

# QUICKSILVER QUIPS

MAY 1997



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## From the President

So here we are in April with the whole season ahead of us. The riding so far has been great with Becky putting on a couple of great rides. Thanks also for the nice weather we have had since January.

As you may know, we have been fighting the Parks Department over the idea of bicycles in Quicksilver Park. It is very important that every member write to them with an opinion and any fact that maybe helpful. (See pages 7, 8 & 9) We are on the edge of a very difficult future if the present plan happens.

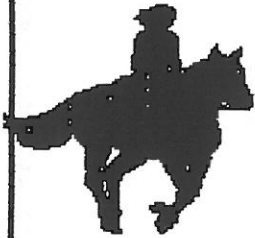
There hasn't been a lot to discuss at the meetings and we covered everything in less than an hour. Most of the folks are more interested in sociallizing and I think that the club should forgo some of the meetings and just have a social affair. If possible, we could have guest speakers if someone would invite them ( in other words, find a speaker for the meetings).

Remember to come to the May meeting at Bob and Julie's (see page 6 ) as it will be a lot of fun. Guests are welcome. It would be nice to know approximately how many are coming so you can RSVP at 335-5933 if so inclined, but if you aren't, you are still welcome. Food will be provided. June meeting is open so how about an idea?

50 miles to go

*Steve*

Quicksilver Member Pat McKendry has a 15 inch Stonewall saddle for sale for \$350.00. Extra bonus...new rigging. Call Pat at 408-779-3648.



Wanted ASAP a nice sound gelding around six years old to work toward a career in long distance riding with a featherweight intermediate rider. Should be trained, but does not have to be in "ready to go" endurance condition. Call Virginia Fleming at 408-438-4945.

Wanted immediately, if not sooner, a good trail horse for a beginning middleweight rider who is dedicated to learning all he can. Horse must be safe but with some get up and go. Call Ron Davis at 408-335-0840.



Quicksilver Member-Patsy Scharfe has a RV for you that just might fit the bill. It's a 1977 Dodge Monarch with 360 V8 engine. It will sleep six and has a bath with separate tub/shower. But that's not all—it has a heavy duty trailer hitch and only 50,000 miles have left it in excellent condition. The asking price is \$7200 so call Patsy at 408-776-1621.

A wonderful broodmare for lease. a Sheiko granddaughter, 17 years young and a pretty bay. She is an easy breeder and has a a great Fadwah colt by her side for your inspection. Call Becky Hart at 408-997-0814.

Quicksilver Member Pat McAndrews likes to ride the rough country and especially three day trail rides in new country. In March she had a great three days in. In early May she embarks on another such adventure in Coe State Park, joined by Judy Barr on one of Pat's good horses. And if your eyes are blinded while driving in horse country, it is just Pat in her fancy new shiny aluminum trailer from Sundowner with absolutely deluxe living quarters for both people and horses.

Quicksilver Member Chuck Beebe knows the suffering so many of us have gone through when a beloved horse dies. Limelight died too early at age 12 and totally unexpectedly. He was off his feed for two meals, and with no other symptoms, simply collapsed and died in his stall. Our sympathies are extended to Chuck.

Quicksilver Member Kim Kirkpatrick has new address. It's 265 Zanzow Court, Gilroy, CA 95020. She does not have her new phone number yet, but that will be in the June Quips.



Quicksilver Member Mary Barger has recently joined the real estate firm of Cornish & Carey. She will be dealing in residential real estate—a booming market at the present time.

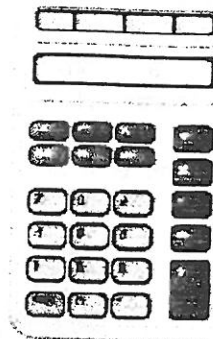
### QUIZ OF THE MONTH

What sort of military equipment or weapon or whatever you want to call it was more important than any other for 6,000 years?

(see answer bottom of last page.)

Quicksilver Treasurer Kathy Miller has submitted the following financial report as of April 15, 1997.

<b>General Account</b>	<b>\$ 1,334.48</b>
<b>Ride Account</b>	<b>\$ 2,383.57</b>
<b>Junior Account</b>	<b>\$ 715.28</b>
<b>Trail Account</b>	<b>\$ 791.00</b>



There are no outstanding bills.

**MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM • Mike Peters**



submitted by Maryben Stover

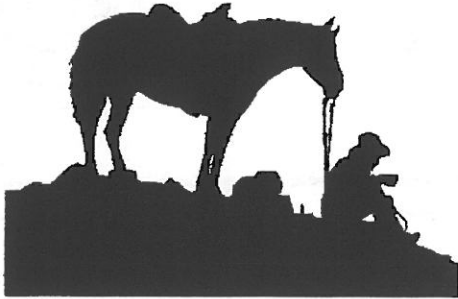
**AND THE RAINS ALMOST CAME.....**

The Shine and Shine Only IV was a roaring success with the highest number of participants ever. The weather was muggy following the drizzle of the night before, but the footing was perfect and it was a fast ride. Ninety-four riders started the fifty miler and there were twenty-five twenty-five milers. Ride manager, Becky Hart, is so well organized that she wasn't even there! Off in Michigan participating in a trails forum, she left the running of the ride to Judith and Maryben and a host of volunteers. David Jenkins of Concord put it all together and won the ride for the third straight time in 4 hours and 14 minutes. On the down side, Gloria Vanderford broke four ribs and banged up and arm pretty badly when Blue made some missteps and Lori Oleson suffered some bad scrapes when her horse fell. Prospective Quicksilver Member Keri Reynolds is a new Junior under Maryben's wing and had her first competition under the careful eye of Ken Cook. The three veterinarians, Melissa Ribley, Nancy Elliot and Craig Evans did a terrific job of handling the large number of horses as there seemed to be no serious problems. It was a great day for a ride. Even more importantly, it gave clear evidence that the Almaden/Quicksilver Park is not compatible for both horses and bicycles. Can you imagine what it would have been like if we had had to share that trail with fast speeding bicycles on some of those blind curves? j.s.





Quicksilver Member, Bill Evans is a well known farrier who shoes have carried R O Grand Sultan (Rio) to three world championship, Rushcreek Lad 18,000 miles and HCC Gazal to three Haggin Cups. The latter two horses were bred and raised in Hyannis, Nebraska and ironically, Bill was born and raised on a working cattle ranch in Hyannis. It was there his father, from the back of a horse, taught his three sons right from wrong, what was meant by an honest day's work and how to stand tall when the going got tough. Harvey Evans, the benevolent kingpin of Hyannis, died recently at the age of 90, still revered and respected by the local townspeople. Bill, in a tribute to his father, has asked that we reprint a letter that was read at his Father's services.



## **LIKE A ROCK**

**A tribute to Harvey Evans**  
by Margaret Falotico, Lynch Circle Ranch

I recently read some correspondence between my great Aunt, Helen Lynch Hager and her brother, my grandfather, Thomas Lynch. The letter is dated November 13 1930 and in it, Helen discussed the need of building a house for one of her married men who had worked on her ranch for seven years. His name was Harvey Evans.

That means that in 1923 Harvey Evans commenced one of the Sandhills' longest lasting relationships with a ranch and an employer that spanned this century. At time rife with depressions, crises, wars, booms and busts. For nearly sixty years Harvey had to put up with a no frills pioneer existence of life in the hills, amidst cows, horses, droughts, harsh winters, savage lawyers and three generations of my relatives. This required the skills of a great cowman, cowboy, businessman, foreman, manager, diplomat, and no doubt, at times the patience of a saint.

Harvey was from the school of "make do" and "self sufficiency". He lived, breathed and understood only hard work. If it had to do with ranching, the word "can't" was not in his vocabulary...neither was the word, "new". If something could not be fixed with baling wire it just couldn't be fixed. In fact, if there were a family crest for Harvey I think it would have on it an old Hereford cow encircled by horses with saddle and harnesses. The words "always faithful" would be its motto for that is what he embodied to my family and to the ranch. He was a faithful steward, manager and friend especially to my great aunt Helen.

As a child growing up in California I had heard stories of how there was a "real life cowboy" on the family ranch. So it was with great anticipation that I looked forward to meeting Harvey Evans the first summer vacation that brought me to the ranch when I was ten. Upon meeting him face to face I was impressed not by his height but his sheer physical density. His head seemed like a piece of granite topped by an astonishing amount of thick, coarse, bushy, wiry dark hair. His face was rough hewn stone carved by the Sandhills' winds. His jaw was as square as a box corner and his expression softened only by the two dark small bottomless pools of his twinkly eyes.

But what made him ignite the imagination of a small girl from the city were those hands. When he shook your hand you thought it would break. He gave you a hug and you thought you

would die.

The stories of his stamina and stoutness were the stuff of super heroes and superhumans that verge on the exaggerated. The one of how he was thrown from his horse in a snow storm, broke his back, got back on the horse and rode 13 miles to town and somehow managed to drive himself to the doctor's office in Ogallala. Or how he had a bad back and had to crawl on all fours to the doctor's office while a local town's woman pronounced in disgust about how shameful it was to be drunk at that time of day.

He came from a species of man bred for the elements. Men who only know hard, manual, backbreaking labor. A man more at home standing in the middle of a blizzard than a room full of suits and ties.

He once put on a dude's silly straw boater hat just to see what sort of reaction he would get from my brother who was working on the hay crew during a summer. Harvey looked so out of character my brother could not keep from laughing until he cried. When I was ten, he let me sit with him and Eva at a cafe table in the Ogallala sales barn while my brothers had to eat with my parents instead of a "real life" cowboy.

But no greater honor came to me on the ranch than when I was 15 and he asked me to round up some horses. As my cousin, Barbara, and I rode from one end of the pasture to the other trying to corral about forty horses we tried every scheme we could think of to gather the small herd. Incompetency turned to near calamity when the snaps of my cowboy shirt came completely unfastened and I had to try to hold onto my modesty and the reins at the same time. After twenty minutes Harvey returned and explained to me that the job was really a simple one. All you had to do was talk "gentle to 'em". With he mounted my horse and corralled the horses in less than thirty seconds letting out a torrent of the most foul language I ever heard. "So that's the trick," I reckoned. I don't think I will ever be able to speak in such a a tongue, but I can remember a few choice nuggets if the need should arise.

To me Harvey Evans was a larger than life figure who lived in the memory of a little girl and there he will always remain. He will be the bench mark against which to measure a man's physical strength. He will be the first introduction to a "real life cowboy" who rode the untamable horse, harness the pulling team and carried in the cream can.

They say you can walk from one end of the Sandhills to the other and never find a rock. But I did. He name was Harvey Evans.

And speaking of very special people—Quicksilver has one in its midst. There are approximately 750,000 women in Silicon Valley and each year twelve are selected by the Mayor's office as being the MOST OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF SILICON VALLEY. At a ceremonial luncheon at the Fairmont Hotel on May 16th, Quicksilver's Nancy White will be honored with a special presentation by Mayor Susan Hammer. Then jumping out of the limelight and her power suit, she will don her blue jeans and head for the Castle Rock Ride where she will crew for two friends.



**CONGRATULATIONS, NANCY—WE ARE SO PROUD!!**

# MAY 14TH

## GENERAL MEETING

There are roughly twenty-three Quicksilver members on the Santa Cruz side of the mountains. Therefore it has been deemed reasonable to have one meeting a year in that general area to encourage Santa Cruz members to take a more active role in our esteemed club...such as coming to a meeting. The location will be at Bob and Julie Suhr's and the bewitching hour is 6:30 p.m. There will not be a regular meeting, but rather a demonstration by Deb Cooper on methods to use on horses that can't speak English to get them to do what you want them to do. There will be games about how horses learn with live demonstrations using Quicksilver members. Her talk on natural horsemanship will include information on Pat Parelli's Level I program. Deb knows her stuff so don't miss this special presentation.

Bob Suhr's reputation as a chef without parallel will really get to you as he flips his specialty, gourmet barbecued perro caliente, into your rolls and there will most likely be some salads to go with them. No charge for this sumptuous banquet. Bring your favorite liquid refreshment and dessert will be on the house.



How to get there from where you are.....

**TO GET THERE FROM THE NORTH** take Hiway 17 from Los Gatos toward Santa Cruz. Go 3 1/2 miles past the Summit to Glenwood Cutoff (do not take Glenwood Dr. which is about 1 1/2 miles past the Summit) Turn right on Glenwood Cutoff. Go just under a mile. Road comes to a T. Turn left and go 1 1/2 miles to mailboxes in a kiosk on the right. *This is Weston Road. If gate is closed go to access box and push the # button, then 6605. If you do it right, the gate will swing open. Look at odometer. Go 2 1/4 miles on Weston Road . You will see a sign on the right that says MARINERA. Turn up driveway and go to top of hill.*

**TO GET THERE FROM THE SOUTH** take Hiway 17 toward Scotts Valley to the Granite Creek/Glenwood Drive exit. Go back over overpass, following signs to Glenwood Drive. Come up Glenwood Drive 2 1/2 miles to kiosk on left . Follow instructions written in *italics* above.



*Paul Romero, Director of Santa Clara County Parks  
298 Garden Hill Drive  
Los Gatos, CA 95030  
(408) 358-3741*

### **Almaden Quicksilver County Park**

***I do not endorse the addition of bicycles to Almaden Quicksilver County Park.***

Almaden Quicksilver County Park currently supports multi-use trails for hikers, nature observation, joggers/runners and various equestrian usages. I use this park when I ***choose not to have a shared trail experience*** with cyclists.

The following local land managing agencies meet cyclist trail needs by providing access to trails in the following Parks:

Santa Clara County Parks Department: *Alviso, Anderson, Coyote-Hellyer, Ed Levin, Grant Ranch, Lexington, Los Gatos Creek Trail, Penitencia, Santa Teresa, Upper & Lower Stevens Creek, Villa Montavo, Vasona, Rancho San Antonio*

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District; 150 miles  
Henry Coe State Park: 200 miles

*\* Plus other State Parks in Santa Cruz County, East Bay Regional Parks*

Bicyclist do have an impact on other trail users, trail experience. It is appropriate to designate some parks and trail systems off limits to cyclist.

All citizens can experience the wonders and beauty of our parks lands - but not necessarily in their favorite mode of use/transportation. Hikers, joggers, equestrians, nature observes, families understand this. When will the bike community?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

◆ ACTION ALERT ◆

***Almaden Quicksilver Park - Draft Park Plan  
May Allow Bikes Soon!  
Equestrians, Ride & Tiers, Runners and Hikers  
Voices Are Needed Now!***

***The Issues:*** For the past year, Almaden Quicksilver Park has been going through a Park Plan update. A citizen committee, made up primarily of bicyclist supporters, has reviewed various issues that affect the types of use and management of the park.

The most important factor in Almaden Quicksilver Park Plan is the recommendation to open certain trails to bicyclist. This will have a *direct impact on the trail experiences of current users of the park*. There are roughly 30 miles of trail in Quicksilver Park. The draft plan will recommend that a total of 20.1 miles of trails be opened to bicyclist use. The Task forces Draft Park Plan has been delayed by staff with no clear date as to when it will be available for public review and comment. It may be available in May.

***What You Can Do:***

- \* Write letters to let our park staff, elected and appointed officials to inform them you do not endorse the use of bicycles into Almaden Quicksilver.*
- \*Attend Upcoming Public Hearings; Give Testimony; Call Paul Romero - Director of Santa Clara County Parks Department to inform him that you do not endorse bikes use in the park*
- \*Sign and mail the enclosed user form letter, (Your own letter is always better)*

**Next Meeting of The Almaden Quicksilver Park Plan Task force  
Monday May 12, 1997 at 7:00PM in the Lake View Conference Room  
Santa Clara County Parks Department Headquarters  
298 Garden Hill Drive, Los Gatos, 95030  
(408) 358-3741**

Please attend this hearing if you possibly can. Letters before always make a difference.

Send letters to: Jim Foran, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Commission, Paul Romero, Director SCC Parks Department, and your Supervisor.

Board of Supervisors  
70 West Hedding St., 10th Floor  
San Jose, CA 95110  
408 299-2323

Jim Foran, Chairman, SCC Parks Commission  
298 Garden Hill Drive  
Los Gatos, CA 95030

District 1, Don Gage  
District 2, Blanca Alvarado  
District 3, Pete McHugh  
District 4, Jim Beall  
District 5, Joe Simitian

Paul Romero,  
Director Santa Clara County Parks Department  
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### Points to make in your letter:

- \* I do not endorse the use of bicyclist in Almaden Quicksilver Park
- \* Almaden Quicksilver Park currently supports multi-use (equestrian, hikers, runners, carriage driving and ride & tie). It has also has been highlighted as an Equestrian Park in Park Brochures.
- \* The introduction of cyclists to Almaden Quicksilver will immediately impact current trail users and their trail experiences.
- \* Equestrians who currently share trails with cyclists elsewhere use the following 3 county parks (Almaden Quicksilver, Mt. Madonna and Calero), when they *do not wish* to have a multi-use experience with bikes.
- \* Equestrian trail interest was not fairly represented on the citizens task force.
- \* Cyclist trail access has been addressed in Santa Clara County. The following local agencies have trails that accommodate cyclist;

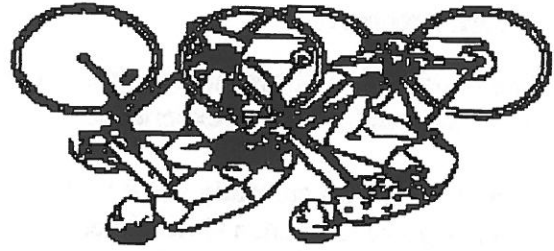
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- \* This numbers does not include the many miles of city trails, pathways and road ways
- \* **Break Down of Santa Clara County 25 Parks;** Hikers, Walkers, Nature Viewing & Joggers, all 24 parks, Cyclists - 14 parks, Motorcycles - 1 park, Equestrians - 12 parks \*Note - of the 12 parks used by equestrians, 9 parks share multi-use trails with cyclist.
- \* Cyclist who live in the Almaden Valley have access to the following local parks and trails; Santa Teresa County Park, Los Alamitos Trail, Coyote-Hellyer Park
- \* The Bay Area Ridge Trails Multi-Use Policy recognizes that the final determination of any given Ridge Trail route is to be made by the agency to manage the land. Within the Ridge Trail system there is signed and dedicated trail routes limiting trail access. This may include hiking only - hiking and equestrian - or hiking and cyclist. The Ridge Trail's multi-use policy should not be used as a impetus to introduce additional users into a park or trail system.
- \* Regional Park Planning needs to be instituted to determine types of uses in remaining parks that have not been master planned and focus on resource management & public saftey based on gathered data, not user pressure.
- \* It has become apparent that local bike advocates who promote additional trail access based on responsible use of trails have no control of their user group.

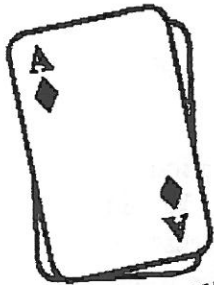
For additional information: Contact Paul Romero, Director Santa Clara County Parks Department at 358-3741

BUT NOT IN QUICKSILVER PARK



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POKER RIDE NEWS  
IN THE NEXT ISSUE  
OF QUICKSILVER QUIPS**

## MAY 1997

- MAY 3 WASHOE VALLEY 50/100  
Liana Commeaux 702-883-2791
- MAY 10 SCOTTS FLAT 25/50  
Suzi Sousa 916-268-2607
- MAY 10 MALIBU 25/50  
Karyne Zontelli 818-889-7228
- MAY 14 QUICKSILVER'S SANTA CRUZ MEETING  
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- MAY 17 CASTLE ROCK 50 & BIG CREEK 70  
Barbara McCrary 408-423-4572
- MAY 17 TULE BLUES 25/50/75  
Laura Alexander 909-763-0942
- MAY 25 CAMP FAR WEST 25/50  
Tom Bowling 916-663-2611
- MAY 31 DIABLO VISTA 25/50/100  
Cory Soltau 510-838-5533