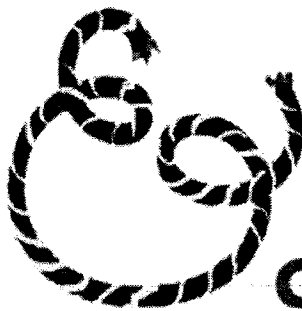


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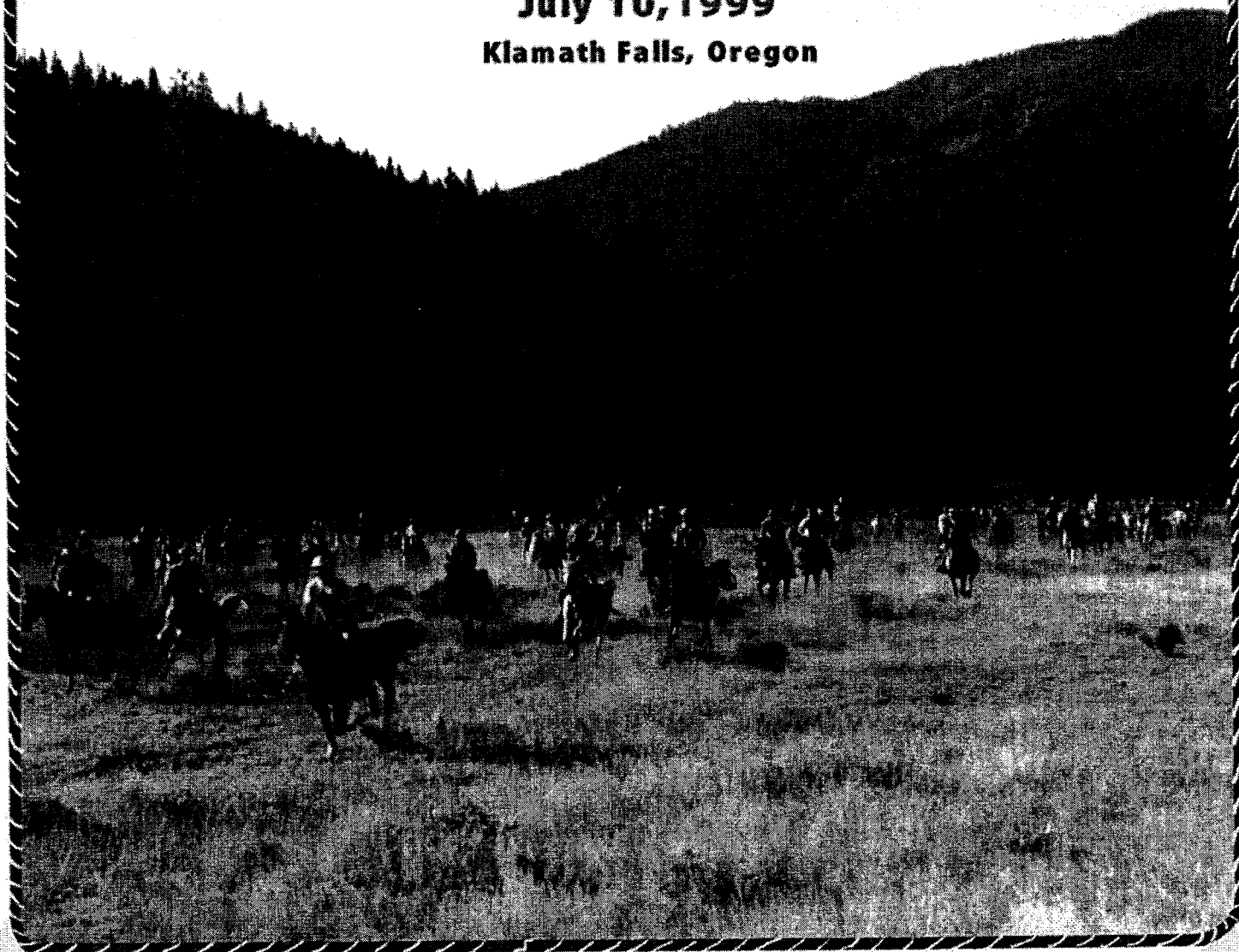


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July 10, 1999

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2 people, a horse and a tough race...

Welcome and Thanks!

Dear Participants, Crew and Spectators,
Welcome to the 29th Annual World Championship Ride & Tie, currently known as the Easyboot Ride & Tie Championship. The Easyboot Ride & Tie Championship is organized by the Ride & Tie Association and its many volunteers. Our gratitude and thanks to all of them and the other individuals and organizations who make this event possible.

We hope you enjoy your stay here and the excitement and camaraderie that accompany the race. We encourage all veteran ride & tiers to give special welcome to novices, and to make them feel truly welcome to the Ride & Tie family. If you are new to the sport, we extend an especially warm welcome to you. If there is anything we can do for you, please ask!

If you are not competing, but have come to watch, crew, or just enjoy the race, we hope you have a good time. But be careful! You may catch the enthusiasm and want to do the race yourself! So have fun and let yourself get into the sport. The rewards are endless!

We are fortunate to have Bud Johns and his lovely bride Frannie joining us! Bud invented the sport 29 years ago when he was the director of public relations for Levi Strauss & Co. Bud nurtured the event for many years until he retired from Levi's. We owe a lot to Bud! He's encouraged so many of us over the years, and set a standard of excellence in a friendly atmosphere. Thanks, Bud, for all you do, and Happy 70th Birthday! Thanks Frannie, for letting us celebrate with you.

There are many Bud Johns' converts that we owe thanks to, including Tim Kerns, who was the key to bringing us here to Klamath Falls. Tim has been indispensable in the organization of this race! His relationships with the people of Klamath Falls have opened up many doors to us. If it hadn't been for Tim, we wouldn't have Jennie and Cam's Rock Creek Ranch as our beautiful location. Tim, we owe you a very, very big THANK YOU! Tim's wife Melissa has been just as helpful. When you see Tim and Melissa make sure you thank them both!

Another two people to thank are Jennie and Cam Curtiss, owners of Rock Creek Ranch. We really appreciate their willingness to let us use their property. Thank you Cam, and Ron Kelly, his foreman, for setting the course. We're looking forward to rocking to Jennie & Cam's band, "Outta Nowhere."

We cannot say enough to thank all the sponsors, especially Garrett Ford of Easyboot, our title sponsor. Garrett has been patient with our organization and we appreciate it! Please show your appreciation by patronizing Easyboot and Sportack, Easycare's recent acquisition. Our many other sponsors are listed alphabetically in the Sponsors Section. If you have a chance, send them a letter to tell them how much you appreciate their contribution to our sport. And buy their products!

Without our dedicated volunteers, we could not survive! This year we're fortunate to have special identifying-shirts for the volunteers, thanks to Melissa Kerns and Mountain Monograms! Please make sure to thank the terrific people in the bright lemon yellow T-shirts for all their hard work. Make sure you give Jan Kelley, volunteer coordinator, an especially big thanks. Barbara Ravizza has earned an enormous thank you for dedicating many long hours to design the poster, T-shirt, buckles and merchandise logos. Another person who is wonderful beyond description is Laura Christofk, who managed to get all the wonderful award sponsors. Annette Parsons has been fantastic in her dedication to giving us an excellent course map. **THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!**

Sportsmanship and fair play are the passwords for Ride & Tie. May you all have fun and a great day on the course, whether you're racing, crewing, helping or cheering. Let the games begin!

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What is Ride & Tie?

Ride & Tie is the sport that combines running, riding, endurance and strategy. The sport of Ride & Tie is based on a means of transportation cited as far back as the 17th century and later in the Old West, that allowed two people with only one horse to travel great distances quickly without wearing down their horse. One story tells of a rancher who pursued cattle rustlers using his son and his one remaining horse. The team eventually took the rustlers by surprise and regained their property.

This method of transportation was rescued from historical obscurity in 1971 by Bud Johns of Levi Strauss & Co. who sponsored the first Levi's Ride & Tie. Fifty-nine teams ran in that race. Today there are numerous ride & tie races worldwide. The Easyboot Ride & Tie Championship, the showcase of the

sport, is held in the western United States in July. The sport attracts world class endurance athletes, housewives, doctors, fireman, lawyers and Chiefs.

At the start of a Ride & Tie race one partner begins riding and the other runs. When the rider has gone as far as he thinks his teammate can run, he dismounts, ties the horse to a tree and begins running. The teammate comes to the horse, which has had time to rest, and rides the next stretch. When he reaches his partner he can either give him the horse or ride past him and tie.

The team alternates between running and riding throughout the race. This process of "riding and tying" continues for the length of the race until both partners and their horse cross the finish line. The winning team usually finishes the approximately 40 mile championship race in around four hours, although

some teams take as long as eight hours to finish depending on weather and trail conditions.

Strategies differ. Some teams switch up to 100 times during the race. Others alternate only six times, the minimum amount required by the rules. In either case the top teams are fast! They average a six-minute mile pace during the race – while running across creeks, through forests and over mountains.

Ride & Tie teams can be composed of two men, two women, or mixed teams. Divisions for masters (over 40) Century in the saddle (combined runner ages of over 100) Century plus 10, Century plus 20, Profession/Amateur – all provide challenges for different types of teams. Previous contestants have ranged from 10 to 70. You'd be surprised; anyone who keeps moving and takes care of his horse can finish.

Galvanizing, grueling, and gratifying!

The Best Condition Award

by Head Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Steere

To some ride & tiers, winning the Best Condition Award is icing on the cake. This award signifies that not only was a horse capable of finishing with the best in the race, he accomplished the feat easily. A significant portion of the contest's points are awarded to the horse that has the most energy left over – the one that looks the most "ready to continue" if the race were longer.

It takes skillful and conscientious riding to help a horse finish the race looking bright; there's no way a horse could be ridden past his abilities and still win Best Condition. Even so, the award is not really earned in one day. It takes good riding and *years* of intelligent conditioning, feeding, shoeing, and other care to produce an athlete capable of finishing this kind of race in the Best Condition.

Only the first ten horses to finish that race are eligible for this contest, which is judged by the same panel of veterinarians that monitored the horses all day at the race.

The veterinarians assign points for various aspects of the horse's appearance and condition, according to the scale below. The horse with the highest number of points from the judging wins the trophy and a good measure of respect, too.

1. METABOLIC FACTORS

Pulse and respiration, cardiac recovery index, mucous membranes, capillary refill time, hydration, gut sounds 20 pts possible _____

2. IMPULSION

Energy level (allowing for horses that don't animate) 20 pts possible _____

3. MECHANICAL FACTORS

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4. HEART

Lau Tsu said, "The mark of the superlative horse is fleeting and evanescent, few eyes remark it." Here our vets vote their own. . . 10 pts possible _____

5. TIME FACTOR

Top ten from first at 10 pts. to tenth at 1 pt. 10 pts possible _____

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS 100 _____

More Thanks!

Thanks to all who regularly contribute to the sport of Ride & Tie! Included in the long list are:

Judy Haulman

R&T Assoc. Administrative Director

Leah Mirsch

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Curt Riffle

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In addition, there are a number of people who have worked hard for the 1999 Championship:

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Race Results

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Poster, T-shirt, buckle designs

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July 3 to July 11 Camp opens
Trail open July 3 to July 9
Race Week Activities: Volleyball,
Visits to Crater Lake, Golf, Cow
Pasture Croquet, Boating, Kids
Games

Wednesday, July 7 "Surprise" party – 7:00 PM

Thursday, July 8 Merchandise sales 12- 4 PM
Ride & Tie Board Meeting – noon
Vet Clinic, Linda Blythe, DVM –
2:00 PM
Member Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner –
6:00 PM

Friday, July 9 Merchandise sales 10AM - 6 PM
Registration 10AM - 6 PM
Horse Exam by Vets 12 PM - 5:00PM
Kids games – 1 PM
Pre-Race meeting – 6 PM

Saturday, July 10 8 AM Race Starts
4 PM Race Ends
Merchandise sales 10 AM - 6 PM
Banquet 5 PM
Awards 6:30 PM
Dancing after – 'til 9:30 PM

Sunday, July 11 Disassemble camp

R&T Horse Hall of Fame

As you can see, only a few, select horses have been elected to the Ride & Tie Horse Hall of Fame. Candidates must be retired from racing and have enjoyed a long and illustrious competitive career. Horses are nominated by their owners, and following a review of the horse's race record and placements in "Best Condition," may be admitted into the Hall of Fame by a review of the Ride & Tie Association Board of Directors.

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As you may or may not know, entry fees and sponsor donations do not cover the costs of putting on the Ride & Tie Championship race. It has been through the generous contributions of a few individuals that we have been able to enjoy this event. This year, Curt Riffle initiated the Championship Challenge Team. The contributions of the members named in the box to the right are being matched by three of our members to help fund the event. You have risen to the challenge with generosity. You have shown how much the sport means to you. We are all grateful beyond words.

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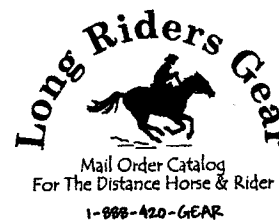
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The Mike Callen Award

Years ago, Bud Johns invented something he called the "Rusty Nail" award, to be given to a ride & tier who had experienced difficult circumstances in a race but had overcome the challenges with grace and humor – the goal of most of us competitors. What with one thing and another, presentation of the award became infrequent.

In 1993, my good friend and fellow ride & tier, Mike Callen, was diagnosed with cancer and died shortly afterward. Mike was a hard-running competitor and a good man, and I wanted to memorialize his contributions to the sport he loved. When Pat Browning literally saved my partner's life in the Championship race later that year, I was inspired to update and formalize what was once the Rusty Nail award. Pat was the first recipient.

The Mike Callen Award is given to an individual who contributes something significant to the sport of ride & tie. It may be given to a race winner, but more importantly, is given

to an individual who displays the winning characteristics of generosity, selflessness, and caring about others.

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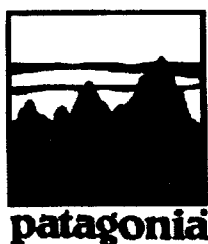
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2. The horse must be at least five years old.

3. No pregnant or lactating mares will be allowed to compete.

4. Horses and mules must be shod.

5. No foreign substance or medication may be given or administered to any horse on the day of the competition or within 72 hours of the event. This includes ointments or solutions for topical use that contain local anesthetics. All medications administered during the two weeks prior to the race must be declared in writing to the veterinarian conducting the pre-race examination. These rules protect the animal and provide fair and equal conditions for competition. Drug testing personnel will be taking blood and urine samples on the

day of the competition. Violations of this drug and medication policy will necessitate disqualification and the returning of any awards.

6. All horses without exception must be submitted to a pre-race examination.

7. There will be a predetermined number of vet checks where the horses will be observed and examined. There will be no mandatory time holds and no check-in times. Cut-off time limits for each check point may be established. Pulse, respiration, mucous membrane color and capillary refill, surface factors, attitude, and lameness will be considered as part of the criteria for passing through to the next check. Vet check criteria will be announced prior to the race start and will be determined by the Head Veterinarian after consideration of weather, terrain, and other factors.

8. All horses must be presented to

the veterinarians for a mandatory post race veterinary examination within one hour of finishing. Horses must pass this examination to be eligible for completion awards. Horses must be in excellent condition for this event, and any abuse of the horse will not be tolerated.

9. All decisions of the veterinarian committee regarding the health and safety of the horse are final.

10. Artificial ties are illegal. The use of any apparatus to create ties will result in immediate disqualification. "Hand ties" may be allowed at the Race Manager's discretion. Any decision to allow hand ties will be announced at the pre-race briefing.

11. Each team will be required to tie its horse and switch from rider to runner and runner to rider at least (6) six times. Teams may tie as many times as they desire anywhere along the trail

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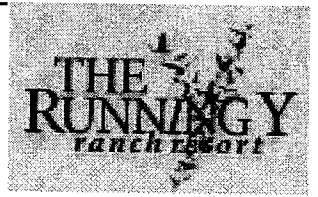
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