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34th Annual Ride & Tie World Championship Results Announced
Howard snatches record seventh World Title

June 30, 2004 – Fort Bragg, California – The Ride and Tie Association, the organization dedicated to promoting the combined running and equine endurance sport of ride and tie, announced results of the 34th Annual Ride & Tie World Championship, held on a remote stretch of the Mendocino Coast just north of the town of Fort Bragg this past weekend.

Defending World Champion team Jim Howard and Dennis Rinde riding Magic Sirocco, completed the rugged thirty-five mile course in a winning time of 4:01:20. Howard now holds an unparalleled record seven Ride & Tie World Titles. Howard's first title was garnered in 1981: his record at the top of the sport spans twenty-four years. A winning combination, Howard and Rinde have partnered for the World Championship Ride & Tie numerous times, and have been crowned World Champions in three of those attempts. With the top team holding previous World Titles, the \$1000 novice win prize money, dubbed Pat's Purse, again went unclaimed.

In second place overall the woman/woman team of Laurie Wilson and Brandi Page riding Nightcap stunned the crowd with the highest woman/woman team placement in the thirty-four years of the Ride & Tie World Championship. This team completed the course in 4:24:39. Wilson is a six time woman/woman World Champion title holder, most recently winning the 2003 woman/woman category in fourth place overall. This year was the first World Championship for Page. The two leased their horse, Nightcap, from race director Lari Shea, for the event. At the pre-race briefing Bud Johns, the inventor of the sport of ride and tie, announced his conviction a woman/woman team will eventually win the overall Ride & Tie World Championship title. This year was the closest to making his prediction a reality.

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Veteran endurance competitors Jim Brown and Russ Kiernan, in third place overall, also won their age category. In the team sport of ride and tie, age categories are defined by the combined runners' ages. With a combined age of 120+ years, Brown and Kiernan won the Century in the Saddle +20 category. The team rode Yaquar Adonai, owned by Cindy Brown, to win the highly acclaimed Best Condition prize, awarded by the panel of veterinarians to the horse finishing the race in the fittest physical condition.

In fourth place overall, now repeat World Champions in the man/woman category, were Sid Sullivan and Mary Tiscornia riding Albi. This trio first captured the World title when they previously teamed together in 2001. Tiscornia is the only athlete to have competed in every Ride & Tie World Championship since the sport's inception in 1971.

By special invitation, international teams represented their countries at the 2004 Ride & Tie World Championship. Teams from Australia and Germany accepted the challenge and flew in to try their hand at the sport. Little seen outside the USA, the sport involves a great deal of team strategy usually developed over time. With no chance to experience the sport before the World Championship, the international teams were coached remotely by experienced competitors who volunteered to mentor the foreign teams. Both teams completed the course; Australia taking twenty-fourth place overall, and Germany placing thirtieth.

Dr Jim Steere, D.V.M., head vet for the 2004 Ride & Tie World Championship, has been either veterinarian or competitor in the sport for the past thirty years. On behalf of his entire staff at this event Dr. Steere complimented the competitors on the care they provided their steeds. Not a single competitor was pulled from the event. The only team to withdraw did so at the decision of the runners: their horse was fit to continue.

Race director Lari Shea hosted this year's Ride & Tie World Championship at the private ranch, Simcha, just north of Fort Bragg, California on the spectacular Mendocino Coast. It was the first year at this site with the course running up and down rugged coastal terrain, and through redwood forests. The 2005 World Championship will be held at an as yet undisclosed location.

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About the Sport of Ride & Tie

The sport of Ride & Tie combines trail running, endurance riding, and strategy. The goal is to get all three team members, two humans and one horse, across a 20 to 100 mile cross-country course by alternating riding and running. Everyone starts out together. The rider, being faster, rides ahead and ties the horse to a tree, and then continues down the trail on foot. The team member who started out on foot gets to the horse, unties, mounts up and rides past the runner, ties the horse ... and this leapfrog continues the entire course. When, where, and how a team exchanges riding for running is almost entirely up to each team to develop their own strategy.

About The Ride and Tie Association

The Ride and Tie Association is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of the sport of Ride & Tie and safe endurance horse management. Over 150 years old, Ride & Tie originated in the old West, where frontiersmen discovered two men could travel great distances at a fast pace without wearing down the horse if they traded off. Ride & Tie was invented as a sport and gained national attention in 1971 when Levi Strauss sponsored the first Levi's Ride & Tie. The Association offers a mentor program, partner matching, training videos, hosts practice Ride & Ties, and sanctions regional and national events. For more information about Ride & Tie, visit the web site at www.rideandtie.org or call (650) 949 2321.

2004 World Championship Ride & Tie – Results

Place	Runner 1	City, State	Runner 2	City, State	Horse	Time
1	Jim Howard	Applegate, CA	Dennis Rinde	Davenport, CA	Magic Sirocco	4:01:20
2	Brandi Page	S. Francisco, CA	Laurie Wilson	Mill Valley, CA	Nightcap	4:24:39
3	Jim Brown	Healdsburg, CA	Russ Kiernan	Mill Valley, CA	Yaquar Adonai	4:37
4	Mary Tiscornia	Larkspur, CA	Sid Sullivan	Boise, ID	Albi	4:42
5	Thom Steere	Mill Valley, CA	Jonnie Alper	Mill Valley, CA	Wesob	4:48
6	Curt Riffle	Los Altos, CA	Dave Riffle	Woodinville, WA	Majik	4:56
7	Warren Hellman	S. Francisco, CA	Jeff Townsend	Los Gatos, CA	Lakota Mare	4:57
8	David de la Rosa	Santa Ynez	Mike Fraysse	Redondo Bch., CA	Anna Mia	5:01:15
9	Robert Ribley	Grass Valley, CA	Melissa Ribley	Grass Valley, CA	Shifty	5:01:40
10	Lew Hollander	Bend, OR	Debbie Wagner	Park City, UT	Najaim	5:02
11	John Osterweis	S. Francisco, CA	Max Osterweis	Brooklyn, NY	Zar Za Fire	5:05
12	Jim Clover	Grants Pass, OR	Annette Parsons	Grants Pass, OR	Bones	5:12:33
13	Alina Vale	San Diego, CA	Jennifer Tiscornia	Stinson Bch., CA	KD Kooteney	5:12:55
14	Byron Grant	Arroyo Grnde., CA	Paul Johnson	Moscow, ID	Eddy	5:32
15	Dana Tryde	Los Osos, CA	Eric Michielssen	Los Osos, CA	Fallen Star	5:34
16	Doyle Eggers	Prundale, CA	Frank Lieberman	Cool, CA	Pizazz	5:37
17	Steve Anderson	Santa Clara, CA	Elizabeth Carey	Lodi, CA	Basia	5:42
18	Dave Wagner	Park City, UT	Lewis Hollander III	Bend, OR	Mis P	5:48

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19	Don Strong	Grass Valley, CA	Kurt Miller	Grass Valley, CA	Zheke	6:02
20	Dave van Wicklin	Foresthill, CA	Celina Brun	Tucson, AZ	Jazz	6:04
21	Carol Ruprecht	Newport Bch., CA	Ted Ruprecht	Trinidad, CA	Olympian	6:08
22	Tracy Evans	Redding, CA	Jennifer Powell	Redding, CA	Rasan	6:18:35
23	Karen Wolfsheimer	Baton Rouge, LA	Genevieve Proulx	Quebec, Canada	Rascal	6:19:52
24	Jason Laws-King	Australia	Sasha Laws-King	Australia	Shadow	6:19:57
25	Kathy Broaddus	Herndon, VA	Lani Newcomb	Herndon, VA	Victory	6:38:08
26	Jonathan Jordan	Alpine, CA	Tara Jordan	Alpine, CA	Flyer	6:56:40
27	Cheryl Domnitch	Grass Valley, CA	Michele Jay-Russell	Sacramento, CA	Mocha	7:01:20
28	Melanie Wier	Orange, CA	Rick Noer	Fountn. Valley, CA	Kamanche	7:04:06
29	Ellen Rinde	Davenport, CA	Leslie Yates	Columbia, MO	Fire	7:08:18
30	Kirsten Seyferth	Germany	Barbara Bohnke	Germany	Scatris	7:13:55
31	George Hall	Santa Cruz, CA	Don Betts	Sequim, WA	Gavilan	7:23:32

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