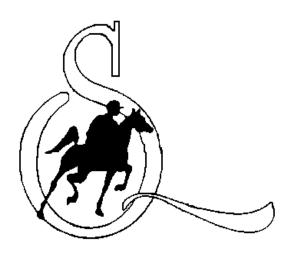
# QUICKSILVER QUIPS

# March 2005



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#### President's Message

Time to ride! Here we are at the start of the ride season with everything blooming and the weather getting nice. The days are longer and its not to hot so start riding. I went to Pacheco to see if the flowers were out and YES they were. If you haven't been there then you should take a day and go. It's not a long ride, 2-21/2 hrs. but is great for the young horse or a new horse. No one is there to bug you and only a few cattle are roaming around (did see the herd of elk, yes, they let loose a bunch of elk). The terrain is quite open and the trails are excellent. I'd be happy to meet folks there if interested. Just call and let me know.

Club events are in need of volunteers, once again. Anyone want to jump up and do the Poker Ride or the Fall Classic? As you know this is a good chance for new members or those lurking in the wings to get the experience and have lots of help from those who have done it before. Take a chance! It may be work but so what? The experience may be worth it.

Club meeting are falling into place. For Wed. May 11 (not 18th) we have the Nutrena Group coming back for the forum on nutrition. It was a hit last year and really gives everyone insights into feeding the belly of the beast. June is at Julie's for the hot dog roast and as yet a speaker or trainer or some such. The other dates are still being ironed out.

Hope everyone enjoyed the awards banquet. I still have a couple of calendars left which I will either give to the first person who calls or I will auction them off on ebay. I think they are collector items.

Ride safe, ride long

EL PRESIDENTE Steve-0 awolsteve@gmail.com

#### Quicksilver Endurance Riders BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING

Due to the Awards Banquet there was no meeting in February; however Trilby sent the March treasurer's report below.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

General Account	\$ 2031.32
Trails Account	775.10
Junior Account	775.10

#### **WANT ADS**

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

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

#### HORSES FOR SALE/FREE/LEASE

**Anglo-Arab mare**. 6 years old, 15'1". Lots of LSD, 2 50s, Natural Horsemanship, \$5000. Call Janine 831-423-4774.

**Reg. Fjord gelding.** Cute and sweet, bright and inquisitive. Born 2/1/04. \$3,500 or will trade for board on two other horses. Call (650) 941-4412.

**Draft horse mix mare.** 28 years old. Needs a retirement home. The old girl is one of the sweetest horses I have met – a beautiful old draft cross. Call (650) 941-4412.

**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**

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

**Stubben dressage saddle**, 17.5, black with leather girth and small felt pad, \$600. Call Judy 925 862-0232 or misxfire@aol.com

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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 for more info.

#### Ranch cats available for adoption

Fixed and current on shots. Contact <u>janice.frazier@sbcglobal.net</u> or 408 268-2177 or <u>Denise.Lloyd@hitachigst.com</u> 408 717-6196.

#### SUPPLEMENTS/HOOF PROTECTION

Wild Eye Arabians is now supplying FASTRACK Probiotics (paste & powder) HOOF -IT Pour in Pads, Ketucky Equine Research products, ENDURAMAX Electrolites (Paste & Powder) & Neigh Lox (Prevent Ulcers) Associated Feed products – EQUUS (complete feed) Auburn Labs – APF (Adaptogen)

For more information contact **Wild Eye Arabians**, Kirsten and Michael Berntsen at 831-623-2120 or <a href="mailto:kirstenzazz@hotmail.com">kirstenzazz@hotmail.com</a> or <a href="www.conklin.com/wildeyearabians">www.conklin.com/wildeyearabians</a>.

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Wednesday, March 9 – HORSE PARK AT WOODSIDE, PUBLIC HEARING, County permits being reviewed for approval at San Mateo Board of Supervisors meeting, Board of Supervisors Chambers 400 County Center, Redwood City. If you cannot attend the meeting, please send a letter of support for the Horse Park to: Planning Commission County Government Center 455 County Center, 2nd Floor Mail Drop PLN122 Redwood City, CA 94063. www.horsepark.org/index.html

#### **EVENTS**

March 5--The California State Horsemen's Association is sponsoring a series of endurance riding clinics. The first one this year is Saturday, March 5 at the Hale Arena, 16998 Evergreen Rd., Cottonwood. Julie Suhr is a featured speaker. The second clinic is scheduled for April 23, 2005 in Mariposa, CA. More information can be found at the CSHA website:

http://californiastatehorsemen.com

#### April 10 – ARABIAN TRAIL RIDE ASSOCIATION POKER RIDE & RAFFLE,

9:30 a.m. Ed Levin Park, Spring Valley Pond area (off Calaveras Road) Milpitas. Open to all, cash prizes, 5-6 miles of single-track and fire road trails, moderate terrain, 2-2 ½ hour ride; \$20/includes 1 poker hand and lunch; \$15/juniors (age 10-17) \$10/lunch only for non-riders, pre-registration. \$5/more, day of event. Park entrance \$5, Chris (925) 447-1750 or someday1@pacbell.net or **Kathy Mayeda** (650) 967-2050,

Kathy.mayeda@comcast.net

#### TRAIL NEWS

Santa Clara County Parks & Recreation volunteer opportunities. In all cases call

408 355-2254 to RSVP and information.

March 5 & 6 Trail days Mt Madonna

March 12 Invasive plant removal, Uvas

March 19 Adopt a trail training

Reserve May 14<sup>th</sup> on your calendars for the Santa Clara County Parks & Recreation opening of the **Harvey Bear Ranch** in Gilroy, with 13.6 miles of trails (4.6 miles being Bay Area Ridge Trail). More details to come.

#### **MEMBER NEWS**

2005 Awards Banquet Reported by Maryben

The banquet is over for another year and went quickly and very well. Becky is in Dubai so I borrowed her loudspeaker and it worked very well.....once we figured it out. Mary said just turn on the batter and pushed a button and it was the siren. Scared the hell out of me but it got everyone's attention.

Special year end awards were:

Horse of the Year: Aleclipse owned

by Judith Ogus and Becky Hart.

Person Hall of Fame: Barbara White
Eleanor Norton Award: Bob Eaton 2004
recepient, Nancy Elliott presented the award. Part
of the reason Bob was chosen is that, as Nancy
said, when she sees him a ride it just makes her
day©

All the recipients were suitably surprised. Great food and lots of people from far away. **Karen** came from Nevada, the **Vanderfords** from Loma Rica, **Jackie Floyd** from Lodi, **Bob** and **Peggy Eaton** and **Laney Humphrey** from Monterey; it was Laney's birthday. And most of the Santa Cruz County group came.

#### RIDE RESULTS

#### 20 MULE TEAM—

Several reports, thank you to all<sup>©</sup>

I went - I finished the 100 well on **Alexander** the Bey, our first! Others I saw were Bob and Peggy Eaton, Judith Ogus and Hugh Vanderford (rode with him)

Debbie Boscoe

Just to let you know, **Butter Bea** finished 12th in the 65 with her stablemate and Butter Bea lookalike, **LSR Downhill Champ** right behind her with my friend Anessa Wootton riding him. *Alexandra North* 

We came 4th in the 100, (Fourth FEI) and first foreign rider on **Paris**. It was the best day, great weather, no wind, warm, wild flowers and Joshua trees in full bloom, large moon, great organization (many glo sticks!) the perfect ride! *Dominque Freeman* 

Robert (on his mare Monique) and I (on my mule Murr the Blur) both finished the 100 mile ride. Hilorie Bachman finished the 65 mile ride on Eli. Hugh Vanderford finished the 100. Gloria rode but got sick and did not finish® Scott and Michele both rode but I do not think either finished. Dick Carter rode - great to see him on the trail. Melissa Ribley

#### EASTERN MOJAVE

Several QSER members competed: Karen and **Granite Chief** completed all three days, Debbie Boscoe and Alexander the Bey rode the first two as did **Jackie Floyd** (more later!) and

Robert and Melissa did all three days on different equines. The second day, they came in  $1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$ , Melissa not only winning but Oak Hill Rambler was awarded BC!

Thanks to Karen for these results.

On this page is a form that all Quicksilver members should fill out and mail right now!! The County Park is giving the public the opportunity for input to the master plan for the Coyote Creek Park which includes a trail from Hellyer County Park to the Burnett entrance of Anderson Lake. This is important for equestrians who can use a long section of trail from Silicon Valley Blvd to Burnett. About half the trail washed out a few years ago causing trail users to be on an 'illegal' trail so encourage the Park to rebuild that section and to ensure continued equestrian access.

# **Coyote Creek Parkway County Park**

**Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan and Master Plan** 

### General Goals & Program Options •

NOTE: If you wish to receive future mailings about the Integrated Master Plan please fill out this portion of form. Email addresses are preferred.

Name:			
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) Mailing Address:			
(Please Include ZIP code) E-Mail Address:		_	
General Area of Interest (Please Check Those That Apply) Parkway Vision	Comments:	(Please use	e other side of page if needed)
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Resource Management			-
Hydrology			-
Biological Resources			-
Cultural Resources			
Land Use Relationships			-
Other			
Outdoor Recreation			
Existing Uses / Use Areas			

#### New Uses / Use Areas **Trails** Coyote Creek Trail Other Trails Other Please send this form to: Elish Ryan, Park Planner Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department 298 Garden Hill Drive Los Gatos, CA 95032 Phone: 408-355-2236 Email: elish.ryan@prk.sccgov.org Thank you! STEALTH WILD HORSE LEGISLATION WV) and Ed Whitfield (R-KY). This The Burns amendment, inserted **Bill reverses** the amendment to the without discussion into the 3000+ page budget 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horse & bill that the US congress had 6 hours to digest Burro Act stealthily introduced by and then vote on in December. After the bill was Senator Conrad Burns as a rider to the passed, it was discovered that this amendment 2005 Appropriations Bill. If allowed to allows the round-up on federal lands and sale of stand, the Burns provision will lead to wild horses for slaughter. the slaughter of thousands of wild The bill was signed into law by President Bush horses for human consumption abroad. in January. A coalition of horse organizations Our wild horses are a vital part of our and animal protection groups is backing HR297, national heritage. The law that was a bill co-sponsored by among 1r representatives enacted for their protection thirty years including East Bay Congressman George Miller ago was the result of a greater public and Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher. A massive outcry than over any issue except the lobbying effort in the halls of Congress is Vietnam War, and was passed without a planned for next Monday, March 7, which the single dissenting vote. I am extremely American Horse Defense Fund has designated distressed over the fact that this law National Capital Hill Day for Horses. enacted by the people for the people In support of this effort they are asking us to was eviscerated without so much as a send letters to our Congressional representatives hearing or opportunity for public and Senators in support of this bill. A sample letter from the AHDF web site, at review. http://www.ahdf.org/alert.html reads as follows: I respectfully request a prompt response Dear Honorable from you stating your position with regard to H.R. 297 which would

restore the prohibition on the

horses and burros.

commercial sale and slaughter of wild

I am writing to urge you to co-sponsor

Representatives Nick J. Rahall (D-

H.R. 297 introduced by

Signature Name Address

Letters to Senators should be addressed to: The Honorable [Name Here], U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510. Letters to House of Representatives should be addressed to: The Honorable [Name Here], U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515. In addition there is a list of email addresses for as yet uncommitted Bay Area representatives below.

If you would like to add or read more on this issue, there is a wealth of information available at the AHDF web site, including suggestions for other actions, and the Alliance of Wild Horse Advocates has an extensive and quite readable listing of pertinent facts and background on this issue at

http://www.aowha.org/resources/infondx.html.

Thank you for any time that you can lend towards saving the lives of our nation's wild horses.

#### **East Mohave Scenic**

February 4-6, 2005 Sunrise Ranch Rides

For someone who rode as many miles as I did last year, waiting for East Mojave was rather difficult. Can you spell RELIEF from being addicted and not being able to ride? Yes. That would be EAST MOJAVE!

It was a long, long drive from my place ... 11 hours. Should have been 9 hours, but I ran over something half way down and slit a rear dually tire. I knew I ran over something, but my truck gave me no indication that I was one tire short so I kept on going. It wasn't until I pulled into a gas station and looked in my rear view mirror to see a slightly flat outer tire. Hmmm ... checks out OK. Must be my imagination. I didn't go around kicking all my tires. Bad driver. Later I called my husband and he informed me that sometimes an outer tire will look slightly flat when the inside one is bad. Another stop down the road and gee, my truck driver husband was right. Whuduknow? By that time, the closest place I could find was Barstow. \$246 and some change later, I had a new tire. The horses weren't

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so happy with the downtown cement parking lot break, but hey, what are you gonna do?

We arrived in a sandstorm. However, it was a man-made sandstorm. The Duck and his entourage has made us all a parking lot in the middle of the desert by pulling out sage and making some roads so the wind naturally, was taking all that loose dirt and blowing it everywhere. By the next day it had all blown away and the regular, naturally compacted landscape gave us no further problems. But it was durned ugly for awhile. I did manage to get myself stuck while trying to find a parking place. Fortunately, I was smart enough not to try to hard to get out until I'd found a place to tie up my horses and dug myself out. Witty Karen Chaton said, "So why don't you just use 4WD?" knowing full well, I'm sure, that I don't have 4WD. Very funny, Karen.

Friday dawned bright and clear and cold and I got a chuckle out of The Duck as I velled "WOOHOO!" riding by him. SO great to be out on the trail again. Yeah! I rode out of camp with Les Carr and Tulip that day. Tulip was feeling

every bit as good as Tank was and we had a few exciting moments right off the bat when our group rode past an ancient corral full of running horses owned by Al and Nanette Young, our hosts for the weekend. Ok, enough excitement, let's not get dumped a quarter mile from camp, people.

Les and I spent the day talking about his childhood, Broadway, college, marriage and years up to and including how he got involved in endurance. I must say, the man has had quite an interesting life. It was quite chilly in the morning, mostly because of the wind. We wound our way up the mountain to Rim of the World Trail. The view was great. We could see forever. Lunch was at the Bus and Buzzard Cafe, if I remember the name correctly. Loosely translated, an old abandoned bus, trailer and cabin plus a few piles of the usual left over mine junk. Lavonne put on the usual feast fit for kings. Boy, love those tuna fish sandwiches!

The afternoon warmed up without the wind and we were all soon riding in T-shirts. T-shirts in February. You gotta love it!

Les and I were riding pretty slow as were Karen Chaton, Nina Bray and Dave Rabe, who was riding Karen's new boy, Zenos, on his first 50. Zenos did so good it was hard to believe it was his first time on a ride. He acted like an old pro. We all finished somewhere close to dark-thirty.

Day Two was the 55. I'd brought along James Dean, intending on riding him on Day Two. But I decided I didn't really want to be on him that long and in the dark. He has not had the amount of conditioning that I felt he needed to go fast enough to finish before dark and just really wanted to take it easy on him. So we sat out that day with the intention of just doing a nice 15-20 miles pleasure ride through the desert. It wasn't until everyone had left that I took Tank's blanket off and discovered he had a very sore back. The first in all the miles I've ridden him. I was totally perplexed. But after thinking it over all day, it dawned on me that it was because my stirrup was a half hole wrong. My husband had ridden my saddle since the last endurance ride and I didn't put it back right.

Centered riding obviously really DOES mean something!

So, that meant James would have to go out on the third day. That alone was enough to make me loose sleep as I knew we'd be going up a canyon that earlier I knew had been described as the "insert-your-own-words-here" trail because of its difficulty. Visions of me laying by the side of the trail in the middle of nowhere came to mind. Those that have read my stories before. know that James can be somewhat unpredictable and in my opinion still a very green boy. However, I have to keep reminding myself that when the chips have been down (which seems to be every ride I've taken him on except one, and he was a total idiot on that one) James comes through. The brain that normally spills out on a conditioning ride, seems to get sucked back in and turned on when it really matters.

James and I started Day Three alone. I took it one step at a time. First: Survive the first couple of miles without getting boinged off. Second, make it up the 6-mile-long incline to the top of the power line road with a horse that could continue on. Boy, was that a long climb! Third: Survive through the death-defying Buzzard's Pass Canvon. Ok. so, it really wasn't death defying, but I'm still new at this technical trail stuff. One look at the first obstacle and I'm thinking to myself, "Well, it's only 8-9 miles back to camp from here if I can't get James to cooperate." We'd been briefed at the ride meeting that there were a couple of very short stretches of trail that would require a dependable horse. If you were unsure of that, you'd best get off and lead. Uh-huh. Karen's comment, "If you don't try to ride them over that kind of trail, how are they gonna learn?" Uh-huh.

So, here I am, trying to be brave, standing in front of a rock ledge too high to walk up, urging James to jump up on it. No go. So I swallow really hard, wistfully look back down the trail the way I've come, get off, unhook his reins and boldly climb up on the ledge, quickly get to my feet, not looking back and march forward, hoping he'd follow me. Much to my amazement, he did! This from the horse that I've badgered and bullied and coerced and begged to follow

me in much less weirder places. Imagine my feeling of elation.

The next obstacle was a V-shaped slit in the canyon wall with a round boulder at the base with no way around. You either jumped it or you didn't. Again, I swallowed hard, climbed over and kept walking. The sound of metal caged stirrups scraping on rocks was not pleasant, but since I wasn't looking back I have no idea exactly what transpired. All I know is when I did look back, everything seemed intact and James was standing right behind me. Whew!

That was the worst of that. Up and down a couple of more or lesser ledges we went and then I got on again. The next piece of technical trail we came to was a narrow little trail, The Duck said was probably a hundred years old, that someone had worked really hard on. This time I stayed on and James navigated it like a pro. And if we did slip off, it was only a story down. No biggie:)

After that, the next bunch of boulder hopping was a piece of cake and I rode James proudly through the whole lot of 'em. Even now it brings

tears to my eyes because I know where this horse has been mentally. He has grown SO much from the horse that was afraid of any kind of stick and has dumped me several times. He dumped my daughter once hard enough to give her a concussion and a broken tail bone and land her in emergency, hardly able to put one word in front of the other. Working through all those issues and his learning to trust have been a really, really big thing. I'm so very proud of him.

After that, the rest of the day was downhill and quite a relaxing ride through the desert. We rode very, very slow. So slow, that Karen and Nina, who had been pulling ribbons, caught up with us right before lunch. Can you say, "Pretty in Pink?" Nina was all dressed in pink and most of the ribbons were pink. Quite the picture. Wish I'd gotten one! We spent the rest of the day together, coming in way after dark. I'm discovering that James is going to make an excellent endurance horse and that he has a lot of natural ability. You may see James and I cantering down the trail a lot more this year. Next ride, New Cuyama Oaks. :) Jackie, Tank and James Dean

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## MARCH QSER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM, GENERAL MEETING 7:00 PM

THE CLUB MEETS AT THE NEW ALMADEN COMMUNITY CENTER

BERTRAM ROAD, JUST BEHIND LA FORET RESTAURANT.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** THE **MAY MEETING** WILL BE ON **MAY 11**, THE 2ND WEDNESAY OF THE MONTH AND WILL FEATURE REPRESENTATIVES FROM NUTRENA WHO WILL GIVE US THE LATEST SCOOP ON FEEDING OUR EQUINES!

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