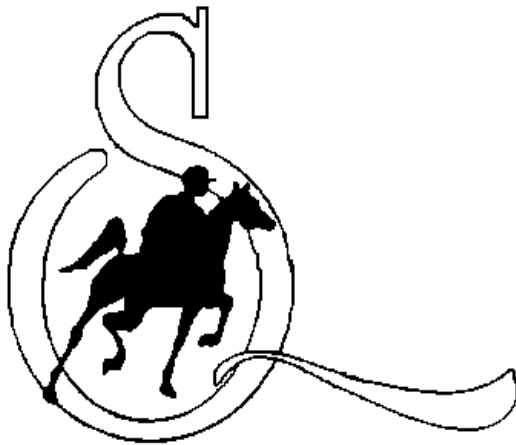


QUICKSILVER QUIPS

MAY 2004



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President's Message

So here we are at the start of May. April came and went with great speed and now we have to look forward to our Spring Ride on the 15th. We have had two planning sessions and have worked out all the details (as of this writing still short one vet.) so it looks like a really fun and great ride. I consider it a 9 for trails and a 6 for difficulty. Everyone should be done by 5:00 pm (early) and if the weather holds (80') we should have few problems. Of course that's my take so show up and ride and lets see if I'm right.

We still have had no input from members on programs. If you don't jump up with a good idea or a person to contact then how can you expect me to be successful? At the rate we are going about the only reason to have a meeting is to eat dinner. Which brings up our May meeting, DINNER! I'll cook up a little something and we can stand around and talk about the past weekend and the ride. Ed. For June we go to Julie's and hopefully we can get a speaker, a trainer, something (need a little help here).

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Another Ed. note: {Our own Becky Glaser will tell us all about how to do FEI!}. Bob will cook his hotdogs and folks should bring a little something to add, salad, beans, etc. You could say it'll be the same as last year, "Too much fun"!

So far this year we as a club have been running quite smoothly. No problems and nothing really new to deal with. We have a Jr. to put on the Poker Ride and at present are looking for a Ride Manager to do the Fall Ride. All is well; carry on!

El Presidente

MINUTES OF BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING 04-21-04

Meeting called to order at 7 pm

Present: Steve Lenheim, Elaine Alton, Katie Alton, Kathy Miller, Jill Kilty-Newburn, Doug Reynaud, Pat McKendry, Marvin Snowbarger, Scott Sansom, Guest: Lars Larson

Minutes of Last Meeting. Minutes approved.

Correspondence

We have received a note from Don Brown expressing thanks for our gift to The American Cancer Society in memory of Joanne.

Jill submitted letter she had received from The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council thanking us for our donation of \$1,534. They asked if any of our members would like to receive their quarterly newsletter. If you are interested call them at (415) 561-2599.

Kathy submitted a letter of thanks from the New Almaden Community Club for our donation of \$150.00 for a new water heater.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance as of 3.10.04	\$5,342.83
Deposits	155.00
Less Checks written	
U.S. Postmaster	\$24.00
Henry Coe State Park	<u>275.00</u>
	299.00
End Balance	\$5,198.83
Trails	905.18
Junior	773.19

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Goodwill

Maryben had surgery on her shoulder last week. Katie will send her a card from us all.

Sadly Dick Miller died last week. He was an old time resident and friend of Quicksilver Riders.

Trails

Doug informed us that Canada Del Oro – which abuts Calero Park on the Southern end towards Casa Loma Road will be adding about 7 miles of trail to that joint system. Trail will be dedicated Saturday 24th April. He also said that the Virl Norton Trail at Quicksilver Park is now open.

Awards

Discussion took place on the feasibility of an Award for Perfect Partnership Team for limited distance riders.

RIDE

Doug Reynard talked about progress being made towards the **Quicksilver Coe Spring Classic**. In order for the ride to be successful we still need many **volunteers!!!**

Positions still open

- Base Camp** – gate crewe for Stevenson Camp (Friday 12 noon) – we need 2 people.
 - parking crewe at SC (be there 12 noon Friday) – we need 1 person.
 - Ambulance Driver with vehicle and 2 horse trailer.
 - Finish line crewe (12 noon) – we need 1 timer and 1 number taker.
 - P&R – we need at least 5 people. Volunteers please call Jill (Base Camp Chair) at 650-949-0330

Wilson Vet Check

- Timekeeper
 - Horsehay person
 - P & R people
- Volunteers please call Mike (Wilson Vet Check Chair) at 650-949-0330

Pacheco Camp Vet Check

- Time Keeper
- Horsehay person
- Crewe bag and lunch vehicle

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- Ambulance driver and vehicle plus 2 horse trailer
 - P & R Crewe
- Volunteers please call Steve (Pacheco Vet Chair) at 408-997-0368.

We Also Need

- 3 drag riders.
- Clean-up Crewe on Sunday (3 people).

Please note that the Club will lose our \$200 deposit if the camp is not cleaned up!! Volunteers, please call Doug at 408-847-0465.

Unfinished Business

Marvin suggested that we name one of our Quicksilver rides for Joanne Evans to memorialize her contribution to our club. There was some discussion on this subject and it was suggested that we table this as a motion at our next meeting on May 19th. In order to open this discussion to as many members as possible it was decided that the next meeting would be a ride plus **potluck** dinner and would be as follows:

Date: May 19th 2004 **Time:** Riders come anytime before dinner. **Dinner:** We cook at 6.00 p.m. **Place:** Calero Park.

Poker Ride

It was suggested that our Juniors put on the next Poker ride. Katie Alton volunteered to organize this and will be contacting other Juniors. We will also require some adult help.

June Meeting

Our June 16th Meeting will be held at Bob and Julie Suhr's house. We still need a speaker for this event. Any suggestions – contact Steve Lenheim.

Announcements

Steve informed us that this year's Tevis Cup Ride on 31st July will be its **50th Anniversary!** It will probably be very well attended this year and many veteran Tevis riders may show up. Steve thought that they might need a crewe or other help. Also, quite a few people from Quicksilver will be attending. Do you need a crewe? Would you like to volunteer? Discussion took place regarding QS having a designated group of helpers at a designated area. It was decided that this would be a topic for our next meeting.

WANT ADS

SADDLES & TACK FOR SALE

Stubben dressage saddle, 17.5, black with leather girth and small felt pad, \$700. Call Judy at 925 862-0232 or E-mail misxfire@aol.com.

Custom made Brazilian western-style endurance saddle. This saddle was made for an Arab and has never been used. \$500. Call Robert Oram at 831-761-1184.

Sharon Saare saddle for tall person. SS tree. SS tree is the warmblood tree but this saddle was made for a 15h Arab quarter cross, \$1000. Beautiful condition. Tooling. Dropped centre rigging. Happy Back gel pad included. Call Gillian @ 408 867 1766.

Outback something Poley Australian saddle. Good condition. Med/ wide tree. Fits the above horse beautifully and a very acceptable fit on a difficult to fit Arab. Two wool pads with this one. \$1300. Call Gillian @ 408 867 1766.

Used Crosby Prix St. George dressage saddle 17 inch with fittings, \$450. Tracy @ 408 379-6209.

Used Baker blanket; \$40 size 84. Used Baker sheet; \$30 size 84. Tracy @ 408 379-6209.

New English leather bridles with laced reins, \$25 each; one is Cob size, the other is horse size. Bits & spurs, \$5-\$10. Tracy @ 408 379-6209.

Ortho-Flex Express Lite. Like new. Will include misc. tack in sale. Asking \$1500. Call Michelle at (831) 761-2578.

HORSES FOR SALE

Bay gelding, coming 9 yr old, 15 hands, 8 inch cannons, for pleasure riding. Shooter has very mild arthritis in his right front fetlock but can do LD's or trail fun stuff. He's great on the trail; he has done a multiday and a 1-day 100. He should be limited on his endurance adventures. Asking \$1500. Call Heather Reynolds at 408 778-6957.

Stalls with Paddocks/Pasture for Rent

Brand new 12x12 stalls with 24x12 paddocks, shavings; we clean. \$250, pasture \$180. Feed twice a day, high grade oat and alfalfa hay. 96x48 outdoor arena. Close to 3,600 acre Almaden Quicksilver County Park with 19 miles of manicured trails. Call Trilby at 408 997-7500 for more information.

FREE STUFF

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FREE - Clothes washers for doing laundry for horses or other pets, or for parts, we have 2 available free to good homes,- Older GE commercial washer vibrates and walks when spinning, but does work with balanced loads. Sears Lady Kenmore 3 speed, 2nd rinse feature, slipping clutch currently adjusted to max. Ddawson@almaden.ibm.com/(408) 927-1617.

FEED STUFF

TRAIL EVENTS

New trails at Calero Dedication April 24th

The dedication for the new trails at Calero had 21 horses participate and about 35 hikers. It was a perfect weather day and the new trails are beautiful. There are 7 miles of new trail and it makes a loop into Cottle Ranch enabling quite a nice long ride without backtracking. Some of the new trails are steep, so be sure to pick up a new map from the Park sign near the trails entrance, from the Ranger office, or get it off the website, www.parkhere.org. That way you can plot your desired workout and help get out there to help compact the new trails! You will love the new trails, beautiful and nice work out. It was interesting that we learned from Audrey (POST) they got the property from a family whose father had bought up ranches so he would be able to do a day's riding to get to each one many years ago (one would guess about 60 years). The same family had the ranch at Pigeon Point so that was the first POST had purchased. I sure hope they have options on all of them that the family owned!!!!!!!!!! And Open Space Authority is now planning to open their part later this summer--yippee even more trails☺

The Bay Area Ridge Trail dedication, April 17th, at Jacques Ridge in Almaden Quicksilver had 10 riders participating, three of whom were AQSER members - Judy, Janice, and Marvin. There were about 50 hikers and dignitaries and 3 mtn. bikers. Though the dedication was abruptly interrupted by a 1/2hr rain shower it was still a wonderful event, and everyone had a good time (and nice snacks). Be sure to get out and ride this wonderful piece of trail, and while you're at it you can cross the road and go over to Mid-Penn and ride to Lexington Reservoir and really get your conditioning in!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

USEFUL INFORMATION

Website about stolen horses

You may think this would never happen to you but just ask Chere Montgomery about her harrowing experience with her 2 horses about 10 years ago or

This website lists MANY cities in California where there are feed stores. This could be very handy if you are a big traveler with your horse(s).

<http://www.polocenter.com/health/feeduscad.htm#A>

Dynamite Products Distributor
www.dynamiteonline.com
Jan Jeffers, sleeeker@garlic.com
408 779-4722

Joe Gonzales about horses from Calero stables. It CAN happen. This website, NetPosse.com, is a good thing to know about. It has info on what to do if your horse is stolen as well as tips to prevent theft. The website has an alert system that, by means of the internet, puts out a nationwide alert when a horse is stolen. The "Idaho alert" is like a horse APB including pictures and details, and is named after the horse "Idaho" that was stolen and took 51 weeks to find. Most of the horses that are stolen from people like you and me, and you can help keep your eye out for them. And if your horse is stolen you'll be happy that NetPosse.com is a way to get some eyes looking. You can sign up to receive "Idaho Alerts" automatically and help keep an eye out for those missing horses.

Team Pony Boy is a "natural horsemanship" type trainer that provides a free email newsletter with some useful advice to owners with problems as well as his choice of topic. He has several training books and videos out, and was recently featured in Blaze magazine, he has appeared at many Equine affair conventions etc.. Of course there is the usual filler, but you might find it an interesting email to give a try - heck its free..... you can sign up on his website <http://www.ponyboy.com>.

AQS member Janice Frazier is our new reporter☺

Member News

I would like to submit to the Quicksilver Quips a note to express my honor and gratitude in being chosen for the 2003 Quicksilver Hall of Fame.

The Quicksilver Club is one of the strongest endurance riding clubs of all time. It has produced some of the worlds best endurance riders and some of the worlds best endurance horses/mules and it continues to do so.

The members of the Quicksilver Club will be the friendliest and most helpful people you will find at any endurance ride. Although never having lived in the San Jose area, I have always admired and am proud to be a part of this club. It has given me many friends and a beautiful wife to spend my life with.

Melissa, last year while we were riding the Quicksilver Endurance Ride together, pointed out to me a couple of the different locations where the Quicksilver meetings used to be held. She explained how meetings were so large then that members had to stand out the doorway. It is interesting all of the history behind this club.

I will never forget many years ago while attending one of my earliest endurance rides, the Quicksilver ride, I was standing next to my truck and trailer. A man in a station wagon approached me and asked me if I was doing anything. I told him I was waiting for the ride meeting that was due to start in a few hours. He said, "Well, that's not for four hours and why don't you hop into the car and go help me mark trail". The man was really friendly, outgoing and likeable and I enjoyed the time spent with him marking trail. Little did I know I would marry his daughter some day – the man turned out to be the manager of the ride that day, John Plaggmier.

I am proud to be a Quicksilver member and very honored to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. May the people of the Quicksilver club, like the precious metal it is named after, continue to shine.

Robert Ribley

Steve Shaw has made a generous donation to the Quicksilver Trail Fund. Thank you, Steve.

Reynolds Twins Dominate SASO RAT

First-timer Tim and brother Jeremy Reynolds vaulted to the gold in the second of the 2004 SASO Ride & Tie series race. Equine partner Zar Za Fire received the Best Conditioned Award.

San Jose, Calif., April 17, 2004 -- The second of the 2004 Shine and Shine Only (SASO) Ride & Tie race series was held at Santa Clara County's Grant Park just below Mount Hamilton (elev. 4,213 feet) in the east hills of San Jose. This 9,553-acre former ranch boasts 52 miles of hiking and equestrian trails traversing diverse terrain between 1,200- and 3,000-foot elevations. For Ride & Tie aficionados, the Grant Park SASO provided a perfect tune-up for the upcoming 34th Annual Championships in late June.

The 25-mile race included all the extreme bipolar attributes curiously present in many Ride & Tie races: extremes of weather, temperature, terrain, travel distance, vegetation, contestant age, experience, skill and, of course, inseams. None of which -- especially stirrup length -- fazed first-timer Tim Reynolds and identical twin brother Jeremy Reynolds.

Right from the start, the twins took the lead and continued to out-run, out-tie and out-pace the rest of

the pack. They were the first to arrive at the 10-mile vet check and had already vetted through when the others started to arrive.

Having only one Ride & Tie race between them, the Reynolds brothers on Zar Za Fire finished first in the 25-mile course in 3 hours 10 minutes --11 minutes ahead of super-veteran team Warren Hellman and Jeff Townsend.

The 20-something Reynolds twins are perfectly suited for Ride & Tie. They are accomplished hunter-jumper competitors, gymnasts, cyclists and runners. Jeremy is a notable endurance rider and horse trainer and is currently training for the Western States 100-mile ultra-marathon.

The Reynolds' attribute their win to efficient exchanges. "Rather than wasting time stopping the horse and fumbling around getting on, we shaved minutes off every mile by vaulting off and on the horse at a trot," said Jeremy.

While the other SASO finishers may not have vaulting in their Ride & Tie skill set, they all had team spirit, sheer determination and a little luck.

In second place, pros Hellman and Townsend on Sam finished in 3 hours 21 minutes. In third place, pros Sara Kelly and Brandi Page on Majik finished in 3 hours 29 minutes. Coming in fourth was first-timer Terri Milkovich and pro Curt Riffle on Corky in 3 hours 45 minutes.

The coveted Best Conditioned Award -- based on vet check results, recovery time, and placement points -- went to Zar Za Fire, who received a new tie rope and a basket of carrots.

Ride & Tie Association president and mentor Curt Riffle took great pleasure in the Reynolds' win. "In Ride & Tie, the multitude of team-horse-course variables in a race tends to level the playing field and that's what makes it fun for all participants - young, old, experienced or not," he said. "I'm always glad to see amateurs win but I'm really going to have to watch out for those guys at the Championships. They are hot!"

Story by Biz Eischen by way of Mike Maul

Marvin's Corner

A QUESTION OF PROTECTION

No, this is not about sex, but it is about a subject of which I'm reminded all the time. Namely, what is the optimum shape for a helmet that is worn to protect your head in case of an accident? Every time I see the helmets worn by bicyclists and/or horseback riders, in comparison to the types of helmets worn by motorcyclists and/or racecar drivers, I am struck by what I consider to be a conceptual inconsistency.

Motorcyclists and race-car drivers wear round helmets. None of them wear the fancy-looking, designer-wear type of helmet seen on bicyclists and horseback riders. While there may be many explanations, I believe one obvious one would be the likelihood of coming off or being dislodged in the event of an accident.

If I had to select the best helmet design to protect a person's head in the event of an accident, I would say to make it perfectly round and snug to the base of the skull, with no angulation, and no protrusions. Helmets that are elongated (an aero-dynamic shape), with attractive angles and rigid visors, would seem more likely to be leveraged-off(tipped-off) a person's head in the event of an accident. When a head, protected with such a helmet design, hits the ground, or a tree, or a wall, any deviation from perfectly round increases the likelihood that the helmet will pop up some place and expose the head to injury. Or, if it were to stay on, create tremendous torque to the wearer's neck.

I know that helmets are tested for their resistance to breakage. The test involves dropping a weighted object from a designated height to determine the amount of damage to the shell. Generally, bicyclist/equine helmets meet such an industry standard. But, that is almost an irrelevant consideration, especially if the design of the helmet biases it to coming totally, or partially, off.

Unless someone can convince me otherwise (and my mind is open to conceptual revision), I think the best protection is a snug-fitting, perfectly round helmet, with chin and neck straps to keep it where it is supposed to be: On your head. Then, if an accident were to occur, and the helmet break (an empirical issue), better that it break on your head, than off your head -- in which case your head would really be in bad shape!

Jeri Ayers-Scott sent me this shich she received from Sally Miller who got it off the internet and "tweaked it a little".

To be sung to the tune of Janis Joplin's song, "Mercedes Benz".

Oh , Lord won't you buy me a horse that bends

My friends all ride warmbloods; I must make amends,

I practice my leg yields, each evening till ten.

So, Lord won't you buy me a horse that than bends.

Oh, Lord won't you buy me, a horse that won't buck.

I'm tired of trying, to land standing up.

I spend all my time, brushing dirt off my butt.

Oh, Lord won't you buy me a horse that won't buck.

Oh, Lord won't you buy me, a horse that won't bite.

I count all my fingers and toes every night.

I feel like a carrot, when I'm in his sight.

So, Lord won't you buy me horse that won't bite.

Oh, Lord won't you me a horse that stays clean.

I brush him, I groom him, I've even used chlorine.

His color's too chestnut for a horse with gray genes.

So, Lord won't you buy me a horse that stays clean.

Oh, Lord won't you give him some hindquarter drive.

This horse is soooo lazy, not sure he's alive.

We bend and we circle 'till way, way past five.

Oh, Lord won't you give him some hindquarter drive.

PUT JUNE 16 ON YOUR CALENDAR!!

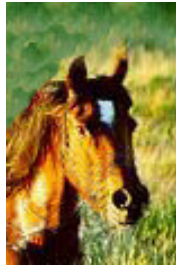
On Wednesday, June 16, **Roberto Suhr** is hosting his annual le roast gourmet de le chien haute. (Hot dog roast for those who took Spanish instead of French in school.)

Our speaker will be Quicksilver member, **Becky Glaser**. Most of us do not clearly understand the process by which team is selected to represent the United States at the World Championship. There are seven selectors nationwide (one for each time zone)

and Becky has served in this capacity for several years.

It is a fascinating process. What started locally as a new sport has gathered fans worldwide and over 63 nations now field endurance teams. In South America, Brazil is coming on strongly and I saw yesterday that Malaysia is now putting on endurance rides.

In her capacity as a selector, Becky has traveled all over the United States attending approved Federation



Miss Folly's Helpful Hints

Dear Miss Folly,

Last month my owner took me to my first endurance ride. It was very exciting for me, and lots to learn about what was expected of us. At one point I lost my focus and trampled the vet secretary and almost the vet, dragging my tired owner around the yard. With everything going on, new horses and smells, who wants to listen to their owner? Roaring around being silly, is WAY more fun. The vet had to give me a smack and reprimanded my owner for my poor behavior. I'm ashamed of myself and want to behave better in the future. What are your recommendations?

Full Of Himself in San Jose, CA

Dear Full Of Himself,

Your excitement is only natural since you haven't had previous exposure to such events. The vet was entirely within his/her rights to reprimand your owner. Practicing leading, trotting out and standing quietly for the vet should be part of every endurance horse's training and conditioning program BEFORE going to a ride.

Ridecamp is no place to find out how a horse handles itself in public. There are too many opportunities to hurt other people and horses with unruly behavior. Most owners just want to go out on the trail and ride without spending the appropriate amount of time practicing the ground manners essential for a safe experience at an event.

Endurance Internationale (FEI) rides to assist the horses and riders and to help in the decision as to who will represent the United States. Beck is a great speaker and a question and answer period will follow her presentation.

El Presidente, Steve, may or may not have a meeting.

More information to follow in the June Quips.

Your owner should practice leading and standing quietly with you at home and then out on the trail with some friends until you understand what's expected of you. Remember when your owner is turning you in hand, you should always turn away from the handler so that you don't tread on your owner's toes. When showing you to the vet, it also means that the handler will not block the view of whoever is watching.

Miss Folly

Handy Horse Hints

Baler-twine, like duct tape has many uses around the stable. Here are just a few. When opening bales of hay or straw, turn the bales so that the knots of the twine are on top. Cut at the knots, take hold of them and pull. The twine will slide out easily, leaving you with lengths of twine, which may come in handy in the future. Save your twine in a feed sack or bin near your hay supply. If left lying on the ground, twine can easily become mixed up with loose hay or straw and end up in the bedding or in a hay net. If eaten twine can lead to choking.

Twine can be used as a sweat scraper by taking a doubled-up length and drawing it down across a wet coat.

Braid up some baler-twine and hang it across your tack room, feed shed, or inside your horse trailer at a ride, so that you can put wet blankets and saddle pads on it to dry out.

Keep a piece of twine handy in your pocket or saddle pack when you're out on the trail; if your bridle breaks while you are out, you can make emergency repairs.

If you keep losing your hoof pick around the stable or trailer, braid up a piece of brightly colored twine and tie it to the handle.

Coming next month....how to make your own hay nets out of twine.

If you have any hints to share with other members or would like to ask Miss Folly's advice, please email your letters to the editor of Quips at Mixfire@aol.com and they will be forwarded to Miss Folly with their contact information.

Hog Wild, Dude Strings, and Wild Horses in Need

In celebration of the birthday of my mother Julie Suhr, my dad, Bob, planned a five day getaway for the extended family. Knowing that a perfect vacation for Mom would have to include two things, namely her family and horses, he selected a guest ranch in the Santa Ynez Valley where the equine fanciers in our family could ride twice a day, and the others, with their emptier lives, could fill the hours with golf, swimming, tennis, fishing, or whatever people do who don't spend all their spare time with horses.

This sounded to perfect to me, so I lavished Dad with praise over his very fine selection. However, I do have some not-so-fond, and sometimes even sad, memories of dude string horses over the years. So, we asked, could we bring our own dynamic horses and ride them instead? Yes, we were told, but we would have to go out with the wranglers and the other guests. Now, any ride is better than no ride, BUT plodding along with quasi-brain dead horses just didn't sound as if it had that little bit of zing we endurance riders enjoy out on the trails. Besides, now is the start of the great spring and summer ride seasons, and we need to keep our horses moving, not tiptoeing through the wildflowers in a line, dazed and confused. So, we decided to go to the Hog Wild II Ride and get that zing and then take our horses on to the guest ranch for some sweet, slow recovery rides in the days thereafter with the dude string.

It worked perfectly. Mom and I had a delightful ride at day 2 of Tammy Robinson's Hog Wild Weekend. Although our arrival the day before, when most of the riders were out doing Day 1, was somewhat marred by thundershowers and hail storms, Day 2 dawned clear and fresh. Tammy's family puts on a festive, well-organized event, complete

with poker hands and egg hunts. The three loop trail has excellent footing and some steep hills for a good challenge. President Steve was there also, successfully completing both days. After finishing a very satisfying ride, we went on to the guest ranch where the rest of the family was awaiting our arrival.

We gave our mares the next day off and went out on two rather large geldings, Danny Boy and Bullwinkle, wearing our Levis and sitting in Western saddles. In fact, 8 in our family group of 11 went out that first time. (I'm sorry to report that by the end of the week there were only four of us still going riding, namely, Mom, Dad, Doug and I, but that's another story. Suffice it to say, the four of us are the final endurance riders in the Suhr-White family; there will be no younger generation of horse enthusiasts coming forth to replace us.)

Mom and I did take our mares out with the dude string three times. The geldings thought our girls were very strange and kept turning around to look at them in the back, which is where we had to ride. The mares were also quizzical, wondering why in the world we were walking, walking and walking. In truth, the wranglers were very accommodating, but it was extremely hard to resist the temptation in those spectacular oak studded, wildflower covered Santa Ynez hills to race away from the wranglers (and their rules) in order to have a real ride!

Sadly, in the midst of all this celebrating and natural beauty, we did learn of a tragic situation that has unfolded in the Santa Ynez Valley. A local rancher acquired about 600 Shoshone wild horses from Nevada about a year ago and brought them to his ranch near Buellton. For some reason, he proceeded to do nothing for these horses. Neighbors, who were noticing the horses slowly getting thinner and more lethargic, sounded the alarm

to the local authorities. Santa Barbara County is heavily involved in this and has already racked up costs of \$200,000 in investigating and seizing some of the animals. The rancher faces a number of felony charges. Currently about 300 of the mustangs still reside on his ranch. Help is needed to care for them and to find new homes. Wildhorses in Need is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization formed by local residents last year when the problem came to a head. They do the labor necessary for feeding the horses that are still in Santa Ynez and in keeping the pastures clean. They also help providing resources for the horses that have already been seized. What people who do not live in the area and wish to help

can do is to donate tax deductible money to the organization. They are also in desperate need of finding people with large acreage who would be willing to take a small group of the horses to run free for life. If you would like more information or can help in any way, their website is www.wildhorsesinneed.org, and the person to call is Myrt Starr at 805 688-7016 or cell # 805 478-2732. The ones that have been seized and cared for are now thriving. It's not too late. Myrt said something to me that I think is quotable, "I'm not wealthy, but I'm rich because I have animals." How true.

Barb White

JOIN THE QUICKSILVER ENDURANCE RIDERS

We need your name _____

And then your address _____

And your phone number, Fax, e-mail _____

And last we need the names of the other members of your family.

And then we need your money! Senior membership is \$ 15 _____
Junior membership is \$ 5 _____

Why join the Quicksilver Endurance Riders? You will have the opportunity to participate in poker rides, moonlight rides, endurance rides, trail projects as well as attend monthly meetings, the Christmas party and the annual awards ceremony and saving the best for last, you will meet the best friends you will ever have!

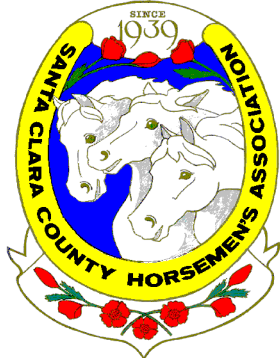
How are our dues spent? Annual Yearbook/Calendar; monthly Newsletter; a representative voice in local horse politics; trail maintenance and improvement projects; year-end awards and monthly meetings.

Club meetings are generally held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the New Almaden Community Center, Bertram Road, San Jose. The Board meets at 6:30 PM and the general meeting follows at 7:00 PM.

Send your 2004 dues, checks made out to: Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.

Mail to Membership Chairperson: Maryben Stover
1299 Sandra Drive
San Jose, CA 95125-3535

May your and your horse have wonderful Year 2004 riding together as members of the
QUICKSILVER ENDURANCE RIDERS.



POKER RIDE

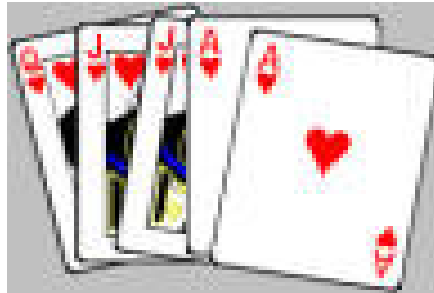
CALERO COUNTY PARK (STAGING AREA)



Saturday, June 5, 2004

**REGISTRATION
TIME:**

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM



STARTING TIME:

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
(followed by lunch and
prizes at 1:00 PM)

FUN, FOOD AND PRIZES

WHAT A “DEAL”!

COST: \$15.00 INCLUDES POKER HAND AND BBQ LUNCH
\$5.00 for extra hand or lunch only

Bring a Prize and get one extra hand (per donation)

***MUST BE A NEW ITEM (VALUE \$5 OR MORE)**

RULES

No unriden horses

Juniors MUST BE with a responsible adult

Juniors may NOT ride stallions

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
Contact Sherry Garvin at 408-374-9592

Definition of a Poker Ride: Ride at your own pace, collecting playing cards along the trail to make up a poker hand. When you arrive at the lunch area, you tie up your horse, talk, check out the prizes, eat, buy more hands if you don't like yours or you want more prizes. Best hand gets the prizes of their choice, and so on until the prizes (or hands) are all gone!

QUICKSILVER COE SPRING CLASSIC 25 & 50 MILE ENDURANCE RIDES * MAY 15, 2004

BASE CAMP: The Stevenson Ranch, which is part of Coe Park, will be camp. The entire ride will be within the boundaries of Henry Coe State Park. Base camp can be reached by taking Highway 152 east of Gilroy or west from Highway 5. Take Canada Road (approx. 3 miles east of Gilroy off of 152) east toward the hills until reaching the Jameson & Canada Road junction. At this point Canada Road makes a hard right and Jameson road is straight on through the intersection. The camp is at the end of the road. There will be porta potties and stock water at the camp and along the trail. Bring your own drinking water.

Camping is subject to the rules of the California State Department of Park and Recreation.

THE TRAIL: The ride will begin at the Stevenson ranch, go up the road to Hunting Hollow, turn up the Lyman Willson trail to Willson camp, to Steer Ridge, to Spike Jones trail, Gizzly Gulch, to Anza trail, to Grapevine trail, to Coit Springs, to Coit Camp, on to Kelly Canyon trail then to Cross Canyon trail across Coit Dam down the Coit Ridge trail to Pacheco Camp for lunch. After lunch the ride continues to Live Oak springs then to the Wagon road to the Wasno junction, then along Wasno Ridge Road down the Towers trail left on to the Grizzly Gulch trail, back on the Wagon Road to the finish via Wilson Camp.

PRE-RIDE CHECK IN: Pre- veterinary check-in will be on Friday, May 14 after 3:00 pm at base camp. All horses should be checked in and numbered by Friday evening. Any riders who wish to vet in on Saturday morning must make prior arrangements with the ride secretary before 12:00, on Wednesday May 12th; because of the long distances the vets have to cover during the ride, we strongly discourage any Saturday morning check ins.

DO NOT ASSUME THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VET IN SATURDAY MORNING

RIDE MEETING: The ride meeting will be held at base camp on Friday evening 7 pm.

RIDE START TIME: The 50-mile ride will start at 6:30 and the 25-mile ride will start at 8:00. All riders should be at the starting area 10 min. prior to the start. All riders must start within 15 min of their designated start time.

VET CHECKS: Vet checks will be away from camp on both rides. There will be no crew access during the ride. Ride management will provide trailers to transport all mounts in need of transportation back to base camp. We will provide lunches, hay and snacks for the riders and horses at the vet checks.

AWARDS DINNER: A western style Slow Smoked chicken bar-b-que with all the fixins will be served after the ride starting at approximately 5:30 PM. The ride entry fee includes dinner for the riders and extra dinners may be purchased for \$15.

RIDE RULES: As this is an AERC sanctioned ride, all AERC rules apply.

*All equines must be at least 5 years (60 months) old to participate in the 50-mile ride, and 4 years (48 months) old to participate in the 25 mile ride.

*All equines must be shod or have sort of hoof protection.

*No pregnant or nursing mares will be allowed to participate.

*A sponsor who is at least 21 years old must accompany juniors under the age of 16 years old. The sponsor must agree to stay with the junior through out the ride. If the sponsor is disqualified, the junior may continue with an alternate sponsor after notifying ride officials.

*Juniors must wear helmets.

*The ride veterinarian's opinions will be final on matters concerning the horse.

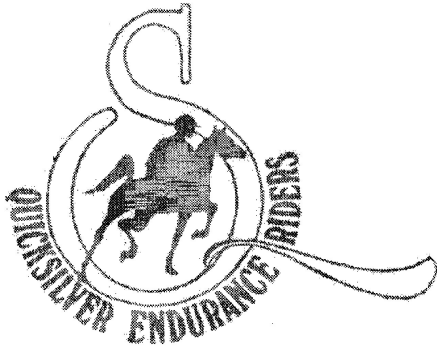
*Horses must be kept under control at all times; anyone endangering other horses, riders or anyone along the trail is subject to disqualification.

***No dogs will be allowed in camp.**

*Any abusive behavior toward ride officials or volunteers will not be tolerated. Any unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification.

TREATMENT: Our head veterinarian and assistants are there to support you in taking care of your horse. It is the riders responsibility to rate and care for his / her mount- please take this responsibility seriously. If you are at all in doubt about the condition of your mount at any time during the ride, please tell one of our vets. If your horse needs veterinary treatment after the ride Valley Animal Hospital is located in Gilroy and their number is 408-847-3118 and Peninsula Equine is located about forty miles north and their number is 605-854-3162.

ENTRY FEES: The entry fee for the 50 miler is \$100, and the fee for the 25 miler is \$90. A meal is included with the entry. Horses who do not pass the pre-ride inspection will be eligible for a refund. All entry fees need to be POSTMARKED BY MAY 8TH, or received via fax by the ride secretary no later than 12:00, Wednesday May 12th...A \$20.00 late fee will be charged to all entrants after the May 8th deadline. No shows will receive no refund.



**QUICKSILVER SPRING CLASSIC
ENDURANCE RIDE 25 & 50 MILES
May 15, 2004**

Rider Name: _____ AERC# _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ First time rider? _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Horse Name: _____ Horse AERC#: _____ Age: _____

Breed: _____ Color: _____ Sex: _____

Horse Owner : _____

Weight Division: ___FW (0-160 lbs w/tack) ___LW (161-185 lbs) ___ MW (186-210 lbs) ___HW (211+)

Junior/ DOB: _____/_____

Entry Fees

50 Mile Ride	\$100.00	_____
25 Mile Ride	\$ 90.00	_____
50 Mile Ride - Junior	\$ 50.00	_____
25 Mile Ride - Junior	\$ 45.00	_____
Late fee if postmarked after 04/08/04	\$ 20.00	_____
# _____ of extra dinners	\$ 15.00	_____
@ _____	=	_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

NOTE: We cannot have dogs at this campsite. Any person bringing a dog into camp will be **disqualified** and asked to take the dog away from camp immediately.
Please read and sign the Liability Release on the back of this page.

Checks payable to: Quicksilver Endurance Riders
Return to: Jill Kilty Newburn
10698 Mora Drive
Los Altos, CA, 94024
Phone number: 650-949-0330
Fax on or before May 12 only: 650-948-1916

Rider Liability Release

I, _____, acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the Quicksilver Spring Classic Endurance Ride. I am aware that endurance riding on horseback involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation and medical facilities, that these areas have natural and manmade hazards which ride management cannot anticipate, identify or eliminate, that horses are excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable, that accidents can happen to anyone at anytime and that such accidents can result in great bodily harm or even death of the horse and/or rider. I agree to take full responsibility for the animal I am riding. As consideration for being permitted to participate in the ride and use the facilities provided by ride management, I agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians and legal representatives will not make a claim against or sue Doug Reynaud, ride management, Quicksilver Endurance Riders Inc., volunteers or veterinarians, the American Endurance Ride Conference, the State of California for any accident, injury or loss that might occur due to my participation in the ride or related activities. I hereby release any and all of those persons or organizations from all actions, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives now have or may hereafter have for injury or damage resulting from my participation in the Quicksilver Spring Classic or related activities. I agree to indemnify any and all of those persons or organizations from any damages or expenses, including attorney's fees, occasioned by claims made by me or on my behalf relating to the ride. I have carefully read and understand this Liability Release. I fully understand its contents and my signature below constitutes acceptance to the above terms and conditions.

Date: _____ Rider Signature: _____

Junior Rider Liability Release

I, _____ am the parent or legal guardian of the minor, _____, who will be attending and/or riding in the Quicksilver Fall Classic Endurance Ride. I, the undersigned parent/legal guardian of, for and in consideration of my child's participation in the Quicksilver fall Classic, agree not to make a claim against or sue Doug Reynaud, ride management, Quicksilver Endurance Riders Inc., volunteers or veterinarians, the American Endurance Ride Conference, the State of California for any accident, injury or loss to my child or my child's horse under my child's control. I hereby release any and all of those persons or organizations from all actions, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives now have or may hereafter have for injury or damage resulting from my child's participation in the Quicksilver Spring Classic or related activities. I also authorize any officer, director or supervisory personnel of the Quicksilver fall Classic to consent on our behalf for any emergency medical treatment which may be required for our child and agree to indemnify and hold harmless anyone giving such consent. I have carefully read and understand this Liability Release. I fully understand its contents and my signature below constitutes acceptance to the above terms and conditions.

Date: _____ Signature of parent/ guardian: _____

Michele is responsible for selling the jerseys so let's support her and the rest of the team by buying one. Note from your editor. I just received mine; it is excellent and will last me the rest of my life 😊

These jerseys are going to be available for purchase all year and each team member will be asked to sell a minimum of 10 to help raise funding for uniforms and additional costs. This is our "Girl Scout Cookies" campaign! So talk to your friends, family and crew...and get the orders to us. These shirts are really nice 100% pre-shrunk heavy weight cotton Rugby Jerseys with a very bold USA graphic. We will all look fantastic at the WEC! The manufacturing Company is in Canada and makes them specifically for Rugby Uniforms, so they are really well made.

National Team Rugby Jersey



100% pre-shrunk Heavy weight Cotton. Bold graphics represent your support for your US National Team. Generous cut in shoulders, slim in waist, not bulky. Easy to tuck in to jeans or wear with riding tights! Unisex sizes (See order sheet) Order one size up if you like a more relaxed fit.

\$75.00

Proceeds go directly to benefit the US National Team expenses for the World Endurance Championships.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Shipping Address (if different from above)

Unisex Sizes	Quantity	Total \$
XS- special order		
S- Ladies equiv. size 4-6		
M-Ladies equiv. size 8-10		
L- Ladies equiv. size 12-14		
XL-Ladies equiv. size 14+		
2XL-5XL available (specify)		

Please accept my additional donation to the US National Team in the amount of \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Check payable to: USEF, Inc. The amount is fully tax-deductible. Please write **Michele Roush** on the memo line of the check..

Mail order form and check to: Art Priesz, 1824 320th Street, Ivanhoe, MN 56142.

2004 May Events

Date	Region	Ride Name	Distance	Manager	Phone #
05/15	W	Quicksilver Coe Ride	25/50	Doug Reynaud	408 847-0465
05/15	W	Neversweats	25/50	Margaret Ford	530 257-6439
05/16	W	Neversweats	25/50	"	"
05/28	W	Wild West I Pioneer	30/50	Robert Ribley	530 268-1378
05/29	W	Wild West II	35/50	"	"
05/30	W	Wild West III	30/55	"	"

05/29 Evening, 8 pm, pleasure ride at JD Grant County Park. Contact Janice at 408 927-1617 for more information. You can camp over night, too.

EARLY June RIDES

06/05	W	Wine Country	25/50	Jessica Tuteur	707 258-1937
06/05	W	Chalk Rock	25/50	Elaine Kerrigan	707 443-0215
06/12	W	NASTR	25/50/75	David Jewkes	775 782-1012

May 19, 2004

Quicksilver Endurance Riders meeting

Calero County Park—go for a ride first and Steve will
Have dinner ready by 6:00 PM at the Equestrian staging area

Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.
P. O. Box 71
New Almaden, CA 95042

