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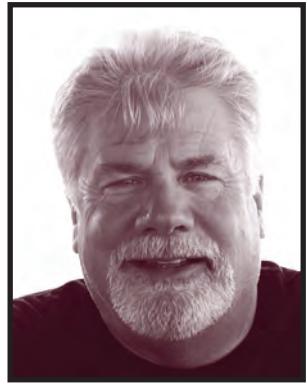
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Potato Richardson on SMR Filouette and Kathie Perry on Rio,
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from Ride Director Chuck Stalley

Welcome to the 61st running of the Western States Trail Ride. I am proud to be associated with an endurance ride that does not just survive, but thrives, carrying the rich legacy of all those tough pioneers, explorers and adventurers who have gone before us. The trail has several projects underway to repair slides and downed trees as well as maintain the trail bed. Thank you to all who have donated time and/or finances to help us make this historic trail safe for travel. The trail bed in the Truckee Hiway 89 area has been worked to get you through the rocks. This year you can again go over the Swinging Bridge or cross through the river to head up to Devil's Thumb. This trail is one of a kind and the more time you spend on it, the more you appreciate it. The WS trail is constantly being monitored for maintenance issues by the joint Ride/Run trail committee as we work together to make the trail as safe as possible,



This year one rider is riding for her 20 day/two thousand mile buckle and five others are reaching for their 10 day/1000 mile buckles. Whether it is your first 100 mile buckle or any other along your journey, know that the WS Board of Governors takes great pride in certifying that you and your horse have met all criteria for completion and earned your buckle on that stage in Auburn on Sunday.

The Signature Entry is back by popular demand for those who want to give back to the trail. Signature riders receive a swag bag with items from

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from WSTF President Tony Benedetti

This is the 61st annual Tevis Ride. To put this in perspective, I must think back to a time before I was even born. I think of the pictures of Wendell Robie and his four companions in front of the US Post Office in Tahoe City the morning of that first ride in 1955; the western saddles, the clothes, and all the 1950s vintage automobiles. For me, this is very nostalgic. Wendell was attempting a 100 mile ride to prove it could be done over a historic route that included paths used by the American Indians, trails forged by the immigrants of early California times, and toll trails built to transport commerce for the gold mines of the 1850s.

It was only later that Wendell and the Western States Trail Foundation began to cobble these trails together into what we know as the Western States Trail. A trail that stretches from the eastern side of the Sierras, over Immigrant Gap, through the



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Ride Date July 23, 2016

The 2016 Drucilla Barner Award

The 2016 prestigious Drucilla Barner Award for Distinguished Service goes to Kathie Perry. Kathie has served on the Western States Trail Foundation Board of Governors for 28 years, including three years as the president of the organization. Along with Board members Mike Pickett and Bill Pieper, she has worked on many special projects over the years, including the establishment of the Pieper Junction vet check and the WSTF's participation in the American River Conservancy's purchase of land adjacent to the Granite Chief Wilderness.

As a fierce protector of the Western States Trail, Kathie spends countless hours collaborating with government agencies to ensure the safe use of the trail for hikers and horseback riders. She continues to be exemplary in building bridges with other organizations to protect the trail and building community support for the Tevis Cup Ride.

Kathie has completed the Ride 23 times, winning the event in 1978, and is entered again for this year. Her toughness is legendary. In the late '70's, she sustained a serious fracture to her foot during the month before the Ride. Realizing on ride morning that the cast on her foot was too large to fit in her stirrup, she cut the cast off and rode for Auburn without it.

To this day, Kathie remains the rock of the WSTF. She knows the organization's history and logistics as no other. She is an invaluable asset to the presidents who have succeeded her, as well as the entire Board of Governors.

Thank you, Kathie, for your stellar example of dedication and integrity. You have inspired many of your fellow horsemen and community members to serve causes greater than themselves.

Drucilla Barner's memory is honored annually with the presentation of the distinguished service award that bears her name. As Wendell Robie's executive secretary, she supported and contributed to the Ride from the first time she rode the trail until her passing in 1979. Not only one of the first women to complete the Ride, she was, in 1961, the first woman to win the Tevis Cup. The Dru Barner Memorial Foundation created out of her estate was instrumental in the creation of the Dru Barner Equestrian Park in El Dorado County, as well as the preservation and enhancement of the Western States Trail and others.

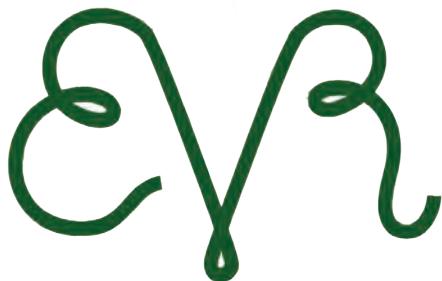


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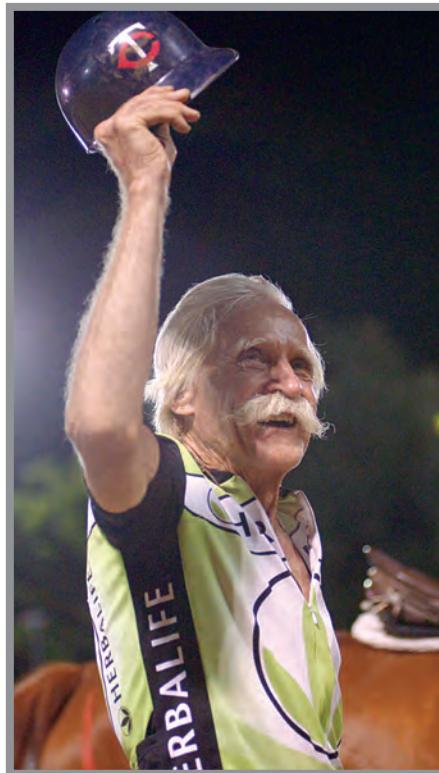




Winning the Tevis Cup

POTATO RICHARDSON

In all the 40 + years I have been involved in the Tevis Cup ride I have seen many changes. However one thing that has never changed is the thrill of the ride. From vetting in to crossing the finish line in Auburn I enjoy every second of the event. Sure there are challenges and difficult times but the thrill is always there. I have started Tevis 31 times over the years and earned 22 completion buckles and 9 times finishing in top ten that gives me a 71% completion ratio. Yet I still say every time I rode was special and unique because of the horse I rode or perhaps because of the riders I rode with. Some of the highlights over the years that stand out in my mind are rides such as the year (1978) I hid in the bushes so a rider (I forgot his name) who was determined to beat me would fly past and go like mad trying to catch me and I was behind him. I left the Devil's Thumb vet check a couple minutes ahead of him and as soon as I was out of sight I went into the bushes. He flew past me at a gallop trying to catch me and the next time I saw him was in Michigan Bluff where he came in first and was pulled because his horse was not fit to go on. Another time that stands out in my mind was in 1976 when I (in group 12) rode with Dave Wasden (grp 7) and Vickie Sherwood (grp 17) for the last 15 or 20 miles and because of the group starts if we all three rode in together two of us would be top ten and Dave would be in 15th place. So Dave had to finish 10 minutes ahead of me because of the 5 group difference to place in front of me. We all three rode together till we got to No Hands Bridge and it was actually "no hands" at that time. Dave knew he had to get 10 minutes on me and at No Hands Bridge I jumped off my horse and told them to go ahead. My daughter Denise met me there and helped me change into a beautiful black tuxedo top hat and all. We had practiced this so it only took a short time and I galloped off to catch Dave and Vickie. Dave was shocked to see me catch them especially wearing a tuxedo. When I crossed the finish line I pulled out a deck of cards and asked for anyone to play a game of poker. I figured



if I am top ten I should dress for the occasion. There are a few other times that also stick out in my mind but I think 2015 will always stand out as one of the rides that was the most fun. Before the ride it never occurred to me that I would win. I just rode the best ride my great mare could give me and SMR Filouette was stupendous.

Every one of the riders who flew past me, I passed them at the next water stop along the way later on. The only person I rode with after Robinson Flat was Dace Sainsbury #178 (the roast beef) and I enjoyed riding with her the few miles we did and hope to do so again someday. Perhaps in 2016 on July 23rd.

Left: Potato Richardson on SMR Filouette (photograph by Lynne Glazer)
Right: finish line. (photograph by Dominique)



Winning the Haggin Cup

JENNI SMITH

A Time for Far!

This time was different. In just the right ways. And we both seemed to know, without knowing we knew.

He was focused. His owner had warned her about potential shenanigans at the start, but this time he didn't partake. His brakes were in working order and only a few small tug-of-war battles erupted.

He felt good all day, his stride never flagged. He drank at every opportunity and tucked into whatever they offered him to eat at the stops.

She was actually less focused than he, belying the advantage of her species. He was a true partner and held up his end with whatever effort she needed.

But she, too, felt good all day – took care of herself so her riding didn't suffer. She wasn't to know that her day would end looking at the inside of a trash can in a hotel lobby - the side effect of getting back her land legs after nearly 16 hours on very rough seas.

He'd been described as stoic. The word wasn't quite right, though. Enduring was better, but still made it sound like he was suffering. This was definitely not the case. He was patient until they set him to his job, and then he was relentlessly enthusiastic.

His rich, mahogany coat gleamed in sharp contrast to a generous dose of chrome and mostly-white face. A thick, bouncy crop of mane fell forward over his eyes – he would peer out and then toss it back, cool-surfer-dude-style.

He'd been chosen for those handsome looks and his ancient bloodlines, an anomalous conformation overlooked.

The location of his withers and slope of his shoulder delivered a reaching but very buoyant trot. He didn't understand why sometimes she would grumble "Holy crap, Far!" as she scrambled to manage the loft she was getting out of the saddle. She exhaled with relief when he cantered; he knew she preferred to canter. It was one of the places where they were in perfect accord.

He wasn't the first successful creature to emerge from his owner's small stable – it could certainly be argued that he sprang from advantageous roots. Cultivated by a man who compiled assorted pieces of good information into an excellent whole. Like most horses, he lived

*Above right: Showing for Best Condition/Haggin Cup.
(photograph by Lynne Glazer)*

*Left: Jenni Smith and Far enjoying water stop.
(photograph by Lynne Glazer)*

exactly up to expectations. He was expected to thrive on calculated, simple care and take everything asked of him in stride. And he did.

His home was in the high, high mountains, so elevation gave him no pause. But he wasn't prepared for heat. At each stop he stood calmly while they soaked him in ice water. He let the syringe of electrolytes into his mouth but – in a rare gesture of rebellion – really tried to spit out as much of the goo as possible, secretly amused when it landed on them.

His owner and his rider were worried about a rash on his front left fetlock, but to him it didn't signify. Still, they slathered it in something soft and soothing, which was nice.

He didn't know what it meant not to finish. Every time he'd started a ride (61 times), he'd finished. She,



too, felt confident – of at least this ride. She'd finished it nine times, but was careful not to dwell too much on trying for her tenth buckle on a horse with a perfect record. Good way to jinx things.

They both knew the trail; to them it was an old friend. She was perhaps more romantic about it, appreciating the delicate treachery of the canyon down to Swinging Bridge and heartily dreading the stretch around Pucker Point. He was pragmatic. He knew where it went; he knew when he could go fast and when he had to slow down. He knew where the water was, where the hills were. If she fell off, he wouldn't stop and eat grass or wander off into the wilderness. He'd continue down trail with purpose until the next vet check.

It was enormously significant to them both that, as often as possible, their crew met them with ready

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help and optimal relief. At Robinson, Michigan Bluff, Chicken Hawk/Pieper Junction and Foresthill the aid was indispensable. The crew – numbering close to a dozen – worked hard with one shared purpose and when the long day was finished, they made him comfortable and kept him loose through the night.

She never took the opportunity to swing into his saddle lightly. He was the horse of his owner's heart, a special, once-in-a-lifetime gift. And he'd been loaned to her with great trust and generosity.

And she loved him as well. He wasn't a demonstrative animal, but when she dismounted to enter a vet check, as she walked beside him he would gently touch her elbow with his nose, as if to retain a closer connection.

He could tell after that that she became focused, intense, and a little anxious. The heat and humidity was starting to affect him, he felt it as he hadn't before and he knew he was breathing heavier. She took his saddle off at every stop and made bystanders help her put cold water on him. It felt good, he appreciated the breaks.

Her anxiety peaked each time she showed him to the vets. But check after check the vets would nod and smile and hand her back the paper and he'd see relief and wonder on her face. She'd get another innocent

bystander to put the saddle on and they'd head back out into the darkness.

They didn't set the trail on fire, those last 20 miles. But they traveled ever forward. And the ride did what it always does, in its typical arbitrary way. It wore on the contestants. Their competition retired short of the goal or lost forward momentum as they passed through.

The end was getting closer; the trail told him its story. After the last check, his rider became a little giddy and impatient. He felt the same way. He picked up his stride in anticipation and she laughed at the air she caught.

They silently agreed that a canter was necessary as they came up the last hill and into the lights at the finish. He knew she was happy and there waiting was his owner – his face one huge smile – and all the people who had fussed over him the whole long day.

He knew it. This time it was different.

Special, everlasting thanks to my excellent friend Kevin Myers for giving me the gift of a year riding Far.

Tremendous gratitude to our crew – Ute Frey, Cris Jones, Becky Mertens, Jennifer Rader, Linda Upton, Robert Upton, Derick Vaughn and Jennifer Waitte.

And to my parents who set me on this road and have always, always had a supporting hand at my back – I'm such a lucky kid.

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Ariat's own Jenni Smith and 2015 Haggin Cup winner Auli Farwa ("Far") at High Camp during the 2015 Tevis Cup.

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INTERVIEW WITH DR. GREG FELLERS

BY ELIZABETH SPETH

Dr. Greg Fellers has been vetting Tevis horses since 1980. This year will be his 11th and final year as Head Vet. A 1972 graduate of the UC Davis School of veterinary medicine, and a founding member of one of the premier veterinary clinics in Northern California, Dr. Fellers has deep roots in the history of this region, and his name is synonymous with the Tevis Cup. He recently moved to Southern California to be closer to his grandchildren, and I caught up with him via telephone to discuss some history and also the future of endurance riding.

You started the Loomis Basin Vet clinic with Dr. Rick Fry and Dr. Corey Cherstrom. I know you are a UC Davis graduate. Did you settle here because of those roots?

We were all classmates at Davis, and in spending time there we grew to really like the Sierra foothill area.



(photograph by Lynne Glazer)

We spent a couple of years kinda wandering up and down the whole motherlode area, and I ended in Loomis for two reasons. One, it was a really good school district, and two, there weren't any veterinary services between Roseville and Auburn back then.

How did you get roped into vetting your first endurance ride?

My first job was at veterinary practice in Morgan Hill, CA and my boss was Gene Carroll. He talked me into vetting Castle Rock in '74 and '75. I kinda got hooked. I really enjoyed it. When I came here, I started doing them in this area. I did the American River Ride, and then

Gene talked me into doing Tevis. This was around 1980. John Zimmerman was head vet that year, I think.

What are your impressions of those early years in endurance riding?

Two things. One was the camaraderie of the people. The second was how amazing the horses were. To go that

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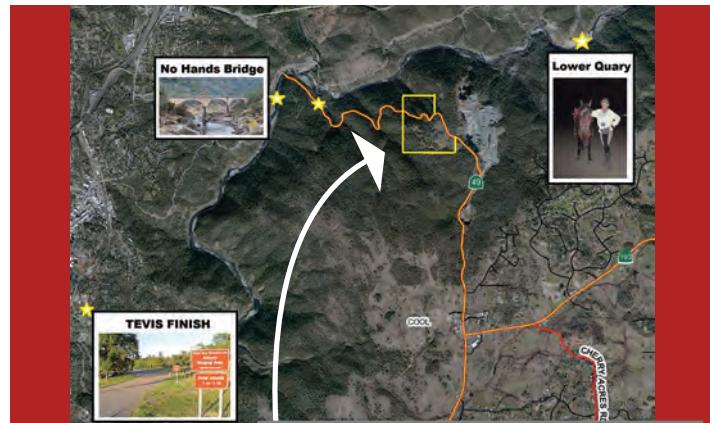


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Dawn Tebbs and her Friesian cross mare, Beylis Comet, ascending Cougar Rock at the 2015 ride, en route to a sixth place finish.
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From the Ride's Head Veterinarian

BY GREG FELLERS, DVM

I am very proud to head up this year's team of 15 ride control veterinarians. We hail from 3 countries: Australia, Canada and 6 states from around the US. The treatment team is headed up by 2 of the foremost clinicians in emergency and critical care in the country. We look forward to meeting you and your equine teammates at Robie Park and along that famous and challenging course to Auburn.

After working with the Western States Trail Foundation for many years, one of the things I appreciate and admire about the Board of Governors is their visionary interest in horse welfare. These folks deeply respect and care for their equine teammates and what is asked of them in our sport. The overriding mission for our veterinarians, and riders for that matter, is the early identification of horses that are having trouble coping with the level of exertion being asked of them in order to respond to a need to slow down or stop before potentially life-threatening exhaustion sets in.

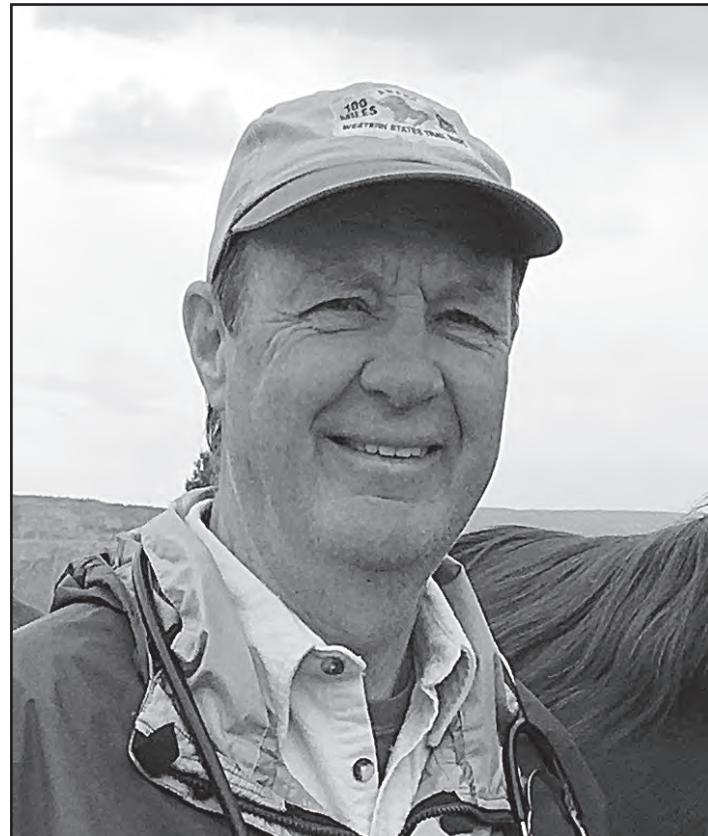
The Blood Draw Study in Review

Several years ago, we began a discussion around the question of whether a quantifiable and objective "test" could aid veterinarians and riders to more definitively identify horses in early trouble. We asked 2 questions: 1) Could blood testing that examined dehydration and electrolyte loss result in a data base with a clear bell curve showing a point where the results correlated with a statistically poor (25%) chance of completion? 2) Was it possible to conduct a blood draw from each horse at a strategic point on the course and analyze the blood on site in time to notify riders and veterinarians of results at a 1 hour stop?

Starting in 2011, a proposal was gradually formulated to conduct such a study at Robinson Flat. This was ground-breaking stuff, and to its credit, the Board of Governors decided to move forward, even providing for the necessary funding.

In our first year, 2012, we were able to smoothly draw blood from each horse at Robinson Flat after it had pulsed down and before it went to vet check. The testing was completed in an average of 25 minutes. Post ride, those results were compared to completion status and tabulated. Results suggested that it was indeed possible to identify horses with a poor chance of completion.

We continued the same program in 2013 with the



goal of fine tuning our logistics and collecting more data. These results further confirmed our previous year's results correlating blood changes to chance of completion.

In 2014, it was decided to try using the results to "red flag" horses whose blood results fell at or below the 25% statistical probability of being able to finish. Those horses (18 in total) were asked to return to the vets for a recheck before departing Robinson Flat. The finish rate on those horses was 80%!

Last year we repeated the same process. We ran into some serious logistical back up trying to deal with larger rider numbers (198 starters) and twice as many red flagged horses (40) as would have been predicted. In a related article, Dr. Langdon Fielding is going to speak to this statistical anomaly and how we might get some answers as to the what and why. However, the finish rate on the red flagged horses was still 60%.

The very high completion rate on red flagged horses the past 2 years has predictably stimulated much discussion. Is this all a complete waste of time and effort? Is science any better at indicating a horse in early metabolic trouble than a 2-minute vet exam? My personal hypothesis is that when riders and crew are given the knowledge that their horse has poor blood results, changes occur, some by design some more subtle. It may be a little

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WINNERS OF THE LLOYD TEVIS CUP

YEAR RIDER	HORSE	BREED	SEX AGE	RIDING TIME
1955 Wendell Robie	Bandos	Arabian	S 15	NA
1956 Wendell Robie	Bandos	Arabian	S 16	NA
1957 Wendell Robie	Molla	Arabian	M 9	NA
1958 Wendell Robie	Molla	Arabian	M 10	NA
<i>NOTE: The Tevis Cup was first awarded in 1959</i>				
1959 Nick Mansfield	Buffalo Bill	TB Cross	G 11	NA
1960 Ernie Sanchez	Marko B	Mustang	G 13	NA
1961 Drucilla Barner	Chagitai	3/4 Arabian	G 10	13:02
1962 Paige Harper	Chief	3/4 Arabian	G 6	14:33
1963 Pat Fitzgerald	Ken	Arabian	G 7	13:30
1964 Neil Hutton	Salalah	Arabian	M 10	14:10
1965 Ed Johnson	Bezatal	Arabian	S 6	11:38
1966 Bud Dardi	Pancho	1/2 Arabian	G 10	12:46
1967 Ed Johnson	Bezatal	Arabian	S 8	11:42
1968 Bud Dardi	Pancho	1/2 Arabian	G 12	11:18
1969 Marion Robie	Hailla	Arabian	M 8	12:57
1970 Donna Fitzgerald	Witezarif	Arabian	G 7	11:49
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1972 Donna Fitzgerald	Witezarif	Arabian	G 9	12:42
1973 Donna Fitzgerald	Witezarif	Arabian	G 10	11:53
1974 Hal Hall	El Karbaj	Arabian	G 8	13:55
1975 Donna Fitzgerald	Witezarif	Arabian	G 12	12:04
1976 Donna Fitzgerald	Witezarif	Arabian	G 13	11:59
1976T Sam Arnold	R.C. Champ	Arabian	G 8	11:59
1977 Hal Hall	El Karbaj	Arabian	G 12	14:15
1978 Kathie Perry	Prince Koslaif	Arabian	G 12	12:17
1979 Boyd Zontelli	R.C. Eaton	Arabian	G 9	11:33
1980 Loreley Stewart	Don Van Witt	Arabian	G 9	12:30
1981 Boyd Zontelli	R.C. Hans	Arabian	G 7	10:46
1982 Marjorie Pryor	Fritz	Arabian	G 11	14:00
1983 Marjorie Pryor	Fritz	Arabian	G 12	12:21
1984 Becky Hart	Grand Sultan	Arabian	G 8	13:41
1985 Boyd Zontelli	R.C. Hans	Arabian	G 12	14:45
1986 Loreley Stewart	Risque Rocket	Arabian	M 8	13:57
1987 Kathy Ray	Easter Charm	Arabian	M 9	14:00
1988 Becky Hart	Grand Sultan	Arabian	G 12	13:27
1989 Lari Shea	Sur Sherif	Arabian	G 12	12:48
1990 Hal Hall	HCC Zarlusko	Arabian	G 9	15:56
1991 Erin McChesney	Cougar's Fete	3/4 Arabian	M 9	15:19
1992T Shellie Hatfield	AM Xanthium	Arabian	M 9	15:30
1992T Marcia Smith	Harry	Arabian	G 14	15:30
1993 Chris Knoch	Saxx	Arabian	G 7	14:44
1994 Chris Knoch	Saxx	Arabian	G 8	14:48
1995 M. Mackay-Smith	W.C. Freiheit	Anglo/Arab	G 11	13:56
1996 Erin McChesney	Cougar's Fete	3/4 Arabian	M 15	15:38
1997 Marcia Smith	On A High	Arabian	G 13	14:32
1998 Potato Richardson	Fille de Cailana	Arabian	M 13	15:44
1999 Rebecca Fiedler	BRR Auber Lights	Arabian	G 14	14:00
2000 Judy Reens	Benjih +	Arabian	G 9	15:13
2001 Marcia Smith	Saamson CC	Arabian	G 12	14:48
2002 Potato Richardson	Fayette de Cameo	Arabian	M 7	15:23
2003 Heather Bergantz-Reynolds	Master Motion	Arabian	G 9	16:23
2004T Becky Spencer	Oritos Sonny	Arabian	G 7	15:59
2004T Jeremy Reynolds	CV Eli	Arabian	G 10	15:59
2005 Cathy Rohm Richardson	SMR Fifi d'Or	Arabian	M 8	15:51
2006 John Crandell	Heraldic	Arabian	G 8	15:08
2007 Jeremy Reynolds	CV Eli	Arabian	G 12	14:28
2008 NO RIDE — CANCELLED BECAUSE OF FOREST FIRE				
2009 Sarah Engsberg	K-Zar Emmanuel	Arabian	G 15	15:05
2010 John Crandell	Heraldic	Arabian	G 12	14:55
2011 Jeremy Reynolds	Riverwatch	Arabian	G 7	10:31
2012 Garrett Ford	The Fury	Arabian	G 10	16:50
2013 Rusty Toth	Take A Break	Arabian	G 8.5	14:57
2014 Heather Reynolds	French Open	Arabian	G 14.3	14:17
2015 Potato Richardson	SMR Filouette	Arabian	M 14	14:05



Lloyd Tevis Cup

The horses, stagecoaches and express riders of Wells Fargo & Co. are significant symbols of the making of the Old West. Lloyd Tevis, president of Wells Fargo & Co. from 1872 to 1892, epitomizes the spirit of that era. He came to California in a covered wagon in 1849, and of course tried his hand at digging for gold in the Sierra Nevada foothills.

It is a most fitting honor that the Lloyd Tevis Cup was established in memory of this pioneer entrepreneur as a perpetual trophy award for the Western States Trail Ride by grandsons Will, Gordon and Lloyd Tevis. In 1959, the Lloyd Tevis Cup was established as an award of distinguishing merit for the fastest riding time and outstanding horsemanship and sportsmanship in the Western States 100 Mile One Day Ride.

Volunteers do it for free.
~Author Unknown

**2017 RIDE DATE:
AUGUST 5, 2017**



James Ben Ali Haggin Cup

James Ben Ali Haggin met Lloyd Tevis in the California gold fields. By 1853, Haggin and Tevis had moved to San Francisco where they established a successful law practice together. Haggin raised Thoroughbred horses on his ranch in Sacramento, and in 1886, his horse Ben Ali won the Kentucky Derby.

In 1964, Louis Haggin of Versailles, Kentucky, donated the James Ben Ali Haggin Cup in honor of his grandfather. It was to be awarded to the horse among the first ten to finish considered, as Lloyd Tevis (Lloyd Tevis's grandson and co-donor of the Tevis Cup Award) stated, "to be in the most superior condition."

The James Ben Ali Haggin Cup shall be awarded to the horse among the first ten to finish judged to be in the most superior physical condition by the Veterinary Committee. The rider must have exhibited a level of horsemanship and sportsmanship equal to the prestige of the award based on the observations of the Cup Committee to be eligible to present for the Haggin Cup. The Cup Committee shall observe the contestants beginning at check-in and throughout the Ride. The Veterinary Committee will examine the horses presented for the Haggin Cup judging on Sunday morning for soundness, metabolic recovery, and physical condition. Weight and time shall not be considered in the judging. The Veterinary Committee shall award the Haggin Cup to the horse they determine to be "in the most superior physical condition."

WINNERS OF THE JAMES BEN ALI HAGGIN CUP

YR.	RIDER	HORSE	BREED	SEX	AGE
1964	Paige Harper	Keno	Arabian	G	6
1965	Wendell Robie	Siri	Arabian	S	6
1966	Frank Moan	Barney	TB/Quarter	G	7
1967	Bud Dardi	Pancho	1/2 Arabian	G	11
1968	Paige Harper	Raskela	Arabian	S	7
1969	Walter Tibbitts	Ruff Spots Banner	Appaloosa	G	10
1970	Suzanne Morstad	Rajah	1/2 Arabian	G	6
1971	Vicki Anderson	Sheba	3/4 Arabian	M	9
1972	Hal Hall	El Karbaj	Arabian	G	6
1973	Minette Rice-Edwards	Bright Hope	Anglo/Arab	M	8
1974	Eva Taylor	Hugo	Mule	G	9
1975	Wiggy Wisdom	Narabi	Arabian	G	8
1976	Sam Arnold	R.C. Champ	Arabian	G	8
1977	William Fox	Hazz	Arabian	G	6
1978	Hal Hall	El Karbaj	Arabian	G	12
1979	Mary Tiscornia	Royal	Arabian	G	13
1980	Hugh Bryson	Rajab	Arabian	G	9
1981	Linda Gallaher	Rajahid's Nugget	Arabian	G	10
1982	Jack Garnett	Ntiko Saracen	1/2 Arabian	G	11
1983	Juliette Suhr	HCC Gazal	Arabian	G	7
1984	Juliette Suhr	HCC Gazal	Arabian	G	8
1985	Emmett Ross	Kachina Firewind	3/4 Arabian	G	10
1986	Juliette Suhr	HCC Gazal	Arabian	G	10
1987	Sherode Powers	Amon Tu	Arabian	G	7
1988	Raymond Visco	Headhunter	Arab/Stdbrd.	G	8
1989	<i>(The James Ben Ali Haggin Cup was not awarded in 1989)</i>				
1990	Daniel Bunn	Harry	Arabian	G	12
1991	Erin McChesney	Cougar's Fete	3/4 Arabian	M	9
1992	Marcia Smith	Harry	Arabian	G	14
1993	Cassandra Schuler	Magnet	Arabian	G	7
1994	Cassandra Schuler	Magnet	Arabian	G	8
1995	Hugh Helm	Petruska	Arabian	M	9
1996	Erin McChesney	Cougar's Fete	3/4 Arabian	M	15
1997	Ona Lawrence	Dandy McCoy	Arabian	G	16
1998	Sandy Brown	Ruby	Mule	G	8
1999	Heather Bergantz	Red	Arabian	G	7
2000	Elise Geske	Ravi Das	Arabian	G	10
2001	Cathy Rohm-Richardson	Fayette de Cameo	1/2 Arab	M	6
2002	Hal Hall	Bogus Thunder	Arabian	G	9
2003	Heather Bergantz-Reynolds	Master Motion	Arabian	G	9
2004	Jeremy Reynolds	CV Eli	Arabian	G	10
2005	Michele Roush	Cayenne	Arabian	G	8
2006	John Crandell	Heraldic	Arabian	G	8
2007	John Crandell	HH Shaba Shams	Arabian	G	8
2008	NO RIDE - CANCELLED BECAUSE OF FOREST FIRE				
2009	Melissa Ribley, DVM	LD Monique	Arabian	M	7
2010	Garrett Ford	The Fury	Arabian	G	8
2011	Jeremy Reynolds	Riverwatch	Arabian	G	7
2012	Rusty Toth	Farrabba	Arabian	G	11
2013	Suzanne Hedgecock	LZP Julicslastchance	Arabian	G	12.3
2014	Barak Blakeley	MCM Last Dance	Arabian	G	17.2
2015	Jennie Smith	Auli Farwa (Far)	Arabian	G	15.2

Awards

Participants who complete the Western States 100 Miles-One Day Ride are rewarded with a commemorative silver buckle or certificate. The buckle was inspired by the famous historical painting by Herman Hansen entitled "Indian Gauntlet" depicting the speed and courage of the Pony Express rider.

OVERNIGHT PARKING

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3000 Mile Buckle Winners

Upon the successful completion of thirty Western States Trail Rides, a rider will receive a sterling silver Western States 3000 MILES THIRTY DAYS buckle. In 2010 Barbara White became the first person to complete the Ride thirty times. 2013 Hal Hall joined this prestigioius list.



Barbara White

July 24, 2010

68-69-72-73-74-75-78-80-82-83-84-85-
86-87-88-89-90-92-93-94-96-97-98-00-
01-02-03-07-09-10-11-12-14-15



Hal Hall

July 20, 2013

70-72-74-75-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-
85-88-89-90-91-93-94-96-98-00-02-03-
05-07-10-11-12-13

2000 Mile Buckle Winners

Upon the successful completion of twenty Western States Trail Rides, a rider will receive a sterling silver Western States 2000 MILES TWENTY DAYS buckle. In 1990, Juliette Suhr became the first person to complete the Ride twenty times.



Juliette Suhr
Aug. 4, 1990

65-66-68-69-72-73-
74-75-78-79-81-82-
83-84-85-86-87-88-
89-90-97-00



John McCullough
July 23, 1994

67-68-70-71-74-76-
78-80-81-82-83-84-
85-86-87-88-89-92-
93-94



Roxanne Greene
Aug. 4, 2001

76-77-79-81-82-83-
84-86-87-88-89-90-
91-94-95-96-97-98-
99-00-01



Sandy Schuler
July 28, 2007

79-80-81-82-84-
85-87-88-90-93-
94-96-97-98-00-
01-02-03-05-07-
09-12



R. F. "Potato"
Richardson
Aug. 1, 2009

75-76-77-78-79-81-
82-83-84-86-88-92-
93-98-00-01-02-07-
07-09-15



Kathie Perry
July 24, 2010

75-76-78-81-85-86-
88-92-93-94-96-98-
99-01-02-04-06-07-
09-10-11-13-15



Pat Chappell
Aug. 9, 2014

80-82-84-85-86-87-
88-89-90-91-92-93-
94-95-96-98-07-10-
11-14

1000 Mile Buckle

Bruce Anderson
Terri Anderson
Marion Robie Arnold
Rebecca Greene Ball
Drucilla M. Barner
R. B. Barsaleau, DVM
Barbara Bellamak
Nan Benzie
George Blair
Tony Brickel
Sesi Catalano
Patricia Chappell
Connie Creech
J. C. Bud Dardi
Sally Dargie
Heather Davis
Leonard Davis
Fred Emigh
Janine Esler
Jerry Estevez
Donna Fitzgerald
Pat Fitzgerald
Nancy Gabri

Phil Gardner
Jack Garnett
Joel Giroux
Linda Glazier
Monta Gonzales
Danny Grant
Jim Green
Ernest Greene
Roxanne Greene
Hal Hall
Theresa Haney
Paige Harper
Judy Houle
Smokey Killen
Cynthia Larkin
Joe Larkin
Helen Logan
Hope Lundquist
Debby Lyon, DDS
David Mansfield
Lincoln
Nick Mansfield
Diane Marquard

John McCullough
Bonnie McLane
Marion Molthan
Dave Nicholson, DVM
Gordon Palmer
Trilby Pederson
Kathie Perry
Kathy Pierroz
Mervin Pyorre
Dave Rabe
Melissa Ribley, DVM
Robert Ribley
R. F. Potato
Richardson
Kerry Ridgway, DVM
Wendell Robie
Neil Robinson
Cynthia Rowe
Cassandra Schuler,
DVM
Tom Sherwood
Jennie Smith
Cory Soltau, DVM

Bob Spoor
Pam Stalley
Loreley Stewart
Juliette Suhr
Walter Tibbitts
Adrian
Vandenhoogen
Gloria Vanderford
Barbara White
Dede Wolf
Sonya Wood
Roger Yohe

1000 Mile Horses

BUFFALO BILL
Grade gelding, 11 finishes

EL KARBAJ
Arab gelding, 12 finishes

ROCKY
Grade gelding, 12 finishes

THUNDERS LIGHTNING BAR
Quarter Horse mare, 13 finishes

RAINRAFF
Arab/Quarter gelding, 10 finishes

SHATIR
Arab gelding, 10 finishes



2015 Tevis completion Juniors: Jackie Smith; Barrak Blakeley, OR; Claire Taylor; Morgan Bowman, UT. (photograph by Lynne Glazer)

JUNIOR RIDERS

Ashley, Stephany 97	Gregory, Quinn 79	Peralez, Michael 79
Blakeley, Barrak 14	Hackley, Bryce 10-11-12	Perry, Jimmie 76-77-80-81
Barger, Dan 82	Hackley, Rylee 09	Plaggmier, Melissa 80
Bean, Karen 82	Hall, Hal 70	Qualls, Katie 92
Beffa, Carlene 74	Heald, Jordon 14	Ramsdell, Kayla 00-01-02
Berwick, Megan 95	Hickerson, Todd 86-87-88	Ramsdell, Troy 01, 02
Blakeley, Barrak 11-14-15	Hill, Jackie 02	Reed, Brandon 09-12
Blakeley, Sanoma 13	Holzer, Cameron 02	Reed, Steve 99
Bohannon, Laurie 84	Horneyeki, Judit 96	Reynaud, Nathan 04
Bowling, Wendy 84	Hughes, Brent 90	Richardson, Denise 79
Bowman, Morgan 13-15	Hutton, Neil 62	Richardson, Tricia 83
Bullard, David 84	Irby, Brian 86	Rink, Anthony 11
Burgess, Kate 00	Jacinto, Diane 80, 81	Robie, Marion 58
Burgett, Stacey 04	Jay, David Jr. 57	Saunders, Terri 66
Cadwader, R. Kent 70	Johnson, Christopher 98	Sawchuk, Krista 11
Callen, Sarah 93	Johnson, Julianne 01	Shackelford, Rachel 09
Caprino, Julie 97	Kelly, Regan 13	Schuler, Melissa 82
Cate, Genelle 82	Kelsey, Kimbler, 06-10	Schur, Heather 86
Chappell, Nicole 92	Kimbler, Tessa 14	Smart, Alie 07
Chazel, Stephanie 84	Kirst, Dana 63	Smeding, Bergen 00
Cook, Marie 93-94	Krusi, Beth 70	Smith, Jackie 15
Daeumler, Haily 07-10	Lappe, Gina 04	Soltau, Cory 69
Davis, Katie 98-00	Larimer, Breann 95-96	Souza, Joby 91
Davis, Poppy 82	Larimer, Zoie 82	Stalley, Alyssa 02-03-05-06
Dawson, Dennis 74	Leich, Megan 91	Stalley, Jennifer 99-03-04-05
Dawson, Mark 74-75	Macia, Elena 02	Steen, Andy 62
Dean, Danielle 93	Mackay-Smith, Elizabeth 81	Steuve, Antoinette 76
Donley, John 12	Madeiros, Matt 86	Steuve, Karen 76
Edwards, Patty 63	McCarthy, Ria 14	Steuve, Mary 76
Emich, Elena 99-01	McChesney, Erin 80	Sullivan, Hayley 03-04
Felton, Kadee 11-12	McCullough, Carolyn 70-71	Taylor, Claire 15
Finley, Jordan 03	McKenzie, Brittany 01-03	Thomas, Dillon 12
Finston, Carolyn 01-03	McKenzie, Theresa 05	Toikka, Rita 92
Fitzgerald, Mike 76	McLane, Ryan 87	Tomac, Steven 78
Ford, Garrett 84-85	Meier, Carolyn 04	Travers, Elise 07
Fowler, Jenny 76	Mitchell, Alicia 00	Tudsbury, Tiffany 88
French, Phillip Jr. 69	Mitchell, Jaimie 03	Vandenhoogen, Desiree 84
Gilmer, Gail 64	Morehart, Maile 94	Waltenspiel, Linda 76
Goodrich, Kristin 91	Moyle, Jeanne 63-65	Williams, Kevin 82-84
Goodrich, Sarah 89-90-92	Nail, Rusty 74	Williams, Sean 96
Graham, Leila 93	O'Connell, Courtney 83	Willson, Katelyn 04
Green, Dede 81-82-83	O'Connell, Robin 83	Woelfel, Katy 92
Greene, Rebecca 83-84-85-86-87	Parson, Heather 92-93-94	Yost, Chandler 09-10
		Zontelli, Cheyenne 84-86



The Josephine Stedem Scripps Cup

The Josephine Stedem Scripps Cup recognizes junior Tevis Cup riders who have completed the Ride.

Roxanne Greene, an emeritus member of the Western States Trail Foundation Board of Governors who donated the Cup, and her daughter Rebecca Greene, the youngest rider ever to win ten Tevis buckles, presented the Scripps Cup for the first time in 1994.

The trophy honors all junior riders and their horses who complete the Ride. The award was founded to encourage good horsemanship and to recognize cooperation between the junior rider, horse, family and friends.

The base of the Scripps Cup bears the names of both horse and junior rider and dates back as far as written records permit. Each junior rider, upon completion of the 100 Mile Tevis Cup Ride, receives a certificate of completion that is embellished with a photograph of the Scripps Cup.

2015 TEVIS FINISHERS

Place	Rider Number	Rider Name	Country/State	Horse Name	Breed	Age	Robin- son- Flat	Last Chanc	Dead Wood	Pieper Junction	Foresthill	Fran- cisco's	Lower Quarry	FINISH	Riding Time	
															H:MM	
1	13	Richardson, Potato	CA	SMR Filouette	Arab	M	14.14	9:21	11:48	1:00	2:56	3:55	7:28	8:43	10:05	14:05
2	4	Hall, Gwen	CO	Sizedoesnt-matter (Dakar)	Arab	G	9:26	9:23	11:51	1:17	3:13	4:18	7:28	8:08	10:35	15:02
3	7	Blakeley, Barrak (JR)	OR	MCM Last Dance (Emmers)	Arab	G	18.34	9:31	12:00	1:32	3:36	4:42	8:10	9:40	10:51	15:36
4	56	Ford, Lisa	CO	GE Cyclone (Cyclone)	Arab	G	15.50	9:28	12:00	1:32	3:36	4:42	8:10	9:40	10:51:10	15:36:10
5	5	Smith, Jenni	CA	Auli Farwa (Far)	Arab	G	15.26	9:32	12:00	1:18	3:40	4:38	8:20	9:58	10:59	15:44
6	54	Tebbs, Dawn	CA	Beyvis Comet (Sky)	Fm Arb	M	11.39	9:28	11:58	1:18	3:18	4:26	7:54	9:42	11:13	15:57
7	16	Ford, Garrett	CO	The Fury	Arab	G	13.66	9:27	12:00	1:32	3:36	4:42	8:10	10:11	11:15	16:00
8	109	Graham Fisher, Lindsay	CA	Monk (Monk)	Arab	G	13.34	9:35	12:14	1:48	4:00	5:00	8:36	10:10	11:24	16:09
9	116	Hayes, Suzanne	MT	Greenbriar Al Jabal (Atlas)	Ang/Arb	G	12.36	9:53	12:28	1:46	4:15	5:09	8:36	10:11	11:24:10	16:09:10
10	72	Broaddus, Katherine	VA	Cowboy Bob	Arab	G	8.34	9:26	NA	1:18	3:37	4:34	8:19	10:20	11:25	16:10
11	87	Daeumler, Haily	CA	BA Resolute (Gulliver)	Arab	G	14.25	10:04	12:46	2:12	4:19	5:25	9:03	10:47	11:48	16:41
12	126	Huynh, Nick	AZ	Farrabba (Stoner)	Arab	G	14.17	9:32	11:54	1:18	3:40	4:38	8:33	10:54	12:34	17:19
13	10	Donley, Karen	CA	Royal (Patron)	Arab	M	13.51	9:22	11:51	1:11	3:44	5:02	8:36	10:54	12:35	17:02
14	92	Downs, Lisa	MD	PI Mercury (Merc)	Arab	G	24.50	9:56	12:31	2:08	4:20	5:26	9:21	11:19	12:40	17:25
15	108	Godwin, DVM, Claire	MD	EH Ahmose +/- (Amos)	Arab	G	16.22	9:57	12:31	2:08	4:20	5:26	9:21	11:18	12:40:10	17:25:10
16	2	Lane, Tennessee	CO	DE Golden Ali (Ali)	Arab	G	15.45	9:52	12:28	2:15	4:48	5:48	9:44	11:37	12:59	17:44
17	193	Smith, Jackie (JR)	CO	LC Zell (Pixiedust)	Arab	M	9.43	9:52	12:28	2:15	4:48	5:48	9:44	11:37	12:59	17:44:10
18	74	Cain, Leah	CO	DT Dymonte Santo (Monte)	Arab	G	8.34	9:36	11:56	1:46	4:15	5:25	8:23	11:36	1:17	18:02
19	130	Jones, Susie	NM	GLW Fantastic Klassic (Flash)	Arab	G	13.64	10:17	12:58	2:38	4:41	5:48	9:47	11:58	1:17	18:02:10
20	62	Basham, Sue	WY	Kismet Cognac (KC)	Arab	M	10.38	9:28	11:57	1:26	3:32	4:44	9:47	11:59	1:19	18:04
21	211	Worts, Janet	CA	MG Sedona (Sedona)	Arab	G	11.15	9:54	12:42	2:25	4:43	5:46	10:21	12:36	2:07	18:52
22	78	Chaton, Karen	NV	Pro Bono D (BO)	Arab	G	17.30	9:53	12:29	2:12	4:43	5:47	10:21	12:37	2:08	18:53
23	58	Bailie, Pamela	CA	Macy (Macy)	Paint	M	15.34	10:24	1:29	3:01	5:31	6:34	10:57	1:07	2:15	19:00
24	165	Pentrack, Celena	OR	Bailes Skrit Ablaze (Little Man)	Arb/Paint	G	10.30	10:24	1:29	3:01	5:31	6:34	10:57	1:07	2:15:10	19:00:10
25	177	Hartman, Kristine	CA	Count On Tessie Flyin (Tessie)	Arab	M	13.61	9:53	12:42	2:33	5:07	6:17	10:57	1:07	2:15:20	19:00:20
26	50	Lydon, Rob	CA	Karma's Tempest (Windy)	Arab	M	9.29	10:13	12:42	2:40	5:33	6:33	11:11	1:05	2:19	19:04
27	135	Kietzman, Parry	CA	Jeep (M&M)	Arab	G	11.32	10:34	1:24	3:09	5:36	6:43	11:11	1:05	2:19:10	19:04:10
28	199	Taylor, Claire (JR)	NJ	HH Sabu Shams (Sunny)	Half Arab	G	10.23	10:54	1:43	3:27	5:41	6:41	11:11	1:05	2:19:20	19:04:20
29	11	Perry, Kathie	CA	Presario S (Rio)	Arab	G	10.28	11:16	2:18	3:56	6:11	7:12	11:44	1:39	2:49	19:34
30	65	Blakeley, Wasch	OR	Twinkifrapachetear	Arab	M	19.42	9:31	12:05	2:01	5:30	7:07	11:39	1:35	2:55	19:40
31	81	Claydon, Peter	CA	Islandian Jazzi (Jazi)	Arab	G	11.37	10:09	1:11	2:59	5:30	6:47	11:26	1:32	2:55:10	19:40:10
32	132	Karner, Pamela	NY	Clunk	Arab	G	10.37	11:00	1:52	3:50	6:21	7:40	12:04	1:51	3:16	20:01
33	41	Ross, Rose	Astl	CC Drus (Seastar)	Half Arab	M	15.12	9:55	1:20	2:59	5:49	7:03	11:41	1:38	3:24	20:09
34	183	Schork, Christoph	UT	GE Pistol Annie (Annie)	Half Arab	M	7.29	9:50	1:20	2:59	5:49	7:02	11:41	1:38	3:24:10	20:09:10
35	205	Vargas, Courtney	CA	JDS Chance Remark (Chance)	Arab	G	15.23	11:20	2:13	3:57	6:16	7:20	11:51	1:58	3:26	20:11
36	190	Sherman, Kathy	CA	Rushcreek Rambler (Rambler)	Arab	G	12.34	11:28	2:17	3:57	6:22	7:37	11:45	1:52	3:27	20:12
37	196	Spear, Laura	OR	Viva Sozor (Quick)	App/Arab	G	11.23	10:51	1:37	3:22	6:31	7:31	12:04	1:52	3:27:10	20:12:10
38	121	Himanka, Marcelle	NM	Oliver Swift (Scout)	Arab	G	10.16	9:52	12:32	2:18	5:27	6:33	12:01	2:07	3:29	20:14
39	189	Shelton, Bill	CA	Jiorgio-Finisz B (Jorge)	Arab	G	11.24	10:38	1:37	4:03	6:57	7:54	12:19	2:07	3:37	20:22
40	184	Soltau, Cory	CA	Benz	Arab	G	8.28	11:28	2:33	4:37	6:57	7:54	12:19	2:07	3:37:10	20:22:10
41	96	Esler, Janine	CA	CR Abu Kumait (Predator)	Arab	G	18.39	10:46	2:12	3:58	6:38	7:40	12:20	2:19	3:43	20:27
42	102	Gagnon, Tammy	AZ	Secret Lover (Drae)	Arab	M	11.64	10:42	1:33	3:27	6:04	7:12	11:51	2:14	3:45	20:30
43	208	Wolgram, Kenneth	CO	Awsome Fire N Ice (Ice)	Half Arab	G	15.31	9:53	12:42	2:23	5:95	6:36	12:01	2:20	3:46	20:31
44	112	Hada, Linda	CA	Andrieux (Brew)	Arab	G	12.81	10:17	1:17	3:09	6:03	7:16	11:54	2:20	3:48	20:33
45	55	White, Barbara	CA	Djubilee (DJ)	Arab	M	14.42	10:58	1:59	3:49	6:25	7:23	11:56	2:16	3:53	20:38

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46	33	Keinan, Sharon	Isrl	Chip O Huck (Chip)	Arab	G	11.35	11:24	2:12	4:04	6:36	7:47	12:14	2:39	4:09	20:54
47	174	Rodgers, Morgan	CA	Bobcat Musketeer (Katir)	Arab	G	14.19	10:56	1:49	3:49	6:46	7:55	12:12	2:22	4:12	20:57
48	26	Dalla Via, Meryl	France	RR Jazz Dancer (Pinky)	Half Arab	G	12.09	10:26	1:28	3:34	6:56	8:02	12:47	2:41	4:13	20:58
49	28	Fleming, Charlotte	Wales	TC Moonshine (Moon)	Arab	G	19.29	10:27	1:28	3:34	6:56	8:02	12:47	2:41	4:13:10	20:58:10
50	93	Drost, Natalie	CA	Keepsake Diamond Rio	Half Arab	G	12.53	11:33	2:56	4:50	7:28	8:25	12:57	2:54	4:13:20	20:58:20
51	66	Blue, Kelly	CA	Rushcreek Hugh	Arab	G	21.42	10:28	1:33	3:28	6:26	7:42	12:19	2:45	4:14	20:59
52	80	Clark, Amber	CA	Kid	Arab	G	14.66	9:53	12:42	2:18	4:46	6:00	11:56	2:17	4:14:10	20:59:10
53	202	Towner, Jenna	CA	Avanti	Arab	G	8.43	11:27	2:47	4:29	6:52	7:56	12:53	2:50	4:15	21:00
54	216	Lenter, Melissa	NJ	AA Arikhem (Arik)	Arab	G	15.67	10:17	1:37	3:37	6:36	7:55	12:53	2:50	4:15:10	21:00:10
55	20	Alvarez, Andre	Chile	Pink Floyd FPA (Green)	Arab	G	11.67	11:24	2:15	4:05	6:32	7:42	12:25	2:46	4:16	21:01
56	42	Vargas, Maria	Chile	Rodaban Roda	Arab	M	7.67	11:24	2:15	4:05	6:32	7:42	12:25	2:46	4:16:10	21:01:10
57	143	Lodder, Rachel	NY	El Dakaragorn Bey (Dakar)	Arab	G	12.22	11:17	2:14	4:12	6:57	8:02	12:57	2:59	4:18	21:03
58	68	Bochenksi, Anne	CA	Suneside (Soldier)	Arab	G	8.34	11:27	2:45	4:28	6:48	7:58	12:44	2:49	4:20	21:05
59	173	Riley-Kelley, Erin	CA	Haat Phoenix Sun (Phoe)	Arab	G	10.41	11:27	2:42	4:23	6:47	7:59	12:44	2:49	4:20:10	21:05:10
60	200	Thomas, LuAnne	CA	Count Okba (Oky)	Arab	G	13.64	11:27	2:42	4:23	6:47	7:59	12:44	2:49	4:20:20	21:05:20
61	45	Eskander, Bart	CA	J.C. Hendrix (Henry)	Arab	G	12.32	10:37	1:28	3:39	6:16	7:15	12:12	2:57	4:22	21:07
62	85	Cummins, Kaitlin	CA	VA Anastahzi (Ani)	Arab	G	10.59	10:52	1:58	4:02	6:39	7:46	12:19	2:49	4:22:10	21:07:10
63	203	Valentine, Katelyn	CA	Rushcreek Tootsie	Arab	M	10.32	11:31	2:38	4:29	6:59	8:09	12:57	2:54	4:22:20	21:07:20
64	215	Uhl, Donnette	CA	Rushcreek Nellie	Arab	M	15.67	11:32	2:38	4:36	7:07	8:11	12:57	2:54	4:22:30	21:07:30
65	124	Hommertzheim, Peter James	CO	Classy Investment (Jessi)	Quarab	M	9.49	10:56	1:52	3:50	6:35	7:44	12:19	2:28	4:23	21:08
66	18	Ribley, DVM, Melissa	CA	Ever Ready (Ready)	Arab	G	9.34	10:52	1:47	3:43	6:31	7:43	12:36	2:46	4:30	21:15
67	171	Ribley, Robert	CA	Crow Pony	Appy	G	10.34	10:52	1:47	3:45	6:31	7:42	12:36	2:45	4:30:10	21:15:10
68	151	Mielke, Daniela	CA	PCR Anisa Halima	Arab	M	8.19	10:52	1:47	3:44	6:31	7:42	12:36	2:46	4:31	21:16
69	182	Smith, Heidi	CA	Wilgo (Wil)	Arab	G	15.41	11:18	2:37	4:29	6:55	8:01	12:47	2:56	4:31:10	21:16:10
70	70	Bowman, Morgan (JR)	CA	Valleydateit (Rupert)	Arab	G	12.43	10:49	1:57	3:57	6:41	7:50	12:34	2:55	4:32	21:17
71	30	Janzen, Christy	Can	Sakic	Arab	G	13.66	11:30	2:38	4:37	7:05	8:15	1:02	3:08	4:33	21:18
72	31	Janzen, Jaylene	Can	CDN Jaylene (Rae)	Arab	M	7.67	11:30	2:38	4:37	7:05	8:15	1:02	3:08	4:33:10	21:18:10
73	68	Bowman, Jonathan	CA	Montebello (Monte)	Arab	G	14.43	10:49	1:57	3:57	6:41	7:50	12:34	2:55	4:33:20	21:18:20
74	86	Cunningham, Marci	CA	Fire Mtn Zoom	Arab	G	14.43	11:09	2:18	4:13	6:49	7:57	12:35	2:56	4:33:30	21:18:30
75	154	Miracle-Jordan, Carrie	AZ	JA Dream Chaser	Arab	G	11.42	10:57	1:52	3:48	6:21	7:41	12:20	2:55	4:33:40	21:18:40
76	182	Schneider, Lisa	CA	Vito Gedokar	Arab	G	14.02	11:01	1:57	3:56	6:41	7:48	12:34	2:56	4:33:50	21:18:50
77	25	Cryderman, Myna	Can	Azaraff Emir Al BaDI	Arab	G	11.30	11:18	2:36	4:36	7:21	8:30	12:57	3:08	4:34	21:19
78	46	Garlinghouse, DVM, Susan	CA	John Henry (John)	TWH	G	15.42	10:03	12:56	2:58	5:34	6:54	12:18	2:46	4:34:10	21:19:10
79	117	Haynie, Hilary	CA	Rushcreek Karl (Karl)	Arab	G	19.33	11:21	2:31	4:26	6:58	8:03	1:02	2:55	4:34:20	21:19:20
80	94	Eden, Ronda	NV	Kipling (Kip)	Grade	G	19.33	11:01	1:59	3:49	6:32	7:53	12:47	2:54	4:40	21:20
81	168	Preston, Lisa	WA	SR Savannah Wind (Savvy)	AkhalTeke	M	8.18	10:56	1:39	3:27	6:32	7:45	12:36	3:00	4:45	21:30
82	40	Paiz, Fernando	Guat	Style 'N Attitude	Arab	G	7.33	11:05	1:59	4:03	6:55	8:04	1:11	3:20	4:52	21:37
83	97	Fant, Amanda	Can	PWF Lee Wynd (Clyde)	Arab	S	15.43	11:20	2:13	4:13	7:05	8:11	1:04	3:14	4:54	21:39
84	128	Johnson, Wade	CA	RW Bishar (Bishar)	Arab	G	13.10	11:19	2:52	4:49	7:20	8:17	12:57	3:19	4:54:10	21:39:10
85	133	Karnow, Tammy	CA	Cynder (Cynder)	Q/Arab	M	15.24	11:16	2:19	4:23	6:57	8:11	1:01	3:15	4:54:20	21:39:20
86	142	Lessig, Tammy	TX	PWF Paladyn	Arab	G	10.26	11:21	2:14	4:13	7:05	8:12	1:04	3:15	4:54:30	21:39:30
87	166	Perry, John	CA	FG Que Mason De Zante	Arab	G	8.29	10:56	2:13	4:08	6:57	8:04	12:57	3:19	4:54:40	21:39:40
88	32	John, Tracy	Austla	AM Radiant Raven	Arab	G	9.33	11:44	3:02	4:50	7:21	8:16	12:57	3:20	4:56	21:41
89	61	Bartusek, Cathy	NV	AI Marah Loves Labour	Arab	M	9.66	11:43	3:02	4:50	7:21	8:16	12:57	3:20	4:56:10	21:41:10
90	160	Motschenbacher, Stacy	OR	Coyote Jim (Jim)	Mstg	G	10.34	11:38	2:44	4:31	7:04	8:12	1:00	3:11	4:59	21:44

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							IN	IN												
Pulled at Hodgson's Cabin																				
DNF	176	Ross, Claire (JR)	CA	Rushcreek Nerf	Arab	G	9.25													Metabolic
Pulled at Red Star Ridge																				
DNF	8	Blakeley, Gabriela	OR	Flammable (Hami)	NSH	G	14.40	8:35												Metabolic
DNF	141	Leonard, Lynn	CA	Psultan VF	Arab	G	13.30	8:05												Metabolic
DNF	157	Montgomery, Melissa	CA	Cryptonight	Arab	G	12.34	8:45												Lame
DNF	155	Mongrain, Betsy	CA	Exotic Escape	1/2 Arab	M	11.38	9:00												Metabolic
DNF	44	Beneditti, Tony	CA	FV Abu Antezeyn	Arab	G	11.20	9:00												Lame
DNF	213	Zahner, Shanna	CA	Mak One	Arab	G	12.31	9:05												Lost shoe
DNF	218	Mutis, Christina	Clba	Ravens Allure	Arab	M	10.00	9:07												Lame
DNF	76	Chappell, Patricia	CA	Razz Cougar Sheen	Arab	G	15.09	9:14												Lame
DNF	161	Mulder, Lizzie	CA	Dandy	Arab	G	11.25	9:14												Metabolic
DNF	159	Morgan, Glen	CA	Tango	Mtg	G	11.67	9:04												Metabolic
DNF	24	Cervera, Javier	Spn	Dancin Blaze	Arab	G	12.14	9:31												Metabolic
DNF	136	Kimler, Greg	CA	Dragon	Ang-Arab	G	16.32	9:35												Lame
DNF	73	Buendia, Cynthia	CA	Jackson	Ang-Arab	G	19.34	9:54												Lame
DNF	91	Downey, Roger	NM	JoDe Nelson	Mule	M	9.39	10:21												Rider Opt.
DNF	107	Glorioso, Shauna	CA	Karahty Kid (Kid)	Arab	G	14.10	10:09												Metabolic
DNF	110	Gregory, Jakob (JR)	CA	Vincenza D (ZaZa)	Arab	M	10.90	10:11												Metabolic
DNF	181	Schick, Brooke	CA	Spirited Music (Spirit)	Arab	M	19.30	10:16												Metabolic
Pulled at Robinson Flat																				
DNF	204	Valsecchi, Gabriella	CA	SMR Fifi D'Or	Arab	M	18.34	7:39	9:21											Lame
DNF	12	Hatfield, Shellie	CA	Splashes Maskrade	Arab	G	17.23	7:41	9:33											Rider Opt.
DNF	138	Kramlich-Bowie, Christina	CA	Czeale SF (Zeal)	Arab	G	16.34	8:26	11:01											Rider Opt.
DNF	22	Atkinson, Tamara	Au	Hiroko (Trinity)	Half Arab	M	18.34	8:03	10:27											Lame
DNF	167	Peterson, Catherine	AZ	Ashquars Dream (Ash)	Arab	G	14.33	8:00	10:38											Rider Opt.
DNF	35	Krahnen, Simone	Aust	JC Charisma	Ar-App	M	13.34	8:24	10:59											Metabolic
DNF	104	Gary, Matthew	CA	Rushcreek Brave	Arab	G	8.31	8:26	11:08											Lame
DNF	63	Birch, Laurie	CA	Scudd Run (Taz)	Arab	M	15.38	8:27	11:01											Lame
DNF	186	Serres, Julie	OR	Cusick the Red	Arab	G	9.31	8:36	11:12											Metabolic
DNF	152	Miller, Aemi	WA	CFF Rising Phoenix	Morab	G	11.31	9:25	1:01											Overtime
DNF	153	Miller, Matthew	WA	Denver	Arab	G	9.34	9:25	1:01											Overtime
Pulled at Last Chance																				
DNF	83	Creech, Connie	NV	LS Steele Breeze 10	7/8 Arab	M	15.43	NA	11:29	D/C										Rider Opt.
DNF	175	Romo, Trina	CA	Cicily (Cissy)	Stdbd	M	11.41	NA	10:24	D/C										Rider Opt.
DNF	131	Kaplan, Jennifer	MT	Rushcreek Oats	Arab	G	15.33	7:58	10:08	1:33										Metabolic
DNF	58	Bacco, Leigh	CA	Cornell DB	Arab	G	10.98	8:07	10:39	1:43										Lame
DNF	57	Ruggeri, Andre	CA	Lovely Moment	Arab	G	10.66	8:43	11:06	1:54										Rider Opt.
DNF	67	Stalley, Jennifer	CA	PS Crimson Sage	Arab	M	14.58	8:28	11:01	1:57										Lame
DNF	207	Wimberg, Sharon	CA	JoZsef (Sundance Kid)	Shag	G	9.18	8:34	11:00	2:02										Rider Opt.
DNF	27	Dvir, Ilian	Isrl	Franky (Frankie)	Mtg	G	10.25	8:29	11:26	2:13										Lame
DNF	101	Formica, Melissa	CA	CJA Twilight Mist	Arab	M	13.42	8:05	11:21	2:15										Lame
DNF	217	Petty, Michele	TX	Kadmon	Arab	G	9.42	8:46	11:25	2:51										Rider Opt.
DNF	125	Hought, Gail	CA	CC Maverick	Q/Arab	G	14.13	8:47	11:24	2:54										Rider Opt.
DNF	111	Guice, Melinda	OR	Dazzle	TWH	M	13.20	8:47	11:42	3:19										Overtime
DNF	209	Woolway, Wayne	NV	Jack S Daniels	SSH	G	12.41	8:03	11:27	3:19										Overtime
DNF	123	Hogen, Vickie	WY	Dancer	Arab	G	14.57	8:26	11:12	3:22										Overtime
Pulled at Deadwood																				
DNF	64	Blakeley, Sanoma (JR)	US	ELA Khomanche	Arab	G	10.31	7:41	9:31	12:02	2:01									Metabolic
DNF	14	Roush, Michele	CA	SAR Tiki FS Warrior	Arab	G	12.38	7:43	9:35	12:18	2:04									Rider Opt.
DNF	21	Arboix, Jordi	Spn	Even Prouder	Arab	G	12.00	8:23	10:33	1:33	3:09									Metabolic
DNF	195	Souza, Lindsey	CA	Andi	Arab	M	14.26	8:14	10:41	1:04	3:44									Metabolic
DNF	48	HERTEN, JEFF	CA	Red	Ap/Arb	G	10.26	8:26	11:15	2:12	4:02									Lame
DNF	34	Koppe, Veit	Grmy	Elly	Half Arab	M	13.38	8:03	10:26	1:28	4:06									Metabolic
DNF	122	Hobbs, Bill	UT	Pete	Arab	S	12.59	8:31	11:23	2:12	4:08									Metabolic
DNF	89	Dobrovolny, Lorna	CA	Sierra	Arab	M	9.57	7:52	11:22	2:21	4:23									Lame
DNF	180	Schafer, Daniel	CA	Rosie	Arab	M	19.67	8:28	10:53	1:56	4:29									Overtime
DNF	206	Willits, Sonja	CA	Chip	Arab	G	20.12	8:46	11:03	2:33	4:52									Lame
DNF	147	Mather, Jennifer	CA	Red	Arab	G	13.16	8:34	11:33	2:55	5:01									Metabolic
DNF	163	Norris, Renee	CA	Diva	1/2 Arab	M	16.50	8:05	11:35	3:03	5:28									Overtime
DNF	256	Adams, Joyce	KS	Girlfriend	Arab	M	8.49	8:56	11:02	2:14	5:29									Overtime
DNF	118	Hays, Carla	CO	Indigo	QH	G	11.27	8:53	11:41	3:09	5:38									Overtime
DNF	137	Koerner, Lancette	AZ	Jantar	Arab	M	10.42	8:51	11:34	2:05	5:38									Overtime
DNF	150	Meyer, Berit	CA	Tezona	Arab	M	19.31	9:03	11:05	3:08	NA									Overtime
DNF	162	Norris, Brianna	CA	Stinky	Arab	G	18.23	8:05	11:35	3:03	NA									Lame
Pulled at Michigan Bluff																				
DNF	212	Yee, James	CA	O'Calal Lilly (Millie)	Arab	M	13.34	9:42	10:59	2:21	4:49	NA								Rider Opt.
Pulled at Pieper Junction																				
DNF	15	Crandell III, John	VA	LR Bold Cody	Arab	G	12.34	8:34	9:26	1:28	3:45	4:09								Rider Opt.

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							IN	IN											
DNF	53	Rigney, Lynn	CA	Predictable (Mio)	Arab	G	12.42	9:31	10:34	1:39	3:23	5:54	6:25						Rider Opt.
DNF	49	Kimler, Carl	SD	Whin Dance (Dee)	1/2 Arab	M	22.38	10:09	11:18	2:34	4:36	6:15	7:21						Rider Opt.
DNF	164	Pearse, Sarena	CA	Performizon	Arab	G	14.18	9:05	11:27	2:45	4:27	7:09	NA						Overtime
DNF	38	Levermann, Katya (JR)	Can	Kharmichel LK (Draco)	Arab	G	10.42	10:12	11:33	2:54	4:05	7:24	NA						Overtime
DNF	148	Maynard, Mary Anne	NM	DKB Windsong Brio	Arab	G	NA	10:12	11:28	2:36	5:14	7:26	NA						Overtime
DNF	210	Worman, Nance	ID	Big Sky Quinn (Quinn)	Arab	G	17.43	10:11	11:33	2:54	4:05	7:27	NA						Overtime
DNF	37	Levermann, Anya (JR)	Can	Sey Wiking Tu (Tootsie)	Arab	G	13.39	10:12	11:30	2:54	4:05	7:24	NA						Overtime
Pulled at Forresthill																			
DNF	119	Hefker-Miles, Marcia	NM	Heraldic	Arab	G	17.25	8:33	9:25		1:17	3:04	3:14	4:32					Metabolic
DNF	103	Gale, Carrie	CA	Khallie	Anglo	M	12.33	9:04	10:08	1:14	2:58	4:50	5:16	6:18					Lame
DNF	77	Stalley, Alyssa	CA	Tripple Bay Bask (Toby)	Arab	G	11.25	9:07	10:12	1:18	2:59	5:13	5:36	6:47					Lame
DNF	120	Hilliard, Dawn	PA	RA Sultan (Sultan)	Arab	G	16.30	9:41	10:55	1:43	3:27	5:02	5:41	7:06					Lame
DNF	188	Shefrin, David	AZ	Sam Sam Star	Arab	G	9.42	9:42	10:52	1:47	3:44	6:05	6:31	7:44					Rider Opt.
DNF	127	Jarrett, Cheryl	CO	GE Spartan	Arab	G	14.31	9:28	10:39	2:04	4:04	6:21	6:48	8:05					Rider Opt.
DNF	187	Seymore-Norsworthy, Kristin	TX	Lilaa	Arab	M	11.29	10:13	11:21	2:14	4:13	6:39	7:05	8:12					Rider Opt.
DNF	201	Toothaker, Annabelle	CA	Odom's Reno (Reno)	KMH	G	13.35	10:25	11:56	3:06	4:48	6:04	7:04	8:13					Rider Opt.
DNF	129	Jones, James Tyler	NM	Selma	Arab	M	6.92	9:13	10:28	1:24	3:22	6:18	6:50	8:24					Rider Opt.
DNF	52	Phakides, Peggy	CA	MCA Midnitea	1/2 Arab	M	14.17	10:11	11:29	2:54	4:47	7:13	7:27	8:26					Rider Opt.
DNF	114	Hartnian, Patricia	CA	HV Suns Kiss Me Quick	Arab	G	14.19	10:11	11:22	2:21	4:23	6:48	7:04	8:03					Rider Opt.
DNF	29	Grant, Danny	Can	SS Picoboo (Peek)	Arab	M	18.58	10:07	11:33	3:07	4:05	7:01	7:28	8:38					Metabolic
DNF	90	Donahue, Hilda	Irland	Tuff Stuff (Tuffy)	1/2 Arab	G	20.14	8:56	10:08	1:17	3:37	6:17	6:55	8:04					Overtime
Pulled at Cal 2																			
DNF	95	Elliinwood, Carrie	CA	Jamboree FOA	Arab	G	10.22	9:54	11:04	1:56	3:04	6:01	6:24	7:04	7:52	1:03			Rider Opt.
Pulled at Francisco's																			
DNF	84	Cukjati, Jacob	CA	Melika Kamaal (Melika)	Arab	M	10.32	8:47	9:38	12:29	1:57	3:55	4:26	5:25	8:05	9:36			Lame
DNF	51	Murphy-Hackley, Peg	CA	He-Khem-Chee (Khimy)	Arab	M	9.31	8:32	9:23	11:59	1:51	3:55	4:28	5:27	8:17	9:51			Lame
DNF	139	Shackelford, Rachel	CA	Rastaban	Arab	G	9.25	8:36	9:03	11:58	1:41	4:11	4:57	5:49	8:17	10:12			Lame
DNF	60	Barnett, Ann Marie	CA	MM Woodrow (Woody)	Mustang	G	8.25	8:41	9:31	11:59	2:09	4:11	4:57	5:52	8:46	NA			Metabolic
DNF	71	Bray, Cheree	CA	Shalimar Yukon (Yukon)	Arab	G	11.33	9:00	10:11	12:56	2:52	5:22	5:56	6:45	10:02	11:56			Lame
DNF	185	Scribner, Matt	CA	Rushcreek Nel (Nel)	Arab	G	16.25	9:28	10:39	1:43	3:03	5:35	6:14	7:14	10:25	12:23			Lame
DNF	115	Hastie, Clydea	AZ	Cheyemas (Dude)	Arab	G	13.45	9:18	10:35	1:42	3:34	6:12	6:48	7:41	10:46	12:55			Rider Opt.
DNF	23	Buckel, Lukas	Chl	Karahtys Last Dance	1/2 Arab	G	11.82	10:13	11:24	2:15	4:05	6:15	6:52	7:44	10:47	12:43			Lame
DNF	39	Maturana, Josefina	Chl	Indigena (Indy)	Arab	M	9.58	10:13	11:24	2:15	4:05	6:15	6:52	7:44	10:42	12:32			Lame
DNF	146	Martin, Tim	CA	Belle	AT/Arab	M	8.08	9:54	11:26	2:47	4:28	6:26	7:06	7:56	11:15	1:04			Lame
DNF	179	Samaan, Nabil	CA	Casper	S X	G	12.50	10:25	11:56	3:06	4:48	6:43	7:39	8:21	11:21	1:25			Lame
DNF	158	Moon, Dean	CA	Midnight Blue (Blue)	Rky Mtn	G	11.38	9:44	11:18	2:17	4:26	6:37	7:34	8:18	11:23	1:02			Lame
DNF	220	Paiz, Jose	GT	My Desert Sun (Sunny)	Arab	G	18.15	9:46	11:05	1:59	4:03	6:33	7:07	8:03	11:35	1:20			Lame
Pulled at Lower Quarry																			
DNF	178	Sainsbury, Dace	CA	French Open (Hadeia)	Arab	G	15.21	8:31	9:19	11:51	1:17	3:04	3:13	4:18	6:04	7:28	8:36		Lame
DNF	1	Reynolds, Heather	FL	JG Bold King (King)	Arab	G	9.25	8:33	9:26	11:51	1:17	3:09	3:22	4:26	6:04	7:28	9:08		Lame
DNF	198	Strand, Amanda	CA	King's Whisper (King)	Arab	G	16.32	9:07	10:26	1:18	3:09	5:12	5:33	6:44	9:48	11:26	1:32		Lame
DNF	36	Krahnen, Erin	Aust	MM Cody (Cody)	Mustang	G	8.58	9:39	10:59	1:55	3:44	6:04	6:26	7:04	10:03	12:04	1:51		Lame
DNF	43	Ahearn-Wagner, Kelly	OR	Deste Gotta Touch (GTO)	Arab	G	15.03	9:04	10:09	1:24	3:09	5:34	5:55	7:13	10:01	11:44	1:59		Lame
DNF	113	Hall, Ann	CA	Dream On (Reve)	Arab	G	16.58	9:03	10:09	1:15	3:04	5:17	5:40	6:56	10:05	12:01	2:21		Lame
DNF	214	Gomez, Jenny	CA	Scarlet Lad (Laddee)	Arab	G	12.98	9:47	11:01	2:14	4:13	6:25	6:49	8:07	11:23	12:59	3:15		Lame
DNF	88	Dale, Esty	CA	Top Affiliate (Top)	Arab	M	15.36	10:36	11:05	3:08	4:59	6:47	7:04	8:07	11:03	12:57	3:53		Overtime
Pulled at McCann Stadium																			
DNF	149	Meinor, David	CA	Cabernet Bay (Vinny)	Arab	G	18.11	9:27	10:55	1:55	3:29	5:02	5:36	6:51	9:46	11:19	1:21	2:42	Lame
DNF	75	Chappell, Nicole	CA	Savannah Knight (Savannah)	Fre X	M	11.07	10:11	11:28	2:17	4:04	6:15	6:42	7:35	10:55	12:22	3:49	3:49	Lame
DNF	47	Hayes, Laura	NY	Rushcreek Seth (Seth)	Arab	G	11.33	9:36	10:53	2:00	3:59	6:01	6:21	7:27	10:33	12:02	4:28	4:45	Lame
DNF	134	Keller, Phyllis	CA	Curious George (Georgie)	Arab	G	10.25	10:14	11:26	2:25	4:23	6:45	7:07	8:16	11:23	12:57	4:59	4:49	Metabolic



2015 Friends of the Tevis

While we can point to such familiar names as Wendell Robie and Will Tevis as the original caretakers of the Trail, their vision and efforts have since been fostered by many willing hands and hearts.

Some have given much more than their share to ensure its preservation for our ongoing pleasure (and yes, blood, sweat, and tears) and that of generations to come.

In 2015 the Western States Trail Foundation Board of Governors, recognized the efforts of four individuals who have given back to the trail more than most anyone can imagine.



Judy Hall has been a friend of the WST for many years. She has two ride buckles when she completed the ride in 1991 & 1993.

She then volunteered as a vet secretary for 7 years. In 2002 she became Head Vet Secretary and held that job for another 11 years. She is now the Co-Head Volunteer for the water stop at Michigan Bluff. She has participated in multiple fundraisers, fun rides (both riding and volunteering), and trail maintenance. Anyone riding through Michigan Bluff is sure to receive from Judy a smile and a cold drink for their

horse and themselves.

Becky Morris is another volunteer who has a passion for the WST, the Run and the Ride. She has been the Co-Head Volunteer for the Red Star Ridge Vet Check for 15 years. However, Rex admits that

Becky does all the organizing and most of the work. Becky is also a runner and she earned her first WS 100 buckle in 2005 at the age of 59 and her second 2007 at the age of 61. It takes someone tough to run Red Star Ridge.

Greg Kimler served on the Board of Governors of the WSTF for over

10 years. He ran the Tevis Store for 5 years and was also chairman of the Trails Committee for over 12 years. He continues to do extensive work on the WST. His business, Echo Valley Ranch, has been the Official Hay and Feed Sponsor for the Ride for over 6 years. Greg also organizes the Porta-Potties, dumpsters and water



trucks for the ride. Each year he or his employees use his truck and water tank to deliver water and troughs to many of the various stops. He stores much of the large Tevis equipment at his business and is always there to help the Tevis Ride. If you ride the Tevis or any other local fun ride or endurance ride, you will always see Echo Valley water troughs and your horse will be eating hay and feed donated by Greg. Greg has 4 ride buckles and will be going for his 5th this year.

Bob Suter has been passionate about the WST and the Tevis for



many years. He has 2 Run buckles and 3 Ride buckles and was probably the second person to earn both buckles after Gordy

Ainsleigh. He helped to blaze and build the trail from Foresthill to Francisco's when the course was moved out of Todd Valley. He has helped with horse transport and has been the Co-Head Volunteer for the Michigan Bluff vet check, Chicken Hawk/Pieper Junction Vet Check, and for the last 7 years, the Hodgson Cabin Vet Check. For the last 5 years he has worked to facilitate the purchase of 10,000 acres next to Granite Chief Wilderness in order to secure an easement for the WST and to retain water rights for the horses at the site of Hodgson Cabin. He is also one of the directors of the Western States Safe Trails Alliance and continues to work with government agencies to keep the trail safe. (photograph by William Gore)

To the 2016 Tevis Riders.

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2015 Dru Barner Award



The 2015 Tevis Cup Ride recipient of the Drucilla Barner Award for distinguished services is Mike Pickett. Past President of the WSTF, member of the WSTF Board of Governors, three-time Tevis buckle winner, head of Tevis FORUM committee, instrumental in the development of the day-of-the-ride live web cast, WSTF liaison with many government agencies, spearheaded efforts to get the north lot parcel designated as a staging area. This is just part of the list of endless hours of Mike's contributions. Thank you Mike for your dedication and guidance through the years. (photograph by Lynne Glazer)



1000 Mile Buckle Recipients

Janine Esler (above) presented by Barbara White and Jenni Smith (below) who also received the honored Haggan Cup, both earning their 1000 MILE TEVIS BUCKLES. (photograph by Lynne Glazer)



Past Friends of the Tevis Recipients

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Rex Maynard-30+ years at Red Star Ridge
Bob and Karel Waugh-15+ years at Robinson
Flat doing parking and organizing P&R team
Bob and Mary Anne Balthrope-Founders of SOS and
Radio Teams for Tevis

2013

Julie Borgna -25 years as a volunteer at Francisco's
Dale & Margie Peterson-24 years running Francisco's
Wayne Bair-30 years shoeing the Ride
Rho Bailey-50 years volunteering in many jobs

2014

Chuck Mather, Chuck Gabri, Joe Larkin
and Bill Johnson

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1995 - 1996 – Walt Tibbits
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The History, Horses and Heroes of No Hands Bridge

BY MARSHA HAYES

Although many riders have experienced the allure and addiction of Tevis, no one has ever completely explained why this trail and terrain so powerfully draws endurance riders. Sure, the landscape is beautiful, and of course, the challenge gives meaning to any that can master the course, but there is more. Perhaps a look at the history and events long past from 1911 when No Hands Bridge was being built can help explain the power of Tevis.

Warning: this story includes tragic death, darkness, and moonlight coincidences. If a ghost or two, or even three make appearances, then be prepared. But, the story is not all sad; it includes art, beauty, sacrifice and passionate historians



and detectives who hold a funeral 104 years late. The settings of the tale range from the American River Canyon to San Francisco to Italy and Finland and Ireland and even take a short detour through an adult novelty “toy” store before ending in the Old Auburn Cemetery.

Know Your Bridge

No Hands Bridge spans the American River four miles from the Tevis finish line in Auburn, Califor-



On October 18, 2015, the Auburn Parlor #59 of the Native Sons of the Golden West unveiled the markers they purchased for Kern's and Casasco's graves and performed the Native Sons Funeral Ceremony, 104 years after their deaths. (photograph by Ron Osborn)

nia. It is a skewered bridge, meaning it crosses the river at an angle. The bridge was designed and built by John B. Leonard and originally called the Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge because it was designed for heavy locomotive engines to pull cars laden with limestone into Auburn.

Leonard was a visionary who loved concrete. He wrote books about concrete bridges and at the turn of the century, it was innovative work as most bridges were made from wood or steel. When the quarry and railroad company opened the bridge bids, they discovered Leonard's concrete proposal was 20 percent cheaper than the bid for steel, so concrete it was to be.

Leonard had three bridges under construction when the great earthquake hit California in 1906, but none suffered damage. However, something went tragically wrong on the night of November 4, 1911 as the skilled crew of concrete workers from the Duncan and Haroldson Construction Company labored under the full California moon. The setting holds some parallels to the winning Tevis horses' entry on the bridge. It was a Saturday, the moon was full, and at 10 p.m. the

third pillar of the bridge (the first section from the east side) collapsed. John Kern, 43, Angelo Casasco, 36, and Gust Johnson, about 34, died beneath the rubble.

Chaos in the Dark

The life expectancy in 1911 was 50 for men and Kern, at 43, was the oldest worker killed. His death certificate reveals he was from Michigan but other records relate that his birthplace was “supposed to be Ireland”. He was working on top of the bridge with Ben Clemens, dumping concrete in place. The newspaper reported foreman L. D. Smith heard a “peculiar noise” and yelled for the men to run off the bridge. Kern and Clemons did not make it and were hurled about 60 feet down to the river. Clemons survived, but Kern died of his injuries in the long-gone cook shack beneath the bridge.

It was cold in November and perfectionist John Leonard required the water to be heated to 60 degrees to mix the concrete. The contractor was rushing, working day and night to finish before the fall rains interfered with construction. After the collapse, workmen and volunteers frantically tore into the tangled steel and timber, searching for survivors and

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Some of the international riders being introduced at the 2015 Pre-Ride Barbecue.

(photograph by William Gore)

Tevis was fortunate in 2015 to have 26 international riders representing 12 countries.: Chile, Spain, Australia, Canada, France, Ireland, Israel, Wales, Germany, Guatamala, Great Britain and Columbia. Some had participated in Tevis in previous years but most were here for their first experience. They were treated to a pre ride banquet. Each was introduced and told why they wanted to ride the Tevis. Most expressed it had been a long time goal of theirs. Considering that they did not have much time to know the leased horses they were mounted on, they on a whole did very well. There were 11 out of the 26 who completed the ride. We are hoping to see some of them join us again soon. Their presence gives the Tevis an international flair!

These are the international rider finishers:

Rose Ross – Australia
Sharon Keinan – Israel
Merryl Dalla Via – France
Charlotte Fleming – Wales
Andre Alvarez – Chile
Maria Vargas – Chile
Jaylene Janzen – Canada
Christy Janzen – Canada
Myra Cyderman – Canada
Fernando Paiz – Guatamala
Tracy John – Australia



TRACY'S TEVIS

by Tracy John

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Australian Arabian Horse News.

In August, Tracy John, an endurance rider from Tallangatta in Victoria, achieved a personal goal, successfully completing the Tevis Cup Ride in the USA. Tracy told Jo Arblaster about her dream ride.

The Tevis Cup Ride is run by the Western States Trail Foundation from Robie Park south of Truckee, near Lake Tahoe, in California, an elevation of 7,000 feet. The ride follows the trail used by the original Pony Express to deliver mail through the

Sierra Nevada Mountains. The highest point is 8,750 feet at Watson's Pass at Squaw Valley. The trail travels west ascending another 15,540 feet before descending approximately 22,970 feet and finishing at Auburn. Much of the ride is accessible only on foot, horseback or by helicopter and is renowned as the world's most difficult and toughest equestrian endurance ride.

My husband Peter and I were going over to help strap for a friend, Jerry Hamilton, the manager of Al-Marah Stud, who had a number of horses in the ride. One day Jerry rang out of the blue to ask if I would like to ride in the Tevis. I thought he was

TEVIS INTERNATIONAL RIDERS

joking but when he said it again, I said "YES, YES, YES!" Still to this day I have to pinch myself and look at my Tevis buckle to make sure it really happened. It is so special as for the 60 years it has been running only 5,436 riders have completed the ride.

Jerry arranged for me to ride friend and client Loreley (Lori) Stewart's horse, Al-Marah Radiant Raven (Al-Marah Quebec x AM Dance Lively), a 15.1 hh grey Arabian who had done Tevis twice. Lori has 19 Tevis buckles and has won the ride on two occasions. Just back from Australia after completing the Quilty, she was happy an Aussie was riding her horse. We went straight to the entry tent and vetting and then went for the first and only ride before the start the following morning. He was a dream horse and I could not have asked for better.

We were lucky with the weather which was overcast making for a cool half of the ride. The terrain was hard under foot similar to our rides but what sets it apart is the elevation and the climbs up and down into four canyons deeper than any of ours. The heat builds in these canyons making it very hard on horse and rider. Riding on narrow ledges about 1.5 metres wide and looking down at heart-stopping 10 to 12 story drops, this is where the trust and experience of the horse is invaluable. At Tevis the regular riders don't like riding at night with a torch. They prefer to let the horses see where they are going and only ride with glow sticks. This was hard for me because I ride with a torch but thank goodness I was riding Raven and he knew the track well. This was evident as he never took a wrong step. The other difference is the travelling checkpoints. Crews can only get to two points for strapping and the other six are



(photograph by Dominique)

up to the rider. Volunteers are at these checkpoints to help you in any way possible from holding the feed bucket for the horse to eat and getting the riders something to eat.

The ride started at 5:15 am on August 1. This is a ride where strappers are essential with only two vet gate and holds and lots of scrambling and organizing by crews to get to

them. Our crew were Australian-based with Peter, John, Julie and Terry Canacott and of course Jerry and Jackie Hamilton.

The atmosphere at the ride base at the start is sombre with underlying excitement. People from all over the world are there for a horse ride hoping to win a Tevis buckle. There were 200 starters this year with only 90 completions. The winner for the third time was 74-year-old Potato Richardson who completed the ride in 16 hrs 50 mins, 30 minutes ahead of the second placegetter.

The feeling when I finished (88th place, 23 hrs 45 mins) was, "Is this really happening?" It was a goose-bump moment to see the faces of the people who had helped me throughout the ride waiting for me at the finish line. It took me a couple of weeks to realise I had completed the 60th Tevis Cup.

Would I do it again? Hell yes! Hopefully in the near future.

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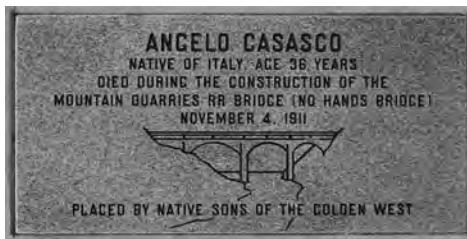
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victims. It took two hours to discover the bodies of Casasco and Johnson in a deep sump hole that was a result of the dredging operations beneath the bridge construction. Two workmen plunged into the waist deep water to retrieve them, but it was too late. The company carefully checked employee lists and the final tally found three dead and five seriously injured.

Some of the heroics that night resulted in much happier outcomes. Two brothers, Ed and Charlie Stone were working that night. After the first crash, Ed was carried down amongst the timbers and equipment. Charlie ignored all warnings to flee the unstable bridge and "crouched under the timbers while the false-work tumbled down". He was the first to reach his brother and he then helped him to safety.

The contractor, H. C. Duncanson missed being caught in the wreck because he had gone to his cabin for a few hours of sleep, leaving word to be called at 2 a.m. so he could supervise the last pouring of concrete in the key rib position. Hearing the crash, he ran to the riverbank and immediately telephoned for help. There were also accounts of men on horseback racing to Auburn to summon help. Did they follow the same trail riders cover in the dark today?

John Leonard rushed to Auburn for the inquest. Some initially believed the cement had not had time to harden, causing the collapse. The formal inquest suggested some of the uprights contained cracked timber. Testimony stated more care was taken on constructing the final arch and the best calculations indicated



(photograph by Ron Osborn)

the piling should have supported four times the weight of the concrete poured. After listening to all testimony, a jury could not fix any blame on the company and declared the cause unknown.

The accident was front-page news in both Auburn and El Dorado County. Even the New York Times covered the accident, incorrectly stating, "Sixteen or more men were killed...." Why would the New York Times cover a bridge accident thousands of miles away? Perhaps Leonard's innovative bridge construction would affect national market prices of timber, limestone, and concrete. The American infrastructure was changing. Would these new materials actually work?

Graves, Caskets, and Tombstones

"The best moments of my life were those spent on No Hands Bridge in the moonlight," stated one three-time Tevis finisher. Western States Trail runners recount many instances of special, transforming moments spent on the bridge as they contemplate the 96 miles behind them and the four miles to finish. Unconfirmed stories of ashes left on the bridge or scattered below on the rocks where chaos reigned that November night surfaced.

With American persistence the bridge construction continued. The workmen did finish a sturdy monument and the bridge eventually became a source of great pleasure to so many outdoor enthusiasts. A trip to the graves of those who died building it seemed in order, but where would that be?

My search for the graves started in 2008 after reading the original 1911 newspaper accounts of the accident. My original quest to know the names of the men who died was not enough. Finding the unmarked graves in the old Auburn Cemetery of John Kern and Angelo Casasco came only after six years of research. Finding proof Gus Johnson was buried in San Francisco was an added bonus. Once the graves were located, it was not enough. Markers seemed important.

The detective work was slow, tantalizing, and incredibly satisfying and frustrating. The County of Placer, the Auburn Cemetery District, the Native Sons of the Golden West, and fate all lent a hand. Notes of John Kern's interment in the old Auburn Cemetery were first to surface thanks to maps and records kept there. Cemetery personnel extended the search and they discovered a crucial error in newspaper accounts. The local turn of the century newspaper accounts had transposed Angelo Casasco's name, rendering all searches for surname Angelo pointless. Kern and Casasco lie side by side, buried the same day.

Death certificates revealed a turn of the century funeral home, Walsh

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Tevis Retrospective: 1980 versus 2015

HEIDI SMITH

It was by sheer happenstance that I became involved in endurance riding. My family moved from Los Angeles in 1970, when my father had a heart attack while on an engineering job outside of Sacramento, California. The home we moved into was on the edge of the trail system below the Western States Trail. Our neighborhood was filled with long distance runners, endurance riders and veterinarians. As a pre-teen, I pushed my parents into letting me sell some of my sheep to buy a little flea-bitten grey gelding, who would become one of my closest friends and companions, and would teach me everything I needed to truly ride.

In many ways, my first horse raised me. He was an

experienced Tevis horse, with several completions. Spike-O taught me the trail system, how to balance on trail edges, swim rivers and gallop over rough terrain. At the age of eleven, I went through my first endurance ride. As we piled on the miles of training and competition in 50 milers, Tevis ever loomed on the horizon.

I spent every spare moment fixated on the ride. According to the horse magazines of the time, Cougar Rock

rose two miles from the valley floor, tougher and more technical with each step. Horses sometimes fell off the cliff edges on some of the new trail sections. It was an irresistible challenge. After many years of competing together, Spike-O and I rode and completed the 26th Anniversary Ride.

In 1980, the ride began at the foot of the Squaw Valley ski runs, which had Olympic logos everywhere, went over the top, and vetted in the Robinson Flat meadow. Riders drew lots for the ride group we'd depart with, and wore fabric bibs with our ride numbers painted on the front and a pocket inside for vet cards. Our 50 mile vet check was in the town of Michigan Bluff, and we trotted through downtown Foresthill, with cheering people lining the streets. Then we dropped off the logging road and into the Todd Valley subdivision. There was another vet check at White Oak Flat, after which we crossed the river, trotted down the road, and climbed through the middle of the quarry. We crossed Highway 49 near the town of Cool, and followed the single track the run uses today across No Hands bridge (which back then had no rail). We would vet again at Robie Point in Auburn, then ride the paved streets of Auburn, down the railroad tracks, and into McCann Stadium.

When I rode in 1980, many of the folks we know of today were riding - Kathie and James Perry, Barbara White and her mom, Julie Suhr, Hal Hall, the late Kerry Ridgeway and Richard Barsaleau, and Potato Richardson. Lori Stewart won that year. I doubt one person had a helmet. We rode in cowboy hats, baseball caps, or bare-headed. It made it easy to jump off and run. Heck, back then, running shoes had just become popular. When we had too many miles on our shoes we'd take them to the Fleet Feet Running Store in Sacramento and have them re-soled, or we'd glue them together with something called "goop." My horse was shod by Dan Scribner, who



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padded Spike's front shoes with hemp and a plastic plate. I carried an early version of an easy boot - a heavy thing meant for a draft horse, that could be used in emergencies and had a series of steel saw blades and cables to attach to the hoof wall.



*Heidi Smith and Wilgo (Wil) at 2015 finish line, after a 35 year break.
(photograph Dominique)*

him. My crew was made up of experienced ultra runners. Their knowledge would benefit me throughout the day.

The technology innovations since my first ride were enormous. Instead of orange flavored electrolyte powder to drop into water, we had supplements and electrolyte syringes that would provide accurate dosages. I had cooling blankets, ice boots, technical trail gear, and lightweight tack. My helmet was light enough to run with, but strong enough to handle falls. For nighttime, I had glow sticks and headlamps. Instead of slippery leather, I had biothane tack. My horseshoer had spent years perfecting the angles of my horse, and Wilgo's shoes were a work of art that would allow him to continue to run away with me well into mile 90 (thank God for trees). Later I'd learn that my shoer had 72 shoes in the ride, all but one horse completing, and only one shoe popping off.

While much has changed in the past 35 years, Tevis continues to be the best managed ride of our sport. Studies conducted during the ride have a tremendous impact on how we manage and train. As a rider, there is no greater joy in my life than being on that trail, whether riding or running with friends, or in competition at the ride. There are few things as sweet as vetting out of McCann Stadium, with a tired but still enthused and strong horse, surrounded by family and friends.

Last year, I rode the 60th Anniversary ride on my ex-racehorse, Wilgo, on what would become my second Tevis and his first. The trail was longer, the terrain rougher. Kathie Perry and her crew took care of me at Robie Park, and made sure I didn't wander off into the forest, so high was my pre-ride anxiety. I would start with Kathie, and hang in with her until it was obvious to me that I was out horsed, and needed to pull my gelding down into a rating that would work for

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INTERVIEW WITH DR. GREG FELLERS

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far, that long, that fast, and to do so well... That stimulated a real interest in equine exercise physiology, comparable to what was going on in the race horse industry. My fascination with vetting rides was drawn from both a scientific fascination, as well as, frankly, the fun of it. The thing is, when I first got involved in Tevis, I didn't have the perspective of how big a deal it was. It was just a local rode to me. After years of doing rides around the country, being affiliated with AERC, I realized it's talked about by everyone, all over the world. It's really the Kentucky Derby of endurance.

What individuals standout in your experience, in your memory and in the history of this ride as you know it?

Hank Cook and Jim Edwards, two other guys from Gene's generation that were real active in those first years. One rider that really made an impression on me was Smokey Killian and I loved his horse Bandit. What a pair they were. Bandit took care of himself, sometimes while Smokey was off having a beer. They were a colorful team. Another standout team in my memory is Marjorie Prior and her horse Fritz. The only



RAIN? (photograph by Dominique)

horse to win Tevis half blind. Two years in a row. I can't imagine the teamwork and trust that had to go on there. (Pryor, of Rough and Ready, CA, won in 1982 and 1983.)

What are some of the experiences that standout for you?

In terms of working with all the people, volunteers and ride management, the year we had to completely re-arrange the ride with 72 hours to go because of a last-minute snow dump in the Sierras in 2011. It was an amazing logistical miracle. Imagine completely scrapping everything and starting over the Thursday before the ride, and pulling it off. The flow charts, the check points, the vet assignments... I was so proud because everyone sort of took on this attitude of 'What the hell, we can do this!' And we did. I still can't believe it when I think of it.

What are your thoughts on leadership? As head vet of Tevis and otherwise?

I think leaders should be open to ideas, to the thought that things can be better. Technology and medicine is always expanding and improving. With Tevis, I think every year you

always feel like 'sure, we know we can do it good, but we can always do it better'. That starts at the leadership level, that consciousness that there are things that always, frankly, can be improved.

There is a lot of discussion these days about international standards for endurance rides, and for ensuring the welfare of the horses. As a veterinarian, what is your perspective on this issue?

I don't have much international experience, other than interacting with those who have come here from other places. I have worked the Quilty. Their whole set-up is very much like ours. From what I've seen of the foreign riders, Japanese, South American, French, German, Canadian... We all seem to have the same standards, and overall those riders do very well here. I've seen some excellent horsemanship coming out of these countries.

There are folks from some parts of the world who are used to a whole different style of endurance 'racing'. When they come to the mountains to do Tevis, they are completely out of their element, and they typically

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have not done well here.

I think, for us, the thing we can do is take inventory of ourselves. AERC has done that, examining our standards of veterinary care and horse welfare. We have to constantly ask ourselves what we can be doing to make sure that our own organization has equine welfare at the top of the list. Over the years we've put together a punch list of changes that we've implemented, things like tightening up treatment, sanctioned rides with vets on site capable of providing triage treatment and transfer. We've established that having someone on call at some distant location is no longer acceptable. We've established minimum criteria for body condition scores, we've lowered heart rate recovery parameters.

These are things we can step up and do, because only then can we say to other national and international organizations that we want them to place more importance on horse welfare around the world.

What are your favorite strides in endurance veterinary medicine over the years?

When I think back to 'the good old days', frankly if the horse was doing reasonably well and trotted out sound, we would let him go on. Now we are more critically evaluating impulsion, how much energy the horse has. If I'm checking the heart rate ten minutes after the initial pulse-down, is it still flying around, or steadily declining? Do I hear at least a modicum of gut sounds? We pay more attention to cardiac refill, to cardiac index. We've become way more attuned to trying to catch horses that are just beginning to be metabolically unstable. When we see a horse like that, we take a minute. We talk to the rider. What do you see? Is the horse eating, drinking, moving the way you expect? We try to get the riders to think critically themselves.

If we are at someplace where we have the luxury of a re-check, we have them brought back so we both have peace of mind. We make notations of problems down the line, with the objective that trying to get horses to either slow down or stop before they crash and burn is always going to be better than treating them after. Ninety percent, the vast majority of riders, want to do well, but not at the expense of their horse. The number of folks who don't have their horse's best interests at heart keeps getting smaller, I think.

Any fads/practices you've seen come and go?

Generally speaking, it's all been for the better. The science behind the equine diet is vastly better. We just know so much more, what the horse needs and doesn't need. Electrolyte practices come and go, and in general they are helpful. Sometimes they get overdone. Shoeing has made a lot of advances. Diagnostics and ultrasound play a bigger part now in identifying injuries just as they are beginning to start up. All of this adds up to a horse's career being longer now. That's a good thing.

How many races have you vetted, roughly?

On average, since 1975, I think I've averaged about two a year. So, a lot.

People talk about how tough things are for the rider, and for the horse. What are the challenges a vet faces in a grueling ride like Tevis?

Staying sharp for the more than 24 hours it takes to start and finish it. That's hard. We've got to stay there until we do all the one to two hour re-checks after the race is finished. We're not done until Sunday morning, and we start on Friday. The challenge to overcome fatigue and remain sharp. Good judgment is important.

You have a reputation for get-

ting a little choked up during the ceremonies surrounding the Haggan Cup. What is the significance of that for you?

Well (chuckling) I do get really emotional about it. I think, of all the endurance rides in the country, the Tevis is so far from everything I've seen. It's the toughest, and carries with it the greatest burden for conditioning and preparation. I mean, 200 riders try to start this thing, and only roughly half will finish it. Then you have a group that rises above the others, that finishes 100 miles the most rapidly. They worked the hardest. To have to choose one of those groups of amazing athletes is such a privilege. It's recognition of a huge achievement. It really does always blow me away. I'm getting a little choked up right now, just thinking about it.

Do you have any warnings/words of advice for endurance riders going forward?

Say thanks to your horse every chance you can. They are the ultimate teammate. They pretty much do everything they're asked. It's remarkable they are willing to have someone climb on their backs, carry them through the miles, the heat and dust. Their willingness to do that, not just in an organized ride but for God

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Tevis Research Past, Present, and Future

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Research has been a significant part of the annual Tevis Cup Ride for over 4 decades. Many early studies focused on describing the physiologic changes that take place in horses during endurance competition. Over the last decade, research projects have helped to make dramatic improvements in the treatment of metabolic horses at Tevis. These treatment changes have led to improved and more rapid recoveries when horses require medical care at the ride. We have also identified markers that can be used early in the ride to identify horses that may be "at risk" for metabolic failure and are working on strategies to improve the completion rates in these animals. We are highly appreciative of the Board of Governors, riders, staff, and veterinarians who have supported these projects and contributed to improving the health of horses in this ride.

Over the last four years (2012-2015), our research efforts focused on identifying changes in the blood-work values of Tevis horses obtained at Robinson Flat that are predictive of failure later in the ride. The results have been very exciting and we have identified a couple of key electrolyte and hydration parameters that are very useful. The basic conclusion of these studies has been:

- If a horse is overly dehydrated or has lost a significant amount of electrolytes by the time it reaches Robinson Flat, the chances of successfully completing the ride go down dramatically.

One of the most interesting findings has been in the results of 2015 research. In most years, we identified approximately 20 horses with markedly abnormal bloodwork, but in 2015 there were over 40 horses with these same labwork abnormalities. After additional testing of the blood samples after the ride, we have concluded that dehydration (as opposed to electrolyte depletion) was the biggest factor during that year. To summarize:

- Horses arriving at Robinson Flat in 2015 were significantly more dehydrated than horses in 2012, 2013, and 2014.

As we gather more data over the

years, we hope to identify specific factors about years when horses lose more electrolytes or become more dehydrated than other years. In doing so, we hope to help riders and ride management make decisions that will benefit the horses and riders to prevent these changes. For 2016, we are working to answer a very important question: "For horses that are dehydrated at Robinson Flat, when did the problem start?" In order to answer this question, we are looking for a group of 15-20 horse/rider pairs who would like to volunteer for a study. This would involve having blood collection at the following time points 1) At home before leaving for Tevis (we will coordinate with your local vet); 2) At the pre-ride check-in; 3) The morning of the start; 4) At the top of Squaw Valley, as well as at Robinson Flat. Using this information, we will build a profile for this group of horses to determine where the dehydration begins. All of the results will be available to each volunteer after the ride is completed. Please send us an email (langdonfielding@yahoo.com) if you would like to volunteer for this research project at the 2016 Tevis Cup Ride.



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more dialed-in attention to the horse's attitude and willingness, or slight adjustments in ride strategy and pace, or a little more time for water and feed at stops, or a little more time out of the saddle tailing. Whatever happened, predicated finish went from 25% or less to 60% or greater. I choose to see this as a huge success story.

After much discussion, the Veterinary Advisory Committee recommended to the WSTF Board of Governors that the study be continued in 2016, but results would not be shared with riders or the veterinarians. As in past years, the results of every test performed will be emailed to you a few weeks post race. If the horse has been tested in previous years, those results will also be listed so you can compare.

It will be extremely interesting to see the data report after the ride! If my hypothesis is correct, the +/- 25% completion rate on horses with poor results will re-emerge. Which would support my belief that, when given specific information about the status of their horse, riders and crew respond quickly and correctly, leading to ultimate success: a Tevis buckle.

Low Completion Rate in 2015

From the viewpoint of the veterinarians at the checkpoints, one possible factor contributing to failure to complete was the tendency to ride at the back of the pack up against time cut offs. The number of riders pulled for OT seemed unusually high in 2015.

Riding conservatively to finish is a great goal. Just don't compromise your chances by cutting it too thin. Leave some wiggle room for unplanned or uncontrollable events that can happen out there. As we saw last year, the larger the ride, the worse the wave effect of 60% arriving within 1 hour of cut off time. And use the check points as efficiently as possible: take the time to eat and drink and catch a breath while simultaneously checking pulse recovery, then when ready immediately get in line for the vets. Remember to take care of yourselves while taking care of your horse. This becomes especially critical in the second half of the ride, when your horse is getting a second wind but you're "toast" and not able to be of much help to your team.

On behalf of the entire veterinary committee, we wish you the very best of luck on Tevis 2016!





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Tevis Talks

Documentary Film-Maker Ben Masters
Comes to Auburn to Help Support Tevis Trails
By Elizabeth Speth

Ideas that come to me late at night are not usually good. Over the years, and with more than a little cringing embarrassment, I have learned that what seems like a good plan during the dark hours of my circadian clock, possibly under the influence of wine with dinner, is best kept for reconsideration in the morning.

Except in the case of Ben Masters. Because it was nearing midnight the first time I finished watching his award-winning documentary 'Unbranded', and I was blown away. And I thought: This guy would be a great guest for Tevis Talks!!

"You should get that guy for Tevis Talks," my husband said into our stunned silence as the credits rolled up, up and away on Masters' epic story, a 3,000-mile trip from Mexico to Canada on the backs of 16 wild mustangs, undertaken by four Texas A&M university graduates, to prove that the American Mustang is a hearty, versatile, highly

desirable equine partner.

To make the story even better, the film was born as a Kickstarter campaign, and has ended up winning multiple prestigious film awards. National Geographic called it one of the year's best adventure films.

"There are a lot of parallels, if you think about it, between the Unbranded journey and Tevis," explains Tevis Talks host Matt Scribner, who said it better than I could. "Ben Masters had a point to make about the American mustang, and what it could accomplish. That's no different than that small group of horsemen riding out from Tahoe City all those years ago to prove a horse can be ridden 100 miles in a day. That's the spirit of adventure we hope will always be alive and well here in the West."

I mulled the idea of Masters as guest for a day or so (we had been debating candidates for a follow-up to world-famous horse trainer Clinton Anderson's appearance the year before, and California Chrome trainer Art Sherman was on the short list), and I wanted to make sure it was a viable alternative before I mentioned it to host Scribner.



Ben Masters and Lanny Leach onstage at this year's Tevis Talk held at the Auburn State Theater. (photograph by Claudia Booth)

Very carefully, I crafted an e-mail to the Unbranded organization, trying to capture the idea of Tevis, how it is defined by the mountains it traverses, and the importance of an organization like the Western States Trail Foundation, which maintains and advocates for its historic trails. Tevis Talks is, after all, a major fundraiser for WSTF, and I hoped the event would resonate with a group of film-makers who didn't just have a point to make about wild horses, but also about the importance of open spaces, and the freedom to enjoy them from one border of America to the other.

The reply from Unbranded dropped into my box within minutes. "This sounds like the kind of thing Ben would be interested in," it said, and provided his e-mail address. So I carefully and methodically crafted a second e-mail, which was designed to convince a possibly skeptical, obviously visionary, likely incredibly busy film-maker and all-around talented force of nature that he should come to our rugged little corner of the world and support our trails.

Five minutes later, Masters wrote back: "Sounds awesome. Let's do it! How about mid-January?"

Masters gave Tevis a unique gift in the form of two fundraisers rather than just one. We screened his movie at the historic State Theater in Auburn a month before his scheduled Tevis Talks appearance, to a sold-out and wildly enthusiastic crowd.

Then, in mid-January, just as the man promised, Masters came to town with special guest Lanny Leach, a nationally-recognized mustang trainer who helped gentle the Unbranded remuda for their film debut. (All of the sixteen horses were chosen from Bureau of Land

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Interview with Bud Dardi

Two-time Tevis Cup winner and one-time Haggin Cup winner tells tales of Tevis, polo, and a friendship with Will Tevis.

Many moons ago Hal Hall, Ann Hall, Marisa Dardi and Kate Riordan gathered around a dining table to hear Bud Dardi's stories. What follows is a rambling story of Tevis long ago (with thanks to Mary Freeland for transcribing the audio tape).

When did you meet Will Tevis?

I was in high school, around 1950. I moved from the East Bay to San Francisco and Will Tevis (grandson of Lloyd Tevis, president of Wells Fargo) owned a stable called the St. Francis Stable by Golden Gate Park. I had a horse given to me by a friend whose father raised horses for the Army, until they went mechanized and all of a sudden he was out of business. He gave me this nice little Thoroughbred. I kept it at the St. Francis Stable where there were a lot of polo players so I got to know a lot of them. Then Willie sold that stable, and the stable at Golden Gate Park by the polo field was available for any horse used for public amusement, and the polo horses qualified. So the polo players kept their horses there. I was in high school and I got a job there taking care of eight horses. I would feed in the morning, go to school, and afterwards groom the horses and muck out the stalls. Willie Tevis was Mr. San Francisco Polo. He kept his horses there and ran the polo field and polo club for years.

I made pretty good money. Then I ended up running the stable on the weekends. The Presidio had a stable and I got a job running it too, and some of the polo players stabled there. I ended up buying a couple of polo prospects, Thoroughbreds, from a Colonel, because he was transferred. One was called WhosBoy, a big black horse who wasn't quite making it as a polo horse. That's how I got to know Willie Tevis, and he took a liking to me. His daughter Sandra (Tevis) liked WhosBoy and she talked Willie into trading me two "made" polo horses that had some leg problems and were older, but that was alright with me, a kid just learning polo. Willie would invite me out to practice during the week. Sandra ended up taking WhosBoy on the Tevis. I think she finished.

At what point did you find out that Willie was an endurance rider in addition to being a polo player?

I heard stories around the stable about Willie's exploits in endurance riding against hunter/jumper champion Barbara Worth and against the Army team in a race from Nevada to the ocean. At that time I was in college, got married and moved back to South Dakota. It was after that time that Willie got involved in the Tevis. So when I came back to California and bumped into Willie he said, "Oh, Bud, you've got to come to the Lake Ranch in the Pt. Reyes National Sea Shore near Olema and play polo every weekend." So I started going up there on the weekends. At that point he had gotten involved with the Tevis. And he was training horses for different people for the Tevis.

Willie had a dirt polo field at the Lake Ranch. I would go up there on the weekends and make about a 40-mile loop training a horse and come back, and about that time Willie would be ready to have a little practice polo game. I'd unsaddle one horse and saddle another. Willie wasn't play-

ing polo much at that point but he would send horses to Golden Gate Park. He would mount me to play down there so I guess I was more a protégé of his between the polo and endurance riding.

When did he invite you up to Auburn to watch the Tevis Ride?

When I moved back to San Francisco, he told me about the Tevis Ride and that he had some horses he was getting ready for the next year. He was going to give me a horse to ride, Pawnee. I trained Pawnee but didn't finish the first year. That was about 1963 or '64.



Bud Dardi and Poncho, 1968, Squaw Peak.

When we hit the bottom of the canyons Pawnee just gave out. I had to practically carry him out. Going into Michigan Bluff, we'd go about 5 feet at a time and stop. That was a long trip out. The next year I rode a gray horse, Shawnee. The next year he loaned the horse to Nan Benzie, and she finished. It was a heck of a nice horse, a big gray Arab.

Years ago Willie had a ranch by Bakersfield where he had a string of gray horses, four or five gray polo horses. Then he bought Pancho, who came out on a truck with Sharon Saare and her husband, horse traders who would bring a load of horses out of the Midwest to California. Sharon had this load coming in and when she showed Willie the horses, he picked this Pancho horse.

I heard that Pancho was 3/4 Arab and 1/4 Morgan or Standardbred, but I think Morgan. He was a good horse. We got a letter from the fellow who used to ride the horse. When I won the Tevis the first time in 1966, I guess it was in Western Horseman Magazine, and this guy wrote to me with a snapshot of him on Pancho. He said he raised Pancho and that they used him for packing and riding on his ranch in Montana. That was the first time we knew his exact origin.

What was your best Tevis?

When I finished, because I didn't finish a lot of them!

Interview with Bud Dardi

Did you take over training Pancho from the start?

At the Lake Ranch Willie had a foreman who took care of a lot of the horses and during the week he would pony them. He'd keep the polo horses in shape too. Then I'd go up on the weekends and ride Pancho or horses like Shawnee and I'd train those horses with the help of the foreman. Then I'd go out and do a long ride on Saturday and play polo, then go back on Sunday and ride them again.

In those days there weren't many other endurance competitions to warm the horses up in stages. You brought them straight to Tevis.

I would come up to Auburn and do training rides. I used to meet Paige Harper and Wendell Robie (founder of Western States Trail Foundation) and we'd mark and pre-ride the trail. I got to be pretty good friends with Paige and one time I came up with Pancho. I was going to ride out of the fairgrounds to the river and back. Paige came by and said, "Wendell and I are going up to Robinson Flat to hang ribbons, why don't you come with us?"

So, I'm the stupid kid. I got in Wendell's old orange truck called the Goose with my horse in the trailer and go down the hill to Highway 49. The horses are going bang, bang, bang in the trailer. You know how Wendell drove and talked, and he's looking at me and I'm thinking please look where you're going. And all the way up to Robinson it was like that. Paige came walking over with a big grin on his face and asked, "How was your ride Bud?" He knew!

When you first rode Tevis until the last time, and now as a keen observer, how do you feel the Tevis has changed for the good and the bad?

Well, I think Tevis has done a very good job. The only thing I've objected to is not having the weight criteria. Both Wendell and Willie were for it. Tevis was like an Olympic sport. I was against it when they did away with weight criteria. And I still am. All the Top Ten this year, even though many might be men, they're all 150 to 160 pounds.

That's the only negative I can think of. I think what you all have done with trails is really good. You maintain everything.

What are the differences in the horses you see competing today compared to the 1960's?

Well, they all look fit; I think there are more fit horses now. People have had more experience in getting them fit and trained. There are more 50 mile rides. Towards the end of when I competed I had a few horses that had some 50-mile rides before Tevis, and they had a lot more training. On a Saturday I'd go out and ride 30 to 40 miles by myself wherever I stabled. Or I would come up here to Auburn and pre-ride the trail. But now you can do it by going on different rides.

Hal: The first time I ever saw you I was just a kid and I was with Charlie Barieau, the photographer. We drove down to the Tevis vet check

at Highway 49. You came in first, Marion Robie was just right there...

Yeah! I had been way out in front at Michigan Bluff and I thought the win was a piece of cake.

And she caught you!

I hadn't seen or heard her. I was just taking it easy, just jogging. Some people were waiting for me to come down to the vet check and I hear someone yell, "Look behind you!" and Marion's coming like a bat-out-of-hell.

Hal: I remember that you were both in the Highway 49 vet check. I think it was a 15 minute stop. Bud took off out of there, with just a split-second lead and so Charlie said, "We better get in the car. We better get in the car!" So we drove to a point where you can look down on No Hands Bridge. There's a Charlie Barieau photograph of Bud galloping across No Hands Bridge in daylight and he's holding on to his hat. I thought this guy means business — he's just flying. And he galloped flat out. I timed Bud from the bridge to the finish at end of Robie Drive, in less than 15 minutes.

I trotted and galloped all the way up until about the last 50 yards. You



Bud Dardi and Poncho, 1967, crossing the finish line to win both the Tevis Cup and the Haggan Cup.
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know, I was lucky too, and because I thought I had such a big lead I was sort of taking it easy until I got into that vet check. And all of the sudden Marion comes out of nowhere at a flat run. As it turned out, by riding at that pace to catch me, her horse hardly got out of the vet check. She did get out, but she had to walk all the way in.

Hal: She ended up in second place about 20 to 30 minutes later.

I think it was longer than that; it was all she could do to walk in. I didn't know that so I wasn't going to lose it at that point. In those days Tevis had group starts. With the time differences, you never knew where you stood with the earlier starters, and in my case whether Marion started earlier or later.

What do you think your secret is to winning?

Luck! Actually, patience. I learned that lesson from Paige Harper on my first or second Tevis. I remember leaving Squaw Valley with Paige and going up to Watson's Monument and horses are just flying by us. I said to Paige, "Maybe we should pick it up a little bit." He's taking it easy and says, "Bud it's a long day; there's no hurry."

Tell the story of coming up from Devils Thumb — someone who galloped up those switchbacks and their horse gave out at Devils Thumb.

That was actually John Bacon and Ed Bailey. They got into Robinson Flat about an hour before me and this was 1968 I think. I had a good horse but I didn't push early on, I never did. I came into Robinson Flat about 9:30-10:00. I was always between 10th and 20th coming in. I never tried to be the first one in there. I get in there and those two had been there about an hour. Actually I think they had already left, as a matter of fact. I'm thinking "God, what are these guys doing! They're friends of mine and they must be going like hell. I can't keep up with them." I get to the top of Devils Thumb and both of them are off their horses and walking — they'd had it. I said, "Hey, what's going on with you guys?" They said, "We just had a hell of a 50 mile ride, but it's over."

What kind of equipment did you use back then?

I had a McClellan Saddle.

Did you survive that?

Oh, yeah! In fact, it never bothered me. It was a military saddle. They were made to fit any kind of horse. I was happy with it. After that I rode in a jockey exercise saddle. I still have it.

You're kidding! You rode 100 miles in a jockey exercise saddle?

Oh, yeah! It has a tree strong enough you can't bend it from front to back. And it fit every horse I had, fortunately, and I kept using it. It weighed only 10 to 12 pounds. So, I liked it and it didn't bother me. You know when you're

trotting all the time, you're up in the stirrups pretty much, you're not sitting down in the saddle that much. It worked out well because of the weight.

You used to haul your horse in what — a two-horse trailer. Now there are \$100,000 trailers with living quarters and fake fireplaces.

When I went 'high class,' I ended up getting a camper for my truck. That was really living it up when you had a camper with a shower. Before that you would just sweep out your trailer and put a cot in there.

What about veterinary criteria over the years?

It's changed some. The vets used to take temperatures, then they did away with that. But the vets were pretty strict on that, and pulse and respiration. And lameness, obviously. At that time, the SPCA used to come to Tevis. They were looking for trouble, until they finally were convinced that Wendell and the vet committee were really good and careful about the horses. Eventually they didn't have to come up every year to monitor what was going on.

Kate: Today endurance horses are mostly all Arabs with same body types. But back then, for example, we had Nick Mansfield's horse, Buffalo Bill. I'm pretty sure no one today would ever pull him out of the line-up for an endurance prospect! And yet Buffalo Bill finished the Tevis 11 times and won in 1959. And back then the Tevis line-up included the Moyle horses, the big, jug-headed, raw-boned horses who were tough and determined. What have you seen evolve in the type of endurance horses?

Well, they all look more alike now, I think. There were Moyle horses, Mansfield's horses, bigger horses and a lot of really small horses, too, even the occasional pony. All those horses' ribs would show, they were so skinny. They were fit, I guess, but it was because they conditioned them so much they didn't have anything to run on.

What was it like to compete against Ed Johnson? (Winner of Tevis in 1965 and 1967)

He was like a god back then and won the Tevis big time on Bezatal. 1966 was the first year I rode against him. He had won the year before and I didn't think I would be even close to him. I wasn't thinking of winning — I was just thinking about doing well. If that meant Top Ten, then I would be happy with that. Then it turned out I got close to him. He won in '65 and I won in '66 and I think he got sick that year. If I remember correctly, we got into Michigan Bluff and he got sick.

When you started riding Pancho and returned to San Francisco, did other people know about the Tevis Ride?

Oh, yeah! Willie Tevis was Mr. Polo of San Francisco and he promoted the

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Tevis. There would be write-ups in the newspaper. Ren Tevis, Willie's wife, would put on an elegant Tevis dinner at the golf club behind the Cabbage Patch, they used to call it. There weren't many endurance riders there; it was mostly her friends. That Tevis dinner would be in the society pages.



Bud and Pancho and Pointed Rock, only one mile to go. (photograph by Charles Barieau)

What was the Haggin Cup judging like then?

Everything was the same, from what I can remember. Judging was Sunday morning and the Cup Committee would get the veterinarian report and they would decide who won it. They would meet Willie at a motel in town.

So, when you came into Michigan Bluff one of the years you won, you looked better than you ever had.

I was always tired! We used to come out of the canyons every year saying, why am I doing this? I'll never do this again. I used to "tail" out of the canyons. And in the flat spots I'd get off and jog a little, and "tail" on foot down the canyons. I was always tired when I got to Michigan Bluff.

For years you held the course record at 11 hours 18 minutes riding time. Now the course has changed over the years. That record stood for a really long time.

Decades... Doesn't that record still stand?

Hal: I think technically, it still stands, because the year that Boyd Zontelli broke the record it was a different course.

You competed against Donna Fitzgerald when she was riding a little gray horse by the name of Razlin or Raz.

That's the year I think she came in second. After that she started riding Witezarif, and of course she won the Tevis six times on Witezarif.

Those horses were half bothers. Same dam. You had to be tough to compete against her — how did you manage to get in front of her?

I think one time I passed her in Foresthill. I think she was told to take it easy.

She had a huge lead. Where would you have passed her?

Somewhere just going through town. She was walking and I was trotting; I was going really well and she was having to back off. That was '66 maybe.

You won the Tevis Cup two years (1966 and 1968) with Pancho and in the middle year (1967) you won the Haggin Cup on Pancho.

Willie said, "Bud, that sets a record with that second win." And he said, "Pancho has done everything you could ask for, you may as well retire him."

He could have gone on, but Willie said, "I think we should retire him."

What is your favorite part of the trail?

It's hard to say. I like the beginning, but it's tough. You can look back at Lake Tahoe; it's pretty up there. After Robinson Flat it's not so pretty, the canyons aren't so pretty. It's more work. I'd say the prettiest part of the trail is up to Robinson Flat.

What was your first experience going over Cougar Rock?

It was just part of what you had to do. That was the only option at the time. You couldn't go around Cougar Rock, you had to go over it. I never had a problem with it, so I never had a reason to be uneasy with it.

When you were first riding Tevis, they didn't have anything like supplements or electrolytes.

Oh, yeah! That was a funny one. A good friend of mine, Phil Fryer, was a vet on the ride and he rode it when I was doing good on Pancho. He said I should give my horse electrolytes. At that time no one had ever heard of electrolytes. What he gave me were pills that you would "ball" the horses with — the electrolytes came that way. I'd get these things and I'd chop them up in a powder and before and during the ride I'd give Pancho these electrolytes, which no one else was doing. At one point I was at a vet check and Wendell was having trouble getting out. I said, "Wendell give your horse some of these electrolytes, it's good for them — it's like salt or something." After the ride he questioned Dick Barsaleau and some of the other vets, thinking I was giving Pancho something illegal. It was after that we started a vet committee. Wendell thought electrolytes were some kind of a drug.

Who was on the first Vet Committee?

Me, Dr. Dick Barsaleau and another vet, Robert Young.

When supplements first came into the picture did you use them right away?

I used to give my horses Vitamin B12. That was a big deal then. We used a lot of sweet feed. At that time that's what they fed, sweet feed, like Omolene.

Years after you rode Pancho, you had a number of horses you did really well with, one was a chestnut that you came in second with. What was his name?

Bruschart. His breeding sire was Witez II, I think. I found a ranch in Great Falls, Montana, where they had this horse and some others of this breeding. I went back there and bought him and shipped him out here. He turned out to be a good horse.

During the time you were riding Pancho, was Willie Tevis checking on your progress during the ride?

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No, I would see him at the beginning of the ride. I don't think he was ever at Robinson Flat. But then I would see him at Michigan Bluff.

Willie just set you free to train Pancho?

Oh, yeah, he just left that all up to me. He used to think I over-rode the horses in training. When he did all of his endurance rides he just took a bunch of polo horses and that's what he used. When he had his race from the Nevada state line to the Tanforan Race Track in San Mateo, California against the Army, the Army trained for four or five months with a crack team of Army Cavalry. I had a bunch of Willie's horses ready. He went up a day or two before the ride. I scattered 20 polo horses all along the course, and Willie would just hop off one and onto another one. And he beat the nine Army riders by something like eight hours.

He beat the Cavalry and they had nine different riders! And it wasn't even close!

Hal: I think it was something like 230 miles they traveled from the Nevada state line to San Mateo to the Tanforan Race Track.

At that time they didn't have the bridges, so you had to go down the peninsula to San Jose and come back up to Tanforan Race Track.

Whose idea was that?

It was a bet with Hal Roach, the movie director. I've been trying to get hold of Richard Mansfield — he has a watch with the winning medallion on the wristband.

Hal: Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. awarded Willie that medallion at the finish.

It was all a part of the bet that Hal Roach made. Willie loved to bet. Oh, he won bets with lots of people; he suckered a lot of people with bets. Remember Barbara Worth, the jumper champion? He got into a bet with her. They were going to ride in a skating rink in San Francisco that had a track around it. He made a bet that he could beat her doing 200 miles in 20 hours or something like that. He just jumped from one horse to another without touching the ground and did about 250-300 miles. Barbara Worth only did 100 and gave up.



Will Tevis (far left) at the polo field with friends.

There is an article from the San

Francisco Chronicle about that 200-mile race around the 1/10 mile track. There was betting in the audience that he was going to fall off his horse and that he couldn't possibly hang on for 200 miles, but

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A funny thing about Willie was that he had a stutter and talked in a very effeminate way and had a hard time getting the words out. He also had a thing about dirt; he used to wear long overcoats and gloves.

Another story about Willie was at Madison Square Garden where they had a big fancy horseshow and rodeo where people attended in tuxedos and formal wear. He got into a bet with someone from the rodeo that he could hit a polo ball off a bucking horse. Willie was a hell of a rider — he was all balance. He didn't ride with his legs; he had tremendous balance. Of course he got the bet and first off he went into the arena and scattered about 50 polo balls, so he didn't have to chase them. He got out there on the bucking horse and he hit a ball.

It's told he broke horses for the Cavalry at Ft. Sam Houston.

I didn't know that, but he was always big in California polo. He played at Pebble Beach and he had all kinds of polo horses. But he snookered me while I was grooming and learning to play. I was invited out to a polo practice one time on what I thought was a pretty hot horse. Willie said to me, "Do you think your horse can beat my horse?" I said, "Oh, Mr. Tevis, that's no problem." So he said, "I'll make you a little bet. I'll race you from here down to about 100 yards away." I thought, "Oh, this old man — I'll just chew him up." We started and he got the first jump on me. Every time I go this way to pass him he moves this way and every time I go that way to pass him he goes that way, laughing. He snookered me and I just couldn't get around him.

Another time on the polo fields in San Francisco they were having road races in Golden Gate Park. I think it was with Sterling Moss or some

other champion road racer. Willie made him a bet that he could beat this guy at 150 yards from the back line of the polo field to the center of the polo field. They made a big bet. Old Willie was over the finish line while the other guy's tires were spinning. Willie was laughing like hell. He won another bet.

The Tevis family was of San Francisco high society. Willie went through fortunes all the time. My mother used to tell me that there would be years that Willie was broke and sometimes had bill collectors after him and he would hide in the bathroom. Then all of a sudden he would come into another inheritance. In his last years he did pretty good and bought that Pt. Reyes National Seashore property and the Lake Ranch. Then when he sold that, he bought property in Napa.

Of the three brothers, Willie was the youngest. Lloyd was the oldest. He was the businessman. Gordon was a chef and world traveler.

Willie took me to Gordon's house in San Francisco and the kitchen was huge. He was a gourmet chef. Willie would say "Oh, Gordon, he's just a cook."

Hal: Willie had a speech impediment and he couldn't transact and conduct business like his older brother. But he found what he liked to do — horses — and he excelled at it. His brothers didn't have horses that I know of.

Willie was a heck of a rider. He would ride anything; nothing scared him. He was a heck of a rider and was all balance.

Hal: He wrote a book. I've read excerpts from it in a publication called the "Pony Express." A guy named Hamlin used to write for it



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and he would come to Auburn and visit with Wendell and talk about the Tevis Ride. Then he got a chance to meet Willie. He would write about Willie's endeavors and about how he flew during the war. And at his ranch property, didn't Willie have a landing strip there?

It was a small, dirt polo field. And if he didn't

stop the plane right on the polo field that was cut out of a hill, more or less, he would come in like this (gestures). He would have to stop that plane right at the end of the polo field or drop off into the canyon. And then taking off he had to lift off right away.

Willie was called the Commander.

During the war, the Lake Ranch had a bomb shel-

ter. Willie was in the Coast Guard and he was in command of the Coast Guard that covered all the Marin Coast watching for the Japanese.

Hal: He would fly out of Lake Ranch up and down the coast looking for balloons from Japan. Everyone feared Japan was going to attack the U.S. by dropping bombs via weather balloons.

They found one near Santa Barbara. That was the closest they ever came in California. Willie definitely was a Commander. He helped start a polo club in the desert in Palm Springs called the El Dorado Polo Club. He would fly his plane down there and land on the polo field.

Did Willie ever talk about riding the Tevis Ride himself?

No. I don't think he did. I think he was pretty old by that time.

Hal: Wendell talked about it once. They took him up on a training ride and he got sick. The attitude bothered him. You said you never saw him at Robinson Flat — I think the altitude bothered him there. They took him up to Squaw Valley and by the time they

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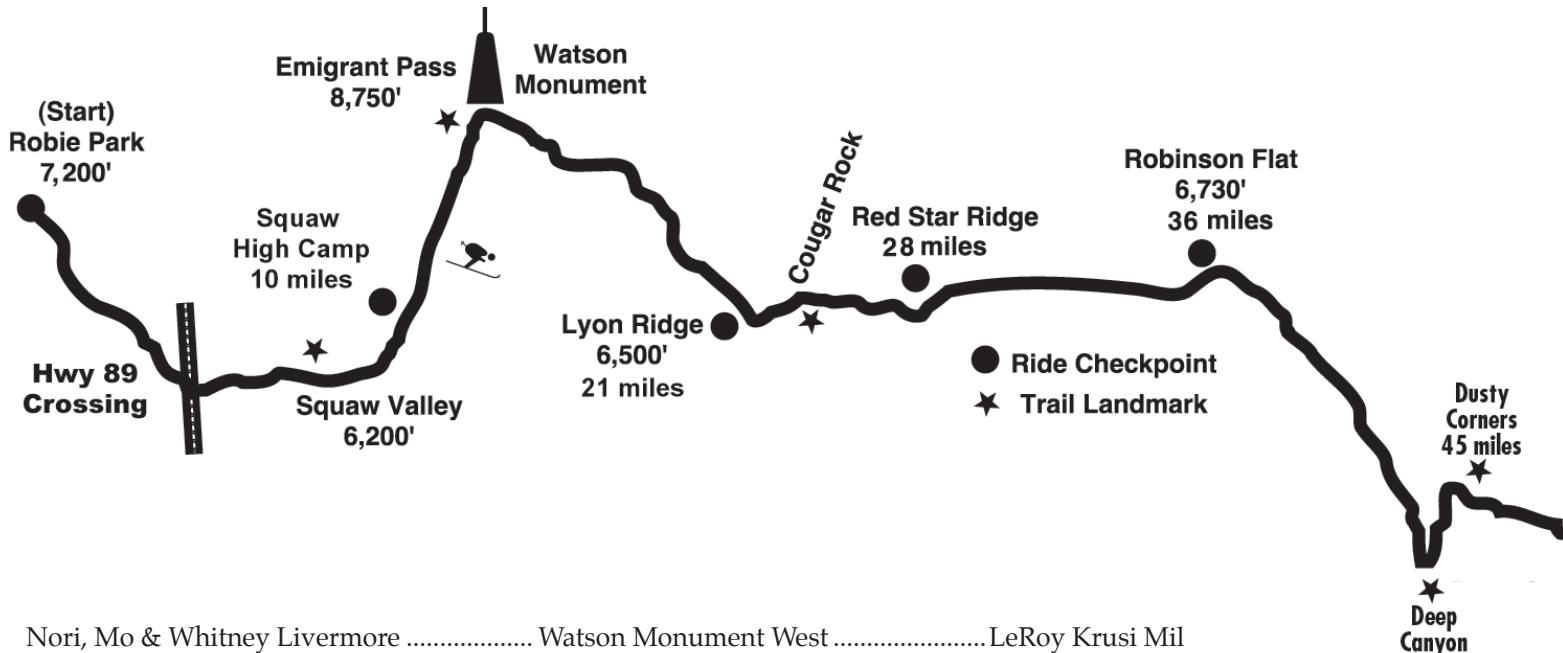
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Available 1.5 miles

Julie Suhr & Barbara White 1 Mile East of Robinson Flat The Bruce and Dayna Weary Mile

Gretchen Wallerich & Marcy Shone Robinson Flat West (*Old Trail*) Marcy & Gretchen's Mile

Tom Rotkis 2nd Mile W. of Robinson Flat (*Old Trail*) The Rotkis Family Mile

Family & Friends of Carol Ranta Robinson Flat South (*New Trail*) Family & Friends of Carol Ranta Mile

James & Susan Keller, Robert Ranta, N. Ca. Trails Council, Nina Curtis, Gary Pierachini, Kathy Cottrell, Chamberlain Creek Endurance Ride, Janet & John Lewis, Mendo-Lake Arabian Horse Assn., Judy & Merv Pyorre, Ann & Alan Mitchell, Robin Stapel, Jean & Traci Glentzer, Shirley Scott, Beth Gradek, Leslie Kline, Leslie & Bob Scaglione, Bobbi & John Tilley, Polly Polacek, Cindy & Jim Thompson

Sheik Sultan bin Suhaim

bin Hamad Al Thani 2nd Mile South of Robinson Flat Al-Thani's Stable Mile

Paula Campbell 3rd Mile West of Robinson Flat DZ Esprit's Mile

Paula Campbell 4th Mile West of Robinson Flat LC Escape's Mile

Available 5.5 miles

Marx/Munger/Pickett Centered on Dusty Corners 3 Amigos Mile

Bob & Joan Marx, Maynard & Marilee Munger, Mike & Tish Pickett

Friends of Kerry Ridgway, DVM 2nd Mile West of Dusty Corners Kerry Ridgway, DVM

"Cardiac Recovery Index" (CRI) Mile

Lari Shea, Mo and Nori Livermore MD, Roger Yohe and Linda Glazier, Barbara Reinke, Kate Riordan, Nancy Houlberg, Blake Ridgway, Diana Thompson, Kirsten Ridgway, Penny and Jerry Scribner, Laura Webster, Denny Rich and Lisa Jordan, Heidi Chote, Potato Richardson, Cali Jansen, Joy and Michael Van Noy DVM (Auburn Laboratories), Greg Fellers DVM, Laura and Gary Fend, Barbara White, C. Delos Putz, Kate Tancer, Becky and Chappy Cahill, Leslie Steere, Mark and Alison Farrin, Mindy Wolfe, Steve and Ann Marie Szolas, Stacey Bradley, Deborah LaBerge, Jeff Herten and Debby Lyons, and other friends around the world

Last Chance

4,526'

50 miles

Deadwood

4,365'

56 miles

Michigan Bluff

3,530'

63 miles

Foresthill

3,225'

69 miles

Devil's Thumb
54 miles

**No. Fork of the Middle Fork,
American River
"Swinging Bridge"**
2,800'

El Dorado Creek
1,700'
60 miles

Volcano Creek
2,800'

Ford's Bar
800'
81 miles

Francisco's
745'
86 miles

Lower Rock Quarry
710'
94 miles

Poverty Bar
735'
88 miles

**Hwy. 49
Crossing** (Finish)
Auburn
1,200'
100 miles
No Hands Bridge
700'
96 miles

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE . . .

Opportunities still exist to adopt miles of the trail (**see page 63**)

as well as landmarks, vet stops, and to provide funds for capital improvements to the property adjacent to the staging area at the overlook, and to help maintain vet checks.

Email: wstf@foothill.net for more information.

Rick & Lori Stewart.....	Centered on Pucker Point	The Rocket Mile
Available .5 miles		
Rushcreek Legacy Group.....	1-1/2 Miles West of Pucker Point	Rushcreek Legacy Mile
Larua Hayes, Neil & Elizabeth Speth, Lynn Glazer, Brenda Messick, Kathy Callen-Rondeau, Lois Deitrich, Roberta Lieberman, and Kim & Deb Kolegraf		
Eugene & Mary Freeland	Last Chance West.....	Freedom Mile
Carey Family & Friends	2nd Mile East of Swinging Bridge	Martha Carey Mile
Ulla & Vincent Howes	Swinging Bridge East.....	Vince & Ulla Howes Mile
Gold Country Endurance Riders	Swinging Bridge West.....	GCER Quarter Mile
Laurie Wood-Gundlach.....	2nd Mile East of Devil's Thumb.....	Barsaleau Mile
Jeff Herten/Debby Lyon	Devil's Thumb East.....	Herten Mile
Sierra Fadwah+ / Dream Mile Group	Devil's Thumb West.....	Sierra Fadwah+ / Dream Mile
Robert & Julie Suhr, Chuck & Marci Cunningham, Jim F. Mitchell, Anne M. Wrenn, Elizabeth Glaser & Douglass Spilman, Theresa L. Ghezzi, Robert & Linda Keene, Jeff Herten & Debby Lyon, Steve & Marsha Workman, Ruth L. Gerson, Jessica Tuteur, Becky Glazer		
Beth Paulson & Augustus McCrae	Centered -Old Deadwood Vet Site.....	Paulson / McCrae Quarter Mile
Friends of Ernie and Nancy Elliot	Dead Well to Deadwood	The Ernie Elliot Commemorative Mile
Mark & Traci Falcone, Maryben Stover, Laura & Gary Fend, Michael & Joy Van Noy, U.S. Equestrian Team, Inc., Tony & Terry Benedetti, Kathleen Campbell, Clarissa Hale, Jeff Herten & Debby Lyon, E. Vincent & Ulla Howes, Patricia Fredrickson, Margaret Price, Robert Harrison & Karen Bonttiani, Barbara & Doug White, Bob & Julie Suhr, David Rabe, C. M. & P. D. Stalley, Michele Shaw, Judy Long & Warren Warhol, Jr., Lari Shea/Ricochet Ridge Ranch, Inc., Ron & Barbara Sanches, Sarah Dalton, Becky Hart & Judith Ogus, Forrest & Kathleen Tancer, M Construction, Inc., Roxanne Greene, Ken & Connie Creech, Gail & Daniel Baum, Barbara Blum, Mo & Norman Livermore, Jim & Shannon Weil, Kathy Webster & Bill M., Laurie Jurs, Marcia Smith, Elizabeth Ann Ditz, Alden Corrigan, Ann & Hal Hall, Kathleen Riordan, Calaveras Trail Blazers, Ray Randall DVM, Ellen Betker, Various Riders Via Terresa Cross, Melissa Schuler, Clark & Associates, Robert G. Clark, Tony & Terry Benedetti, Cassandra Schuler, Cassandra Schuler for Jan Borromeo, Jillian R. Clark, Jerry and Penny Scribner		
Pat McKendry	Deadwood Site West	Patricia McKendry & Curly Horse
Greg Kimler-Echo Valley Ranch	2nd Mile West of Deadwood	Echo Valley Gene Kimler Mem. Mile
Tin & Dianna Fitzpatrick.....	El Doradao Canyon.....	The Fitzpatrick Half Mile
Robert & Gail Suhr, John Suhr,		
Doug & Barbara White	1 Mile East of El Dorado Creek	HCC Gazal +/ Mile
Eric & Kathy Thompson.....	El Dorado Creek West.....	The Crummy Mile
Laura Horst.....	2 Miles West of El Dorado Creek	
Linda Glazier & Roger Yohe	Michigan Bluff East.....	Tachyon's Mile
Gary & Judy Hall.....	Michigan Bluff (<i>East of Hall's House</i>).....	For Dad-Eldon A Hall
Sly Family	Michigan Bluff west (<i>West of Hall's House</i>)....	Sly Family Mile
Kenneth & Maureen McKenzie, Karon & Scott Dutcher, Jeffrey & Carolyn McKenzie, Sharon & Bob Finston, Carol & Pier Simpson, Maxine & Kenneth Sly		
Beatrice E. Stinson.....	2nd Mile West of Michigan Bluff	The Bob Stinson Mile
Beatrice E. Stinson.....	3rd Mile West of Michigan Bluff	the Bea Stinson, Bill and Diana Mile
Rho Jacoby/Corky Young.....	Centered on Volcano Creek.....	Pelican-Persnickety & All Good Mares Mile
Friends of Barbie Bellamack	1st mile West of 1/2 mile West of Volcano Creek.....	Barbara Bellamak Memorial Mile
Foresthill Trails Association.....	CA Street East (<i>Downtown Foresthill</i>).....	FTA Half Mile
Endurance World Magazine.....	1st 2 miles of CA St Trail.....	Endurance World Magazine's 2 Mile
Helen Logan group	3rd Mile of California St. Trail	Helen Logan Mile
Linda Logan, Ilene Rosengard, Paula & Bruce Jones, Peggy & Scott Jern, Gretchen Patterson, Stephanie Ostrowski, Elizabeth Glover, Cherry Stockton, J.C. Murray, Kim Christlieb, Helen Heyden, Kathy Longacre, Harry & Dottie Fryer, Jedlicka's, Josiah & Karen Jenkins, Marcia Harmon, Barbara White, Bob & Julie Suhr, Gerald Rounds, Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Waugh, Sylvia & Doug Beverly, James & Mary Anne Ferris, Pacific Coast Longriders, Patty Hawes		
Sandie Parker	4th Mile of California St. Trail	Bill Parker/Darque Memorial Mile
Seiichi and Harumi Hasumi	5th Mile of California St. Trail	3rd Consecutive Tevis Finish
Bob Walz.....	6th Mile of California St Trail	Bob and Sue Walz Easy Ride Mile
Bear Ride Management Team.....	7th Mile of California St. Trail	Dick Carter Mile
Seiichi and Harumi Hasumi	8th Mile of California St. Trail	4th Consecutive Tevis Finish Mile
Natalie Arnold & Richard Goodwin	Cal-2 West	Paki's Place
Moraga Horsemen's Association	Cal-2 West	Moraga Horsemen's Quarter Mile
Doc's Mile Group	1 1/4 Mile West of 1/4 West of Cal 2...Doc's Mile	
Roxanne Greene, Barbara White, Terry Banister, Nina Bomar, Mary Grimsrud, June Dyane Smith, Dabney Finch, Shirley Brown, Cory Strand, Peggy Norton, Linda Szymanski, Jane McGrath, Jim & Karen Clanin, Rich & Mary Darlene Theodore, Jacquelyn & George, Gamble, Charlie & Tammy Robinson, Dave Rabe, Hought Fine Art, Leather & Endurance Tack, Judy and Bob Suter, Carolyn & Richard Dawson, Heidi Vanderbuilt, Cindie & Lee Dusenbury, Cyndi Craig & Michael Maul, Dana & Bruce Baldwin, Judy & John Kuplent, Kim & Richard Fuess, Shirley & Fred Beasom, Rebecca Ball, Connie Hughes, Carol & Jim Barrett, Sandy Rovane		
Jon Steven.....	1.5 Miles West of Cal 2	Spider's Ravine
Patricia Fredrickson & Friends.....	2.0 Miles West of Cal 2	John Fredrikson Memorial 1/4 Mile
Carol Dahnke, William Kelley, Philip & Dorothy Bender, David & Lois Fredrickson, Don & Judy Beach, Patricia Fredrickson, Barbara Stromsness, Deborah Lyon, Linda Spaletta, Leon & Barbara Eller, Jean Griesing, Clarissa & Barbara Hale, Ernest White		

Available .25 miles

Roxanne Greene	Ford's Bar East	Davis Memorial Mile
Roxanne Greene	Ford's Bar West	Josephine S. Scripps Mile
Ride and Tie Association.....	2nd Mile West of Ford's Bar.....	Bud Johns Ride & Tie Mile
Suzanne and Godfrey Sullivan	3rd Mile West of Ford's Bar.....	Ford Family Mile
Juliette Suhr.....	2nd Mile East of Francisco's	Barbara White and Rebecca's Mile
Friends of Doc Larsen Family Mile	1 Mile East of Francisco's	Larsen Family Mile
Naomi Tyler Preston	Francisco's West.....	Mustang Lady Mile
John & Helen Lakso	2nd Mile East of Poverty Bar	Lakso Family Mile
Heather, Leonard & Poppy Davis.....	1 Mile East of Poverty Bar.....	Davis Family Mile
A. & P. Bailey and Christina MacKenzie.....	Philadelphia Bar West.....	Remington Steele 1/2 Mile
The Shefrin Family.....	Maine Bar East	DWA Sabku Mile
Bob & Julie Suhr	Maine Bar West	White Eagle's Spirit Mile
Jerry & Penny Scribner	1st 1/4 Mile West of Maine Bar	Scribner 1/4 Mile
Auburn Printers	2nd 1/4 Mile West of Maine Bar	Clint's 1/4 Mile
Kathie Perry- American River Ride	1 1/2 Mile West of Maine Bar	American River Mile
Michael Maul.....	2nd Mile East Lower Quarry	The Maul Moonlight Mile

Available 1. miles

Horsey Gals.....	West of Lower Quarry	Horsey Gals Quarter Mile
Marci Cook, Dori Johnson, Gwen Kilcherr, Debby Burgess, Cathy Gemperline, Jan Kahdeman, Cindy Brown, Christine Foppiano, Jennifer Niehaus, Rebecca Waltenspiel, Chance, Nadine Lavell, Marcia Spaletta, Nancy Kasovich, Nancy Kay, Elaine Balch, Lynn Harris, Mary Grimsrud, Jodean Micolette, Ashley Sansome, Charlotte Schatz, Cynthia Rowe		
Laura Horst.....	1 Mile West of Lower Quarry	Lady's Mile
Sandee Denison	1/4 Mile Pointed Rocks	Sydney V. Dennison
Alexandra Dees	No Hands Bridge East	The Mark Dees Mile
Steve Shaw & Lari Shea.....	No Hands Bridge West	1989 Memory Mile
Maggy Price	1st 1/4 Mile West of No Hands	Price Quarter Mile
Seiichi and Harumi Hasumi	Mile West of Price Quarter Mile.....	Hal and Ann Hall Mile
Suzanne and Godfrey Sullivan	First 1/4 of next-to-last mile	"Getting it Done! Dixie, Max and Shooter Mile
Suzanne Peterson	Last half of next-to-last mile	Marilyn Hale-Henas Mile
Bob & Julie Suhr	Last mile.....	Victory Mile
Tom, Eileen & Caitlin Rotkis	Undetermined.....	Caitlin Rotkis Mile

Thank you to all who have contributed so generously to the Adopt the Trail Campaign!

Available miles are listed on page 63.



FROM ADOPT-THE-TRAIL TO THE WALL OF FAME

BY JEFF HERTEN, CHAIR, WSTEF

From the adoption of the first mile in 1997 to the present, the Adopt-The-Trail program has provided a financial anchor to insure that the ride will go on into the future. With over 90% of the trail subscribed, the Western States Trail Endowment Fund committee is moving forward with a bold new project that will add to the grandeur of the Auburn Staging Area finish line and create a lasting memorial to a trail that literally gave birth to endurance riding and ultra-running.

A rock wall will be built on the uphill side of the last 50 yards of the trail. On it will be placed plaques commemorating the geologic events that created the mighty Sierras, the Native American contribution to the route,

the pioneer experience on the Placer Emigrant Road, as well as the history of the world's most challenging horse ride and run.

In addition to the historic record, stones will be etched with the names of riders, runners, crew, doctors, and veterinarians who took part in the growth and development of this spectacular event.

The opportunity to participate by purchasing a stone in the wall will be open to all who love these events and want them to be perpetuated long into the future.

Watch the Tevis website for more information as the final plans for the wall are formulated.

TEVIS BUCKLE WINNERS



Abbott, Kim 98-00-02-05-06
Abbott, Mary C. 99-00
Abdul-Rahim, Lila 97-99-00-03-04-06

Abrams, Lyn 89
Ackerman, Glen 58
Ackerman, Pearl 58
Ackers, Linda 89
Acres, Steve 66
Adams, Colin 73
Adams, Linda 83
Adams, Sue Ann 09
Adjiman, Ariel 96
Adler, Leslie 86
Aglar, Heidi 79-80-81-82
Ahearn-Wagner, Kelly 13
Aiello, Allison 78-80-81-83-85-88-89-90
Aiken, Harriet 97
Ainsleigh, H. G. 71-72
Al Abar, Mohammed Ali 11
Al Amri, Musalem 01
Al Jahouri, Ali Khalfan 01-04
Al Jahouri, Majed 04
Al Shafar, Mohammed 11
Al Shafar, Osama 01
Alderman, Brenda 91
Aldrich, Maryl 76-80
Alexander, Ann 67
Alexander, Victoria 05
Allison, Susan S. 86-87
Alvarez, Andre 15
Amadio, Tony 86
Ambrosio, Gaetano 87
Amesbury, Bruce 59
Amm, Claire 94
Amos, Jackie 88
Amos, Stan 86
Amundson, Dick 85
Anderberg, Bill 88-94
Anderson, Beate 06-07
Anderson, Berrian 58
Anderson, Bruce 82-84-86-88-90-91-93-98-99-07
Anderson, Darlene 14
Anderson, Doris 75-78
Anderson, Eloise 68
Anderson, Laurie 91-94-95
Anderson, Leslie 97
Anderson, Marcia 58
Anderson, Terri 84-86-90-91-92-93-94-98-99-00-02-04-05
Andrews, Jack 81-82
Anthony, Charlene 73
Antonio, Frederick 76
Antuzzi, Char E. 05
Ardito, Richard 88
Ardito, Sharon 81-82-84-86-88
Ardito, Tony 81-84
Arenz, Bud 70
Arnold, Marion Robie 58-61-64-67-68-69-70-71-74-75-94
Arnold, Natalie 87-88-99
Arnold, Phyllis 93-01
Arnold, Sam 72-73-76
Arnold, Wendell 94

Arthur, Elizabeth 81
Arthur, John 86
Arthur, Suzanne 76
Ashley, Stephany 97
Atkin, Roy 91
Atwood, Margo 71
Auker, Theresa 85
Austin, Susan 74
Austin, George MD 75-76-78-79-80
Aveleyra, Enrique 02-03
Averille, Jamie 87
Avery, Carl 86
Avery, Douglas 83
Avila, Jeri 88
Ayres, Chuck 84-85-87
Azevedo, Keith 93



Bacco, Leigh 02-03-04-07-11
Bache, Thomas 12
Bacon, Barbara 80
Bacon, John 66
Bailey, C.E. Andy 93
Bailey, Ed 66-68
Bailey, Rho 69-72-74-75
Baile, Doyle 07
Baillie, Pamela S. 04-07-11-12-13-15
Bain, Susan 95
Baines, Annette 75
Baird, Betty 91-97
Baird, Brenda 91
Baker, Christopher 09
Baldwin, Gayle 71
Baldwin, Jim 95
Ballereau, John 79
Banister, Terry 11-12
Bank, Judi 65-66-69-70
Bank, Peter 65-70
Bargar, Chere 86
Barger, Dan 82-87
Barger, Mary 82
Barikmo, Kelly 83
Barkley, Osie 09
Barner, Drucilla 58-60-61-62-63-65-66-70-71-74
Barnes, Carol 80
Barnett, AnnMarie 13-14
Barnett, Joellen 85
Barnett, Kathy 78
Barnfather, Julie 00
Barone, L. C. 66
Barrett, Kari 79
Barrett, Nancy 73
Barsaleau, Mary Grace 98
Barsaleau, R. B. DVM 64-67-68-69-73-74-75-76-77-78-80-81-86-87
Barstad, Norm 70-85
Bartholomew, Phyllis 95
Bartlett, Jim 86
Bartneck, Jim 89
Bartneck, Lea 87-89
Barton, Cindy 98
Bartusek, Cathy 12-13-15
Bash, Sue 12
Basham-Iverson, Sue 83-86-10-11-12-13-14-15
Bass, Whitney 91-97
Bass-Bolinger, Sandy 91
Baumgartener, Leslie 14
Bayuk, Chrisie 00
Bean, Karen 81-82
Bean, Merle 84-86
Berube, Cassandra 09
Beasley, Paul 78
Beaupre, Al 76-78-79-80-81-87-92-97

Beaupre, Jackie 78
Beck, Carolyn 67
Becker, Bruce 86-90
Becker, Drin 12
Becker, Gloria 81
Bebee, Chuck 91-93
Beeler, Bob 97
Beeler, Karen 96
Beffa, Helen 76
Beffa, Karlene 74
Behrens, Scott 81
Belknap, Ron 04-07
Bell, Robin 91
Bellamak, Barbara 72-73-76-80-82-86-87-88-89-91
Bellamak, Robert 74-75-78
Bellevance, Steven 86
Belser, Leisa 02
Bender, Andrew 80
Benedetti, Terry Finali 88
Benedetti, Tony 91-98-99-01-02-10-13-14
Benkley, Brenda 92-94-01-02-03-04-05
Benner, Lisa 06
Bennett, Frank DDS 85
Benson, Linda Creighton 72-75-76-78-79
Bentham, Linda Gallagher 80-81
Bentham, W.H. DVM 72-74-76-79-80-81
Benzie, Nan 61-62-63-64-65-66-70-72-73-75
Berto, Connie 86
Berube, Dennis 86-92
Berwick, Megan 95
Besseney, Margit 70
Bevans, Jerry 92
Beverly, Sylvia 95-96-98-00
Bianchi, Andrea 98
Biggs, Stephanie 80
Bigler, Alexander 63-66-67
Billingsley, Sally 02
Bin Sulayem, Sultan 11
Bingeman, Anita 92
Birch, Laurie 10-12-14
Birch, Norma 96
Birnbaum, Moises D. 05
Bischoff, Carol 11
Bischoff, Robert 11
Bish, Karen 06
Bishop, Jessica 11-14
Bishop, Rose 09
Bissmeyer, Eileen 09
Blakeley, Barrak 14
Blakeley, Gabriela 14
Blackwelder, Elizabeth 75-79
Blair, George 59-60-61-62-63-65-66-67-69-70-72
Blair, Jane E. 99
Blair, Pat 60-63-67
Blakeley, Barrak 11-15
Blakeley, Gabriela 07-11-13
Blakeley, Samona 11-13
Blakeley, Wasch 13-15
Blakslee, Vicki 72
Blalock, Roger 98
Blankenship, Jess 92
Bliss, Beth C. 04
Bloch, Michel 93-03-06
Blue, Kelly 99-04-15
Bochenksi, Anne 15
Boesser, Kathy 75
Bohannon, Bill 82-84
Bohannon, Bob 81-84
Bohannon, Kathy 82-84
Bohannon, Laurie 84-89
Boisa, Linda 95
Bokhof, Carin 90-92
Bolton, Amber 01
Bomar, Nina 87-99

Bonner, Jeanne 00
Bookbinder, Nina 86
Boos, Harley Jr. 90
Becker, Drin 12
Booth, Charles MD 68-70
Bordon, Scott 96
Borka, Franz 70
Borka, Linda 75
Boscoe, Debbie 11-13
Boswell, John 89
Bottiani, Karen 00-01-02-03-04-06
Bourdat, Michael 80
Bowen, Donald 04-05-06
Bowen, Pam 06
Bown, Andy 11
Bowers, Larry 86
Bowers, Renee 93-97
Bowers, Vonita 94-96
Bowling, Shawn 99-05-06
Bowling, Tom 71-81
Bowling, Wendy 84
Bowman, Johnathon 01-13-15
Bowman, Morgan 13-15
Bowman, Peter 65
Bown, Andy 09
Boykin, Mary 87
Boyle, Sally 57
Bradley, Nalisa 02
Bradley, Terry 01-02
Braithwaite, Dave 92-93
Branch, Linda Lee 00
Branscomb, Mary 79
Bredda, Marina 09
Breboh, Paulette 92
Breitenmoser, Erich 95
Brendl, Vi 77
Breshears, Deborah 14
Breuer, Julie R. 04
Brewer, Claude 00-03
Brezina, Ray 83
Brickel, Debra 87-88-92
Brickel, Tony 85-86-87-88-90-92-94-96-98-99
Bridges, Shelley 92-95-98-00
Briggs, Conrad 96-00
Briggs, Jeanette 65
Briggs, Linda 83
Briles, Pamela 95
Bring, Barbara 92
Brinkley, Beth 01
Broaddus, Katherine 15
Bronger, Imke 11
Brooks, Audrey 81-86
Brooks, Robert 68
Brooks, Wendy 14
Broome, Rosemary 79-84-86-88-90
Brow, Donna 99
Brown, Alan Lee 66
Brown, Alecia 11
Brown, Alexandra 01
Brown, Isabelle 75-78-79
Brown, Julia 65-67
Brown, Lanny 90
Brown, Sandy 98-00
Browne, Dr. James 64
Brown, Jim 93
Browning, Pat 85-92-98
Brozina, Nadja 73
Bruno, Carl 01-04
Brunson, Lali 75
Bryan, Jack 65
Bryson, Hugh 80
Buckman, Terri 95
Buckner, Florence 92
Buechley, Drew 07-10
Bullard, David 84
Buman, Kathleen 74
Bumgardner, Jackie 85-86-87-88
Bumgardner, Jim 85-88

Bunn, Daniel 86-90-11
Bunnell, Diane 70
Buob, Tiffany 13
Burgess, Debby 86
Burgess, Kate 00
Burgess, Mary 01
Burke, Moira 58
Burgett, Stacey A. 04
Burling, Kathy 68
Burnett, Reni 11
Burns, Darcy 65
Burt, Charlene 83
Burton, Bruce 98
Burton, Nancy 95
Butler, Darolyn 81-99
Buxton, Julianne 89-92-94-99
Byergo, Mary 88
Byrd, Tom 78



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Cadwalader, Kent 70
Calaway, Sherrie 97-98-13
Calef, Otis 96
Callan, Karen 92-94-96
Callarman, Michelle 89
Callen, Sarah 93
Camazzi, Sandra 85
Caminati, Debbie 74
Campbell, Bill 83
Campbell, Kathy 91
Cain, Leah 15
Cano, Frank 94-98
Cape, Cheryl 74
Cape, John 77
Capistrant, Mary 98
Caprino, Julie 97
Cardosa, Nancy 09
Carey, Martha 97-98-99-02
Caringer, Eugene 61
Carlson, John 94
Carnazzo, Judy 01
Carr, Faith 83-88
Carr, Holly Marie 05
Carr, Jill 10
Carr, Les 83-88-90-93-94-95-98
Carroll, Nancy 81
Carson, Susan 77
Carter, Blair 84-85
Carter, Richard 86-87-89
Carter, Thomas 84-85
Cary, Bill 70-72
Cary, Tracy L. 05
Casorotti, Megan 03
Casey, Bill 59-61
Cassarino, Linda 70
Cassen, Margaret 94
Castle, Robert 76
Catalano, Sesi 80-82-84-85-87-88-90-91-92-93
Cate, Genelle 82
Cate, Julia 71-79
Cate, Henry Sr. 71
Cavanaugh, Bridget 97
Cebran, Jose 63-65
Centers, Chuck 03-04-10
Cesarino, Mariana 98
Chaffin, Laurence 71
Chambers, Cydney 72
Chambost, Jean-Luc 80
Chambost, Lise 80
Chambost, Pierre 80
Chandler, Ron 67
Chandler, Tonja 87-88-89-90-91-92-95-97
Chapek, Dianna 86
Chapman, Bob 70-71-72-73-74-77

Chapman, Pamela 78-94
 Chapman, Ronald 07
 Chappell, Nicole 92-05-12-13-15
 Chappell, Patricia A. 80-82-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-98-07-10-11-14
 Chaton, Karen 98-99-10-12-13-15
 Chauvin, George 92
 Chavez, Joe Jr. 61
 Chazel, Stephanie 84-14
 Cheek, Sandy 13
 Chenel, Laura 86
 Cherry, Elizabeth H. 73-74
 Chevalier, Maggie 00
 Cheveaux, Joe 81
 Cheveaux, Meredith 78
 Chiazzese, Cathy 01
 Chisolm, Heidi 74
 Chriss, Robin 14
 Christ, Susan 01
 Christensen, Peggy 94
 Christiansen, Kathy 86-88
 Christiansen, Robert 86
 Christie, Sarah 97
 Christlieb, Kim 98
 Christmas, Henry 98
 Christenson, Julie 99
 Christofk, Tom 97-98-99-02
 Clagett, Dave 75-76-78
 Clark, Amber 09-14-15
 Clark, Jillian Riggall 97-00
 Clark, William C. 72
 Clark, Dale DVM 87
 Clarke, Rev. William G. 79
 Claydon, Peter 04-12-13-15
 Clearwaters, Lon 87
 Cleveland, Debbie 76
 Clover, James 95
 Cluskey, Fred 06-07
 Clutter, Donald 04
 Clutter, Erin 11
 Coburn, William 04
 Cochran, Terry 84
 Cochrane, Janice 79
 Coefield, Ann 87
 Coffman, Kenneth 76
 Colbert, Annette 66
 Cole, Barry 14
 Cole, Frances 11
 Collier, Linda 63
 Collins, JoDe 98-99
 Comazzi-Thompson, Sandra 85
 Combes, Bob 72-79
 Combes, Colleen 72
 Combes, Patricia 81
 Comeaux, Liana 95-96-97
 Comfort, Celeste 92
 Conley, Kassandra 03
 Constanti, James L. 78-79
 Constanti, Shannon 09-10-11-12-14
 Constanzo, Janet 82
 Cook, Jan 84
 Cook, Ken 99
 Cook, Marcie 96-98-99-01
 Cook, Marie 93-94-97
 Cook-Davis, Mary 94-95
 Cook, Nora 79
 Cook, Richard 93-94
 Cook, Sharon 86
 Cook, Walter 81
 Cooke, James 68
 Cooley, Ron 68
 Cooney, Valerie 93
 Cooper, Deborah 97
 Cooper, Gordon 93-94
 Cooper, Jack 66
 Cooper, Mabel 68
 Corbelletta, Antonio 95-04
 Corbelletta, Nancy 92-00-01
 Cornell, Douglas 66



Corrigan, Karyl Kay 87-89
 Corum, Kathleen 81
 Costa, Crystal 07-10-11
 Costello, Michael 13
 Cote, Karen 85
 Cotton, Roberta 78
 Cotton, Wesley 78-79
 Coughanour, Teresa 84
 Couk, Carol 77
 Cowan, Charles 11
 Cox, Kathleen 85
 Cox, Linda 94-95-96
 Crammer, Jim 87
 Crandall, Linda 81-95
 Crandell, Ann 89
 Crandell, John III 89-95-05-06-07-10
 Crandell, John Jr. 89
 Crask, Susan 88
 Crawford, Patti 98
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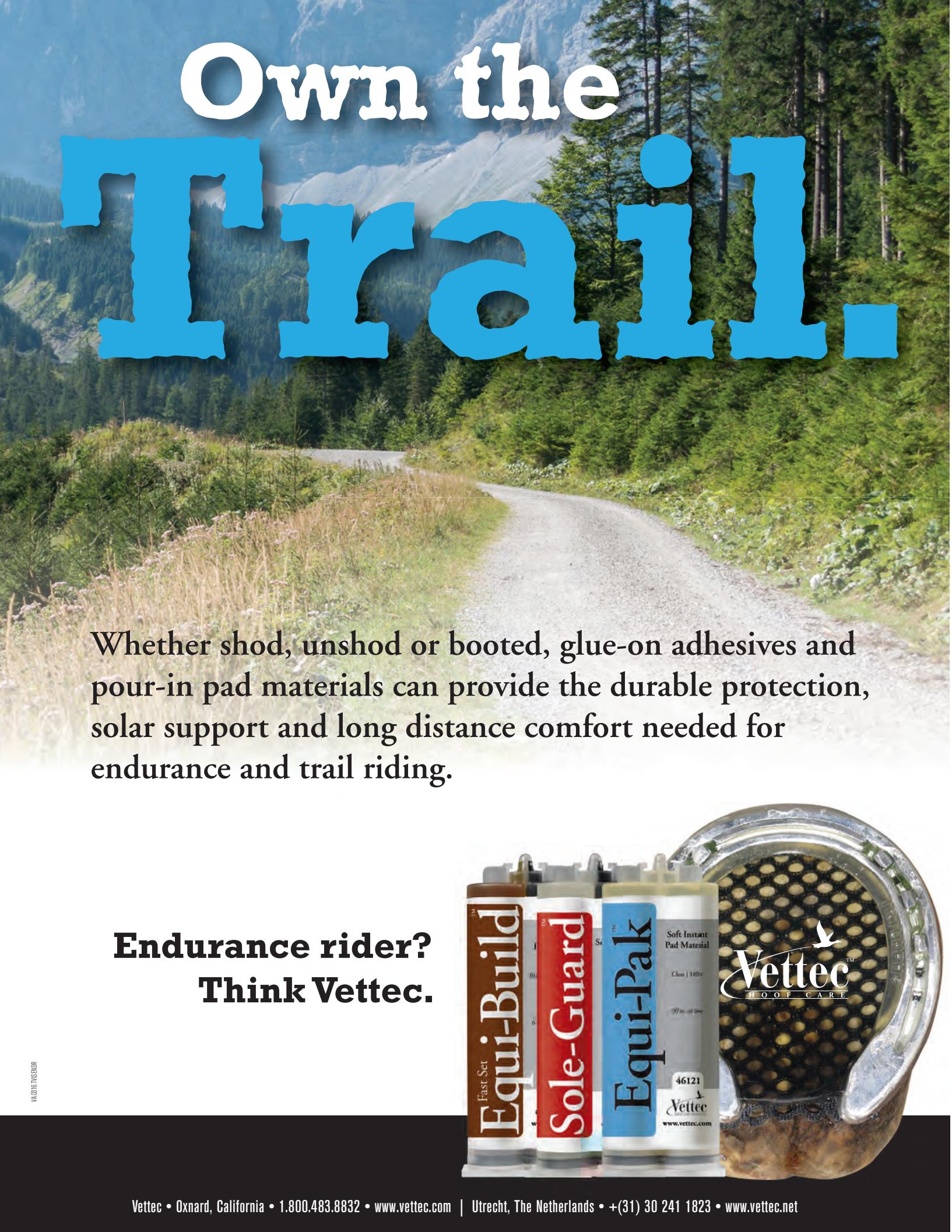
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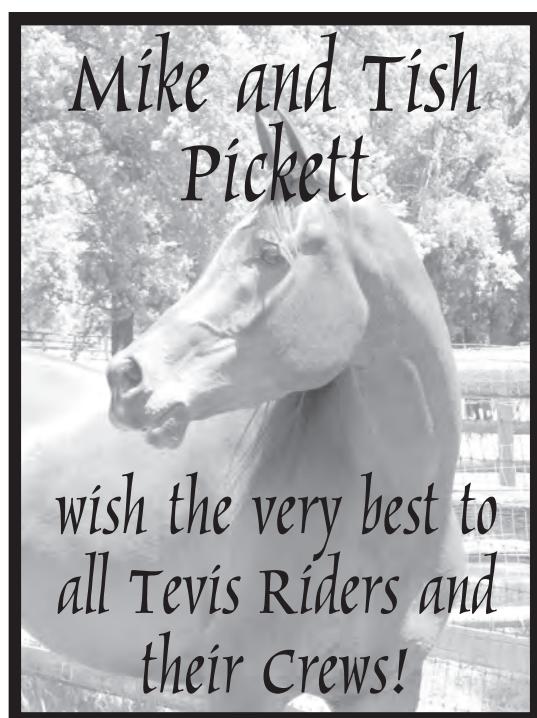
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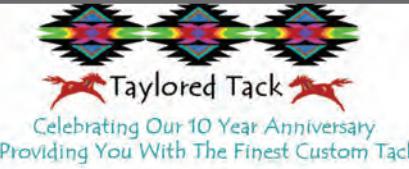
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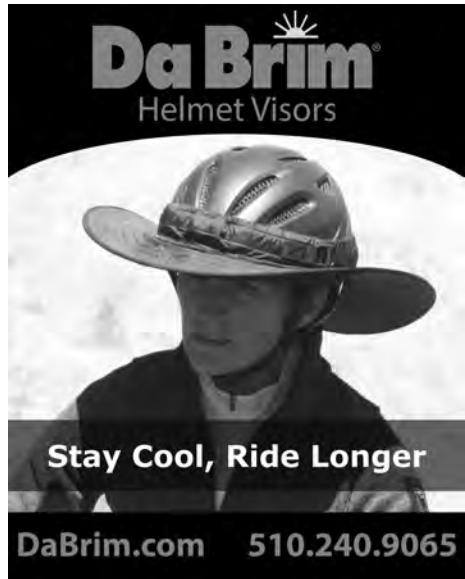


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After a finish in the sixties at the 2014 Tevis, I was expecting more of the same from my Appy-Arab, Redman, in 2015. He was in much better condition, was more experienced, knew the trail, and we trained in the sweltering summer heat of Pozo.

My biggest concern is always maintaining hydration. Redman had been gulping down beet pulp mashes laced with electrolytes all week long; his urine was practically colorless. He was well-prepared.

We started in Pen 3 and moved up into the top hundred on the climb up Squaw. I wasn't concerned when he didn't drink at High Camp; I never had a horse that did.

He settled in for a big drink at Hodgson's cabin but got spooked by a stallion that thought he should have the trough all to himself.

He drank well at Red Star but took a while to recover. I took it as a sign of nerves. He drank long and deep halfway to Robinson and again at the trough entering the vet check. His pulse was 48 at the vet.

So far, so good. He got a green card.

He ate and drank voraciously at the hold. With ten minutes left, I tacked him up and prepared to give him a syringe of electrolytes.

Suddenly, there was a buzz of activity. They announced

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I raced to finish tacking and got out right on time and several minutes ahead of the helicopter.

But I had forgotten the electrolytes.

Salt, in the form of sodium chloride (NaCl) and potassium chloride (KCl) are two important electrolytes that hold water in blood vessels. When either are low, the blood volume decreases and the perfusion of muscles is diminished. Hard working horses may shunt blood away from internal organs in preference to muscles, resulting in decreased blood flow to the gut and possible colic.

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Out of Robinson, it got hot and, more importantly, humid. Humidity retards evaporation of sweat, causing increased core temperature and more sweating.

Redman drank feebly at Miller's defeat. The troughs were empty where Pucker Point Trail joined the road to Last Chance. I didn't realize until Last Chance that I had forgotten to give him electrolytes at Robinson. I was afraid to give them to him at that point because his gut sounds were down and I feared he would not absorb them.

I went on, praying that he would take a big drink at the river crossing and reverse the dehydration that I was certain he was developing. He only took half-hearted sips and my concerns deepened.

He powered up the hill to Devil's Thumb and drank, but not much. I walked him into Deadwood and I noticed he was wobbly in the rear.

He had no gut sounds and our day ended early. After 20 liters of fluid he perked up, peed, and ate.

The thing about not finishing Tevis is you have a whole year to try to figure out what went wrong, how you would do it differently.

I think my critical error was failing to give my horse electrolytes as we left Robinson. The electrolytes would have been followed by robust drinking and Redman would have settled into that happy equilibrium where thirst is sustained throughout the ride.

A hard lesson learned. I cannot lose my focus. The horse suffered no ill effects and we will both give it another try this year.

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knows how many times a week in training. I admire horses for their willingness. I think riders should always keep that partnership and gratitude in mind.

How did you know it was time to hang up your Tevis Head Vet stethoscope?

Well (laughs) I thought maybe it was time to stop eating through the lining of my stomach at Tevis time every year. I've enjoyed it so much, but I don't want to become too entrenched or institutionalized. There is something to be said for new ways of doing things. I think turnover in leadership roles is very important. Maybe now I'll just go hang out at Francisco's with you guys, have a good time and keep my stomach lining intact.

You've also retired your practice. Other than continuing to vet endurance and ride and tie rides, what's next?

I'm still biking and running. I definitely still do want to work endurance and competitive trail rides, and ride and tie. And, of course, right now it's all about the grandkids. They are a big part of my life. I'm enjoying that very much.



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California is in its fifth year of intense drought. All of the water in troughs along the trail has been hauled in via truck from some distance. I ask that you use the water conservatively, and if there is not a water tank or hose there, use the trough for drinking only. Sponge out of a bucket, not a trough, or use a scoop to keep the trough water clean for the last horse that arrives. Most of all, be aware that other horses are coming behind you and show sportsmanship.

Approximately 800 volunteers serve you on ride day. They are there to help you reach your goal of finishing with a healthy horse. As you go through the ride, be sure to thank them for all they do. They are wearing Tevis volunteer shirts, so they are easy to spot when you need them and want to thank them. There are also three radio clubs communicating through "Net Control". They are keeping track of riders as well as one large animal rescue team dedicated to your assistance should you need it.

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banner and pass the completion vet check within 40 minutes of finishing. Crewing is not allowed until you cross under the banner.

We anticipate that some riders would benefit from advice to get through vet checks efficiently. Riders who have previously earned their buckles, who are not riding this year, have volunteered to make themselves available to advise and answer questions of riders, which is something ride officials cannot do. If it turns out that they just offer encouragement to you, great! These people are the most knowledgeable sources of Tevis information and strategy you can assemble. You just need to know they are available to help if you would like to access their knowledge and talents.

The vet card will again record body condition score (BCS) of the horses at Robie Park. The vets are looking for a score in the middle of the range of 1 to 10. A score below 3 or above 7 will be an area of concern and added to the other criteria in evaluating the horse's condition. Each vet stop on the vet card includes four boxes for a letter grade of the gut quadrants. The blood draw study at Robinson Flat will again be in place. This year there will not be a red or green card system at the Robinson Flat vet check, but the blood results for your horse will be available after the ride. The one to two hour post ride vet check is mandatory and the vets would like to go over the condition of the horse one final time, and this "safety" check is not grounds for elimination.

The Cup Committee in the bright yellow vests are spread along the trail to solve problems and ensure a fair and equitable competition. Feel free to ask questions or request information from Cup Committee members, so they can help as you trek west over the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

No matter what buckle you are going for--first, tenth, twentieth or any one in between, I wish all the riders of the WSTF Tevis Cup the best of luck and fond memories in the 61st annual ride.

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historic town of Michigan Bluff, to the Placer County seat of Auburn. Wendell had to find access points for the trail to meet the riders. Places like Robinson Flat, Last Chance, Michigan Bluff, White Oak Flat, Pointed Rocks, and Robie Point (which was actually the end of Wendell's driveway). He had to deal with easements, county agencies, the US Forest Service, and trail maintenance. The start moved from Tahoe City, to Squaw Valley, to Robie Equestrian Park. He even built new trail when sections of the original trail were lost. The mantra for the people who loved the Tevis in those early years was, "This ride is not for snivelers".

Let's flash forward 50 or 60 years. This is your new Western States Trail Foundation (WSTF). Times have changed, and the focus of the WSTF is both the same as when Wendell created the Tevis and yet very different. Trail access and trail maintenance are a part of every planning meeting. In the last few years, WSTF participated in helping the American River Conservancy in the purchase of the almost 10,000 acres located to the west of the Granite Chief Wilderness. This guaranteed the ability to cross a piece of ground that, if lost, would have caused the end of Tevis because there was no going around the parcel known as Section 29. WSTF spearheaded the creation of Pieper Junction (aka Chicken Hawk) which will not only continue as a vet check, but will be a future trail head with equestrian camping. The WSTF worked with other groups and governmental agencies to restore the historic trail from Last Chance to Deadwood, including rebuilding the Pioneer Bridge and the Swinging Bridge after the devastating American Fire. The WSTF is designing a "Wall of Fame" for the Auburn Overlook. This wall is both a fund raising project and a monument that will greatly improve the appearance of the area at the end of the trail.

Equally as important, as these trail projects, are the changes WSTF institutes to make the ride safer for the horses and more enjoyable for the riders, crews, and volunteers. The research projects sponsored by the WSTF provides information for the vets and allows for the riders to learn more about their horses. Ride management constantly tries to make the vet checks more efficient and pleasant for the riders and horses and make it as enjoyable as possible for the crews. There is a constant and ongoing effort to get more water on the trail at strategic places for the benefit of the horses. I know that every change doesn't necessarily go as planned, but ride management keeps working on improvements. Some ideas just work out better than others depending on the

year, but everything is done with the goal to make what is already a great ride an incredible ride.

I want to thank all the volunteers who help year long, those who help with the ride itself, and the Board of Governors whose work never ends. I want to thank the riders and crews for participating in the Tevis, a ride in which we all take great pride. And lastly, let's all applaud the fantastic achievement of the horses that complete the Tevis 100 miles in one day ride.

Join FOWSTA

FOWSTA (Friends Of the Western States Trail Alliance) raises the funds needed to cover the immediate costs of WS Trail repairs and improvements. FOWSTA sponsors a number of fundraising events during the year, including the annual "Fun Ride" in April and the Holiday Party in December. You can make a Direct Contribution to Support the WS Trail by joining FOWSTA.

Your membership donation will place you on the mailing list to receive a copy of The Tevis FORUM, an annual publication full of WSTF information, history and tips about doing the Tevis Cup Ride that you will want to read cover to cover. As a FOWSTA member, you will also receive the annual FOWSTA Newsletter, an update on what's been happening through the year and what's ahead in the next.

CSHA Endurance wishes the 2016 Tevis riders the best of luck!

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The Tevis Cup Ride: *Crewing*

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So you think riding the trail is a challenge? Welcome to "Crewing the Tevis!"

A well prepared, calm, and positive crew can be of tremendous benefit to riders of the Western States Trail. There's nothing quite like slogging into a vet check, bedraggled and worn, on a horse who's been questioning the sanity of his human companion for hours and is wondering just when all this fun is going to end, and then being rejuvenated in every way by a capable, motivated crew!

Familiarity with the course, trail conditions, and access roads is an invaluable tool for any crew, but a carefully organized game plan will do the job for newcomers as well. Being met at other non-designated access points is generally not an advantage to most Tevis Cup riders, as this slows momentum and offsets the rhythm of progressing down the trail. A simple schedule based on the particular needs and skills of each horse and rider team, combined with a well thought out protocol, will provide the most effective strategy for achieving a successful completion.

• Crew access is allowed ONLY at the following locations:

- Robinson Flat
- Dusty Corners (not Last Chance)
- Michigan Bluff
- Pieper Junction (previously named Chicken Hawk/Volcano)
- Bath Road to Mill Site
- Foresthill Mill Site
- Mill Site to California Street
- No Hands Bridge
- Western States Trail Staging Area
- McCann Stadium

Access roads are narrow and parking is limited, so it is highly recommended that crews park their trailers in Auburn, in the town of Foresthill or at the Mill Site, and work from a single vehicle. Car-pooling is appreciated! Roads must be kept open and clear at all times for emergency vehicles.

Alfalfa hay, oats, wheat bran, and water will be available at Robinson Flat, Last Chance, Deadwood, Michigan Bluff, Chicken Hawk/Pieper Junction, Foresthill, Francisco's and the Lower Rock Quarry.

Rider Pulled or Dropped?

Horses and riders pulled from the ride prior to the Foresthill checkpoint will be trailered to Foresthill when transportation is available. Trailering from Foresthill is the rider's responsibility.

Riders and horses that drop out after Foresthill will be transported to the Gold Country Fairgrounds.

Despite the best efforts of Ride Management, the wait for a trailer ride can be lengthy. Please be patient!

It is important for riders who decide to drop out to inform ride management to avoid unnecessary panic and futile searches.

Crew Access

• **Robie Park:** For safety reasons vehicles are prohibited on all roads within Robie Park prior to 5:30 a.m. on ride day.

• **Robie Park to Robinson Flat**
(Allow 2 hours and 45 min. drive time)

From Truckee, take I-80 West approximately 72 miles to the Foresthill exit in Auburn. Turn left and head east along the Auburn-Foresthill Rd., passing through the town of Foresthill (17 miles) and continuing an additional 27 miles to Robinson Flat (road name changes to Baker Ranch-Soda Springs Road).

NO HORSE TRAILERS ALLOWED AT ROBINSON FLAT. Drop horse trailers in Auburn, Foresthill, or Foresthill Mill Site.

NO MOTORHOMES BEYOND SAILOR FLAT (four miles before Robinson).

ONE VEHICLE PER RIDER PAST SAILOR FLAT; A PASS IS REQUIRED FOR EACH VEHICLE. SPECTATORS ARE WELCOME TO WALK OR HITCH A RIDE.

• Robinson Flat

(36 miles into Ride, 6,730 elevation)

Consider bringing a light blanket or horse cooler, extra buckets in which to warm water in the sun, spare tack, and a tarp for spreading out gear, food and tired bodies. The crew and rider should have a prepared list of all crew items needed at this check. A farrier will be available.

Crews may assist once the horse and rider are past the "No Crews Beyond This Point" sign on Soda Springs Road, but not before this point.

• Foresthill to Dusty Corners

(29 miles of steep, windy roads; allow 1-1/2 hours)

Heading east from Foresthill, follow Mosquito Ridge Road 24 harrowing miles to Road N-44. Turn left and go 5 miles to Dusty Corners. N-44 becomes a dirt road and 4-wheel drive vehicles are recommended. **THIS IS THE ONLY PERMITTED ROUTE.**

• Dusty Corners

(45 miles into Ride, 5,200 elevation)

Crew access to Dusty Corners above Last Chance is permitted but not recommended. Crew access to Last Chance is not permitted. The event organizers will provide necessary feed and water for the horses at the Last Chance checkpoint. Ride officials, veterinarians, and support staff will be at this remote location. Should a rider be eliminated from the event at this checkpoint, the event organizers will provide transportation for horse and rider to Foresthill. Rider crews will be expected to check "Where's My Rider" on the webcast or confer with a laptop operator or volunteer staff in order to make arrangements for pickup and transportation of their rider's horses from Foresthill to Auburn.

• Robinson Flat to Michigan Bluff

(allow one hour)

Return toward Foresthill on the Baker Ranch-Soda Springs Road, traveling approximately 22 miles to Michigan Bluff Road. Turn left and go 3 miles to town.

PREPARE TO PARK WELL BEFORE THE ENTRANCE TO MICHIGAN BLUFF AND TO CARRY YOUR OWN SUPPLIES.

• Michigan Bluff

(62.5 miles into Ride, 3,530 elevation)

Past riders of the Tevis are very familiar with the small town of Michigan Bluff, usually a welcome sight for both horse and rider after two big canyon crossings. As usual, riders will find cool water and a group of smiling faces as they pass through town, but riders will not stop in Michigan Bluff for a vet check.

Because of congestion in Michigan Bluff, the vet check was moved in 2007 to Pieper Junction (Chicken Hawk), approximately 1-1/2 miles past Michigan Bluff on the trail.

• Pieper Junction (Chicken Hawk/Volcano) Staging Area

(64 miles into Ride, 3,750 elevation)

There will be a Gate & Go at the Pieper Junction (Chicken Hawk/Volcano) Staging Area. Crews may park and walk into this check. To get to Pieper Junction Vet Check from Michigan Bluff, retrace your route up Michigan Bluff Road for 1.5 miles and park on the side of Michigan Bluff Road. Walk in 1 mile on Chicken Hawk Road. From Foresthill Divide Road turn onto Michigan Bluff Road and proceed 1.5 miles down the road. Park on the side of the paved road and walk 1 mile into the vet check. This is a place where many riders are right on the cut-off time so encourage your rider to vet through as quickly as possible, and be ever mindful of that cut-off.

• Michigan Bluff to Bath Road leading to the Foresthill Mill Site

(Allow 20 minutes)

Return to Baker Ranch-Soda Springs Road. Turn left and travel approximately 3-1/4 miles to the Foresthill Mill Site, passing Bath Road on your left just before the Mill Site entrance. Turn left into the Mill Site and park your vehicle as instructed.

Crews may meet their riders at the in-timer station or on Bath Road which must be accessed on FOOT ONLY. Crews may also meet and assist their horse and rider on Bath Road anywhere from where the trail intersects the pavement (approx. 3/4 mile from

the in-timer down Bath Road) to the Mill Site; however, NO VEHICLES will be permitted to travel on this section.

• **Foresthill Mill Site**

(68 miles into Ride, 3,225 elevation)

Crews can check the progress of riders at the Foresthill Mill Site by checking in with the laptop operators near the in timing station or by visiting the webcast on line. Find a quiet spot to set up before meeting your rider on Bath Road or at the in-timer as the Mill Site is large and the crewing and vet areas are quite spread out. Foresthill is the last time you will see your rider for several hours, so make sure that both horse and rider are well-prepared for the evening hours, rested and refueled.

Crews should bring spare tack for the horse and dry, warm clothes for the rider (the evening can be chilly), a small flashlight for rider and glow sticks for the horse (attach to breast collar; three are plenty; try these ahead of time – no surprises for the horse!). A farrier will be available.

• **Mill Site to California Street**

(Allow 5 minutes)

Located in the center of the town of Foresthill, California Street takes off to the left and is well marked. With both horse and rider having just enjoyed an hour-long respite, crewing here is more likely to delay than really help. Crews are nonetheless welcome to assist their teams along Main Street and California Street up to the point where the pavement turns to dirt.

• **Foresthill to No Hands Bridge**

(Allow 30-45 minutes)

Take Auburn-Foresthill Road to Auburn (17 miles). At Lincoln Way turn left (this is the signal just prior to reaching I-80). Continue on Lincoln Way to Highway 49 and turn left. Continue 3 miles down the canyon to the American River Bridge. Limited parking on sides of road. Actual crewing is usually unnecessary but not prohibited

here. It is a good spot to see your rider before the finish. Horse trailers are not recommended at this location.

• **Foresthill to McCann Stadium, Gold Country Fairground**

(Allow 45 minutes)

From Foresthill return to I-80 west on Foresthill Road and take Highway 49 exit South to the Gold Country Fairgrounds. (See map in rider's packet)

• **Western States Trail Staging Area**

(Allow 5 minutes)

The "timed finish" for the Ride will be at the WST staging area (1/4 mile from McCann Stadium). At the staging area, crews and spectators can meet their riders after they cross the "timed finish." Within 40 minutes of arrival horses must be presented and pass the post ride vet check that will take place at McCann Stadium.

NO CREWING IS ALLOWED FROM THE FINISH TO McCANN STADIUM!

Riders and horses must proceed to McCann Stadium; it is recommended that riders dismount and walk their horses from the Staging Area to McCann Stadium. Horse and rider must pass under the official finish banner in McCann Stadium and then pass the 40 minute post ride exam to be awarded a completion.

Finally, for the well-being of the horse, the vets at McCann Stadium want to see each finishing horse no sooner than one hour nor later than two hours from the post ride vet exam. This will not be a full vet check and will not involve a trot out. Rather, the vets just want to see the horse with tack off, take a pulse, and assure themselves that the horse is okay. This check by the veterinarians will NOT affect finishing status. At that point the horse and rider are officially released. Riders and horses may not leave the Fairgrounds until released by the Ride Veterinarian staff.

Top ten horses must remain in the Fairgrounds (North Lot is included as part of the Fairgrounds) so that they may be checked and monitored by the Cup Committee. Cup members should be apprised of the location of the horse within the Fairgrounds property.

NOTE: Travel times listed do not take into consideration traffic delays on ride day. You should expect it to take 20 minutes longer to leave Robie Park on ride morning. You should also expect it to take up to 40 minutes longer to get to Robinson Flat on ride morning due to delays.

Checkpoint	Miles	Checkpoint Type	Crew Access	Pulse	Cut-Off Criteria	Cut-Off Guideline
Robie Park	0.0	Ride Start at 5:15 a.m.	Yes		5:30 a.m. (Out)	
Squaw High Camp	13.0	Water Only (Vet Available)	No			7:45 a.m. (In)
Lyon Ridge	21.5	Trot-By (Vet Available)	No			9:10 a.m. (In)
Red Star Ridge	28.5	Gate & Go	No	60		10:00 a.m. (In)
Robinson Flat	36.0	Gate to Hold - 1 Hour	Yes	60	12:00 p.m. (In) 1:15 p.m. (Out)	11:00 a.m. (In)
Dusty Corners	45.0	Water Only (No check)	OK			
Last Chance	50.0	Gate & Go **	No	64	3:15 p.m. (In)	3:00 p.m. (In)
Devil's Thumb	54.0	Water Only (No check)	No			
Deadwood	55.0	Gate & Go **	No	64	5:00 p.m. (In)	5:00 p.m. (In)
Michigan Bluff	62.5	Water Only (No check)	Yes (No vehicles)		6:15 p.m. (In)	
Chicken/Hawk						
Pieper Junction	64.0	Gate & Go **	Yes	64		7:30 p.m. (In)
Foresthill	68.0	Gate to Hold: 1 Hour	Yes	64	8:30 p.m. (In)	8:00 p.m. (In) 9:45 p.m. (Out)
Francisco's	85.0	Gate & Go **	No	64	1:45 a.m. (In)	1:00 a.m. (In)
River Crossing	88.0	(No Check)	No			
Lower Quarry	94.0	Gate & Go	No	64	3:45 a.m. (In) 4:00 a.m. (Out)	
No Hands Bridge	96.0	(No Check) OK (not recommended)	Yes			
Staging Area	100.0	Timed Finish	Yes		5:15 a.m. (In)	
McCann Stadium	100.1	Post Ride check	Yes	64	40 minute post ride check "fit to continue" & 1-2 hour health recheck	

++ "Gate" = when criteria reached, present horse. Criteria must be met within 30 minutes of arrival.

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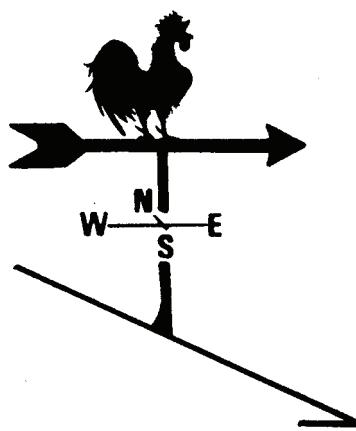
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Ernest Greene and Galano on their way to Auburn in 1984.

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The History, Horses and Heroes of No Hands Bridge

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and Kenna, handled the bodies. Long out of business, countless calls and visits failed to turn up any clue as to what became of those 1911 records.

Enter the Native Sons of the Golden West

In July of 2014, a phone call to David Allen, a Native Sons of the Golden West official, proved the key to unlocking the records of Walsh and Kenna. As I launched into my 123rd repetition of the bridge accident story, it seemed as if I could hear his eyes glazing over with boredom, a common response to an out-of-state journalist's spiel about an industrial accident in 1911. To be fair, most local California residents become quite interested, but it is a story that takes a little explanation before one warms to the story. When I reached the part about the quest for the elusive Walsh and Kenna, Allen stopped me. "What did you say?" he asked.

"Walsh and Kenna. If I could only find out what happened to those funeral home records," I whined.

"Wait. Wait. I'll be back," he told me and I dutifully held the phone, thinking he left something on the stove, or had another call. "The hair on my neck is standing



(photograph by Ron Osborn)

up," he told me when he returned. "Our chapter just researched our new building which was the Walsh and Kenna funeral home. We kind of suspected something when we found a toe tag in our basement," he reported.

A tour of the building found pictures of long-time member Wendall Robie, Tevis founder, hanging on the wall. Allen directed me to Chapel of the Hills, a mere two blocks up the steep street and their basement housed the original, leather bound, handwritten records of the workmen killed November 4, 1911. In 2015 the front of the Walsh and Kenna building housed an adult themed novelty store, but in 1911 it had served as the casket showroom. A modern day visit to the showroom whose merchandise had dramatically changed in the last 100 years found a cheerful purple-haired worker who confessed at night she felt the place was haunted and she adamantly stated that she refused to go in the basement.

Those elusive funeral home records revealed local priest Father Vereker presided over both services, Casaco's at 10:30 AM and Kerns at 3:00 PM. No hint of explanation exist as to why Casasco's casket cost \$80.00, a huge sum in 1911 when Johnson's cost only \$12.00 and Kern's a modest \$25.00.

Does it Matter?

One hundred miles on one horse covers a lot of ground. The terrain is as varied as the history of the trail. Four legs trot like pistons through rock and river and time, moving through dust and memories of the Gold Rush, the pioneers, the native peoples and the immigrants that settled the area and built the marvels we take for granted. Do we need to know their names? Maybe. Maybe not.

Erin McChesney once explained the tears shed at the Tevis finish line are a result of knowing what our horses gave to get their riders there. Perhaps the same could be said of a moonlight tale's story that reveals what three men gave to build a bridge.

Best of luck on your 2016 Tevis Journey!

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Interview with Bud Dardi

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got to Hodgson's Cabin they had to turn around and take him back.

Maybe that's why he always told me if you were going to take horses to high altitudes you had to get them in and out quick within 24 hours or keep them up there for a couple of weeks. He was adamant about that.

Did you ever serve on the Western States Trail Foundation Board of Governors?

Oh, yeah. Initially they had their meetings in San Francisco. Right by Willie's office. Wendell would come and the Board at that time was about 15 or so; it wasn't that big. Then they started having the meetings here in Auburn.

What was the focus of the Board then?

I can't really recall anything specific. Mostly the veterinary aspect of it.

Hal: They struggled with the Humane Society. And as I understand it they came up with the Haggin Cup to show the Humane Society that it wasn't all about racing but there is horsemanship and sportsmanship and other things involved.

The Haggin Cup was very prestigious. It definitely involved good horsemanship. They had the Haggin Cup before I got into endurance riding. It was first awarded in 1964.

So was Wendell a stern ruler during that whole time?

Oh, yes. Put it this way, if a subject came up at the meetings that Wendell didn't want to get involved with, he put it to a committee. Everything was a

committee, right? "That's a good idea, I'll tell you what, Paige — you and Bud get a committee and look into it." Then nothing would ever happen. He was famous for that.

Tell us more about Will Tevis.

He never had a son, or he had a son that died at about one year old, but he had a daughter, Sandra Tevis. So he kinda took me under his wing and taught me polo and got me into endurance. He was like a second father to me.

I was lucky enough that he took a liking to me. He was very proper, though. My first wife, Marsha, knew the family well and she and Sandra grew up together. That's how I met Marsha at Golden Gate Park — through Sandra and Willie. Marsha always called him Willie, so I called him Willie. And one day he took me aside and said, "You know Bud, I'm a little older than you are. I think it would only be proper if you called me Mr. Tevis rather than Willie."

In fact, that's why the awards presentation used to be so formal. Wendell and Dru Barner, because of the high society Tevis family, would never allow an outdoor barbecue for the awards ceremony. There were always white linen tablecloths and nice silverware. It was always an indoor catered affair because of Willie.

Tell us about riding with Wendell Robie.

We used to do a lot of training rides for the Tevis when there weren't so many 50 mile rides. One time a group left Michigan Bluff and rode the canyons, with Wendell leading the group to Last Chance where they turned around to come back. Half way up just before Michigan Bluff, a rattlesnake crossed the trail up in the bushes. Wendell was known as a fanatic about killing rattlesnakes. He would jump off his horse, grab the snake by the tail and spin it around and snap its neck, I guess. Sure enough he goes in the bushes and catches this "goddamn" snake, kills it and he cuts its head off. Then he lays it on the trail and makes a joke about leaving it across the trail. He then gives a little bit of western history about the trail to the group and then they ride into Michigan Bluff. About 20 to 30 minutes later another group of riders see the snake. It took them a little while to realize the snake was dead. They came into Michigan Bluff and said, "Some SOB left this snake on the trail." Oh, Willie used to love to tell that one.

How did you learn about training Pancho?

I think some of the things I read would explain how much to train. Talking to Paige (Harper) helped. I don't know. I thought you just ride them about 3 to 4 days a week. I'd get up early Tuesday morning and ride about 12 miles then ride Thursday about 12 miles, Saturday about 12 miles then Sunday take a long ride — about 25 miles.

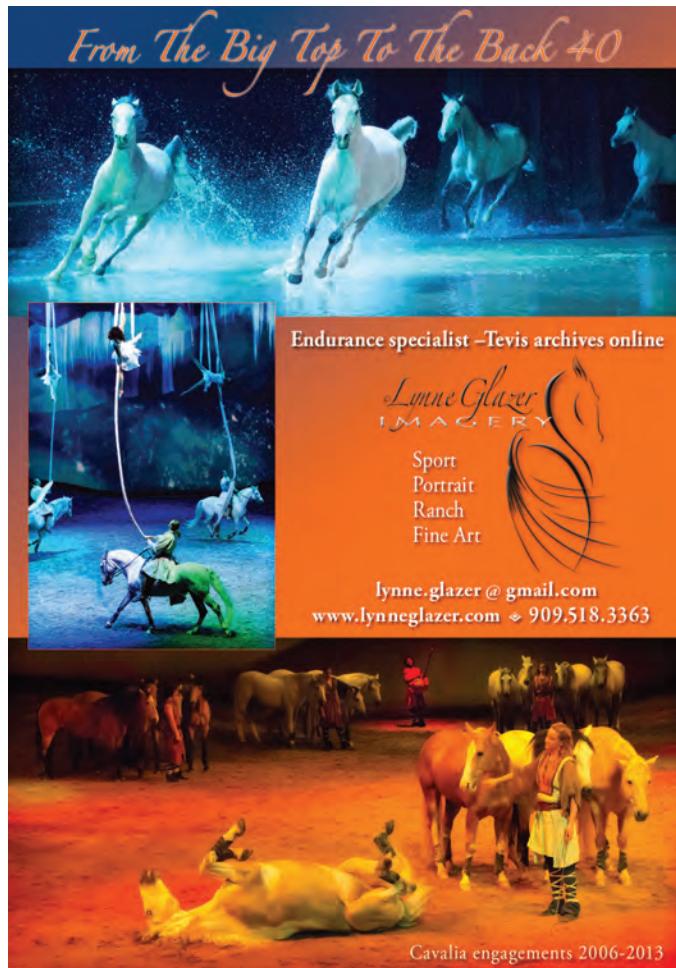
Thanks so much, Bud, for sharing these memories. You have definitely contributed to the history of the Tevis, and now to the chronicling of great Tevis stories. For the complete interview go to our web site: www.teviscup.org.

Please consider ways to keep this tradition alive. Your generous donations will enable the Western States Trail Foundation to continue keeping the Western States Trail legacy intact and the trail maintained for generations to come.

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Terry Howe, Julie Suhr and Lori Oleson after finishing riding in the 2016 Rose Bowl Parade. (photograph by Kimberly Rivers)

We Were Snazzy!!

To Finish Is To Win tee-shirts, slinky black riding tights, rose bedecked pearl gray riding helmets, flowered breast collars and satin ribbons on the headstalls of the horses whose black painted hooves would take us the five and a half mile Rose Parade route on New Year's day 2016.

In our group of 20 AERC riders, the lead three riders represented 39 Tevis Cup Buckles.

Two hundred equestrian groups applied to ride in the Rose Parade. Nineteen were selected.

The efforts of Gayle Pena combined with Lisa Peck's photography sealed the deal.

I was invited to join the group. Replying that in spite of having three Tevis Cup buckle winning horses in my yard, none were suitable for this ride of a lifetime down Colorado Blvd. Gayle replied "no problem." Into my life came Rushcreek Aubie that Gayle had been training for fourteen month for owner, Anna Wolfe.

It would be a "piece of cake" for the little gray Arabian mare Gayle declared, as she brought her to Tevis Cup fitness. I never groomed her, fed her, saddled her or cleaned her stall. It was all done by volunteers who in the rush of activities frequently remained thankless. Aubie was led to the mounting block and I climbed aboard. I sallied forth with the other hopeless horse addicts and had the time of my life.

Our group marshal, Gayle Pena, dealt with the politics surrounding an accepted Parade entry with undying good humor for months preceding the event. She was assisted by many others, but to name a few would be

unjust to the many. Anyone who thinks you just get on your horse and ride down Colorado Blvd. on New Year's Day is in lala land. We practiced our formation in Los Angeles for two days prior to the actual January 1st escapade. "Eight feet from the horse on your right or left, eight feet behind a horse ahead of you. Keep smiling. Be sure to wave to the spectators."

On New Year's Eve at 9 p.m. we moved our horses through freeway traffic to a location two miles from the parade site. We parked on a closed section of the highway with three lanes of cars zipping by on one side and an overpass above us. We rose at 4:30 a.m. to groom, saddle and do all the last minute frantic jousting about with accompanying nervous stomachs very similar to the 5:15 a.m. Robie Park start of the Tevis Cup Ride. We rode to a holding area until it was time to filter into the parade as the 49th entry of 93. The Stanford Band preceded us and the City of Hope float followed.

Seven hundred thousand people to our right and left and on roof tops above us shouting, clapping and cheering as we clip clopped along. We smiled and waved and life was good. The real heros of a performance of this magnitude are those behind the scenes. My personal BFF was Quicksilver Endurance Rider Lori Oleson who drove me to Los Angeles and did not complain about my camper in which the water, heating and lighting sys-

tems did not work. She walked the Parade route beside the horses and when all was not going right,

jumped in to keep our group on target. We were snazzy!

Awesome Rushcreek Aubie will be seeking her first Tevis buckle on July 23rd this year with owner Anna Wolfe on the little gray mare that could. I will be at the Auburn Fairgrounds McCann stadium as they float under the Tevis Cup finish line banner. I will try not to be too emotional but I will fail miserably because, you see, I have been there before.

Deb Peter
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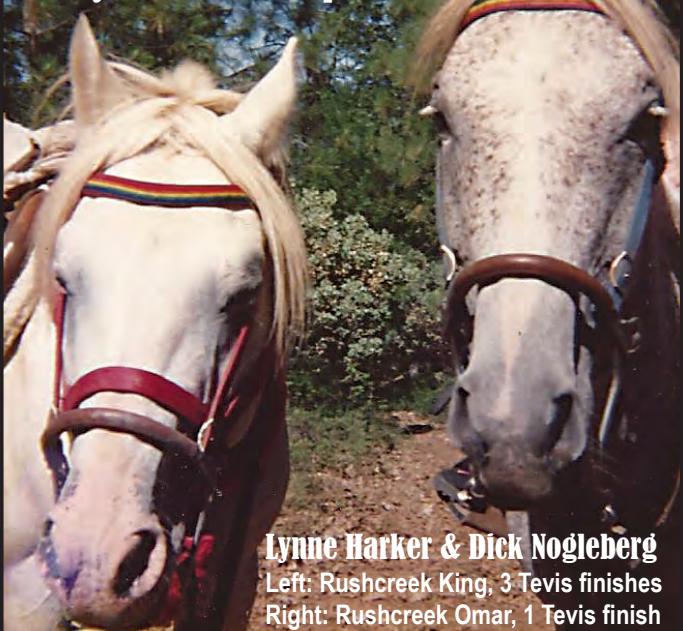
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Mary Anne Balthrope

March 22, 1932 -
February 12, 2016

Long-time equestrian Mary Anne Balthrope passed away Friday, Feb 12th, not recovering from complications of emergency heart valve surgery with her loving husband Robert Balthrope and her daughter by her side.

During her time in Elk Grove, she dedicated herself to her family and the family's small farm. Once the children moved away, she developed a relationship with her beloved horse Coco and becoming a long time member of the Folsom Lake Mounted Trail Patrol and its non-profit, California Conservation of Trails. She was a Zone Chairperson for the Mounted Patrol for many years, as well as a "New Member" guide so people could learn the steps necessary to become a Mounted Patrol volunteer. In 1997 she was elected

as the treasurer of both the Mounted Patrol and California Conservation of Trails and was re-elected unopposed for 17 years.

She was a founding member of LARK, and for many years a member of the Western States Trail Foundation, Sweep Riders of the Sierra (SOS). She taught everyone on those groups about ham radio protocol and managing net control.

Although slight in stature Mary Anne's passing has left a huge void in her family and all the many friends she has touched.



James Earl Edwards, DVM

May 13, 1938 - January 21, 2016

Dr. James Earl Edwards died peacefully on January 21, 2016, in Chico, CA (where he was also born), at the age of 77. He graduated from Durham High School in 1956 and then went on to UC Davis where he received a degree in Veterinary Medicine. He married Carolyn Brandt, his high school sweetheart in 1960. After finishing vet school, Jim and Carolyn moved back to the Chico/Durham area and he began working for Evers Animal Hospital.

After 4 years Jim and Carolyn started their own veterinary practice and he quickly became the premiere large animal vet in the area where he practiced for 40 years. In addition to his large animal practice Jim taught at Chico State and then at Butte



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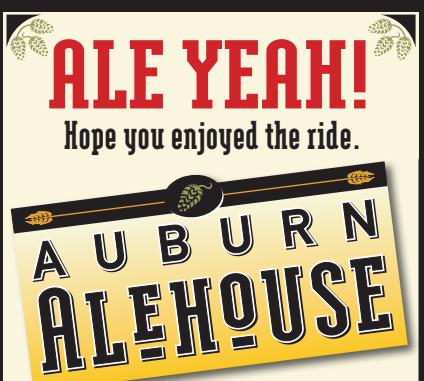
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College offering a course on Horse Health and Disease which he taught for 29 years. His classes were always full and fun and he was known as the horse expert. His children and grandchildren remember him as a hard working vet who cared about animals and going to work with him was always an adventure! Jim was a dedicated individual who loved the horse industry and was passionate about his community, his family and building his practice. He was an active and dedicated member of the Free Masons, in which he was a Master Mason. He was also a part of the Comanche Riders Association and was Black Kettle to all his fellow Comanches. He had been President and board member of Durham Rotary, board member at Chico YMCA, life member of American Veterinary Medical Association, and a life member of American Association of Equine Practitioners and the American Endurance Ride Conference. Jim was also a founding Charter member of the American Equine Sports Medicine Association and served on the board as well. Along with his career accomplishments he was also

a Sigma Nu member from his college days at UC Davis. Jim enjoyed his weekly Breakfast Club Group. Jim was an avid fisherman and enjoyed taking his friends and family on fishing trips to his Deer Creek cabin as well as spending time in Jonesville where Jim and Carolyn own a peaceful mountain cabin.

He was very proud that he had served for 35 years on the Tevis Veterinary Committee. In 2010 he said farewell to the Tevis because of health reasons. You will always be remembered fondly.

California in Mendocino County. He lived in the Ukiah area and also had an office in Fort Bragg. He retired in 2001 and moved back to Cool, Calif. One of Merv's greatest joys in life was endurance riding on his beloved horse Rocky. He and Rocky completed the Tevis 11 times, and Merv was on the WSTF board for several years and also served as the Ride Director. During his retirement years Merv and his wife enjoyed exploring North America in their camper.

Shortly following his passing an informal gathering of family and friends came together to scatter his ashes on the Tevis trail.



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Mervin Paul Pyorre

May 7, 1942 - July 7, 2015

Mervin was born in Fort Bragg, Calif., on May 7, 1942 and passed away in Auburn, Calif. on July 7, 2015. Merv graduated from Fort Bragg High School in 1960 and obtained a degree in Forestry from Humboldt State University. He worked for several years in the Assessors Office of Placer County as their timber appraiser. The majority of his career as a forester was spent for the State of



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Kerry J. Ridgway, DVM

November 29, 1937 - January 3, 2016

Kerry was a remarkable man, horseman, veterinarian and lover of life. He was an indefatigable researcher with a passion for horse welfare and wellness.

His accomplishments were many,

including 12 Tevis buckles, being an FEI judge, lecturing around the world, creating and developing the Cardiac Recovery Index (CRI), developing non-invasive diagnostic tools for hindgut ulcers, and winning the 2,000-mile 1979 Pony Express Race from Missouri to California. He was a kind man with an elegant, agile mind and a great sense of humor. Kerry had a strong social conscience and cared deeply for the Earth and its future. He was a man engaged in life with intelligence and gusto, imbued with a wisdom born out of experience, pain and joy.

Kerry was a man with a superb work ethic who transcended his illness and fatigue and gave his whole self over when he taught, lectured and treated horses. He was a man whose keen intellect and thirst for knowledge should be an example to us all. He was always reading, writing, exploring.

Kerry was a veterinarian who

understood training- and management-induced lameness like no one else. He developed what can truly be termed revolutionary assessments and treatment protocols for issues ranging from ulcers to psoas to hyoids, to high heel/low heel syndrome, to crooked horse syndrome and more. His innovative contributions to the field of equine health will continue to touch the lives of horses for all times.

Kerry's family includes his wife Christine; sons Blake, Reid and Todd; daughter Kirsten; ten grandchildren; and friends around the world.

Farewell Kerry — we salute your spirit, your wisdom and your heart.

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TEVIS TALKS

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Management holding pens, where hundreds of thousands of perfectly sound, healthy horses will languish for years once they are rounded up to prevent over-grazing and over-population in their native habitats.)

Masters and Leach took the stage – again at the State Theater, and again to a capacity crowd – along with Scribner, and together they wandered and rambled through a conversational range that included movie making, horse training, open space preservation, and the importance of “every American citizen adopting at least one BLM wild burro” as a companion animal. (This last was Masters’ parting challenge to Tevis Talks attendees.)

Between the movie and his Auburn appearance, Masters helped raise thousands of dollars for the preservation and upkeep of Tevis

trails, and he made a compelling case for the mustang as an endurance mount. Thanks to WSTF Treasurer and Fundraising Committee Chair Shellie Hatfield, he also excited the imaginations of numerous 4-H, FFA and other youth riders and horse enthusiasts who attended the event as part of an annual scholarship program.

For years, Hatfield, who is a WSTF Board of Governors member, has collected donations so future endurance riders and horse advocates can attend Tevis Talks free of charge.

“We use scholarship programs like this as a means of crossing borders,” Hatfield explains. “Tevis Talks in particular exposes kids across all disciplines to the sport of endurance, but also to our foremost cause, which is the trails. We want to show them the importance of developing a sense of passion for their interests, but also a sense of responsibility.”

To my way of thinking, this sort

of investment in the future well-being of horses ties in nicely with Masters’ focus on their past, which is everything the American mustang symbolizes. Thanks to events like Tevis Talks, and organizations like the WSTF, there’s a chance that those of us who love these amazing animals will always have a wild place to ride them.

Hatfield, WSTF and Tevis Talks acknowledge the following donors to the youth scholarship program: Valley Financial, Tony Benedetti, Spoor Masonery & Tile, Kathie Perry, Jeff Herten / Debbie Lyon, Lori Stewart, Jean Hixon, Roger Yohe / Linda Glazier, Echo Valley Ranch, Paul Rink Vineyards, and Marc Van Zuuk.

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