

The crowd at the finish line was full of suspense. Given the four-minute advantage that Magic had on Eli at the last vet, even Vicki Richtman (Eli's original owner, year-in and year-out conditioning rider, chief crew member, and number one fan), looked nervous.

But it was a gray horse, not a black one, first at the finish. Eli had turned on the

afterburners, picking up speed and energy the closer they got to the finish, according to his two admiring riders. "The last couple of miles, I couldn't hardly stop him," said Brian as he fed the sturdy gray a couple of carrots as they waited for the second-place team to arrive. "Man, what a great race," enthused an obviously excited Mark. "We were neck and neck with those guys (Dennis and Jim) all day, until we hit that big hill about four miles back. But we haven't seen them since."

It took a full seven minutes before Dennis and Jim crossed the line in second place. Magic, who had been on tiptoes all day, had run out of gas on the last loop, they said. "At that last hill, we just didn't have any more horse, so we resigned ourselves to second and just took it easy from there," reported Dennis. "Basically, he's an endurance horse, so he's used to waiting around and having a long time to come down. This was a fast pace, and he's a pistol—he's hard to get on, he was dancing around a lot. He just didn't know how to save himself for the end." Fortunately, they hadn't seen any sign of the third place team since shortly after the last vet check, so they were able to just cruise in without having to race to keep second place.

Eleven minutes ticked slowly by before the third place horse, Sandelaro, trotted across the finish. Con's report on the tall gray sounded a lot like the one on Magic. "This guy is not really a ride & tie horse. He's too big to get on and off easily, for one thing, and he's an endurance horse. The pace was too fast for him, and he's used to getting more time to recover. Chris was way out ahead of me, but I couldn't *pull* the horse over that last hill to catch him," Con explained.

The first woman spotted approaching the finish, Michelle Andreotti, tied her horse a few hundred yards from the finish. The spectators couldn't help but laugh and cheer as she literally skipped in excitement as she looked over her shoulder for partner Jon Root to get on the horse and

catch up. Fourth across the line, they were also the first place Man/Woman team.

Jon, 42, who has now won the Man/Woman division an astounding nine times (with four different women) said that this championship was the most fun. "I don't know why, I just felt good all day, and Michelle *amazed* me with how fast she was going. I thought she had taken the wrong trail half a dozen times, because it took me so long to catch up with her." Jon also gave his horse, Balou, a lot of credit. "We had plenty of horse left. He's good on hills, so he was perfect for this course. We held him back in the beginning, conserved him, and he came through at the end."

Despite her humble assertion that she's "not much of a runner," Michelle, 21, should be a pleasant surprise this fall for her coaches at California State University in Sacramento, where she plans to run on the cross country team. Her talents were surely no surprise for her father, Dave Andreotti. A long-time ride & tier, a winner in 1987, and Michelle's former running partner, Dave suffered a stroke last year. He's recovering well, though, and was cheering from the sidelines this year.

Paul Allen and Michael McHugh, both of Draper, Utah, finished fifth on Sabaskaramus. It was Paul's third championship and Michael's third. By next year, *calcutta* attendees will remember to bid on this talented team.

Gino and Eric finished sixth on a still-strong-looking Joe Wee, a legend in ride & tie circles. They were quite closely followed by Kathy and Laurie, who finished 23 minutes ahead of their closest W/W competitors, and were also the first Masters Woman/Woman team to finish the course. "We got a real good start, and the horse was great," said Laurie after the race. "Actually, *everything* that we planned worked out great. All our strategy just fell into place perfectly. There were no surprises, not one mistake." It was Kathy's sixth W/W division win.

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## Championship Race Highlights

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First in the Junior division (one runner is under 18) and eighth overall and were brother and sister Chris and Wendy Wagner, 15 and 23, respectively. They were pleased to beat their parents, David and Debbie, who finished 12th overall about 15 minutes later. The whole family resides in Park City, Utah, and are ardent supporters of the sport. In fact, in 1994, Debbie Wagner became the first woman to be on the winning team when she won the Championship with Mark Richtman.

First in the Century division (combined age of the runners is 100 or more) and 10th overall were Lon Clearwaters and Jim Arquilla. The Century Plus 10 division (combined ages of the riders is 110 or more) was won by Russ Kiernan and Warren Hellman; the team also finished 22nd overall. The Century Plus 20 division was won by Peter and Martha Klopfer, of Durham, NC. They finished 51st overall.

Other division winners included veteran ride & tier Lew Hollander, who competed with amateur Sid Sullivan to place 13th overall and first in the Pro-Am division (one rider has completed a Championship ride & tie and one has not); and Ann Butler and Christopher Reveley, who came all the way from Salt Lake City to win the Novice division (neither competitor had previously completed a ride & tie).

Two individuals have competed in every single championship race since the inception of the sport 27 years ago. One is Chuck Stalley, who competed this year with Dave Van Wicklin. The other is Mary Tiscornia, who competed in this installment with Laura Sloan. Chuck has now finished the race 26 times and won the event three times; Mary has 25 finishes, including eight W/W wins.

Of course, every participant had a great story to tell. Some came from great distances, some finished a record number of times. There were old teams and young teams and family teams and a

number of new friends were welcomed into the ride & tie family.

## Awards banquet

According to tradition, each finisher of the championship took his or her turn coming to the podium to receive a finishing buckle.

Many fine gifts – and the promise of a check in the mail – were also distributed to division winners.

Before the veterinarians announced their selection of the Best Condition award, they presented a special award they invented that day.

Dr. Roger Bruce explained that in the early years of vetting endurance rides and ride & ties, he and the other vets often felt more like policemen, required to keep irresponsible riders from hurting their horses. At this ride, they were especially impressed with the actions of one person, someone who exemplified the kind of horsemanship they like to see.

“At the end of Loop Two, before we ever saw his horse, Tom Christofk came up and said he was pulling his horse. Because he was really watching the horse, he saw something was wrong before we would have ever seen it. There’s even a good chance we might have sent that horse back onto the trail – and it darn sure shouldn’t have been. As it turned out, he had a colic. We treated the horse, put a batch of fluids in, treated him pretty extensively for a little bit, and then he turned around and came out of it; he’s fine now. But I think Tom kept a tragedy from happening . . . and that’s what we work for. So, the ‘Veterinarians’ Horsemanship Award’ goes to Tom Christofk.” Tom, clearly touched by the speech, returned to his seat after the presentation

as Dr. Jim Steere remarked, “Boy, we can get teary-eyed over our horses, can’t we? Which is great!”

As a semi-final announcement, Dr. Steere, head veterinarian of the event for many years, added that he might take a sabbatical from his duties at next year’s ride – in order to compete! “Over the last two or three years, Tom Melville, who is a little senior to me, proposed that he and I do the ride & tie together . . . I’ve decided to commit myself if Tom will, because if we do it, we’ll have a century and a half in the saddle and beat your asses off!” said Steere, to the delight of the crowd.

Finally, the Best Condition award was announced. For the fourth time in five years, Eli won the award, conferred by a vote of the veterinarians. Joe Wee, owned and ridden by Gino Pomilia, placed a very close second. Steere confided, as he showed more animation at the judging. (One vet said “if the Indians were after him” he would take Joe Wee.) But Steere said Eli looked more sound, if not as animated, after finishing almost 40 minutes ahead of Joe Wee; he also had consistently lower pulse and respiration rates and the fastest recoveries of the day.

In accepting the award, Mark Richtman said his wins mean little to him compared to getting Best Condition. “I love this horse like one of my kids,” he said, and everyone could tell he meant it.

Of the 77 teams that started the competition, 70 completed the course. Only a small number of people stayed after the salmon and steak feast to dance to the live band, clearly indicating they ran too hard this year, and had better start training now for the party next year. The 1998 Easyboot Ride & Tie Championship will take place on July 11, 1998 in the Sierra Nevada, near Tahoe, California. Mark your calendars!

– Article by Nancy Kerns

1	Mark Richtman	Brian Purcell	Eli	3:53	Masters
2	Jim Howard	Dennis Rinde	Magic	4:00	Open
3	Chris Turney	Con Wadsworth	Sandelaro	4:11	Open
4	Michelle Andreotti	Jon Root	Balou	4:28	Open
5	Paul Allen	Michael McHugh	Sabaskaramus	4:30	Masters
6	Gino Pomilia	Erik Stenson	Joe wee	4:32	Open
7	Kathy Appleby	Laurie Riebeling	Fire Mt. Cinder	4:33	Masters
8	Wendy Wagner	Chris Wagner	Jim	4:35	Junior
9	Les Nightingill	Blake Ridgeway	Bezane	4:39	Open
10	Lon Clearwaters	Jim Arquilla	Miami Spice	4:44	Century
11	Dutch Widler	Becky Widler	Don	4:45	Open
12	David Wagner	Deborah Wagner	Jess	4:50	Century
13	Lew Hollander	Sid Sullivan	Miss P	4:56	Pro/Am
14	Cindy Foster	David Foster Jr.	Psycho	4:56	Open
15	Terry Pintane	Paul Rink	Country Cousin	4:56	Masters
16	Laura Sloan	Mary Tiscornia	Albi	4:56	Open
17	Tom Gey	Elaine Ruprecht	Cimneron	5:02	Open
18	Melissa Ribley	Robert Ribley	Reebok	5:04	Open
19	Steve Shaw	Bob Spoor	Cougars Clown	5:10	Masters
20	Uri driscoll	Ted Ruprecht	Abay Rapsallion	5:13	Century
21	Russ Kierman	Warren Hellman	Joe	5:14	Century+10
22	Dave Riffle	Jeanne Sherfey	Sungari	5:20	Masters
23	Gerry Appleby	Chris Castillo	Justin	5:20	Open
24	Gabrielle Mann	David Tarpinian	Samurai	5:21	Open
25	Audrey Bostian	Rachael Toor	Chiquita	5:21	Open
26	Calvin Paulette	Catherine Davis	Fierra	5:23	Open
27	Pat Browning	Roger Dike	Willey	5:27	Masters
28	Ann Butler	Christopher Reveley	Twist Of Fate	5:29	Novice
29	Don Betts	George Hall	Gavilan	5:33	Masters
30	Jeff Herten	Jim Hurley	Sheik Isa	5:33	Masters
31	Steve Becker	Jeslie Yates	Torscer	5:37	Masters
32	Tim Hinrichs	Shellie Hatfield	NV Express Shaun	5:37	Open
33	Curt Riffle	Skip Lightfoot	Rajzik	5:38	Masters
34	Linda Mornell	Sascha Mornell	Macho	5:40	Pro/Am
35	Alfonso Duran	Bob Davis	Shasta	5:41	Century
36	Jim Brown	Jan Kahdeman	Negask	5:43	Masters
37	Jim Oury	Tony sandoval	Grante Stahzenn	5:47	Century
38	Tony Brickel	Jeff Windeshausen	Super Delight	5:48	Century
39	Marvin Snowbarger	Godfrey Sullivan	SE Blue MAX	5:55	Century
40	Bill Johnson	Diane Jopson	Juan	5:56	Masters
41	Debby Lyon	Dana Tryde	Katie's Image	5:57	Masters
42	Jim Clover	Annette Parsons	Tut's Tumbler	5:58	Century
43	Dana Hooper	Robin Klaus	Rafique	6:00	Masters
44	Bill Barboni	Ben l'Artee	Florida	6:03	Masters
45	Chuck Stalley	Dave Van Wicklin	C.P. Tripper	6:03	Masters
46	Bruce Burnham	Bob Edwards	Shilotte	6:04	Centur + 10
47	Byron Grant	Jodie Petersen	Zac	6:05	Pro/Am
48	Marilyn Ganahl	John Ganahl	PJ	6:10	Pro/Am
49	David Foster	Arleene Foster	Linda	6:10	Masters
50	Peter Klopfer	Martha Klopfer	Faraj	6:11	Centur + 20
51	Dennis Fesler	Annette Fesler	Paloma Picasso	6:14	Century
52	Chris Knock	Cheryl Knock	Cardigan	6:24	Open
53	Judy Gonzalez	Ellen McCrary	Bashe	6:27	Open
54	Kathy Kelly	Liz Carey	Redbird	6:30	Open
55	Cheryl Miller	Ted Miller	Fancy Pants	6:31	Pro/Am
56	Amy Ford	Suzanne Sullivan	Bit O' Class	6:32	Masters
57	Frank Lieberman	Paul Robinson	Running Bear	6:37	Century
58	Pat McDonald	Ed Vandenhoogen	Skeeter	6:38	Century
59	Kyala Shea	Anna Birkus	Chardonnay	6:41	Novice
60	Harvey Hoehstetter	Raymond Thoya	Nature's Ricochet	6:47	Pro/Am
61	Jan Keefer	Fuclista Saarinen	Sierra	7:02	Pro/Am
62	Kathy Broaddus	Lani Newcomb	Prince Asheem	7:21	Open
63	Bill Logan	Mike Stewart	Kalua	7:29	Masters
64	Clint Christofk	Heidi Agler	Tango	7:31	Junior
65	Cliff Lewis	Tom Lewis	Galactic	7:38	Open
66	Chet Relyea	Judy Teichman	Fox	7:42	Century + 20
67	Marci Cook	Sheryl sedam	Ala Alexia	7:57	Pro/Am
68	Lyn DeLamas	Joan Ruprecht	C-Bow's Gola	8:01	Century
69	Sheryl Ferguson	Michelle Jay	Puck	8:44	Pro/Am

## 1997 EASYBOOT RIDE & TIE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

A very special THANKS to GARRETT FORD, who threw the support of his company. EASYBOOT, behind the Ride & Tie Association. Without him, the 1997 Easyboot Ride & Tie Championship would have been IMPOSSIBLE.

Now, say "THANKS!" again. Curt Riffle reports that Garrett has pledged his support for the 1998 Championship *even though the number of participants this year did not meet his criteria for continuing sponsorship. BUT WE'VE GOT TO DO BETTER NEXT YEAR, FOLKS!*

THANKS also go to SKIP LIGHTFOOT, who, in the name of LIGHTFOOT STABLES in San Jose, CA, has pledged additional financial support for the 1997 and the 1998 Championships.

Lari Shea, site manager of the race and owner of Ricochet Ridge Ranch in Fort Bragg, donated \$500 that she received from the Ride & Tie Association to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Mendocino Coast, and passed a hat at the awards banquet following the race for another \$755 – a total donation of \$1,255.

Thank you, Lari and thanks to everyone who gave a little more.

### Non Completions

Robert Eichstaedt	Wayne Hinrichs	Silver Fox
Tom Christofk	Dan Barger	Pogo
Gordy Ainsleigh	Diane Marquard	Buck Mt. Bez
Kent McLaren	Vince Balch	Nakita
Mark Driscoll	Don Roth	Julia's Prode
Garret Ford	Lisa Ford	Flash
Jonathan Jordan	Tara Jordan	Malika

## Championship Participants



The folks at Jackson State Forest would very much appreciate letters from a few Ride & Tie folks expressing thanks for use of the forest for the race. It seems the

new area manager is very much against using the forest for recreation, one of his fears being that people will see how pretty it is and protest future logging. Key words are: cooperation of Jackson State Forest staff, in particular Tess Albin-Smith, Merv Pyorre and Hal Slack; Camp One area being ideal for group activities, value to the public of State of CA, and (most importantly) horseback riding being compatible with logging activities. Might be a good idea to mention other logging companies (i.e. Simpson, Big Creek, etc.) which have enthusiastically invited R&T to return in subsequent years. Letters should be directed to:

Richard Wilson  
Director of Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
P.O. Box 944246  
Sacramento, CA 94244-21460

Copies of letters would be appreciated by:

Tess Albin-Smith  
Jackson State Forest  
1185 Main St.  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

## WHO SAYS THERE'S NOTHING GOOD ON T.V. ?

Ride & Tie was the featured sport on July 19th's "Fitness Adventure" Produced by ML Production. "Fitness Adventures" is a regular program on the Outdoor Life Channel. The Big Creek Ride & Tie held May 17th in Davenport, CA was filmed by video crews as well as interviews with several competitors and an educational piece covering the "basics" of Ride & Tie. If you missed it on T.V. but would like to see it please call the Ride and Tie Association for a video copy. (916) 268-8474

Dear Curt,

What a fabulous experience, being part of the planning and production of the 1997 Easyboot Ride & Tie Championship! I met many a kindred souls with whom I look forward to future races.

Having Competed in and finishing this Championship event was an inspiring accomplishment for my daughter, foster daughter and two of the girls' closest friends. None of the four had ever done anything approaching this level of difficulty in the past, and it taught them wonderful lessons about themselves. If the future race directors wonder weather to shorten the course or make it flatter, remind them about these first time ever R&T's. Keep the championship an accomplishment above and beyond the rest of the races... keep it fair, but keep it tough!

Fond regards,

Lari Shea, Ricochet Ridge Ranch

## Say Cheese

Paul Kaplan took photos of many people along the Championship trail and in the vet checks. He will be displaying and selling prints at the Champagne Ride & Tie in August. He can also be contacted at his home.

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Speaking of photo's...

Please send any good photos that you have taken from previous races or related events for publication in the newsletter and for our new internet web page.



## THANKS

### NEW & RENEWED MEMBERS

The following is a list of those that have renewed their membership for 1997 or have become a new member since the previous (May/June) newsletter. Lists of new & renewed members have been published in the Nov/Dec, Jan/Feb, and March/April, May/June newsletters. If your name does not appear in any of these lists you are not a current member for the 1997 race season.

Bill Andrews	Jim Arquilla
Vincent Balch	Bill Barboni, D.V.M.
Anna Birkus	Audrey Bostian
Cindy Brown	Jan Bugge Keefer
Ann Butler	Chris Castillo
Linda Chernow	Marci Cook
Catherine Davis	Cory Davis
Bob Davis	Lyn De Llamas
Mark Driscoll	Alfonso Duran
David Fanara	Sheryl Ferguson
Annette Fesler	Dennis Fesler
Richard Fuess	John Ganahl
Marilyn Ganahl	Judy Gonzalez
Allison Herfindahl	Harvey Hoechstetter
Bill Johnson	Diane Johnson
Tara Jordan	Summer Kelley
Frank Leiberman	Cliff Lewis
Tom Lewis	Patrick McDonald
Sascha Mornell	Brian Purcell
Chris Reveley	Blake Ridgway
Paul Rink	Cathy Rolan
Jon Root	Lynn Rose
Fuchsia Saarinen	Tony Sandoval
Kyala Shea	Jeanne Sherfey
Laura Sloan	Bob Spoor
Chuck Stalley	Erik Stenson
Mike Stewart	Sid Sullivan
Raymond Thoya	Rachel Toor
Beth Van Wicklin	Con Wadsworth
Mark Worley	Leslie Yates

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Lon Clearwaters	John Osterweis
Leah Mirsch	Steve Shaw
Bradley & Clark Davis	Jim & D'Ann Steere, D.V.M.
Warren Hellman	Mary Tiscornia
Wayne & Robin Hinrichs	Ralph & Peggy Wadsworth
Mike & Cynthia Jepsen	Bud & Fran Johns
Lud & Barbara McCrary	

*If you were a "current" member for 1997 your 1997 membership card would be attached here.*

*Please don't wait until the last minute to renew. We want to make your 1997 race season as carefree and rewarding as we possibly can.*

*Help us help you. Renew!*

## HEY! HERE'S YOUR NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD

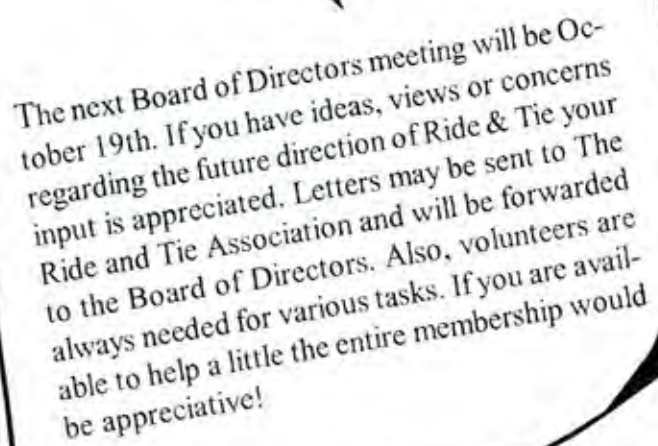
## Country Cousin Added To Hall of Fame

At the Championship awards banquet Terry Pentane was privileged to be asked to announce the induction of one of his long time partners, Country Cousin into the Ride & Tie Hall of Fame. Terry, Paul Rink ("Cous" owner) and "Cous" have competed in eleven Championship Ride & Tie's together.

To "Cous" credit he has completed more than 950 Ride & Tie miles, completed ten out of eleven championship starts, seven "Best Conditioned" honors (one of those being at a championship). Also he has 900 endurance racing miles to his credit, has played polo, cross country jumped, shown in western pleasure, packed and worked cattle.

As Terry spoke words of love and respect about his four legged partner "Cous" was led out for all to admire. The special bond between a horse and a man was never more obvious as Paul stood beaming with pride beside his beautiful sixteen years young chestnut gelding. The look of love in his eyes brought tears to most. It was clear that Ride & Tie horses are not "just" horses or transportation, they are our comrades, our friends, our family.

Congratulations Country Cousin.



The next Board of Directors meeting will be October 19th. If you have ideas, views or concerns regarding the future direction of Ride & Tie your input is appreciated. Letters may be sent to The Ride and Tie Association and will be forwarded to the Board of Directors. Also, volunteers are always needed for various tasks. If you are available to help a little the entire membership would be appreciative!

## Coming Up In The September/October Newsletter

TEVIS CUP- Ride & Tiers prove they are both athletes and horsemen.

VOODOO MEDICINE - a multi-part series about new technology, nutritional supplements, etc. that are available for the conditioning, injury prevention and treatment of our horses. Bioscan, magnetics, chiropractic, probiotics are just a few we will look into.

Anreotti, Robin Klaus and Jon Root will be replacing Byron Grant. Chris & Cheryl Knoch and Curt Riffle. Remaining on the board are Lon Clearwaters, Leah Mirsch, Ellen McCrary, Steve Shaw, John Osterweis, Jim Steere and Mary Tiscornia.

Replacing Curt Riffle as President is Mary Tiscornia. Mary is one of the rare people that have been involved with Ride & Tie since the very first "Levi Ride & Tie." Mary is a Founding member of the Ride and Tie Association and has served on the Board of Directors since its inception. Her focus as President will be on maintaining the reputation of quality and challenge at the Championship event and continue pursuit of the associations previous goals of making the Associa-


## NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED

The Ride and Tie Association would like to announce and welcome its new members of the Board of Directors. **Dave**

tion as well as the championship event fiscally sound. She is looking forward to working with Jon Root, 1998 Championship Ride & Tie race site director, as well as all the other board members and volunteers that will be helping to make 1998 another GREAT year for Ride & Tie. Her views on the future of Ride & Tie are conservative. It is her belief that the decline in participants since the creation of Ride & Tie is due to the tremendous amount of options available to people now. Endurance riding, ultra running, triathlons, etc. have all diluted the available pool of people that would typically be attracted to Ride & Tie. She believes that Ride & Tie is a special sport that attracts a special sort of person. She is proud that Ride & Tie has a reputation of being "tough" but "doable." Her conviction is that the championship event should remain "a definite challenge" basing her views on the statistics that prove even Novices have completed championship races. She is mostly proud of the quality of people in Ride & Tie. "Ride & Tiers are not only great athletes but great people. The good sportsmanship and camaraderie of our competitors is our hallmark. I feel privileged to be a part of it."

## CHECK IT OUT

Our new web site, [www.rideandtie.org](http://www.rideandtie.org), has been generating quite a bit of interest. Over 20 different people have responded via e-mail for additional information about Ride & Tie and how to become involved in our sport. This is not just designed to tickle the interest of newcomers, it has race results, schedules of upcoming races, partner matching, news and will continue to expand as time goes on. This is a great way to keep up on the latest in Ride & Tie. Our Webmaster, Robert Eichstaedt has and is continuing to get our webpage linked to other sport and equine related webpages on the net.



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## The Rat Pack Attack is Back

After slacking off all spring, it's time to get the competition going for the Velveta Cup. There are 4 remaining major ride and ties and still only 4 major rat packs. The Cool Rats have had bragging rights to the Cup for the year and with a greater point emphasis on amateur and novices, any pack can win by just bringing in a few newcomers.

The SLO Rats will host the Champagne Ride and Tie. The Bag Rats will host Bloomfield Boogie. The Cool Rats will host the Pro-am Cool Ride and Tie. And the Championship will be deter-

mined at Cuyamaca hosted by the Desert Rats.

Since the entire idea behind this event is to entice more people to get hooked by ride and tie, I've decided to raise the points for an amateur partner to 5 points. The next best thing to do is to bring an old timer back. So the points for having a partner that has not competed in 1996&1997 will be raised to 3 points. Every competitor will get 1 point. If both partners are from the same pack, they get a bonus of 1 point. All amateurs and old timers be-

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long to the pack of their pro partner. (So you can recruit a partner from the south pole and your pack get the points.)

Well, that's about it from the head cheese. Let's see how many new people we can entice into our sport. After all, it's for their own good. **Jon Root**

## Now what have I done?

After running a clean campaign without money from China, I was successful at being elected to the Ride and Tie Association Board.

I figured it was time to quit complaining about the way things were and get involved in the way things are going to be. My first order of business is to procure the race site for 1998. This ain't no piece of cake. I want to make this the best race ever. But I'm sure every race director before me has said the same thing. The more involved I get into the event, the larger the task appears. So I have enlisted the help of several people already.



Judy Haulman will be race day race director since I plan to compete. She will be involved from day 1, attend all the meetings and probably know more than I will by race day. Won't you Judy!!!

I intend to design the course to be a little shorter and easier than previous races. Base camp will be at 7,000' elevation so I don't think we need to have a difficult or long course. I've heard mixed comments about this. My take on it is that the course does not make a championship. I think that it can inhibit newcomers from signing on though. I feel that the Competition, the Potluck, the Calcutta, the Family feeling, sitting around campfires telling lies, and the anticipation is what makes the race special to me. That is what brings me back every year. Not the hard course. If you want real hard and long and tough, do the 100.

With a shorter course, I think we can bring back some of the hundreds of people who used to do ride and ties.

The time commitment it takes to train you and your horse for a long course is huge. I think you can grab just about any Arabian and train it for a few months and it can fin-

ish a 30 mile ride and tie. It seems like when they get beyond 30 miles is when they get in trouble. Like wise with humans.

Also, as I looked around at the family, we are getting old. We need to get some young blood in the sport. It's pretty bad when a bunch of 40 year olds are still the faster runners out there. Nothing against 40 year olds since I'm one of them but I know how fast I'm not. There are literally thousands of guys in California faster than I am. Lets get some of those guy and girls.

Well, I hope that I fired a few of you people up. This sport needs to get a few more people fired up. If just a handful of people do everything, they quickly burn out. So let's spread the load, get involved. Come up to me or Judy or Dave Andriotti or Tom Chirstofk or any Cool Rat and ask what you can do to help. We may not have a task for you right then but leave your phone # and someone will call you back.

Jon Root  
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## Virginia Ride & Tie For Special Olympics 20 Miles

1	Kathy Broaddus	Lani Newcomb	Au Jus	2:55
DNF	Jean Lichtenberger	Pete Wilson	Abou	

### Best Conditioned Award - Au Jus

#### Short Course - 10 Miles

1	Mark Lovecky	Kim Burns	Cloud	1:17
2	Greg Voell	Jill Adler	Diddley	1:24
3	Denise Bramhall	Karen Pape	Cracker Jack	1:58
4	Ann Crandal	Zoe Sollenberger	Bozz	1:58
DNF	Bret VanVracken	Alex Laughlin	Misty	

#### Shorter Course - 5 Miles

1	Stephen Bradford	Jesse Bradford	Silver Lily	1:07
2	Lori Kaiser	Kristin McCubbins	R.F. Tabriz	1:08
DNF	Janice Haug	Bob Heltibridle	Timber	

#### Stick Horse - 5 Miles

1	John Barret	Curt Meadows	Stick	0:56
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# RACE RESULTS

## Prineville 25 Miles

1	Lew Hollander	Dennis Rinde	Mis P	2:23
2	Chris Springet	Sid Sullivan	Shadrack	2:35
3	Paul Greathouse	Bill Mintiens	Stormy	3:08
4	Ted Ruprecht	Julie Moreland	Abay	3:21
5	Cynthia Peticolas	Becket Fiedler	Fire Mountam	3:26
6	Ellen McCrary	Tanya Durke	Nick	3:54
7	Jim Dort	Mark Worley	Big Jim	4:04
8	Debbie Hansen	Elizabeth Schafer	Sonny	4:49

### Best Conditioned Award - Shadrack

#### Short Course - 8 Miles

1	Susie Morrill	Dennis O'Brian	Blue	1:13
2	Becky Jacobs	Birdie Worley	Captain Brown	1:43

## Quicksilver Pro/Am - 23 Miles

1	Dan Barger	Tom Christofk	Pogo	2:16
2	Mark Richtman	Dana Hooper	Eli	2:23
3	Ellen McCray	Dennis Rinde	Scots Bilexios	2:35
4	Paul Rink	Blake Ridgeway	Bezane	2:39
5	Laurie Riebeling	Laurel Anderson	Omega Sun	2:39 Pro/Am
6	Rufus Schneider	Thom Guerra	Justin	2:41 Pro/Am
7	Chris Turney	Raschel Hutton	Budweiser	2:41 Pro/Am
8	Russ Keirman	Frank Leiberman	Running Bear	2:49 Pro/Am
9	George Hall	Don Betts	Clown	2:50
10	Elaine Ruprecht	Simone Julian	Cinmaron	2:51 Pro/Am
11	Curt Riffle	Corrinne Stewart	Corky	2:52 Pro/Am
12	Don Roth	Craig Tempey	Julia's Pride	2:52 Pro/Am
13	Cindy Foster	Marilyn Ganahl	Psycho	2:58 Pro/Am
14	Dennis Tracy	Judy Reens	Eek	2:58 Pro/Am
15	Jonathan Jordan	Camille Williams	Quake	3:02 Pro/Am
16	Arleene Foater	John Ganahl	Linda	3:03 Pro/Am
17	GARY Webb	Gabrielle Mann	Gaffy	3:03
18	WARREN Hellman	David Tarpinian	Joe	3:04
19	Lorrie Barger	Torrea Snow	Mavrick	3:05 Pro/Am
20	Linda Mornell	Curlena Rigg	Macho	3:06 Pro/Am
21	Linnea Hearst	Michael Hearst	La Farra	3:08
22	Kathy Kelly	Jennifer Dunn	Chief	3:19 Pro/Am
23	Chris Derr	DAvid Foster	PJ	3:27 Pro/Am
24	Maryben Stover	Steve Shaw	HBC Razbari	3:40 Pro/Am
25	Jim Brown	Cindy Brown	Nebask	3:47 Pro/Am
26	Jaenine McCrary	Amanda Shuey	Sierra	4:17 Pro/Am
27	Dave Van Wicklin	Beth Van Wicklin	Mr. Bo Jangles	4:37 Pro/Am
28	Marci Cook	Jenny Kirk	Ala Alexia	5:01 Novice
DNF	Steve Anderson	Vince Balch	Prince Shebar	

### Best Condition Award - Pogo (Owned by Tom Christofk)

#### Short Course - 10 Miles

1	Diane Enderle	Liz Maitoza	Demon	Novice
2	Nancy Kerns	Jamie Tanaka	Toya	

## Double Dipper 50 Miles

1	Kathy Broaddus	Lani Newcomb	Fleet	11:15
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#### Short Course - 25 Mile

DNF	Jean Lichtenberger	Christine McCubbin	RF Tabriz	
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## Strong Ride & Tie 22 Miles

1	David Foster Jr.	Cindy Foster	Tazmire	2:50
2	Vince Balch	Arleene Foster	Linda	2:50
3	Jonathan Jordan	tara Hinojosa	Quake	2:58
4	Penny Deary	Robin Tustison	Jaycee	3:02
5	David Foster	Steve Tustison	Plain Jane	3:40

### Best Condition Award - Tazmire

**Big Creek 30 Miles**

1	Mark Richtman	Brian Purcell	Eli	3:46
2	Dan Barger	Tom Christofk	Pogo	3:58
3	Steve Shaw	Jon Priest	Merlin	4:09
4	Laurie Riebeling	Kathy Appleby	Cinder	4:22
5	Dutch Widler	Becky Widler	Don	4:30
6	Mary Tiscornia	Bob Spoor	Albi	4:33
7	Robert Eichstaedt	Chris Snell	Silver Fox	4:45
8	Gabrielle Mann	David Tarpinian	Samurai	4:50
9	Jeff Herten	Jim Hurley	Rocky Top	5:02
10	Curt Riffle	Skip Lightfoot	Corky	5:03
11	Warren Hellman	Roger Dike	Joe	5:06
12	George Hall	Robin Klaus	Rafiq	5:11
13	Lorrie Barger	Torrea Snow	Mavrick	5:13
14	Linda Mornell	Curlena Rigg	Macho	5:15
15	Tony Brickel	Jeff Windeshausen	Super Delight	5:22
16	Tim Hinrichs	Shellie Hatfield	NV Expressahn	5:36
17	Bill Johnson	Diane Johnson	Juan	5:39
18	Dennis Fessler	Annette Fessler	Paloma Picasso	5:43
19	Debby Lyon	Diane Tryde	Belesemo Malik	5:58
20	Jan Kahdeman	Cindy Brown	Negaski	6:21
21	Byron Grant	Bob Edwards	Rallon Zac Rullah	6:23
22	Clint Christofk	Heidi Agler	Tango	6:26
23	Ellen McCrary	Susan Huff	Flyby	6:30
24	Bill Logan	Diane Logan	Kalua	6:38
25	Judy Teichman	Chet Relyea	Sahara	6:46
26	Leslie Yates	Tom Highland	Smidgeon	7:01
	DNF Darlene Chaney	Anne Horton	Ernie	
	DNF Lon Clearwaters	Jim Arquilla	Miami Spice	
	DNF Dennis Rinde	Jim Howard	Cinnaron	
	DNF Chris Turney	Pat Browning	Flag	
	DNF Gary Webb	Cindy Foster	Ggaffon	

Best Condition Award - Pogo (Owned by Tom Christofk)



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## UPDATED 1997 RACE SCHEDULE

7-25-97 EDITION - SANCTIONED RIDE & TIE EVENTS

**August 16****Santa Cruz, CA****Swanton Pacific 100**

Ellen McCrary

318 Swanton Road

Davenport, CA 95017

(408)423-6089

100 miles

limited entries call for info

**September 13****Grass Valley, CA****Bloomfield Boogie**

Jon Root

Post Office Box 2883

Grass Valley, CA 95945

(916)268-2298

13/26 miles

**August 23****Santa Cruz, CA****Champagne**

Steve Shaw

155 Baltusrol Drive

Aptos, CA 95003

(408)685-3436

30 miles

**September 27****Boulder, CO****Colorado**

Brad Patterson

2740 West Elizabeth

Fort Collins, CO 80521

(970)484-5560

20 miles

**August 31****Gardnerville, NV****A Brief Nevada Ride & Tie**

Gary Ceragioli

752 Quarter Circle Dr.

Gardnerville, NV 89401

(916)694-2972

27 miles

**October 4****Auburn, CA (Pro-Am)****Cool**

Suzanne Remillard

1971 American River Trail

Cool, CA 95614

(916)823-0973

11/22 miles

**Nov. 2****Hume, VA****Marriott Ranch**

Dan Neja

5305 Marriott Lane

Hume, VA 22639

(540)364-2627

5/12/20 miles

**November 1****San Diego, CA****Cuyamaca**

Arlene Foster

38230 Lorenzo Lane

Hemet, CA 92544

(909)767-1237

15/36 miles

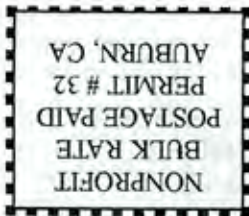
The Ride & Tie Association 916-268-8474  
(Race locations are larger towns for area reference only)

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

PRUNEDALE, CA 93907  
58 ECHO VALLEY ROAD  
DON BETTS

CURRENT 97

(916) 268-8474  
95949  
GRASS VALLEY, CA  
11734 WOLF RD.



### MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please mail to:  
11734 Wolf Rd. Grass Valley, CA 95949

### TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

(check your choice of membership)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

- I am a Rider
- I am a Runner
- I need a teammate and a horse
- I have a horse, but need a teammate
- I have a horse to loan or lease

- Lifetime member** (\$500) Pay no more annual membership fees and receive a \$25 discount on Championship race entry fee
- Competitor Member** (\$50) Provides access to the membership database which can link up teammates with horse, riders and runners.
- Competitor Family Membership** (\$75) Immediate family residing at one address. Please list all names to be included.
- New Member-1st Year** (\$20) Offered at a reduced rate for those checking the sport out. Equivalent to a competitor membership
- New Family Membership** (\$35) Immediate family residing at one address. Please list all names to be included.
- Supporter** (\$100 or more) Same benefits as a competitor member plus a \$10 discount on Championship race entry fee.
- Friend of the Ride & Tie** (\$20) Not an actual competitor but would like to show their support for ride & tie. Included in all Association mailings.

*All categories of membership will receive Ride & Tie News bimonthly. The Ride & Tie Journal annually. Information and applications for the annual World Championship Ride & Tie, advocacy for growth and competition in all aspects of the sport, inclusion and eligibility for the national point system and assurance of the continuance of the sport of Ride & Tie. As a 501(c)(3) non profit organization, these membership contributions are tax deductible.*

### HORSE REGISTRATION FORM (ONE HORSE PER FORM)

### OWNER (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

REGISTERED NAME OF HORSE \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (NICK NAME) As you wish it to appear in future race results \_\_\_\_\_

GELDING  MARE  STALLION BREED \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_