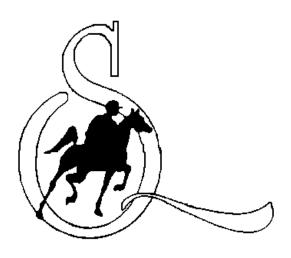
QUICKSILVER QUIPS

May 2005



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President's Message

It's the First of May and I'm sitting here trying to figure out the weather so I can go ride. The parks have been very fast at closing the trails around here so any rain makes it hard to plan. Hope the rest of you are finding it easier.

Not a lot of club news. We had a scare over the endurance ride and had to make a lot of changes. I still don't know all of them but bits and pieces keep coming in and I think it should be a nice ride. I hope you have made plans to ride or help. Call Peggy or Trilby and let them know.

Our meeting is setup to have a speaker this month, Nutrena and next month at Julie Suhr's with a horse masseuse and the proverbial hot dog bar-b-que. Plan on attending and if you need a ride let me know. I have a large passenger van that seats 11.

July is up for grabs, any ideas? I was thinking of a ride at Calero with a meeting afterwards. August is the same, no plan so think one up.

We have no plans that I know of for a Poker Ride. Without someone jumping up and wanting to do the planning and work it looks like a no go. The club requires volunteers to put such an event on so think about it. The same goes for the Quicksilver Fall Ride. We have no manager so no ride. It's the usual deal where the time and effort has to come from the members to do these things but everyone is busy doing what it takes to just survive and ride their horses. Of note is the number of members putting on rides separate from the club. We are very active as a group riding and managing rides but it falls down when we get to the part about QSER. Personally I find the club to be a great place to learn so someone

who wants the experience of being a ride manager and contribute to the well being of the sport should volunteer...the rest of us are here to support them and see to it that they succeed. Enough said.

El Presidente Steve

QUICKSILVER ENDURANCE RIDERS INC. BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING April 20, 2005

Present: Steve Lenheim; Mary Anderson; Maryben Stover; Scott Sansom; Trilby Pederson; Kathy Miller; Elaine Alton (arrived 7.05) **Guests:** Tom Stutzman; Dick and Angie Carter;

Connell Allison; Marvin Snowbarger Meeting called to order 6.56 p.m.

Minutes of last meeting

Read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Junior Account \$775.61 Trail Account \$1008.22 General Account \$2328.35

President's Report

The speaker for this meeting cancelled for personal, family reasons.

Committee Reports

Membership

No new members.

Program

The head nutritionist and vet from Nutrena will give a presentation on equine nutrition at the next meeting on May 15th. Elaine Alton is organizing a speaker for the meeting at Bob and Julie's Suhr's house on June 15th. The subject will be Equine Massage.

Goodwill

Don Brown injured his shoulder. A card has been sent to him from the Club.

Trails

Some areas of Calero are still very muddy. Supposedly open space at Calero will open Saturday 4-23-05. Bear Creek open space preserve will open 5-15-05. Virl Norton and Hacienda Trails will open Saturday 5-23-05.

Ride

Volunteers are still need for the Spring Ride. Call Trilby or Peggy if you wish to help.

New Business

A motion was tabled that the Club donate two water tanks. One to Hicks Road from the Junior Account and one to Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space from the General Account.

Scott moved to adjourn the meeting, Lori seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7.45.

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 her at 408 265-0839.

Freebie

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

HORSES 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

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

Older Australian stock saddle with Toklat pad \$150.00.

Brand new Sprenger safety stirrups, 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 matching burgundy pommel/cantle bags for english saddle. \$30 each.

Hi-Tie bungee tether--never used. \$20 from Mackinder endurance saddle 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.

VEHICLES, CAMPERS, TRAILERS

Gooseneck 2-horse trailer, white (barely used maybe 6 times?) 1997 LOGAN COMPETITOR II, slant load, step up, with drop down windows on left side, and plexiglass/stock type on right side. Includes spare wheel and tire, rubber floor mats, wall mats, Treadbrite package, windows in rear door and swingout detatchable 4-saddle rack. Price \$6,000 o.b.o. For more info please call Jo at (831) 469 3684.

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.

The Student Chapter of the American Association of Equine Practitioners at the University of California Davis presents its "Equine Emergency Symposium" on Saturday May 14th. The daylong event will feature noted UC Davis faculty speaking in the morning and various participant "labs" and demonstrations in the afternoon. Speakers will emphasize what to do before your veterinarian arrives in such case as

In the afternoon, participants will try their hand at bandaging, see proper splint placement and "down horse" rescue as well as collect and take home the components of a well-stocked first aid kit. Attendance will be limited to the first 200 registered participants. For registration information or a flyer detailing the activities of the day. please email:

ucdavisequinemedicineclub@yahoo.com.

RANCH CATS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION and current on shots. Contact ianice.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, 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 Eve Arabians. Kirsten Michael Berntsen at 831 623-2120. kirstenzazz@hotmail.com or

www.conklin.com/wildeyearabians.

COMPLEXION PROTECTION

Lots of lovely moisturizing and sun protection available for all you outdoor types. For information and samples call Gillian Tabb at 408 482 0219 or check out my web page www.marykay.com/gtabb.

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TRAIL EVENTS

May 14-Trail Dedication---the newest Santa Clara County Park, the Coyote Lake Harvey Bear Park will be dedicated on Saturday, May 14. Staging will be from Bear Ranch right off San Martin Ave, gates open at 8AM. Ride out time 9AM in small led groups. Dedication is at 11am with lunch provided around noon, and then ride back, so plan to be out till 2:30 PM. This is an RSVP ONLY event so please call Chere Barger 683-2247 by Tuesday May 10. It is particularly important to know if you plan to attend, so SCCPR can make sure it has the right tally for food for the event.

This 4,500+acre park will have over 13 miles of multi-use trail open in phase one and will be an important link in the Bay Area Ridge Trail as we seek to get more and more miles of this trail in place in South County. The park opens to the general public on May 15.

See you there!

Saturday, May 14 QUICKSILVER SPRING RIDE MANAGEMENT is looking for riders and volunteers. Jobs that need to be filled are vet secretaries, pulse and respiration takers, timers and spotters. Lunch will be provided for volunteers. Call Trilby at 408 997-7500 or Peggy at 831 659-2296 if you can help. A ride entry is included in this issue of the Quips.

May 18 Wednesday—Quicksilver Club meeting

We are very fortunate to have a veterinarian and a feed expert from Nutrena who will speak at the meeting.

May 21 Saturday--Bear Ranch, for a full Moon ride with Ranger Silva. Meet at Bear Ranch at the San Martin entrance. Arrive at 6 PM, to tack up and depart at 7 PM, return by 10 PM. Please RSVP to Ranger Silva in advance by Friday May 20, 408 363-5976.

RIDE STORY

Every ride is a lesson for me. Still. And I imagine, that for most endurance riders, no matter how long they ride, it remains that way as long as you ride. High Desert Classic was my first pull. I knew it had to happen sooner or later, but the disappointment was greater than I anticipated.

Tank and I had a great morning for the most part. He sped along so well at Cuyama, I thought I could let him go a little faster in the morning, although we still walked up the long, long hill. What got me was attempting to have a conversation with a rider whose horse had a big, floaty, slow trot that ate up the miles. Tank paddled mightily to keep up with her and when he couldn't keep up that way, cantered some to catch up. A great mistake on my part. People who know Tank seem to think he has the ability to complete middle of the pack. But so far this year, I have had no time to do much in the way of conditioning in between rides. He's done one day at East Mojave, one day at Cuyama and maybe a half a dozen rides on home trails. Plenty to do our normal back of the pack speed, but not enough, obviously for to keep up.

I really didn't feel we were going all that fast. In fact, 6:25 hours for 35 miles is pretty slow. Tank pulsed down immediately at the 35-mile lunch stop, but when I went back for his CRI, he went up to 80 after his trot out and stayed there. The vet and I decided I would hang out for an extra half an hour and see how it went. After all, it was only 2:00. I had oodles of time to walk in. But after the

extra wait, I could see just looking down at Tank's chest that he was still at 80. I plodded over to Susan McCartney and said I thought it was "Game Over." We didn't even get to trot out again as she verified he was indeed still at 80 just standing there. It was our first trailer ride back to camp and I do have to admit I teared up on the ride home. I spent the time kicking myself for not having had the time in between rides to condition. Or at least condition some at the canter, which I've not done with Tank.

A couple of theories from others popped up as I sat in camp that night ... "maybe he's coming down with something" ... "maybe he got something from the ticks you found on him at Cuyama." I did hear him cough yesterday. But he's been running around bucking and kicking in the pasture like a maniac so I don't think he's sick. I haven't gotten a blood panel done yet. But I supposed I should. However, I just plain old think we went too fast for how much I've been able to condition this year.

The trail was really cool. And the views were outstanding from the top of the mountain. Snow-covered peaks all around as far as you could see. The sky was so clear and beautiful and it was absolutely the perfect temperature. We had a great spaghetti dinner on Friday night and Fajitas! on Saturday. Mmmmmmm The ride management was great and the volunteers rocked.

I was hoping to get that cool blanket for completing all three days of the series, but it's not to be this year--maybe next year.

I'm not sure what my next ride is ... might go to Quicksilver. It all depends on how much time I spend finishing the Endurance Guide and how much time I can find to ride before then. James hasn't been ridden since Cuyama either so neither of the boys is ready for those hills, I don't think. I'd like to go to Ft. Shelbourne, but not sure I can get away for that one either. But I'll see you all on the trail soon, somehow!

:) Jackie and Tank

A HORSE STORY

In January I bought a very pretty 11 year old NSH mare, All Keyed Up, whose behavior does not reflect her name—she is a real sweetie. After a couple of months I decided that caring for three horses is just too much for me (endless putting on and taking off of blankets, slogging out to feed twice a day in 3 different feeders in our windy, exposed location, etc.) so I started looking around for a good home for her. Since she is so well behaved I thought she might do well as an NATRC horse and started talking her up to my friends. My first attempt was successful up to a point.

A friend who was looking for an extra horse for friends and family tried her and liked her a lot but she has a very dominant mare that Ally would be pastured with. Since Ally had already basically wapped the dickens out of my little mare we had to pass that really nice ranch home by.

Another friend was looking for a horse for her husband, a beginning rider, to start doing NATRC. We met for a ride and she liked Ally so she took her home for her husband to try. That was on a Sunday and the very next Friday they brought her to the NATRC ride at Ft. Ord where the husband competed in a large class and Ally was awarded a 4th place ribbon. They gave me a check the next day so now Ally has moved uptown and has her own stall, paddock and a covered arena for those wet days[©]

Judy Etheridge

QUICKSILVER SPRING CLASSIC ENDURANCE RIDE 25 & 50 MILES MAY 14, 2005

BASECAMP - Base Camp will be at Hacienda Entrance to Almaden Quicksilver County Park off Almaden Road in San Jose.

TRAIL - There are more new beautiful and exciting trails in Almaden Quicksilver County Park in Santa Clara County!

AWARDS - Trilby has handcrafted special awards for completion, best condition, top ten, first junior and other awards.

ENTRY FEES - Included in the entry fee are the State Drug Fee, AERC Rider Fee, Saturday night dinner and the overnight park fee for Friday night. If you plan to stay over on Saturday night, please include an additional \$6.00 in your entry.

Cancellations by May 12, 2005 will receive a full refund. No shows will receive NO REFUND!

VETERINARIAN STAFF - Michele Roush, DVM

SATURDAY DINNER - a DELICIOUS BBQ dinner will be provided!

SANCTIONING – This is an American Endurance Ride Conference sanctioned ride. All AERC rules will apply. Juniors under the age of 16 as of December 1, 2004, are required to ride with a sponsor at all times and must wear an approved safety helmet (AERC rule 10.1.1).

DIRECTIONS - From Hwy 85/87, take Almaden Expressway south to Almaden Road. Turn right onto Almaden Road. Go about 2-3 miles to the Hacienda entrance on the right.

From northbound Hwy 101, take the Bernal exit and turn left onto Monterey Road—stay on Monterey for 2-3 miles and turn right on Bailey; you will go up a small set of hills and then turn right on McKean; stay on it til it T.s to McKean and Harry. Turn left from McKean on to Almaden Road and go about 2-3 miles to the Hacienda entrance which is the right.

From southbound Hwy 101, take the 280 exit, then the 87 exit south to Almaden Expressway exit. Stay on Almaden Expressway to Almaden Road, turn right on to Almaden Road and go about 2-3 miles to the Hacienda entrance which is on the right.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maryben Stover, Ride Secretary 1299 Sandra Drive San Jose, CA 95125 (408) 265-0839 merryben@aol.com

Trilby Pederson, Ride Manager 20535 Rome Drive San Jose, CA 95120 (408) 997-7500

QUICKSILVER SPRING CLASSIC ENDURANCE RIDE

Saturday, May 14, 2005 Ride Entry Form

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Add \$20 if postmarked after May 7, 2005				
If staying at Almaden Quicksilver Saturday night, add \$6				
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It's Still That Time of the Year!!!!!

Your QUICKSILVER Riders membership was due on January 1, 2005 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: **Marvben 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.

HORSE SITTER CHECKLIST

If you plan to leave your horse in the hands of a sitter, you'll need to equip him or her to handle any situation that might come up, so you can enjoy your trip worry-free. Use our countdown checklist to make sure you remember every detail.

By Karen Hayes, DVM

FOUR WEEKS IN ADVANCE

□ Schedule routine maintenance. Take care of all routine vet and farrier visits to catch any potential problems-in-the-making-and so your sitter won't have to bother with them. This will leave him or her free to concentrate on day-to-day care-and crisis management, if necessary.

Tip: Schedule a time when you'll be available to discuss any concerns you may have regarding your horse's health. That will make it easier to catch any problems before you leave town.

☐ Tell your vet you'll be away. While your vet is there, give him or her the dates you'll be leaving your horse in a sitter's care. Ask him or her to ensure that your horse will get any needed veterinary care in your absence. Assure your vet (in writing, if necessary) that payment will be made as soon as you get back. Make a refundable down payment, if requested.

Tips: Give your vet (in writing) specific instructions to be used in the event of a crisis, and ask that this information be included prominently in your horse's medical records. For example, if you're adamantly against colic surgery, make it clear you'll agree to any medical treatment for your horse if he colics, but if surgery is required, you authorize your vet to euthanize your horse. Ask your vet to include any major-medical or mortality insurance information-including contact numbers-in your horse's medical records, in case your provider needs to be contacted.

THREE WEEKS IN ADVANCE

□ Arrange for emergency transport. Make sure your trailer and towing vehicle are in tiptop shape. Fill the gas tank; put air in the tires; tighten the lug nuts; secure the hitch; clean the floor mats, etc. If your sitter will need to borrow someone else's rig, make sure it's available and in good repair. Leave cash-in \$20 bills or smaller-to cover trip expenses.

TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE

☐ Stock up on feed. Have plenty of everything your horse needs on hand-hay, grain, supplements, daily

dewormer, etc.-so your sitter won't have to buy more. Arrange it all in one place, clearly labeled.

Tips: Use stay-on, waterproof labels. Apply labels on cans-not lids, which may get switched. Remove any feed your horse doesn't need to avoid confusion. Provide an uncluttered work surface for your sitter to prepare feed and supplements.

ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE

☐ Leave written instructions. Detail feeding and nonfeeding chores, organized in the order in which your sitter will do them.

Tips: Leave one large instruction sheet, rather than several small ones-a big piece of smooth cardboard works great. Use a thick-tipped marking pen so your writing is easy to read, and won't smudge or run if it gets wet. Post the sheet on the wall in the food-prep area. Match the feed substance name to the one on the label so there's no confusion. Be clear and concise so your sitter doesn't have to wade through extraneous words to get to the bottom line.

□ Leave medication instructions. Store medications and supplies (such as gauze pads, needles, syringes, etc.) in one location, such as in a metal lunchbox in the fridge. Write down location of medications/supplies, plus detailed instructions on how and when to use them, on the main instruction sheet described above.

Tips: Show your sitter how to treat your horse, and have him or her do it at least once while you're there, so you know it's being done safely and properly.

☐ Leave contact information. On a separate sheet of paper, list all important contact information: where you can be reached (plus an alternate number, just in case); the name and number of your veterinarian (plus his or her after-hours number, and another vet's number, just in case); your farrier; your equine insurance company (if applicable); and a neighbor (preferably one who knows your horses).

Tips: If you'll be hard to reach, tell your sitter to leave daily messages on your answering machine or service. That way, you can call and check for messages when it's convenient. If your horse has mortality and/or major-medical insurance, make four copies of the provider's contact information. Give one copy to your sitter; take one with you; post one in the barn; and leave one inside your house. That way, you or your sitter will definitely be able to contact your provider in case of a crisis.

Dr. Hayes is an Idaho-based equine practitioner who stalls eight horses.

May QSER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, may 18, 2005 at 7:00 pm

Featured speakers are nutrena

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

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