

# Quicksilver Quips

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Annual Banquet is once again history and went pretty well, without the sound system, so it was noisy. We once again had a "bunch" of awards and the people that did not send in their points missed out. Maybe next year. We need to get the Ride and Tiers in the club to send in their mileage. For two years in a row, we have had no one to give RAT accolades to. Please remember next year that the points need to be sent in on the regular forms. It does not help to just copy your AERC records. Karen wanted to know if she had to fill out the forms for her 2,000 plus miles and I said yes and she did. I figure if Karen can do it, anyone with less miles can.....

Leroy was very happy to get the Hall of Fame award and Pierce Norton was very touched that he will be getting a plaque too. I am considering varnishing Leroy's plaque and putting it up on his stall.

On a sad note, Leroy suffered a nasty attack of colic. Surgery was not an option and he was euthanized on March 27th. He was 37 years old as far as we know. He went out with his usual grace and dignity. We were sure he could not get up and had tried to help him up for a couple of hours but to no avail. When the vet came, he just got up on his own and walked out of the barn under his own steam. He left a big hole in our hearts.

I have been thinking that our meetings are so small that maybe we should have a short board meeting at the usual time and then start the regular meeting at 7:00 instead of 7:30. Any ideas or thoughts on that? Let me know

– mb

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Looks like Karen may have talked me into taking over the job of updating the QSER website. We had plans of getting all the member profiles online but I have been lax at sending them to her. So ... looks like since the ball will be totally in my court pretty soon, I'm gonna have to buckle down and get to work!

Look for them to appear in the next month. We only have a handful of them to put up and there are a LOT of members in this club. If you have not submitted a member profile, get busy and fill out that form. And don't forget to send me a picture!!!

– Jackie

# QUICKSILVER CLUB MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2006

At the meeting: M. Stover, J. Voight, B. Voight, K. Brayton, L. Oleson, S. Holder, K. Holder, D. Clark, H. Graham, K. Miller, S. Lenheim, E. Alton, B. Hart, J. Reynolds, H. Reynolds, M. Snowbarger

Meeting began: 6:40

## Treasurer's Report:

- General Account: \$7, 070.04
- Deposits: \$930
- Ending Balance: \$5, 500.76
- Junior Account: \$778.54
- Trails: \$1,012.02

## Committees/Membership

Program Committee: We do not have an official program committee at the moment, and it would be nice to have one to coordinate guest speakers. Dick brought up the possibility of him heading the committee. We discussed a number of ideas for good guest speakers, which included many that the club has had in the past. We don't currently have programs because we don't have enough club participants, and we discussed ways to interest them in coming. Kathy Miller proposed that we invite other horse clubs and put up flyers at feed stores.

We also discussed the idea of bringing barbecues back to Trilby's, because these always brought a lot of club members out. Jen is working on fixing the fly problem at Trilby's so we can continue this. Sandy also brought up the fact that we could have a barbecue at someone else's house, and many people volunteered. Kathy Miller said that we should have meetings in one place each month and make the food at this location. That way people are not confused as to where the meetings are. Dick told everybody to come up with ideas for programs and boosting club participation and to propose them at our next meeting. Also, we decided that each person present at the meeting would call one other person and tell them to come to the next meeting, which would double our attendance.

## Poker Ride:

Jen is waiting for the insurance to go through, and the permit is already all set up. Everything is going well and it's on for May 13. We will work on setting up volunteers at future meetings.

## Trails:

The trough at Sierra Azul is still not in, and Jen will talk to Mike Newburn to get this all squared away and done.

## Summer Ride:

The "Return to Castle Rock" ride is scheduled for June 3. Sandy Holder will be the ride manager and Katie Holder will be the ride secretary. Kathy Brayton and Dick Carter both volunteered for the assistant ride manager position,

and Jen and Dick are willing to help out with both trail marking and cleaning after the ride. Lori proposed that we start the 50 milers at 6:00 a.m. because of the hot weather, and to start the LDs an hour later at 7:00 a.m. There will be a ride manager discount in entry fees. Lori then said we should have two drag riders, one riding each loop. A motion was passed to approve the ride budget, and it was approved.

## Fall Ride:

We should work on a date for our fall ride, and Dick said we should make sure other ride managers in our club coordinate their ride dates at least 2 weeks before or after ours. Jen said that if we do Castle Rock again next year it should be earlier (April or May) to make the heat less intense.

At our general member meeting, Jen made this motion: We should have a Horse Excellence Award for LDs instead of a Best Condition, which would be an award that all horses finishing the ride qualify for. This would then be the format that we use at our Castle Rock Ride and future rides. This motion was passed with a vote of 12 approving it and 3 abstaining from voting at all. Becky said she will participate in training LD riders to show for BC at future rides. This would take place either before the ride or afterwards. This way, LD riders can learn how to show for BC, so that when they start doing endurance rides they will be prepared. This training would also include Heather and Jeremy and anybody else who is a pro at showing for BC.

The last thing we discussed was the need for a club mission statement, which Becky Glaser is going to write one and send it out to see what we think.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:47

**NEXT QSER MEETING:  
4/19/06**

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## HOW DO YOU FEED YOURSELF AT RIDES?

Steve Lenheim suggests a new column on "Quickie" meals at rides and I think that's a great idea!

Let us know what kinds of things you like to take to rides and send us your favorite recipe for quick and easy meals to share with other club members. As I was wandering around camp at Cuyama, I could see gatherings of campers getting together, some with campfires, some with cookstoves, enjoying eachother's company and cooking and wondered at what they might be enjoying. I have to admit, I'm lazy and either make myself a sandwich or buy meals if they are available. It's hard to pass up The Duck's wild salmon dinner, although I missed it this year because I left early to miss the sea of mud getting out of Dodge.

If you've got a favorite recipe, pass it on!!!

– Jackie

## MEMBER NEWS

### NEW MEMBER:

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### Note from Caralee White:

I am doing great ... had to have surgery on my right knee ... but it healed perfectly. Going on 3 years since I have sat in a saddle. Pico turns 28 this year and is going strong. Hope all is well with you. I read the newsletter and think back on some great times – **Caralee**

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*Note: By the way you guys who know Caralee .....do you realize that her son Jordan is 9 years old .....mb*



### HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL?

Advertise it here  
in the QUIPS classifieds.  
It's FREE!!

## QSER BANQUET REPORT

ITEM	BUDGETED AMOUNT	ACTUAL COST
CLEAN UP	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
AWARDS	\$1,900.00	\$1,851.61
ROOM RENT	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
CALENDAR	\$ 300.00	\$ 789.96
DECORATIONS	\$ .00	\$ 60.18
TOTALS	\$2,500.00	
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DONATIONS	\$ 150.00	(150.00)
		\$2,851.75

## YEARBOOK/CALENDAR

I would like to give a big "Thank You" to Steve for the beautiful QS yearbook and all the memories contained within it covers. The yearbook is always something to look forward to and an on going history of the accomplishments of the Quicksilver Club but this year the yearbook was especially beautiful with all the wonderful color pictures.

Thank you Steve for all your efforts year after year.

– **Jeri Ayers-Scott**

## 5TH ANNUAL EAST BAY HILLS BENEFIT RIDE

I am writing to ask your assistance as key members of your horse association or riding club in promoting our 5th Annual East Bay Hills Benefit Ride. This year's ride will benefit the Bay Area Ridge Trail and equestrian improvements in the East Bay parks. In previous years our ride has raised \$37,000 for the Bay Area Ridge Trail, and some of your members have probably joined us for a great time on the trails.

Please print up the attached flyer and entry form and post at your clubhouse or other appropriate spot. Please forward the flyer to your members, or include in your upcoming newsletters. Please post the flyer on your web site, if you have one, or link to our web site, [www.twaha.org](http://www.twaha.org) (click on events), where the flyer and entry form will be available to download starting this weekend. With your help, this ride can be an even more powerful asset to our trails this year.

Oh, and if you have good suggestions for how we should spend some of the funds raised on equestrian improvements in the East Bay parks, we would love to hear your ideas, as we have not yet settled on a project.

*Morris Older,  
Ride Secretary, for the  
Tilden-Wildcat Horsemen's Association*

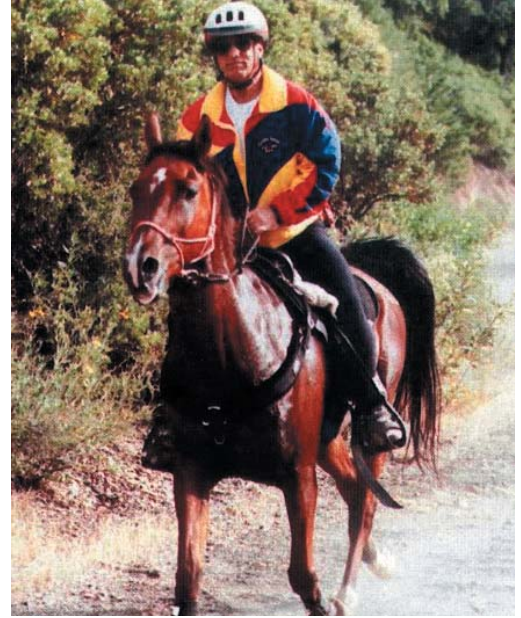
## MEMBER PROFILE

### STEVEN LENHEIM

Steve lives in the Almaden Valley with his horses Sorka, Sa Ibn Saam and Farwa Bu and has been riding 15 years. He has been doing endurance for 13 of those 15 years. He trains at Coe, Quicksilver, Calero and other parks and rides the 50-mile distance. Career miles are 3,500+. Steve and Sorka are almost a Decade Team member ... they've been together 11 years but have taken two years off for injury.

Steve's favorite ride is Castle Rock. "It's the most beautiful ride in the world over terrain that makes eight hours riding seem so short." His Claim to Fame is being dedicated to taking care of his horses, Far at 26, Ibn at 18 and Sorka at 16. Plus working for the club in many avenues. His biggest goal has been accomplished – getting all three horses through Tevis. "Now I just ride those rides I enjoy."

"My favorite park is Coe. With 75,000+ acres I can ride for hours without seeing a soul. The views are "huge sky" from the coast to the west to snow-capped mountains to the east. The trails are all excellent, some narrow, some wide with plenty of water where needed. It's not easy terrain with many hills up and then down. But if you know your way around you can smooth them out. Life is good from the back of a horse!"



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## CALLING ALL MEMBERS ... MORE MEMBERSHIP PROFILES NEEDED!

We had a great response last month for member profiles and we have a lot more left to go!!!

Please fill out the questionnaire below and email or snail mail it to me with a photo of yourself and your horse. Have an endurance riding family? Let's see 'em!!!



### MEMBER PROFILE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you live? \_\_\_\_\_

Horse(s) name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been riding? \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you been doing endurance? \_\_\_\_\_

Where to you train? \_\_\_\_\_

What distances do you ride? (LD, 50, 100) \_\_\_\_\_ What are your career miles? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Decade Team Member? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite ride and why? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your "claim to fame"? (I.e. endurance awards) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What are you goals? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Anything else you'd like to contribute about yourself (spouse, children, do they ride, what you do for a living, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Email the answers to [typenf@comcast.net](mailto:typenf@comcast.net) or cut out and send questionnaire to:

Jackie Floyd, P.O. Box 1045, Lodi, CA 95241

**DON'T FORGET A PICTURE OF YOURSELF!**



# THE RETURN TO CASTLE ROCK

Sponsored by  
QUICKSILVER ENDURANCE RIDERS

Saturday, June 3, 2006  
50 Miler and 30 Miler

**CAMP INFORMATION:** Camp is located in a deep canyon, so bring warm clothing for horse and rider. Creek and hydrant water are suitable for horses, but riders should bring their own drinking water. A phone is available in camp for credit card or reverse charge calls only. Showers, portable toilets, and trash receptacles are provided. **NO OPEN FIRES PERMITTED.** Charcoal grills, propane or white gas stoves are OK. **SORRY, NO MOTORIZED CYCLES OR ATV's. NO BICYCLES ON TRAILS. DOGS MUST BE CONFINED INSIDE TRAILERS OR CAMPERS DURING THE EVENT AND MAY BE WALKED ON LEASH ONLY. NO DOGS IN CAMP, IN THE VETTING AREA, OR THE START-FINISH AREA. PLEASE CAMP IN "DOGTOWN" CAMPING AREA, IF YOU HAVE BROUGHT DOGS WITH YOU.**

**COURSE:** For all events there will be only two locations for the major vet checks - at Camp and at Swanton - the two being only 3 miles apart by vehicle. The 50-mile trail is a figure-8, utilizing a 30-mile loop and a 20-mile loop, with two vet checks at Swanton and one at Camp. The 30-mile trail uses the same trail as the first loop of the 50-mile ride. The trails will be **extremely well marked** with color-coded flagging, dolomite, and signs. Marshals will be placed where deemed necessary. There will be plenty of water, either from streams or water troughs. Much of the trail is in shady forest, the balance on ridges of soft shale or open grassy hilltops. There is very little pavement, and most of this can be avoided by riding on shoulder. The trails are generally jeep road width, but also have several one-mile (+ or -) stretches of single-track trail. Management will provide hay, carrots, water and wheat bran mash for horses and water for riders at selected locations.

**PRE-RIDE VETTING:** Upon vet arrival (usually about 4:00 PM) - 7:00 PM Friday.

**PRE-RIDE BRIEFING:** 6:30 PM - Friday.

**RIDES START:** 50-miler - 6:00 AM, Saturday  
30-miler - 6:30 AM, Saturday

**RIDES FINISH:** 50-miler - 6:00 PM, time allowed - 12:00 hours overall, including vet checks  
30-miler - 6:30 AM - 1:45 PM, time allowed - 7:15 hours overall, including vet checks AND PULSE

DOWN

**POST-RIDE EXAM OF HORSES:** **30-miler**, immediately upon crossing the finish line; COMPLETION TIME RECORDED ONLY UPON REACHING CRITERIA. Take care of your horse as there will be a **Horse Excellence Best Condition Award** given based on QuickSilver Endurance Riders criteria, which includes a review of all horses. **50-miler**, based on vet criteria but generally within one-half hour after each individual finish. **We will be awarding an AERC Best Condition.**

**AWARDS DINNER:** An outstanding barbecue dinner, beginning at 3:00 PM for 30 milers, continuing until 7:30 PM. Extra tickets should be purchased with entry.

**AWARDS PRESENTATION:** About 6:00 PM for 30 and 50-milers. Best Condition awards follow.

**AWARDS:** Finishing awards for Castle Rock 50 are t-shirts. Please include your size on the entry form.

**RIDE RULES:** The 50-mile and 30-mile rides are sanctioned by AERC and will comply with AERC rules and policy. **Juniors must wear helmets.** Ride management reserves the right to interpret the rules as would be necessary to insure the continuity of the rides and to settle any questions which may arise from any incident that might occur during the rides.

**DIRECTIONS TO CAMP:** Camp is located 20 miles north of Santa Cruz and 60 miles south of San Francisco. From Santa Cruz, take Highway #1 north towards Half Moon Bay. Drive past Davenport (9 miles N of Santa Cruz) for 1.5 miles, take next R past Swanton Road sign. Go 4.5 miles to Old Seaside School (now a private residence). Turn R through a green gate, follow this dirt road 1.5 miles to the main camp, a meadow with picnic tables set on it and a creek running through it. You may camp anywhere in meadows before or after the main camp, as well as in designated areas of the main camp itself. From San Francisco Bay area, take either Highway #1 or Highway #92W to Half Moon Bay, then south toward Santa Cruz for about 30 miles, into Santa Cruz County, across Waddell Creek bridge, past Big Creek Lumber Co. mill, and turn **SHARPLY LEFT** onto Swanton Road .3 mile south of the mill. Proceed on this winding road for 2.5 miles to the dark red schoolhouse, turn L through the green gate. Watch for our signs. Camp will be open from Friday AM through Sunday noon. Riders coming from great distances (7 hours driving time or more) may arrive as early as Thursday evening, but please call us first.

**RAFFLE:** One raffle ticket will be included in each rider packet with additional tickets available for sale.

**RIDE ENTRIES:** Send your Ride Entries to Katie Holder, Ride Secretary, 2471 Bridle Path Drive, Gilroy, CA 95020

**RIDE MANAGEMENT:**

**Sandy Holder - Ride Manager, cell: 408-218-5028 fax: 831-423-8869 email: [sandy.l.holder@us.pwc.com](mailto:sandy.l.holder@us.pwc.com)**

**Dick Carter - Assistant Ride Manager, cell: 408-234-2240**

**Katie Holder - Ride Secretary, cell: 510-364-2066 email: [spikelove83@yahoo.com](mailto:spikelove83@yahoo.com)**

# THE RETURN TO CASTLE ROCK

## Entry Form

Rider Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AERC # \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse AERC#: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ FW (0 – 160 lbs w/tack) \_\_\_\_\_ LW (161 - 185 lbs/tack)

\_\_\_\_\_ MW (186 – 210 lbs w/tack) \_\_\_\_\_ HW (211 lbs + w/tack)

Entry Fees: 25 miler ..... \$90.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Juniors and 2006 Ride Managers ..... \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_

50 Milers ..... \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Juniors and 2006 Ride Managers ..... \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Non AERC member fee (applies to both rides) ..... \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Dinner Ticket(s) @ \$15.00 each ..... ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Add \$20 if postmarked after May 29, 2006 ..... \_\_\_\_\_

I will be staying for the dinner on Saturday night! YES  NO

My T-Shirt Size IS:

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **QUICKSILVER ENDURANCE RIDERS.**

\* There will be a \$5.00 cancellation fee if request is received prior to May 29<sup>th</sup>. Cancellation after May 29<sup>th</sup> will be considered a donation to the Quicksilver Endurance Riders Club.

### PLEASE READ AND SIGN LIABILITY RELEASE

I wish to participate in the Return to Castle Rock ride sponsored by the Quicksilver Endurance Riders. I am aware that an endurance competition course covers difficult terrain on trails where the footing for the horses may be unsure, and will include road crossings and hazards. I further acknowledge that competitive events such as this, over considerable distance contains inherent risks of injury and damage to me personally, to my animal(s) and equipment. Knowing these facts, nevertheless, in consideration of your accepting this entry, I do hereby for myself, heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release the Quicksilver Endurance Riders, all property owners over whose land the ride passes, the county where this ride takes place, or their representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, and assign from any and all right claim of liability for damages, or for any and all injuries that may be sustained by me including injuries to other animals or equipment and property or from any and all claims of any kind or nature that I might have. I do acknowledge that I have read the foregoing paragraph and know and understand the contents thereof.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Minors must have the following liability signed by one of their parents/guardians if under the age of 18.

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*For more about the Quicksilver Endurance Riders, including membership, please go to: [www.qser.net](http://www.qser.net)*

## THE HUNDRED-MILE HEART

by Annie Waterhouse

As a volunteer at the Californios 100 I hadn't expected to be at the finish line, and what a finish...one doesn't often hear the word race spoken at these events...it is a ride, and as I left the sixty-four mile vet check late that afternoon I thought, this is a great one.

Some of the best riders and horses in the endurance world were there, and for some, it would be their last ride before Tevis. I was impressed by how good they looked leaving the vet check, I had ridden the last thirty-six miles and my heart went with them as they trotted keenly down the trail.

We had such good ride help that day I was beginning to feel redundant so I drove back to the ranch to see if I was needed elsewhere. About five or six volunteers had been similarly relieved of their duties and were just enjoying a cool beer when we noticed a cloud of dust approaching out along the driveway, followed moments later by the skidding of tires in gravel and the ride manager's face leaning out of the truck window urgently requesting volunteers to go to the last vet check.

"There's a group of nine riders coming in and help isn't there yet. I need P&R people."

The truck reversed into the settling dust cloud and sped back down the driveway. The last vet check was only three miles from the finish, how could they be coming in so soon? Nine riders. Who would they be? Yes, this was a great ride, and now it was beginning to feel like a race. We all followed in convoy, water trucks, horse trailers, whatever was available and headed rapidly down the road, our excitement mounting as we did the calculations. Nine riders all together, how that must feel after such a distance, knowing how little was left between that final vet check and the finish line. How I wished I was with them!

As we tumbled out of our vehicles we saw that a lot of help had in fact just made it, but there was a hush about the place, an expectant silence. Vet, crews and volunteers all stood in their allotted places motionless, silent, waiting. It reminded me of something, maybe that scene in *Close Encounters* where those certain, fortunate people gathered at that chosen place not knowing exactly what was about to happen, but knowing that it would be extraordinary, something not to be missed if you got the chance.

A look-out had been posted a little way up the trail. All eyes were trained on the steep hill scored by a narrow, barely visible switch-back trail that cut through the chaparral, descending sixteen hundred feet over a mile. We all held our breath. Then the cry was heard from the look-out:

"Red shirt – black helmet – brown horse!"

Michel Bloch was ready, he had been crewing for his son Alan (Alain ?) all day. The Frenchman strode towards the hill unable to contain his patience or his pride. Alan appeared, already dismounting and leading his horse into the vet check as the second cry went up:

"White shirt – black helmet – gray horse!"

"Its Heather!" Excited shouts.

Then as the other seven appeared in quick succession

trotting down the switchbacks the whole place sprang into life, suddenly everyone was breathing again, activity everywhere as crews scrambled to attend. The riders' adrenalin was palpable, their efficiency and focus was impressive. The horses were awe-inspiring, hyper-extended, wild-eyed creatures, true athletes who knew they weren't done yet, hard to believe and wondrous to see, they could hardly slow down enough to eat or drink. The whole thing was too much to witness unless you had some useful purpose to perform, which I did not. I had to see them finish this, others felt the same, and the way this lot looked, if we didn't get going right away they might beat us to it!

We all jumped into the truck and drove back to the ranch as if lives depended on it, skidding around corners, the trailer lurching madly behind us, the truck seeming lumber-some, hopelessly outclassed by those incredible animals that were, right now, eating up the last few miles across country, stepping swiftly and soundly, re-tracing the course they had set pre-dawn, more than fourteen hours ago.

We only just made it to the finish line in time. The vet and ride manager had taken a shortcut, climbed through a fence and got there before us, even though I had seen them listening to heartbeats through stethoscopes as we left. No one even had time to focus a camera and record the moment. We heard them first, distant hooves, then a cloud of dust moving above the sage, they were riding with the wind and moving faster than their own dust cloud. All of a sudden they came into view around the bend in the track, coming fast, the bay and the gray thundering towards the finish line, riders low on their horses necks, determination stretching every muscle and nerve, the gray taking the lead as they passed us, hooves kicking the white dust of the finish line triumphantly, everyone whooping and cheering, I had tears in my eyes and couldn't see the horse that came in third. In the sudden silence that didn't really exist, all I could hear was my own heart, and it made me wonder. Does a horse feel triumph? I doubt it.

What is it that keeps these animals going to the unnatural lengths that we ask of them? Is there a true partnership between man and horse? I have felt it, but it could be something else. Everyone who was there for those few seconds will have felt not only their own heart but the heart of every horse and human who shared the day and that final, glorious moment. One cannot participate in this sport without some understanding of the heart, but it needs to be more than a merely scientific understanding, as horsemen we need to understand the spiritual side to this interaction between species and the roles our hearts play in the relationship.

That race to the finish demonstrated so much, perhaps it was not exceptional in the grand scheme of things, maybe it raises questions, but questions are good. Let's be very careful as we dare to push others towards our own goals, let's never lose sight of what we are really asking of them, let us never lose heart either. It was a great day. It raised spirits, it raised heart-rates and it raised questions. Let us keep questioning.



## **Quicksilver Spring Poker Ride**

**Saturday May 13th, 2006**

***Come ride with us  
at  
Calero County Park!***

Ride 5 or 10 mile loops and receive awesome prizes for your Poker hand!  
Trails consist of several climbs and descents with great views of the valley  
and Calero Lake along the ridges.

Quicksilver member fee \$15

Others \$20

Bring a prize of \$15 or greater value and receive an extra poker hand.

Registration begins at 8:30 am, ride starts at 10am.

Poker hand prizes awarded beginning at 1pm.

Please, no pregnant or lactating mares, no ponying, and no juniors riding stallion.

Please be safe and courteous at all times.

### **Directions:**

From North – Exit Hwy. 85 at Almaden Expressway South. Turn right on Harry Rd and left on McKean. Go past Calero lake and turn right at Calero Park Staging Area.

From South – Exit Hwy. 101 at Bailey West, turn left on McKean and take first right at Calero Park Staging Area.

For more information please call:

Jennifer Voight 408-997-2418 or [bingvoight@aol.com](mailto:bingvoight@aol.com)



*This date is the same as the Castle Rock ride so maybe QSER members could come up with a project before then to help Barbara and Lud prepare the trails. At the Awards Banquet they were talking about trail work they had done that very day!*

## TRAIL TROTTERS DAY JUNE 3, 2006

Trail Trotters Day is a day dedicated to public works or different projects on our trail systems. According to the American Horse Council, equestrians from all venues, Eventing, Dressage, Endurance and many more enjoy trail riding for relaxation. However, as available open space is either sold off or is not longer accessible to horses, horseback riders are finding fewer and fewer places to ride.

The Equestrian Land Conservation Resource organization (ELCR) launched Trail Trotter's Day to promote access to land for horseback riding. As a participant, you help repair or do maintenance work on the very trails you enjoy. All Trail Trotter's Day projects will be completed on June 3, 2006. Since this is a one day, national event your time

commitment will be brief, but much appreciated. Although participants may volunteer for projects on any type of land, due to a backlog of maintenance, ELCR is encouraging participants to consider projects on or near national forest land. A map of national forest land locations is available at ELCR's website.

Trail Trotter's Day is a free program with no fees or membership requirement. It is quick and easy to become a Trail Trotter by registering for an existing project or a new project. For more details, go to ELCR's website: [www.elcr.org](http://www.elcr.org) and look for the Trail Trotter link. Trail Trotter's Day is funded with the help of ELCR major sponsors including the National Forest Foundation and Tread Lightly.

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### JOB OPENING

**FREE RENT AND UTILITIES FOR A FULL HOOK-UP CAMPSITE**, in exchange for 20 hours of work. Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation is looking for a full-time site host who has horse experience. The site is located in Santa Teresa County Park, in San Jose, CA at the Mounted Ranger Facility. Duties include: feeding, watching over horses, running work crews, general maintenance and public interaction. No horse boarding is available. Please call to schedule an interview. For information call: Senior Park Ranger Julie Gaffney (408) 363-5976 or email at: [julie.gaffney@prk.sccgov.org](mailto:julie.gaffney@prk.sccgov.org). [04-06]

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