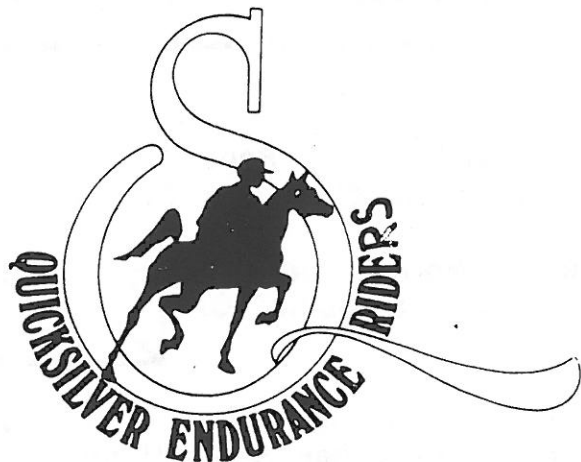


QUICKSILVER QUIPS



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Steve winds up the year

The weather gods smiled on us Saturday as our annual endurance ride became a matter of history. Today, Monday, I can look out the window and see the droplets of a storm that would have ruined everything if had been two days earlier. I guess Brian and his crew prayed at the proper horse altar.

Hay (hea), wasn't that some ride? I think we should have had a club meeting afterwards as everyone was there. I can't think of a party or an event that had as many club members make an appearance. Of course, we had a lot of riders and that was fun because you got to talk to different club members as you rode down the trail. Those who helped were even better. It was a pleasure to come into a vet check and see a friendly face. The whole ride had an atmosphere of fun and from the lack of pulls, it seems that everyone riding took the same attitude and enjoyed the festivities. As one of the riders I would like to thank all the club members that worked the ride. If you didn't show up to help, then I couldn't have enjoyed my ride. The option only existed because so many club members came to help. Thanks again!


November is the start of the rain. Most of us are looking toward next year and probably not riding much now. As a club we do have some affairs to tend to! One is to get those ride results into Maryben so you can collect your award at the end of the year. Two is to send a horse picture for the calendar. Three is to give some thought to the Norton, Rider, Horse awards of the year. Nominate someone and write up why. We are in need. Just do it.

The next Gala affair is the Christmas Party. December 10th at the Horsemans. One again it will be a POTLUCK so bring your best chef idea. I'm gong to have a prize for the best home cooked dish (The President's Award). Also, remember to bring a gift for the "steal from your buddy" progressive gift giving. I hope we can start early (6:30) so everyone can socialize, If you live a distance away, try to carpool and make it. Let's have some FUN!

50 miles to go.....*Steve*

QUICKSILVER END OF NOVEMBER CHECK LIST

I have...

1. sent my 1997 ride records to Maryben Stover at 1299 Sandra Drive, San Jose, CA 95125 (form was in November Newsletter. Deadline Dec. 31, 1997)
2. sent my nomination in writing for the Eleanor Norton Award to Steve Lenheim, 2100 Bascom Ave., #4, Campbell, CA 95008 (Deadline—Dec. 1, 1997) 
3. sent my nominations in writing for the Person Hall of Fame Award to Gerry and Diane Luternauer, 13237 E. Evans Creek Road, Rogue River, Oregon 97537 (Deadline—Dec. 1, 1997)
4. sent my nomination in writing for the Horse Hall of Fame Award to Julie Suhr, 100 Marinera Road, Scotts Valley, CA 95066 (Deadline—Dec. 1, 1997)
5. sent my 1998 membership dues by January 1, 1998 to Maryben Stover at 1299 Sandra Drive, San Jose, CA 95125. (See form page 11)
6. sent my picture with or without my horse for the Yearbook/Calendar to Steve Lenheim, 2100 Bascom Ave. #4, Campbell, CA 95008
7. hugged my horse today.



Community Focus

San Jose Mercury-News

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1997

ALMADEN / SOUTH SAN JOSE

Pedals vs. saddles for Quicksilver trails

■ Issue: Commission to decide if equestrian trails will be opened to mountain bikers.

BY C.J. CANNING
Special to the Mercury News

The Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Commission is considering a plan to open trails in Almaden Quicksilver Park to mountain bikers, an issue that pits cyclists against equestrians.

ROMP, or Responsible Organization of Mountain Peddlers, began asking for access to some of the park's 30-plus miles of steep winding trails about two years ago. The group has about 300 members in the South Bay, according to president Bob Kain.

"Cyclists are the trail stewards of open space," Kain said. "The number

of equestrians is decreasing while the number of cyclists is increasing, and we have more of a chance to preserve the open space in the county."

"We all have to learn to share," Kain said.

Equestrians who use Quicksilver say it's not a matter of sharing, but a safety issue.

"Bikes do run into horses," said Janice Frazier, a trail volunteer and equestrian.

While most of the trails at Quicksilver are considered wide enough to accommodate their users, it's difficult to see around corners of some of the winding terrain, which concerns

equestrians like Kitty Monahan.

"If we open up (to cyclists) all the entrances to Quicksilver, it's a disaster asking to happen," said Monahan, who serves on the parks and recreation commission. She advocates building a separate trail in Quicksilver Park just for cyclists, an option the commission will look at.

But ROMP wants to use existing trails. "We respect that we can't have all the trails, but Quicksilver offers both short and long loops," said Kain, whose group favors a plan drafted by a task force that calls for open use of about 17 miles of Quicksilver park trails.

Other options include opening the trails to bikes for a trial period or opening a few trails at a time. Ranger William Burr feels his staff is pre-

pared to handle enforcement of cyclists and equestrians and has seen shared use work well in other parks.

"I think there are some areas that are bad for bikes, but when you open up an area legally, people are more responsible," Burr said.

Dave Pierce, a county park planner and head of the task force exploring the issue, said his group has studied every trail and has recommended areas for brush removal and also spots where speed enforcement is needed.

The commission, which also has toured the park, will meet on the issue again in December. The board of supervisors also must approve the final plan after a public hearing. A vote is expected next year.

At the November General Meeting the following Quicksilver Members were chosen to lead us next year:

President: Brian Reeves

Vice President:

Diane Enderle

Secretary: Marvin Snowbarger

Treasurer:

Kathy Miller

The following person were nominated for the Board of Directors.:

Steve Lenheim

Mary Thompson Moore

Valorie Weizer

Lori Oleson

Trilby Pederson

Three will be chosen at the December meeting.

Nancy White will manage the Christmas Pot Luck and Gift Exchange on Dec. 10, 1997
She needs help from volunteers to make it a festive occasion. Call her at 446-4584 SOON
Bing Voight has already agreed to donate a turkey. How can you help?

Maryben Stover (in absentia) agreed to chair the Awards Banquet which will be the end of February.

QUICKSILVER CHRISTMAS ART LESSON



This early 15th Century painting by Sassetta of Siena, Italy is titled the "Journey of the Magi" and was acquired by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1943. The well fed horses look Andalusian and the excitement of the journey is evident in both them and the riders.

QUICKSILVER SCORES!!!

Eighty-nine competitors hit the trail early on a Saturday morning in early November and filtered into Quicksilver Park in near perfect riding conditions. A light rainfall on Thursday left the trails just right and a cool day favored the horses with their new winter coats. Valorie Weizer reports *"thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this ride happen—all of the Volunteers who took P & R's, timers, and vet secretaries. Our Veterinary staff was once again the best, Doctors Nancy Elliot, Head Veterinarian, and Sandy Shuler and Connie DeHaan did their best for us. And thanks to Skip Lightfoot for allowing us to camp at his ranch, Lightfoot Stables. And WE'RE ON A ROLL for providing dinners. Special thanks go out to Bill Parker and the gang from Mariposa for the ambulance and moving trailers--I mean sardine cans,--and to our number taker, Stan Uomini."*

And, of course, at the top of the list are Quicksilver's new President, Brian Reeves and his loyal cohorts, Val Weizer and Mary Thompson Moore who worked like crazy and smiled the whole time while enhancing the club coffers with about \$2600! Brian and Mary have agreed to do the ride again next year and we've graciously agreed to let them. The location/route is going to be changed but no decisions are final yet.

Former Quicksilver member Ervin Quinn came from Mariposa to lead the charge on the fifty miler. Best Condition went to the 8th place horse, Squirrel Rocket ridden and owned by Karen Ann Vilander. On the 25 Miler, Best Condition was won by Ruby, the mule, ridden by Bob Larson.

The 50 Miler Ride attracted 61 starters of whom 50 completed the course satisfactorily. Quicksilver members

wrapping up the 50 miler in order of finish were: Lori Oleson, Ken Cook, Steve Lenheim Julie Caprino, Becky Hart, Dick Carter, Julie Suhr, Bob Suhr, Becky Glaser, Marvin Snowbarger, Trilby Pederson, Diane Enderle and Jack Enderle. Two Quicksilver members were among the 28 starters and 26 finishers in the 25 miler. They were Heather Lightfoot and Kim Kirkpatrick.

A ride report would not be complete without special thanks to everyone who donated an award for this year's Fall Classic. Please thank these supporters of Quicksilver when you see them. They really helped us out.

Dominique Freeman—Go The Distance Tack donated a bridle for 1st Place on the 50 Miler and a breast collar for the B C Award. Dominique is at 2070 Cabrillo Hwy, Pescadero, CA 94060, (650) 857-8596.

Carolyn Day—Sonoma Tack gave ice boots for the 25 Miler Best Condition Award (707)838-0510.

Sue Funky—Tack Today! Gave saddle pads and assorted goodies for all Juniors competing in both the 25 and 50 milers and a first weight division in the 50. Her address is 231 Easy St. #6, Mountain View, CA 94060 (415) 940-1030.

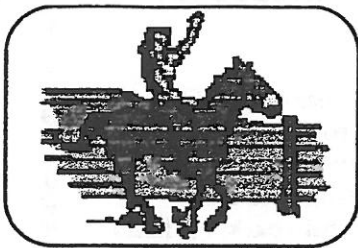
Jeff Ramirez—Menlo Park Pet and Feed donated Dry Cob for a first weight division in the 50. Thank him at 564 Oak Grove Ave. Menlo Park, CA, 94025 (650) 326-6141.

Bob and Julie Suhr—Shipping boots for a first weight division (408) 335-5933.

And for those who did an unscheduled and inadvertent QS 70 Miler there were 10 pound bags of carrots

Here's a hand for you!





JANE
ROTHERT
FANARA

DECEMBER 14, 1945

NOVEMBER 7, 1997

Jane Rothert Fanara was born in Oakland, California and grew up in San Carlos with her parents, Jack and Beth Ziegler. She had two sisters, Cathy and Beverly. Jane attended Carlmont High and was a pom pom girl for several years, one of the highlights of her life. Afterwards she attended the Samuel Merritt School of Nursing for a two years program to become a registered nurse.

Jane worked as an RN for about 30 years before going back to school for a two year program at Davis to become a Nurse Practitioner-Physician Assistant. This was another of her greatest achievements, especially since she was on chemotherapy for most of the time. Unfortunately Jane was only able to work on her new job as a Nurse Practitioner for about six months before a relapse.

Jane moved to Morgan Hill in 1976 and had two great kids—Kip, 24 and Curt, 21. She loved her kids more than anything in the world and lived in a beautiful home in Holiday Lake Estates overlooking Lake Anderson.

Jane started riding horses in about 1977 and did her first endurance race in 1985. She also loved Ride and Ties and even completed the Almaden Triathlon Challenge Iron Man in 1992.

One of Jane's greatest loves was horse packing in the Sierra. She loved riding horses, biking and running and had a smile and a big laugh for everyone she met. She was crew chief for four Western States 100 Mile Runs for Dave, Ad, Pat and Mark. All the boys loved her for her spirit and devotion to getting them through to their goal. She was even a crew chief for Mark while on chemotherapy and was tired and weak but determined to help.

"She loved to talk and laugh"....Dave

Jane loved Cisco, her tall bay Litagator gelding that she raised from a three month old foal. But most of all she loved her kids, family and friends more than anything and felt that having good friends was essential for a happy life. She loved to talk and laugh for hours with people and made all who knew her laugh and love her.

We all love you, Jane, and hope your new life will be even better and more happy than the last. And that you continue to make people laugh.

Love,

Dave

OUTLAWS IN OUR CLUB!!!!



The Quicksilver Club was represented by Robert and Melissa Ribley this year at the Outlaw Trail Ride. This 265 mile endurance ride is a truly spectacular event. Crockett and Sharon Dumas go all out to make sure each and every rider has the time of their lives as they ride the awesome trails of Southern Utah. Each of the five days is very different from the next. One day you are riding high up in the pine covered mountains going by beautiful sparkling lakes and the next you feel that you are riding across a "moonscape" as you traverse the slick rock desert. Other days the trail takes riders through dense, very colorful Aspen groves and high mountain meadows while yet another day the trail goes right down river through deep canyon walls. Melissa finished all five of these tough trail rides on Reebok, while Robert got good use of several horses. He finished three days on Tabasco, the "spotted Arab", one day on Rocket and finished first place on one day's ride on Connell and Kay Allison's "Johnny Red".

This is definitely not a ride to miss as it is quite certainly "the ride of a lifetime".

Melissa Ribley



Hello Quicksilver Members.

I have been asked by Lars and Julie to write some informative articles for our newsletter. I am active in both State and County Parks Mounted Volunteer Units and Lars is wishing for some input from that point of view and we also thought it would be nice to talk on some general subjects about horsemanship for new members and updated ideas for thought, for the older members.

But I am going to talk about something different this time! Since it is getting to be that time of year for membership renewals, I wanted to talk about that. The problem that I am concerned about is the need of national associations for more and more money! It is becoming a major problem and the cost of belonging to national associations is seeming to only be worth it if you need your name in lights for year end awards! I know this sounds awful but it is becoming true and I like to be in the winner' circle just as much as anyone! But, AERC, NATRC, IAHA, USCTA, USDF, AHSA are all getting so expensive and they are still needing more and more money. When or how does this spiral increasing end? It is also interesting that AERC is now the most expensive of all the national organizations! I know that these organizations provide a rules system for safe competition and I appreciate that but then so do our local horse clubs. I am looking at the cost to join our very own Quicksilver Club for the next year and you know, it looks pretty darn good. I think that it is the only club that has not pressured it's members for increased membership fees and this club really does a lot of great things for the the community and the members.

What does this mean? Well, I think it means that more and more people are going to have to choose one horse club to join and maybe one national association. Gone are the days when you could support several clubs, organizations and national competition associations.

Let's hear some feedback on this issue....

Sincerely,

Carolyn Tucker

A Day in Fatjo Park with Steve and Sorka

On an early Sunday morning I packed up Sorka, filled my coffee cup and headed out for Fatjo State Park. The sun was just breaking over the mountains to the southeast and the crispness of Autumn added that extra special feeling of a chance for a really enjoyable ride.

I entered the parking lot at Fatjo and was rather surprised that there was not another car. No ranger, no bikes, no hikers and no horse people. In the old days it would have been like driving up to my favorite surf spot and seeing no one surfing with a perfect 5-6 foot break. So it's horses, I like to ride and it was a great day for it. Getting ready had an excitement to it and, of course, the horse picked up on the mood. We set out and with no one else around it was like heading west, well sort-of. It is strange to think that you are the only one enjoying nature in a twenty square mile park that taxpayers are supporting for you. Enjoy, ride out and be part of the experience!



Working our way down a ridge line we came out on a flat area by a dry creek bed. Immediately, two small beady eyes turned from hunting squirrels to focus on us. Mr. Coyote was not happy at the strangers disrupting his work. Slowly he moved away and watched, then the rest of the den moved.

These guys were ganging up on the squirrels. Four of his buddies moved up the hill and waited for us to pass. Nature has a way of taking a break for us city folks to pass by. As we went up the trail they went back to work, Breakfast a la squirrel.

Sorka was in a good mood, so we moved out and into an area of dogwood trees. The light of the morning sun, the fresh wash of rain from the day before, left them on my mind as painting from an impressionist. Beautiful colors and form. Long shadows and glints of sun to light up the leaves on the ground. We spend so little of our time being observers of beauty. Riding has such a reward if you are out there and catch it just right.



On the backside of the park we passed along a narrow trail. Last Spring water flowed in the small creeks but now they only had barren rocks to greet us. It wasn't hot and water was not a concern. The dryness of the scene made it beautiful in another way. Great grey colors, tones of moss brought alive by the rain from the previous day. Everything was clean of the summer's dust. Had it been hot I'm sure it would not have had the impact to a visitor of something to enjoy and then move along.

As we followed the trails through ravines and along side the hills not one sign of others appeared. The rain had cleaned out footprints and such and the quiet of the day highlighted nature. We rounded a turn and looked down on a Nun Lake. A small catch basin to hold water for cattle, not even more than two or three acres of water. A perfect spot for those feathery friends headed south to take a rest. We disturbed them and, worried about danger, they lifted, fifteen or twenty or so, talking in duck language, a clatter to others, they circled, checked me out and then just as easily splashed down again and paddled for the far shore knowing they were safe from us. If I had brought lunch, this would have



been the place to relax and enjoy it. A grazing horse, clatter of ducks, and no one around to bother me. The five minutes I took to eat a power bar was not enough, but then, when you ride horses, lunch is usually just a power bar.



As I headed back to the trailer the mood of the day changed to one of returning. When you head out you have a feeling of adventure but when you head back you know what lies ahead. Very different ways of looking at the surroundings. It was still the same park with all of the same animals and a tundra. Not another soul had appeared all day and its beauty was not diminished. It was just that I had to return. Two hawks watched from their loft in an old tree, they could care less if I was around. A large buck ran down the hill away from me. He would be glad to see me go. Acorns should be enjoyed without a stranger intruding. The constant race for the hole by the squirrels ushered us out to the parking lot. (Is that all they do? I can't remember ever not seeing squirrels racing for the hole when I ride by. Maybe that's what they do all day long and we just think they do it only when we ride by). Another great of riding was at an end.



It's That Time Of Year!!!

Your QUICKSILVER membership fee is due by January 1, 1998

We need your name _____

and then your address _____

and your phone number, Fax, etc. _____

and last we need the names of other members of your family.

and then we need your money! A single membership is \$25 _____

A family membership is \$35 _____

BUT if your dues are postmarked before Jan. 1, 1998, you can deduct \$5 from your membership fee...just \$20 single or \$30 family.

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If you would like to surprise someone with a year's membership as a Christmas gift, we will send the person of your choice a gorgeous gift certificate tied with Christmas bows and guaranteed to impress. Or we can send it to you and you can hand deliver it. A sample of the certificates is shown on the back of this page. The authentic ones are printed on red, green or parchment type paper and decorated with glitter.

If you have a friend you would like to have receive one free copy of Quicksilver Quips, call 408-335-5933.

Send your 1998 dues, made out to Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc., to membership chairman: Maryben Stover

1299 Sandra Drive
San Jose, CA 95125-3535



May you and your horse have a wonderful 1998 riding together as members of the QUICKSILVER ENDURANCE RIDERS, INC.



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December 10 QUICKSILVER CHRISTMAS PARTY
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December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

December 28 DEATH VALLEY ENCOUNTER I, II, III & IV
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