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The first person to identify all 19 of these Quicksilver annual Awards Banquet attendees wins a brand new halter rope. Earliest postmark to Quicksilver Quips at 100 Marinera Road, Scotts Valley, CA 95066 wins. Next year a new photographer will be appointed to assure better pictures.

APRIL BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April, 8, 1998

The Board Meeting was called to order a 7:15 pm by President Brian Reeves.

Minutes: No Board Meeting last month. The minutes of the last General Meeting were published in the Quicksilver Quips.

President's Report: Next month's meeting will feature Scott Simms, DVM, from Santa Rosa, who will present a new protocol on the "tying-up" problem.

Treasurer's Report as of April, 1998

General Account	\$- 621.31
Ride Account	3358.16
Trail Account	806.98
Junior Account	729.70

A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$26000 from the Ride Account to the General Account. Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS;

Program: Valerie reported on the Golden Gate Fields and Bay Meadow programs she will look into the Grand National Rodeo, Livestock, and Horse Show.

Goodwill: Brian report on the death of the Waltenspiel's daughter.

Trails: April 19 is the opening of the trail from Wilder Ranch to Grey Whale. The fee to attend the celebration is \$12.

Ride: October 10 is the date for the Quicksilver Fall Classic to be held at Calero and Quicksilver parks.

Awards: The Awards Banquet was a success. Motion passed to compliment Maryben for a nice event.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

The General Meeting was called to order at 8 pm. Because the Board Meeting lasted so long, the General Meeting consisted of a brief discussion of the both the weather-related closing of the trails in Quicksilver Park and the Poker Ride. Lori has flyers for the Poker Ride, which will be held on Sunday, May 17. The budget is \$500.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marvin Snowbarger, Secretary

QUICKSILVER BANQUET

Once again the Quicksilver Banquet is history. I want to thank everyone who helped me put it on again this year. special thank to Steve Lenheim. And of course we must remember Joanne Evans and Don Brown. Without the we would have about one half of the awards. This year especially, since I was not very mobile, I just sat in the store and let Joanne go around and pick out things to show me that I might be interested in for awards. It was Joanne who thought up the polar fleece blankets and the helmets. They went quickly Thanks again for all your help. Maryben.

Don Brown's Birthday Party Remembering Foghorn Leghorn

Don and Joanne were heading across the parking lot at the Sherwood Restaurant when Don spied Ken and me driving in. I'm sure he knew it wasn't a coincidence and that we came to help him celebrate his birthday. After we were seated, in came Trilby, Bing and Steve Lenheim which made a very little group of seven---soon to be eight.

Unbeknown to Don, Ken had wanted to hire a cute little honey to sit o his lap and sing him Happy Birthday, but all the cute and sexy little honeys were busy so the best we could do was a guy dressed as a chicken. The best thing was that Don was on his way back from the restroom when the giant chicken came in so he was standing where everyone could see him. It was really great. I thought Joanne and I would fallout of our chairs. And poor Don just stood there, not quite believing what was happening to him. Maryben.

MAY GENERAL MEETING

Trilby Pederson will be serving mini-banana splits at the May meeting which features Scott Sims, DVM speaking on the subject of tie-ups. If you think this can't happen to you, guess again. It took me 30 years before I had a horse tie up and then it happened twice in one year. I still don't know what I did wrong. Maybe Scott can help me understand this syndrome which plagues all of us sooner or later. . editor.

Trail users to ante up at Wilder

Sentinel staff report

Hikers, horses and mountain bikers will go heel-to-hoof-to-pedal at an upcoming "Poker Ride" in Wilder Ranch State Park.

The fund-raising ride is believed to be the first to combine the three kinds of trail users in a fun and friendly way, according to Chuck Beebe, one of the event organizers.

Appropriately, the ride is at Wilder, one of the first state parks with multi-use trails, Beebe said. It has also been one of the most successful examples of cooperative trail use by equestrians and mountain bikers, who have often been at odds with each other, he said.

The event is being sponsored by the Santa Cruz County Horseman's

Association, Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz County and the Association of Concerned Trailriders.

The etiquette of the trail for the day will be the same simple method that has worked at Wilder, Beebe said. "Go slow and announce yourself. If everybody's polite you don't have a problem."

Cards collected during the ride will comprise each rider's poker hand. Prizes will be given for the best hands.

Money raised from the ride/hike will be used to build bridges at stream crossings in Gray Whale Ranch, where trails have recently opened.

The ride will be about 12 miles. It will be followed by a barbecue,

raffle and dancing to country western music, Beebe said.

The \$12 entrance fee buys a poker hand and meal. Extra hands can be purchased for \$7 each.

More than \$12,000 in donated prizes will be given away and raffled off. Extra points will be given to teams that combine types of trail users, such as a team composed of a hiker, equestrian and bike rider, said Beebe.

The ride will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 19. Registration will take place the day of the ride.

For further information, call Beebe at 475-2852 or Keith Kelson at 423-1434.

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Retired Couple Seek Caretaker Job

Worked for years as Heavy Duty Diesel Driver, Familiar with most types of machinery. Have been working as general maintenance on ranch. Hardworker-honest-N/S-N/D-N/D. Church goes-great reference-quiet lifestyle-very healthy. Seek house plus salary. Call Jerry and/or Nanci Finnegan, 101 Marinera Road, Scotts Valley, CA 95066. Ph.# 408-335-3612 until May 10th. After May 10th, Ph. #408-738-3950 or e-mail c/o pauline.finnegan@lmc.com.

BOY, DO WE EVER HAVE THE HORSE FOR YOU!!

From Catherine Kauer

Three Registered Purebred Arabian Horses For Sale that are all trained English/Western. They have no bad habits, and are healthy with good bone and dispositions, huge eyes. They are also freeze branded and have been shown.

1) Grey mare, gorgeous, Gainey-bred Gai Parada blood lines. She is 12 years old and stand 15+ hands. Has perfect conformation with strong quarters. Has foundered in the past. She is calm and willing with a beautiful head and legs. \$2000.00.

2) Black Bay gelding with stripe and socks. BeyShah/Polish breeding. This horse has done some 25's. Has great conformation with excellent bone/feet. Will do anything and has been in some parades/flag carrying with the sheriff's program. He wants to go, is 14.3 hands and 12 years old. OBO \$4000.

3) A bay gelding similar to bay mare above, but does cattle as well. This 7 year old has a great disposition and stands at 15 hands. Owner loves him! \$7000 OBO. Catherine Kauer can be reached at 408-726-2340.

And from Becky Hart

1) Gulstra's Echo, 10 year old purebred gelding, 15.1, smooth ride. Has done 50 milers. Has had dressage training. \$4000.

2) KF Hawk, 7 year old purebred (registered 1/2) out of Lannigan mare. Sire is related to Rio. 14.2 Bay. Conditioned and ready to go. Just finished Mustang 25 and will be at Shine &

Shine Ride. \$3,000. Becky can be reached at 408-997-0814.

And from Maryben.

1) Arab with an attitude. Soon to be six year old Arab gelding. 15 hands and built pretty good. He had 90 days with Deb Cooper. He is a double Fame and Litigator. Liver chestnut. Sweepstakes nominated. \$3500.

2) For lease, Pepper, Appaloosa age 19. Cannot do endurance anymore but is excellent rail and pack horse. Very gentle. 15+ hands and very fat. Maryben can be reached at 408-265-0839.

"O! For a horse with wings!" Shakespeare—Cymbaline act 3, sc

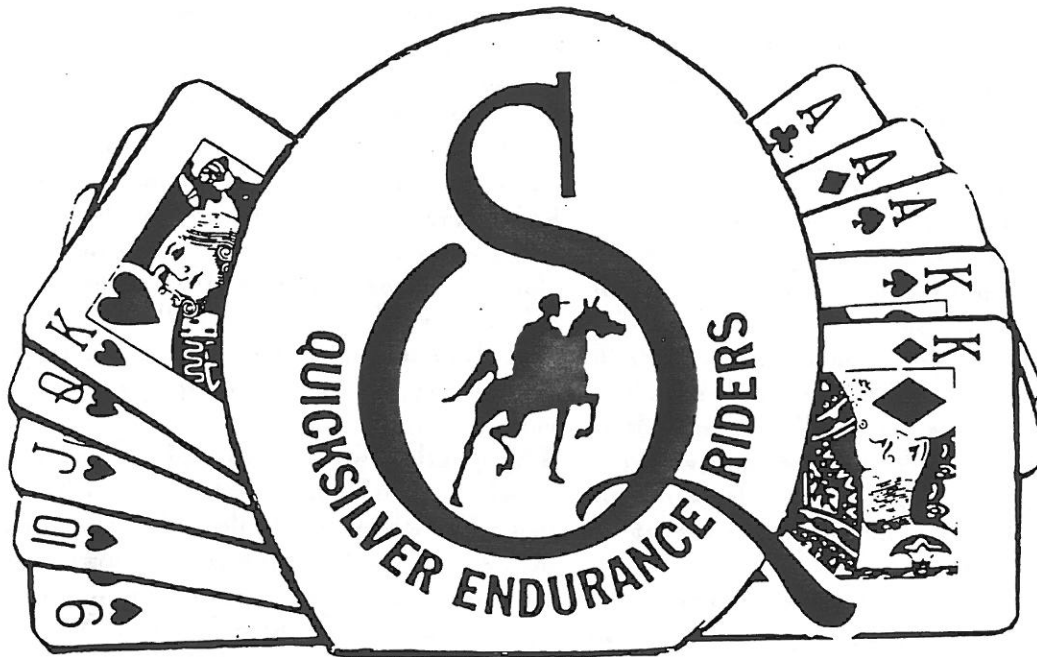
LOOKING FOR A DRY PLACE TO RIDE?

submitted by Carolyn Tucker, Amara Farms

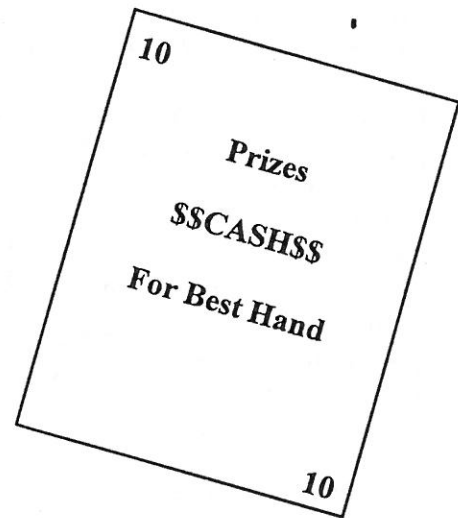
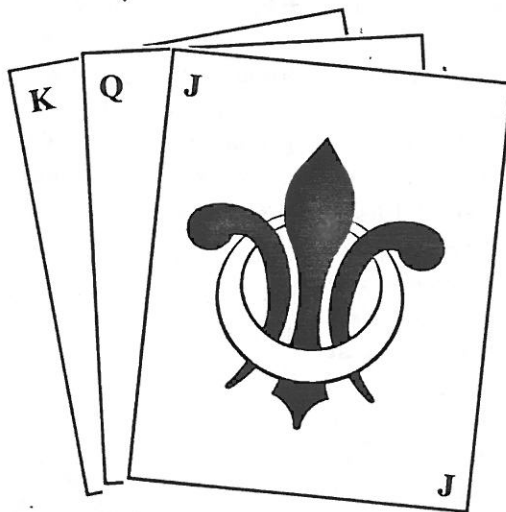
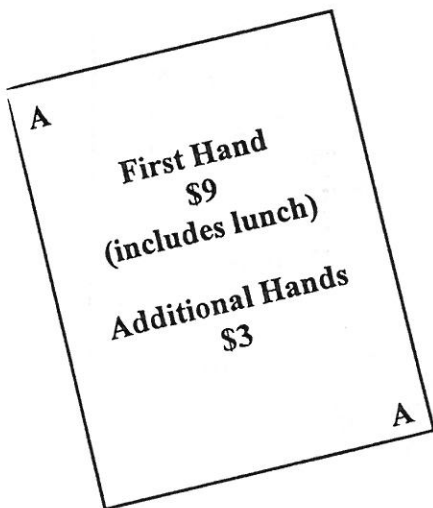
The new Gilroy entrance to Coe Park is now open to the public. It is a wonderful access with plenty of flat parking. It is called Hunting Hollow. Day use is \$3.00 per vehicle per day and horse camping is \$12.00 per two horses. The riding is excellent with steep hills or flat along the Hunting Hollow area. The park is multi use and there are cows in some areas where you pass through gates. We have been riding there every week and the trails are getting set in well. I am happy to take people out to earn some of the trail accesses and mileage loops. Just give me a call in advance to set up a time. Access is from Roop Road off of New Ave. in Gilroy. You will pass by the access to Coyote Lake and keep going straight until you see the Hunting Hollow entrance on your right. It is well marked with maps available and a park attendant on the weekends. The wild flowers are beautiful right now!

Coe Park is the largest State Park in California and contains about 81,000 acres! There are many good roadways that loop and connect to other directions. All are excellent for endurance training and conditioning.

POKER RIDE



CALERO PARK SUNDAY, MAY 17, 1998



REGISTRATION
BBQ LUNCH
PRIZES AWARDED

10am
12:30-1:30pm
1:30pm

Rain Date: June 14

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KIWANIANs AND QSER IN COSTA RICA

by Carla M. Ambriz
Ambassador at Large

My husband, Jess, and I arrived in San Jose, Costa Rica on March 16th, 1998. We made a few calls and talked to fellow Kiwanians in Costa Rica. We were not able to meet with anyone that day so we went on to our next destination Tamarindo, which is about 3 1/2 hours from San Jose by car to the northwest coast. It's a good thing we didn't try to drive ourselves because there are very few street or road signs. You know, sort of like Nevada. Tamarindo is a beautiful little town that has not been spoiled by tourism. We stayed at the wonderful Captain Suzio resort. There were Howler monkey in the tress surrounding our room and Iguanas sunbathed with you during the day. While we were there, we explored the town and found a local doctor, Dr. Hermers Quijada, who was trying to arrange for the training of the local people in first aid and different types of rescue.



He was also trying to find local pilots to fly injured people to San Jose to receive emergency care as the car ride would take too long and there no trained ambulance drivers This doctor donated most of his time to these local people because they were unable to afford care otherwise.

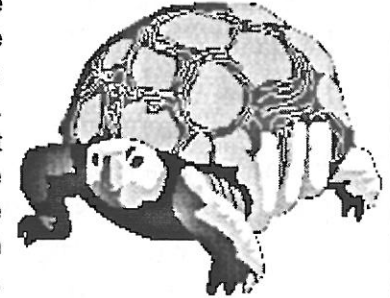
While we were at Tamarindo, we rented some horses for a day ride. We left at 11:30 a.m., which was low tide because we needed to cross a body of water. Jess got a wonderful Paso Fino about 7 years old and I, because I had a lot of experience, got the horse with the scarred up knees, who tripped a lot. Oh well, it was by beautiful countryside and we were really glad we took the ride. Many of the horses and cattle we saw looked very thin even though the pasture looked very green and lush. This could be a great place to retire to on part time basis.

After four wonderfully relaxing days, we head off to Monte Verde. This is a community that was founded by a group of conscientious objectors (Quakers) in 1953. They wanted a place as far away as they could get from war. The community became very self-sufficient. They even have their own cheese factory which supplies cheese for a very wide area. They are in a struggle, one to bring in money to support the people and another to keep the area in a natural state. It is quite high

for Costa Rica, about 10,000 feet above sea level. It is called a "cloud forest".

The next day we were off again to San Jose for a one day lay over. While there, we arranged to meet with several member of the two local Kiwanis Clubs in the San Jose area. We would meet with one fellow, Mario Rimaio, from the Kiwanis Club of San Jose. The Club has been around for 36 years and they meet on Tuesday. Their main interest and projects are scholarships for their young people and a senior citizen home. The Kiwanis Club took over the board of directors because the government was too undependable with funding for the home. They have been in charge for six years.

After this visit we went back to the hotel in San Jose. The next day we were on our way to Tortuguero, the land of turtles. It was a bus and boat trip of about five hours to get there. But once again it was worth the effort. On the way there it started to sprinkle. We were asked if we wanted rain gear but it wasn't raining hard so all on the boat said "NO". Boy, was that mistake! It poured and poured. Our guide had to get out of the boat to find the channel for the boat to go down. Since they don't dredge the channel often it gets hard to navigate. The guide asked us what we thought happened in the "RAIN FOREST". I thought it was cold, but my wife, Carla, though it was great. We later went for a walk down the beach and into town. The surf was very strong and there was a large undertow. It was not the beach to swim at, at all. Maybe that's why the Turtles like it so much. The townspeople with little or no help from the government have built a grade school and a teachers house and they are now building a high school so their children can have a better and bright future. This is a town with a population of 450 people. So after a couple of days we were on a flight back to San Jose.



Now that we were back in San Jose for a couple of days, we arranged to meet with the Metropolitan Kiwanis Club of San Jose. We were unable to arrange a meeting with anyone from the Womens Kiwanis of San Jose. They have their own club and are going strong. In some

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AMERICAN RIVER 50 ENDURANCE RUN by Marvin Snowbarger

As I finished my training run and stopped by Bill and Sandy Parker's, I was confronted with Sandy's logic: I didn't need to run 50 miles to get a jacket; she would just go buy me one. Well, it ain't the same.

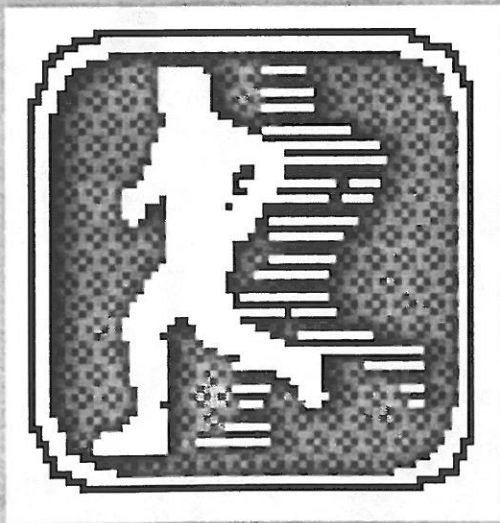
So on April 4, at 6 am, Dave Fanara and Pat McDonald paced me away from the start line (along with Mark Falcone, Dan Barger and 528 other participants) of the American River 50 Mile Endurance Run. In order to get the jacket, we had to complete within 13 hours.

Let the record show that we crossed the finish line in 12 hours 8 minutes (Pat and Dave could have gone much faster but since all guys were gentlemen, they stayed with me all day)

"AND ALL I HAD TO DO WAS RUN 50 MILES" ... Marvin Snowbarger, April 1998

I got my jacket and wore it to bed that night. The first thing I did the next day was to show it to Sandy. She acknowledged that it was nice. I think it's bitchin', and all I had to do was run 50 miles. A piece of cake.

Note: Dan Barger finished 4th overall in 6 hrs. 11 min. (a PR by 31 minutes). Mark Falcone finished in 8 hrs. and 47 min. The winning time was 5 hrs. and 45 min.



APPLAUSE, PLEASE

Quicksilver congratulates Carolyn Tucker and *Oman on their First Place Award in the Open Division of the International Arabian Horse Association Competitive Trail Ride at Sunol on the weekend of April 18th. It was a class act which took a good horse and rider to come out on top.



And on the same weekend, Steve Shaw, Lori Oleson and Julie Caprino finished 2nd, 3rd and 4th at the Lakeside Classic 50 Miler. Way to go Quicksilver! More about this in the next issue of Quicksilver Quips.

Kiwanians and QSER in Costa Rica (continued)

ways they are even more active than the men's only group. When Costa Rica joined the Kiwanis family they had to fudge on their charter because it was illegal to have separate clubs so they have had women in their clubs for over 35 year. Now the women want their own club and it is going well.

We met with Neal Harmon and Ronald Tucker from the Metropolitan Club. They are the English speaking club made up of mostly Americans but also any other English speaking person who wishes to join. They support an orphanage and some scholarships also. Neither of the clubs support IDD because they didn't feel connected to Kiwanis International since they do not have a district that actually even comes close to meeting their needs. Their district would be over in Nicaragua and Columbia and Panama, much too far to go for an inter club.

There were many wonderful things about Costa Rica, the best of which are the people. They were always smiling even when you weren't in the tourist areas. Many of the things we have are here also which is probably why there are a lot of Americans here to retire. We certainly hope to go again and this time meet with the other two clubs of San Jose, Costa Rica.

QUICKSILVER RIDE & TIE

The Quicksilver Ride & Tie will take place at the Almaden Quicksilver Park in San Jose on Saturday, May 2, beginning at 8:30 a.m. While the event has had multiple names since it was started in the early 1980's, this year's event promises to be as exciting to watch and to participate in as ever. "We expect close to 50 teams from California, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona and even as far as "Virginia" according to Skip Lightfoot, the race director for five years. "This event is special because it is a Pro-Am race so there will be many first time participants." A Pro-Am team consists of an experienced ride & tie participant and a new person to the sport.

Ride & Tie is an endurance sport which combines two runners and a horse on teams who compete on a rugged, cross country course. Courses can vary from 20 to 100 miles in length. The sport's top teams can keep an amazing pace over the difficult terrain. Last year's winning team averaged 5:30 minute miles for 23 miles at Quicksilver. The race start

"THIS EVENT IS SPECIAL"

Skip

is probably the most exciting with all the horses and runners sprinting across an open fields as the course narrows down to a trail through the woods. The riders will proceed down the marked course as far as they want, then stop, dismount and tie the horse to a tree or fence. The rider will then start running down the marked course, leaving the horse to rest and wait for the teammate. They switch places on the horse and repeat the same sequence over and over until all three teammates cross the finish line. "The most common mistake new people make in this sport is running past their tied horse." says Skip. "It can get pretty crazy out there with runners and horses all sharing the trail."

Spectators are welcome and there is no charge. The start and finish are at the parking lot off Mockingbird Hill Lane near the junction of McKean and Almaden Roads. The first teams

will finish about 10:30 a.m., with the last teams coming in about 1:30 p.m. Racers can also be viewed at the Tobar parking lot off Almaden Road and the McAbee Road access to the park. The vet check takes place at the McAbee area. Vets thoroughly check the horses at the 11 mile point before they are allowed to continue the rest of the race. This is a great place for kids and their parents to get close to the horses and watch them being cared for by their crews.

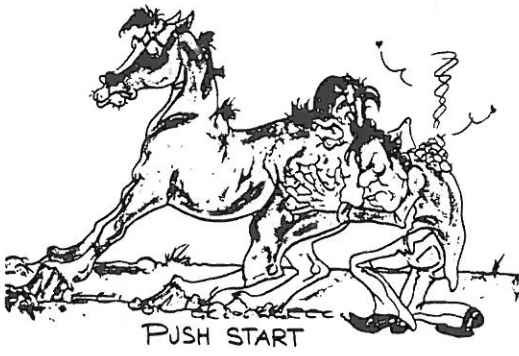
Participants don't have to be ultra-athletes. Several competitors have competed for several years and never run a step. The motto in the sport is "to finish is to win", says Skip. "People are always amazed at how far they can go. If you choose the eleven miles course, each person only has to run about 5 miles and you get to rest on the horses every mile or so". The real athletes of the sport are the horses. Most are Arabians, the "Drinkers of the Wind". "Arabians love to run. Sometimes the toughest part of the race is getting them stopped for the tie. They are amazing athletes" exclaims Lightfoot.

For more information about the Quicksilver Ride and Tie, contact Skip Lightfoot at 408-226-0745 or Curt Riffle at 650-949-0620. Volunteers are always needed. People interested in participating but who do not have a team or a horse should call either Curt or Skip so they can help them find a team.

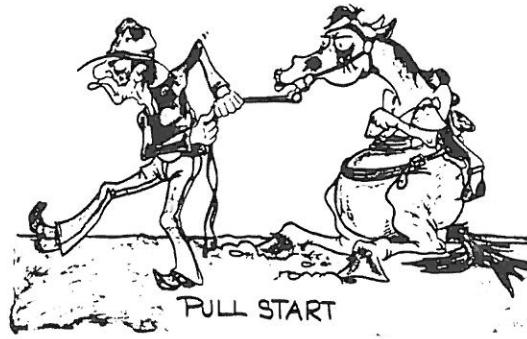


**Saturday, May 2nd
8:30 a.m.
Almaden Quicksilver Park
Mockingbird Parking Lot**

Thanks to Jeri Scott For contributing this page.



PUSH START



PULL START



JUMP START



KICK START

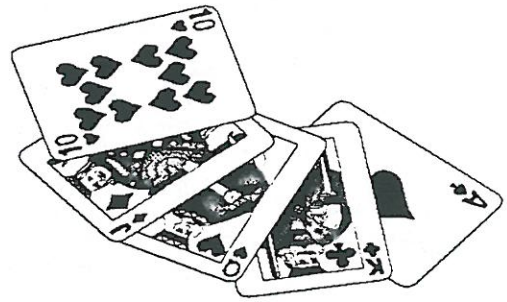
WENDY LITTLE



A Cowboy's Worst Nightmare

How about an Endurance Rider's worst nightmare ?

Don't Forget! POKER RIDE
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- May 2 WASHOE VALLEY 50/100
Connie Creech 702-882-6591
- May 9 SCOTTS FLAT 25/50
Suzi Souza 916-268-2607
- May 9 MALIBU 25/50
Karyne Zontelli 818-889-7228
- May 13 QUICKSILVER MEETING
Speaker: Scott Sims, DVM
- May 16 CASTLE ROCK 50 BARLEY PATCH 30
CANCELLED
- May 24 CAMP FAR WEST
Tom Bowling 916-663-4069
- May 30 DIABLO VISTA 25/50/100
Shel Sussman 510-838-5533
- May 31 APPLEGATE-LASSEN 5 DAY 250 MILES
thru June 4 Barbara McCrary 408-423-4572

