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, Sandalaro, is Con’s endurance horse.

There was Mark Richman 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 four-time winner of the Best Condition title.

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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 Richman and Brian Purcell.

Of course, a few other teams raised some bidding interests. The team of Gino Pemilia and Eric Stenson, always intense and competitive, drew good money. Kathy Appleby and Laurie Riebling 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 Andrett? Which of the four Waggers 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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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 Knoche 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 a crowd of anorexia. 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 Parcell, 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 by Gino Pannila and then Jon Root, galloping by on obviously keen horses. The question was answered when Tom Christof, following on foot a minute later, commented, “We’ve got no horse; there’s something wrong.”

At the first vet check, essentially a trot, 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 Sandefaro.

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 Riebling 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 by before the third place horse, Sandelero, 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, just felt good all day, and Michelle amazed me with how fast she was going. 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 & tie, 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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First in the Junior division (one runner is under 13) 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 Lou Clearwaters and Jim Arquilla. The Century Plus 10 division (combined ages of the riders is 110 or more) was won by Russ Kierman and Warren Hellman; the team also finished 22nd overall. The Century Plus 20 division was won by Peter and Martha Klopf, of Durham, NC. They finished 51st overall.

Other division winners included veteran ride & tie Lew Hollander, who competed with amateur Sid Sullivan to place 13th overall and first in the Pre-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 Christoff 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 Christoff." Tom, clearly touched by the speech, returned to his seat after the presentation as Dr. Jim Steere remarked, "Boy, we can get tear-y-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 Pemilia, 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
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.
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 Pyror 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 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
Vincent Belch
Anna Birkas
Cindy Brown
Ann Butler
Linda Chernov
Catherine Davis
Bob Davis
Mark Driscoll
David Fanara
Annette Fefer
Richard Fuess
Marilyn Ganaahl
Allison Herfindahl
Bill Johnson
Tara Jordan
Frank Leiberman
Tom Lewis
Sascha Mornell
Chris Reveley
Paul Rink
Jon Root
Felicia Saarinen
Kyala Sheg
Laura Sloan
Chuck Stalley
Mike Stewart
Raymond Tidwell
Beth Van Wicklin
Mark Warley
Jim Arquilla
Bill Barboni, D.V.M.
Audrey Bostian
Jan Biege Keefer
Chris Castello
Maci Cook
Corey Davis
Lyn De Llamos
Allison Duran
Sheryl Fergusen
Dennis Fesler
John Ganahl
Judy Gonzalez
Harvey Hochstetter
Diane Johnson
Summer Kelley
Cliff Lewis
Patrick McDonald
Brian Purcell
Blake Ridgway
Cathy Rollin
Lynn Rose
Tony Sandoval
Jeanne Shefery
Bob Spoor
Erik Stenson
Sid Sullivan
Rachel Toor
Con Wadsworth
Leslie Yates

FOUNDING MEMBERS
Lon Clearwaters
Leah Mirich
Bradley & Clark Davis
Warren Heilman
Wayne & Robin Hinrichs
Mike & Cynthia Jepson
Lud & Barbara McCrary

John Osterweis
Steve Shaw
Jim & D'Ann Steere, D.V.M.
Mary Tiscornia
Ralph & Peggy Wadsworth
Bad & Fran John

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 multipart 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.

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 Anreottti, Robin Klaus and Jon Root will be replacing Byron Gram, Chris & Cheryl Knoch and Curt Riffle. Remaining on the board are Lon Clearwaters, Leah Mirisch, Ellen McCravy, Steve Shaw, John Osterweisz, 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 Association 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 website, www.rideandtie.org, has been generating quite a bit of interest. Over 20 different people have responded via email 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.
The Rat Pack Attack is Back

After slacking off all year, it's time to get the competition going for the Velveta Cup. There are 4 remaining major races and ties and 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 determined 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 belong 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 to the event. 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 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 finish 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. Let's 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 Chirstofsk or any Cool Rat and ask you 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.

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Virginia Ride & Tie For Special Olympics
20 Miles

1  Kathy Broadus  Last Newcomb  Au Jus  2:55
DNF Jean Lichtenberger Pete Wilson  Abou

Best Conditioned Award - Au Jus

Short Course - 10 Miles
1  Mark Lovecky  Kim Barrs  Cloud  1:17
2  Greg Voell  Jill Adler  Diddle  1:24
3  Denise Bramhall  Karen Pape  Cracker Jack  1:58
4  Ann Kranal  Zoe Sollenberger  Bozz  1:58
DNF Bret VanVranken Alex Laughlin  Misty

Shorter Course - 5 Miles
1  Stephen Bradford  Jesse Bradford  Silver Lily  1:07
2  Lori Kaiser  Kristin McCubins  R.F. Tabriz  1:08
DNF Janette Haug Bob Hefti-Criddle  Timber

Stick Horse - 5 Miles
1  John Barret  Curt Meadows  Stick  0:56

RACE RESULTS

Prineville 25 Miles

1  Lew Holland  Dennis Rine  Miss P  2:23
2  Chris Springer  Sid Sullivan  Shadrack  2:35
3  Paul Greathouse  Bill McIntire  Stormy  3:08
4  Ted Ruprecht  Julie Moreland  Abay  3:21
5  Cynthia Pelczarski  Becky Fiedler  Fire Mountain  3:26
6  Ellen McCray  Tonya Duke  Nick  3:54
7  Jim Ditt  Mark Werley  Big Jim  4:04
8  Debbie Hansen  Elizabeth Schafer  Sonny  4:49

Best Conditioned Award - Shadrack

Short Course - 8 Miles
1  Susan Moutt  Dennis O'Brien  Blue  1:13
2  Becky Jacobs  Birdie Werley  Captain Brown  1:43

Quicksilver Pro/Am - 23 Miles

1  Dan Barger  Tom Christofk  Pago  2:16
2  Mark Richtman  Dana Hooper  Eli  2:23
3  Ellen McClanahan  Dennis Rine  Scots Bilex  2:35
4  Paul Rink  Blake Ridgeway  Bezaan  2:39
5  Laurie Richel  Laurel Anderson  Omega Sun  2:39 Pro/Am
6  Rufus Schneider  Thomo Guerra  Justin  2:41 Pro/Am
7  Chris Turney  Raschel Hutton  Badweiser  2:41 Pro/Am
8  Russ Keirn  Frank Lemberg  Running Bear  2:49 Pro/Am
9  George Hall  Don Bates  Clown  2:50
10  Elaine Ruprecht  Simone Julian  Cimmaron  2:51 Pro/Am
11  Curt Riffle  Corinne Stewart  Corky  2:52 Pro/Am
12  Don Roth  Craig Tempey  Julia's Pride  2:52 Pro/Am
13  Cindy Foster  Mary Jo Gasold  Psycho  2:58 Pro/Am
14  Dennis Tracy  Judy Rees  Eek  2:58 Pro/Am
15  Jonathan Jordan  Camille Willians  Quake  3:02 Pro/Am
16  Arlene Foster  John Gasold  Linda  3:03 Pro/Am
17  Gary Webb  Gabrielle Mann  Golly  3:03
18  Warren Hallman  David Tarpunan  Joe  3:04
19  Lorrie Barger  Torre Stew  Mr. Vockermeyer  3:05 Pro/Am
20  Linda Tempel  Cheryl Rigg  Macho  3:06 Pro/Am
21  Linnae Hiest  Michael Heston  La Farra  3:08
22  Kathy Kelly  Jennifer Dunn  Chief  3:19 Pro/Am
23  Chris Devlin  David Foster  PJ  3:27 Pro/Am
24  Mary Ben Stover  Steve Shaw  HBC Raub  3:40 Pro/Am
25  Jan Brown  Cindy Brown  Nebraska  3:47 Pro/Am
26  Janine McCrae  Amanda Stueby  Sierra  4:17 Pro/Am
27  Dave Van Winkle  Beth Van Winkle  Mr. Bo Jangles  4:37 Pro/Am
28  Marci Cook  Jenny Kirk  Aka Alexia  5:01 Naviee

DNF Steve Anderson  Vince Bolen  Prince Shebar

Best Conditioned Award - Pogo (Owned by Tom Christofk)

Short Course - 10 Miles
1  Diane Enderle  Liz Maizotz  Demon  Novice
2  Nancy Kern  Jamie Tanaka  Toya

Double Dipper 50 Miles

1  Kathy Broadus  Last Newcomb  Fleet  11:15

DNF Jean Lichtenberger Christine McCubin  R.F. Tabriz

Best Conditioned Award - 23 Miles

Strong Ride & Tie 22 Miles

1  David Foster  Cindy Foster  Tazmire  2:50
2  Tony Balch  Arlene Foster  Linda  2:50
3  Jonathan Jordan  Tara Havens  Quake  2:58
4  Penny Deary  Robin Tustin  Layne  3:02
5  David Foster  Steve Tustin  Plain Jane  3:40

Best Conditioned Award - Tazmire
## Big Creek 30 Miles

|   | 1 Mark Richtman | 2 Dan Barger | 3 Steve Shaw | 4 Laurie Reichling | 5 Dutch Widler | 6 Mary Tscimia | 7 Robert Echtaalet | 8 Gabrielle Mann | 9 Jeff Herten | 10 Curt Riffle | 11 Warren Helmman | 12 George Hall | 13 Lorrie Barger | 14 Linda Marnell | 15 Tony Brickel | 16 Tam Himch | 17 Bill Johnson | 18 Dennis Fessler | 19 Dobby Lyon | 20 Jan Kehlten | 21 Byron Grant | 22 Clint Christo | 23 Ellen McCravy | 24 Bill Logan | 25 Judy Teichman | 26 Leslie Yates | **DNF** Darlene Chaneys | **DNF** Lonn Clearwaters | **DNF** Dennis Ringle | **DNF** Chris Turney | **DNF** Gary Webb |
|   | Mark Richtman | Dan Barger | Steve Shaw | Laurie Reichling | Dutch Widler | Mary Tscimia | Robert Echtaalet | Gabrielle Mann | Jeff Herten | Curt Riffle | Warren Helmman | George Hall | Lorrie Barger | Linda Marnell | Tony Brickel | Tam Himch | Bill Johnson | Dennis Fessler | Dobby Lyon | Jan Kehlten | Byron Grant | Clint Christo | Ellen McCravy | Bill Logan | Judy Teichman | Leslie Yates | Darlene Chaneys | Lonn Clearwaters | Dennis Ringle | Chris Turney | Gary Webb |
|   | 1 Mark | 2 Dan | 3 Steve | 4 Laurie | 5 Dutch | 6 Mary | 7 Robert | 8 Gabrielle | 9 Jeff | 10 Curt | 11 Warren | 12 George | 13 Lorrie | 14 Linda | 15 Tony | 16 Tam | 17 Bill | 18 Dennis | 19 Dobby | 20 Jan | 21 Byron | 22 Clint | 23 Ellen | 24 Bill | 25 Judy | 26 Leslie | Darlene | Lonn | Dennis | Chris | Gary |

**Best Condition Award - Pogo (Owned by Tom Christo)**

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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 McCravy
  - 318 Swanton Road
  - Davenport, CA 95017
  - (408) 423-6089
  - 100 miles
  - limited entries call for info

#### August 23
- **Santa Cruz, CA**
  - Champagne
  - Steve Shaw
  - 155 Baltusrol Drive
  - Aptos, CA 95003
  - (408) 685-3436
  - 30 miles

#### August 31
- **Gardnerville, NV**
  - A Brief Nevada Ride & Tie
  - Gary Ceragioli
  - 732 Quarter Circle Dr.
  - Gardenerville, NV 89401
  - (916) 694-2972
  - 27 miles

#### September 13
- **Santa Cruz, CA**
  - Swanton Pacific 100
  - Ellen McCravy
  - 318 Swanton Road
  - Davenport, CA 95017
  - (408) 423-6089
  - 100 miles
  - limited entries call for info

#### September 27
- **Boulder, CO**
  - Colorado
  - Brad Patterson
  - 2740 West Elizabeth
  - Fort Collins, CO 80521
  - (970) 484-5560
  - 20 miles

#### October 4
- **Auburn, CA (Pro-Am)**
  - Cool
  - Suzanne Remillard
  - 1971 American River Trail
  - Cool, CA 95614
  - (916) 823-0973
  - 11/22 miles

#### November 1
- **San Diego, CA**
  - Cuyamaca
  - Arlene Foster
  - 38230 Lorenzo Lane
  - Hemet, CA 92544
  - (909) 767-1237
  - 15/36 miles

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Nov. 2
- **Hume, VA**
  - Marriott Ranch
  - Dan Neja
  - 5305 Marriott Lane
  - Hume, VA 22639
  - (540) 364-2627
  - 5/12/20 miles

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

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

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

All categories of membership will receive Ride & Tie News bi-monthly: 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.

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

(check your choice of membership)

☐ 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.

HORSE REGISTRATION FORM (ONE HORSE PER FORM)

REGISTERED NAME OF HORSE ________________________________________________

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

☐ GELDING ☐ MARIE ☐ STALLION BREAD ____________________________

OWNER (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

Name ________________________________________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________________

Phone ________________________________________________________________