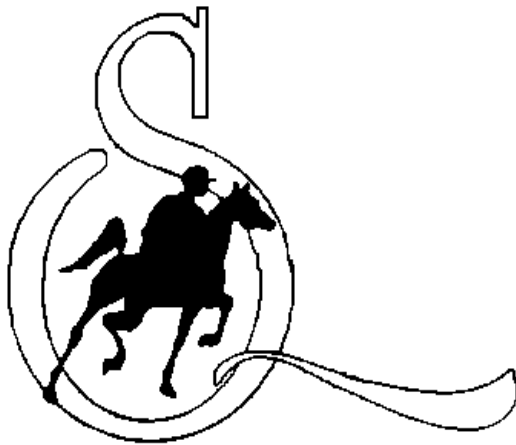


QUICKSILVER QUIPS

December 2004



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President's Message

COME TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY. Once again we will have a fun time, talking about horses, seeing old friends, and exchanging gifts. It will be at the New Almaden Community Center and is hosted by Trilby. See her notice so you will know what's up.

Last week I went to the Ski Show in San Jose to look at the new skis. It's interesting to see how so much technology can change a sport from when I first started to go skiing in the 60's to now. I would assume that to the "old timers" of endurance riding much the same has happened to them. Plastic saddles, special feeds, and, of course, training aids such as heart monitors and GPS devices. We are in a time when what we knew yesterday and what we did then no longer holds up to the new discoveries. Times are faster, horses are stronger and management skills are better. Or are they?

Those events that have a history seem to have about the same number or percent of finishers. The winning times are about the same and so on. So, what did we gain with all this modern stuff? I hope it was more enjoyment and fun with our horse friends. A safer environment to play in. Those things that add to the betterment of what we do.

Please start to send in your pictures and ride results so we can put them in the calendar. Maryben will as always tally up the scores and I will put the calendar together. You have until Dec. 30th to do your mailing, otherwise call me. For once I would like to get it done is a little less of a time squeeze. No 8 x 10 s because my scanner can't handle them. You can send your pics on a CD but I take no responsibility for how it turns out. My old and true way has worked so well in the past that I hate all these "new" things.

December 2004 quicksilver quips

FYI: The Nutrena presentation at the last meeting was such a success that we are going to schedule it again for March or April. You missed out if you didn't make it as it was very good.
El Presidente

BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING 11-17-2004 MINUTES

Present: S. Lenhiem; E. Alton; T. Pederson; K. Miller; B. Voigt; P. McKendry; J. Jeffers; M. Snowbarger; H. Reynolds; J. Reynolds; M. Anderson; D. Brown;

Guests: Elaine Willis (Nutrena Representative); Louisa Sparkland

The meeting was preceded by a very interesting presentation by Elaine Willis on horse nutrition. Steve provided (as usual) excellent food.

The general meeting was called to order at 8.30pm.

TREASURERS REPORT

Beginning Balance October 15 th	\$847.67
Receipts	537.80
Checks Elaine (Poker Ride Expenses)	257.10
Spring Ride	35.00
Service Charge	24.00
Ending Balance	1,006.93

Trails

Beginning Balance	1,005.75
Interest	1.18
Ending Balance	1,006.93

Junior Account

Beginning Balance	774.14
Interest	.48
Ending Balance	774.62

Expense

Hall	180.00
Insurance (Need \$2M.)	560.00
Newsletter	1,300.00
AERC Website	60.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership

Barry and Carol Waite are now new members.

Program

We would like Elaine to come in again in March for a further nutrition presentation. Steve asked for suggestions for other programs.

Trails

The new sections of trails at Calero are off limits to horses until April, 2005.

Spring Ride

Trilby will be Manager.

Awards

Discussion took place regarding the Banquet. Maryben will organize a date in February. Steve will

produce the calendar. (He needs photographs – no 8x10's please) **before December 31st**. Our records need to be in order. **Send your info to Maryben.**
Unfinished Business

Discussion took place regarding dues. **Motion:** Mary proposed an increase to \$25. per adult and \$15.00 Junior (16 and under). Trilby seconded the motion and suggested that it take effect tonight. All in favor – **Motion passed.**

New Business

The Fall Ride has been sanctioned for October 1st 2005. We need a Manager.

The park transferred the \$120.00 fee for the recently cancelled ride to the Spring Ride.

Elections

New officers are: **President** Steve Lenheim
Vice President Scott Sansom
(Ride Committee)
Treasurer Trilby Pederson
Secretary Elaine Alton
Board Lori Oleson
Mary Anderson
Maryben Stover

Announcements

Scott reminded people of the upcoming Thanksgiving Ride.

Trilby will be organizing the Christmas Party. It will be on Wednesday 8th December, at the Community Center. For information and offers of help – call Trilby 997-7500. As usual the party will feature the Stealing Santa Gift Exchange. Meeting closed at 9.15.

WANT ADS

COTTAGE/APARTMENT WANTED. Single woman is looking for a small place for herself and her horse, if possible. Call Jo Barrett 831-469-3684.

HORSE FOR SALE

6-YEAR-OLD, 15'1", Anglo-Arab mare, lots of LSD, 2 50s, Natural Horsemanship training, \$5000. Call Janine at 831-423-4774.

SADDLES & TACK FOR SALE

Sharon Saare 15 in., C tree. Well-used and well cared for but no longer fits either of my horses. \$600, no fittings. Jill 650-949-0330.

Stubben dressage saddle, 17.5, black with leather girth and small felt pad, \$600. Call Judy at

925 862-0232 or misxfire@aol.com.

Winter blankets both in very good condition:

Red quilted, size 74, used lightly, \$35.

Blue wool, size 76, used only once, \$30.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

In this issue there are two articles about proposed government policy changes about State park land acquisition and the management of wild horses. Please take the time to read them.

MEMBER NEWS

Regarding the Desert Gold Ride, I have two things to say. **First:** A huge thank you to everyone involved, from the riders to the volunteers to the family members who stayed home to hold down the fort while others were at the ride. I am humbled and honored and overwhelmed by the depth of support

shown me and my WEC effort with Tallymark. You all gave me a tremendous, wonderful sendoff. I could not think of any better. I am still getting choked up and emotional, just thinking about it. Thank you so very VERY much.

Second: I am so proud of all the riders and crews for their cleanup efforts. That camp is the cleanest I have EVER seen a base camp left. It is hard to tell that there were even horses there. Excellent job! Pat yourselves on the back for that one.

Scott is meeting with BLM today to go over the trails to assess the damages. Keep your fingers crossed that we will be good to go next year!

Michele

Many **QSER** members and friends either helped out at or rode the **Desert Gold**. **Alexandra North** and **Steve Shaw** had way too much fun checking and marking the trails on ATVs and a dirt bike. **Scott, Alex, Ken Cook**, and yours truly pre rode, timed and marked the trails. During the ride Ken C. kept the water troughs filled. **Becky Glaser**, me and **Ken Snetsinger** served as number takers. I am sure **Becky** did lots of other things, too☺ **Maryben** and **Kathy Miller** kept the office going, a very complicated job. **Mike, Kirsten** and **Alex Berntsen** came by Wednesday nite for a quick visit. **Bob Suhr** and **Hillorie Bachman** (I think) crewed.

Dennis Tracy won the 1st and 3rd day (didn't ride the 2nd). **Judy Reens** tried the 1st and I the 3rd day but neither of us finished☺ **Mike Tracy, Gloria Vanderford, Haily Daeumler, Lori Olesen, Karla Perkins, Judith Ogus, Becky Hart, Katie Alton, Bob** and **Peggy Eaton, Dominiqe Freeman, Elisabet Hiatt, Jill Kilty-Newburn, Melissa** and **Robert, Julie, Doug** and **Barbara** started and/or rode one or more days.

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

Pat Verheul is giving a piano recital as part of her final exam in the Music Department at San Jose State. She invites **QSER** members to attend the recital at 7:30 PM on December 9 at the Concert Hall on the main campus. The Concert Hall is located on El Paseo De Cesar Chavez which is an extension of 7th Street between San Salvador and San Fernando Streets. Parking is available at the 7th Street garage at the corner of San Salvador Street and 7th. The recital will be followed by a small reception.

ALL FORMS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 31, 2004, NO EXCEPTIONS.

MAIL COMPLETED FORMS TO: MARYBEN STOVER
1299 SANDRA DRIVE, SAN JOSE CA 95125

The Good News

Dear Friends,

We are so proud and happy to announce to you that today (November 18) the **National Day of the Horse** was passed in Washington, DC on the Senate Floor by unanimous vote!

We extend our deepest thanks and gratitude to all of you that signed our petition. Without your help we could not have achieved this goal.

S. Resolution 452 states: "A Resolution designating December 13, 2004 as The National Day of the Horse and encouraging the people of the United States to be mindful of the contribution of horses to economy, history and character of the United States."

Dennis & Deborah Reis Ranch
411 Highland Avenue
Penngrove, CA 94951
800-732-8220 www.reisranch.com

The Bad News

Got this edited message from the BayEquest site

Urgent -Wild Horses in Danger of Slaughter!

The recently passed appropriations bill, HR4818 (Section 142) sneaks in language that will open the door to wholesale slaughter of our wild horses.

As fellow animal lovers I am asking for your help with this. On Saturday a bill was passed by Congress and buried within its 3,000 pages was an amendment that will remove the restrictions forbidding the commercial sale of wild horses...meaning any gathered wild horse over the age of ten,

or passed over at three adoptions, can be sold for slaughter. The original law to protect the wild horses was passed in 1959 and was called the Wild Horse Annie Act. It was created due to the efforts of one woman, Velma Johnson, who was known as Wild Horse Annie.

I know of no other group more willing to raise whatever kind of hell necessary to protect animals than this one, and that's why I am asking for your help with this. Imagine if all the work done to legally protect our greyhounds was overwritten by one bill in congress...for those of us who love mustangs it is exactly the same sick in the gut feeling.

The only way this can be stopped is if President Bush does **NOT** sign the bill and there is no time to waste. Please take a few moments out of your day to do any of the following: call the President's comment line, fax letters to the fax number below, e-mail both the President and Vice President **IMMEDIATELY**. Currently there are over 23,000 wild horses in holding facilities within the BLM and their contract sanctuaries, and 1,100 more horses are due to be gathered from the Calico Mountains in the next two months - under this bill, they could all be sold to slaughter.

Presidential Contacts

Comments: 202-456-1111
Switchboard: 202-456-1414
FAX: 202-456-2461

President George W. Bush: e-mail
president@whitehouse.gov
Vice President Richard Cheney: e-mail
vice.president@whitehouse.gov

House of Representatives: Local Member

Zoe Lofgren-D: 408 271-8700

FAX 408 271-8713

E-mail zoe.lofgren@mail.house.gov

What better way could there be to celebrate the **National Day of the Horse** on December 13, than by defeating this amendment. Please call, fax or e-mail the government officials and get the word out so that others will do the same.

CHRISTMAS IN THE BARN

Peggy Eaton sent this

It's the night before Christmas; we're out
the barn,
Blanketing the horses to keep them all
warm,
They're eating their dinners, tucked in
cozy stalls,
Not aware that it's Christmas, or any
special day at all.

They can dream of spring pastures from
their pine-scented beds,
No visions of sugarplums dance in their
heads,
But we people are thinking of merry
parties and such,
Maybe feeling a little sad at missing so
much.

This season is special but the horses don't
know,
We've got work to do before we can go,
We finish the chores and head on inside,
To get ready for dinner and our own
Yuletide.

It's nearly midnight; the carols are sung,

I remember a story I was told when I was
young,
How at midnight on Christmas Eve,
The creatures of the barnyard can speak
to us with ease.

I am called to the barn, I wade through
the rain,
I know I must go, I can't really explain,
I slide open the door, pause for a while,
Then slowly walk down the dimly lit aisle.
A nicker from Casey, a wind from JD,
Sleepy old Alibi waking to see,
Tucker rustling his bedding, a snort soft
and light,
Each horse gave greeting as I walked
through the night.

I thought about parties bright lit and
warm,
The ones we don't go to 'cause we have
the barn,
And vacations and holidays that we don't
get,
When we're working long hours for bills to
be met.

Walking all the way to the end of the
aisle,
I stop to stroke Bonnie, it brings me a
smile,
She snuffles my face, hot breath on my
skin,
It starts me to thinking about my horses,
my kin.

I could be at parties with laughter and
mirth,
But where I am right now is the best
place on Earth.

State Parks Threatened!

Governor Schwarzenegger's administration is proposing to adopt a new state policy to shut down all acquisition of new state park lands and facilities. This means that all expansion of California's State parks, beaches, forests and historic sites will not be added into public ownership - even land paid for with private donations. This policy will violate the wishes of Californian voters who have approved \$10.1 billion dollars in bonds specifically for new parks and open space. For example, Save Mount Diablo's Morgan Red Corral and Wright Canyon properties could be blocked from addition to Mt. Diablo State Park. The San Jose Mercury News wrote a telling story on this issue, Friday October 8, 2004.

<http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/9866927.htm>

This policy is supposedly based on the premise that the Department of Parks and Recreation doesn't have the money to maintain any new parks. However the same agency that set this policy, the Department of Finance, has repeatedly denied Parks the staff and funding to provide for growth even from fees paid by park users. Other State departments have not been blocked from new land and facilities acquisitions. The total General Fund support for State Parks and the Department of Fish and Game is less than two tenths of one percent of the State Budget.

According to the Planning & Conservation League, fees for use of state parks have been increased by \$17 million since 1998, but this has been offset by a \$17 million reduction in state general funds to support parks—they raised fees and diverted the money elsewhere. During this period and despite current budgetary problems, the state's general fund has increased 25%, but funding allocated to the State Department of Parks & Recreation declined 16%.

The administration may be willing to allow acquisitions if they are accompanied by private donations to pay for operating costs. These are public parks; their management is the

responsibility of the State and its citizens. This policy would further discriminate against areas that lack wealthy or influential supporters.

The State park system is not just a priceless environmental asset, it is a major economic asset as well, generating over \$2.6 billion in visitor spending and more than \$6 billion in total economic activity for the State. In addition, when the economy is weak, state capital projects such as land acquisition are more economical and can help the economy.

This proposed moratorium on new or expanded parks runs counter to the wishes expressed by voters in 2000 and 2002 when they overwhelmingly approved ballot measures to expand the state park system. Californians recognize the value and need for a state park system that grows along with the state.

On November 3, 2004 Save Mount Diablo's Board of Directors unanimously voted to urge the Governor to reconsider his Executive order halting State Park acquisitions of new state park lands and facilities. Please send a letter to the following decision maker(s):

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, State Capitol Building, Sacramento, CA 95814
FAX 916 445-4633; e-mail:

<http://ww.govmail.ca.gov>

Mike Chrisman, Secretary for Resources, California Resources Agency, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311, Sacramento, CA 95814
FAX 916 653-8102;

Assistant to the Secretary for Resources:

Cyndy.Paulsen@resources.ca.gov

Ruth Coleman, Director, Dept. of Parks and Recreation, 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. FAX 916 657-3903, e-mail info@parks.ca.gov

Contact for your **State Senators:**

<http://democrats.sen.ca.gov/senator/>

Your **State Assemblypersons:** web:

<http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/>

Sample letter for you to rewrite and personalize:

Subject: Protect, Preserve, Enhance California's State Park System

Dear _____,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the State's new policy to halt all acquisitions of new state park lands and facilities. Just a few years ago, in 2000 and 2002, voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 12 and 40, which provide billions of dollars for park and recreation projects. Voters recognized the need for an expanded State park system.

As you may know, California's population continues to expand and demand for State parks is at an all time high.

State parks had 86 million visitors last year. Beaches and campgrounds are booked months in advance. The State park system is not just a priceless environmental asset, it is a major economic asset as well, generating over \$2.6 billion in visitor spending and more than \$6 billion in total economic activity for the State.

I respectfully request that you revisit this policy. This proposed moratorium on new or expanded parks runs counter to the wishes of California's voters.

Sincerely,

(Your name/address)

It's That Time of Year!!!!

Your QUICKSILVER Riders membership fee is due by January 1, 2005

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 \$ 25 _____

Junior membership is \$ 15 _____

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 horse politics locally; trail maintenance and improvement projects; year-end awards and monthly meetings.

Send your 2005 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 2005 riding together as members of the QUICKSILVER ENDURANCE RIDERS.

Michele is responsible for selling the jerseys so let's support her and the rest of the team by buying one.

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.

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

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Phone _____ E-mail _____

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XS- special order		
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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.

Quicksilver club year END reminders

2005 DUES ARE DUE; SEE PAGE 8
THE 2004 RIDE POINT FORM IS ON PAGE 4
IF YOU WANT A PHOTO (NO 8X10S, PLEASE) IN THE 2005 CALENDAR,
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Come to the

Quicksilver Endurance Riders Christmas party
6:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, December 8, 2004

**PLEASE JOIN US AT THE NEW ALMADEN COMMUNITY CENTER, BERTRAM
ROAD NEXT TO LA FORET RESTAURANT.**

BRING A DISH (TRILBY REQUESTS MASHED POTATOES, OR VEGETABLES) TO SHARE.
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DON'T FORGET TO BRING A PRESENT FOR THE TRADITIONAL GIFT STEALING CEREMONY.

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