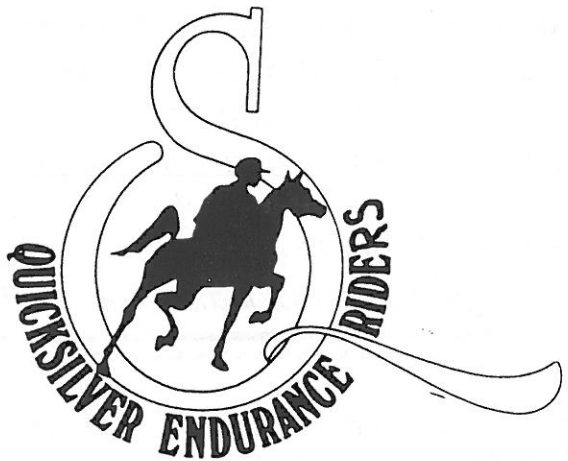


QUICKSILVER QUIPS



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Steve Sounds the Warning....Heed it!

We are going to be forced to become political. With the pressure of bicycles on the park system and the dedication of Parks and Recreation for Santa Clara County being determined to make all parks multi-use, where will we end up? If Quicksilver Endurance Riders don't stand up for their fair share of the preference pie then we will get what's left. Voice your concerns and mark June 4th as that will be the next meeting of the Trails Task Force,

Along with the thought of becoming political another point of interest is that we were approached to join The California Horsemen's Assoc. I will bring this up at the next board meeting and at the general meeting. If you know something about them please come and share your knowledge. I'm leaning to recommend we join. Also, be aware that they are putting on a major event at the S. C. County Fair Grounds "Equitania" for sharing horses with the public. We should participate with a booth.

A limited liability bill is being reintroduced into the Assembly. I've been told that it will be AB1540 sponsored by Bill Morrow. I don't know much about it other than they want to let us be adults and take responsibility for ourselves. How quaint! We won't need lawyers to protect us from ourselves. It might open private property again for us to ride on, so why not be in favor of its passing?

The ride season is in full swing. I hope everyone is starting to enjoy what we do the most, RIDE and RIDE some more. I found a new park that you may be interested in. FATJO down at Pacheco Pass. I rode it with Big and Bill Parker and it has good hills and room. Give me a call at 408-377-0611 or 997-0368, if you want to know more about it.

Fifty more to go, *Steve*

The editor regrets that the following letter from Danya King was not included in the March Newsletter. My apologies to Danya and the LeMond Family.

"On behalf of my grandparents Peter and Joanne LeMond and myself, we wanted to thank everyone for their sympathy cards. Also for the support we received at Death Valley and when we returned home. Chalk Mtn. Finnegan was a remarkable and proud horse. The loss of him constitutes for the loss of a family member bringing the same pain. We no longer share the same horse. Finnegan will never evaporate from our hearts or our lives."

Thank you, Danya, Peter and Joanne LeMond.



The Quicksilver Endurance Riders take pleasure in welcoming **Lynge Simoni** to membership. Lynge is a real trail activist (see page) and is working hard on developing trails in the Fremont area which she thinks will adapt well for future endurance rides in the area. Add Lynge's name and address to your membership list—4835 Felter Road, San Jose, CA 95132. 408-263-2823.

Steve Makes A Discovery

When I first bought a horse I had this idea that I would ride off into the sunset on some cowboy set in Hollywood. You, know the John Wayne type of adventure. Alas, after 6 years and a lot of sunsets I have yet to find the perfect picture. It has had a lot of close ones, beautiful mountain skylines with a tint of red on the horizon. Vast desert glowing in the after burn of a sun already set. Endurance riding certainly took me to places to see that dream.

What this is all about is seeing new places. It may be on a fifty mile or hundred mile endurance ride or it could be just cruising, finding a place that has it all. Last Saturday I found such a place. The State of California opened the FATJO PARK down by Pacheco Pass. Its an old working cattle ranch that the State got for nothing, in fact it came with an endowment to keep it running. If they don't steal the dough for other purposes it cold make this park ideal. At least as I see if for horses.

So what's the big idea? Well, think of a view for miles in every directions. Think of rolling hills with vast meadows of wildflowers and green grasses that only a horse could love to chew. It has rolling hills up and nice long ridges down. It's open country where you can see what's around the bend and not worry about who's coming. All this on only a third of the property. We spent three hours at a good pace and covered what they had. In the fall it's going to double and next year the whole park. Over 100 miles of ya-hoo.

If you want to visit Fatjo before summer and the heat sets in, pack your truck, load the horse in the trailer and drive east on US 152 past Bell Station to the top of the ridge. Make a right on Dinosaur Point Road and Voila! You are there. Pay \$5 to park and have a great time. Remember, no Visa or American Express so bring your own water and be ready to leave at Sunset.

Steve



Dear Fellow Quicksilver Members,

If you don't accomplish a single other thing this week, the week will have been well spent if you could just write a letter to the Santa Clara County Parks & Recreation Dept. As most of you know, the chances of Quicksilver Park being opened up for bicycle riders is a very real threat. Basically most of us are in favor of multi-use trails and recognize the rights of others to access our park systems. However, In the case of Quicksilver, bikes and horses are totally incompatible. Most of the trails are steep where bicycles pick up great speed and most of the curves and corners are blind...an impossible situation for riders. Bicyclist tend to look at the ground directly in front of them with heads down and they frequently do not see a horse and rider ahead on the trail. A collision between a panicked 1,000 pound horse and a 180 pound bicycle rider is a disaster in the making.

Many parks lend themselves well to multi-use where the trails are in the open and the curves are long and sweeping. This is not the case in Quicksilver. So please, if you accomplish nothing else, do write a letter as directed below. A sample is given. An original letter is better than a form letter. **The worse scenario is no letter at all.** Please help save our Park for riders...it's long traditional use. Editor

Sample letter..please feel free to use your own words

Paul Romero, Director
Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Dept.
298 Garden Hill Drive
Los Gatos CA 95030

Dear Director Romero:

I am very concerned about safety issues raised by the possibility of allowing more diverse trail use in Almaden Quicksilver County Park.

This park has many steep hills, blind corners, and places with no "emergency escape" space due to precipitous drops off one side of the trail combined with a steep bank on the other.

Certainly most adult park users try to be careful and considerate of each other. I am more worried about the youngsters who will ride bicycles and horses on the same trails, and who may forget to be careful, especially if they are out without adult supervision. And even the steadiest old horse may spook if run into from behind.

Please prevent potential disasters by continuing current trail use policies at Almaden Quicksilver County Park.

Thank you very much.

(name, address)

cc: Santa Clara County Parks & Recreation Commissioners and your favorite trail user organization. (Please see bottom of page 5 for names and addresses of the other Commissioners)

A hearty thank you to Barbara McCrary for reporting on the two Board Meetings held at the February American Endurance Riders Conference's Annual Convention.

Synopsis of AERC Board Meetings Held During Convention

The AERC Board of Directors held two meetings during the recent convention in Reno. Items discussed during the Thursday evening meeting were:

- Proposal by the Awards committee for a Rookie of the Year award - one per region, seniors only, must have 250 or fewer miles prior to the season, one horse/one rider team, can travel to other regions, award given to highest consecutive completions. Issue tabled until it is determined what costs of administration will be.
- Junior point structure change passed during the midyear board meeting not to be enacted due to projected costs.
- Two-day 100 mile rides will continue to be sanctioned.
- Committee appointed to formulate guidelines for appointment of stewards.
- Information will be gathered from the Members' Forum and Competitions Committee will develop recommendations regarding cash awards rides; to be presented at Sunday morning meeting.
- The Southwest Region divided into two regions - one to include southern California and southern Nevada, the other to include west Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico. The latter will retain the name of Southwest Region, the new region will present its choice new name at a later date.
- International Committee met separately on the subject of "Marathon Racing" and will present its guidelines at the Sunday meeting. ("Marathon" refers to a 26 mile race format now taking place in the United Arab Emirates.)

Items discussed at the Sunday morning were:

- Trails Committee chair Connie Berto reported that a liability act concerning equine-related activities in California has been defcated. AERC had not been on the list of petitioners. She feels this act will be reconsidered and asked for AERC support. During the Members' Forum, \$500 had been collected from the audience and another \$1000 has been pledged. This fund will help pay for members attending meetings throughout the country concerning trails.
- Two multi-day rides have been added to the "approved" list for 1997: Shore to Shore 5-day in Michigan and Applegate-Lassen Trail 5-day in Nevada. (This is the second year for A-L. If no negative issues arise from the ride this year, it will become automatically sanctioned in the future. S-S must be approved by the board for one more year.)
- The Board was called on the carpet for neglecting to introduce the Gold Medal individual and team winners of the World Championship FEI ride in Kansas during the Saturday night awards banquet.
- Treasurer reported a 6.7% decline in AERC membership. There is a need to increase membership and not increase expenses.
- Veterinary Committee chair Dr. Robert Beecher presented the committee's recommendations re: cash award rides: 1) They be designated as "Special Events", 2) They would require a specially appointed ride steward, 3) A trail inspection and approval, 4) Approval of ride manager, 5) Approval of veterinarians, 6) Horse and riders would be required to meet qualifications for entry.
- Competitions Committee proposed the following recommendations for Cash Awards rides: 1) Ride offering a cash prize of \$1000 or more must be sanctioned through Special Events sanctioning, 2) Cash or prize of \$1000 or more can be given only for a ride of at least 50 miles in length, 3) Cash or prize will be given out in accordance with sponsor's wishes, 4) Head veterinarian must be approved by Vet Committee, 5) 20% of cash prize must be given to AERC, 6) Horse must have completed 5 or more

Synopsis of AERC Board Meetings Held During Convention

rides of equal or greater length than the ride being entered, 1000 miles of completion required for multi-day events, 7) Riders must have completed at least 1000 miles.

- AERC needs to ensure that no complications with insurance programs or trail regulations exist.
- The various recommendations from Committee and Board will be published in a future issue of Endurance News.
- Rules Committee chair Courtney Hart moved for committee to change Rule 3.1 to read "Equines in a one-day 100 mile or longer distances must be at least 72 months old." Other age requirements remain the same. To be published in EN.

Submitted by Barbara McCrary

The following are the Santa Clara County Parks Commissioners. When you send your letter to Director Paul Romero, if possible send copies to these people too. Thank you.

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San Jose, CA 95125

Marcine Seid
2021 The Alameda
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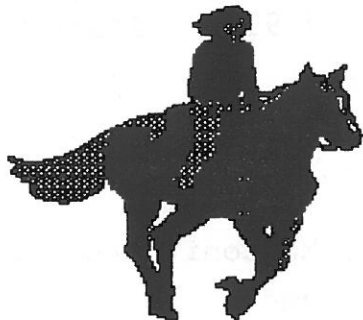
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21311 Almaden Road
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Los Altos, CA 94022

Rod Cryer
3529 Milburn Street
San Jose, CA 9512

Jim Foran
128 Sudbury Drive
Milpitas, CA 95035



**WHICH WILL IT BE? YOU MUST DECIDE.
MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD.**

ALERT! CONCERNING LIMITING LIABILITY FOR EQUINE ACTIVITIES:

A new bill has been introduced by Bill Morrow from San Diego. The new bill number is AB 1540. We are up against an Assembly Judiciary Committee with ten Democrats and six Republicans. To date, most Democrats have voted no on our issue but All Republicans have voted yes. Bill Morrow is the Vice-Chair of the Judiciary Committee.

All members of the Assembly Judiciary Committee must be contacted. We must use letters, faxes and phone calls. If it passes this committee, then it would go to the Assembly floor. The next step would be the Senate Judiciary Committee and then the full Senate and then the Governor.

This is not an easy process but IT MUST BE DONE. Please use the sample letter or better yet, use your own words. Make 16 copies and send to each person on the committee.

Barbara Alby	Room 2016
Dion Aroner	4144
Scott Baugh	6027
Louis Caldera	3148
Martha Escutia (Chair)	2137
Dick Floyd	3091
Howard Kaloogian	2136
Sheila James Kuehl	6011
Tom McClintock	4153
Deborah Ortiz	2148
Rod Pacheco	2130
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Antonio Villaraigosa	320
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Liz Figueroa	4009
BILL MORROW .(Vice Chair)	5164

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And while you have your pen and paper out, a 32 cent stamp could send another message.

For General Information call: 1-916-657 9900 (State Capitol)

For Assembly Information 1-916 445-3614

For Senate Information 1-916 445 4251

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON AB 1540 call Grace Tolson 415-488-0454

NOTE: Our local Assembly person, Kerry Mazzone voted yes on this issue last year but needs to be encouraged to do so again. (Marin) Valerie Brown of Sonoma also voted yes. (both are Democrats)

Honorable _____

Date _____

As a member of the Assembly Judiciary Committee, you will be asked to vote on an issue of great importance to the horse industry. This bill is AB 1540. It would limit liability for equine activities. The horse industry needs relief from daily threat of law suits from accidents pertaining to the inherent risk of riding and working with horses.

Please put some common sense into California law. Thirty six states have already addressed this issue . I urge you to vote yes on AB 1540.

Sincerely,

Name

Address

Phone

Jim and Jackie Bumgardner have a couple of nice horses for sale.

1) Sir Crimson Reign is a 10 year old Anglo/Arab gelding who has completed one thirty miler. He is very well broke and gentle and is priced at \$2,000.



2) Charlie is a big bay Arab who stands at 15.3 and could carry a heavyweight nicely. He has done at least two rides in Wyoming and has been used for hunting in the Fall. He will be in the Gamblers Special Ride in early April so will be a conditioned horse ready to go. His price is \$3500.

3) Several prospects that are not at the Bumgardners, but Jim and Jackie will be happy to refer you to the owners for more information.

For more information on any of these horses, call Jim and/or Jackie at 619-375-8915.



BAY AREA
RIDGE TRAIL
COUNCIL

And if you don't have writer's cramp by now,
here is one more for your consideration.

March 20, 1997

Dear Member of the Ridge Trail Council,

We Need Your Help!!!

On March 4, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (PUC) voted 4-0 against the Ridge Trail. This vote followed years of public testimony which overwhelmingly favored the use of an existing service road in the San Francisco Watershed as an important segment of the Ridge Trail in San Mateo County. The Public Utilities Commission is obviously not listening to the public, and continues to allow the San Francisco Water Department (SFWD), over which it has authority, to maintain its renegade stance. Both San Mateo County and the National Park Service, which share jurisdiction with SFWD over the land, have long favored granting access to this public land via the Ridge Trail. The Ridge Trail would be a very low-impact and environmentally sound land use in the watershed, since it will follow an existing 9.5 mile service road.

**Please Write Now!!!
This May Be Our Last Chance!!!**

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors is currently considering a favorable motion which will direct the SFWD to complete the Ridge Trail in the Watershed. The hearing has been set for April 10, 1997. **This may be the last opportunity to achieve the Ridge Trail in the watershed for many years.** Before the hearing, San Francisco officials need to hear from as many supporters of the Ridge Trail as possible. We need to flood these offices with support for the motion from throughout the Bay Area.

If you have any connection to any official listed on the back of this page, please address your letter to that individual. If you have no connection to any of them, write to Supervisor Ammiano expressing support for his motion, and copy Supervisor Bierman and Mayor Brown. If you have friends who are San Francisco residents, get them to contact their elected representatives; letters from anywhere in the Bay Area are important, however. Letters can stress any of the issues listed in my first paragraph, or any others you may wish to raise. If you don't have time to write a letter, then simply cut off and mail the enclosed note to Supervisor Ammiano.

We are organizing public testimony for the April 10 hearing, which is at 10:00 am. in the 4th Floor Committee Room of 401 Van Ness Avenue (War Memorial Building) in San Francisco. If you can attend, please do. Public support has always been the cornerstone of our progress on the Ridge Trail, and I am convinced it will make a difference on this issue.

There is one more thing you can do to support the Ridge Trail: get out and enjoy it with your friends, and encourage them to become members. There is great strength in our numbers!

Happy Trails,

Andrew Lisac
Executive Director

Who to Contact:

1. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors:
401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 308
San Francisco, CA 94102
(415) 554-5184

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Sue Bierman, (chair of the committee that will consider the motion)
554-6661, fax 554-6685, sbierman@the city.sfsu.edu

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Thank them for their past support, and urge them to vote for the upcoming Ridge Trail resolution!

2. Honorable Willie L. Brown, Mayor
City and County of San Francisco
401 Van Ness Avenue, Third Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102
(415) 554-6141, fax 554-6160

Urge him to reiterate his support of the Ridge Trail by supporting the resolution before the Board!

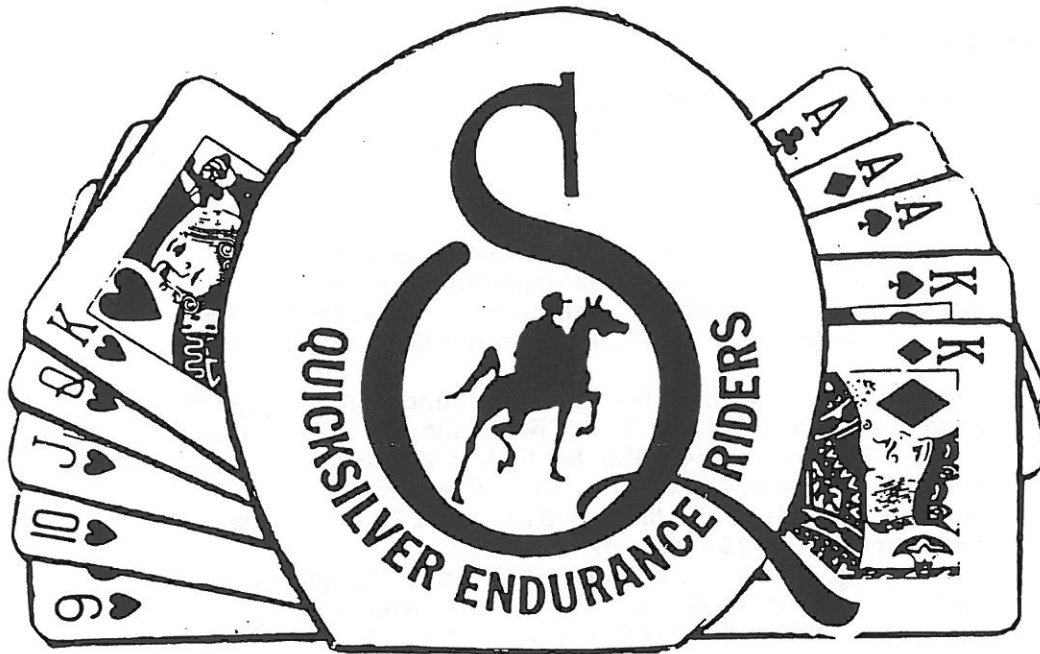
3. Commissioner Dennis Normandy, President
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
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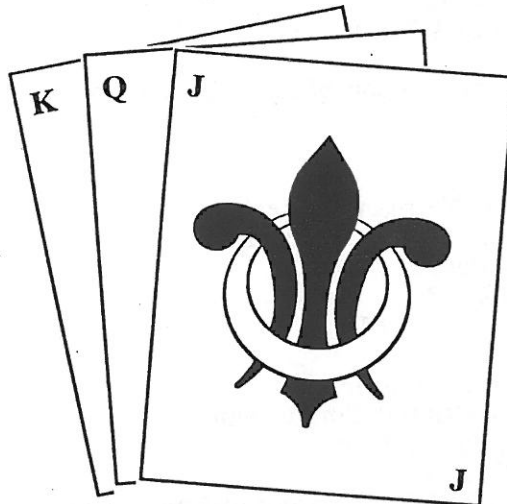
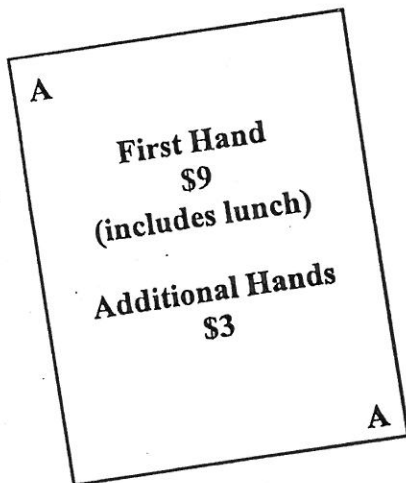
Edward Stewart, Watershed Resources Manager
San Francisco Water Department
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Millbrae, California 94030
(415) 872-5931, fax 872-5984, EStewart@puc.sf.ca.us

Express your outrage at an outrageous decision, and urge them to reconsider!

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**QUICKSILVER'S Past President
Carla Fanara has developed
a new interest since her marriage
to Jess Ambriz. She tells us about
it in the following letter.**

Dear QSER,

I'm sorry that I've missed so many meetings lately. Jess and I are pretty involved with the Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley. And we have been making alot of trips to Baja, California. We gather clothes, food and x-ray equipment and take it to the Kiwanis Club in Tijuana. They have a large Cancer Centre there for the women of Tijuana and they have been supporting this club with their own money and providing medical and dental care to the people of Tijuana without the support form the government. Kiwanis is a service organization that helps wherever we are needed. In our home towns and in other countries if the need is great. Silicon Valley Kiwanis and all of division 34 pulled together to provide a mammography unit to Tijuana. They were so grateful. They treated us like royalty. We do many other activities, like feeding the homeless, being ticket takers at the Stanford football games, sponsoring a youth group and a camp for challenged children called Camp Castanoan. It's a great way to spend your time. And I am really happy that Jess and I are able to help so many people. You may even have helped yourselves if you did the ride last year in Nevada that was put on by the Kiwanis Club in that area.

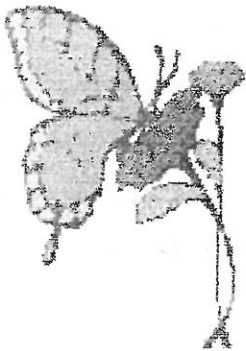
Hope to see you all real soon.

Carla and Jess Ambriz

Are you ready to fight for
QUICKSILVER? It's future
is in your hands. See page 3.

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Fred Toomey 702-658-2008 |
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