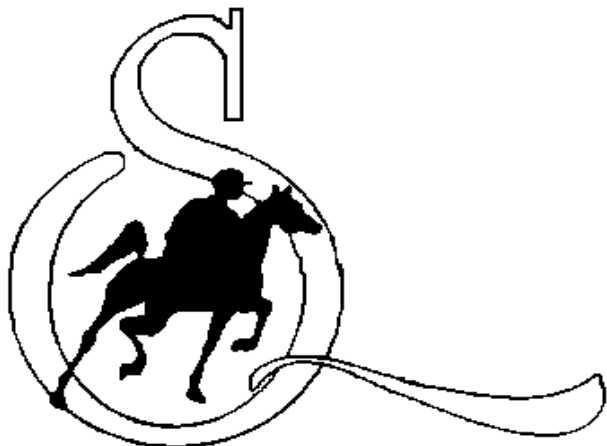


QUICKSILVER QUIPS

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Mike Maul, Chief Mover and Shaker

President's Message

The Quicksilver Fall Classic was a fabulous success. We had 82 riders, great weather and a lot of club volunteers to help make the ride go off without a hitch. Well, as far as the riders knew it was without a hitch. Thanks to all who volunteered, especially our Ride Chairman, Judy Etheridge, who put it all together. I know the vet check at Dowdy went off without a hitch thanks to Barbara and Doug White as well as two future endurance riders Barbara and Doug brought with them.

Next year we are planning to put the ride in the springtime at Coe. The wild flowers are gorgeous that time of year!

The club will be electing officers as well as board members at the November meeting. Please plan to attend. We are holding the meeting at the Almaden Community Center (behind La Foret Restaurant) in Old Almaden. See details inside for directions.

This year has gone by soooooooooo fast. I can't believe it is almost Thanksgiving already. Happy Thanksgiving to all – happy riding.

Jan Jeffers
President

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Present:

Jan Jeffers
Judy Etheridge
Kathy Mayeda
Kathy Miller
Steve Lenheim
Maryben Stover

Absent:

Pat MacKendry
Marilyn Orlando

Meeting called to order at 7:10 P.M. at Steve Lenheim's residence.

Meeting Minutes:

Approved with one errata – Kathy Miller said that Rich Vargas is donating hay for the ride, not herself.

Treasurer's Report:

No change since September meeting.

Correspondence: It was decided that Steve Lenheim will pick up correspondence from the QSER mailbox.

Goodwill: Maryben reported that Miriam Plaggmeir had ruptured an aorta.

Membership: No report.

Newsletter: Kathy Mayeda asked for help in distributing the newsletter. Judy Etheridge said she would do it. ((Thanks Judy ☺!))

REGULAR MEETING:

QSER FALL CLASSIC

- Need another number taker in a.m. Eric Thompson may be able to do it.
- Steve Lenheim will order porta-potties.
- Cathy Kauer will volunteer at base camp.
- Mike and Jill Kilter-Newburn will volunteer at Wilson.

- Jan will pick up and deliver water troughs borrowed from San Martin Horsemans.
- There is a spigot at Dowdie and one water trough.
- Drag riders – Ginger and husband and Kathy Thompson will drag LD. Carla Ambriz and Trilby will drag 50s. Carla will be riding Orion.
- Steve Lenheim said that he has someone that could do ride photos.
- Steve Lenheim said he could round up about 3-4 people to help.
- Was no Pond will need water. Jill and Mike will bring water truck to that location.
- Julie Suhr will give 11th place award.
- Maryben says she had received approximately 25 ride entries for the 50 miles, about 10 for the LDs. Expects a lot more.
- Steve contributes 6 cases of wine for main prizes.
- There are leftover awards that will be given as an alternative to the wine.
- Judy says that any rudeness to ride personnel will be grounds for immediate disqualification.
- Barbara and Doug White will bring lunch for the Dowdy vet check.
- Jeannette Brown will be the gatekeeper to ridecamp.
- Kathy Campbell (non-member) will do finish line. Pat McKendry will help.
- Kathy Mayeda will buy 10 more stethoscopes.
- A dinner gift certificate will be given to Jim, the water truck person.
- Steve Lenheim will feed the vets on Friday night.
- Elaine Alton (Katie's mom) will help Maryben at check-in on Friday night.
- Food tickets.
- Jan will bring 3 coolers.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS:

President: Lori Oleson
Vice President: Judy Etheridge
Secretary: Carla Ambriz
Treasurer: Kathy Miller

BOARD NOMINEES:

Jan Jeffers*
Steve Lenheim
Kathy Mayeda

(*Note that Jan Jeffers later declined nomination due to scheduling conflicts. Jill Kilty Newburn shall be a candidate for the board)

Meeting adjourned approx. 8:40 p.m. after a great meal by Steve Lenheim.

QUICKSILVER FOUNDING MEMBER

October 24, 2002

Miriam Plaggmier, one of the original founders and first members of our club in 1978 died today in San Jose. Miriam is the mother of members Melissa Ribley, Jennifer Plaggmier and Pam Villa. Miriam was the first recipient of the club's highest honor, the Eleanor Norton Award.....

The Plaggmier family has been a huge part of my life for over 25 years. I am invited to every family dinner from Thanksgiving to Christmas and in between and I can't even begin to imagine how much I will miss Miriam.

There will probably be a service some time next week and I will try to let you all know.

Maryben

Condolences to the Plaggmeir family. Funeral was held at St. Anthony's Church on Tuesday, October 29th. Rosary was held that night at Lima family. Burial was at Santa Clara Mission.

2002 Quicksilver Fall Classic QSER Riders & Ride Volunteers

Carla Ambriz Rider, 50, provided ambulance truck/trailer Dowdy, safety rider

Katie Alton Jr. Rider, 50
Mr/Mrs Alton Camp, check in table, awards dinner, went to town to buy scale for weigh in

Hillorie Bachman Rider, 50, donated LD Horse Excellence award

Stephanie Beebe Rider, 50
Jeanette Brown Gate keeper, finish line timer, all around helper

Peggy Bullock Rider, 25
Ken Cook Rider, 25
Cheryl Domnitch Rider, 25, check in table, Pre-awards ceremony entertainment emcee, returned banquet utensils to caterer

Nancy Elliot Rider, 50, 9th place, Best Vet Score!
Judy Etheridge Insane
Rick Gomez Rider, 50, 7th place!
Becky Hart Rider, 50, donated a big bucket of electrolytes, thanx Becky!
Helen Harvey Finish line P&R, weigh-in
Elisabet Hiatt Rider, 25
Jan Jeffers Water woman, driver Dowdy vet check, photos, deribbon trails!
Catherine Kauer Finish line vet secretary
Steve Lenheim Fire Chief, water on trail for 50s, donated completion awards

Skip Lightfoot Rider, 50
Jeff Luternauer Rider, 50
Mike Maul Put entries on the Web
Kathy Mayeda Ride camp manager
Insane, too.
Pat McKendry Finish line timer
Kathy Miller 25 and 50 maps, delivered hay
Jill Kilty-Newburn Wilson vet check, P/Rs, timer
Mike Newburn Timer, water to Willson & on trail

Lori Oleson Rider, 50, 4th place!
Robert Oram Vet secretary, Dowdy check
Marilyn Orlando Ribbioned trail, P/Rs Willson
Trilby Pederson Rider, 50, made BC & Top 10 prizes, safety rider

Judy Reens Finish line vet,
thanks again Judy

Doug Reynaud P/R Willson

Heather Reynolds Rider, 50, donated 25 mile
Horse Excellence award

Jeremy Reynolds Rider, 50

Ann Rosebrook Safety rider, 25

Scott Sansom Driver, timer, P/R
Wilson vet check

Michele Shaw Head vet,
wonderful job Michele!

Marvin Snowbarger Timer, Dowdy vet check

Maryben Stover Ride secretary

Julie Suhr Donated 50 mile
11th place award

Eric Thompson Finish line P/R

Kathy Thompson 25 mile safety rider,
like herding cats, Kathy:)

Dennis Tracy Rider, 25

Mike Tracy Rider, 50

Carolyn Tucker Timer, Willson vet check,
driver, too!

Rich Vargas Donated 6 bales of excellent
hay

Pat Verheul Camp Fri-Sat

Doug/Barb White Managers Dowdy vet chk,
donated/prepared Dowdy
lunches, special thanx!

Big Thank You from Judy Etheridge, Ride Manager

POST RIDE WRAP UP MEETING SYNOPSIS

Special meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. , October 30, 2002 at the New Almaden Community Center, Jan Jeffers presiding. Present were: Kathy Miller, Kathy Mayeda, Jill Kilty-Newburn, Mike Newburn, Steve Lenheim, Pat McKendry, Scott Sansom, Carla Ambriz, Jeannette Brown, Ken Cook, Maryben Stover, Trilby Pederson, Lori Oleson, Heather Reynolds.

Noticeably absent was ride manager, Judy Etheridge. Jan tactfully told the club that Judy will not be ride manager next year because felt that she was not getting any support and was receiving too much unconstructive criticism from certain members of the club.

Jan started the meeting by passing out a handout that Scott Sansom had outlined with roles and tasks organized by future rides. She explained that problems that arose in the ride needs to be expressed in a non-critical way so that the ride management can improve their performance in the future. Some of the criticism that happened with the ride management were from club members and not from the rider population. The e-mail correspondence received by Judy that was passed around the room shows that the ride was extremely well received and that riders were generally unaware of any problems happening with the ride management. A comment was made that the ride management should stay at basecamp, and Jan concurred.

The major disappointment voiced by Trilby was the banquet. She felt that it should not be held in the dark. Jan said that we could do something about that the next ride. There was some dissatisfaction expressed about the banquet meal also. Maryben said that the finish line should be moved to the camp after the Top 10 finishers come in. We also need to have finish line forms for the in-timers.

Mike asked what the club's goals are to clarify what we need to achieve with the next ride. Ken says it's to make money. Kathy Miller said that the approximate profit showing at the moment was \$2,086 minus AERC for the Fall Ride. Trilby said that the Spring ride made about \$3,000 but Kathy Miller said that some of the

expenses had not been reported in the ride summary. Steve said it was to make money for the Awards Banquet and to introduce new areas to ride by holding rides in different places. Trilby brought up since it we are a non-profit club; our goals should also be educational.

Ken presented reasons not to have ride at Coe next year. He thinks that the ride should be easier for new LD riders, the base camp is too hard to get rigs into without damaging them, and he thinks that riders just want to ride to have fun and are not looking for the difficult rides. He thought that we would be losing ridership because of it. Carla read an e-mail letter from an LD rider stating that they are looking forward to the ride at Coe next Spring because they had such a good ride this year. Also, there was a substantial increase of ridership this year over last year.

Steve said that the LD was easier this year. Also, next year, a new area will be open so we could explore a different trails that would be closer to base camp.

Heather thought that the trail markings were good until after lunch on the single track for the 50's.

Mike said we could look at improving the base camp issues. We could possibly look into having the big rigs be housed across the street which is Open Space Authority land.

Maryben said that this Fall ride was faster than last years Coe ride. She expressed that the Spring ride should be held at Coe because it is after all of Becky's Shine and Shine Only rides and people would want to ride. Coe may be too wet in the Spring so that should be a consideration. Kathy Miller asked if it shouldn't be the Ride Manager's choice of where to hold the ride.

Maryben indicated a need to stick to the by-laws and have the ride budget presented to the BOD. Kathy Miller said that the BOD was traditionally the Ride Committee.

Scott brought up that we need an extra space on the vet cards for the in-time at vet checks so that they can compare in-time with the pulse down time.

Steve brought up the idea that the club president should be the ride manager. The bulk of the work would be done by committee. The idea was not well received by the membership present. The ride manager and the club president were felt to be two different sets of people management, and one may be a good president but not a good ride manager, and vice versa.

Scott reinforced that ride management can be further enhanced by better defining committees as he outlined in the handout.

There was a discussion of gifts to ride volunteers. Gift certificates were presented to Barbara and Doug White because they donated all the lunch and refused reimbursement for the Dowdy vet check. Also, Jim Jeffers's employers were offered a gift certificate for use of the water truck. Steve suggested that 50 mile ride points should be given towards banquet prizes.

Prizes were discussed. Jan mentioned that a rider specifically requested something with the QSER logo on it. Ken expressed that the prize should be compatible for Juniors AND Seniors and that wine was not great for the Juniors. Jan asked Ken to look into getting the prizes with logo for the next ride.

Steve mentioned that the club should look into making investments for the rides like water troughs and water tanks. The question is storage.

Scott asked the members to review the handout and give Jan feedback on the contents.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Mayeda

Note from the Editor:

My new computer ate up the biographies for Hillary Graham and Katie Alton. My apologies. If they send it to me again at

kathy.mayeda@attbi.com I will put it into the next newsletter!

Anyone wants a bio, (hey Megan) please feel free to forward it, especially our new members. I think I figured out how my computer is organized now!

Also, Julie Suhr sent me some nice articles to put into the Quips, but I just couldn't resist sticking another article instead in this issue!! Thanks, Julie – you're wonderful as always.

Fort Ord could get horse park, move likely to boost S.F. Olympic bid.

J. Michael Rivera, The Californian-October 13, 2002— A local equestrian group unveiled plans Sunday for a horse park at the former Fort Ord, saying it could help San Francisco win its bid to host the 2012 Summer Olympics -- and even bring some events to Monterey County.

"We're at the threshold of a perfectly marvelous opportunity," said Bob Etienne, a board member for the group, Monterey Horse Park.

The organization presented its ideas for a 340-acre equestrian park to a group of Monterey County mayors, Olympic organizers and members of the media.

Next month, the U.S. Olympic Committee is expected to choose either San Francisco or New York City as America's choice to play host to the games.

The proposed equestrian center at Fort Ord is included in a 100-page executive summary that the Bay Area Sports Organizing Committee -- the agency working to bring the 2012 Summer Games to San Francisco -- will send today to the U.S. Olympic Committee, said Anne Cribbs, president and chief executive officer of the Bay Area group.

"The Monterey Horse Park is a critical piece of our bid," she said. "The summary is what the (Olympics committee) bases their vote on, and this park is truly an Olympic dream."

The horse board is working with area mayors and the Fort Ord Reuse Authority organizers to bring the equestrian park to Fort Ord. The group wants to build the park regardless of whether San Francisco gets to host the Olympics.

The proposed center would be in the former Parker Flats area in the geographic center of the former military base, northwest of the proposed veterans' cemetery.

The horse site also borders a 7,800-acre Bureau of Land Management area with trails for horses, hikers and cyclists. The area will eventually expand to 14,000 acres, said Michael Houlemard, executive officer of the reuse authority.

Horse park board members haven't yet said what the equestrian center would cost, when construction would begin or who specifically would finance it. But those details should come soon, said Bob Enea, Monterey Horse Park president. "This will be a catalyst for the horse industry, so we'll be looking at (industry) sponsorship as well as companies that sponsor riding events," he said. "We'll also seek grants for foundations and donations from private individuals."

The park is planned for three phases of construction to allow organizers to build funding support and best serve the equestrian riding and racing community, he said.

If approved, it would include:

- * 15 competition arenas on a 15-acre piece of land at the north side of the park.
- * Several barns with stalls for 12,000 horses.
- * A 6,500-meter cross-country course, a 50-foot wide track that winds through a large forested area of the park that will be preserved as an oak habitat.
- * Large, grassy fields for show jumping events.
- * Parking space for more than 1,000 vehicles.
- * Up to 150 recreational vehicle campsites.
- * A veterinarian clinic, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals horse rescue center and therapeutic and riding facilities for people with disabilities.

"Whether we get the Olympic bid or not, we will have a legacy to pass off to our grandchildren," Cribbs said.

A Letter from the Monterey Horse Park

August 5, 2002 - Dear Members of CDS, You may have heard that the land at the decommissioned Fort Ord Army Base between Monterey and Salinas is being returned to the surrounding communities. What you may not know about is the formation of the Monterey Horse Park, a nonprofit corporation that is undertaking the development of a show facility which will be the site of the equestrian events should the 2012 Olympics come to the Bay Area.

I am pleased to be a Director of the Monterey Horse Park and my fellow directors include other equestrians of note such as Linda Allen, Charles Lloyd, III, Derek di Grazia, Doc Etienne, Rod Hiskin, Philip Durbrow and others as well as Olympic swimming gold medallist Anne Warner Cribbs. We are all volunteers. One of our volunteers is the builder of the dressage arena for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. We have been working on this project for more than two years. We do it because we want to make it happen.

We have spent countless hours developing the concept of a multi-discipline equestrian facility and are negotiating the allocation of the land by the Fort Ord Reuse authority. Now the Monterey Horse Park is working to raise the funds necessary to begin the engineering surveys required by Monterey County to get formal approval for the construction design.

If all the above falls into place we expect to break ground in late 2004. The Monterey Horse Park will be a showcase for equestrians across the country and will host both equine and community events. The current design of the Park provides facilities for competition in all seven FEI events as well as training barns, a horse rescue/adoption facility managed by the Monterey SPCA, a handicapped rider center and a barn for the future equestrian team of the California State University at Monterey Bay.

When I was president of the CDS in the mid 80's, we brainstormed to see if CDS could possibly find the means or a sponsor (such as VI Hopkins was to USDF) to have a permanent place in a suitable location for our annual shows that were getting bigger every year. We were also hosting judges forums and other educational activities and always searching for a place to hold them. This goal remained unattainable, only a dream. The Monterey Horse Park will provide our Dressage Community such an opportunity given its Central Coast location with a perfect climate and footing where events can be scheduled year round. This park will be a legacy for the future of equestrian sport in California. Although we do not have the advantage of state funding, our model is the Kentucky Horse Park.

Now the Monterey Horse Park is at an important turning point. Our challenge is to complete the formal planning process required by the County so we can begin construction when the land is transferred. Our projections are that this component of the planning process will cost \$450,000. Your personal support of this project is critical to our success and I hope you will join our efforts with a contribution. The Monterey Horse Park's 501(c)(3) tax-exemption application is being prepared for filing with the IRS, and, if approved, your contribution will be tax-deductible within the limits of the law. Although we anticipate that tax-exempt status will be granted and have no reason to believe otherwise, we can give no assurance that that will be the case.

Please send your gift, or donation pledge, in any amount, payable to Monterey Horse Park, to the attention of Myron Doci Etienne, Esq., 333 Salinas St. Salinas, CA 93902-2510. Please include your address so that we can provide written confirmation of your donation.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact any of the directors. We thank you very much.

Yours sincerely, Loris Henry

MHP Board Member

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- 11/09/02 Coso Junction Jam I,II 30/50
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- 11/13/02 QSER Meeting @ Trilby's
- 11/29/02 Silver State Point to Point
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11/13/02 – Meeting at Trilby's. Board Meeting @ 6:30
Regular Meeting @ 7:30. Elections of Officers

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