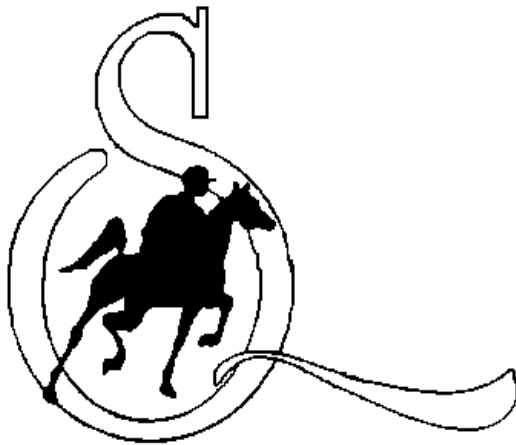


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President's Message

I have personally decided not to arrange any more speakers for the Quicksilver Endurance Riders Wednesday meetings. After last night's (May 18th) poor showing of the members for what I thought would be a "much wanted" speaker it makes no sense for me to go through the embarrassment of making an apology to them.

Fourteen people showed up and seven left in the first 15 minutes. Our two guests drove two hours each way from Stockton to present a very informative lecture. I could have saved them the trouble and canceled so they could have used their time more productively.

June meeting at Julie Suhr's.

WANT ADS

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

PIPE FENCING WANTED Maryben has a friend who is looking for used pipe corrals....cheap. Call Maryben at 408 265-0839.

FREEBIES

Jeri Ayers Scott has several years of Trailblazer magazines available- January 1998 thru October 2003. Contact her at: jeri-keith@msn.com.

HORSE FOR SALE/LEASE

Arab Gelding--9 years old, bay fast walker and good attitude. He is boarded now at Trilby's and she can show him to you. Sonny has done several 50's and a couple of multi day rides with Trilby. Wants someone to ride him pleasure or endurance. Call Carla at 408 569-6600.

SADDLES & TACK FOR SALE

Free and Easy 17 inch black saddle. 1 year-old "endurance special". \$1900, obo. Call Megan Doyle (408) 315-0519.

Abbetta Endurance saddle, pretty much brand new. 10 rides only. \$275.00.

Australian stock saddle, older, with Toklat pad \$150.00.

Sprenger safety stirrups Brand new, never been used. No idea what size. They came with a saddle I no longer have. Still in box. Jackie Floyd 209-334-1981 or typef@comcast.net

Feed keeper/crew bag, red, by Australian Connection. Never used. \$15.

Snugpax Slimline pommel bag. red, lightly used. \$30.

Lovell of Mack English saddle cantle bag, \$30.

Hi-Tie bungee tether--never used. \$20

Mackinder endurance saddle from Australia. <http://www.mackinderendurance.com/>. \$1500. Comes with EZ Ride stirrups. Fleece saddle pad to go with it \$50.

JRD dressage type saddle--custom made with slightly forward flaps and knee rolls for endurance as well as plenty of rings for hanging things. 18.5" seat; flaps are probably somewhat short. Made for Polish Arab with withers and flat back. \$2500. Postage is extra for all items. Laney 831-659-1209 or laneyhh@comcast.net

Sharon Saare 15 in., CC tree. Well-used, well cared for; no longer fits my horses. \$500, has fittings. Jill 650-949-0330.

STALLS/PADDOCKS/PASTURES FOR RENT

Brand new 12x12 stalls with 24x12 paddocks, shavings; we clean. \$250 pastures \$180. Feed twice a day, high-grade oat and alfalfa hay.

96 x 48 outdoor arena. Close to 3,600 acre Almaden Quicksilver County Park with 19 miles of manicured trails. Call Trilby at 408 997-7500.

RANCH CATS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION Fixed/current on shots. Contact janice.frazier@sbcglobal.net or 408 268-2177.

DOG FOSTER CARE urgently needed. **Tuffie's Animal Rescue** is looking for a few good dog lovers. The pooches are spayed/neutered and have their shots. Call Diane Habener at 925 462-6480 or 925 209-6480 for information. The dogs can also be seen online at Petfinders.org.

SUPPLEMENTS/HOOF PROTECTION

Wild Eye Arabians is now supplying FASTRACK Probiotics (paste & powder) HOOF -IT Pour in Pads, Kentucky Equine Research products, ENDURAMAX Electrolytes (Paste & Powder) & Neigh Lox (Prevent Ulcers)

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For more information contact **Wild Eye Arabians**, Kirsten or Michael Berntsen at 831 623-2120.

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Annual Potluck & Hot Dog Roast Wednesday June 15, 6:30 PM

Bob and Julie are hosting the Quicksilver Club's annual weinie roast and potluck at their ranch in Scotts Valley. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy Bob's interpretation of an American classic. Guests are very welcome!

The featured speaker is **Robin Hambrey**, Certified Equine Sports Massage Therapist. Robin has been involved with horses since the age of 4 and has worked in the horse industry for most of her adult life as a horse trainer and clinician. According to Robin, some of the benefits of Equine Sport Massage are to prevent injury, improve circulation, remove toxins from muscle tissue, reduce spasm, tone muscles, release endorphins, relieve tension and soreness, break down scar tissue and adhesions, improve performance and flexion both lateral and vertical, restore full range of motion and promote healing. Her training and massage theories are the same; go to the source of the problem.

Special added attraction is longtime Quicksilver member, **Dick Carter**, a successful endurance rider as well as being an accomplished artist and poet. During the course of the evening he will recite different Western and horsey essays and poems he has written. He's really good and this is something we can look forward to with great anticipation.

If anyone has a DVD or video that is horse-related please bring it if you would like to show it after the program.

Club members with last names starting with **A** thru **L**, please bring a guest, a side dish, pasta or bread: **M** thru **Z**, a guest, an appetizer, salad or dessert. Soft drinks will be provided. Bring your own utensils, plates and chair and don't forget a jacket.

Directions to the Suhrs:

From the north take Highway 17 south. 3-1/2 miles past the Summit take the Glenwood Cutoff. Do **NOT** take Glenwood Drive which is about 1 mile past the Summit. After turning on to Glenwood Cutoff proceed about 1 mile and turn left at the T intersection. Go 1-1/2 miles to a kiosk of mailboxes that are on the right. *This is Weston Road. Punch # 1 7 3 4 at*

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the access box that is next to the mail boxes. The gate will swing open. Drive 2-1/4 miles on Weston Road. At the MARINERA sign on the right, turn onto the driveway on the right and just keep coming! Best parking is to the left.

From the south, take Highway 17 north to the second Scotts Valley/Granite Creek Road exit. Follow the signs to Glenwood Drive 2-1/2 miles to the kiosk of mailboxes on the left. Follow italicized directions above.

TREASURER'S REPORT

May 18, 2005

General Account	\$ 6385.00
Trails Account	1008.22
Junior Account	775.61

Quicksilver Spring Classic to date

Income: \$ 7443.00

Expenses:

AERC Sanction fee	35.00
Park fee	120.00
Veterinarians	1350.00
Banquet	1482.48
Awards	1410.00
Misc. supplies	233.21
AERC fees	346.00
Porta Potties	251.00
Printing	<u>30.12</u>

Total expenses 5257.81

Net Gain 2185.19

Additional expenses: to be announced

California drug fees

Park camping fees

Inventory:

25 pillow cases
42 blankets

MEMBER NEWS

Rumor has it, that our very own Quicksilver member, **JAN JEFFERS**, is the subject of the featured article and COVER STORY for an upcoming issue of **Practical Horseman Magazine**.

Look for Jan and SQR Mondragon on the COVER of the August issue which is actually available in July of 05.

Jan and "The Dragon" were extensively interviewed and photographed by Practical Horseman Magazine this past weekend at Coe Park.

Jan's featured article will cover Trail Challenges, Riding & Safety tips along with Trail Etiquette Tips for successful trail sharing. Look for Jan and the Dragon on magazine stands soon. Congratulations Jan!!

GENERAL INFORMATION

ROAD SERVICE for horse trailering.

Information can be found at:

<http://www.usrider.org/about.html>

THE FIRE SEASON IS UPON US

The recent story about the fire in north.Monterey County on the front page of the Sentinel is a wake up call.

Please take some time this weekend to be sure that your horse trailer is ready to roll (tires checked, emergency brake battery charged, etc.), and you have all your emergency gear ready (I keep a change of clothes, maps, first aid kit, and a halter and lead rope in my truck, just in case!).

Talk to your horse friends when you get together with them and tell them what you do and how important it is that they have a disaster plan in place, and that their property is a fire safe as possible.

Lyn Hood, Equine Evacuation Santa Cruz County

TRAIL EVENTS

The May 14th Bear Ranch Dedication was an excellent event. There was a huge crowd, over 300 total attending, including at least 109 equestrians!!!!!! With a great lunch, great trails, and wonderful folks to ride with who could ask for more. If you haven't checked out this great park do.

Upcoming Events

June 25th Ed Levin County Park moonlight ride; please get there about 6 pm and be ready to RIDE OUT at 7pm, please don't be late. Remember to bring flashlights and jackets, and anything else you need. RSVP with the Rangers

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at 363-5976, so they know how many people to expect.

July 9 & 10 Calero County Park Trail work opportunity. Meet at 9:00 AM at the Equestrian parking lot for 4 hours of trail maintenance in the Park. We will be working on the Canada Del Oro Trail. No experience needed. Tools, gloves, & refreshments provided. Please wear long pants, long sleeves, and closed toed shoes. *Contact with poison oak is always a concern, please take appropriate precautions, bring a change of clothes if necessary.* RSVP 355-2254.

August 14, Ed Levin County Park Poker Ride sponsored by the Arabian Trail Riders Assoc. Check in 9:30-10:30 AM, ride out 10:00-11:00 AM, lunch 1:00 PM. \$20 to enter, \$5 park entrance fee. Call Kathy Mayeda 650 967-2050 or Kathy.Mayeda@comcast for information.

August 20th Bear Ranch a geology ride is going to meet at the **Mendoza Ranch** staging area. If you prefer to not trailer up there then you can start at Bear and really boogie on up to Mendoza since the ride starts at 9am. The Rangers decided being a daytime mid-summer ride, that a shorter ride around Mummy Mountain was a better idea than a really long ride from Bear Ranch staging area. RSVP with the Rangers at 363-5976, so they know how many people to expect.

EQUESTRIAN LAND USE ISSUES

BIG SUR LAND TRUST From Tri Valley Trailblazers comes a request for equestrians to write and express interest in including equestrian use in the Palo Corona/Fish Ranch Park in Monterey county. This park area would provide acres of land and future trails down to the coast from the mouth of Carmel Valley. The Land Trust is currently deciding what should go into the park and they need to know that equestrians would be interested in using trails. It will only take a minute to write and would be a big help to assure them that equestrians would be interested in having access. Please write to: cholmsky@bigsurlandtrust.org

HELP PRESERVE BEAR CREEK STABLES!

Bear Creek Stables, near Los Gatos in the Santa Cruz Mountains, is a family run 72-horse stable that has been there for more than 100 years. Mid Peninsula Open Space District is currently conducting public planning workshops for Bear Creek Redwoods, which includes the stables and

several miles of horse trails. They have not mentioned the ranch as an asset in its description of the Bear Creek Redwoods parcel. They have already closed at least one other ranch on their other properties. Please send an email to masterplan@openspace.org and let them know that you want the stables and horse trails to be included in the master plan. You can also go to the web site www.openspace.org. If you want to be included on the Friends of Bear Creek Stables mailing list, please send your email address to: Friendsofbcstables@sbcglobal.net. Put Add me to your list in the subject line. (Your address will not be shared with other organizations.) If you have questions, please contact jenny_whitman@cablerocket.com

EQUESTRIAN FRIENDLY LEGISLATION

WILD HORSES SLAUGHTER BILL On May 19, the U.S. House of Representatives voted in a landslide -- 249-159 -- to ban the sale of wild horses for slaughter! This was in response to last December's secret rider in a budget bill that gutted the federal protections afforded to wild horses for 34 years. U.S. Representatives Nick Rahall (D-WV), Ed Whitfield (R-KY), John Sweeney (R-NY), and John Spratt (D-SC) led the charge to end horse slaughter. Congressional offices were flooded with phone calls and emails all week asking them to support the Rahall-Whitfield Amendment to the Interior Appropriations Bill. Our efforts for horses will now turn to the U.S. Senate, and the decisive margin of victory in the House will undoubtedly create momentum. So keep up those letters and e-mails, this time direct them to your U.S. Senator. (Listed in front of your telephone directory or at the website: <http://www.senate.gov>)

RECREATIONAL TRAIL FUNDING: The House and Senate have passed different versions of H.R. 3, the reauthorization of the nation's surface transportation programs, which includes funding for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). They have now appointed a committee to address the differences in the two versions of the legislation. The conference committee will most likely begin on June 6 and a decision on RTP funding may be finalized by June 15. The House-passed legislation would provide \$503 million for RTP over six years, increasing funding. The Senate-passed RTP provision

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would provide flat funding that would be about \$170 million less. Please contact your Congressman/woman and your Senators to ask them to support the House-passed funding levels for the RTP program and to encourage them to contact their colleagues on the conference committee in support of the House RTP funding provision. Contact information is at: www.house.gov and www.senate.gov or call the American Horse Council.

Quicksilver Spring Classic May 14, 2005

Trilby Pederson managed the Quicksilver Spring classic this year and the plan was to ride some new trail in Calero Park. At the last minute they lost their connection between Quicksilver and Calero and the trail had to be re-routed. They didn't even get their permit from the county until 10:00 a.m. Friday morning so it was kind of touch and go for a while. We ended up having base camp in a cute little meadow behind the Hacienda staging area. Scott Sansom stepped up to the plate and assumed the position of Parking Police. And a fine job he did! He managed to squish us all in with plenty of room to spare. I arrived pretty early and got the spot right next to the vetting area. Talk about convenient! The last time Tank and I were in this park was two years ago for one of my first LD rides. That particular day was extremely hot and we were overtime in 12th place. Only 9 finished in time that day. I remember it being a tough trail and a tough day. I was hoping we wouldn't be repeating that scene with the weather.

The day turned out to be spectacular. The weather was great, the trail was great and I couldn't have had a better time. Some felt it was a little warm, but we were in the shade way more than half of the day and if you went slow in the shade and fast in the sun, it was no big deal. Of course, I was going my usual SLOW so it was much easier on Tank, I think. Lunch was in camp so we climbed up to the top of the ridge twice, the first time up Woods Rd. and up and down the roller

coaster hills to Mockingbird for a number check. Then came the part of the trail I like best ... riding along a flat windy in-and-out road, tucked into the side of the hill under the canopy of trees. You did kind of have to be careful not to run head on into any bicyclists or hikers. The hikers and bicyclists were all very pleasant and talkative. The joggers, however, were pretty grumpy. But of course, they were working pretty hard so we'll leave it at that. We rode out to the end of the park, past Guadalupe Reservoir and back to lunch at camp. Then back out the second time to do the loop backwards. We did have to do Cardiac Hill but we went up it in the morning and down in the afternoon. The only problem Tank had was those roller coaster hills only a couple of miles from camp at the finish. He wasn't too crazy about them and we kind of had to have a discussion about the fact that we HAD to go that way to get back to camp. I won.

I arrived back to camp at 6:00 p.m., with a half hour to spare. I had phone service on this ride (except in base camp) and my husband had driven over to spend the night with me after the ride so I was able to tell him what time I'd be in. I was only five minutes off my estimate. As I was coming down the long windy hill into camp, I could see all the trailers parked and as I got closer, could see the awards meeting held. Darn it! Missed it again! Oh well, I had a great day and it was beautiful weather and everything was pretty and green and really, it couldn't have been better. The Fire Department barbecued everyone tri-tip and chicken for dinner and they left me some wrapped in foil. Boy, was it good!

I even took some time to stop and read some of the park historical signs in front of the mines we passed on the trail. The park is the site of over 135 years of mercury mining activities and former home to more than 1,800 miners and their families. Right down the street from base camp is The Casa Grande that houses the New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum. It is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday year-round. Too bad I didn't have the Western region

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part of my guide done before I went to the ride. I would have known that and walked down there Friday and taken a tour. Next year! Quicksilver is 2.5 hours away from my neck of the woods. I sure wish it were closer. It is an absolutely perfect place to

train endurance horses and I envy those that can ride there on a daily basis. Thanks to Trilby and her cast of volunteers for putting on a great ride!
:) Jackie and Tank (who would prefer to be a flat-lander)

It's Never Too Late to Join the Quicksilver Riders!!!!

We need your name _____

And then your address _____

And your phone number, Fax, e-mail _____

And then we need your money! Senior membership is \$ 25 _____

Junior membership is \$ 15 _____
(a junior is under 16 years of age)

Total enclosed \$ _____

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.

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
408 265-0839**

**May your and your horse have wonderful Year 2005 riding together as
Members of the Quicksilver Endurance Riders!!!**

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**Quicksilver Spring Classic Ride
report by the manager, Trilby**

The weather was super...the food was delicious. A free lunch was donated and served by our own club members, Doug and Barbara White. A great barbeque buffet was prepared and served by our own San Jose Firefighters.

The trail was great...a few new miles every year. The trail was engineered by our wonderful trail person, Lori Oleson, who, incidentally, had planned four different trails for the ride. One was in Sierra Azul/Mid Peninsula Open Space District (that area can not be used for competition, only for personal riding pleasure). The next was the Calero/Quicksilver trail (could not get permission from all the land owners to use the "connecting" trail. Jim Green was invaluable is assisting on that trail. The third possibility was two loops in Calero using the new Bald Peaks, Canada del Oro and Serpentine Loop trails both times. But we chose the "new" camp at AQ and the second loop in reverse...and best of all, it worked!!!

The potties were late!! Approximately 70 riders enjoyed riding through our Almaden Quicksilver County Park and the "new" base camp at Hacienda/Tobars (which is always a new thrill...doing new twists to an old game).

Our remarkable "parking Nazi", Scott Sansom, kept the rigs in order. The ride was not approved until 10:00 AM Friday morning, the day before the

ride...insurance problems which I vow to amend. The club actually made a profit; that's not why we do this, but it is always a nice result after all the effort and we have enough awards for another ride!!

Our enduring thanks to Judy and Ken who marked the trail, Bing and Steve, and helpers doing one of the most important jobs, the cleanup, and to all the spotters, emergency trail workers and supporting members. Their work make it possible for us to be invited back by the Santa Clara Park and Recreation Department. And best of all...you club members made it work!!

PS: a cute card from a junior rider... our future riders of America, saying thank you for the junior award (quilt) and that she and her mom had "so much fun". The card had all these cute horse and star stickers and hand drawings of horses, of course!!

Bear/Mendoza Park Review

The new County Park, Harvey Bear Ranch, is now open. I went out Sunday and took a short loop to see what they had to offer and if it would be suitable for riding. For the most part the trails are newly plowed roads with soft dirt. The area is made up of rolling hills with sparse trees and water (except for the lake). Sunday the wind was blowing at 10:00 AM and it was something of a discomfort. Also as the sun beats down as it's quite open terrain.

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The climbs are medium, sort of like Mine Hill at Quicksilver. There is some nice cantering flat trails and lots of trot. It's easier than Coe and if you do all the loops you can get in a total of 14 miles based on the numbers on the map.

I probably would ride there if the weather and conditions were right. Not a place on a hot, windy day. Rating: average (place to go when you're tired of everywhere else).

El Presidente, Steve

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The june QSER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, june 15, 6:30 PM at the suhr's ranch
(more information and directions to their ranch on page 3)

Featured speaker is robin hambey, equine masseuse

featured entrée: Bob's bbqed dogs

Please bring a guest, a dish to share, eating utensils, a chair & a
jacket

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