

QUICKSILVER QUIPS

November 1997



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LOOKING BACK WITH STEVE..

Last week, October 4th, I was riding a 50 miler at Santa Maria in 95 degree heat. Now I'm at my desk on Oct. 10th watching hail fall with the temperature at about 50 degrees. It's that time of year that we change from hot to cold and that time of the year to prepare for winter. Like everyone else, I've prepared nothing! Once again I'll be racing against the next storm to get hay in, clean up the pasture and cut runoffs around the feed area. Heck, I'll wait 'til next year to get ready early.

Speaking of rides, are you ready? November 8th is only a few weeks away and we need riders, helpers and viewers for our annual event, the Quicksilver 50 Mile Endurance Ride. Give Brian a call (408-397-2378) and be one of the good guys to volunteer early. He is going to need as many as possible to get us through this one. Being in November, it will require a few more extra hands than last year. Give him a call.

As we approach 1998 I would like to thank everyone who helped me finish the past year as president. We had quite a lot of fun with a BBQ, Dance, Christmas party, Moonlight Ride, a couple of speakers and just a few good laughs at meetings. With a new President coming it will be up to me and you to see to it that he has the support to continue with such events. Also, it is up to all of us to look for ways to make it a better and a more enjoyable year. In the past I somewhat felt that I had to be the spark to get the meetings going but really it's everyone in the club. We have a club to have fun, share some information and see old friends. If that is going to continue then more than just me and a few other will have to jump in. We have a club of over 135 members and each one is important. You need to see your small or big contribution as part of the whole and add to the pot. Help the incoming staff by finding a guest speaker, volunteering, or just an idea to improve the overall performance of the club. We are a pretty good group of riders so lets have some fun with it and support those who give so much to run this organization.

- Ideas:
1. Club member on 20-25 mile training ride in the springtime with a raffle for prizes.
 2. Endurance ride at Fatjo State Park.
 3. Junior night. For kids only with some kind of fun and games. Maybe increase our junior members.
 4. Fellowship meeting with SCCH, SMHA, etc...

50 Miles to go

Steve.

And Into Fall...



At the October General Meeting the following nominations for Officers were made:

- President—Brian Reeves**
- Vice-President Diane Enderle**
- Secretary—Marvin Snowbarger**
- Treasurer—Kathy Miller**

They will be voted on at the November 12th Meeting at which time nominations for Directors will be made.

Bing Voight has a new horse named Hooter. He is a 5 year old gelding.

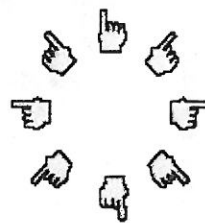
Jack and Diane Enderle won a horse that the Mountain Team raffled off at the Pan American Championship Ride in Bend, Oregon in September. They have their choice between a three year old half Arab/Curly cross mare or gelding from Al Marah Arabian Ranch in Tucson, Arizona. Interestingly enough, they had won a six month boarding and training certificate from K. Swigert at the AERC Convention Raffle. in February of this year. So it is all working out rather nicely. They can pick up the horse, take it to the southern California training center and pick it up in six months with the initial training phase well under way.

Jan Freed of Bakersfield is looking for a well mannered hundred mile horse . She is pointing toward a Tevis Cup completion in three to five years. An intermediate rider, Jan has a few fifties under her belt, but the horse she is now riding is not suitable for the longer distances. Her number is 805-831-7547.

The American River Ride was attended by Quicksilver Members **Jack and Diane Enderle, Nancy Elliot, Melissa and Robert Ribley and Bob and Julie Suhr.** Robert and Nancy chose the 70 Miler while Melissa was part of the Veterinarian staff. Diane and Julie chose the shorter 50 miler while Jack and Bob crewed for them. It was

an absolutely gorgeous crystal clear day with lovely cool temperatures after the rain of the previous day. The trails were in good shape and dust free—a welcome change from a long hot summer. Starting at Negro Bar, the first 30 miles took you to the Auburn Fairgrounds for a vet hold. Then it was out through the dam site and east to snatches of the Tevis Cup trail before the return loop to Cool for another vet check. Then a finish at the Auburn Fairgrounds for the final vet check, the pasta diner and the awards. Unfortunately the day was marred for many by a poorly marked trail.

Almost everyone was off trail at one time or another and going around in circles and back tracking makes for some unhappy riders. Hopefully it was a one time occurrence because ride management is friendly and hard working. j.s.



The **Las Trampas Ride** was attended by Quicksilver members **Kim Kirkpatrick** (on her new part Mustang). **Traci Falcone, Judith Ogus, Julie Caprino, Nancy Elliot and Bob and Julie Suhr.** Ride Management added a few more hills this year and the weather was hot, but in spite of all that, Judith Ogus put in a good performance on Sonja by coming in 4th. The Hard Luck Award goes to Julie Caprino who was the first person to P and R through the last vet check three miles from the finish line. She looked like a sure winner until the trot out where Atlantys was a bit off. Checking with Julie a week later, Atlantys seems to have recovered nicely and will have a little time off before returning to the trail. j.s.

Answer to Quicksilver History & Art Lesson

Queen Isabel II of Spain is shown surrounded by the leaders of her Army in this painting by Charles Porio. The original is in a museum in Madrid.



THIS IS YOUR CHANCE

TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE..

Each year we have an awards banquet at which time awards are made for significant achievements within our club. At that time we induct one horse and one rider into our Quicksilver Hall of Fame. We then present the Eleanor Norton award which recognizes sportsmanship at the highest level and significant contribution to our club. It is up to the members to decide who the recipients will be by making nomination in writing to the chairman of the committees as listed below. The chairpersons are last year's winners plus two people in each category who will be chosen at the November meeting. The deadline for nominations is December 1st.



ELEANOR NORTON AWARD

Chair: Steve Lenheim, 2100 S. Bascom Ave., #4 Campbell, CA 95008

HALL OF FAME PERSON

Chair: Gerry & Diane Luternauer, 13237 E, Evans Creek Rd., Rogue River, Oregon 97537

HALL OF FAME HORSE

Chair: Julie Suhr, 100 Marinera Road, Scotts Valley, CA 95066

ARE WE BURNING THE CANDLE IN BOTH ENDS? by Lars Larsen

"For a good pasture in the future, weed out the poisonous plants now "

We don't own the world — we are borrowing it from our children. We don't own this parks — we borrow our safe and sound usage from the other users (and need to try to hold on).

The mountain bikers don't own the parks either, but they have written down and published widely what they feel is a safe and sound trail usage policy.



We as horseback riders need to write down similarly for horse use, including parking lots. And the parks need to do the same..how they feel the multi-users are supposed to behave. Then we can sit down and spilt hairs, or hold hands, and show the world that this can be done.

My 10 years of the Virl Norton School—on horses the former owners could not handle as animals, he did give a constant exposure to all and everybody—a saddle, wagon or horse was for you to use any time.

Horses can't distinguish the difference in the smell of the odor, between being scared or angry. This is something the public needs to know. Horses like to lick the sweat off of your back. Let them do it.



Stop saying No. (what goes around, comes around). We need to mix with other user groups, learn how they enjoy the parks. How to get more trails for us all to use-need to move up to the top of our list (Trails are now a community effort, we get the trails we are willing to

build together). Before, you did take a ride. Now you give your horse a ride, sharing this trail with whatever you happen to meet. And since we are among the older and more experienced user groups, our horses did open most of the trails (we who ride to the right/left side to scout around the blind turns, to help to give more space. More signs I think will help.

We are fortunate to have the safe Coyote and Los Alamitos Creeks trails, to familiarize our horses with the modern world's activities. Stop and talk to other park users, let them and their kids and dogs learn about your horse. We must break down the iron curtain before it gets to high. We are all just plain people. Make videos about how some horses react to changes along the trails, and surprises, including other horses running on the trails.



These new members to our club now, starting out just blank (and for those of us who forget) monthly reminders of what you are sitting on and might be facing? (Look for other trail users to always slow down, stop and pass a horse quietly on the down hill side) For a good pasture in the future, weed out the poisonous plant now. (Wherever they are or come from. Some multi-use trails need to be one way direction only. Watch the alcohol on horse and family outings too.

Don't forget now, that the park personnel are comparing notes too, from all of our parks that is. You make sure that the horses always come on the top of their list .

Thanks for listening, *Lars*

1997 PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP by Jack Enderle

All right!!! Five a m and the trail is open...let's see now, for a while we'll have good footing, but must watch out for that rocky section just past the irrigation canal. Then there is that road crossing and bridge just past that scary culvert. Wow! What a pace the leaders must be setting....branch! Look out! Good Grief! When we prerode this section of trail several times over the last four days those branches didn't seem to be a problem...funny how different things are in the dark! The usual comments about flashlights ruining their horses night vision, several horses off trail in the brush and then back on trail...Next time, I think I'll pick a gray horse to follow...seems to work better in the dark! Thank goodness for the glow sticks along the trail...I suppose they are there for the rider's confidence as the horses seem to do just fine in the dark. Of course there was that time we were cantering along leading the pack at the Swanton Pacific 100 when Silver spooked and stopped dead in his tracks !!!! I'll leave it to your imaginations, as to where that left me..

Seems like the start of any other 100 mile ride, but this is the Pan American Championship and this ride/race is different from most rides we do. Because the nomination and selection process starts early in the year and is based on the prior two years riding record of the riders and horses, there is a lot of planning and luck involved, not to mention the \$300 passport and \$400 entry fee and 10 days off work!

Of the eighteen horse and rider teams who nominated for the Pacific South Team, there were only seven of us who arrived at Bend, Oregon in early September to hopefully ride for our team. The selected riders were: Heather Bergantz/HBC Tyler Too; Kirsten Bernsten/WSCallisto; Gary Ceragioli/Desert Rose Razz; Shirley Delsart/KJ Destination; Jack Enderle/Fad Silver; Barbara Sanchez/Calculator VA+/ and our one alternate rider Wendy Lumbert/Whip. All the rest were eliminated along the way for one reason or another or had chosen to withdraw prior to the selection of the squad. Disappointed (to say the least), but none the less enthusiastic, was Valorie Weizer whose horse Copper was eliminated at the last minute...and she had even gotten her passport! But she was there to help crew!

On a preride of the trail Heather's horse, Tyler, came in with muscle cramps or maybe it was thought to be a mild tying up, which eliminated them from even starting. Tough luck! She has her own story to tell about the trip up there with transmission problems, complete with truck on fire! Heather's elimination from the ride made Wendy Lumbert/Whip, our alternate rider, a squad member briefly, as they were eliminated at the preride vet in for lameness. This meant that we were starting only five on our squad instead of the possible six. The first check eliminated Barbara Sanches/Tor; the second vet check eliminated Kirsten Bernsten/WSCallisto.

Quicksilver members who came to help were: Steve Lenheim, Brian Bergantz. Lori Oleson, Diane Enderle, Mike Bernsten. Talk about a crew!! Nancy Elliot was also there as an official ride vet. There were at least twelve people at the last vet check at about eleven PM to assist and spoil Silver and me. At the finish line there must have been twenty of the teams' supporters to watch and cheer as Silver switched from his "don't worry, we'll get there trot" to his crowd pleasing gait, and trotted handsomely to a successfully completed ride. The other squad members were not as fortunate as Silver and I and only two other members of our team finished the ride. They were Shirley Delsart/Dusty, who finished first for an individual gold medal and Gary Ceragioli/Desert Rose Razz...the three of us won a Bronze medal for the Pacific South Team!!

As you know, luck and timing play a big part in this endurance game. Most of the horses and riders that were eliminated throughout this adventure have since started and completed a ride.

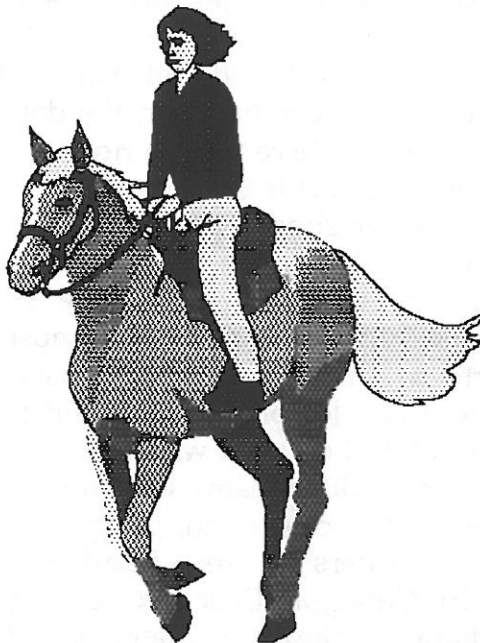


**WELCOME TO OUR QUICKSILVER WORLD,
NEW MEMBER ...JILL KILTY NEWBURN**

Endurance riding was something I never envisioned myself doing as I trotted around in a well groomed arena for my weekly riding lessons as a child. While I did have a few experiences taking those big school horses out for a hack on the Novitiate property, it was just a special treat saved for rare occasions.

When I returned to riding in my mid-twenties I had intended to pursue some casual showing--Country English sounded nice. That all changed once I got my two Arabians into a barn near my home in Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve. I remember very clearly the first day that I took my mare for a trail ride along some of the upper trails; the air was crisp, but the sun quite warm as we headed toward the top of the hill. This horse had been quite a handful in the arena, so I was a bit anxious about cantering in a park with people around. I waited for a long uphill grade where I could see a good distance and legged her on. It took about two seconds for me to forget all my cares and worries and simply revel in the joy of a beautiful day with my friend. From then on it was trail riding for me.

I was introduced to endurance riding via NATRC. My best riding pal (and crew person Extrordinaire) Gill Tabb dragged me along to quite a few rides for about a year or two. I really enjoyed the camping with my horse and learned a lot. My only trouble was that my horse really felt that the pace was a bit slow! It was on one particular Swanton ride that in my quest for a solitary spot on the trail I got totally lost. I finally came dragging back into camp at the end of the day and was summarily disqualified from competition. Some of the kind P & R folks suggest that I go out and ride with the drag riders the next day as long as I was going to be there waiting for Gill anyway. I



hooked up with Judy Ethridge and Genine McCrary who were training for the Swanton 100. They spent a good deal of time trying to convince me that my horse was plenty capable of completing a fifty mile ride. By the end of the day I'd had such a terrific time that I had decided to enter my first 50 mile ride three weeks later. I was hooked!

My husband Michael and I have been married for eleven years (To mark our eleventh anniversary, Michael came to crew for the Swanton Pacific for me, my first 100) and live in Ranch San Antonio Open Space Preserve where Michael is a ranger. We just moved our horses to our home, after having them boarded on Skyline Boulevard with

Jo Barrett at the Vista Point Ranch for several years. They share our time and space with our two dogs, a cat, a rabbit and a small flock of chickens.

I am a recent graduate of UCSC and have just started working at Hidden Villa, in Los Altos Hills. Hidden Villa is the former ranch of Frank and Josephine Duvenceck which is now an educational farm and wilderness preserve with a long tradition of equestrian activities on the property. I have recently cleaned out a stall in the old wooden barn and can now commute to work on horseback -- the endurance riders dream.

As I have been in school for the past few years and working nights, I have not had too much spare time, but am now looking forward to attending more Quicksilver events and meeting a few more of you.

See you on the trail....*Jill*

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David Lichman

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Saturday & Sunday

November 1 & 2

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Your Better Best



QUICKSILVER FALL CLASSIC ENDURANCE RIDE

Saturday, November 8th, 1997

Entry Form

Rider Name: _____ AERC #: _____
 Address: _____ Phone #: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Junior Rider Birthdate (<16 years): _____ Name of Junior's Sponsor: _____
 Horse Name: _____ AERC #: _____
 Owner: _____ City: _____
 Address: _____ State / Zip: _____
 Breed: _____ Reg #: _____ Age: _____ Color: _____ Sex: S G M
 _____ Jr. Division _____ Sr. Division Middleweight (186-210 lbs.)
 _____ Sr. Division Featherweight (< 160 lbs.) _____ Sr. Division Heavyweight (> 210 lbs.)
 _____ Sr. Division Lightweight (161-185 lbs.)

NOTE: Weight division is calculated as rider with tack

In appreciation of the acceptance of this voluntary entry application to enter and participate in the QUICKSILVER FALL CLASSIC ENDURANCE RIDE, sponsored by Quicksilver Endurance Riders Inc. (QSER), the undersigned, any of my heirs, executors, and administrators waive and release QSER and any person or individual connected in any way with the QUICKSILVER FALL CLASSIC ENDURANCE RIDE, or their representatives, successors, and assigns including Quicksilver County Park, Santa Clara County Parks & Recreation Department, Santa Clara County, Santa Clara County Horseman's Association from any and all rights, claims, or liabilities for damages for any or all injuries to me, or my animal, in the event of an accident caused by me or my animal, or any accident caused by anyone else connected with, or participating on this trail ride.

Signature _____ Date _____
 Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Entry fee includes: rider entry, award banquet, completion award, and all mandatory AERC & State fees.

Entry Fees: 25 Miler - \$60 (Juniors & Current Ride Managers \$35) _____
 50 Miler - \$75 (Juniors & Current Ride Managers \$50) _____
 Non-AERC Member Fee - \$10.00 (50 miler only) _____
 # of Extra Dinner Tickets: _____ x \$10.00 _____
 OPTIONAL Friday Pasta Dinner # Tickets _____ x \$8.00 _____
 Late Entry Fee (postmarked after Oct. 28) - \$10.00 _____
 Total Enclosed _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: QUICKSILVER ENDURANCE RIDERS or QSER
Checks will not be deposited until after November 8, 1997.

Send completed entry form and payment to: Mary Thompson-Moore Phone: 408-637-9703
2380 Fairhaven Drive Fax: 650-855-5892 (24 hr)
Hollister, CA 95023 e-mail: MThomp7389@aol.com



QUICKSILVER FALL CLASSIC ENDURANCE RIDE

Saturday, November 8th, 1997

RULES:

1. The horses are under the control of qualified veterinarians. The veterinarian's decisions are final.
2. The ride is open to any breed or type of horse or mule, which must be 60 months of age to compete in the 50 mile ride or a minimum of 48 months of age to compete in the 25 mile training ride.
3. Entry will be refused for but not limited to non-payment of fees or drugging of horse. Disqualification is abuse of horse, continuing ride after being pulled, unsportsmanlike behavior towards ride personnel or other riders or public trail users, altering trail markings, taking short cuts, changing riders, leaving timed holds early, or not following management guidelines.
4. Riders will have 12 hours in which to complete the 50 mile course and 6 hours to complete the 25 mile course.
5. All riders and their mounts must be present at starting time but may hold back for a maximum of 15 minutes. All riders and their mounts must report to the veterinarian for a post-ride check within one hour after completion of the ride. Criteria for successful completion of the ride will be given at the pre-ride meeting.
6. Placing will be determined by the order of finish of those who have met the completion requirements.
7. AERC will record points and mileage for AERC members as described on pages 8, 9, and 10 of the rule book.
8. All junior riders must be accompanied by a competent adult sponsor throughout the competition and must finish within one (1) minute of that sponsor. A junior is a rider who was under the age of 16 years on the first day of the ride season in which the ride is held. An AERC member who is 14 years or older, who has completed 500 miles may ride unsponsored, but will compete as an adult and must provide a letter verifying status for the AERC office.
9. Drugs of any kind are prohibited in all equines participating in all sanctioned rides. This means the only thing you may put in or on your horse is hay, grain, water, and electrolytes.
10. No smoking on trails.
11. AERC rules and guidelines apply as this is an AERC sanctioned ride.
12. Please be responsible and clean your camp area as this will allow us to utilize these grounds in the future.



Directions:

From Interstate 280 or 880 (Hwy 17) or US-101 take Hwy 85 to Almaden Expressway SOUTH to the end. Turn RIGHT on Harry Road, then LEFT at the first stop sign on McKean Road.

Base camp has been moved from the Santa Clara County Horseman's Grounds to Skip Lightfoot's Stables at 23100 McKean Road—across from Calero Reservoir.

Trail: There is a 25 mile and a 50 mile moderate course through oak-woodlands and rolling county park land consisting of fire roads. There are water troughs on the trail and one area with easy access to a creek.

Base Camp: Skip Lightfoot's Stables, 23100 McKean Road, San Jose, CA

Schedule:

	Camp opens	9:00 AM, Friday November 7
	Check-In	1:00 PM, Friday, November 7
	Pre -ride vetting	3:00 to 7:30 Friday, November 7
Optional	Friday Night Dinner	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
	Pre-ride meeting	7:30 PM, Friday, November 7
	50 Miler Controlled Start	6:30 AM Saturday, November 8
	25 Miler Controlled Start	6:30 AM Saturday, November 8
	25 Miler Finish	1:00 PM
	50 Miler Finish	7:00 PM
	25 Miler Awards	3:30 PM
	Banquet	5:00 PM
	50 Miler Awards	during Banquet
	Camp closes	10:00 AM, Sunday November 9

Friday Night Dinner: An optional pasta dinner with salad, bread and drinks is available for purchase.

Banquet: BBQ beef dinner with side orders and drinks.

Vets: Dr. Nancy Elliot will be our head veterinarian.

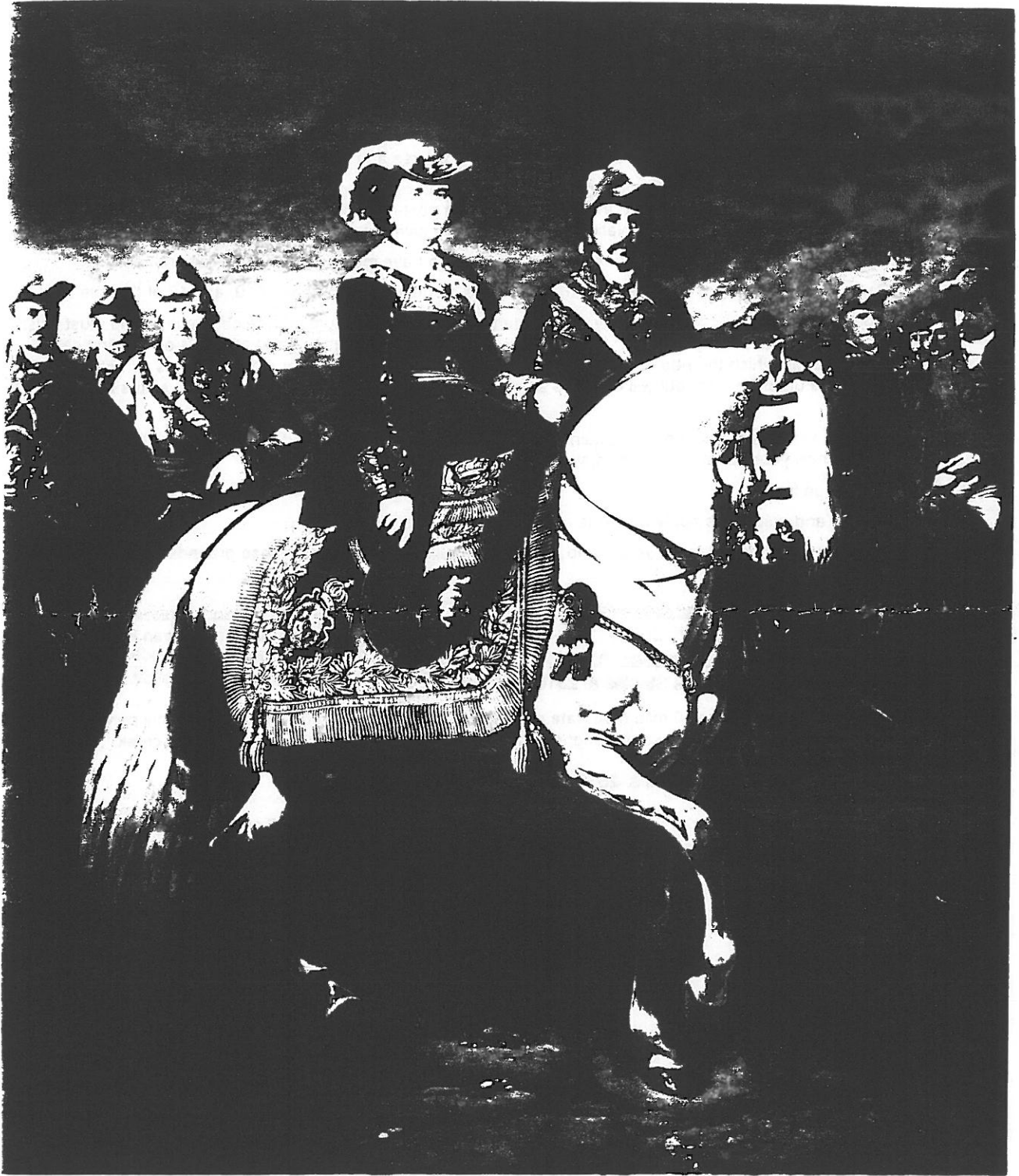
Ride Manager: Brian Reeves - (408) 397-2378 (pager)

Ride Secretary: Mary Thompson-Moore - (408) 637-9703

There will be NO refunds for cancellations after November 6, 1997. Horses not meeting veterinarian criteria at pre-ride check will be refunded all but \$20.00. There will be NO refunds for NO SHOWS. No entries will be accepted the morning of the ride.

In the event of rain up to 48 hours prior to start of the ride, call for instructions as there is no rain date.

QUICKSILVER HISTORY AND ART LESSON



Name the person on the white horse. Answer on page 2.

Please help our club volunteers by sending in your ride records as promptly as possible.

NAME OF RIDER _____
 NAME OF HORSE _____ BREED _____ AGE _____
 TOTAL CAREER MILES RIDER _____ TOTAL CAREER MILES HORSE _____
 MILESTONES THIS
 YEAR _____

LIST ALL RIDES COMPLETED FROM
12/1/96/THROUGH 11/30/97



WEIGHT DIVISION _____

NAME OF RIDE	LENGTH	PLACING IN YOUR WEIGHT DIVISION	BEST CONDITION?	DID YOU SPONSOR A JUNIOR?
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Please use a separate sheet for each horse/rider combination. Extra sheets are available from Maryben (265-0839). Use the rest of this form and/or the back to tell us anything else you would like about you, your horse, crew, family, grandchildren, etc. All forms must be postmarked by December 31, 1997. Mail completed forms to Maryben Stover, 1299 Sandra Drive, San Jose, CA 95125-3535



QUICKSILVER ENDURANCE RIDERS, INC.
P.O. BOX 71, NEW ALMADEN, CA, 95042

NOVEMBER 1997

- November* 8 QUICKSILVER ANNUAL FALL CLASSIC 25/50
Call 408-397-2378 or 637-9703
- November* 12 QUICKSILVER MEETING..IMPORTANT
Election of Officers—Nomination of Directors
- November* 15 SUNLAND 25/50
Heidi Paul 818-899-3471
- November* 27 THANKSGIVING DAY
- November* 28-30 SILVER STATE POINT TO POINT 50,50,50 or 2 Day 100
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