

Old Selam results

by Sharon McCollum

The fourth annual Old Selam endurance ride was graced with Indian summer type weather on Saturday, October 2nd.

The campsite was at Rocky Canyon again this year, just north of downtown Boise. The ride, sponsored by the Southwest Idaho Trail and Distance Riders, memorializes two daring escapes made by Idaho State Prison inmates.

The ride trails retrace some of those traveled by convicts Bob Meeks and Sam Bruner, both of whom escaped on a fine bay horse named "Selam." Selam according to Idaho historical records, was noted as one of the finest horses in Idaho.

With history in mind 47 anxious endurance riders were briefed on the route to be taken for this year's ride by ride manager, Whit Whitman. Sam Bruner; alias Jean Lyons clad in black and white stripes with a bold prison 723 on her shirt, made a special appearance at Friday night's sign up and ride meeting.

Jean; ah.. Sam, made sure the ride was organized, that all riders were accounted for and that everyone was made more than welcome to "Old Selam."

Winning the two-day 100 mile ride was Lurina Dancer, Star, riding Ser Wells, an Appaloosa gelding. Lurina's combined winning time was ten hours and twenty-eight minutes. Her 12 year old appy also earned Best Condition.

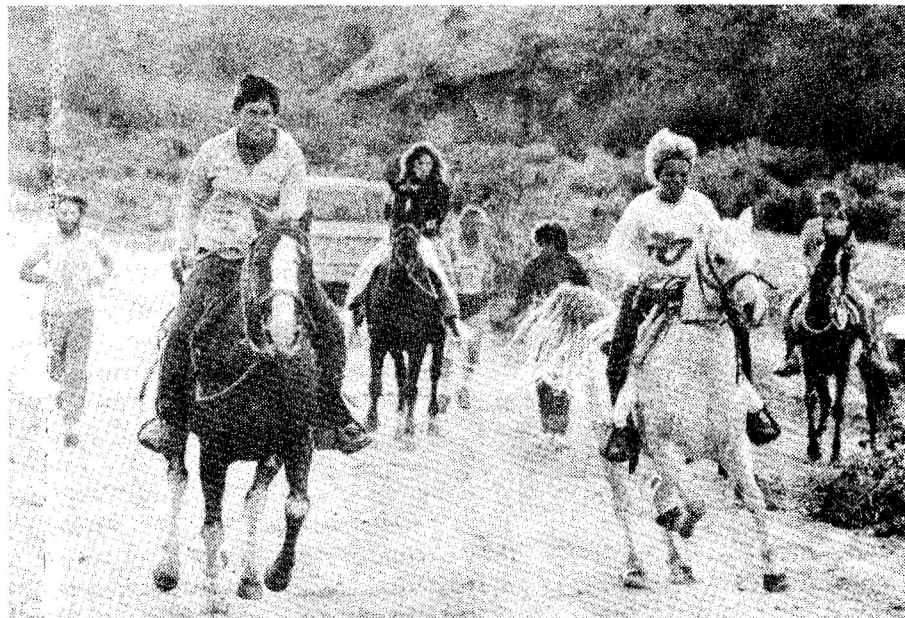
and eighth place was Cheryl Ferney, Eagle, who was sponsored by Sue Wilerson, Caldwell, riding her Appaloosa gelding.

The 25 mile novice ride was highlighted by a genuine, "novice." Tom Murphy managing editor of the Valley News, Meridian, not only welcomed the opportunity to cover the ride, but he pleaded with the ride management to let him borrow a horse and enter the ride.

Since Tom has only ridden twice before, once when he was twelve and the second time just the week prior to the ride, he did not concern himself with the fact that Cini Baumhoff, Boise, age nine swept the honors of first place. Cini was riding her grade gelding, Diablo, and was sponsored by her big sister Jill Nebeker, Kuna. Jill and her three-quarter Arab gelding completed the 25 mile ride in just two hours and 38 minutes.

Glenda Hunt, Caldwell riding her four year old Arabian gelding finished second and Kim Stuckey, Colorado finished third. Michele Painter, Council, Idaho, completed fourth on her Spanish Barb stallion. Fifth was Jay Russell, Caldwell, on his four year old American Saddlebred. Betty Whitham, Nampa, completed sixth on her seven-eighths Arab mare and was awarded Best Condition honors.

Completing the ride with cameras and notebook in hand was Tom Murphy. His seventh place



This year's Old Selam Ride and Tie was a success. The 14 mile course demanded much of its participants, but ideal weather conditions allowed horses and runners energy throughout the race. (Photo by Tom Murphy-courtesy of Valley News.)

Tennessee Walking horse mare, Pamper. Their time was two hours and fifteen minutes.

Third over all and first woman-woman team in were Sharon and Carolyn McCollum. Carolyn, who had never ridden before and Sharon, who had never run even a mile before; completed in two hours and twenty one minutes on their Tennessee Walking horse mare, Pepsi.

The dynamic junior team of Dusty Ogden and Cheryl Ferney raced into fourth place just twenty one minutes later. Both of these super horse ladies completed the 50 mile ride the day before and still were bubbling with energy.

The final team in was Arlene Gilbert, Boise and Winnie Morrison, Kuna. Both Arlene and Winnie had met the misfortune of being pulled from Saturday's ride competition due to lame horses and it was only after the other teams left did they decide to find a suitable mount and enter the race.

Don Roloff quickly offered his mare, Jezmin who had completed the 50 mile ride and 20 minutes later Arlene and Winnie were off. Just minutes behind Cheryl and Dusty, these two "old tomatoes" proved that anyone can complete and survive a "Ride and Tie." Their super-time was two hours and 48 minutes.

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Finishing second was Arlene Morris, Boise on Mocha, a grade mare. This ride gave her mare her 1000 mile endurance record and medallion from the AERC.

Third was Leah Melvin, Meridian, riding her Arabian mare, Twinkle. Scott Nance, an eight-year-old junior completed fourth followed closely by Kathy Ray, Basin, Wyoming. Completing sixth and last was Dot Wiggins, Midvale. Dot's Quarter horse stallion, Scotch and Soda, still showed plenty of energy as they trotted across the finish line.

Pat Roloff, Boise, on her "fine bay mare," Daan Tell, won the 50 mile contest. Pat and her part-arab mare finished in just four hours and 33 minutes making this two wins in a row. Stan Patterson, Heyburn, Idaho, finished second on his half arab-gelding. Susan Miner raced in for third place with Gahnite, an eight-year-old half arab mare, followed by Bob Morris, Boise, Bob, riding Miskah a five-year-old purebred Arabian mare was given Best Condition.

Carolyn Roberts, Meridian, was fifth on Raamah, an Arab gelding and Judith Hagan, Boise, finished sixth on Cinder, a grade mare. Neil Roberts, Meridian, was next riding Shilo, his Arab gelding. First junior

Tom Murphy. His seventh place was due to "Beaver," owned by Whit Whitham since Tom would have much rather stayed at the vet check and visited with the crews there about the sport.

Sally Ormesher on her Appy finished eighth followed by Carolyn Phillips, Nampa, on her Appy. Lee VanDeBogart, Caldwell, completed tenth on his grade mare as did Sally Ogden, Caldwell on Rufus her grade gelding. Sally sponsored both Heidi Pease and Cheri Elms, second and third juniors to complete the ride.

Although last year's Ride and Tie event was soiled with a down pour of rain, this year's weather could not have been better. The cool winds gave both humans and equines bursts of energy at the end of long hard climbs. It is certain among the entries that neither Meeks nor Bruner would have chosen this challenging yet toilsome route for escape.

Marathoning to victory were Renee Johnson and Ron Sproat, Prineville, Oregon, riding Zaner. This first man-woman team winning time over the rough 14 mile course was just two hours and six minutes.

Second place honors went to Yvonne Brandt and Terry McDonald, Boise, riding Yvonne's

rubbing with energy.

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