On Thursday evening we will be entertained by Patrick Stoddard and his once wild mustang, Diablo. Patrick, aka Many Dogs, will perform amazing displays of marksmanship with the bow and arrow, lance, tomahawk and saber from the back of his galloping steed.

Many Dogs has trained in Europe and in the U.S. with Hungarian horse archery master, Kassai Lajos. He had participated in the International Horse Archery Festival at Fort Dodge, Iowa. In Sheridan, Wyoming in 2003, Many Dogs and Diablo took first place in a competition to recreate the auditions for Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show. In January, 2005 they appeared at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado. They performed as part of The Great American Wild West Show in front of a sold out crowd.

Patrick Stoddard (406) 293-7560 dogrt102@libby.org.
Dear Participants, Crews, and Spectators,

Welcome to the 35th Annual World Ride & Tie Championship in beautiful Libby, Montana. The World Championship is put on by the Ride and Tie Association, its many volunteers, and the contributions of many generous businesses. Our gratitude and thanks to all of them.

We hope you enjoy your stay here and the excitement and fun that goes with the race. The sport of Ride & Tie puts special emphasis on goodwill and friendship that evolves when ride and tiers get together. If you are new to the sport, we would like to extend to you a special welcome. If we can help you in any way please let us know.

Thirty five years ago the first Ride & Tie was held in St. Helena, California. Monday Night Football was a year old, “Let It Be” was the new release by the Beatles, and “Midnight Cowboy” won the Academy Awards. Western States 100-Mile One-Day Ride, better known as the Tevis, had been going for 16 years. Gordon Ainsleigh, a Ride & Tie, didn’t make his famous run at Western States until 1974, four years later. Ken “Cowman” Shirk wore his buffalo horns and completed the Western States run just two years after that, a year before it became an official race in 1977. Look for Cowman at the start of the Championship. It will be his 16th Ride & Tie Championship.

Thank you Mary Beth and Ken Alkire for suggesting this site for our Championship and doing a tremendous amount of work to make this possible. Thank you Jay and Gail Murnro for making your land available to us. Your hospitality is truly appreciated. Thank you Hi Tack for your generous donation of a Gaston Mercier saddle. And thanks to all of you who are volunteering your time and energy to make this 35th Annual World Ride & Tie Championship truly memorable.

Thank you all for being a part of this great event.

Don and Annie Betts
President and First Lady of the Ride and Tie Association
Libby, Montana 2005

Have a good one! I’d much prefer to be in Libby this weekend so I could tell all of you that in person, both during the pre-race activities and especially while walking among you and your horses just before the start of Ride & Tie’s 35th annual championship. I’m fortunate although I can’t be there as I’d hoped that Don and Annie Betts have offered me this space to let you know I’ll be thinking of you, wishing you a great and safe race. I’ll miss the excitement, of course, but most of all I’ll miss seeing my Ride & Tie Family friends--some of you going back to that first race in 1971 and others I’ve been privileged to meet the last year or so--and getting to meet more newcomers to our sport. Let’s all strive to get together in 2006. Meanwhile, the black hat’s off to all of you.

Bud Johns
SCHEDULE for CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK

CHECK SCHEDULE AT REGISTRATION FOR TIMES AND TIME CHANGES!

SATURDAY, JULY 2
Camp opens at Munro’s Meadow outside of Libby, Montana. Horseshoes, volleyball and badminton available all week. Dessert Potluck and after dessert tunes. Bring your instruments and your voices!

SUNDAY, JULY 3
10 AM-Clinic/Practice Ride @ Tie. We’ll be using loop 2. Free! Evening at the group area: Dessert Potluck and Tunes

MONDAY, JULY 4
Fireworks outside Red Dog Saloon and Pizza.

TUESDAY, JULY 5
Evening at the group area: Dessert Potluck and Tunes

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6
Lake Koocanusa Resort Caterer meals and snacks through the weekend! Evening at the group area: Dessert Potluck and Tunes

THURSDAY, JULY 7
Merchandise sale begins
General Membership Meeting (Points Champions Recognition) 1 PM
Barbecue and pot luck, we supply the meat 7 PM
Horse Archery Demonstration following dinner

FRIDAY, JULY 8
Registration: Noon to Dusk
Vet in your horse: 3 PM to Dusk
Farrier (available by phone John Connors (406)293-4260)
Press Briefing 6:30 PM
Ride Meeting 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, JULY 9
Late Registration and vetting of horses 7 AM
Championship Ride @ Tie 9:00 AM
Ultra Trail Run 9:00 AM
Short Course Ride @ Tie 9:30 AM
Farrier available all day
Judging for Best Condition
Roast Pig Banquet/Shaw’s Margarita Party 7 PM
Awards and Drawing for Saddle
Montana Old Time Fiddlers for your entertainment

SUNDAY, JULY 10
Biathlon 8:00 AM
Camp closes
LIFETIME MEMBERS

CHRIS, LINDA & STEVE ANDERSON  LEWIS HOLLANDER III  MARK RICHTMAN
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