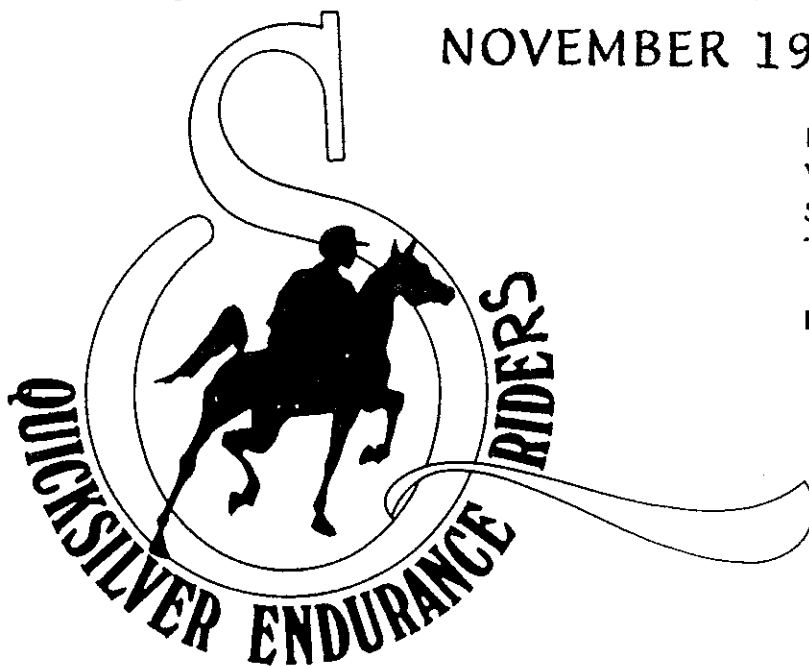


# QUICKSILVER QUIPS

NOVEMBER 1994



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## what i did on my summer vacation

by Becky Glaser



Ireland-- On my way to the World Equestrian Games I told the travel agent that I wanted to go to the north coast of Ireland. I wanted to be provided a good horse and to be allowed to ride alone.

These parameters landed me at the Stracomer Riding Centre, Bundoran, County Donegal. I could spend only five days so didn't get to join the week long trail rides along the wildly scenic coast. (The riders stay at a different bed and breakfast each night.) Instead, I joined the residential program of riding lessons and trail rides. The first day I was assigned Jennie, an Irish hunter mare, and I spent the morning in lessons over small jumps. In the afternoon, a group was guided through 600 acres of sand dunes at a brisk trot/canter pace. The next day, having proved that I would injure neither myself nor Jennie, we were set free to roam. What a joy! The dunes conjured visions of Beatrix Potter illustrations with fox and bunny burrows pocketing hills and dales covered in vibrant greens and fragrant with wild flowers. Jennie was sheer pleasure to ride. She was huge but light, eager, and responsive. I wanted to bring her home. The Riding Centre staff were professional, knowledgeable, and always warm.

Fortified by my own glorious riding experience, I prepared to go watch other riders fulfill their dreams.

Our November Meeting is going to be special. Wednesday, the ninth, is the date and we are going to meet at the Quicksilver Kitchen on Almaden Ave. at 6:30 p.m. for a great spaghetti dinner and then at 7:30 we will have Dr. Novick as our guest speaker. He is going to discuss different horse identification methods...i.e. freeze branding, micro-chips, etc. Horses are easy to steal...especially those that jump readily into a trailer as the bad guys can have a halter on the horse, load him and be outta there in just a matter of minutes. Your chances of having him not end up on a dinner plate in Europe are far better if you have protected him with some positive identification. Following Dr. Novick's talk, we will have our General Meeting and the election of those that will guide us in 1995.

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Your next Newsletter (December) will have a form in it for you to renew your annual membership. Besides your own renewal, start thinking now about the people on your Christmas list who would welcome a gift membership. Surprise a friend! Let us know if you would like a gift membership certificate (attractively wrapped to make a lasting impression) sent directly to the recipient of your largess or if you would prefer it sent to you to be hand delivered under the mistletoe.

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The Park & Recreation Department for Quicksilver Park is planning a hearing on opening the park to bicycles. If you have an opinion, make yourself heard by writing Almaden Quicksilver Park Office at 21785 Almaden Ave., San Jose, CA 95120 or calling 408-268-8220.

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Anyone interested in a camp-out and ride for Thanksgiving at Henry Coe Park? If the weather is great it could be a real treat and a fun time. Steve Lenheim will plan it if there are enough people interested (five or six or more). Call him at home at 356-7313 or at work at 377-0611.

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Maryben, our honored president for two more months, is sending out an urgent plea. She gave the Quicksilver Club banner to someone, but has suffered a memory loss and can't remember the person's identity. The banner is yellow with brown lettering and has a picture of a horse sitting down on the far side of the finish line. It is about 6 ft. x 3 ft and we need it desperately for the Los Gatos Christmas Parade. PLEASE check the trunk of your car, the attic, your tack room, behind the couch...wherever. We need it. When you find it, call Marbyben at 265-0839.

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**QUICKSILVER EXTENDS  
A HEARTY WELCOME TO  
NEW MEMBER  
RAUL DE LA ROSA**

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THIS NEWSLETTER IS THE FORM ON PAGE 9 NOV. 30TH MARKS THE END OF THE RIDE YEAR. IF YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR NAME IN PRINT, IF YOU CRAVE LASTING FAME, IF YOU WANT FUTURE GENERATIONS TO READ ABOUT YOUR EXPLOITS (OR EVEN YOUR FELLOW QUICKSILVER BUDDIES), IF POSTERITY IS WHAT YOU NEED TO BE COMPLETE...FILL IT IN RIGHT NOW AND SEND IT TO MARYBEN STOVER AT 1299 SANDRA DRIVE, SAN JOSE, CA 95125. SHE'LL DO ALL THE CALCULATING AND SEND IT ON TO STEVE LENHEIM WHO WILL RECORD IT ALL IN THE 1994 YEARBOOK/CALENDAR... ALONG WITH YOUR PICTURE, OF COURSE, WHICH WE KNOW YOU HAVE SENT HIM. IF NOT, YOU HAVE ABOUT 10 MORE MINUTES TO GET IT IN THE MAIL OR BE FOREVER DOOMED TO IGNOMINITY. THE MAILMAN DELIVERS TO HIM AT 2100 SOUTH BASCOM, #4, SAN JOSE, CA 95123. FOR OUR NEW MEMBERS, THE YEARBOOK/CALENDAR IS OUR ANNUAL GEM THAT GOES FREE TO ALL MEMBERS AND SHOWS PICTURES, WITH OR WITHOUT HORSES, FOR ALL THE WORLD TO SEE.. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A HORSE AND NEVER SAT ASTRIDE THE WHOLE YEAR, WE DON'T CARE...IF YOU ARE A MEMBER, YOU COUNT AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED. SERIOUSLY, LET'S ALL COOPERATE AND, IN THE SPIRIT OF GOOD FUN, SEE IF WE CAN LIMIT THOSE THAT DON'T COOPERATE TO ABOUT FIVE DUDS. YOUR PICTURES WILL BE RETURNED POSITIVELY. WE CAN SAVE THE CLUB ABOUT \$300 ON THE LAY-OUT IF SOMEONE OUT THERE KNOWS HOW TO RUN A COMPUTER SO STEVE DOES NOT HAVE TO HIRE ANYONE.

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I WISH I HAD A SWEETHEART OF A HORSE for my twelve year old granddaughter. Peace of mind is important so I want to be sure he or she is pretty much child proof, but with enough get up and go to keep a child interested. Kimberly has a fair amount of riding experience and is well versed in basic horsemanship. Call Marian Blair at 408-225-3000 after Nov. 12th.

I WISH I HAD A HOME for a very flashy 9 year old 15 hand golden palomino gelding who will make a woman or a lightweight man an excellent endurance horse. Call Paul at Graeagle Stables 916-836-0430.

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Our COUPLE OF THE MONTH are natives of Santa Cruz County and have achieved a lot of recognition for their active support of endurance riding. Shown at an early age, our heroine is 8 years old having a ride on Queen with Situp in the background. Our hero is a bit older, actual quite a bit at 23 years, and he is seen surveying future forests aboard "Detour". If you haven't already guessed, let's just say they are probably the most dedicated ride managers in our sport and almost all of us have accepted their hospitality on an annual basis for many years.  
(Answer bottom of page 11)



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DON'T EVER SAY

**NOVEMBER 12 SATURDAY**

**" I FORGOT THE DATE!!!"**

**NOVEMBER 12**

OUR ANNUAL 25/50 MILE ENDURANCE RIDE

**NOVEMBER**

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IS THE EVENT OF THE YEAR FOR OUR QUICKSILVER CLUB.

NOT ONLY DOES IT KEEP US SOLVENT BUT IT BINDS US TOGETHER IN ONE GREAT JOINT EFFORT AS MOST OF THE CLUB MEMBERS EITHER RIDE OR HELP MAKE IT GO ACCORDING TO RIDE MANAGER SUSAN ALLISON, THE RIDE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

- VET IN: FRIDAY FROM 3:00 UNTIL ?
- WHERE: SANTA CLARA COUNTY HORSEMAN'S GROUNDS, MCKEAN ROAD, SAN JOSE, CA
- ENTRY FEE: \$75. LATE CHARGE FOR LAST MINUTE ENTRIES. BE SURE TO CALL MARYBEN STOVER FOR ENTRIES OR TO PREREGISTER AT 408-265-0839. JUNIORS ARE HALF PRICE .
- DIRECTIONS: FROM NORTH..take 101,280 or 680 to Guadalupe Parkway (freeway 87). Take Santa Teresa exit and go straight past Blossom Hill Road to Coleman. Turn right at Coleman. Turn left on Almaden Expressway. At end of Almaden Expressway turn right on Harry Road. Turn left on McKean Road before the bridge.The Horseman's is on your left in about 1/2 a mile.  
FROM SOUTH...take 101 to Chochrane exit in Morgan Hill. Turn left on Cochrane. Right on Monterey Road. Go approximately 6 miles to Bailey and turn left. When Bailey ends at McKean Rd, turn right approximately 3 to 4 miles to camp on your right.

Come ride in three of Santa Clara County's beautiful parks...Quicksilver, Calero and Santa Teresa. The terrain is moderate set in rolling hills., challenging enough to sort out the conditioned horses, but easy enough at a slow to moderate pace for less seasoned horses. Lunch is at base cap at the Santa Clara County Horsemans Grounds. All who finish will get an award. Lot of time to fraternize with some of the World's best endurance riders over our Saturday night banquet. Newcomers to the sport are welcomed. Our club members are always happy to lend a hand to get you started!

**QUESTIONS:**

- Ride Secretary: Maryben Stover 408-265-0839**
- Ride Manager: Susan Allison 408-997-6480**
- Head Veterinarian: Melissa Ribley, DVM 916-268-1378**
- ENTRY FORM..SEE NEXT PAGE**

## Fall Quicksilver 25 and 50 Mile Rides November 12, 1994 Entry Application

Rider \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ AERC# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Featherweight \_\_\_\_\_ Lightweight \_\_\_\_\_ Middleweight \_\_\_\_\_ Heavyweight \_\_\_\_\_  
 (160 and under) (161-185) (186-210) (211+)  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Horse \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ AERC# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_  
 Horse Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's address \_\_\_\_\_

In appreciation of the acceptance of this entry application to enter and participate in the Fall Quicksilver Rides, sponsored by Quicksilver Endurance Riders, the undersigned and my heirs, executors and administrators waive and release the Fall Quicksilver Rides, Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Santa Clara County, and any person connected in any way with the Fall Quicksilver Rides, or their representatives, successors, and assigns from any and all rights, claims, or liability for damages for any and all injuries to me, or my animal, in the event of an accident caused by me or my animal, or any accident caused by anyone else connected with, or participating on this trail ride.

Junior Riders (under 16 years of age) will be accepted and allowed to ride only if accompanied by an adult rider. Juniors will not be allowed to start or continue on from any point without an adult sponsor.

This ride adhere to all AERC rules and guidelines.

**A Hard Hat is REQUIRED for all riders under age 16 and recommended for all riders.**  
 I have read the rules, conditions and regulations of this ride, and will abide by them.

Signature of Rider \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian (Juniors) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of birth if minor \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Entry fee 25	\$60.00	_____
Entry fee 50	\$75.00	_____
Non AERC member	5.00	_____
Entry fee Juniors	1/2 price (\$30.00/37.50)	_____
Late Fee after November 9th	\$20.00	_____

(This late fee can be waived if you call ahead, send your entry form early or Maryben likes you, but better call ahead just in case.!!!!)

Make checks payable to QSER, Send entries to **MARYBEN STOVER, Ride Secretary**  
 1299 Sandra Drive  
 San Jose, California 95125  
 408-265-0839

**MANY QUICKSILVER MEMBERS WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR ANNUAL RIDE A SUCCESS. SUSAN ALLISON, AS CHAIRMAN, HAS THE BIG JOB. SOME OF THOSE HELPING HER ARE:**

**Hugh & Gloria Vanderford.....Trail Managers**  
**Marvin Snowbarger..... In Charge of Volunteers**  
**Kathy Miller..... Hay for horses**  
**Pat McKendry.....In charge of Timers**  
**Deb Manion, Patsy Scharfe & Ad Vandenhoogen.....Rider  
refreshments at Jim Greene Vet Stop**  
**Bill Parker & Steve Lenheim..... Cooks for Awards Banquet**  
**Joanne Dietz.....Overall Awards**  
**"Cool Off" ..... 1st Place & Finishing Awards**

**QUICKSILVER AWARDS: FIRST PLACE, BEST CONDITION, FIRST FEATHER WEIGHT, FIRST LIGHTWEIGHT, FIRST MIDDLEWEIGHT, FIRST HEAVYWEIGHT AND COMPLETION AWARDS.**

**QUICKSILVER MEMBERS DONATING AWARDS ARE:**

**FIRST GRADE HORSE: JACK & JOANNE DIETZ**  
**FIRST MORGAN HORSE: NANCY WHITE**  
**FIRST ARABIAN HORSE: ADOBE ANIMAL HOSPITAL**  
**FIRST APPALOOSA: ROBERT OLIVER**  
**5TH FROM LAST: PAT MCKENDRY**  
**FIRST JUNIOR: DAVE FANARA**  
**OLDEST HORSE: MARYBEN STOVER**  
**YOUNGEST RIDER: JULIE SUHR**  
**25 MILE AWARDS: "COOL OFF" (NANCY TWIGHT)**

## **ONE LAST TIME.....!!!!**

IT IS IMPERATIVE ...That Eleanor Norton Award nominations be sent or called to Chm. Caralee White at P.O. Box 1565, Minden, NV 89423 707-782-8768 or  
Comm. Member: Nancy White, 1446 Glenmoor Way, San Jose, CA 95129 446-4584  
Comm. Member: Chris Merritt, 23760 Alamitos Rd. #77, San Jose, 95120 997-7281

**BY DECEMBER 1ST**

IT IS IMPERATIVE...That Person Hall of Fame nominations be sent or called to :  
Chm. Maryben Stover, 1299 Sandra Drive, San Jose, CA 95125 265-0839 or  
Comm.Member:Gloria Vanderford, 13587 Sycamore Ave. Morgan Hill95037 778-1608  
Comm.Member:Kim Kirkpatrick, 5770A Croy Rd., San Jose 95037 778-5786

**BY DECEMBER 1ST**

IT IS IMPERATIVE...That Horse Hall of Fame nominations be sent or called to  
Chm. Robert Ribley, 13061 Arbor Lane, Grass Valley, CA 95949 916-268-1378 or  
Comm. Member:Kathy Miller, 21420 Fortini Rd., San Jose, CA 95120 997-1473  
Comm. Member:Marvin Snowbarger,1223 Valley Quail Circle,San Jose, CA 95120  
268-8752

**BY DECEMBER 1ST**

## **ELECTION NEWS.....!!!!**

**NOMINATIONS FOR QUICKSILVER OFFICERS** were made at the October Meeting.

They are as follows: President: Steve Lenheim  
Vice President: Marvin Snowbarger  
Secretary: Patsy Scharfe  
Treasurer. Trilly Pederson

They will be voted on at the November General Meeting and take office January 1995.

**NOMINATIONS FOR QUICKSILVER DIRECTORS** will be made at the November meeting, voted on at the December meeting and take office January 1995. :

Do you crave the roar of the crowd;? Does your heart beat faster when the drums go bang and the cymbals clang and the tuba goes oompapa? Do popcorn and balloons and little children staring in awe make you feel ten feet tall? Are you a natural born ham?

Boy, **DO WE HAVE A DEAL FOR YOU!**

Live your wildest fantasies by being a part of the Quicksilver Endurance Riders' entry in the December 3, 1994 LOS GATOS CHRISTMAS PARADE. Snap a plastic scoop on your saddle and come as an endurance rider. Or dress up in yards of chiffon and beautiful veils and be an Arabian Princess. Or a macho cowboy with fancy chaps and spurs. Let your imagination be your guide. Trilby Pederson, who is organizing the Quicksilver effort to usher the Christmas season in properly, will be glad to fill you in on all the particulars if you call her at 997-7500. She has entry forms too. Early interested participants besides Trilby include Quicksilver members Joe Newman, Alexis Ulrich, Nancy Twight and daughter Stephany and Julie Suhr's black Peruvian CARIOCO with Bill Evans aboard.

**38th ANNUAL CHILDREN'S  
CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY PARADE**

Sponsored by  
Los Gatos Chamber of Commerce and Los Gatos Lions Club

*in cooperation with*  
Los Gatos-Saratoga Community  
Education and Recreation Department

Town of Los Gatos and Los Gatos High School

**POLICIES and PROCEDURES**



**DATE:** Saturday, DECEMBER 3, 1994

**TIME:** Promptly at 11:00 a.m. Please be in place by 10:00 a.m. to avoid being placed at end of parade.

**LOCATION:** Parade forms on Alameda Avenue from North Santa Cruz Avenue

**ENTRY FORM:** All entries must submit an "Official Entry Form" by October 31, 1994 - 4:00 p.m. No Late entries will be accepted.

**ENTRY NUMBER:** All information will be forwarded to you once your entry form has been processed and approved.

**SAFETY:** To avoid any safety hazard, no toys or other materials will be allowed to be thrown from your entry.  
Each entry is required to provide a marshal to walk with the entry.

**JUDGING:** All judging will be conducted by experienced representatives of judging associations. Judging takes place at the judging stand at Bean and N. Santa Cruz Avenue. A parade marshal will indicate judging area to your entry at the correct location. To keep the parade moving smoothly, **PLEASE DO NOT STOP HERE.**





**PLEASE USE THIS PAGE TO TELL US ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE ABOUT YOUR LIFE, YOUR HORSE, YOUR WONDERFUL PIT CREW, YOUR GREAT FAMILY AND THOSE EXTRAORDINARY GRANDCHILDREN!**

I've been told my interest in horses is something that started at birth. My mother has always said I must have come out of the shoot with boots and a hat on. And I guess she was pretty well right. To start with, I grew up in Santa Barbara, in an area somewhat rural. Although as kids, we only had cats and furry guinea pigs for pets, my love for horses was ever present in all I did.

Around the age of 7, my grandparents built a play bunkhouse and barn out of plywood for us kids. This spread was the rodeo stockyard for my herd of plastic horses. I spent hours galloping and whinnying around the house, "lassoing" the cats with jump rope. On occasion, we'd find a neighbor or baby-sitter that would give me a ride on a "real" horse. Heaven was having horse hair on my pants and carrots in my pocket.

In my teenage years, we moved to San Mateo and were living the mundane suburban life. At this time, Mom and I decided to spend our Saturdays renting horses in Half Moon Bay. Boy, did we get hooked on that. Pretty soon it was all weekend, every weekend. Somehow we managed to convince Dad that owning a horse was less costly than renting all the time. Dad was from a farm background and it made good sense. Hay was cheap, and what else does a horse need? Thus my first "real" horse, 13 hand fireball named Spunky. By family horse #3, we then convinced Dad (who now realized he'd been taken for a ride) into moving the horses and the family together. We joyfully left our paved city streets for the green hills of the coastline.

On the farm, I once again was in heaven. Clad in overalls and shoeless, I spent my days feeding, watering, scooping, bushing, and of course, more scooping for all 50+ farm critters we managed to collect. We had around 10 boarded horses, so we had lots of folks visiting and riding. With all this activity at home, I don't know how I still found time to get into trouble. One of our horses was a flashy chestnut Arab named Sunny. He was, and still is the horse of my dreams. My love for the Arab horse and their spirited ways started on his back. At the age of 20, I moved to Woodside and was given Sunny for XMAS. I would ride for hours, bareback, through the redwoods and around the lakes. The woods can be so peaceful. After 3 years of riding bliss, Sunny was found upside-down in a creek where he was boarded. Broken neck was his end. My soul and spirit for horses left with him. I remained horse less for the next 7 years.

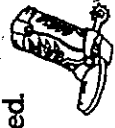
The Tevis was some kind of race my buddy's girlfriend was doing. She was from Montana. She needed help with "crewing" ("You know", she said, "drive the truck to the finish and relax.") Sounded easy to me. So after 30 hours of endless dust, heat and excited worry, I was hooked on a sport that thrilled every bone in my body. Now, I just had to find a horse, a cheap one, and ride. Easy, right?

Soneto was good start. Except his legs were pretty crooked. But that didn't stop him. He was too busy trying to kill me to break down! After three years of bruises, I was ready for another endurance prospect. Tucker, a pretty gray with an attitude, loved to go riding. We enjoyed many club rides with the Woodside Los Viajeros, went camping and trained for endurance. Unfortunately the strain of endurance started to set in and for his betterment, I sold him. Then my luck changed. Quicksilver member, Shelly, introduced me to Dick Carter and his merry band of Arabs. Dick needed someone to help ride and I needed some good endurance training. A team was formed. Not only were the trails at Mt. Madonna beautiful, but I had a fun riding partner and a great coach (there goes Dick's ego). The best part about this, is that I gained a new family. Dick and Angie have given generously of their horses, of their home, and of their hearts. I have never felt so much a part of a family as I do now. I thank them both.

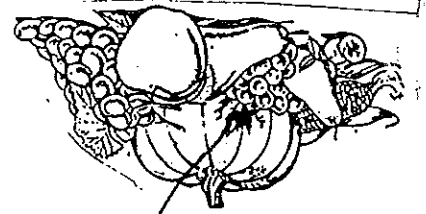
One of Dick's horses, Comet, and I were a good match. He was tough. I thought I was tough. We happily bounced down a thousand miles of trail together. He had a sparkle in his eye and a notion to dump me at least once a race. His character and charm always made me smile...even when dusting off my seat. He's now in that ever so green pasture, kicking up his heels with all the other great horses we've known. Bless them all.

Since then, the generosity of our Quicksilver members has never stopped. Marvin Snowbarger has kept me in the saddle riding his power packed horse, Farway, and his little gold mine named Chance. Joyce even pitched in a hand with crewing and doggie-sitting for the races and ride n' ties. Dick lost the coin toss (I think he used a two-headed nickel) and knocked my socks off by loaning me his pride and joy, Fallcom for the last two Tevis races. He crewed too! Carla kindly volunteered her horse to Marvin and me for the grueling Taylorsville Ride N Tie Championship. WOW! It's wonderful people like this that kept me out on the trail and help make our club the best.

Plans for next year? I have hopes of homesteading in Helena, Montana this spring and taking my new horse Whiskey with me. If not, Marvin has got my head spinning with ideas about riding Chance. Double WOW! Both ways, next year is looking action packed. I'm gonna keep my boots and hat on tight!



Happy Thanksgiving



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## NOVEMBER

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| Nov. | 5     | LOS VAQUEROS 25/50<br>Donna Snyder-Smith 510-487-9001   |
| Nov. | 5-6   | CARSON RIVER I & II 50/75/100<br>Connie Creech 702-882-6591   |
| Nov. | 9     | QUICKSILVER BOARD & GENERAL MEETING<br>Almaden Kitchen 6:30 pm dinner (see page 7)<br>Meeting & Guest Speaker, Dr. Novick 7:30 pm |
| Nov. | 12    | QUICKSILVER 25/50<br>Susan Allison 408-997-6480<br>Maryben Stover 408-265-0839  |
| Nov. | 12    | GREENBELT ALLIANCE WORKSHOPS<br>Greenbelt Alliance 408-983-0539   |
| Nov. | 12    | SUNLAND RIDE 25/50<br>Smokey Perisian 818-352-5594  |
| Nov. | 24    | THANKSGIVING DAY  |
| Nov. | 25-27 | SILVER STATE POINT TO POINT<br>Fred Toomey 702-658-2008   |

