JULY 2013

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  AUGUST 2013!
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Ben Volk on a surprised Superman, with Olivia Hankel
Bandit Springs, Prineville, Oregon
Picture by Steve Anderson
It is Ride and Tie Association Board of Directors election time again. Exercise your right to vote! Active members in Competitor and Family membership types, as well as Lifetime and Founding members are eligible to vote. Family memberships get two votes.

To vote online, simply go to the Ride & Tie website at www.rideandtie.org and click on “VOTE HERE” on the home page. This will take you to the Vote Page, where you can identify yourself by membership number. Note that if you use your name, there may be more than one person with the same last name, so be sure to select the correct one. Once the system has “found” you, a ballot will appear. Simply click the “YES” button next to the name of the person you are voting for. You can vote for up to three candidates.

Note: Only active members can vote. If you have not renewed for this year you will receive a message stating “Our records show that you are not a current member. If you believe this is in error, please contact us at ContactUs@rideandtie.org”.

2013 RIDE & TIE SCHOLARSHIP

The $1,000 Ride and Tie Association Jim Steere Memorial Scholarship will be available again in 2013 to any student enrolled in a veterinary program in the United States. This is the fourth year The Ride and Tie Association has offered the scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to the veterinary student who submits the best short article that is useful for publication in the Ride & Tie Newsletter. The 700-1,000 word article may be technical or scientific, or could relate to experience with horses and/or competition.

Students at the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine were recipients the first two years. In 2012, a Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences student was the beneficiary. Students at the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine were recipients the first two years. In 2012, a Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences student was the beneficiary. Each article must have a cover page that includes: name, current address, year in veterinary school, title of article. A bibliography of sources used should also be included.

Send submissions to scholarship@rideandtie.org by August 1, 2013. The winning article will be selected by a committee chaired by the Ride and Tie Association’s head veterinarian. The selection will be announced at the 2013 World Championships Ride & Tie race being held in Fort Bragg, California on August 24th. The Ride and Tie Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting competition, sportsmanship, horsemanship and education about the enjoyment of the sport of ride & tie. All of the funds donated to the scholarship fund are used strictly for this purpose.

If you have any questions please contact us via e-mail at scholarship@rideandtie.org or call 509-521-6249. You can also visit our website at www.rideandtie.org.

Ben Volk, President
Greg Fellers, DVM, Head Veterinarian

GUNILLA PRATT

I completed my first ride and tie in 1999. I was hooked after that. This is definitely my sport since I love horses and I love to run. I also love endurance riding. Anything that has to do with a horse is what I am all about. I have rescued and found homes for many horses. I also have several unwanted horses that are older and are out to pasture living out their golden years. I have loaned out my extra horses to people that don’t have a horse and want to compete in Ride and Tie. It has worked out nicely to get people involved in this great sport. My barn is always open to a newcomer. When we are out riding and I see a runner I ask them if they ride. I invite them to ride with me and then I reel them into ride and tie. (I’m still working on a few people.) I have great computer, management and organizational skills. I am a very positive person and I love to encourage others. I have enjoyed Ride and Tie and I know I would be a great addition to the board of directors.

Thank you for your consideration.

STEVE ANDERSON

A vote for Steve is a vote for a "good laugh!"

I did my first Ride & Tie in 1983 with so little riding ability that I pleaded with my partner to not make me ride. I did, and ever since have had more fun than I knew was possible. I would like to join the board in their efforts to grow the sport and return it to the numbers that participated when I got started. I was the race director for two championships in Humboldt Redwoods State Park, continue to mentor newbies across the region and offer unsolicited running advice to everyone within earshot. As an active participant in running races for almost 40 years, nearly 30 years endurance riding including serving in a supporting role for Pan American Championships and North American Championships Teams. I know I have the background to help Ride & Tie Thrive. I am grateful for the work the board members that have served in the past have done and excited for the chance to work as a part of the board that has provided me the chance to have so much fun over the years. I say it every year at ride camp at the championships; you are the nicest group of people to spend time with.

CHRIS AMARAL

I am a very active rider, and a business owner with an extensive history in the world of horse sports. I grew up around horses, and have been riding and competing in various disciplines since my childhood. After graduating from the University of California, I began developing a strong passion for endurance riding. Being an active member of the Ride & Tie Association, I have always held the belief that this organization is one of the best ways to give back to the sport and to the horses. I am very excited to have the opportunity to bring my experience and dedication to the board of directors, to help the Ride & Tie Association grow and thrive as a non-profit.

If you have any questions please contact me at 509-521-6249 or via e-mail at scholarship@rideandtie.org.
A LOOK BACK: 42ND ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2012 RESULTS

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Spectacular views, great camping and course. Featuring Long and Short Course. Go to www.rideandtie.org for flyer and entry. Enter online!! Thursday night year and awards and BBQ dinner provided. Board meeting prior and all meeting and all members welcome. Camp opens Aug. 20th. Music nightly. Bring your instrument.

Go to www.rideandtie.org for more event schedule and information. Contribute 4 hours for shirt and dinner.

83rd Annual World Championship Ride & Tie
AUGUST 24, 2013
Ft. Bragg, California
Entry Fees:
$150 Championship
$100 Short Course

Camp opens August 20, 2013
Contact Race Director: Forrest Tancer 707-484-0012  forresttancer@mac.com
or R&T President Ben Volk  509-521-6249   bvolk@rideandtie.org
Mail entries to:  Ride and Tie Association
2709 Road 64, Pasco, WA 93301
or enter online at www.rideandtie.org

All competitors must be members of the Ride and Tie Association (join online at www.rideandtie.org)

More info and directions to camp available in upcoming issues of the Ride & Tie Newsletter or online at www.rideandtie.org

Photos from 2004 Championship at Ft. Bragg by Annie Betts
Then between miles 3-4, I was on foot on a beautiful section of single track with dense, tall bushes on both sides. I was anticipating a left turn ahead when I heard my human partner yelling. Her voice was coming from my right, beyond the thick brush. Off the trail. From our shoes & socks, another team came up the trail slowly, 2 young girls in pink with a cute pony. They looked pretty upset so we asked what was wrong, if they needed help. They were having trouble with their pony at the ties, she was used to being tied with a buddy horse and was being difficult out there all by herself. They were either turning around & going back to the start or pulling out at the vet check. I suggested we all ride, tie & run together for the next few miles until we parted ways on our respective courses at the long/short course split, so that the horses had a “buddy” to be tied with and could calm down together and so we could all just generally regroup and get back into a good mental place in order to continue or at least make it to the next checkpoint. I’ll say it was really nice to be able to run & ride & talk with someone out there on a day like this.

We parted ways, the girls to the Sweetwater Bridge vet check and us on the long, tough trail (mostly uphill it seemed, and with little shade, if any) on the long course loop. Without any further mishaps and with a much-needed stopover at the mid-vet check to re-fuel, we managed to finish the long course and passed the final vet check. We learned shortly after that the girls with the pony had checked in at Sweetwater and decided to continue the course, and finished first place in the short course. We were so proud of them & went to find them and give our congratulations. The girls were so happy to have finished, and gifted us with a beautiful photo-filled Challenge Ranch calendar as a thank you.

Ride & Tie isn’t just about racing and winning, it’s about sharing the experience with others and helping out along the way so that they’ll want to come back and try it again. We all helped each other out there & got comple- tions because of it. I’m looking forward to seeing those girls and their friends at future Rice & Ties.
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| Oct 19, 2013, FOOTHILLS OF THE CASCADES, Mollala, OR |
| Oct 12, 2013, LESLIE YATES MEMORIAL COOLEST Ride & Tie, Cool, CA |
| Sep 28, 2013, Owyhee Canyonlands Ride & Tie, Oreana, ID CANCELLED |
| Sep 21-22, 2013, RIDE BEAR I & II Ride & Tie, Gilroy, CA |
| Sep 20-22, 2013, CHESAPEAKE Ride & Tie, Ivanhoe VA NEW RACE!! |
| Sep 15, 2013, BIG BEAR Ride & Tie, Big Bear, CA |
| Sep 6-8, 2013, BIG SOUTH FORK Ride & Tie, Jamestown/Oneida, TN |
| Aug 31, 2013, ONE HEART BENEFIT Ride & Tie, Maxwell, IA |
| Aug 24, 2013, 43rd ANNUAL RIDE & TIE CHAMPIONSHIP, Fort Bragg, CA |
| Aug 23-24, 2013, VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS Ride & Tie, Ivanhoe VA NEW RACE!! |
| Aug 10, 2013, SANTIAM CASCADE, Sisters, OR |
| Jul 27-28, 2013, OLD DOMINION Ride & Tie Weekend |

For more information on race results, contact: susntrader@aol.com, (703)556-0223. Contact: lltribby@gmail.com, sampson@molalla.net.

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### REMEMBERING PUMPKIN

It is with sad news to report Pumpkin (Annie Betts) passed away 6/28/2013 at the age of 19. Pumpkin raced for 4 years, starting in 2006 and accumulated 236 miles in 10 races, including one long course championship and two short courses.

Ann and Annie Betts loaned Pumpkin out for many of the races and there are people out there who did these races with him and will remember him. I spent many a time out at the Betts' ranch in Sequim, WA looking after the horses when they went on a trip. All the horses knew their "place" in the barn at feeding time. And Pumpkins was right behind the feed and track room where I would prepare their grain mix. I would often see him sticking his head above the wall to see and smell what was going on. And through the chicken wire I would pass him one or two carrots before the other horses got their grain mix. It was his way of saying "I get to eat first!" He may have been picked on but I had my way of sneaking other carrots to him so the other horses wouldn't bother him eating. Always the gentle horse for the kids to ride. We will miss seeing him in the pasture.

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~ Steve Anderson
Welcome to all the new members of ride and tie. Team SoCal came up to support NoCal. What a hot day! The strategy had to include dealing with the heat and humidity. There were a total of 10 teams. 5 in the short course and 5 in the long course. Eve originally came to take photos and crew and now has done two ride and ties since!
BANDIT SPRINGS RIDE & TIE 2013
All Photos by Steve Anderson

Liz Perkin, Kirsten Seyferth tacking up Kadin | Bandit Springs, OR
Liz Perkin on Kadin and Kirsten Seyferth getting ready to start the race

Liz Perkin on Kadin, Kirsten Seyferth, Ben Volk on Superman, and Olivia Hankel at the start of 25-mile race | Bandit Springs, Oregon

Action shot of Liz Perkin cleaning up Kadin's poop!

Doodles by Miyshael Gallon... a renewed member after 15 years!!
RIDE & TIE ASSOCIATION: FOUNDING MEMBERS

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Lars Thompson
Mary Tiscorna

RIDE & TIE ASSOCIATION: LIFETIME MEMBERS

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Don & Andrea Betts
Marge & Vann Buhl
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Two sisters from Germany (Miriam Schmidt and Uta König) who traveled to the US in 2008 to participate in the Championship R&T at Taylorsville, CA. They placed 4th overall on their borrowed horse, "Seventeen".

MAY MYSTERY PHOTO:
Two sisters from Germany (Miriam Schmidt and Uta König) who traveled to the US in 2008 to participate in the Championship R&T at Taylorsville, CA. They placed 4th overall on their borrowed horse, "Seventeen".

Miriam Schmidt, Uta König and Seventeen, 2008
Photo by Barry Thorpe
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Send your guesses to:
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