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The Changing of the Guard
Thoughts shared by our new Quicksilver President, Brian Reeves

Hi Everyone,

Another year has passed, and I find myself with the task of being the club President for the next year. I'm not sure if I am up to following in Steve's footsteps, but I will give it my best shot. I had erroneously thought that he was "El Presidente for Life", so I am counting on all of you to thank Steve for his past 3 years as club President.

Just like running an endurance ride, it's not easy to run a club, so I look to you to help me in guiding the club thru the following year. I, with the rest of the Executive Staff and the Board of Directors, will be organizing some different types of activities thru-out the year, with more focus on getting people together as a club. However, when we do need to have a General Meeting, we have to have you there! It is your club, so please try and make it to the meetings. I think this upcoming year will be an exciting one for the club and it's members, in my opinion, we have the best horses and riders in the country.....and hands down, the most endurance miles!

Wishing everyone the best of luck and a good ride for 1998

Happy Trails, *Brian*



HAVE YOU HEARD?

At the December Meeting/Christmas Party it was decided to postpone the election of Quicksilver Directors until the January meeting. The five nominated are **Steve Lenheim, Mary Thompson Moore, Lori Oleson, Trilby Pederson and Valorie Weizer**. If you want to be a part of the election process, be sure to attend the meeting on January 10th.

On the National scene, **Barbara McCrary and Maryben Stover** have been reelected to serve as our AERC regional directors for the next two years.

Late Bulletin..Maryben Stover is recuperating at home from extensive knee surgery following her fall from Scarlet at the Silver State Ride. The parade of visitors has kept her thoroughly entertained as she faces a long healing process. A plate, screws, two bone grafts and physical therapy should make the knee good as new, but in the meantime it's not much fun not to be able to work with your horses (and the errant Scarlet) and the time goes slowly. Give her a call at 408-265-0839.



We have a clever Quicksilver member who submitted the following poem that she made up. It is up to you, the reader, to figure out who the subject person is.

"EACH GRAND AT BIRTH BY NAME,
THE HEART HE HAD TO WIN.
WHEN MARRIED SHE BECAME
TOGETHER GREAT WIDESPREAD WAS
THEIR FAME"

Somebody found a **Quicksilver Medallion** in Mt. Madonna Park. It can be claimed by calling 408-842-6215.

Becky Hart has a new horse, a Rio look-a-like. Raised by Alex Dees in Southern California, the young bay with Becky aboard should be destined for great things.

Another Quicksilver member who likes to stay informed is **Jan Snyder**. This is her E-Mail to your editor. Take note of the date of January 10th if you want to help with trail work. Her next to last paragraph explains the importance of our participation.

Hi folks,

I just spoke with Sandy Nichols, the Executive Director of the Trail Center up in Palo Alto. He had some rather disappointing news about the proposed trail to link Santa Teresa and Calero Parks.

The US Fish & Wildlife Service has identified the Calero Lake Estates area (which lies between Santa Teresa and Lightfoot Stables) as a potential habitat of the endangered Bay Checkerspot butterfly. This means that the developer can't proceed with his building plans-- which included the trail easement--and the Trail Center can't proceed with the trail work project.

No actual butterflies were found, nor were any of the 2 or 3 critical plants that they live on. However, the basic serpentine grassland ecosystem is critical enough to put a hold on development until a habitat mitigation plan is approved. The developer has to do this, and it is likely to take at least a year to get through the process.

So, the work party scheduled for January 31st is off. However, The Trail Center WILL have a trail work party somewhere in Santa Clara County on January 10th, and still needs volunteers to work. They won't know exactly where until after Christmas because they have to wait to evaluate rain impact on potential work sites.

I'll ask Norma Tucker to publish the latest news in the January SCCA newsletter. Meanwhile, *please spread the word that trail workers are needed in all areas, and that equestrian participation will help maintain our visibility and credibility as a major trail user group in Santa Clara County.*

Of course, I'll send news on e-mail as soon as I get it.

Jan Snyder



QUICKSILVER MISCELLANEOUS PAGE

Lori Oleson has a wonderful pamphlet titled
WHAT DO I DO WITH MY HORSE IN FIRE , FLOOD AND EARTHQUAKE?

It is printed by the City of Los Angeles and Stephanie Abronson (1997) from material which was initiated by Rod Bergen and the Monte Nido Mountain Ridge Riders. It is way too long to copy in its entirety here. But of special interest is the suggestions for a Horse Evacuation Kit which should be kept in your horse trailer if possible. These are the items listed:

Fire extinguisher—water bucket—halter—lead rope—feed instructions—equine medications and instructions—flashlight—identification papers for each horse—50 foot cotton rope— equine first aid kit— roll of duct tape—a cattle marking crayon—a change of clothing for you—keep identification tags on your halters and lead ropes.

Horse Slaughter Initiative - Although it is not due hit the streets for circulation until Nov. 21, **Cal-peek** sources say that an initiative which prohibits the killing of horses & the sale of horsemeat for human consumption will qualify for the November '98 ballot. The sponsors are Cathleen Doyle & Sherry DeBoer and they have the money to fund the signature-drive. DeBoer is the Longs Drug Stores heiress and she's the founder & president of *Political Animals*, a PAC to elect legislators who are for animal protection. Doyle is an Emmy-award winning doc film maker, who is president of the *Calif. Equine Council*...

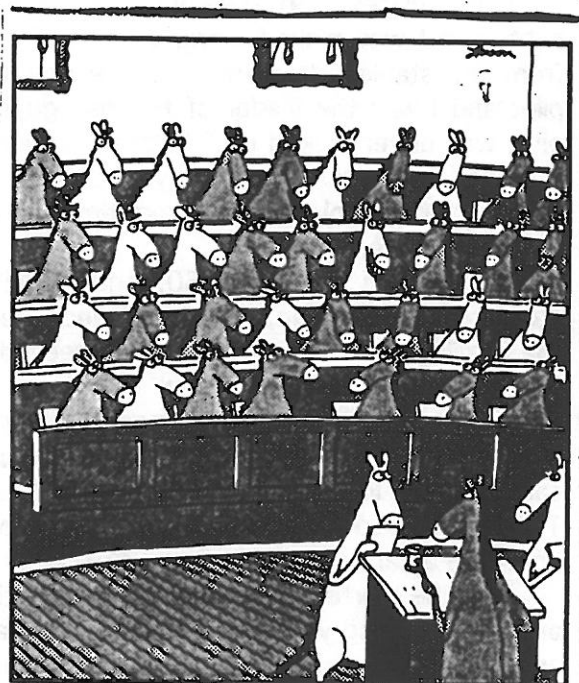
...*Save the Horses* is the official committee name ☎(818)771-0702. Masterton & Wright are the petition managers for signature drive and attorneys John Lovell and Barry Fadem are handling the legal aspects of the initiative campaign. Stay tuned...

Excerpted from California Political Week, November 3, 1997
Courtesy of Bob Suhr

**Life is Simple
Eat, Drink and Ride**

**Dare to dream big
dreams, then
will them to happen.**

Howard Schultz, Chm & CEO. Starbucks



The entire parliament fell dead silent.
For the first time since anyone could remember,
one of the members voted "aye."

Courtesy of Maryben Stover

THE EXPERT as ghost written by good friend Ron Montana



Lynn Schultz is the current president of the Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association, but had fate dealt him a different hand, he might have been Ben Cartwright on the old "Bonanza" TV show.

Lynn was born in Toledo Ohio in 1940. As a boy he lived near a horse barn that housed horses and ponies that performed in weddings and kids' parties. The owners allowed Lynn to muck out stalls and clean saddles and hardware in exchange for rides. Lynn says, "It was a good thing all the way around—we got to ride and they got their ponies exercised." Finally he got to be so good they actually paid him to give pony rides at the fairgrounds at Maumee.



But back to the aborted TV careers. During that period of his well spent youth, a TV producer trying to promote a series came to the barn, to recruit some strong riders for his show. This producer had leased a big polo ranch, had a mock town built on it,

and asked Lynn and some others to go there and star in his series.

Lynn relates, "So they were going to do this pilot, and I was picked along with four other guys from the stable. We went up there and filmed the pilot and I was the leader of the bad guys, but the pilot was never picked up." With his career in show business severely curtailed, Lynn turned his attention to high school and rode from time to time when he had a chance.

He married Pat in 1960, and in 1962 their daughter, Tracy Lynn, was born, and shortly after the family moved to California and settled in Santa Cruz where their son Michael was born. In Santa Cruz he worked for an Engineering firm in their research department for a little while but didn't care for it, so left and opened up a service station. In 1970 he moved to San Jose and he and two others operated a car business in Santa Cruz until 1980.

Then he started up a complete automotive center and the following year an auto body shop, and finally another facility called L&M Automotive that he ran until 1994. In the interim he found himself in demand from a lot of law firms in San Jose, and some court cases where automobiles were concerned. He continued as an expert witness after he closed the shops down in '94;

Besides his heavy involvement in the SCCHA, he kept one of the old vans and the setups from the shop and his licenses and still works on cars.

Seem like a full life? Well, there's more horsemanship here than meets the saddle. When his children were growing up the family would take vacations in the Sierras, where they would rent horses and ride 'em up into the mountains up above Lake Tahoe and up the Rim Trail. This re-sparked his interest in horses.

One of his attorney friends owned a ranch up behind Coe Park. He had half a dozen head of horses and Lynn was up there almost every other weekend, constantly riding.

Sometime later he fell in love with a mare, bought that horse, which was a stock, barrel, quarter horse buckskin mare, and she became the foundation for the two horses he owns today—Peppy's Pepsi and Lucky.

He eventually bought the Willy J Stables, all the leases and all the equipment and all the horses. Lynn relates of those days, "I built the stable up, cleaned it up, and had about 50 boarders for a few years. I was constantly fighting with the homeowners association in Almaden—they didn't want to see a stable there, and so eventually I closed it down."

During that time he acquired Peppy Chex Too, a direct descendent of the original quarter horse foundation line; the last stud colt by Peppy Chex. He also acquired a purebred Arab stallion from the High Bar Farm in Billings, Montana that Joe Archibald and Viri Norton had brought back. He bred the two stallions to his mare, Star Gazer first to Ginger and produced Lucky; two years later he bred Peppy to Ginger and produced Peppy's Pepsi—the little grulla horse that he has today.

"I've been riding Pepsi and chasing cows and hunting off of him, and packing off of him, and he's just five now, he'll be six in April. And Lucky, I've tried a number of endurance rides with him and he was always so hyper, but I put him through the Pat Parelli training with Deb Cooper and it's really changed his attitude and I'm hoping to have some fun with him this year in some endurance rides."



So the expert witness goes on to be the expert breeder and the expert rider. It will be interesting to observe what he tackles next.

LYNGE SIMONI IS CARRYING MUCH OF THE LOAD FOR THE REST OF US

Editors note..Lynge Simoni is one of the hardest working Quicksilver members we have in her continual attention to what is going on at the County level in regard to horses in our parks. She makes innumerable phone calls, spends innumerable hours in meetings that at times can be incredibly boring and has alerted the horse community innumerable times when she feels we are threatened by the banning of horses from certain areas and trails. She also does not give up easily. It would be nice if she could replace Kitty Monahan on the Park Commission. This E-Mail arrived on Dec. 6th and I print it in its entirety. j.s.

Yippie, the Grant Ranch Stable is back on line. Park Dept. is investing \$100,000.00 to improve the site, contracts already signed. Will draw up a much more reasonable set of requirements for the proprietor, then put out another RFP in a few months. (The big improvement, the person bidding need not have \$300,000.00, nor do they need to have 5 years experience.)

Almaden Quicksilver (our park) has gotten another reprieve. At the Wed. night meeting of the park commissioners it was decided to delay Mt. Bikes entrance into the park till it could be worked out to be safe for all users. Thanks to all of the faithful who go attend dreary meetings at night. And to all of you who have made phone calls and written letters to the park dept. explaining the problems which have occurred in the past and which will increase greatly in the future if Mt. bikes are allowed onto the trails at QS.

A great suggestion was made by park commissioner Kitty Monahan to cut a new trail which would solve the problem for all. She has been advocating a new trail through the Jocques Ridge purchase from Woods Rd. to Hacienda. This would allow mt. bikes to continue along the Ridge Trail through the Park, without going on any of the current trails.

We should all write another letter to *Paul Romero thanking him for his concern for our safety, and offering support to this new trail idea, even work to help build the trail. We have only one or two months more to be heard on this issue. Our work has gotten many temporary reprieves, now let's get a good trail for mt. bikers to end the debate.

Lynge



Please change this in any way you choose. We should get the news out in our letter. Doug Novick and Norma Tucker spoke at the meeting. Jan Snyder, Judy Etheridge, myself and Marcia Patrick (Pres of CSHA Region 6) were the only horse people there to fight. Kitty needs a medal or a trip to Hawaii for her continual efforts on our behalf. By the way, she goes off the commission in a year. We need another horse person to replace her at that time so that one member will represent our issues.

*Paul Romero, Director, County of Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Dept., 298 Garden Hill Dr.
Los Gatos, CA 95030

An Open Letter to Quicksilver from Carolyn Tucker

Dear Quicksilver Members,

While finishing up some year end volunteer hours with the Parks Department, I asked a couple of "Non-Horse Owning" Park Rangers two easy questions. I made the questions simple because I wanted a spontaneous answer.

My goal is to find out what our current reputation is with the general public and to find out one good thing and one not so good thing. I think that we can deal with our image a little at a time. First we will realize that we are not the majority that currently use the parks! Maybe we were there first but that was before and not the now! Also, I think we are very much like our friends, the horse, in that we like everything to stay the same. We are not always real happy with changes unless they would be having to do with more land to ride and graze on!

So, my first question to the Ranger was, how are horses and riders perceived by non-horse riders out on the trails? The answer was quick and direct! It was that they are very frightening because the people don't really know what they should do and the horses are so big. We talked about this for a moment. My answer was from a rider's perspective in that, the horses don't know what to expect from the encounter either! The best first thing to do, is for the person to talk to the other. This lets the horse know the everything is OK (from the horse's view, "oh, OK, this thing with a back pack on a bicycle is only a human!") Then the people can tell each other what they are are going to do if it is a tight pass, for example. Such as, "I will pass on the hill side if you will wait for me to get by"... "Thank you, have a nice day" etc. If you know that your horses is really afraid, then this is a good chance to tell the other people what they can do to make it a safe passing. Sometimes if one of you can just move off of the trail and be still, the other can get beyond and get on down the trail. If you don't have a passing problem, then a friendly greeting promotes everybody involved to leave each other with a good feeling. If you can take the time, you could offer the people you meet any help if needed, even a drink or directions, etc. These ideas leave a nice impression for the first time horse encounter. So then on down the road at the next town meeting over shared trail systems the non-horse people can have a positive feeling like. Oh, horse people are no problem to me, I find them to be friendly and helpful on the trails, etc.

Next questions discussed was about the impression of horse and riders by the Rangers? It was also easily answered. First answer was that the horse people are really dedicated to preservation of the Parks and the they really know and use the parks. They're good about helping to build and work on trails and volunteer many hours of work. This is a image we want to keep!

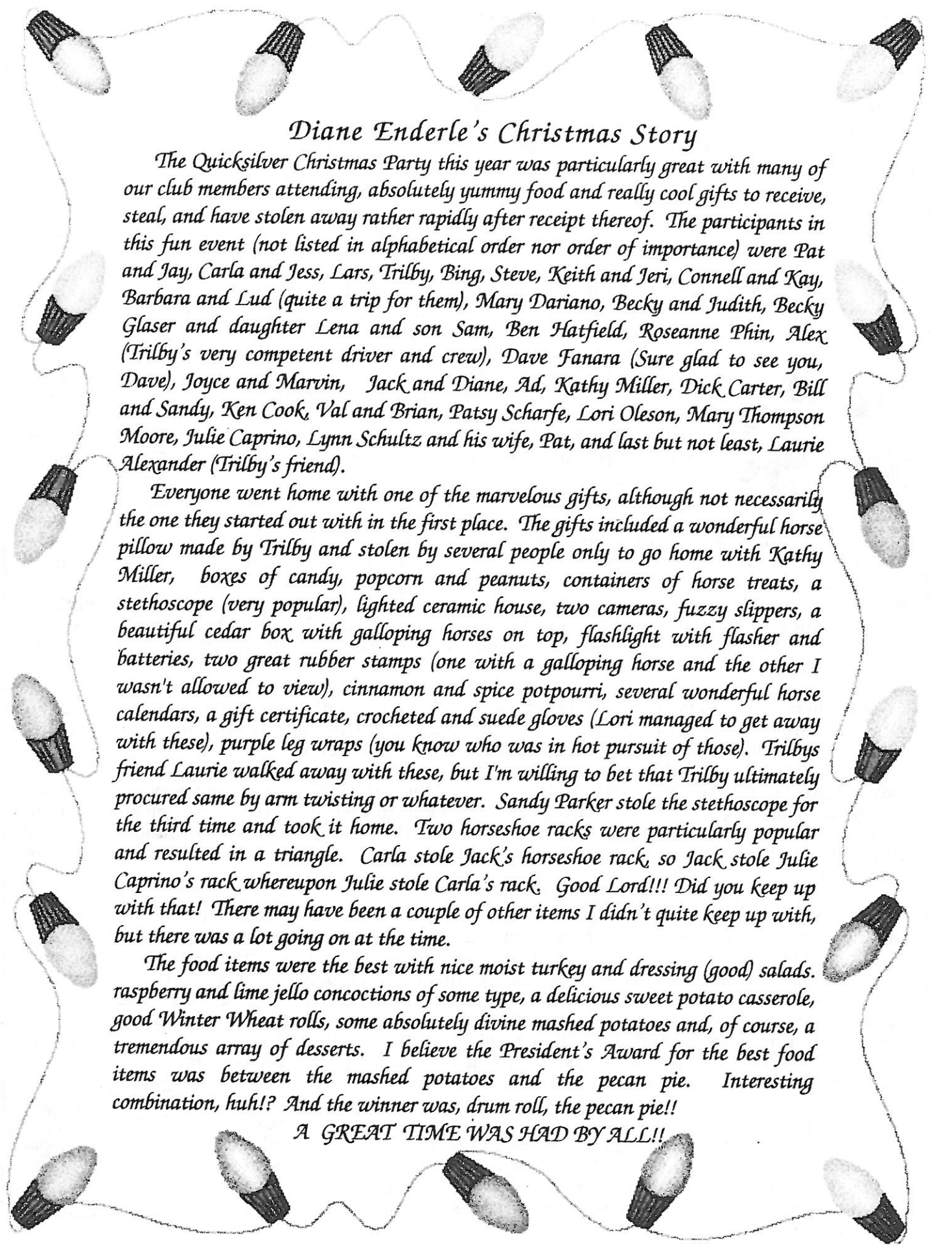
The not so good thing was that the horse people need to be more aware of what they leave at parking and rest areas. Even though horse droppings are natural, no one likes having to dodge these piles. Parking in rest areas can be a real mess if lot of horses have been there together. This is easy to fix. Riders can be aware if their horse leaves a pile and just spread it to the side or put it back in their trailer In consideration of other park users and to give ourselves a good image. It only takes a minute. Thank you.



Amara Farms has two horses for sale:

Competitive Trail/Endurance bay, 9 years, 8" cannon, 1/2 Arab/Shagya gelding. 1st Place and Sweepstakes winner first two out of three NATRC rides, large classes. 15.1, big feet, size 2 shoes. approved Mounted Patrol and trained in dressage, jumping, carriage driving and endurance. Excellent temperament. No Vices. \$7,000.00. 408-779-6555

Purebred Polish Arab gelding trail trained—ready to go, 15hh, 7 3/4" cannon. 10 years old, bay, no vices, trailers well, easy to ride, smooth transitions, wants to please. \$3,500.00 408-779-6555



Diane Enderle's Christmas Story

The Quicksilver Christmas Party this year was particularly great with many of our club members attending, absolutely yummy food and really cool gifts to receive, steal, and have stolen away rather rapidly after receipt thereof. The participants in this fun event (not listed in alphabetical order nor order of importance) were Pat and Jay, Carla and Jess, Lars, Trilby, Bing, Steve, Keith and Jeri, Connell and Kay, Barbara and Lud (quite a trip for them), Mary Dariano, Becky and Judith, Becky Glaser and daughter Lena and son Sam, Ben Hatfield, Roseanne Phin, Alex (Trilby's very competent driver and crew), Dave Fanara (Sure glad to see you, Dave), Joyce and Marvin, Jack and Diane, Ad, Kathy Miller, Dick Carter, Bill and Sandy, Ken Cook, Val and Brian, Patsy Scharfe, Lori Oleson, Mary Thompson Moore, Julie Caprino, Lynn Schultz and his wife, Pat, and last but not least, Laurie Alexander (Trilby's friend).

Everyone went home with one of the marvelous gifts, although not necessarily the one they started out with in the first place. The gifts included a wonderful horse pillow made by Trilby and stolen by several people only to go home with Kathy Miller, boxes of candy, popcorn and peanuts, containers of horse treats, a stethoscope (very popular), lighted ceramic house, two cameras, fuzzy slippers, a beautiful cedar box with galloping horses on top, flashlight with flasher and batteries, two great rubber stamps (one with a galloping horse and the other I wasn't allowed to view), cinnamon and spice potpourri, several wonderful horse calendars, a gift certificate, crocheted and suede gloves (Lori managed to get away with these), purple leg wraps (you know who was in hot pursuit of those). Trilby's friend Laurie walked away with these, but I'm willing to bet that Trilby ultimately procured same by arm twisting or whatever. Sandy Parker stole the stethoscope for the third time and took it home. Two horseshoe racks were particularly popular and resulted in a triangle. Carla stole Jack's horseshoe rack, so Jack stole Julie Caprino's rack whereupon Julie stole Carla's rack. Good Lord!!! Did you keep up with that! There may have been a couple of other items I didn't quite keep up with, but there was a lot going on at the time.

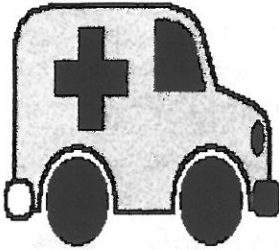
The food items were the best with nice moist turkey and dressing (good) salads, raspberry and lime jello concoctions of some type, a delicious sweet potato casserole, good Winter Wheat rolls, some absolutely divine mashed potatoes and, of course, a tremendous array of desserts. I believe the President's Award for the best food items was between the mashed potatoes and the pecan pie. Interesting combination, huh!? And the winner was, drum roll, the pecan pie!!

A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!!

SILVER STATE POINT TO POINT

What should have been a grand and glorious Thanksgiving weekend for the Quicksilver members who trundled off to the desert turned out to be less than that for some. The Silver State Point to Point three day 150 mile ride is worth the trip to the Las Vegas area. It is the last ride of the season, ride management is super, the trails are well marked and it is certainly a welcome break from the muddy corrals Quicksilver members have had to put up with for the last month.

However, not all things go according to plan. The first casualty was Maryben Stover when Scarlet took a tumble and Maryben ended up with two fractures in her left knee. In considerable pain, she was flown out of Las Vegas by air Saturday morning to San Jose where Bing Voight met her and Robert welcomed her home. In the meantime, Friday afternoon, the errant Scarlet was ponied into a water stop 15 miles from camp with no



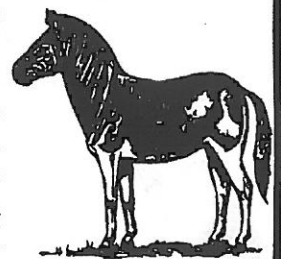
trailer access. So a volunteer worker, a western pleasure trainer, who had never been on an endurance ride, never ridden a mule and never sat in an English saddle had the good fortune of doing all three in returning Scarlet to camp. Rumor has it that he forsook the trail and just headed cross country. Meanwhile, now in San Jose, a slip in the middle of the night and another fall sent Maryben by ambulance to Good Samaritan Hospital where she awaits knee surgery at this writing. Becky Glaser was a day late arriving at the ride only to have Lailih (Summer Breeze in Arabic) roll under her corral and cut her legs badly enough to put her out of commission for the remainder of the event. However, a borrowed

horse the last day gave Becky the view of Las Vegas thirty miles away at the noon vet stop high on a cold bluff. Trilby's horse had a bad second day and ended up being led for miles and miles, much of it along a highway and arriving well after dark. Bob and Julie Suhr, being new to the sport and uninitiated in the finer details of endurance riding, blithely thought they could yank two horses out of six inches of mud and put them over the Nevada desert rocks. Sadder but wiser, they finished the first day, but felt the horses were too sore footed to continue the next.

But there were some nice successes for Quicksilver members. Kathy Thompson put in her usual stunning performances on the handsome Zane Grey and went home with one win, two second places and two best conditions. Eric and Katelynn cheered her on from the sidelines. Lori Oleson had a fast two day ride on Kassiq where she finished 5th in the Two Day Hundred and then switched to Flame for the third day. Ken Cook had two good days on Rocky, electing to give the grey a day in the middle to rest. Our Loma Rica members, Hugh and Gloria Vanderford brought Blue for Gloria to ride on the Two Day One Hundred and she finished fourth. Hugh didn't ride, but was welcomed by members who had not seen him in some time.

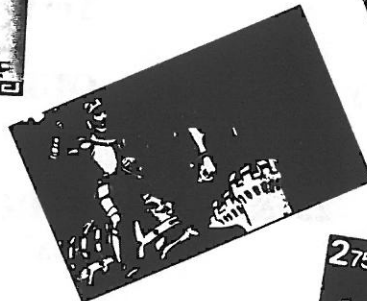
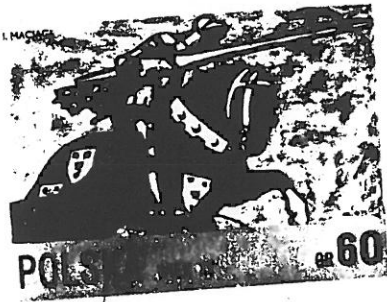
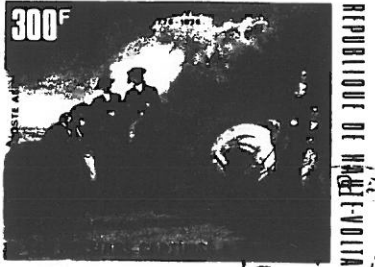
For those who have never done this ride, give it a try. The Toomeys, the beautiful Clare and rugged Fred, and other members of the Las Vegas Distance Riders put on a great event. Ride meetings are early, brief and start on time. Ride maps are clearly written and the trail is described. While there is little water on the trail (actually none except at one spring shared by all the wild life in the area) Fred and the Las Vegas Distance Riders Club put out garbage cans filled with water at various spots. Base camp is within a hundred yards of the Nevada Landing Casino, and the riders receive tickets for the buffet dinner there. The one night away from camp, at Blue Diamond, has a catered meal. The awards are handed out at the end of each day's ride.

Considered a fairly easy to moderate ride, there are some really nice moments that make you forget all those rocks they forgot to rake away. How about a wild bay stallion standing on a bluff with his band on the slope below? A moment to be treasured and not soon forgotten. Maybe he will watch us again next year when we invade his domain for a few days. I hope so. j.s.



QUICKSILVER MONTHLY HISTORY AND ART LESSON

Philatelists (stamp collectors) very often specialize in stamps from a certain country, of a certain time period or those that represent a special theme. The stamps pictured below show horses as represented in stamps from many different countries, once again demonstrating that the love of horses is universal. A few examples are shown below. Seen in color, some of them are really quite beautiful. Do you know what countries they represent?





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