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Reyna Mero and Jeanette (Jay) Mero DVM  
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## WSTF PRESIDENT

# Tony Benedetti



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Welcome to the 69th annual Tevis Cup Ride. If you are reading this message, you may be a rider, a crew member, a volunteer, or just enamored with the Tevis. As president, I want to thank you for your interest in the Western States Trail 100 Mile Trail Ride, more commonly known as the Tevis.

This is my second go around as being the president of the Western States Trail Foundation and my seventh President's message. I re-read a few of my past messages to not be repetitive. One of my favorite messages had to do with the history and the changes that have occurred to both the ride and the trail since that first ride in 1955. This is so interesting because of the enormous challenges the Tevis and the Western States Trail present. It is these challenges that bring riders from around the country, and from around the world, to toe the starting line 100 miles east of Auburn. It takes a tremendous amount of work for riders to take on the challenge of riding 100 miles of the Tevis trail. The reward is earning a Tevis buckle, and for a few, earning the Tevis Cup or the Haggin Cup. For ride management, crew members, and volunteers, the challenge of Tevis is to be involved in an event where the riders get the experience of a lifetime.

Meeting these challenges and achieving these personal goals always involve commitment and dedication. Since my earliest days of being an endurance rider, my goal was to earn a Tevis buckle. I know this is true for many riders. It is a great achievement. Riders work endlessly to learn about their horse, learn how to condition, and how to compete by participating in many rides over many years. It involves making the right decisions over and over.

Making good decisions at Tevis is rooted in good horsemanship. It includes bringing a capable horse that is well trained and conditioned for the challenges of the Tevis trail. A horse that can meet the challenges of the hills, the heat, the dark, the narrow trail, and the miles. As a rider, you need to be adequately fit to meet the challenge of the heat, of riding 100 miles, and of safely riding in the dark. It is your responsibility to make good decisions for you and your horse before the ride and during the ride. Riders cannot let their personal goals affect their decision making. This is a serious sport and there are risks to both the safety of the rider and the horse. Riders need to choose wisely when making decisions. There is always another day if the current day is not going as planned.

Sportsmanship goes hand in hand with horsemanship. Tevis is a competition, and sportsmanship is an important part of every competition. This is true regardless

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# **TRIDE DIRECTOR** *Chuck Stalley*

Welcome to the 69th running of the Western States Trail Ride. This year marks my 15th year as Tevis Ride Director, and it gives me pause to sit back and reflect on the legacy of Tevis, which officially began in 1955. This Forum is published annually to preserve the “who/what/when/where” of the 70 years from the first 100-mile, one day trek across the mountains on the Western States Trail, and there are several things I have picked up along the way.

Even before the first official WS Trail Ride in 1955, the Auburn chapter of The Native Sons of the Golden West sponsored a 100-mile ride open to all in September of 1931. Wendell Robie led the riders over the historic route from Auburn to Tahoe City which was mapped out by Bob Watson. The purpose of their ride was to mark the trail so that it could be used by future travelers. It took the riders three and a half days to complete their task and arrive in Tahoe City. Several of these names should be familiar to Tevis Riders. The Native Sons of the Golden West support the Tevis Ride to this day as they staff the aide station at High Camp above Palisades Ski Resort, support our VIP/International rider reception on Tuesday and the BBQ on Wednesday of “Ride Week,” as well as serving beverages at our awards ceremony on Sunday

at the Pavilion in the Auburn fairgrounds. The Ride is in the DNA of the Native Sons.

In 1955 the brave souls who accepted the challenge to cross the Sierras from Tahoe City to Auburn had a rough time of it. Consider the “state of the art” 70 years ago: no flagging tape, no glow bars, no Camel backs for water, heavy western saddles, all equine gear was leather, no human tech clothing, no heart rate monitors, no GPS devices, no electrolytes, no crews (send what you need ahead in duffels), no radio communications, no satellites for ride updates, no Easyboots/Sneakers versus Renegades, no sweep riders, no troughs/water trucks/tubs—only creeks, no trackers on the horses, no helmets, cowboy boots—no ultrarunning shoes, only 4 stops (3 were for one hour), no special feed mixes for athletic performance, access via dirt roads, limited veterinary support, no rescue helicopters, no on-site veterinarian triage.

I recall riding the Tevis in the 70s. We started in “White Stag” jackets at 5 am. Dropped the jackets at Robinson Flat and continued in T-shirts. Leaving Michigan Bluff, we grabbed a light jacket for the cool evening air we would encounter dropping out of Foresthill. Most recently, we have had horrific fire damage, and we really miss those cool

nights. We have learned a lot since our infant years of the 50s and we are still here. Fortunately, we are privileged to continue the traditions and enjoy the advances that give us more “comfort” and safety in our quest for the coveted Tevis Buckle.

We are delighted to welcome our international riders and those coming from all over America to experience this event. For some, Tevis is a race. For all riders, it’s an achievement. One thing is certain; it’s always an adventure. I hope you take time to appreciate the significance of what it means to be a Tevis Rider and recognize all that has been done in preparation for this very special day in 2025.

Chuck Stalley  
2025 Tevis Ride Director



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# 2024 Tevis Cup Recipient

## *Jeanette (Jay) Mero, DVM Ozark Kaolena SWA (Lena)*

**D**id my daughter and I plan to try to win the Tevis Cup and the Haggin Cup in 2024? The answer is unequivocally “NO, absolutely not!” We live and ride by a code in my house – ***“ride the horses we have under us that day.”*** Whatever we have planned, or we hope to accomplish on any given ride day, is totally up to how our horses feel and what they choose to give us that day.

I had been training the mares, and myself, heavily in 2024. I made some changes to the mare’s training, asking for more speed, and conditioning to provide more stamina for the later stages of Tevis. And heat training and lots of it for both the girls and I. Hiding in the house, or not riding after a long hot work day for me when it was well over a 100 degrees was not an option.

With all this prep work in place I thought we brought two very fine tuned, very fit horses to the starting line of Tevis, with the hope and intention of a top ten completion, but a completion goal priority, regardless of placement. In my opinion, the Tevis competition is increasingly steep with many talented horses and riders vying for the top spots. To be in it one must be near the front all day. Reyna and I rode with a steady group of 15 or so for the entire first half of the ride. The day was notable because nothing went wrong – long time riders will get this for sure! Tevis, as most 100s are, is a series of problem solving through the stages and loops and the faster you go the more likely something is to go wrong.

We stayed with this top group of 15 or so horses and riders and even though our mares could out pulse others at some of the holds, the faster horses would catch us later on trail. The hilarious memory Reyna and I share is me looking over at her just before we started the canyons and me saying “well it might just be a top twenty kind of year for us.” Reyna correctly said back to me “Mom there is a lot of the ride left.” Who knew then what was to come. After the first, horribly hot canyon with no shade any longer due to past fires burning off the forest canopy, it was then I got the first sense the adjustments I had made to the mare’s training and electrolytes was paying off. We had to jockey around for some shade and cooler water at the Deadwood hold, but once we did the mares were ready to go, and within minutes we were the first to head off to the vets. As we left that hold Reyna and I still thought there were surely a few other horses ahead of us and we tried

to do a mental tally of who was out front. Probably the most memorable moment of the entire ride happened at the bottom of the second canyon where we met the number takers at the water tanks. I asked the gentleman how many horses were in front of us. The man gave me a confused look, like what is wrong with you woman, and then said, “you are it, you are the front, no one else has come through yet.” I looked at Reyna completely shocked but said “let’s go! Things just got deadly serious.”

As it turned out we rode the rest of the day in the lead, working hard to gain as much time on the next horses as we could. Always, every step looking and listening over our shoulders. I had to make calculated decisions to allow the mares just enough time to rest, eat and get cooled while not wasting time. We had to run a very strategic race to hold our win, using our mare’s metabolic talents. It was crazy stressful, but it was so much fun, especially to be able to share it all with my daughter. The mares had all the “bottom” and stamina I needed. When I asked for more, for a little more speed, or for yet another hill to be climbed, it was no problem. Lena was on fire, likely in the best, most sound shape of her life.

When we got to Francisco’s, at 88 miles in, my daughter’s

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*Left and right: Photo Credit: Gore-Baylor Photography*







# 2024 Haggin Cup Recipient

## Reyna Mero Chndakas Ekclipse (Clippie)

*“We* ride the horses we have under us that day”—and what a day it was. Training for Tevis 2024 began the moment Tevis 2023 ended. Every ride, every mile, every plan was centered around refining what worked, fixing what didn’t, and fine-tuning every detail for the next attempt. For me, that meant deciding that maybe, just maybe, I should skip Cougar Rock next year—after all, a bashed knee for poor Clippie had cut my ride short last time and I just had to accept she is NOT a little mountain goat.

The months leading up to race day were grueling—hot hills, endless miles, and trails that seemed to go either straight up or straight down. Heat training became a priority, not just for the horses, but for myself as well as I especially do not tolerate the heat well. I spent many afternoons running in the midday sun, preparing for what we knew would be an exceptionally hot Tevis after the kind of winter we’d had.

Our mares might not be the fastest, but they more than make up for it with their recoveries and consistency at every vet check. We kept this in mind throughout our training, but one unpredictable challenge has always been their feet. Over the years, we’ve tried just about every shoe, every boot, every option imaginable—only to find that my mare, in particular, has a talent for kicking off even the best glue-ons, while Lena is a master at escaping boots.

I have to give my mom credit, her determination to find the perfect solution was relentless. There were many times I thought we were going to give up on their complicated feet, but would it really be endurance if it wasn’t hard? As time went on I just could not shake how well my mom’s original Tevis horses had done in sneakers (shout out to Maximilian he was a hell of a horse and I’m sure was following along on our journey that day). Through many days of nagging and putting the bug in my mom’s head, we finally decided to give sneakers a try at the beginning of February 2024. Thankfully, their hooves were in better shape than ever, thanks to my mom taking on most of the shoeing work herself (thank goodness for that because I’m pretty sure I’m not cut out for farrier work). We got our farrier Justin to give sneakers a try, and they worked great. While not the perfect solution, they were better and my Clippie seemed more comfortable in them and I was most happy that I wasn’t jumping off every 10 or so miles to fix a boot. A couple races later and Clippie was still doing great, the hopes for doing well at Tevis was getting more exciting by the day.

We spent the rest of the summer preparing, waiting for the other shoe to drop, and everyday that went by I wished

bubble wrapping the horses was possible. Thankfully, this year, no one decided to get creative and hurt themselves in the pasture...especially Clippie, who is notorious for finding ways to trip over thin air. She and I are alike in that way.

Reality hit the moment we were on the road to Robie Park. In less than 48 hours, we’d be competing in one of the most prestigious and arguably the most grueling race in endurance. By Friday, the initial excitement had worn off, and my regular nerves took over. I’ve always hated cliff edges, an issue that’s plagued me since my first race at six years old and everyone knows Tevis is full of them. I was also agonizing over the Cougar Rock decision: take it on or skip it? This year’s Tevis felt even more important than ever. It was one of my last chances to compete before vet school started, and I wanted it to go well so badly. But I also knew that a single misstep—one small rock—could end the entire race. More than anything, I wanted to see my mom’s hard work pay off and be right there beside her to witness it.

When race morning arrived, I swallowed all my “what  
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# THE 2025 DRUCILLA BARNER AWARD

by Abigail Madden

*Drucilla Barner, Wendell Robie's executive secretary at Heart Federal Savings and Loan was one of the first women to ride the Western States 100 Mile One-Day Ride and in 1961, she became the first woman to win the Ride. In addition to riding, she contributed to and supported the Ride from the first day she rode the trail until her death. After her death she continued to support the Trail and the Ride through the Dru Barner Memorial Foundation created out of her very modest estate. The Foundation has been instrumental in the creation of Dru Barner Equestrian Park in El Dorado County and has supported the preservation and enhancement of the Western States Trail and other trails on the Western slope of the Sierra Mountains for many years.*



*Photo Credit: Gore-Baylor Photography*

Drucilla Barner's memory is honored annually by presenting a distinguished service award to a person, who like Drucilla Barner, has made a significant contribution to the goals of the Western States Trail Foundation. The 2025 recipient of the Dru Barner Award is Greg Kimler.

Greg is a supporter of the WSTF in several different facets. As a rider, he has four Tevis buckles to his name, on two horses; Echo Valley Houston and Echo Valley Hawk.

In the AERC West Region it is quite common for many of the spring rides to be touted as "Tevis Prep" rides. At these rides you'll often see water troughs marked with "EVR." That stands for Echo Valley Ranch. Greg is the owner of Echo Valley Ranch, Inc., Auburn's premier hay, feed, and pet supply store. Greg's business has been the Official Hay & Feed store of Tevis for more than a dozen years. He has been exceedingly generous with his financial support of the Tevis through donations of supplies and resources. Greg and EVR also actively promote the Tevis through their marketing events and social media influences, welcoming Tevis riders to visit the store and have their photos taken with HiHo Echo, the store's resident horse mannequin.

For more than a decade Greg served on the WSTF Board of Governors and held the office of Vice President during part of his tenure. His time on the Board of Governors helped to ensure the continuation of the iconic ride and the preservation of the historic trail. Although he is not currently a Board Governor, Greg still volunteers at many Tevis related events. He has been a mentor on the Tevis Educational Ride numerous times and is a committed attendee of all Tevis functions.

Probably the most noteworthy of all his supportive actions is Greg's dedication to sustaining the actual Western States Trail. He has been indispensable in clearing and grooming the trail for decades. Chain saw, shovel, or pick-axe, Greg will wield the tools all day long with a smile on his face. And Greg doesn't just help out on the Tevis trail. You'll often see Greg helping on trail work days for other rides as well. Many ride managers have benefitted from his knowledge and expertise in trail clearing and maintenance.

Greg has a broad smile and a huge laugh. When you meet him, he looks you in the eye and you are immediately put at ease by his friendly demeanor and quick wit. He is always willing to discuss equine conditioning and training and even provide insight regarding nutrition and feeding Tevis horses. If you have a question or concern, Greg is always available to help you. Greg was an easy choice as the recipient of the 2025 Dru Barner Award. Congratulations Greg, very well deserved.



# Friends of Tevis, 2024

by Erin Glassman

## Sally and Tom Schubb

Each year, the Board of Governors recognizes volunteers for outstanding effort or contribution to the feat that is the running of the annual Western States Trail Ride. In 2024, three individuals were recognized at the pre-ride barbecue—Sally and Tom Schubb, and Mike Florence. Let's spend a moment to once again recognize their hard work and dedication!

Sally and Tom Schubb are the head volunteers at the Cal2 aid station, and are probably about as humble a couple as you're going to find. Sally tells us best as she writes about their experience volunteering at the edge of their property:

We had no inkling about The Western States Trail, Tevis 100-mile Endurance Event, or horses. It was a slow progression of events which spurred our involvement with Tevis. Over 20 years ago, we opened our Rabbit Ridge property to allow road access to Cal2/Peachstone. We recognized that this stop was crucial to the well-being of both humans and animals in the community, and that water, support staff and an exit point from the WS Trail were vital.

Tevis volunteering found us about 6 years ago because of a lost purse, we met Lori Stewart. Due to her kind invitation to watch Tevis, at Cal-2/Peachstone. We eventually became involved helping her, or was it roped into. It was a slippery slope. First it was just sitting, then helping set up troughs, working the watering stations, hanging up lights, running our generator, lighting the court access, assisting the radio personnel, and counting horses. Year around Tom trims brush, cuts down fallen trees, and reports on road conditions. But along with all Tevis, Lori always has and still does the heavy lifting at Cal-2/Peachstone.

The Tevis group is the kindest, most patient, intelligent, gracious, accomplished, dedicated, and hard working we have known. Tevis volunteering is an amazing experience, and we're delighted to play a minor part in the event. In 2015 we were surprised to receive a carved WS Trail plaque. In 2024 we were unexpectedly honored to accept a Friend of the Tevis Award. All this goodwill came to us because we simply opened our gates, wanted to help our neighbors, and facilitated the return of a lost purse.

When you pass through Cal2, remember to give a huge thanks to this couple's generosity and care! We appreciate you, Sally and Tom!



## Mike Florence

Mike Florence is one of the head volunteers at Last Chance, and has volunteered for the last 25 years for the Tevis Cup. He's not only active during the ride, but works on gathering supplies and donations for the vet check months in advance of the ride. His friendly manner and charm help him to gain additional supplies and treats for both the horses and riders, and brings them up to the 50 mile check in his supply truck.

Mike spends countless hours cleaning up the area for the vet check, driving multiple times, sometimes with his family, up to Last Chance to make sure the site is in tip-top shape; he also gathers all of the hay, grain and supplies to keep the horses happy and healthy. Not only does he give his time at the Last Chance stop, he helps out with horse transport, pulling horses out of remote areas.

His co-head volunteer Beth VanWicklin tells us of her gratitude for working with her most capable and hard-working colleague.

"Last Chance could not operate as the well-oiled machine it is without Mike," said Beth.

Thank you for the outstanding effort, Mike—it's people like you that make this ride the magical experience it is.





## *1000 Mile Buckle Recipient*



*Barbara White presents Heather Reynolds with her 1000 mile buckle at 2024 banquet. Photo Credit: Merri Melde*

## *2000 Mile Buckle Recipient*



*Robert Ribley accepting his 2000 mile buckle from Barbara White at 2024 banquet. Photo Credit: Merri Melde*

## *Junior Rider Buckle Recipients*



*Juniors completing in 2024: Mia Cleg (riding VG Bella), Tierney Beloberk (riding Highh Treason), long-time Juniors' Champion/Visionary-Roxanne Greene, Jax Beloberk (riding Golly Brea Brea) and Addison Lico (riding Shadows Stormy April). Photo Credit: Merri Melde*





## WINNERS OF THE LLOYD TEVIS CUP

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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.

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
NOTE: The Tevis Cup was first awarded in 1959						
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	Haila	Arabian	M	8	12:57
1970	Donna Fitzgerald	Witezarif	Arabian	G	7	11:49
1971	Donna Fitzgerald	Witezarif	Arabian	G	8	12:35
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 (tie)	Witezarif	Arabian	G	13	11:59
1976	Sam Arnold (tie)	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



**Completion 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. The completion buckles are crafted for The Western States Trail Foundation by **Comstock Heritage Silversmiths** of Reno, Nevada. Going back to the earliest days of the Tevis Cup, we have been proud to work with the Stegman family, owners and operators of Comstock Heritage since its founding in 1886. We thank the Stegman family for their continued generous support to the Tevis Ride.



## WINNERS OF THE LLOYD TEVIS CUP

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
1992	Shellie Hatfield (tie)	AM Xanthium	Arabian	M	9	15:30
1992	Marcia Smith (tie)	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 Aurber 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
2004	Becky Spencer (tie)	Oritos Sonny	Arabian	G	7	15:59
2004	Jeremy Reynolds (tie)	CV Eli	Arabian	G	10	15:59
2005	Cathy Rohm	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
2016	Karen Donley	Royal Patron	Arabian	M	14	14:33
2017	Tennessee Lane	Auli Farwa	Arabian	G	15	14:45
2018	Heather Reynolds	Cayucos	Arabian	G	10	14:45
2019	Sanoma Blakeley	RA Ares Bay	Arabian	G	10	14:12
2020	NO RIDE — CANCELLED BECAUSE OF COVID					
2021	Jeremy Reynolds	Treasured Moments	Arabian	M	12	14:48
2022	Gabriela Blakeley	LLC Pyros Choice	Arabian	G	13	15:09
2023	Jeremy Reynolds	Treasured Moments	Arabian	M	13	15:14
2024	Jeanette (Jay) Mero	Ozark Kaolena SWA (Lena)	Arabian	M	12	16:500

## WESTERN STATES BOARDS PRESIDENTS PAST AND PRESENT

**1954-1956 – Martin Sword**  
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**1995 - 1996 – Walt Tibbits**  
**1997 - 2000 – Bill Pieper**  
**2001 – Chuck Mather**  
**2002 - 2003 – Dick Nogleberg**

**2004 - 2006 – Mike Pickett**  
**2007 - 2008 – Tom Christofk**  
**2009 - 2010 – Jerry Scribner**  
**2011 - 2013 – Kathie Perry**  
**2014 – Phil Gardner**  
**2015 - 2020 – Tony Benedetti**  
**2021 - 2022 – Jeff Herten**  
**2023 - 2024 – Barbara White**  
**2025 to present – Tony Benedetti**



## WINNERS OF THE 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."



YEAR	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	(The James Ben Ali Haggin Cup was not awarded in 1989)				
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



## WINNERS OF THE JAMES BEN ALI HAGGIN CUP

YEAR	RIDER	HORSE	BREED	SEX	AGE
2005	Michele Roush-Rowe	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 Juliclastchance	Arabian	G	12.3
2014	Barrak Blakeley	MCM Last Dance	Arabian	G	17.2
2015	Jenni Smith	Auli Farwa (Far)	Arabian	G	15.2
2016	Lisa Ford	GE Cylclone	Arabian	G	16
2017	Jeremy Reynolds	Treasured Moments	Arabian	M	7
2018	Makayla Corgnell	MM Cody	Mustang	G	10
2019	Lindsay Fisher	Monk	Arabian	G	17
2020	NO RIDE — CANCELLED BECAUSE OF COVID				
2021	Jeanette "Jay" Mero, DVM	Ozark Kaolena SWA	Arabian	M	9
2022	Christoph Schork	VA Blizzard of Ozz	Arabian	G	13
2023	Haley Moquin	I'm Hot N Bothered	Arabian	G	13
2024	Reyna Mero	Chndakas Eclipse (Clippie)	Arabian	M	11

## PAST "FRIENDS OF THE TEVIS" RECIPIENTS

### 2012

*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*

### 2015

*Judy Hall, Becky Morris, Greg Kimler and Bob Suter*

### 2016

*Mary and Gene Freeland, Martin Macken, Jon Saunders,  
Leslie and George DeMay*

### 2017

*Sandee Dennison, Matt Scribner and Supervisor Jennifer  
Montgomery*

### 2018

*Jim Baldwin, Ed Moore, Mark Falcone, Tim Twietmeyer,  
Craig Thornley, Tony Rossmann and John Trent*

### 2019

*Dr. Langdon Fielding, Dr. Gary Magdesian,  
Beth VanWicklin, Greg Martin and Katey Osborn*

### 2021

*Judy Suter, Suzi Souza, Pete Occhialini, and Native Sons of  
the Golden West*

### 2022

*Jean Hixon, George Putnam and Lori Stewart*

### 2023

*Sesi Catalano, Terryl Reed, Lucy Trumbull and Kristin Aplin*

### 2024

*Sally Schubb, Tom Schubb and Mike Florence*

## PAST "DRUCILLA BARNER AWARD" RECIPIENTS

2010 Roxanne Greene

2011 Heather Davis

2012 Marvin Jacinto

2013 Jerry Scribner

2014 Bill Pieper

2015 Mike Pickett

2016 Kathie Perry

2017 Debby Lyon and Jeff Herten

2018 Tom Christofk

2019 Joe Larkin

2020 Chuck Mather

2021 Barbara White

2022 Kate Riordan

2023 Phil Gardner

2024 Bob and Judy Suter

2025 Greg Kimler



# 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. In 2013 Hal Hall joined this prestigious 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-  
02-03-05-07-10-11-12-13-22-23-24

# 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-  
98-99-01-04-06-07-  
09-10-11-13-15-19-  
21-22



**Pat Chappell**  
**Aug. 9, 2014**

80-82-84-85-86-87-  
88-89-90-91-92-93-  
94-95-96-98-07-10-  
11-14-17



**Lori Stewart**  
**July 23, 2016**

77-78-79-80-84-86-  
87-90-91-92-94-97-  
98-04-05-09-10-12-  
14-16

# 1000 Mile Buckle

BRUCE ANDERSON  
TERRI ANDERSON  
MARION ROBIE ARNOLD  
REBECCA GREENE BALL  
DRUCILLA M. BARNER  
R. B. BARSALÉAU, DVM  
SUE IVERSON-BASHAM  
BARBARA BELLAMAK  
TONY BENEDETTI  
NAN BENZIE  
GEORGE BLAIR  
TONY BRICKEL  
SÉSI CATALANO  
PATRICIA CHAPPELL  
CONNIE CREECH  
J. C. BUD DARDI  
SALLY DARGIE  
HEATHER DAVIS  
LEONARD DAVIS  
KASSANDRA DiMAGGIO  
FRED EMICH  
JANINE ESLER  
JERRY ESTEBEZ

DONNA FITZGERALD  
PAT FITZGERALD  
GARRETT FORD  
NANCY GABRI  
PHIL GARDNER  
JACK GARNETT  
JOEL GIROUX  
LINDA GLAZIER  
MONTA GONZALES  
DANNY GRANT  
JIM GREEN  
ERNEST GREENE  
ROXANNE GREENE  
PEG MURPHY HACKLEY  
ANN HALL  
HAL HALL  
THERESA HANEY  
PAIGE HARPER  
SHELLIE HATFIELD  
SUZANNE HAYES  
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  
HEATHER REYNOLDS  
MELISSA RIBLEY, DVM  
ROBERT RIBLEY  
R. F. POTATO  
RICHARDSON  
KERRY RIDGWAY, DVM

WENDELL ROBIE  
NEIL ROBINSON  
CYNTHIA ROWE  
CASSANDRA SCHULER, DVM  
LISA SCHNEIDER  
TOM SHERWOOD  
FRANK SMITH  
JENNI SMITH  
CORY SOLTU, DVM  
BOB SPOOR  
ALYSSA STALLEY  
PAM STALLEY  
LORELEY STEWART  
JULIETTE SUHR  
BRONWYN SWAN  
WALTER TIBBITTS  
ADRIAN  
VANDENHOOGEN  
GLORIA VANDERFORD  
BARBARA WHITE  
DEDE WOLF  
SONYA WOOD  
ROGER YOHE



**Robert Ribley**  
**July 20, 2024**

84-86-90-95-97-01-  
04-05-06-07-10-11-  
13-14-15-16-18-21-  
23-24

# 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



# JUNIOR RIDERS

Amesbury, Bruce 59	85-86-87	Peyton, Leshner 22
Ashley, Stephany 97	Gregory, Jakob 17	Plaggmier, Melissa 80
Barger, Dan 82	Gregory, Quinn 79	Qualls, Katie 92
Bean, Karen 82	Hackley, Bryce 10-11-12	Quiroz, Mollie 17
Beffa, Carlene 74	Hackley, Rylee 09	Ramsdell, Kayla 00-01-02
Beloberk, Jax 24	Hall, Hal 70	Ramsdell, Troy 01, 02
Beloberk, Tierney 22-23-24	Heald, Jordon 14	Reed, Brandon 09-12
Berwick, Megan 95	Hickerson, Todd 86-87-88	Reed, Steve 99
Blakeley, Barrak 11-14-15	Hill, Jackie 02	Reeder, Lila 23-24
Blakeley, Sanoma 13	Hollander III, Lewis 85	Reynaud, Nathan 04
Bohannon, Laurie 84	Holzer, Cameron 02	Richardson, Denise 79
Bowling, Wendy 84	Hornyeke, Judit 96	Richardson, Tricia 83
Bowman, Morgan 13-15	Hughes, Brent 90	Ridgway, Blake 74
Bullard, David 84	Hutton, Neil 62	Ridgway, Kirstin 85
Burgess, Kate 00	Irby, Brian 86	Rink, Anthony 11
Burgett, Stacey 04	Jacinto, Diane 80, 81	Robie, Marion 58
Cadwader, R. Kent 70	Jay, David Jr. 57	Saunders, Terri 66
Callen, Sarah 93	Johnson, Christopher 98	Sawchuk, Krista 11
Caprino, Julie 97	Johnson, Julianne 01	Shackelford, Rachel 09
Cate, Genelle 82	Kelly, Regan 13	Schuler, Melissa 82
Chappell, Nicole 92	Kelsey, Kimbler, 06-10	Schur, Heather 86
Chazel, Stephanie 84	Kimble, Tessa 14	Smart, Alie 07
Clarke, Brianne 17	Kirst, Dana 63	Smeding, Bergen 00
Cook, Marie 93-94	Krusi, Beth 70	Smith, Jackie 15
Craythorn-Poston, Rhonda 76-77-78	Lappe, Gina 04	Smith, Jr., Frank 18
Daeumler, Haily 07-10	Larimer, Breann 95-96	Soltau, Cory 69
Davis, Katie 98-00	Larimer, Zoie 82	Souza, Joby 91
Davis, Poppy 82	Law, Kyla 21	Stalley, Alyssa 02-03-05-06
Dawson, Dennis 74	Leich, Megan 91	Stalley, Jennifer 99-03-04-05
Dawson, Mark 74-75	Leshner, Peyton 22	Steen, Andy 62
Dean, Danielle 93	Macia, Elena 02	Steuve, Antoinette 76
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Esteves, Haley 22	McHenry, Riley 19	Thornburgh, Callie 70
Erickson, Vanessa 23	McKenzie, Brittany 01-03	Thunehorst, Kinley 23
Felton, Kadee 11-12	McKenzie, Theresa 05	Toikka, Rita 92
Finley, Jordan 03	McLane, Ryan 87	Tomac, Steven 78
Finston, Carolyn 01-03	Medeiros, Matt 86	Travers, Elise 07
Fitzgerald, Mike 76	Meier, Carolyn 04	Tudsbury, Tiffany 88
Ford, Garrett 84-85	Mero, Reyna 17-19	Vandermeer, Amelia 24
Fowler, Jenny 76	Mitchell, Alicia 00	Vandenhooogen, Desiree 84
French, Phillip Jr. 69	Mitchell, Jaimie 03	Waltenspiel, Linda 75-78
Gilmer, Gail 64	Morehart, Maile 94	Wheeler, Ally 22
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-	Parson, Heather 92-93-94	Yost, Chandler 09-10
	Patrick, Bill 55	Zontelli, Cheyenne 84-86
	Perez, Michael 79	Zulliger, Cassidy 18
	Perry, Jimmie 76-77-80-81	



## 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.

## OVERNIGHT PARKING

For reservations and information email:

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## RULE CHANGE

The Western States Trail Foundation Board of Governors takes very seriously the goal of maximizing the safety of riders, equines, crews, volunteers, and ride management. In addition to improvements in the trail and in emergency preparedness, this year we have made one rule change concerning tack. The change is shown below in bold italic.

### 1. Entry Rules

Equines: All horses, mules, donkeys and ponies, except lactating mares and mares in foal, are eligible to enter the Ride provided they are

shod or wearing protective footwear (unless exempted under I.e. below), are at least 72 months old on the day of the Ride, are in compliance with the Ride drug and medications policy, and in the sole opinion of the Ride Veterinary staff are in fit condition to compete. ***For the safety of all equines and riders, equines must be ridden using a breast collar and a bridle (with bit or bitless).***

The Veterinary Committee of the Ride strongly recommends that equines entered in the Ride have at least 300 miles of completed distance competition in events of 50 miles or longer. References in these rules to horses include other equines as well.



*Wishing success to  
all Tevis Riders!!!*

## Volunteers

are the lifeblood of the Tevis Cup Ride. About 900 people participate each year on Ride Day – more than four per rider! If you know what you'd like to do, or if you just want to help wherever needed, fill out our Volunteer Signup form at [tevis-cup.org](http://tevis-cup.org). Our Volunteer Coordinator will respond and try to place you appropriately according to the needs of the Ride and to your needs and skills.

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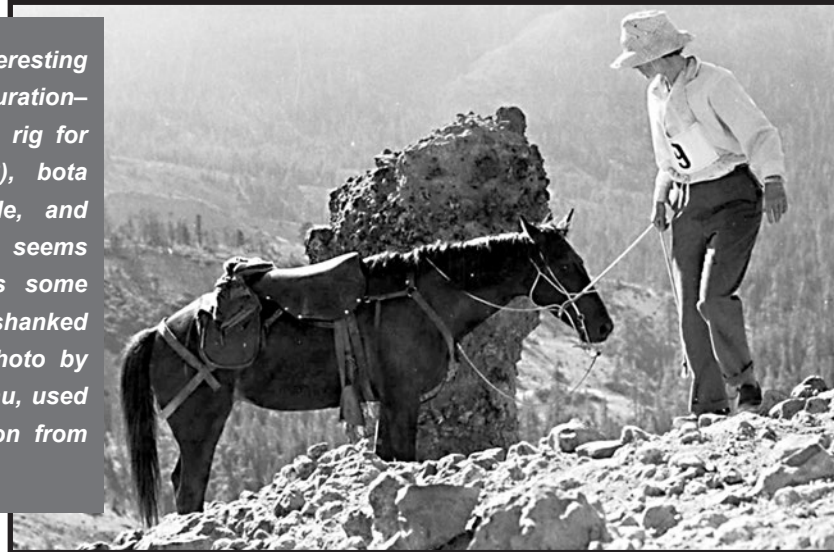
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by Erin Glassman

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In current endurance times, riders have a plethora of options, combinations and perhaps a few magic spells that help ourselves and our steeds remain as comfortable as a pair of socks making their way over 100 miles in 24 hours or less through arduous terrain. We have helmets specifically rated for the common types of impact an equestrian can potentially encounter in unplanned dismounts; and speaking of studies, we have a ton of information gleaned from endurance studies pioneered here on the Western States Trail Ride, much to the benefit of endurance riders all over

*Note the interesting saddle configuration—perhaps some rig for a McClellan(?), bota bag on cantle, and breeching. It seems this rider has some sort of long shanked hackamore. Photo by Charles Barieau, used with permission from Dawn Kerr*



horsemen to test their mettle against the beautiful yet somewhat ruthless Sierra Nevada mountain range in the first modern day endurance ride. I wonder how much Wendell Robie would have thought about the multitudes of adaptations his endeavor would inspire in both horse and human gear.

In early years, both riding wear and

with all of the distance junkies out there. Barbara White has said it best in a summary of "The Real Tevis Cup"—"we adapt and adjust" to do the best that we know how with what information and materials we have. Here are some highlights of the evolution of endurance gear.

### **The Rider**

- Clothing: Jeans and western wear quickly turned to more comfortable options such as
- polyester pants
- wrapping knees with ace bandages
- unseen, but pantyhose under jeans was on occasion utilized
- jodhpurs and English wear on occasion
- modern lycra and spandex are options used by many

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***"We did it, but it hurt," recalls Barbara White, WSTF Board of Governors President. "We have had many trials and tribulations in terms of riding gear and tack, and we continue to evolve."***

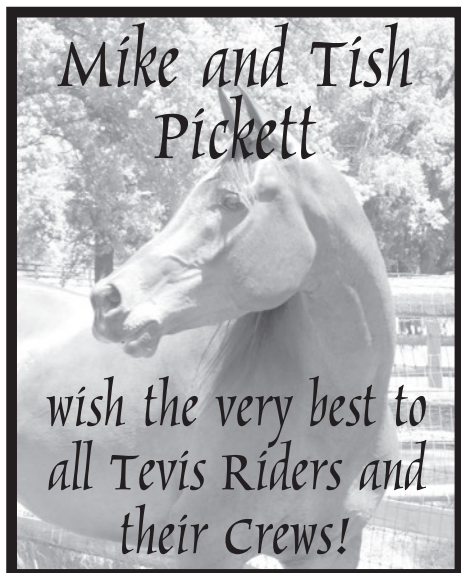
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the world.

Seventy years ago, however, a tough and motivated man started a sport based on grit, determination and perhaps a little bit of stubborn will when he invited

tack were mainly Western in nature. In the 1950s and 60s, riders in general wore jeans, some wore cowboy hats or went bare-headed. Julie Suhr recalls on her first attempt at the Tevis Cup she wore "brand new, freshly pressed jeans to look good for the photographs", only to still sport the scars today on her knees. Board of Governors member Kathie Perry also recalls the bloodied knees and scars.

To combat the perils of the extra time in the saddle, riders began to experiment with ways to improve not only their comfort on the trail, but comfort and safety for that of their mounts. Many of the adjustments made come from ideas borrowed from other long distance sports such as the sport of ultramarathoning borne from the Tevis trail itself thanks to Gordon Ainsleigh, or long distance cycling—there are many common grounds to share tricks from





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## **Adapt and Adjust:**

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### **Headgear**

- Cowboy hats
- occasional see hair done
- around the 70s bicycle helmets or hunt caps are occasionally seen
- modern ASTM certified helmets are frequently used (specifically tested for impacts unique to equestrians, but bare heads and cowboy hats or baseball caps still used)

### **Nutrition/hydration**

- early days bota bags, round canteens or Sierra cups (tin cups used for multiple purposes, as with miners and naturalists in the 19th century)
- cans of juice (not very well refrigerated!)
- plastic bottles with bottle holders
- modern water reservoir products such as Camelbak or water bottles
- Gatorade not invented until 1965, but not in hands of distance athletes really until 1970s
- Powerbar invented in 1980s, "Gu" energy gels in 1990s

### **The Horse**

- Saddles
- early saddles are mainly heavy Western stock use saddles
- McClellan saddles, the style of historical military cavalry saddles were used by some, but mostly abandoned with lack of comfortable ride-occasionally an English saddle
- Western saddles with horn cut off
- Aussie saddles
- eventually a hybridized endurance saddle, carrying the lightweight nature of English saddles (and sometimes later synthetic materials) but also the security of a pommel and cantle lacking in the English models.
- tapaderos or stirrup cages began to be used more when riders would wear running shoes instead of boots for foot comfort

### **Saddle Pads**

- Navajo blankets were commonly used under saddles
- Later may still use Navajo blankets but place egg crate foam pads underneath
- If horse had a sore spot or rub area from saddle, that area could be cut out from the egg crate to alleviate pressure
- foam mesh pads were used to help with airflow under "normal" pad
- wool and other synthetics used at times, but 100% wool is used frequently
- sheepskin was utilized a lot of wrap rings or tack components that might rub the horse
- neoprene vastly avoided due to lack of heat dispersion

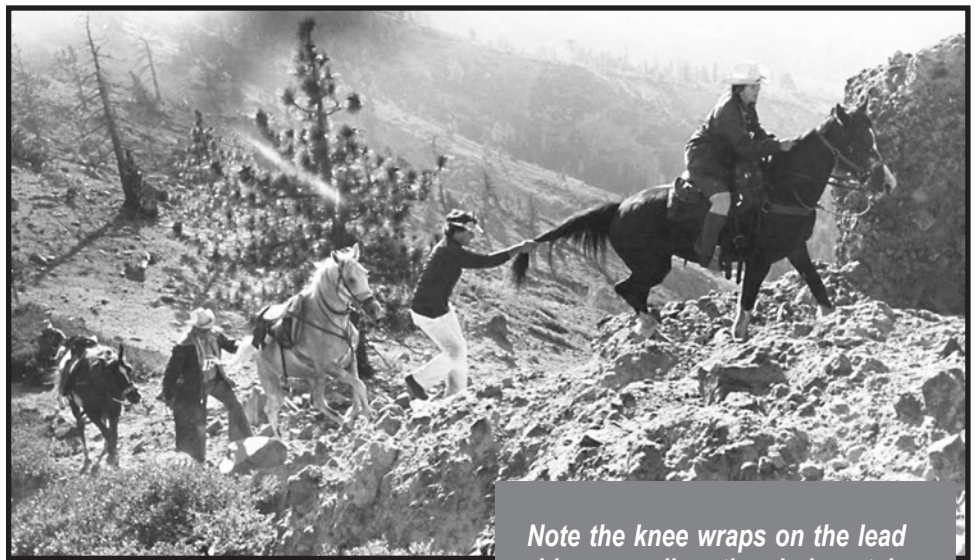
### **Bridles and headgear**

- bits and headstalls are still used in many configurations, but initially leather headstalls with traditional snaffle and

curb bits were mostly used.

- many curb bits were long-shanked
- hackamores began to be used to allow horse more ease to eat on trail
- those hackamores usually had longer shanks
- S-hacks and other variations of hackamores became more in vogue, but any number of styles of bits are still used today
- headstalls can still be seen made of leather, but more often biothane and synthetics are the composition materials utilized
- most often, scissor snaps have replaced traditional rein connections, and many times halter/bridle combinations are used.
- anticipated new rule for requirement of some sort of headgear to be used down the trail

By no means is this list comprehensive, nor does it capture all of the information I was able to research. Have we reached



*Note the knee wraps on the lead rider, as well as the choker style breast collar on what appears to be a Western saddle. The first rider's bit upon closer inspection looks like most likely a snaffle due to where the reins are attached to the bit and no apparent shank. The use of what appear to be polyester pants on the second rider who is tailing must have been a comfort choice, and her saddle appears to be English. The third rider back appears to have a McLellan style saddle. Photo by Charles Barieau, used with permission from Dawn Kerr*

the peak of our tack and gear innovation? I think not—we have no idea what types of materials or ideas may come in the future, but if anything can be taken home from this overview, I think it is this. Find what works for you and your horse, and do the best with what you have (but keep your eyes open for better ideas).

Many thanks to Julie Suhr, Barbara White and Kathie Perry for their time and contributions to this piece, as well as thank you to Dawn Kerr for the wonderful historic ride photos from Charles Barieau.



# Update: Auburn Staging Area to Get a Facelift

by Mike Pickett and Jerry Wittenauer

The location of the iconic “timed” finish line of the Western States 100-Mile 1-Day Ride, the Tevis Cup Ride, is set for a major face-lift and several site facility improvements. The finish line is located at the Auburn Staging Area off Pacific Avenue in the City of Auburn. The Staging Area is federal land managed by California State Parks through a Managing Partner Agreement with the US Bureau of Reclamation. The Auburn Staging Area provides access to the Western States Trail and is accepted as the western terminus of the trail. The Western States Trail Foundation (WSTF) operates the Auburn Staging Area through a concession contract with State Parks.

The development of the site’s improvement plan was a collaboration between the WSTF and Auburn State Recreation Area. Our plans have been approved at the state and local level, and await only one final review and approval from the Bureau of Reclamation. We are in routine contact with the Bureau and optimistic that our final approval is near-at-hand!

We have developed architectural renditions of the proposed site upgrades, as shown in the attached figure. The project has been designed with an aesthetic that blends with



- An expanded area around the existing large round water trough

Integrated into all of the new construction will be brick-work. Pending our final project approval, the WSTF will offer an opportunity to the public to help sponsor the construction through the sale of inscribed donor bricks. Soon coming to fruition, this is the “Wall of Fame” that we have been proposing for several years.

The WSTF is excited to start construction on this project to showcase our Finish Line. The project is managed by the

WSTF's Mike Pickett and was the brainchild of Jeff Herten, WSTF past president and 7-time Tevis finisher.



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the scenic American River Canyon surroundings. Some of the main features include:

- A permanent double-vault restroom
- Improvements to the surface of the existing parking lot, and the addition of ADA parking
- A paver-surfaced picnic area including a shade screen, picnic tables, a low wall with interpretive elements regarding the Western States Trail. There will be a stairway with hand-rail transition from the picnic area to the trail.
- An ADA drinking fountain.
- A new entrance kiosk with detailed information regarding the Western States Trail
- An entrance arch designating the Western States Trail
- A dedicated horse wash station
- The addition of brick bollards to the existing steel pipe rail fencing.
- New trail-marking signage



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# Preserving and Protecting the Western States Trail – Our Primary Mission!

by Jerry Wittenauer

Although we are chartered to stage the Annual Tevis Cup Endurance Ride, and pursue vet-led studies of equine welfare and educational outreach, the primary Mission for the Western States Trail Foundation (WSTF) is to preserve and protect the historic Western States Trail. Since the year 2000, the WSTF has invested over \$600,000 in direct support of trail maintenance. When adding in the efforts of the WS Endurance Run Foundation, and acting on opportunities to secure trail access via land acquisition, the investment in preserving and protecting the Trail exceeds \$1M over the past 25 years – that's \$10,000 per mile!

With the approval and support of our land managers (US Forest Service & ASRA) routine trail maintenance and special projects are performed by a combination of land manager staff, our volunteer efforts, and contractors paid for by the funding mentioned above. Volunteer work parties are organized throughout the year to perform most of the routine maintenance required on our event route, including specific “hot spots” along the trail that need attention and special projects designed to improve trail safety and sustainability. We encourage the able-bodied to sign up

for these work events – details available at our [teviscup.org](http://teviscup.org) website.

Much of our trails activity follows an annual cycle of a) recovering from the ravages of winter (primarily fallen trees) and b) trimming back the lush overgrowth that appears with the warm springtime months. Aside from this annual cycle of activity, there are specific projects that are organized from year-to-year that require our budget and planning resources - some planned years in advance to improve the trail and some unplanned (e.g., post fire restoration). Examples from recent years include:

- **More Water!** In 2021 we established a water well at the Chicken Hawk site (mi 64) and re-drilled the well at Deadwood (mi 55).

- **Granite Chief Wilderness Area:** As a result of joint planning between the WSTF, the WS Endurance Run (WSER), and the US Forest Service, the USFS has secured an \$1,200,000 grant to re-route the trail in miles 15 to 22 of the Tevis

tion of the Western States Trail. Fully-contained by 15 Oct, the WSTF quickly engaged in the needed trail restoration. Mitigation of hazard trees and soil erosion were the biggest priorities. Federal and State resources were applied, with our WSTF pitching in with \$50,000 to speed the recovery efforts. Together with the Western States Endurance Run Foundation and the Canyons Endurance Runs, over \$200,000 in funding and a huge volunteer effort were provided and the trail re-opened by May 1, 2023, only 7 months after the fire was contained!

- **Last Chance (mi 50) to Michigan Bluff (mi 62) Trail Improvements** (USFS / Legacy Trails Grant). The WSTF has received a \$100,000 Grant to improve the solid rock steps, chisel back rock to widen the tight areas, and strengthen the trail bed. This Grant requires us to provide a “match” through volunteer hours or financial contribution in 2024 and 2025.

Looking ahead, fulfilling our role as stewards of this treasure, the historic Western States Trail will remain front and center for the WSTF. We will continue to plan projects and reach out for trail work volunteers throughout the year. We are fortunate to have the resources to devote \$20k - \$30k each year to preserve this legacy - enabled primarily through a reliable base of donors – thank you!



**Work Crews restoring water flow to the Deadwood well, 2021.**



**Trail crews working to establish new trail bed in the Granite Chief Wilderness Area.**

Ride – relocating an environmentally sensitive portion of the trail higher up the ridgeline that is less erosion-prone, and less densely vegetated. This 4 to 5-year project is now underway – and the WSTF has contributed \$70,000 to help meet the overall project budget.

- **Mosquito Fire Recovery:** Starting on 6 Sept 2022 near the Oxbow Dam, the Mosquito Fire quickly grew to some 76,000 acres, including the central por-



**The burn scar from the 2022 Mosquito Fire.**



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## AMERICAN TRAILS LEGACY TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT UPDATE

*Nicole (Chappell) Wertz*

WSTF was awarded a \$100,000 matching grant (2:1 cash or in-kind/volunteer work match for every dollar awarded) from the American Trails Legacy Trails Program in partnership with the US Forest Service to improve a section of trail on the National Register of Historic Places within the Tahoe National Forest trail system along the Western States trail between Last Chance and Michigan Bluff. WSTF hired Sutter Buttes Trail Stewardship to perform the majority of this very technical and specialized work this spring. Work entails widening and re-benching of

bedrock areas, minimizing rock slope slippery areas as well as ravine crossing armoring. It is a very special area that has major cultural and heritage resources, threatened and endangered species, natural resources, native plant communities, and most of all human life and safety that each and all need further protection and improvements to be a sustainable National Forest Service trail. The grant funding will help us achieve a completed project that is much safer for all users and will help to maintain the trail.

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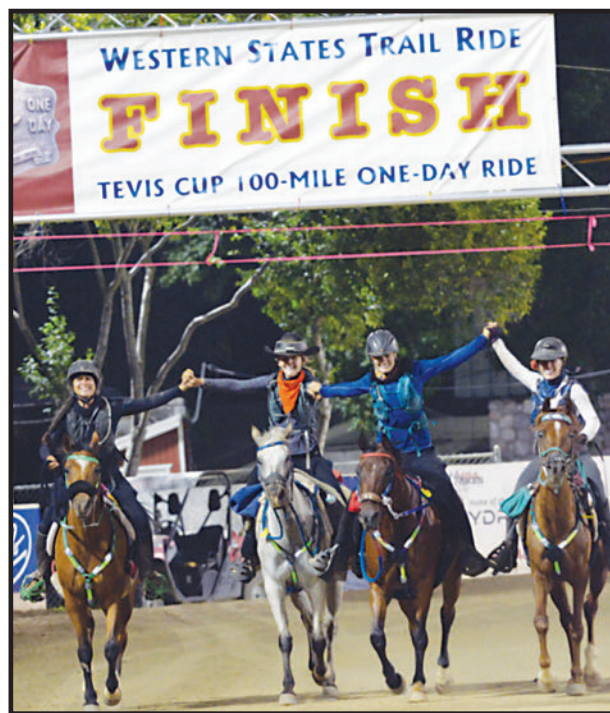
# Four Riders, Four Geldings; One Unbreakable Bond in the Rugged Sierras of the Tevis

by Alex Lewis

There's no question if you have ever met Stevie (Stephanie) Delahunt, if in fact you have.

If you've ever been present when she's pulled up to ride camp in her 8 horse stock trailer, unloading 5-7 horses alone without need for assistance, you'll certainly never forget the fluidity and swiftness at which things appear while she sets up (and you'll certainly never forget her trailer's Custom Tack room).

The first time I remember seeing Stevie pull up to a ride after she had moved to the PNW area from CA, and witnessed her setting up 5 horses on their Hi-tie system I was certainly impressed, and suddenly brought back to the days of grooming at jump shows where time was always of the essence; hay bags were hung up, horse water in buckets, and horses happily munching, tied on the end of their ties in a time that made me rub my eyes and wonder if I was in some weird time warp. I couldn't help but to notice that it was minutes per horse to set up. I'm sure my mouth was gaping open at the ease of it all! If one thing was certain, Stevie was efficient with her time (and I needed to toss my heavy panels and invest in a hi-ti system).



**Tevis 2024, Photo by Kumba Images: Finish Line Auburn, CA Left to Right: Jessie Dowling riding Chuck Norris, Sally Melendrez on Technicolor Vision, Trainer & Owner of Horses Stephanie Delahunt on Alexander Hamilton, Carmen Jackson on Red Hero**

It was about 5 minutes flat, if we're going to get accurate.

I timed it watching her 4 years ago at the Lily Glen Campground, home of the Pacific Crest Endurance Ride. It was pouring rain the following day, which was unusual for that ride but per usual in endurance, riders were out there anyway having a blast on the PCT and marveling at the beautiful trail.

I immediately decided I needed to rethink my bulky horse panels, as I watched Stevie hang off of her trailer that afternoon, practically upside down, legs in a window in the horse area, blonde ponytail swinging while popping each Hi-tie up so fast that you'd miss it if you blinked, and setting up 5 horses in under 5 min. (New band name, "Five under 5"!).

But Stevie isn't "known" simply for her ability to roll up to a ride and be self-sufficient with 5, 6, 7 horses, although she certainly is that. She is truly known for her ability to give people endurance experiences they seek out, and for prepping them for the toughest rides in the world, including the Tevis, The Mongol and the Gaucho Derbies via her training Bootcamp weekends, where she teaches all areas of endurance with her personal herd at home in Bend Oregon, and then manages the Gaucho Derby herself in Patagonia.

Hers is a special herd, dare I say magical, with the bandwidth to carry teeny tiny children in lessons that Stevie teaches, then turning around to carry a Derby prep rider multiple days in a row on the most technical trail Central Oregon has to offer, while Stevie is teaching them how to properly function GPS handhelds at speed which they'll need in order to not get lost in the Mongol Steppe or in Patagonia, and ride to build the strength to go the distances that they'll need when it comes time for their Derby, or the stamina for the Tevis itself.

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deemed special; with a total of 38 - 100 mile completions, 15,000 miles between them all, and they have been awarded 14 Tevis buckles, 3 VC100 buckles, and a number of National Championship buckles and medals in total. Those are bragging rights anyone would wish for their own herd, yet Stevie is humble about her successes - special, yes you will hear her refer to them as that, but there is no bragging and no talk of how many buckles they have all earned, that's not their owner's style. Her focus is on what is the next hard thing they are all about to tackle, and with whom as a unified group on their backs.

They are quite the magical herd, starting in 2023 having a 5/5 Tevis completion, and in 2024 a 4/4 Tevis completion. This is no easy feat, to pull a 100% completion rate, at a 50% or less completion rate ride two years in a row!! Following the 2023 completions, they went on to complete VC100 with no pulls, and the following year came in top 5 in the National Championships for the 100 mi distance. You might be able to say that this herd is unstoppable.

Her herd is also leased out yearly to select individuals to ride the Tevis. Each rider is carefully chosen and matched with their horse, and Tevis 2024 was no different. Stevie had selected 3 other women to ride with her, Carmen Jackson who rode Red Hero (Hero) to her 4th Tevis buckle, Sally Melendrez rode Technicolor Vision (Sonic) to her first Tevis Buckle, and

Jessie Dowling, a Mongol Derby finisher who had prepped with Stevie many times prior for the Derby, rode Chuck Norris (Chuck) to her first Tevis Buckle.

And then there was Stevie Delahunt, always guiding her riders, putting their safety and comfort first, ready to lead in 2024 and to guide her group of gals safely through in one of the toughest years due to humidity that WSTF had seen in quite some time; Stevie crossed that finish line and was awarded her first buckle on her once in a lifetime horse, Alexander Hamilton.

When asked to explain the day to me, Stevie sent me notes that would only feel right by passing them on in her own words;

"Alexander and I really had the perfect challenge and struggle that you could hope for; they were not between us, but rather tasks we worked through together to overcome. I was blessed with the sort of Tevis ride that draws everyone to endurance. The kind where you find this deep and beautiful connection to your horse through purpose, and the apparent task at hand.

Our entire day was spent in connection and conversation and he showed up in every single way possible for me. Alexander let me know he would give me every last ounce of himself, and I had to balance that out and make sure I didn't ask for it. When a horse promises you everything, you need to

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meet them, to not take advantage of it. Which is why I chose to spend so much of my day on foot, but I'll get to that.

Our horses know what Tevis is, and what it means. I make sure by doing a plant medicine communication session with them the week before. Every horse I have "spoken with" for the last 3 years has completed Tevis. Its probably our "real" secret to our completions. Its also what helped me rule out a 5th horse this year - one of our horses said they were not ready (a suspicion confirmed). I would like to encourage others to reach out to their horses through animal communicators - or try themselves by simply speaking to their horses to explain why you do things, and what's important to you and why. They may not understand your words, but they feel your intentions.

I know my horses know what Tevis is; they are agreeing to it, and I am asking them to do it, I don't tell them.

They don't think its easy, they get performance anxiety just like we do, but they love the feeling of accomplishment and they know how great they are whether they finish or don't. They know that going to Tevis is an elite honor. 6 of 8 of our horses actually know the word itself. They understand that "Tevis" is a reference to this yearly right of passage, this yearly stick by which to measure one's grit and confidence. I do not know if they understand the depth at which we use Tevis as a safeguard to my and their mental, physical, and emotional wellbeing. Being prepared every year to make it through Tevis emotionally, physically and mentally unscathed is the greatest insurance and peace one can find.

Horses don't just need the physical conditioning to show up at Tevis, they need to be good at eating, keeping calm, trusting their rider and other humans (all the lovely volunteers trying to help), and all around just be magnificent citizens to come through Tevis day happy. It's a huge ask of a properly prepared horse, but one that incites confidence and a sense of meaning. To an under-prepared horse it, like truly any place else, can insight trauma.

And that's the joy in the journey. Everyday is training for Tevis. Every day

for us is giving the gift of resiliency and empowerment. That's the most lovely thing about endurance - the amount of agency you get to give your teammate in the decision making process.

Riding Alex on Tevis day was riding a confident and empowered horse. Just like our VC100 start last year, Alex handled the crowd and the chaos with complete professionalism and trust in my ability to keep him safe. I trusted his incredible sure footedness to keep us safe. I swear that horse, over 100 of the toughest miles out there, only had one hind foot slip all day- truly one tiny misstep out of thousands!!

Alex has been given an alter ego known as "the Cocaine Bear" for the aggressive attitude he can embody- but on Tevis day he showed up as a teddy bear- even standing stock still as I helped teammates right their saddles alongside heavily trafficked sections of trail. He led when he was asked with no spooks. NOT ONE SPOOK ALL DAY. Even cantering us home to the banner in the dark.

Riding him and navigating the trail was the easy part- the hard part was, as predicted, his heart rate. Alexander Hamilton was arguably one of the most obese horses to ever start Tevis. And yes, yes, I know, adipose tissue helps hold in hydration! He's fit but he's fat, and on top of that he's half standardbred- and fairly "big boned" in comparison to his wiry Arabian counterparts.

Every 100 mile ride, especially the warm ones, comes with the effort of getting his heart rate down. I was ready to pull his saddle at every check, I had my electrolyte protocol in place, and I had my running shoes on.

Ready as we would ever be.

Where we had ice (Robinson and Foresthill) the heart rate wasn't an issue- but Deadwood and Chicken Hawk and Francisco's- full of so much help but only warm water to cool- we struggled!

By pulling his saddle at those stops I was able to get us through but we spent Deadwood to Michigan Bluff chasing cut offs. Our 11:28am in time/ 12:28 out of Robinson Flat gave us a false sense of ease and we blew off time in the river below swinging bridge. By El Dorado canyon I was worried about Alex, who was breathing hard, and I got off on foot- I didn't even tail him up as I was afraid he'd stop and didn't want him carrying

any of my weight at all. I lead him- trudging slowly and laboriously in the heat.

After nailing a shoe onto Chuck at Foresthill and finally getting some solid food in (Alex busted my lip open on accident on Thursday when I ducked under a branch and he popped up to avoid it! So besides a half sandwich at Robinson I had been opting to eat gels all day!) I was feeling refreshed and ready for the night air! The canyons I had hiked on foot had hit about 104- but nightfall came as we left Foresthill. We walked the pavement to avoid slipping or spooking as quite a few residents jumped out or cheered in ways our mounts found displeasing. I was happy enough to traverse this section carefully after all our horses had just eaten and drank.

When we hit the trail we hit it running and the horses powered through the rest of the night. We teamed up with Todd, #85, who lead us at a 12mph trot to Cal2. I was worried at how dang hot and humid it was - I found myself sweating more at night than I had in the day! We got the horses water, cold towels, and electrolyted quickly there- leaving our new friend behind who wanted more time to recover.

I began to worry about passing through Francisco's- the furthest the Tevis trail had previously let me get. I felt that if I could get through there then I knew I could get under the banner. I dismounted for a few uphill in the dark to give Alex a break- when we saw Francisco's coming up I was off and ready to pull his saddle.

Volunteers mobbed us and we got the horses food and water- but all the sponge water felt warm and the night air felt just as dense and warm as the water- no breath of air here. We took about ten minutes to cool, hanging at 68 (one of Alex's favorite pulse points to hang at) and our team began vetting through - I assumed Alex would be down away from food and we walked slowly into the vet line.

He was down, but his CRI was slightly inverted. The vet wanted him to stay longer to eat and relax but he admitted we couldn't do so due to cut offs.

"I'll go on foot with hay." I promised him. He could see that Alex was ultra sound, bright, and eating well. He warned me to be careful here and we

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# THE DEMENTED DOUBLE FINISHERS OF THE TEVIS AND THE WESTERN STATES 100

by Jeff Herten, with assistance by  
Nanci and Sir Charles Gabri

The roster of folks that have completed the Tevis Cup is an impressive list indeed of those individuals that set a lofty goal and challenged themselves to embark upon the arduous trek from Lake Tahoe to Auburn. This is a life-changing experience for everyone that has completed the journey. Within this group, is a subset of crazy people that have completed both the Run and the Ride – the Demented Doublers.

The notable update to this list for this year is the 2024 Tevis completion for Ken Campbell – taking him to 5 Tevis completions to complement his Western States Endurance Run completion. In addition, Ken joined the ranks of an even more exclusive group in 2024 with his completion of the Ride and Tie National Championships in October. Fewer than 50 individuals have ever completed the Tevis, Ride and Tie, and Western States – these are the “Triple Cripples” – congratulations Ken!!

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GENDER	TEVIS	WS100 SILVER	WS1000 BRONZE
AINSLEIGH	GORDON	MALE	2	9	10
ANDERSON	BEATE	FEMALE	2		1
BARGER	DAN	MALE	2	14	1
BEAUPRE	AL	MALE	8		1
BEAUPRE	JACKIE	FEMALE	1		1
BUECHEY	DREW	FEMALE	2	1	
CAMINATI	DEBBIE	FEMALE	1	1	1
CAMPBELL	KEN	MALE	5		1
CLOVER	JAMES	MALE	1	3	
COOK	RICHARD	MALE	2		1
DAVIDSON	PEGGY	FEMALE	1		8
DAVIS	BOB	MALE	1		1
DAVIS	RODGER	MALE	1		1
DAVIS	WILLIAM	MALE	1	1	
DIXON-JOHNSON	DIANE	FEMALE	1		1
EATON	BOB	MALE	1		1
ELLIOTT	STEVE	MALE	2		1
ENGEMANN	MARK	MALE	3	1	
FALCONE	MARK	MALE	7		4
FITZGERALD	PAT	MALE	15		3 1 same year
FORD	GARRETT	MALE	10		1
FONSECA	RICHARD	MALE	3	1	2
GABRI	CHARLES	MALE	6		5
GABRI	NANCI	FEMALE	12		2
GOODRICH	SARA	FEMALE	6		1
HARRIS	LYNN	FEMALE	2		1
HELLMAN	WARREN	MALE	5		2
HERTEN	JEFF	MALE	7	2	
HOWARD	JAMES	MALE	1	1	2
JOHNSON	TOM	MALE	3	4	
JONES	TOM	MALE	1		1
KAHDEMAN	JAN	FEMALE	1		1
KINDER	RODNEY	MALE	1	1	
KNOCH	CHRIS	MALE	4	2	1 same year
KRAMER	SUSAN	FEMALE	2		1 1 same year
LARIMER	JIM	MALE	8		1
LEE	KEVIN	MALE	2	2	
LIEBERMAN	FRANK	MALE	1		1
LIVERMORE	MO	FEMALE	5	1	1
LUNDY	DIANA	FEMALE	1		5 1 same year
MARSHALL	EVELYN	FEMALE	1	1	
MARTIN	KATHLEEN (Kathy)	FEMALE	4	2	2
MASON	CATHY	FEMALE	1		2 1 same year
MATHER	CHUCK	MALE	5	1	
MATTEI	PETER	MALE	3	1	2 1 same year
MATZ	LARRY	MALE	1	1	
MCKEAN	WILLIAM	MALE	1	1	1
MILLER	DOUGLAS	MALE	3		1
MYERS	KEVIN	MALE	6	1	

The historic DDers are as follows:

On the ride side, there are some stellar accomplishments: Bob “Potato” Richardson completed the ride 22 times, Pat Fitzgerald 15 times (also won the Tevis Cup in 1963), Nanci Gabri 12 times, Gordon Palmer 12 times, Garrett Ford 10 times (also won the Haggin Cup in 2010 and the Tevis Cup in 2012 on the same horse “The Fury”), and Adrian Vandenhooogen 10 times.

On the run side, there are also some remarkable achievements: Gordie Ainsleigh 19 times (9 silver, 10 bronze), Dan Barger 12 times (First double Western States in 2019), Ken Shirk 10 times (3 silver, 7 bronze), Peggy Davidson 8 times, Tom Tutkis 6 times, and Sir Charles Gabri 5 times.

The former list of Doublers is shown below with some additions to the number of completions.

The mental health professionals who helped them reach these goals are also to be congratulated.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GENDER	TEVIS	WS100 SILVER	WS100 BRONZE
PALMER	GORDON	MALE	11	1	1 same year
PRIEST	JON	MALE	1	1	
PUCCI	JANET	FEMALE	5		1
REYNOLDS	JEREMY	MALE	8	1	
RICHARDSON	BOB(P)	MALE	22		1 1 same year
RICHTMAN	MARK	MALE	2	2	
ROSE	TERI	FEMALE	1		1
TUTKIS	TOM	MALE	1	6	
SCOTT	AUDREY	FEMALE	3		1
SCOTT	DENNIS	MALE	1	3	4
SHATTUCK	PHIL	MALE	2		2
SHEA	JIM	MALE	2		1
SHERWOOD	TOM	MALE	10		1
SHIRK	KEN@	MALE	2	3	7 1 same year
SPROUL	CURTIS	MALE	3	1	1 same year
SNOWBARGER	MARVIN	MALE	5		2
STOCKTON	CHERRY	FEMALE	3		1
SUTER	BOB	MALE	3	2	
SWANSON	GRANT	MALE	1		4
TERWILLIGER	VIVIAN	FEMALE	1		1
THOMPSON	ERIC	MALE	1	1	
TRACY	DENNIS	MALE	3	1	
TURNER	BERRY	MALE	1	1	2
VANDENHOOGEN	ADRIAN	MALE	10		1
VREELAND	BEVERLY	FEMALE	1		1
WALL	JEFF	MALE	1	1	
WILSON	CHARLES	MALE	1	1	
WITTENAUER	JERRY	MALE	1	2	1



Ken Campbell at the  
2024 Ride and Tie  
National Championships with his event  
partner, Makenna  
Jentgen.

Above data assembled by Charles and Nanci Gabri



**Awarded to horses with 500 or more Tevis miles.**

# THE WENDELL ROBIE TROPHY

HORSE	RIDER/OWNER	COMPLETIONS	HORSE	RIDER/OWNER	COMPLETIONS
Thunders Lighting Bar	Pat Chappell	13	DE Golden Ali	Kevin Waters/Tennessee Lane/ Stephanie Palmer-DuRoss	5
El Karbaj	Hal & Ann Hall	12	Fames Baydal BL	Peter Rich/Gary Fitts/Elizabeth Lehmberger/Sally Hall/Tanaka Masafumi	5
Rocky	Merv Pyorre/Judy Pyorre	12	Farrabba (Stoner)	Kevin Myers/Rusty Toth/Jenni Smith/ Nick Huynh	5
Buffalo Bill	Nick Mansfield/Bill Mooney	11	SMR Fille de Cailana	Potato Richardson	5
Rainraff	Sally Dargie	10	SMR Fifi d'Or	Cathy Rohm/Nathalie Guion/ Lene Hammeren/ Ragan Kelly	5
Shatir	Judy Houle	10	GE Cyclone	Garrett Ford/Lisa Ford/ Esty Saenger	5
HCC Ruszka	Joe & Cindy Larkin	9	HCC Zarluska	Hal & Ann Hall	5
Vindy Shana	Dede Greene Wolf	9	John Henry	Susan Garlinghouse/Bruce Weary/ Lisa Schneider	5
Tesue	Neil Robinson	9	Magics Illusion	Beth Kaufmann/Dyke Kaufmann	5
Count Nikolai	Laurie Wood-Gundlach/ Kay Morgan/Mary Hays/ Ann Sands	8	Magnet	Sandy Schuler	5
Spring Ledge Irish	Marian Molthan//Vicki Monroe/	8	MDR Taskadero	Cindy Larkin	5
Whiskey (Whiskers)	Vanessa Morgan	8	Ninja PFF	Shauna Glorioso	5
Auli Farwa (Far)	Jenni Smith/Tennessee Lane/ Kevin Meyers/Rusty Toth	8	NV Bey Czar	Judy Laursen	5
Witezarif	Donna Fitzgerald/George Blair	8	Polaris NS	Erin Riley	5
MM Cody	Ken Campbell/Mark Montgomery/ MaKayla Corgnell/Erin Krahner	8	Reign N Shine	Bronwyn Swan	5
Edelweiss Fritz	Marjorie Pryor	7	Sacajawea	Melissa & Robert Ribley	5
Clancey Lila	Abdul-Rahim/Jenni Smith	7	Samah	Jerry Estebez	5
Double Tiki	Allyssa Stalley Gonzalez	7	SE Blue Max	Godfrey Sullivan/ Hayley Sullivan	5
HCC Gazal	Julie Suhr	7	SS Pico Boo	Danny Grant	5
HCC Prince Cheekos	John McCullough	7	SS Riftez	Bob & Julie Suhr/ Barbara White	5
Rushcreek Firefly	Allison Aiello	7	Stormy Weather MA	Gary & Jamie Fend	5
Sierra Jane	Gordan Palmer	7	(Smokey)	Cynthia Rowe	5
Harca	Sylvia Beverly/Henry Logan	7	Tajsheem	Linda Glazier	5
Aron Moon+//	Mike Tracy	7	Tehachapi Red Fern	Garrett Ford	5
Darito (Ahab)*	Pat Fitzgerald/Debby Early	7	(Tachyon)	John McCullough/Sally Ridgway/ Sési Catalano/Barbara Reinke	5
Retro Rocket*	Lori Stewart/Melissa Schuler/ Roger Yohe/Lynn Harker/ Curt Sproul	7	The Fury	Greene Family	5
Devon	Bonnie McLane	7	Tino	Brenda Benkly	5
Royal Patron	Karen Donley	7	VP Shah Raabba	Diane Stevens	5
Sharade Le Fey (Rader)	Kim Zvik/Ilan Dvir/Tal Zvik/ Sarah Gray/Molly Pearson	7	Windswift Taabi	Diane Marquard	5
Abu Sultan	Tony Brickel	6	Banderaz	Cheri Briscoe	5
Arcade	Debby Lyon/Cory Pereira	6	Buck Mountain Bez	Smokey Killen/Diane Marquard	5
Kismet Cognac	Sue Basham	6	DR Thunder Bask+//	Susanne Hayes/Ann Hall	5
HCC Prince Mano	Sési Catalano/Sally Ridgway	6	Erick	Nancy Gabri	5
Monk	Lindsay Graham Fisher/ Chris Martin/Nancy Martin	6	Greenbriar Al Jabal	Lari Shea/Kerry Ridgway/ Michael Norrell/Brenda Ferris	5
Monterey DSA (Monty)	Bob Marx	6	(Atlas)	Claire Godwin/Lisa Bykowski/ Sueann Adams	5
Movin' on Blues	Karen Bottiani	6	Harlri	Sara Goodrich	5
Shekh Isa	Debby Lyon/Jeff Herten/ Barbara Reinke	6	Nature's Ballet*	Nancy Gabri	5
Pro Bono	Karen Chaton	6	PL Mercury (Merc)	John McCullough/ Carolyn McCullough (Sharp)	5
SMR Filouette	Potato Richardson/Willemina DeBoer/Lena Hammeren/Sui Bo	6	RAR Ronrico	Riley McHenry/Connie Creech	5
LV Kodiak*	Charles Gabri/Colton Mederios	6	Remington*	Kristine Hartman	5
Pirate Loot (Hud)*	Hope Lundquist	6	Three Sox	Melissa Ribley	5
Ruff Spots Banner	Walter Tibbitts	6	LS Steele Breeze	Jeremy Reynolds	5
Sharade Le Fey (Rader)	Kim Zvik/Ilan Dvir/Tal Zvik/ Sarah Gray/Mollie Pearson	6	Count on Tessa Flynn	Jenna Harrison/Cameron Holzer-Gaytko	5
Sur Buddi	George Austin/Rho Bailey	6	Ever Ready		
Bandit	Smokey Killen	6	Treasured Moments		
One Sun	Kassandra DiMaggio/Andy Mayo Kelsey Mayo	6	Lilly Creek Kong		
Abdul Latif BL	Jennifer Rader	5			
Bogus Thunder	Hal & Ann Hall	5			
Butterscotch	Dave & Linda Poston/Theresa Haney/Larry Matz	5			
Cameo Corrine	Potato Richardson/Laszio Felso/ Range Richardson/Sally Toye/ Enrique Aveleyra	5			
Chagitai	Drucilla Barner/Julie Suhr	5			
Cowboy Bob (Cowboy)	Terryl Reed/Kathie Perry/ Sophie Mauritsch/ Katherine Broadus	5			
CP Tripper	Pam Stalley/ Jennifer Stalley Crenshaw	5			

## Does Your Horse Qualify?

*If your horse has finished the Tevis five or more times, with any number of riders, please submit the information to Debby Lyon at [debbyly@aol.com](mailto:debbyly@aol.com). Please supply name of horse, years of completion and who the riders were.*

# Positive Psychology: Enhancing Your Endurance Game

by Erin Glassman

Many of us, myself included, believe in what has become a mantra for riding the Tevis Cup—Julie Suhr's wise words of encouragement—that crediting “yourself, your horse, and Lady Luck” upon finishing the world's most difficult endurance ride covers the components of what it takes to get there. Lady Luck is that portion where with good fortune, the naughty rocks or errant turns part ways and allow you to forge your way to Auburn in a timely manner. The art of conditioning a horse for a mountainous 100 miles is no laughing matter either; and you? Most riders develop their own exercise routines along with competing on their horses to prepare themselves physically for what could be 24 hours on and off their horses. Our mental contribution infrequently crosses our minds, but has a very large role in how we as riders perform on the trail.

On a basic level, physical activity has

a basis in neurobiology. Our muscles perform voluntary movement from “commands” sent through our spinal cords from activity in lower motor neurons. These commands are initiated at both the spinal cord and the brainstem and are crucial for navigational movements and control of posture. Moving up the line, timing and coordination of complex patterns of movement come from central pattern generators—common neural pathways that help us repeat basic rhythmic patterns of movement without consciously thinking about it, such as posting or balancing or even running alongside our mounts.

These muscular movements become automatic as we develop patterns of better riding coordination and moving along with our horses as opposed to riding in an unbalanced manner. A lot of the daily activities and routine tasks we perform carry a lot of automaticity—we don't re-

ally think about walking or grooming, do we? The adult human brain, however, carries a substantial ability to be able to learn new skills, establish new memories and respond to change throughout life; this quality is called plasticity that helps with complex processing that is loosely called cognition.


Cognition is the process by which we get to know the world through recognizing relevant features of stimuli and thereby planning the appropriate response to that stimuli. All of this is still somewhat in reference to physical skills, and that's where we are going to depart from the field of neurobiology and take a little trip into psychology. It is here where we take a detour into the vague, the imprecise and sometimes straight up weird zone of conscious and unconscious behavior and thoughts, feelings and emotions. The study of sports psychology takes this science and ap-

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plies it to athletic performance.

Sports psychology has been a field of study since the late 1800s, when psychologists discovered that cyclists who rode with others performed better. Over the years, the field has been applied to individual and team athletes in sports such as basketball, tennis, etc. According to the hoopheads podcast, sports psychologists work to improve athletic outcome by focusing on performance through working on attentional focus, visualization and goal setting, intrinsic and extrinsic motivation and control of anxiety and overcoming negative feelings. Positive psychology in sports (PPS), however, is a slightly different approach to enhancing performance.

Rather than working on the above mentioned areas of sports psychology, PPS works towards evaluating and focusing on strengths, optimism, self-confidence and elevation. Studies are finding that coaching using the principles of positive psychology leads to higher level performance, greater resilience, optimism and emotional well-being, ultimately resulting in better performance under pressure by focusing on and building up the strengths of athletes.

Endurance as a sport has long benefitted from borrowing techniques and tricks from other sports, such as use of electrolytes and conditioning principles for better physical performance. In the

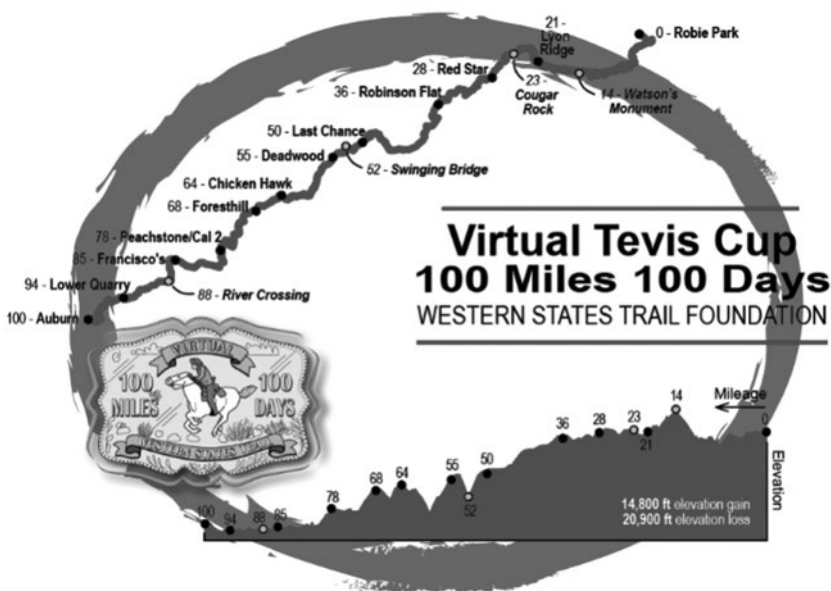
aspect of mental performance, we can also borrow for added strength through some basic approaches, including evaluating and recognizing our strengths, growth mindset, and focusing on our interpretation of our own performances.

Recognizing our strengths makes us take a long hard look at ourselves—it's not that we need to ignore our weaknesses, but we tend to focus on our shortcomings rather than our successes. Shawn Achor, author of "The Happiness Advantage" states that we are programmed to look at the negative—we notice "problems that need solved, stresses that need managing and injustices that need righting"—and by looking for what's wrong, we miss out on seeing our opportunities, possibilities and potential to grow and undercut ourselves in the fields of creativity, motivation and our abilities to go for what we want to achieve as well as adding stress levels.

Remembering that we can train our brains because we have plasticity—the ability to adapt and learn new skills in life, positive psychology is no different. Achor suggests that working on identifying "three good things" as a daily practice can help shift the negative program that culturally we tend to adopt. As riders, we can do this as well to shift our mindsets to see the good in what we have done rather than focus on the bad parts of our ride.

Shifting our focus and working on mindfulness—practicing being in the present and not focusing on past or future performances which can cause additional stress—can help us to stay grounded and tackle the trail right at our feet. When we worry about the possible outcomes, it takes away energy from focusing at the task at hand, and detracts from our overall performance—building on the strengths that we have evaluated can help us to gain self-confidence in our ridership and feel assured that we can handle whatever it is we meet in the road ahead.

Does this mean that we ignore our shortcomings and/or failures? Absolutely not. However, we have a choice when we look at the events in our lives—do we stay here? Do we slide into a zone of negativity and quit? Or do we choose to look at those stumbling blocks as stepping stones rather than obstacles? Using our plasticity to develop a positive mindset can help us to keep moving forward on the trail to success. The really cool thing is that if we recognize that our horses are mirrors to ourselves—and if we focus on success, they will too by being more confident and thereby fun trail partners, which leads us to one last question—is Lady Luck maybe a lesser partner than we have thought?



***The Tevis Cup Ride itself operates at or near a financial loss. So, the Western States Trail Foundation needs to raise funds in order to continue our trail preservation and put on the ride. In 2020, the Virtual Tevis was created due to the cancellation of the actual ride because of the global pandemic. The Virtual Tevis has become a premier fundraiser for the Western States Trail Foundation.***

***Because of your support, we are able to not only put on this iconic endurance event, but continue with our efforts of trail preservation and improvements.***

***Once again, there will be both Riding and Non-Riding Divisions so everyone can enjoy the fun.***

***You can complete the 100-miles in as many smaller excursions as you choose to finish the goal. As you log your completed miles, you will receive updates of where you would be on the historic Western States Trail.***

# Western States Trail Museum Update

## A NEW FACILITY WILL HELP PRESERVE A LONG AND STORIED HISTORY

*by Hal V. Hall*

The many tales of a storied and remarkable trans-Sierra trail will soon come alive with the opening of the Western States Trail Museum. Supported by the City of Auburn with a lease arrangement for a portion of the former City Hall in Auburn's historic Central Square, and with tenant improvements underway, we are hopeful to open our doors in 2025.



**Robert Montgomery Watson signing the Emigrant Trail, September 1931.**  
(Hal V. Hall Collection)

The origin of the trail can be traced to the prehistoric era when Native Americans crossed the Sierra Nevada on trade routes to barter between the Nisenan, Washoe and Paiute people, as well as to gather and hunt for food. In late 1844 a small group of horseback riders split from the Stephens-Murphy-Townsend overland wagon party near Truckee, California, and were among the first of American settlers to follow portions of what we know today as the Western States Trail. Following the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill in 1848, hundreds of thousands of would-be miners, dreamers, and entrepreneurs from the United States and other countries made the difficult journey by ship over rugged seas or overland by oxen-pulled wagons, horse-drawn coaches, on foot, horseback or by mule to the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. Then came the express riders of Wells Fargo and Adams Express Companies who traveled along the American River providing necessary supplies to the mining camps and towns that had sprung up during the Gold Rush. By 1860 the Western States Trail route was well-known as the shortest route over the Sierra Nevada from the gold mines of California's Mother Lode to the Comstock Silver Lode in western Nevada.

Between 1904 and 1932, Robert Montgomery Watson, Tahoe's first Constable, who also worked as a guide and trail finder in the north Lake Tahoe region, explored the high country and the headwaters of the American River west of today's Olympic Valley. In September 1931, accompanied by five members from Parlor 59 of the Native Sons of the Golden West, Watson and the group relocated and signed this early pioneer route that had been nearly forgotten. Thanks to Watson and subsequent efforts by Wendell Robie and others, today's recreating public can enjoy this wild and scenic trail today.

In 1955, Robie led in the founding of the annual, world-renowned Western States Trail 100 Mile One-Day equestrian event, now known as the Tevis Cup. Early in 1972, Robie encouraged U.S. Army soldiers from Fort Riley, Kansas, to attempt a 100-Mile crossing of the Western States Trail on foot during the Tevis Cup Ride on July 29, 1972, which resulted in seven members of the group finishing the arduous task. Encouraged by the accomplishments of these soldiers, Robie established in 1974 what became an internationally celebrated crown-jewel of ultra-marathons, the Western States Endurance 100 Mile Run. Both endurance events are founding events of their kind and utilize a major portion of the historic Western States Trail.

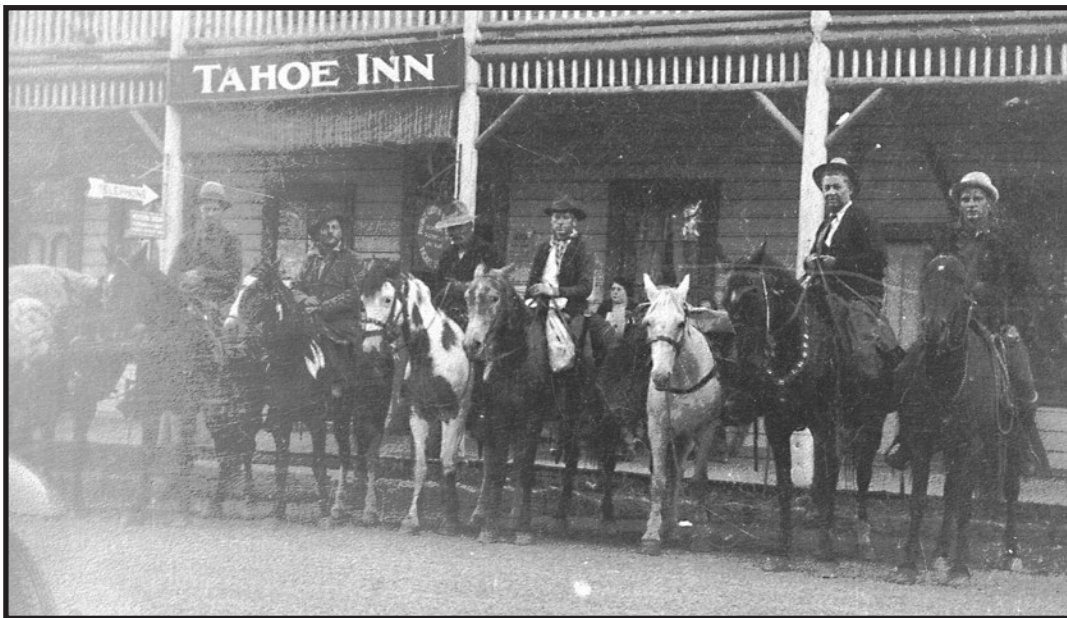
The rugged Western States Trail is one of only a few remaining trans-Sierra trail routes that is largely untouched by human progress. Due to the lack of development and remote nature of much of the trail, the route remains substantially as it has been for hundreds or perhaps thousands of years. It offers a



**Runner and horses navigating Elephant's Trunk during the Tevis Cup 100 Mile One Day Ride, 1978.**  
(Photo by Charles Barieau, Hal V. Hall Collection)



## Western States Trail Museum Update



*Left to right: Patrick Swell, Dr. Conrad Briner, Robert Montgomery Watson, Wendell Robie, Earl Lukins, and Jack Shields, Tahoe City, September 1931. (Hal V. Hall Collection)*

unique opportunity to the public as the only fully accessible, preserved trail linking the east and west sides of the Sierra Nevada. By the early 1970s, the Western States Trail had been studied by federal and state government agencies and found to meet the criteria for a National Recreation Trail designation. The U.S. Forest Service is nearing its long-term goal of designating the trail through the Tahoe National Forest. This designation will benefit the recreating public by protecting the trail for future generations so that they too might enjoy the experience of a scenic and historic route across the Sierra Nevada.

This incredible history of the Western States Trail, which in the mid-1960s the Governors of the state of California and Nevada encouraged preserving the Capitol-to-Capitol route between Carson City and Sacramento, along with its relevant artifacts and memorabilia, stands ready to be shared with the public. The mission of the Western States Trail Museum is to educate the public about the trail's heritage through creative interpretive exhibits, artifacts, oral histories, docent led field trips, speaker and film series, podcasts, and community engagements with modern day endurance events. The Western States Trail Museum archives will also serve as a research center for anyone who wants to learn more about this truly special trail. Please contact us if you have something worth sharing.



*Wendell Robie (Second from Left) with California Governor Ronald Reagan and members of California Recreational Trails Committee, 1976. Far left is William Penn Mott, Director of California Park Service, who was later named by President Reagan as the 12th Director of the National Park Service. (Hal V. Hall Collection)*

**Better yet, stop by to see our progress at 1103 High Street, Suite 300, Auburn, California.**

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# From the Head Vet

Mike Peralez, DVM

It's hard to believe it's that time of year again. The 69th edition of the Western States Trail Ride is fast approaching. A hearty welcome is extended to all who plan to travel to California's Sierra Nevada and the Tevis Cup Ride. Whether you are a rider, crew or volunteer you will be in for an incredible weekend!

The true name of the Tevis Cup is the Western States Trail Ride. The Tevis Cup runs over a portion of the longer Western States Trail. This 200-mile trail stretches from Nevada's capital in Carson City to California's capital in Sacramento. The portion of the Western States Trail in Nevada is part of the Tahoe Rim Trail whereas the 50-mile section from Auburn to Sacramento is mainly the American River Trail which parallels the mighty American River. I'm not sure if the Nevada desert portion of the trail still exists as development may have pre-empted the route. However, the best and most well-known section of the Western States Trail is the middle 100 miles which makes up the Tevis Cup trail used by horses since 1955 and runners since 1974.

As a cool historical note, in the early to mid-1980s, the Capital to Capital 200 Mile Endurance Ride covered the entire trail from Carson City over the Sierra Nevada range to Sacramento. The first 50 miles of this ride took riders from Carson City into Olympic Valley, the former start of the Tevis Cup. The next 50-mile section took riders from the Olympic Valley to Devil's Thumb, at that time the Tevis Cup halfway point. The third 50-mile section covered the trails from Devil's Thumb to Auburn where the Tevis finish line awaits. The final 50-mile day sent riders from Auburn to Sacramento to the Cal Expo fairgrounds. That ride was a terrific adventure but alas was not long-lived. Different jurisdictions, multiple property owners, bureaucracy, and logistics conspired against its continued existence.

Although the Capital-to-Capital Ride is gone, the historic Tevis Cup endures. The challenges of putting on this ride have not lessened. Mother Nature, by fire or snow, has done her best to throw ride management a few curve balls. Thankfully, we are blessed

with a dedicated Board of Governors and a multitude of volunteers from both the Ride and the Western States Run to counter whatever nature throws at us. Thousands of hours and dollars are spent each year to fix, upgrade or simply maintain the trail to where everyone can have a safe and enjoyable ride.

What is truly amazing to me is how many riders and horses return every year to test themselves against this most challenging and certainly most historical 100-mile trans-Sierra route. In this issue of the Tevis Forum, read through the names of past finishers, as well as past Tevis Cup and Haggin Cup winners. Look at the names of the 1000, 2000, and 3000 mile buckle winners. Read the list of about 100 horses who have finished the Tevis Cup at least five times. In these lists of amazing athletes, you will find a "who's who" of American endurance. Perhaps you know a few of them!

This year our 14 member veterinary team includes vets from several states, and Australia. We are again fortunate to have Dr. Langdon Fielding and his Loomis Basin Equine Hospital staff as they help all of our horses in the field and in the fairgrounds. If you are a rider and have questions or concerns about your horse, please relay those concerns to any one of the vets at your stop. Consider us part of your team as we are here to help you and your horse get to the McCann Stadium finish line. The Tevis veterinary staff looks forward to meeting all of you at Robie Park.

The ride vets are proud to work with the Tevis army of 800 volunteers, many of whom have worked their respective vet checks or other positions for many years. They provide, without fail, the highest quality of care for both horse and rider. Each year these volunteers return to Auburn for the love of horses and for the love of the ride. If you need help, please ask a volunteer. They will be glad to assist. Be sure to thank the volunteers you meet during your Tevis adventure. Without our volunteers there is no Tevis Cup.

I would be remiss to not give a big "shout-out" to Liz Bryson, the vet staff VIP. She organizes all of the vet secretaries, makes the vet flow chart, confirms



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hotel reservations and has the unenviable task of keeping us vets in line. Thank you, Liz!

Finally, expect a memorable journey during your ride. As you ride or drive don't forget to look around at the beauty that surrounds you. Ponder the history of the trail and the old mining towns through which you pass. Since 1955, over 11,000 entrants have started the Tevis Cup. Whether you ride or crew, you are part of an historic and iconic event. Enjoy! We hope to celebrate with you at your finish in Auburn!

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of whether a rider is riding for their first buckle or for the Tevis Cup. Sportsmanship includes showing respect to your fellow competitors, to the ride officials, vets, volunteers, to crew members, to spectators, and to the history of the ride. Every non-rider is there to help the riders be successful and meet their personal goals. Sportsmanship includes quickly giving trail to a faster horse, using good etiquette at water troughs, not negatively affecting other riders with lights while riding in the dark, helping a fellow rider when appropriate, being courteous to the volunteers. This could range from holding a horse when another rider is repairing tack to really helping when there is an emergency.

Riding Tevis can be a wonderful experience. An experience that will make a rider proud of their horse. An experience where a personal goal can be achieved. Wrapped up in all this should be the words horsemanship and sportsmanship. These words are also part of the description for the awarding of the Haggin Cup. The real goal of every rider should be to be remembered as a superior HORSEMAN AND SPORTSMAN.

Riders, good luck at the 69th annual Tevis Ride. May you meet the challenges of the trail, achieve your personal goals, and earn your Tevis Buckle while being recognized as a superior horseman and sportsman.

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# From Auction to Tevis Top Ten: The Rise of Sammy and Nicole Wertz Chappell

by Alex Lewis

## A Family Affair

When you hear the name Nicole Chappell Wertz in the endurance world, you're hearing the name of a woman known for grit, determination, and grace. With an AERC record that most riders can only dream of—nearing 17,000 competition miles—her accomplishments in endurance, FEI competition, and even the USDF dressage arena are nothing short of exceptional. And yet, she is the opposite of what you might expect from someone with such a resume. There is no trace of ego—only humility and thoughtful insight gained from a lifetime with horses. It's this grounded presence that makes it clear why she's considered a master in her Equestrian Sports, both in and out of the saddle.

But a record in endurance doesn't define us, which is also why I point out her grace; Nicole helps to support folks getting into FEI Endurance, as well as supporting rides who are getting sanctioned as an FEI ride. She is generous with her time and with helping to recommend next steps to be sure the rides can be successful at becoming FEI if that is the direction they wish to go.

Nicole's maiden last name Chappell makes her, you guessed it, the daughter of the infamous endurance rider Pat



Little Sammy SV  
January 20, 2023

Chappell. With 18,000 miles recorded, and 49/61 100 mile rides completed, that is one heck of a record!! Nicole stated that her mother had the Tevis thing going on, loving to ride it yearly, and Nicole had made VC100 her thing.

I asked what it was like growing up in a family like that, where endurance was something the family just “did”, and Nicole had some pretty wonderful things to say about it.

Nicole has a sister who was not born with a natural love for riding horses, however Nicole was into horses from

day one that she can remember. Her Mom had learned some lessons the hard way in the sport, in terms of working with Quarter Horses at first and learned they can't work as hard as Arabians and as often; they just need more rest from work as not all breeds are built the same. However her mom had some incredible Quarter-horses. Her mother Pat rode a blind QH stallion, who lost his vision to “moon blindness”. He ended up being the sire of her Tevis horse! Her mom learned endurance from the greats; Hal Hall, Robie, etc. She was really lucky that way.

Nicole started out primarily catch riding. She recalls the Ribleys helping her to catch ride and sponsor her often. Nicole's first ride was a 50 mile ride at

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8yo. Instead of it chasing her away from the sport it made her want to come back at 10yo where she did her first 100, and then she tackled the Virginia City 100 at only 11yo. At this point, my jaw was definitely dropped in the conversation. Then, her first Tevis attempt was at 12 yo sponsored by Connie Creech, but didn't finish; so she came back at 16yo and finished Tevis for her first time as a junior.

Nicole then shared that when she was very young, maybe 11yo, she had decided at that time she wanted to be the youngest rider to receive 20 VC100 buckles, and wanted to do it by the time she was 30 years old. She set that goal, and took it very seriously for herself. While other 11 and 12 year olds are playing with their friends, Nicole was plotting and planning how to accomplish a goal that only one other person has achieved but at an older age.

And so she went to work, and soon enough she reached that goal of being the youngest to achieve 20 VC100 buckles, by 34 years old. She went on a streak of 13 years in a row without a pull at Virginia City 100 in order to achieve that goal. Nicole comes across as a dedicated, goal smashing, in it for the long game kind of rider who takes her goals very seriously, but one who still shows up with a humble and kind presence about her.

Part of her passion being FEI which



she has been involved in with endurance since the 2000s. A pretty humorous story of her and her FEI Dressage coach pulling one another into each other's sports in FEI to try them out, and they both loved them!

### A Connection

At the 2024 Tevis Cup, amidst the incredible heat that year, the dust, and legendary challenges of the Western States Trail, one horse and rider pair turned heads. Not solely for their top-ten finish—but for Sammy the horse's extraordinary underdog story behind that finish.

Just 18 months before, Sammy was a near-starvation case in a group of horses

released to Auction. They were confiscated from a previous client to Jeremy and Heather Reynolds who, once they found the client was not feeding the group of horses, the Reynolds (among others) proceeded to help get the horses out of the situation as quickly as possible. One of the horses even included the previous Tevis winner owned by the Blakeleys, Goober, who found his way safely back to them.

The horses were all taken from the man legally, so the first step was to be (continued on page 43)

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brought to Auction where they were able to reunite some horses with their previous owners, and place other horses with new ones. Good friends of Nicole's, the Reynolds, had reached out to recommend Nicole take a certain horse Sammy home with her. After knowing that Sammy had a dressage background and with his great breeding, he seemed like a good partner for Nicole. The auction was reaching out to previous owners first for all horses, but Sammy came off the track, so he didn't have anyone to claim him; it was certain that he was going to be Nicole's new horse.

And under the eye of seasoned FEI Endurance rider and FEI Dressage rider Nicole Wertz Chappell, this rescue gelding came to his new home with her in January 2023 and began his transformation. Together, they did the impossible: they climbed from his hopeless physical state, to historic in under 18 months with a Top Ten Finish at the world's toughest 1 day, 100 mile ride.

At the time Nicole brought him home, Sammy was severely underweight

and had clearly been through a lot. He was weak and malnourished, and had no prior conditioning for endurance.


What followed was a carefully managed and patient rehabilitation, grounded in her deep understanding of the sport, of horses, and her commitment to solid horsemanship. With consistent care, thoughtful conditioning, and a strong partnership forming between them, Sammy began to blossom.

In one year, he would go from a


rescue horse with no endurance background starting his first endurance ride, to crossing the finish line at the Tevis Cup—placing in the Top Ten.

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### **A Rocky Start: Setbacks Before the Starting Line**

Sammy's first night at his new home could not have been foreseen. In a strange twist of fate, a tree came down on the barn; luckily Sammy was ok, however he did sustain surface wounds on his legs that Nicole doctored up and nursed back to health, which strengthened their bond even more.

The incident set back his training a bit; already fragile from neglect, Sammy now had to work through not only his physical recovery, but now they needed to be even more aware due to the incident while training. Nicole understood that rebuilding a horse—especially one with a traumatic past—requires more than food, miles, and fitness. It demands time, patience, and trust.

Nicole slowed things down, giving him the space to feel safe before gradually layering in the basics of what she believes conditioning begins with...a strong dressage base, and building a strong body and mind in the arena. Rather than rushing the process, Nicole focused on creating consistency and strength. Every ride, was about building Sammy up, not just as an athlete, but as a partner. It was clear: if Sammy was going to be an endurance horse, he would have to choose it, and Nicole was determined to bring it out of him.

By the time he was ready for his first trail training ride to start, it was April of 2023, and Sammy and Nicole had put in the work! So they headed to hilly Pt Reyes, CA to train with

their friends the Reynolds. Sammy kept up just fine with the other Tevis horses there, so even though it was known as a tough ride, she was confident in entering him into his first ride at the Tahoe Rim Ride. Sammy handled himself like a pro on the trail, and placed 2nd in the 50 mile distance!

Nicole knew at this point that she had a Tevis horse.

After Tahoe, they focused on dressage, then an LD at Camp Far West, followed by two days at the Sasenta Años, winning all 3 rides. Sammy took GREAT care of himself!

Heather Reynolds and Nicole were laughing in a conversation following these rides, and Heather jokingly asked "What happened to that horse you were going to flip?!" But by now, Nicole stated she wouldn't sell him for a million dollars. He is incredible in both Endurance and Dressage; he can piaffe among his other high-end Dressage talents, and they have a special bond and connection.

Nicole went against the Reynolds's advice of training a lot on trails and hills, by going with Nicole's own plan; sticking with dressage 3 days a week, being careful not to overdo it, and riding hills and trails on the weekends. She would back off of any big hill work getting closer to Tevis.

### **Foresthill**

And then, Tevis was upon them.

Sammy started and traveled along like the pro he had become. They had to pull away from the front runners at Chicken Hawk because due to getting a bit behind on electrolytes by beating their crew to a few locations. Chicken Hawk, 64 miles into the 100 mile ride, was the last place that the duo saw anyone else on trail. Sammy was alone all day after Chicken Hawk; Sammy trains a lot alone, so he isn't worried about other horses.

When it got dark, Nicole had a tough time with her eyes adjusting, so she slowed down to be keenly aware of where they were traveling. Sammy continued to take great care of himself.

At Francisco's, Nicole took extra time there. But suddenly she could see lights going across the river, so she snapped out of the more relaxed mode she was in to pick up the pace and move along. Her camelback broke before NoHands Bridge, and she was SO thirsty - someone handed her a can of Modelo which she was very grateful for! When they hit the bridge, Sammy knew where he was, and he picked up the canter. When he went up to the trail to the right to go into the woods, he stumbled and fell on his face! And Nicole held her breath - she felt he was off. She jumped off of Sammy and led him to bottom of Robie Hill where he felt sound again when she got back on, so they went on ahead, finishing the Tevis in the Top Ten. The following day, showing for Haggin Cup they both looked incredible and showed up as a strong team, and a force in that arena.

Nicole's dream is to do Best Condition showing at Liberty for the trot out at Tevis with Sammy.

She feels it's such an honor to be able to show at all for Haggin Cup at that ride, much less to one day be able to do it at Liberty with Sammy.

I have no doubt that very soon, this duo will not only be the ones to watch on the trail, but that Nicole's dream may come true for her showing Haggin at Liberty with her amazing partner, Sammy.

Their journey is a powerful reminder that sometimes, the biggest Underdogs can become the greatest champions when given a chance—and given the right human to believe in them.

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Pl.	No.	Rider	Cty	Horse	Breed	Sx	Age	Rbsn Flt	L Chance	Deadwd	Pieper J	Foresthill	Fransc	L Quarry	Finish	Rideg Time
1	17	Jeanette (Jay) Mero, DVM	US	Ozark Kaolena SWA (Lena)	Arabian	M	12y 4m	9:57a	12:27p	1:50p	3:41p	4:36p	7:48p	9:06p	10:05p	16:50:00
2	115	Reyna Mero	US	Chndakas Eclipse (Clippie)	Arabian	M	11y 4m	9:57a	12:27p	1:50p	3:41p	4:37p	7:48p	9:14p	10:19p	17:04:00
3	4	Sanoma Blakeley	US	SS Calypso Cardamom (Cardi)	Arabian	G	9y 0m	9:49a	12:19p	1:57p	3:59p	4:56p	8:11p	9:29p	10:42p	17:27:00
4	3	Jenna Harrison	US	Lily Creek Kong (Kong)	Shagya	G	15y 4m	9:59a	12:27p	1:53p	3:56p	4:52p	8:11p	9:49p	10:55p	17:40:00
5	25	Felipe Portilla	Ecdor	GE Danex	Arabian	G	13y 2m	9:50a	12:18p	1:49p	3:55p	5:02p	8:11p	9:53p	11:03p	17:48:01
6	9	HEATHER REYNOLDS	US	Supersonic Zell (Sonic)	Arabian	G	12y 6m	9:56a	12:23p	1:48p	3:58p	5:01p	8:12p	9:49p	11:03p	17:48:02
7	7	Kim Moquin	US	Okbas Finale (Finny)	Arabian	G	17y 5m	9:50a	12:18p	1:49p	4:00p	5:03p	8:12p	9:55p	11:21p	18:06:00
8	10	Mollie Quiroz	US	Chndakasexpress (Mack)	Arabian	G	14y 2m	9:57a	12:25p	2:03p	4:11p	4:57p	8:13p	10:18p	11:29p	18:14:00
9	146	Nicole Wertz	US	Little Sammy SV (Sammy)	Arabian	G	9y 4m	9:56a	12:23p	2:00p	3:59p	5:28p	10:05p	12:11a	1:19a	20:04:00
10	15	Michele Rowe, DVM	US	Slim (Slim)	Arabian	G	13y 0m	10:16a	1:03p	2:59p	5:27p	6:30p	10:32p	12:07a	1:50a	20:35:00
11	95	Jennifer Kaplan	US	Zells Rukan (Rogelio)	Arabian	G	14y 3m	10:00a	12:27p	2:00p	4:12p	6:02p	10:43p	1:07a	2:51a	21:36:00
12	65	KASSANDRA DIMAGGIO	US	Eaghs Irish Gold (Ms Em)	Arabian	M	16y 4m	10:00a	12:48p	2:32p	5:28p	6:34p	10:32p	2:05a	3:22a	22:07:01
13	112	Kelsey Mayo	US	One Sun (Sunny)	Arabian	G	16y 3m	10:22a	1:20p	3:07p	5:40p	6:43p	10:32p	1:30a	3:22a	22:07:02
14	135	Karen Stillwell	US	Highh Seas (Remi)	Arabian	G	9y 4m	10:16a	1:16p	3:10p	5:40p	6:44p	11:52p	2:05a	3:40a	22:25:01
15	119	Amrita O'Leary	US	WMA Poet (Poet)	Arabian	G	8y 3m	10:16a	1:16p	3:10p	5:40p	6:44p	11:52p	2:04a	3:40a	22:25:02
16	36	Rannveig Aamodt	US	JHESSABELL (JHESSABELL)	Arabian	M	9y 3m	9:57a	12:42p	2:33p	5:27p	6:44p	11:52p	2:05a	3:40a	22:25:03
17	42	Mary Becraft	US	Alittle Too Much CH (Sara)	Arabian	M	13y 3m	10:30a	1:30p	3:30p	6:14p	7:39p	12:26a	2:29a	3:45a	22:30:00
18	14	Karen Donley	US	Miss Crossfire (Red)	Arabian	M	10y 3m	10:21a	1:10p	3:13p	5:33p	6:41p	11:39p	2:15a	3:54a	22:39:00
19	138	Sabine Theurer-Barajas	US	Par Ammour (Ammour)	Arabian	G	14y 4m	10:43a	1:38p	3:54p	6:38p	7:40p	12:26a	2:29a	4:06a	22:51:00
20	142	Amelia Vandermeer (JR)	US	Chadrak (Chadrak)	Arabian	G	17y 3m	10:30a	1:30p	3:26p	6:14p	7:41p	12:43a	2:41a	4:09a	22:54:01
21	45	Tierney Beloberk (JR)	US	Highh Treason (Tres)	Arabian	G	13y 4m	10:30a	1:29p	3:26p	6:21p	7:40p	12:43a	2:41a	4:09a	22:54:02
22	38	Chelsea Arnold	US	BDF Augustus (Gus)	Arabian X	G	15y 6m	10:57a	1:59p	3:47p	6:37p	7:43p	12:43a	2:41a	4:09a	22:54:03
23	117	GAYLE MUENCH	US	Rohara Hasanni (Henry)	Arabian	G	13y 4m	10:28a	1:20p	3:09p	6:10p	7:32p	12:38a	2:37a	4:14a	22:59:00
24	48	Avery Betz-Conway	US	Gogh Gogh Gadget (Gadget)	Arabian	G	7y 11m	10:43a	1:47p	3:48p	6:46p	8:06p	12:48a	2:48a	4:16a	23:01:00
25	44	Jax Beloberk (JR)	US	Golly Brae Brae (Brae Brae)	Arabian	G	13y 4m	11:01a	2:11p	4:11p	6:51p	7:55p	12:48a	2:49a	4:23a	23:08:01
26	124	Lila Reeder (JR)	US	Cricket MHF (Cricket)	Arabian	G	7y 2m	11:01a	2:11p	4:11p	6:51p	7:55p	12:48a	2:49a	4:23a	23:08:02
27	70	Vanessa Erickson	US	Dance With Me MHF (Dancer)	Arabian	M	7y 5m	11:02a	2:23p	4:24p	6:52p	7:55p	12:48a	2:50a	4:23a	23:08:03
28	151	Kelly Williams-Stehman	US	RTR I Be Pfast (Ibe)	Arabian	M	11y 2m	11:01a	2:11p	4:11p	6:51p	7:59p	12:48a	2:49a	4:23a	23:08:04
29	122	Molly Poirier	US	Little Joe (Joey)	Mustang	G	9y 6m	11:36a	2:38p	4:37p	7:07p	8:14p	12:55a	2:50a	4:26a	23:11:01
30	91	Virginia Jenkins	US	RA China Doll (Cassie)	Arabian X	M	18y 1m	11:36a	2:38p	4:38p	7:06p	8:14p	12:55a	2:50a	4:26a	23:11:02
31	24	Ita Marzotto	Italy	Rimfires Bam Bam (Bam)	Arabian	G	7y 4m	11:14a	2:20p	4:23p	7:02p	8:18p	12:55a	2:50a	4:26a	23:11:03
32	82	Marcia Hefker-Miles	US	Hindo Nikp (Boat)	Arabian	G	9y 2m	10:26a	2:30p	4:29p	7:09p	8:15p	12:55a	2:50a	4:27a	23:12:00
33	43	Vanessa Belair	US	Victoria PMB (Tori)	Arabian	M	11y 3m	11:36a	2:26p	4:17p	6:44p	7:42p	12:55a	2:55a	4:35a	23:20:00
34	125	Robert Ribley	US	Chipofftheoldblock (Chip)	Arabian	G	12y 4m	11:18a	2:23p	4:29p	7:12p	8:29p	1:09a	3:14a	4:37a	23:22:01
35	101	Rachel Land	US	Arista NL (Kimya)	Arabian	M	14y 3m	10:28a	1:34p	4:03p	7:19p	8:29p	1:09a	3:15a	4:37a	23:22:02
36	132	Diane Stevens	US	FV Ibn's Aulani (Bentley)	Arabian	S	12y 1m	10:06a	12:51p	2:39p	5:12p	6:19p	12:45a	3:00a	4:42a	23:27:00
37	158	Haily Dutton	US	Dreamcatchr Aristides (Ari)	Arabian	M	15y 5m	11:02a	2:23p	4:37p	7:05p	8:12p	1:16a	3:24a	4:50a	23:35:01
38	77	Christine Gonzalez	US	Indy (Indy)	Arabian X	G	18y 5m	10:58a	2:10p	4:22p	6:53p	8:10p	1:05a	3:15a	4:50a	23:35:02
39	118	PEGGY MURPHY-HACKLEY	US	HE Khem Chee (Khem)	Arabian	M	18y 3m	10:58a	2:10p	4:22p	6:53p	8:10p	1:05a	3:15a	4:50a	23:35:03
40	59	Audra Cook	US	Seven (Seven)	Mustang	G	9y 2m	11:30a	2:49p	4:29p	7:17p	8:39p	1:09a	3:21a	4:52a	23:37:00
41	149	Ali Woodward	US	KK Zarufa (Z)	Arabian	S	14y 3m	10:44a	1:37p	3:29p	6:45p	8:03p	1:06a	3:27a	4:54a	23:38:01
42	83	Beverly Henicle	US	RR Super Cool (Cool)	Arabian	M	8y 6m	11:14a	2:20p	4:23p	7:02p	8:19p	1:00a	3:15a	4:53a	23:38:02
43	154	Isabelle Watson	US	SVR Mercury Rising (Walter)	Arabian	G	9y 4m	11:13a	2:24p	4:35p	7:10p	8:20p	1:08a	3:20a	4:53a	23:38:03
44	64	Stephanie Delahunt	US	Alexander Hamilton (Alexander Hamilton)	Arabian X	G	14y 3m	11:21a	2:29p	4:37p	7:08p	8:16p	1:16a	3:25a	4:54a	23:39:01
45	75	Pamela Gibson	US	KK AL Mudraji (Taj)	Arabian	G	13y 2m	10:44a	1:37p	3:30p	6:41p	8:03p	1:06a	3:27a	4:54a	23:39:02
46	67	Jessie Dowling	US	Chuck Norris (Chuckles)	Arabian	G	15y 4m	11:22a	2:29p	4:37p	7:08p	8:16p	1:16a	3:24a	4:54a	23:39:03
47	90	Carmen Jackson	US	Red Hero (Hero)	Mtg/Ara	G	13y 1m	11:21a	2:29p	4:37p	7:08p	8:15p	1:16a	3:24a	4:54a	23:39:04
48	113	Sally Melendrez	US	NVF Technico Vision (Sonic)	Arab/App	G	17y 4m	11:22a	2:29p	4:37p	7:08p	8:22p	1:13a	3:25a	4:54a	23:39:05
49	92	Jonni Jewell	US	AF Johnny Bravo (Honda)	Arabian	G	11y 5m	11:41a	2:51p	4:48p	7:12p	8:19p	1:05a	3:24a	5:00a	23:45:00
50	78	Kristen Grace	US	Last Chance MF (Chance)	Arabian	G	7y 2m	11:27a	2:28p	4:23p	6:57p	8:10p	1:16a	3:25a	5:01a	23:46:01
51	21	Ricardo Galan	Mexico	West Wind Dragon (Dragon)	Arab/App	G	16y 3m	10:47a	2:01p	4:18p	7:06p	8:08p	1:01a	3:15a	5:01a	23:46:02
52	11	Hal Hall	US	Direct (JD)	Arabian	G	13y	10:33a	1:29p	3:39p	6:35p	7:45p	1:15a	3:39a	5:09a	23:54:01
53	56	KEN CAMPBELL	US	MM Cody (Cody)	Mustang	G	15y 2m	11:55a	2:45p	4:46p	7:12p	8:29p	1:08a	3:24a	5:09a	23:54:02
54	99	Lancette Koerner	US	Fredabaskin (Jantar)	Arabian	M	19y 3m	11:33a	2:32p	4:29p	7:24p	8:39p	2:05a	4:03a	5:14a	23:59:00



# 2024 TEVIS NON-FINISHERS

				Reason Pulled
145	Robert Weldin	US	Skye	
<b>Red Star</b>				
71	Haley Esteves	US	Super Nova	Lame
26	Shea Reynolds	Australia	Vegas (Eddy)	Lame
80	Mandy Harrison	US	Impiril Norsk	Lame
<b>Robinson Flat</b>				
2	Gabriela Blakeley	US	LLC Pyros Choice	Lame
97	Carl KIMBLER	US	Skye's Honor (Al)	Metabolic
100	Susan Kramer	US	WMA Bandy the Clown (Jesse)	Metabolic
61	Leahe Daby	US	SSF Ace's Queen of Hearts	Metabolic
144	Cindi Weist	US	Tezeros Annie Sue (Annie)	Metabolic
159	Jenna Towner	US	SS Calypsos Sherman	Rider Option
148	Abigail Madden	US	Actions Red Legacy (Red)	Over Time
72	Julie Figg	US	DSA Raincloud Sprite (Sprite)	Metabolic
128	Mark Schuerman	US	Sereson Bay (Moose)	Metabolic
54	KARRI BRUSKOTTER	US	BKR Siance N Moshahn	Lame
127	Ida Schroeder	US	May-Bell (May-Bell)	RO-Lame
66	Sam DiMuzio	US	Apache (Apache)	Metabolic
84	Jennifer Herbert	US	QR Peyton (Peyton)	Metabolic
86	Jennifer Hirschler	US	Montana Babe	Metabolic
134	Scott Stewart	US	Fast Eddie (Eddie)	Metabolic
58	Alexandra Collier	US	Sundance (Sundance)	Metabolic
107	Alexandra Lewis	US	Xtreme Xtravagance (Marco)	Over Time
50	Julie Bittick	US	JJ Noble Shiloh (Hondo)	Metabolic
<b>Last Chance</b>				
133	John Stevens	US	Formula One CH (Smooch)	Lame
5	Dante LaPierre	US	Par (Par)	Metabolic
68	Kelly Burns	US	Moonlight Action (Thumper)	Rider Option
62	Kathleen Daley (JR)	US	CH-SH Three Socks (Socks)	Lame
76	Charisse Glenn	US	She's High Maintenance	Metabolic
98	Kizer, Courtney	US	Hindi Sager (Sager)	Metabolic
104	Cynthia Le Doux-Bloom	US	Jozsef (Sundance Kid)	Lame
129	Julie Serres	US	OWR Astro (Astro)	Metabolic
123	Pamela Reband	US	Casper's Come Undun (Shiloh)	Rider Option
55	ALICIA CAMPBELL	US	JM Gibbs (Gibbs)	Metabolic
111	ANDREW MAYO	US	WT Bezarif (Taser)	Rider Option
131	Cory Soltau	US	Keep on Dreaming (Keep)	Rider Option
<b>Devils Thumb</b>				
73	Fink, Tracy	US	COVID'S Dark Halo (Walker)	Metabolic
114	Merlich, Max	US	Layla's Knightly Getaway	Metabolic
<b>Deadwood</b>				
152	Wilson, Jessica	US	AA Arikem (Arik)	Metabolic
53	Cheree Bray	US	Orwat (Kali)	Lame
150	Terry Zygalinski	US	Charlie (Charlie)	Metabolic
137	Joslynn Terry (JR)	US	HCC Eleaser +/- (Monster)	RO-Lame
136	Belle Stroh	US	Thee Satara JD (Tara)	Rider Option
155	Nicole Owens	US	Shinning Star (Star)	Rider Option
126	LISA SCHNEIDER	US	FV Amazing Farwa (Sky)	Lame
52	Andy Botello	US	MMF Aragorn (Aragorn)	Metabolic

<b>Michigan Bluff</b>				
153	Melina Efthimiadis	US	MV Audacious (Austin)	Rider Option
121	Annette Phillips	US	Steep Canyon Ranger	
106	Darlene LeVan	US	Noble Gambler (Maverick)	Rider Option
143	Jennifer Gomez	US	TKR Merry-Go Okba (Gigi)	Rider Option
157	Todd Austin	US	KBT Kodiak (Kodiak)	Rider Option
<b>Chicken Hawk</b>				
16	MELISSA RIBLEY, DVM	US	John Henry (John)	Lame
49	Katie Bianchi-Kreeger	US	SCA Mirror Image (Sparkle)	Metabolic
69	Samantha Ellis	US	Highh Visibility (Sybil)	Lame
141	Sabrina Van Horn	US	Angel (Angel)	Lame
51	Marc Booth	US	Ravenwood Bahiyan (Bo)	Lame
<b>Foresthill</b>				
102	Layla Law (JR)	US	Ch-Sh She's Spotless (Coco)	Rider Option
60	Shelby Craythorn	US	Designer Dream (Dream)	Metabolic
94	Kristen Kanarr	US	Corona Xtra (Cruz)	Over Time
13	Sarah Hunt	US	Bodhisattva DSG (Bodhi)	Rider Option
156	Tosha Buker	US	Kiss Curl MHF (Kiss)	Rider Option
147	ZOE WHITTALL	US	Sam Samstar (Sam)	Lame
103	Natalie Law	US	CH-Sh Mo Motion Jack (Brave)	Lame
22	Santiago Gallo Perez	Mexico	Zip A Dee Doo Dah (Frosty)	Over Time
57	Mia Clegg (JR)	CA US	VG Bella (Bella)	Over Time
23	Andrea Lombardo	US	Z Yo Yo Go (Yo Yo)	Metabolic
47	Monica Bennett	US	Lapcos Nivour (Nivour)	Over Time
109	Lilia Lucero	US	WN Johara Aljassimya (JoJo)	Over Time
108	Addison Lico (JR)	US	Shadow's Stormy April (Inena)	Over Time
79	JayaMae Gregory	US	Don't Rhock the Jukbox (Moxxy)	Over Time
140	Erna Valdivia (JR)	US	Love Story LTH (Lovie)	Rider Option
93	Susannah Jones	US	Eli Jones (Pants)	Rider Option
<b>Cal 2</b>				
46	Amy Benner	US	Star Struck RR (Star)	Rider Option
87	Devan Horn	US	PeeJay (PeeJay)	Rider Option
63	Caroline De Bourbon	US	Mv Im Hot N Bothered (Phoenix)	Over Time
116	Melissa Montgomery	US	MV Guns N Roses (Bullet)	Rider Option
<b>Francisco's</b>				
81	Suzanne Hayes	US	Al Marah Triple Speed (Ace)	Lame
6	HALEY MOQUIN	US	CA Zanes Tomale (Tamalo)	Metabolic
40	Christel Bayol-Wyatt	US	Khepera El Ausir (Ozzie)	Over Time
85	Todd Hezeau	US	Th Wynds of Fortune (Wynd)	Over Time
39	Cathy Bartusek	US	OT Dymonte RSI (Dy)	Over Time
139	Lucy Trumbull	US	Squirrel Hunter (Squee)	Over Time
<b>Lower Quarry</b>				
27	LUIS MIGUEL URTEAGA	Mexico	Bambina (Bambina)	Lame
<b>McCann Stadium</b>				
12	Becky Spencer	US	Bezooka (Porter)	Disqualified
8	Mark Montgomery	US	MM Gus (Gus)	Lame
89	Nick Huynh	USA	Go Big or Go Home (Zeus)	Lame
41	Tamara Baysinger	US	Rosies Atlas (Atlas)	Metabolic

# Adopt the Trail Campaign is Complete: 100 Miles that Created Our Endowment

by Jeff Herten

With the adoption of the last two quarter-mile sections of the Tevis Trail, the entire trail has now been spoken for. 100 miles of trail has created the Western States Trail Endowment that will serve as a financial cushion to ensure that the ride can always go on. A huge thanks to all who participated.

Mile 23.0 to 23.25 begins one-half mile east of Cougar Rock. It was adopted by Mary MacBeth, a now-retired nurse who was given a 12-year-old Swedish warmblood mare named Too Little Time, that no one could ride. That was in 2003. A month after she arrived at her ranch, Mary started Tevis on her. She was virtually a run-away as far as Red Star Ridge; thereafter, she was a little better behaved. Mary finished close to the cut off that year. She brought the mare back the next year and she ran all the way to the Red Star

vet check again. Mary's section of trail is called the Too Little Time's Runaway Ridge Quarter Mile (It's hard to fit that on a plaque). Mary's got a great story, and we'll try to get it in the Forum next year.

The last quarter-mile was 78.75 to 79.00 miles. For those of you who know the trail, it is two-thirds of the way along California Street where you head down toward the river for the third time, then when deceptively close, you start a long hard climb to Ford's Bar. When longtime member of the Board of Governors and Endowment Board member Bob Marx found out it was the last section, he had to have it for his horse, Monty. Bob rode and finished his six Tevis Rides, all on Monty. Monty was awarded the Wendell Robie Cup Medallion and his name is engraved on the bronze sculpture featuring Wendell giving his horse a drink out of an old GI canteen. Congratulations to Bob and Monty!



## DONOR

## LOCATION

## NAME

Ramey & Cynthia Peticolas-Stroud	First Mile	A Dog Named Tevis Mile
Art & Carolyn Johnson	1/4 Mile after the 1st Mile	Parson/Johnson 1/4 Mile
Seiichi & Harumi Hasumi	2nd Mile West of Robie Park	Will Tevis Mile
Seiichi & Harumi Hasumi	3rd Mile West of Robie Park	Seiichi & Harumi Hasumi Mile
Friends of Marc van Zuuk	1.25 Mile, 3.25 Miles West of Robie Park	Marc van Zuuk Memorial Mile
Roxanne Greene, Barbara and Doug White, Tony and Terry Benedetti, Jean Hixon, Lynn and Marilee Seeley, Vincent and Sesi Catalano, William Gore and Diana Hiestalu, Mike and Tish Pickett, Jeff Herten and Debby Lyon		
Molly and Mike Farkas	2nd Mile East of Hwy 89	The Military Mile
Molly Farkas	1 Mile East of Hwy 89	Mikie's Mile
Nevada All State Trail Riders, Inc	1 Mile West of Hwy 89	NASTR Members' Mile
Karen Schwartz	2nd Mile West of Hwy 89	Christagone Mile
The Shefrin Family	3rd Mile West of Hwy 89	The Sam Samstar Mile
The Friends of Jim Baldwin, DVM	4th Mile West of Hwy 89	The Jim Baldwin, DVM Mile
10.5 Miles		
Lynne and Richard Nogelberg	4th Mile East of Watson's Monument	The Rushcreek Omar Mile
World Wide Mile	3rd Mile East of Watson Monument	World Wide Mile #1
Karen Nelson & Holly Ulyate, Nancy McCarthy, Shirley Delsart, Crockett & Sharon Dumas, Anne Sands, Sandra Thomson, Ms. Hayashi, Ms. Katayama, Ms. Kawano, Mr. Kusuyama, Mr. Nakagawa, Mr. Nakano, Mr. Suda, Laurie Wood-Gundlach, Lori & Rick Stewart, Jean Ragland, Miki Cohen, OT Kid Curry, Kate Riordan, Dave Rabe, IAHA, Dana Landale & Ken Noble, Kismet Arabians, Linda Mulholland, William Coburn, Sharon Schmidt, Janice Martinez, Patrick Mc-		



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The David Shefrin Family.....2nd Mile East of Watson's Mnt .....John's Mile

Nori, Mo & Whitney Livermore.....Watson Monument East .....Wendell T. Robie Mile

Nori, Mo & Whitney Livermore.....Watson Monument West.....LeRoy Krusi Mile

Louis H. and Susan Dyke .....2nd Mile W. of Watson Monument.....Harriet Krusi Mile

Beth & Scott Wachenheim .....3rd Mile W. of Watson Monument .....Julie Suhr Mile

Vicki Testa .....4th Mile W. of Watson Monument.....Testa Quarter Mile

Suzanne and Godfrey Sullivan.....4th Mile W. of Watson's Monument.....The Sullivan Family Mile

WSTF BOG Members.....5th Mile W. of Watson Monument.....The BOG Mile

Walter Tibbits, Gene & Mary Freeland, Debby Lyon & Jeff Herten, Robert & Teri Miller, Nancy Elliot, DVM

Richard Nogleberg/Joanne Hoefler.....6th Mile W. of Watson Monument.....Rushcreek King's Mile

20.5 Miles

The Schlinger Foundation .....Lyons Ridge East.....Schlinger Family Mile

Cedar Mile group .....Lyon's Ridge West .....Cedar Mile

Al & Jackie Beaupre, Chuck & Nanci Gabri, Jim & Cheryl Holbrook, Joe & Cindy Larkin, Pete & Karin Occhialini, Bill & Diana Pryor, Larry & Candi Suddjian

Marilyn and Jerry Russell.....1 mile East of Cougar Rock.....Centur's Half-mile

Mary MacBeth.....½ Mile East of cougar Rock .....Too Little Times Runaway Ridge Quarter Mile

Mt. Diablo Ride .....Cougar Rock East.....Mt. Diablo Ride Quarter Mile

Cory Soltau, DVM.....Cougar Rock West .....Soltau Quarter Mile

Fryer Mile Group.....1/4 Mile West of Cougar Rock .....The Fryer Mile

Carl & Mary Negranti, Jane Wilson, Gary & Jane Evans, James & Justine Dunn, Stanton Bower, DVM, Edwin & Lilly Ellsworth, James P. Dempsey, Roy & Roberta Parsons, W.M. & Helen Hollister, James & Madison Gates, Gary & Deborah Stanwyck, Gareth & Alice Jo Meinhold, Kenneth & Leslie Rodman, Wayne Lamb, Lynn & Margarite Cooper, Tom & Katherine Coull, Steven Petterson, Charles Ogle, Raymond Henry & Roman Tilahun, Craig & Keri Fryer, Herbert & Diane Filippini, Anthony & Elizabeth Keese, Nadeen & James Perkins, Kenneth B. Fryer, Jill & Dennis Tribble, Marvin & Lenore Dee, Branwell & Debbie Anthony, Marilynn & Gerald Schuster, Nancy & Robert White, Jeanne Dorn, John & Patricia Hawes, Mitsuo Sanbonmatsu, John & Barbara Tonini, Steve Souza, Robert Dodd, Iona & Charles Mitchell, Mario & Mary Rizzoli, Jane & George Ward, Dan Wunsch, Jack & Louise Fryer, Gregory & Paige Smith, R.H. & Kathryn Seager, Louise & Susan Dyke, Jeff Herten & Debby Lyon, Neal-Truesdale Insurance, Inc., Thomas E. Wells, Jr., John Knecht, Stephen R. Wilson, Charles & Kitty Putnam, Beverly Sage

Hendrik Smeding .....Elephant Trunk East.....Smeding Family Mile

Claire Toomey.....Elephant Trunk West .....Toomey Quarter Mile

George Wilson for Jeff Herten .....Elephant Trunk West .....Los Caballos Bravos

Patti Amesbury & Friends of Bruce Amesbury.....Elephant Trunk West .....The Bruce Amesbury & Barb Half-Mile

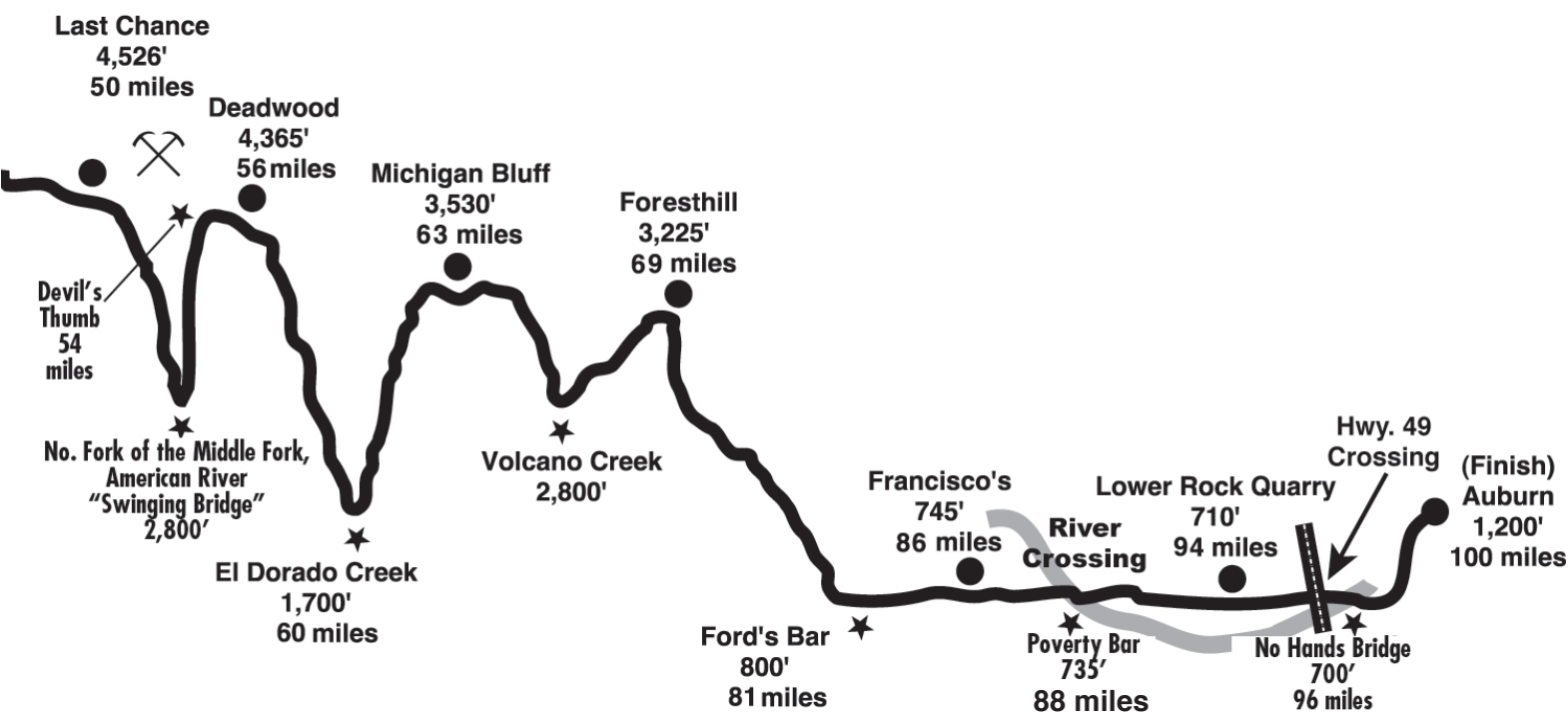
Weatherptop Farms.....1 Mile East of Red Star Ridge.....The Pony Express Mile

Tevis Veterinary Staff .....Red Star Ridge West.....Tevis Veterinary Staff Mile

Jamie Kerr, DVM, Richard B. Barsaleau, DVM, Michael R. Witt, DVM, Diana M. Hassel, DVM, Jason R. Shaver, DVM, Ray W. Randall, DVM, James E. Edwards, DVM, Robert A. Morgan, DVM, Nancy Elliot, DVM, Hank Cook, DVM, Eugene Carroll, DVM, Gregg Fellers, DVM, Rich Jackson, DVM, Bob Dietrich, DVM, Robin Kelley, DVM, Melissa Ribley, DVM, Katherine Szabo, DVM, Jim Baldwin, DVM, Mike Peralez, DVM

Jeffrey Herten & Debby Lyon.....2nd Mile West of Red Star Ridge.....Bill Pieper Mile

30.5 MILES



Dr. James Yee.....	3rd Mile West of Red Star Ridge .....	The Dr. James Yee and Family Mile
Roxanne Greene .....	4th Mile West of Red Star Ridge.....	Clint Ritchie Mile
Ron, Karen and JJ Donley .....	5th Mile West of Red Star Ridge.....	Karen and JJ Donley Mile
Bezatal Descendants Owners & .....	6th Mile West of Red Star Ridge.....	Bezatal Descendants
Bezalis & Crystarra-Susie Sullivan, RF Acorn-Nicki Beck, Bezamahr & Bezaoud-Joe & Cindy Larkin, Cougar's Fete (2x Tevis/Haggin Cup winner)-Erin McChesney, Rashina & Khadija Tam-Julie Suhr, On Eaghls Wings-Becky Santucci, Royal Oaks Bezatal & Bezt Image-Joan Fromhagen, Kharif Au-Bez +22 get-Paul Harrison, Japcot & Silm-Linda Tellington, LAS Talasman+/- +22 get-Wanda Myers, El Talquahjamasna +7 get-Bill & Diane Waldron, Bezaron, Bezrina & Bezari-Terry Dye Bilqis & Chapar +18 get-Wendell Robie, Bezatallah, Bezabelle, Bez Sabrina & Brezatal-Harold Sanders, Cougar Rock +60 get +30 Rushcreek get-Danica Dubois, Crystal Rock +7get-Ed Johnson, Eaghl Rock +14 get-Judy Mcleod Buck Mountain Bez + 3 get, Bezatal II, Geronimo and 15 more-Diane Marquard, Rushcreek Flash-Mo Livermore, Zatal, Bezabliss & Mari Bez-Brenda Ruedy, Beztez-Holly Ulyate, Bezibn+/- +26 get-Leslie Miller, Fille de Cailana & SMR Filouette & SMR Fifi d'Or (Tevis Cup winners) , SMR Garçon +2 get, SMR Fille de Masson-(Tevis Cup winners)-Potato Richardson, Bezabandit & Bezrab-Robt. & Melissa Ribley, Bezatron-Tom Sherwood Bezatal's Sunset-Anne Bennett Emch, Mac Bezatal + 2 get & Long Bar Tamar + 2 get-Marion Arnold, Bezal & Charla Bez-Dave Clagett, Sierra Fadwah+/- +109 get-Jackie Bumgarner, Bez Boy-Jim Steere, Shiseido-Betty Cherry, Beze Fan Gahneem + 7 get-Wendell Elzig, Judhi (Bezatal's full sister) + 13 get , LAS Prometheus & Jade Rock-Hazel Lucas, Bezaron-Trilby Peterson, Perpetual Motion + 6 get-Tarey Read/TC Sterling, Barbara McGann, Lynne Loverich		
Available .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
40 MILES		
Family & Friends of Betty Cherry .....	5th Mile West of Robinson Flat.....	The Elizabeth H. Cherry Mile
Holly Ulyate, Hillary and Scott Radovich, Cris and JoAnn Cherry; Dorothea, Maxine & Richard Ulyate; RuthAnn, Nick and Nora Tompkins; Dave and Corry Clinton, Doris Santana, Joanne Ashton, Nancy Wilson		
Family and Friends of Merv Pyorre .....	6th Mile West of Robinson Flat .....	The Merv Pyorre Memorial Mile
Kathi Johnson Theile & Bob Theile.....	7th Mile West of Robinson Flat.....	The Bezatal Mile
David and Stephanie Shefrin .....	1.5 Miles East of Dusty Corners.....	Kimberly Ann's Mile
Quicksilver Endurance Riders .....	One-mile East of Dusty Corners.....	The Quicksilver Endurance Riders' Half-mile
Marx/Munger/Pickett .....	Centered on Dusty Corners.....	3 Amigos Mile
Bob & Joan Marx, Maynard & Marilee Munger, Mike & Tish Pickett.....		
Friends of Kerry Ridgway, DVM.....	Mile one-half mile west of Dusty Corners.....	Kerry Ridgway, DVM 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 Lyon, and other friends and family around the world.		
Peggy Davidson Mile.....	1 ½ miles east of Pucker Point.....	The Peggy Davidson Mile
Rick & Lori Stewart .....	Centered on Pucker Point .....	The Rocket Mile
Jamie Kerr, DVM.....	Tevis Mentor's half-mile .....	Bill Pieper, James Earl Edwards, DVM, Kerry J Ridgeway, DVM
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, Kim & Deb Kolegraf, William J. Taylor, Wayne & Brooke Schick, Stepfan R Hentley & Shana H. Laursen and Erin Glassman		
50 MILES		
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, Jane McGrath		
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 Elliott 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		
Beth Paulson and Augustus McRae .....	Old Deadwood Vet site.....	Paulson/McRae Quarter Mile
Friends of Ernie and Nancy Elliott, DVM .....	Dead well to Dedwood .....	The Ernie Elliott Commemorative Mile
Pat McKendry .....	Deadwood Site West .....	Patricia McKendry & Curly Horse



EchoValley Ranch/Greg Kimler .....	2nd Mile West of Deadwood .....	Echo Valley, Gene Kimler Memorial Mile
Tin and Diana Fitzpatrick .....	El Dorado Canyon.....	Fitzpatrick half-mile
The Suhr/White Family .....	1 Mile East of El Dorado Creek.....	HCC Gazal +/- Mile
Roger and Julie Suhr, John Suhr, Doug and Barbara White		
60 MILES		
Eric & Kathy Thompson .....	El Dorado Creek West .....	The Crummy Mile
Laura Horst .....	2 Miles West of El Dorado Creek .....	Rabba's repeat mile
Linda Glazier & Roger Yohe .....	Michigan Bluff East.....	Tachyon's Mile
Gary & Judy Hall .....	Michigan Bluff (East of Hall's House).....	For Dad-Eldon A Hall
Sly Family .....	Michigan Bluff west (West of Hall's House).....	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 .....	½ mile West of Volcano Creek .....	Barbara Bellamak Memorial Mile
Foresthill Trails Association.....	CA Street East (Downtown Foresthill) .....	FTA Half Mile
Endurance World Magazine .....	1st 2 miles of CA St Trail .....	Endurance World Magazine's 2 Mile
70 MILES		
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 Mile West of 1 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		
Bob and Joan Marx.....	One mile East of Ford's Bar .....	Monty's Quarter mile
Roxanne Greene.....	Ford's Bar East .....	Davis Memorial Mile
80 MILES		
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
90.5 MILES		
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
Friends of Pam and Doyle Bailie.....	1 Mile East of Lower Quarry .....	Marie Bailie's Memorial Mile
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

# TEVIS BUCKLE WINNERS

## A

Aamodt, Rannveig 24  
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  
Agler, 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, Musalleem 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  
Allen, Chantel 17-18  
Allen, Richard 19  
Allison, Susan S. 86-87  
Alvarez, Andre 15  
Amadio, Tony 86  
Amaral, Chris 21  
Ambrosio, Gaetano 87  
Amesbury, Grace 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, Leslie 97  
Anderson, Marcia 58  
Anderson, Pam 16  
Anderson, Sara 21-23  
Anderson, Terri 84-86-90-91-92-93-94-98-99-00-02-04-05  
Andrews, Jack 81-82  
Anthony, Charlane 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, Chelsea 19-22-24  
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  
Arthur, Sarah 23  
Ashley, Stephany 97  
Atcheson, Lynn 23  
Atkin, Roy 91  
Atkinson, Tamera 16  
Atwood, Margo 71  
Auker, Theresa 85  
Austin, Susan 74  
Austin, George MD 75-76-78-79-80  
Aveleyra, Enrique 02-03  
Averill, Jamie 87  
Avery, Carl 86  
Avery, Douglas 83  
Avila, Jeri 88  
Ayres, Chuck 84-85-87  
Azevedo, Keith 93

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Bache, Thomas 12  
Bacon, Barbara 80  
Bacon, John 66  
Bailey, C.E. Andy 93  
Bailey, Ed 66-68  
Bailey, Rho 69-72-74-75  
Baillie, Doyle 07  
Baillie, Pamela S. 04-07-11-12-13-15-16  
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, Kim 19  
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 13-14-16-17  
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 01-12-13-15-16-19-23  
Bash, Sue 12  
Basham-Iverson, Sue 83-86-10-

11-12-13-14-15-19-21  
Bass, Whitney 91-97  
Bass-Bolinger, Sandy 91  
Baumgartener, Leslie 14  
Bayuk, Christie 00  
Bean, Karen 81-82  
Bean, Merle 84-86  
Becraft, Mary 22  
Berube, Cassandra 09  
Beasley, Paul 78  
Beaupre, Al 76-78-79-80-81-87-92-97  
Beaupre, Jackie 78  
Beck, Carolyn 67  
Beck, Nicole 17-19  
Becker, Bruce 86-90  
Becker, Drin 12  
Becker, Gloria 81  
Becraft, Mary 24  
Beebe, 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  
Beloberk, Jax 24  
Beloberk, Tierney 22-23-24  
Belser, Leisa 02  
Bender, Andrew 80  
Benedetti, Terry Finali 88  
Benedetti, Tony 91-98-99-01-02-10-13-14-16-17-19  
Benkly, 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  
Berardi, Alicia 19  
Berg, Siiri 210  
Berto, Connie 86  
Berube, Dennis 86-92  
Berwick, Megan 95  
Besseneyey, Margit 70  
Betz-Conway, Avery 24  
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  
Bittick, Julie 22  
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 11-14-15-18  
Blakeley, Gabriela 07-11-13-14-16-17-18-22-23  
Blakeley, Sanoma 13-19-23-24  
Blakeley, Wasch 13-15-16-17-18  
Blakslee, Vicki 72  
Blalock, Roger 98  
Blankenship, Jess 92  
Bliss, Beth C. 04  
Bloch, Michel 93-03-06  
Bloomer, Cortney 21  
Blue, Kelly 99-04-15-18  
Blumenfield, Eve 16-18  
Bo, Sui 19  
Bochenski, Anne 15  
Boesser, Kathy 75  
Bohannon, Bill 82-84  
Bohannon, Bob 81-84  
Bohannon, Cathy 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  
Booth, Lavone 80  
Booth, Charles MD 68-70  
Bordon, Scott 96  
Borka, Franz 70  
Borka, Linda 75  
Boscoe, Debbie 11-13  
Boswell, John 89  
Botello, Andy 22  
Bottiani, Karen 00-01-02-03-04-06  
Bou, Gerard 17  
Bourdat, Michael 80  
Bowen, Donald 04-05-06  
Bowen, Pam 06  
Bown, Andy 09-11  
Bowers, Larry 86  
Bowers, Renee 93-97  
Bowers, Vonita 94-96  
Bowling, Shawn 99-05-06-16  
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  
Brehob, 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  
Brinig, Barbara 92  
Brinkley, Beth 01  
Broadus, 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, Jim 19  
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  
Burgeit, 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  
Bykowski, Lisa 17  
Byrd, Tom 78

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Cabish, Samuel 64  
Cadwalader, Kent 70  
Caeiro, Susana 17  
Cain, Leah 15-17  
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, Alicia 18-19-21-22  
Campbell, Bill 83  
Campbell, Kathy 91  
Campbell, Ken 19-21-22-23-24  
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  
Carnegie, Wendy 16  
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, Meggan 03  
 Casey, Bill 59-61  
 Cassarino, Linda 70  
 Cassen, Margaret 94  
 Castle, Robert 76  
 Caswell, Jessie 16  
 Catalano, Sési 80-82-84-85-87-88-90-91-92-93  
 Cate, Genelle 82  
 Cate, Julia 71-79  
 Cate, Henry Sr. 71  
 Cavanaugh, Bridget 97  
 Cebrian, Jose 63-65  
 Centers, Chuck 03-04-10  
 Cernak, Dana 19  
 Cervera, Javier 16  
 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, Patricia A. 80-82-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-98-07-10-11-14-16-17  
 Chaton, Karen 98-99-10-12-13-15-16-18

Chauvin, George 92  
 Chavez, Joe Jr. 61  
 Chazel, Stephanie 84-14  
 Cheek, Guy 22  
 Cheek, Sandy 13  
 Chenel, Laura 86  
 Cheng, Zhao Yi 19  
 Cherry, Elizabeth H. 73-74  
 Chevalier, Maggie 00  
 Chevreux, Joe 81  
 Chevreux, Meredith 78  
 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  
 Christopherson, Emma 22  
 Christopherson, Lorna 17  
 Clagett, Dave 75-76-78  
 Clark, Amber 09-14-15-18  
 Clark, Jillian Riggall 97-00  
 Clark, William C. 72  
 Clark, Dale DVM 87  
 Clarke, Brianna 17  
 Clarke, Rev. William G. 79  
 Clausen, Barbara Ann 17  
 Claussen, Elizabeth 18  
 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  
 Cobbley, Jessica 21

Coburn, William 04  
 Cochran, Terry 84  
 Cochran, Janice 79  
 Coefield, Ann 87  
 Coffman, Kenneth 56  
 Colbert, Annette 66  
 Cole, Barry 14  
 Cole, Frances 11  
 Collier, Alexandra 23  
 Collier, Linda 63  
 Collins, JoDe 98-99  
 Comazzi-Thompson, Sandra 85  
 Combes, Bob 72-79  
 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  
 Christopherson, Emma 22  
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 Clagett, Dave 75-76-78  
 Clark, Amber 09-14-15-18  
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 Clutter, Donald 04  
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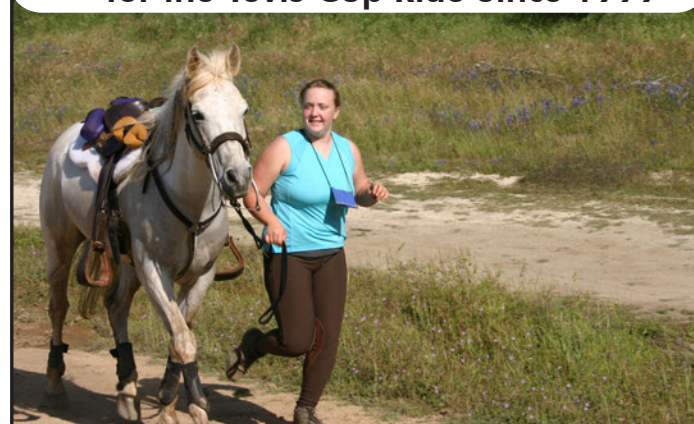
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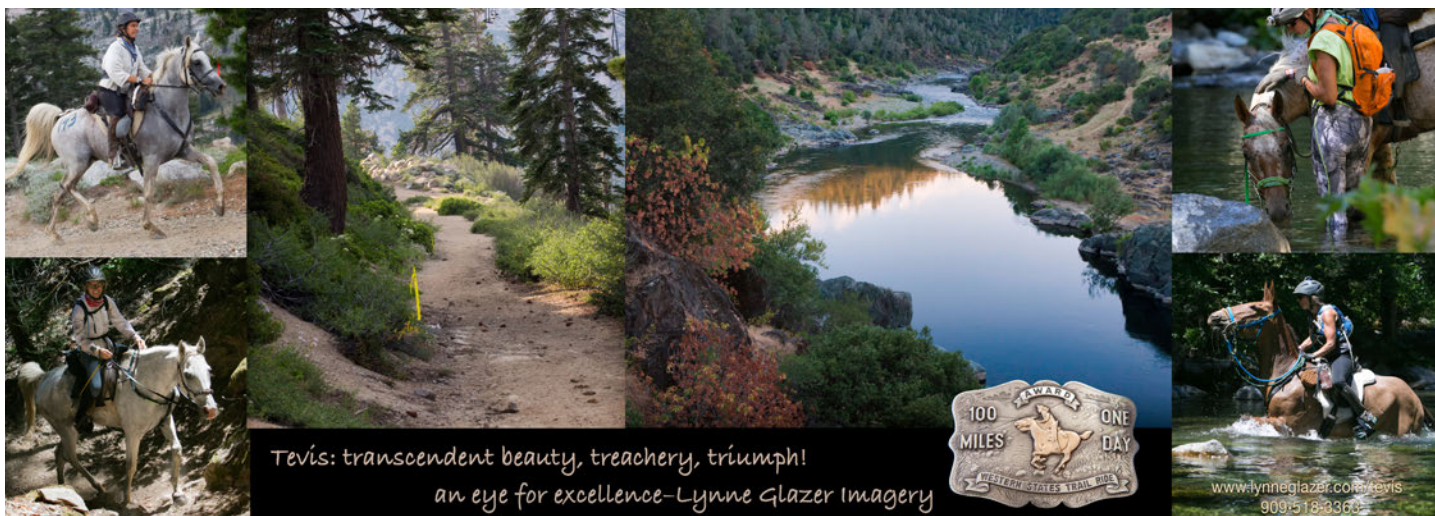


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# How to Report Trail Repair Issues

The trails team checks the trail prior to the Run and Race day events, however, they can't be all places all the time. YOU can also help spot and report trail issues since as trail users you are our eyes on the trail. If you are on trail and come across a trail deficiency such as a downed tree, low branches, brush overgrowth, trail tread issues such as erosion or blow outs, any unsafe and/or impassable zone it would be very helpful to report those issues to our trails manager. When reporting, detailed accurate information is extremely critical. This is especially due to the travel time it takes to access many segments of the trail and so teams can bring the appropriate tools and not be wandering for miles searching while carrying heavy tools. Additionally, it enables us to quickly assess, prioritize and address the issue as soon as possible to the EXACT location to get the repair project done.

Below are steps to follow to help us maintain the trails better for you and your horse. Taking a minute to dismount and carefully gather information below is paramount to proper reporting. Please take a photo of this page and save it on your phone in a file labeled Trail Reporting. THANK YOU!

Take a photo of the area. Please

make sure the GPS location services setting is turned ON We absolutely need GPS coordinates of the exact.

## **iPhone**

Settings > Privacy > Location Services to On, share my location to On, Camera App to While Using, Compass App to While Using Location.

If you have location services on while using Camera App, then once you take a photo you can click on the photo, scroll up and it will give you the location that you can easily click on this later and email and anyone receiving the photo can pull up the location via maps or gps coordinates.

You can also Open the Compass App on iPhone and take a screen shot of the GPS Coordinates location and save it to your photos to email it later.

Open Apple Maps, hold down on map and a pop up box will show you coordinates, screenshot and send.

## **Android**

Go to Settings>Location (or Location and Security)>Use GPS satellites' ON

Open the Camera app>Settings (gear) icon>Store Location in Pictures or Geo-tag Photos

Open Google Maps, zoom in and hold down screen on map, screenshot and send.

## **Ways to Give Accurate Location Without a Photo with GPS Info**

The trail has permanent trail markers nearly every mile. Pay attention to what signs, trailheads, or markers you may have just ridden past.

Note between which trails/trail segments along the trail you are at

Direction you are traveling on trail (please note either WST west toward Auburn or east going backwards on trail) leave yourself a Voicemail description on your own phone and send to Nicole Wertz (916) 296-1461 type info into your phones notes and send note Samples of Brief description of trail issues along with location data:

Tree diameter size (report in inches or feet)

Erosion issue>cracked tread>estimate length (report in inches or feet or miles)

Erosion issue>trail sloughing>estimate area in square feet (report X feet by X feet = SF)

Report to WSTF

Email wstftrail@gmail.com or Nicole Wertz voicemail (916) 296-1461

## 2024 STATISTICS

### **STARTS:**

139 STARTERS

54 FINISHERS, 38.8%

85 NON FINISHERS, 61.2%

26 MEN, 7 FINISHED, 26.9%

113 WOMEN, 47 FINISHED, 41.6%

10 JUNIOR RIDERS, 4 FINISHED, 40%

7 INTERNATIONAL RIDERS, 3 FINISHED, 42.9%

### **HORSES BY BREED:**

96 ARABIAN, 43 FINISHED, 44.8%

9 ARABIAN X, 4 FINISHED, 44.4%

2 ANGLO ARABIAN, 0 FINISHED, 0%

2 ARABIAN/APPALOOSA, 2 FINISHED, 100%

### **PULLS:**

LAME - 20

METABOLIC - 27

OVER TIME - 14

RIDER OPTION - 21

RIDER OPTION LAME - 2

DISQUALIFIED - 1

1 ARABIAN/MUSTANG, 1 FINISHED, 100%

1 APPALOOSA, 0 FINISHED, 0%

1 KENTUCKY MOUNTAIN, 0 FINISHED, 0%

1 MISSOURI FOX TROTTER, 0 FINISHED, 0%

# They Rode Ahead. . .

As each year passes, our Western States Trail Legacy is enhanced by the richness of members that have built the story over time. There are those who are now filling stories with new rides, new tribulations and adventures that enrich the Legend that is the Tevis Cup. We cannot, however, forget those forbearers that have carved out the path for all of us to carry on, and as life goes, there are some of our family who ride ahead to trails unknown. We send our fond farewells to those who have taken that path over the course of this past year.

—Erin Glassman

## Becky Hart



In 2025, we lost Becky Hart, a fierce competitor, an excellent riding instructor, a true icon of the sport and wonderful friend to many worldwide. No one meeting Becky for the first time would know of her astonishing accomplishments on the trail. She was always gracious, poised, and humble.

Becky started riding endurance in the mid-70s, making her first Tevis start in 1976. She rode a horse named Nusan, finishing in 59th place.

In 1984, Becky and her superstar horse, RO Grand Sultan+/(Rio), started Tevis. She and Rio kept a strong pace all day, winning the first of many major rides.

In 1988, Becky and Rio won Tevis again. The maximum of 250 riders started. This win did not come easy. Twice she was off trail and had to make corrections. It was a day of catch up, but they did prevail, winning the ride by four minutes.

There was much more to Becky's success on the trail outside of Tevis. Along with Rio, she was named World Champion in 1988 (Ft Royal, Virginia), in 1990 (Sweden) and again in 1992 (Spain). The pair also won the Race of Champions in 1988 and 1991.

After her third World Championship in Spain, ASHA honored Becky as Equestrian of the Year. This award covers all equestrian disciplines, not just endurance. To this day, the Becky Grand Hart Trophy is given every year by the US Equestrian Federation to the Equestrian of the Year finalists from international non-Olympic sports.

In the 2000s, Becky was chosen to be Chef d'Equipe for a few years, leading the U.S. Endurance Team at the international level.

AERC honored Becky with Hall of Fame in 1990 and the Pard'ners Award in 2024 (with Rio). She completed a total of 22,250 miles with 58 100s, 60 best conditions, 55 wins, 2 national championships and two Hall of Fame Horses (Khazen

1982 and Rio 1990). She knew how to bring out the best in her horses because of her 'steely determination.'

'Steely determination' is defined as strong, unwavering resolve or commitment to achieve something. This is a phrase that Becky used while giving talks about endurance and something she lived by.

She never stopped wanting to learn and improve herself and this is something she imparted to her students. Her students loved her and she gave so much of herself to teaching. She was a certified Level III Centered Riding Instructor and taught all levels of students, from beginners to advanced riders.

Students remember her as imparting more than just riding lessons, she taught life lesson through horses. They learned to be resilient, authentic, and self-aware. She inspired so many, not just from her accomplishments and knowledge, but from her kind nature and passion. She brought out the very best in her horses, students, and friends.

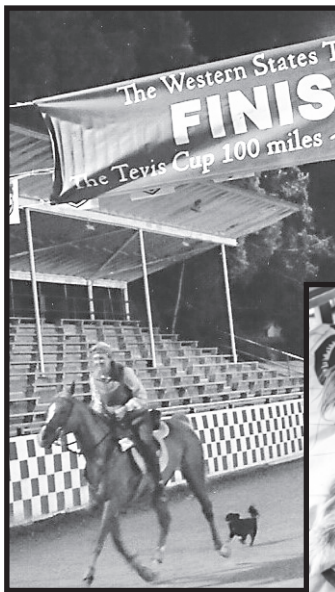
Along with daily lessons, Becky was often a guest speaker at a multitude of equine events and clinics, including the Tevis Educational Ride. She was a speaker in the evening and mentor on the trail during the day. What lucky participants to be on the trail learning from the very best!

She died as courageously as she lived, with strength and dignity. She was diagnosed with Corticobasal Degeneration (CBD) in 2022, is a rare, progressive neurological disorder.

Becky Hart will be remembered and missed worldwide.

## KINGSTON

Kingston, the little dog who could. From day one on the trail, he never gave up. When his little legs began to tire and his tail drooped, he always found a large rock to climb on or hillside to climb up so he could jump onto the saddle and take a rest. For 15 years he has joined us every year to ribbon the Tevis Trail. He has climbed over Cou-



gar Rock, ran the Elephant Trunk, climbed Devils Thumb from bottom to top, crossed the Swinging Bridge, swam across the American River, and been petted by kids on No Hands Bridge. Besides either on foot or in the saddle Kingston for those 15 years also attended every WST meeting, Awards Ceremony, and even got to cross the finish line with his best friend and Olena.





# *They Rode Ahead. . .*

## **Denise Hampton (Fissel)**



A bright smile and energetic force, Denise Fissel volunteered to help with sponsorships for the Tevis Cup. She also crewed and made her own attempts to finish the Western States Trail Ride on two of her horses, and enjoyed the Educational ride on her Icelandic horse Keeko after finally getting to connect to her dream of having horses. She spent much time on the trail, earning hundreds of competitive miles both in the sport of endurance and in Ride and Tie.

Her lifelong love of animals carried her through to get her Bachelor's in Conservation Biology, as well as becoming a registered veterinary technician—as life does, her changes in career led her to further joy in working with people in the restaurant industry and the skills that she gained working in that field. Her love for others and passion for life were without limit; she was a champion for others and would cheer on new riders and hope for the best experience for all. Her radiant smile reflects the beauty that her life represented—one cut far too short by cancer.

Denise's love of friends, her animal companions and life itself lives on through her contributions to not only the Tevis Cup ride, but also to those who were championed by her generosity and encouragement—may we take example from her welcoming nature to those same new riders that she did. May we take example from the joy she took from her daily life, and may we remember her bright light as she rides before us.

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## **Tom Bowling**



A natural born leader, Tom Bowling could frequently be seen on the trail guiding his family to the finish line of many endurance rides. His knowledge of horses, built by spending as much time as possible around horses from a young age, gave him the ability to gauge his group's abilities. He was very good at being able to ride to the herd's weakest horse, allowing all with him to finish as much as possible, and wife Nadine and son Shawn recollect that once he would stand up in the saddle and lean forward, his mind was set! No amount of griping would stop him as he led them through slower horses ahead.

He began riding the Tevis trail as his very first endurance experience around 1971, the year before he would start his married life with Nadine. This led to many excursions down the trails in the area, not only the Western States (which he spent much time volunteering for), but also creating Camp Far West, the Western States 60, which allowed riders to follow the back part of the Tevis trail in the dark since it started at noon, and a multi day ride starting in the Washoe Valley that went all the way to the back half of the American River Classic. With his family, they amassed nearly 4600 miles on many of these trails to win the Bill Thornburgh family award in 1989.

Along with his innovative ways to be around horses (he found nearly any way he could to get behind a horse according to his loved ones), he also helped in his lifetime membership of AERC by fighting for the creation of weight divisions, encouraging youth to ride and in general introducing a lot of people to the sport of endurance with his generosity of time, horses and helper's spirit. Around 2001 he brought between 70-100 horses back from the Rushcreek Ranch in Nebraska before the herd dispersal and connected many endurance riders with those talented horses.

As a long standing friend of Tevis, Tom was best summarized by those who love him most as a great horseman, father and family man—he was great fun and was a friend to everyone. He welcomed everyone, and would share his home, food and horses with all that he could. He will continue to lead on through those he leaves behind by the example he set with them all. Rest peacefully, Tom, your legacy is in excellent hands!

*They Rode Ahead. . .*

## **Marvin Jacinto 1936-2025**



Marvin lived his entire life at the family ranch on Andregg Rd., Auburn, California. He met the love of his life Patricia Elbrader while at Placer High. He and Patricia shared 63 years of marriage before her passing in 2020. Together they raised four children on the ranch.

Marvin started work for the Placer County Sheriff Department as a reserve deputy in the late 50's, then in 1962 as a full time deputy. He loved telling stories about the 1960 winter Olympics where he had the chance to guard many celebrities including Vice President Richard Nixon and Walt Disney. He quickly found that police work was his calling and joined the Sheriff's Department for 30 years, retiring in 1992 as a Captain. Marvin was instrumental in starting the Placer County Search and Rescue Volunteer Program which he remained very active in until his retirement. Marvin and Patricia would take vacation time from their regular jobs and work mounted patrol for the California State Police at the state fair.

Marvin and Patty had a passion for riding horses and completed many competitions, his favorite being the Tevis Cup 100 Mile Ride. He completed the Tevis and loved to show off his belt buckle. Marvin was very involved with the community; he was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Elks Lodge, Tevis Cup Foundation, Auburn Fair Board, Native Sons of the Golden West, 4-H, and many Portuguese Associations celebrating his family heritage.

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## **Kathleen "Kate" Riordan 1948-2025**



Kate Riordan lived quite a life, full of passion for horses and the Tevis. She worked diligently on promoting and preserving both the Tevis Ride and the Western States Trail. Kate also served on the Tevis Board of Governors for over 25 years and helped to establish the foundation for the Western States Trail Museum. She was also the one who, with Heather Davis, formulated the creation of the Tevis Forum. In addition, Kate was published in over 350 equine magazines and has been editor of the largest all-breed equine publications.

Over the years, Kate coordinated and directed many movies and helped in the editing of the DVD documentary, "They Crossed the Mountains," detailing the history of the Western States Trail. Kate was also the inspiration for the Wendell Robie Trophy.

A pivotal point in Kate's adventurous life includes a 3000 mile horse race in 1976, a 2000 mile horse race in 1979, private presentations to Princess Alia of Jordan and Princess Anne of Great Britain, performances at Equitana in Germany, as well as demonstrations for the Japan Racing Association. And let's not forget riding a camel in the Australian Outback with Linda Tellington-Jones for 3 weeks!

Even though Kate was ill from Lyme Disease and was later diagnosed with brain cancer, she continued to contribute ideas and her extensive equine and trail knowledge to the Western States Trail Foundation. She will be deeply missed by her Tevis friends and family and all those who knew her.





Saddle of choice for  
2024 Ann Parr Trail Preservation Award winner Nicole Wertz  
Photo of Nicole and Little Sammy SV on their way  
to a 9th place 2024 Tevis Cup finish  
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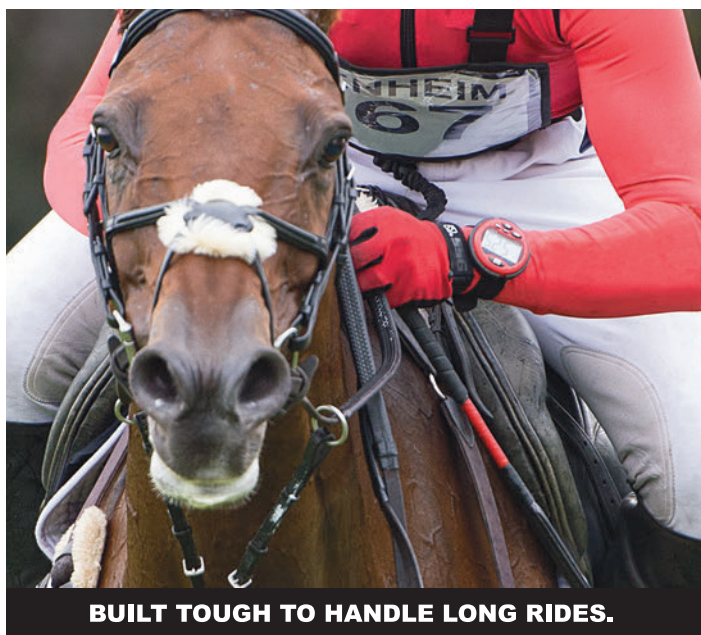


## 2024 Haggin Cup Winner Reyna Mero and Chndakas Eklipse (Clippie)

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ifs,” took a deep breath, and placed both feet in the stirrups. As part of our pre-ride ritual, I spoke to Clippie before we rode into the dust bowl known as Pen 1. We tucked in behind Lena’s tail, trying not to inhale too much dirt while Pen 1 slowly but surely kept adding more and more horses in until we were packed like sardines. The energy was electric. The horses were anxious, the riders mostly silent except for the occasional not so friendly shout that someone was too close to their excited horse. It wasn’t until we started moving that the eerie calm before the storm feeling began. Then, at 5:15 a.m., the signal came—and we were off.

My mom and I started faster than ever before—no, seriously, I nearly came out of the saddle multiple times, no thanks to a tree branch at the start. The first stretch of the race is always a coin toss, no one wants to end their day at the beginning, but then again the excitement and adrenaline gets the best of most horses. We worked as a team, moving mile by mile, monitoring electrolytes, and slowly but surely picking off the competition. In the morning, we don’t worry about anyone else; we focus on ourselves and the horses. The early hours are about pacing and preparation, but when midday comes and the sun reaches its peak, that’s when the real race begins...



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After Robinson Flat, I kept track of the riders around us, knowing the dreaded canyons were ahead. This part of the course demands strategy and careful attention to detail. If you don’t manage your horse properly earlier in the day, they won’t survive the canyons. My mom and I were a well-oiled machine. One of us drenched the horses in water while the other handled electrolytes, all while I kept an eye on the competition. Both making sure we drank and ate enough to keep going.

By the time we reached Deadwood, we had caught up to nearly the entire front of the pack. Between throwing water on my mare, I counted the riders and realized that the field ahead of us had shrunk to nothing. My mom and I debated—she was convinced there had to be someone still ahead. But as we descended the second canyon, a volunteer confirmed it: we were in the lead. I’ll never forget the look on my mom’s face when she realized we were leading this early in the race. For me, the competitive fire had been burning all day, but for her, this was the moment where, as they say, “shit got real”.

From that point on, we were in full race mode, pushing harder, gaining time at every vet hold, and using every pulse recovery to shave off precious minutes. My mom was always thinking, always strategizing. Every stop was calculated—how long to let them drink, when to change electrolytes, what food they needed next. Every decision mattered, and in the long run, it paid off.

By the time we reached Foresthill, both mares were devouring their food, but I knew Clippie hadn’t hit her wall yet and we still had many miles to go. My mom and I were doted on by our fantastic crew, we seriously would not have survived without our endurance family. Leaving Foresthill, we tackled the infamous California Loop, which, in daylight, was far less terrifying than my first time through it in the dark while hallucinating because it was so late in the day.

Before we hit Francisco’s, I could tell Clippie was finally reaching her so-called “wall”. When we vetted, Clip still pulsed in just fine, but it took longer than earlier in the day, something that I didn’t like to see. She needed time to eat. As she has never been pushed this hard in a race before, and especially never one that was this hot. I had a choice, I could have pushed her, could have left with my mom and continued down the trail, but at the end of the day, her well-being meant more to me than winning so I didn’t think twice. I walked over, hugged my mom, and told her to go win it for me.

So I stayed back, let Clippie demolish an entire pan of mash, and took a moment to breathe. The volunteers at Francisco’s were incredible, I’ll never forget how kind they were. But as soon as I heard another set of hooves approaching, I knew it was time to move. Off we went happily down the trail picking up speed where I could. Crossing the American River was a rodeo alone, Eklipse decided to choose one of the deepest parts and I thought I was going to end up swimming. I’m sure she enjoyed the cool off though, me on the other hand did not enjoy being soaked up to the waist for the remainder of the day.

By Quarry, I had no regrets. Clippie pulsed in and trotted out like a brand-new horse. Before I took off down the road, the vets confirmed that Lena was looking great and that my mom was on her way to the finish line. My heart swelled with pride, I couldn’t wait to cross that line and celebrate together.



We just had six more daunting miles.

The last six miles of Tevis are always the longest. Every rock felt like a potential disaster. I kept looking over my shoulder for a different rider, at the same time worried that Lena might go lame, that Clippie might trip at the worst possible moment and also go lame. The adrenaline of the day was wearing off, exhaustion setting in and every switch back I swore I saw a different glow stick that was pointed the wrong way, that was how I knew I was tired when my mind decided to start telling me I could be off trail. But then all the worrying stopped and I finally saw the finish line lights.

Crossing that finish line and learning my mom had taken first place brought tears to my eyes. It didn't matter that we didn't cross together—we had ridden the entire race together, worked as a team, and finished with happy, healthy horses in first and second place.

Tevis 2024 was unforgettable. The next morning, as we prepared for the Haggin Cup, I looked at my mom and said, I don't think Clippie has ever looked this good after 100 miles. Eklipse had given me a day I'd never forget, and then she gave us one of the highest honors in my endurance career: The Haggin Cup. I felt at the end of the day maybe it was a good idea that I skipped cougar rock, even though my first Tevis I swore I never would. I was overwhelmed with happiness, not just for myself but for my mom and our horses, because none of this would have been possible without her passion and dedication to the sport. If I could thank her every day for the rest of my life, it still wouldn't be enough.

Thank you, Mom, for bringing me into this magnificent sport.

Thank you for bringing Eklipse into my life and thank you for letting me share the trail with you.

Through it all, I've learned endless lessons from you, but the most important one? Ride the horse you have under you that day. If we take care of them, they take care of us. And I truly believe that if I hadn't slowed down at Francisco's and let Clippie recover, we wouldn't have had such an unforgettable Sunday. To Clippie and Lena, the two little engines that could that gave me one the most memorable experiences of my life.

A final thank you to all the volunteers that make Tevis possible, our incredible crew, who are truly family now, and especially the veterinarians. Thank you for your dedication to keeping the horses safe and for fueling my ever-growing passion for "our" profession (still can't believe I can finally say that!).

## 2024 Tevis Cup Winner Jay Mero and Ozark Kaolena SWA (Lena)

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horse Clippie was starting to show the effort was costing her a little more. She was hotter and didn't recover her pulse as quickly as Lena. While we waited to give Clip more time to recover, my daughter looked at me and said "I'm gonna stay here a little longer to let Clip eat and recover better. You go on Mom and go for the win." My heart was SO proud of my daughter in that moment putting her horse first. I knew Clip would be fine, she just needed longer to recover – so with their blessing off Lena and I went alone.

I have never crossed the river in the daylight, heck in this tenth start for me I have NEVER ridden Tevis this fast. A lot of things I thought I knew and held as truths were blown up during Tevis 2024. I thought I couldn't ride Tevis fast enough to win it without risking serious danger to my horse and "tearing" them up too much. I had given up the dream of winning, always assuming to win it the horse would be too spent, too overused in competing against the really great horses out there. Well, I was wrong about all of it! Lena and I carried on out of the last hold at Quarry, in the dark now and as always with her no head lamp, no glow sticks – just me trusting her to get us home safe. I was told Reyna and Clippie had left Francisco's in good shape which was a huge relief. It was just surreal, still riding at pace worried about some horse and rider team bursting out of the dark to pass us, as has happened many times at Tevis before in the final miles. But Lena happily carried us home to those finish lights ears up and still with lots of gas left in her tank. When she cantered freely around the arena for her finish lap, and trotted out at her completion exam 100% sound with ears up and freely flowing movement, that's when it became obvious we had done it and it was possible. Tevis can be won with a horse in good condition, and not be over ridden or pushed to an inch of their life. Then to have my daughter and Clippie cruise in about 15 minutes later holding their 2nd place and Clippie looking very sound and very happy – it doesn't get better than that. Except wait it did on Sunday! But that is Reyna's tale to tell.



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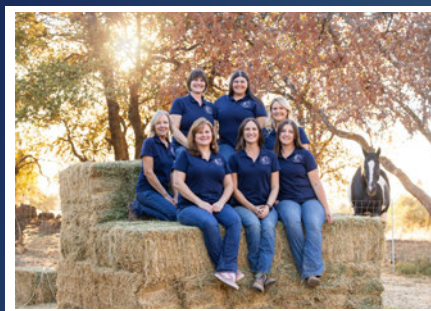
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**Jesse and Chuck**

## Four Riders, Four Geldings

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agreed that a large horse like Alex wasn't the easiest candidate to be down- luckily we had presented here at 64 (we actually were at 60 all other spots on course!) and that due to him passing all other parameters with flying colors we were fit to continue. (Fun full circle fact- my vet at Francisco's also did my finish check so he got to see just how good Alex looked at the finish and that I had done just as I'd promised him.)

I gave Alex to a bucket of mash and a volunteer and ran back for my saddle and saddled quickly. Then I grabbed a flake of hay and Alex and I power walked out together to follow the team.

I struggled through the dark and multiple sneaker soaking water crossings on foot. From Francisco's to Lower Quarry I ran and walked on foot (breathing like a freight train only to alert others as to my whereabouts and not because I was feeling radically unfit at that hour) for a large portion. I did remount well before the water crossing- a beautiful experience under the full moon and in the realization that we had time to make it to the finish! Letting the horses hippo and drink through the blessedly cool water really perked them up! From there on out Alex felt like a new horse.

When the trail began to climb again I was on the ground to run with him once more- we came into Lower Quarry with horse to spare but I pulled his saddle off for good measure to make sure we were down. 56 whilst sponging and 60 officially on the vet card at Lower Quarry!

We all vetted through quickly and I decided he felt good enough to ride to the finish. The horses have done this last portion from No Hands about 20 times- and they for sure knew where they were.

When I took the lead over from Carmen in the dark and Alex began to power trot us home, the most beautiful thing happened.

When I rode him last year in the VC100 I had to lead a lot of the ride and I kept saying to him "Alex is the new Sparta." (Sparta being my usual endurance mount and known herd leader) both to incite the physical reaction of confidence and relaxation in my body I only have on Sparta - and also to encourage Alex to step into a role of leadership.

As we cantered forward in the dark towards the finish I heard a soft questioning echo in my head coming from Alex.

"Alex is the new Sparta?" He asked.

Tears streamed down my face.

"Yes," I whispered. "Alex is my first Tevis buckle horse. Alex is his own horse."

I still tear up remembering that moment. The quiet moment we shared on the dark trail before all the fanfare. The moment of recognition of how proud we were of one another, how bonded we were, and a moment where you get to tell another being how much you love them and they truly hear it.

The kind of rare moment that all the heart ache and effort of endurance buys you, every once in a while, so as to addict you to the sadistic process for life. The official finish and the Western States banner are two amazing feelings; but it was this moment before it that shines bright in my heart.

My friend Heidi once told me the song "Fix You" by Coldplay reminds her of finishing Tevis;

"When you feel so tired, but you can't sleep

And the tears come streaming down your face

"Lights will guide you home

And ignite your bones"

Lights were guiding us home. Igniting our bones. And tears of joy streaming down my face.

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The song played in my head as we greeted the Christmas light finish line.

Getting to trot around McCann with our team of girls and geldings and feeling the amount of strength left in the horses was also incredible. It was more to process than I could imagine. I already knew they would pass the check- everyone had been going so well by Lower Quarry!

Not only did we bring all starting horses to the finish for a second year in a row, we brought them home truly fit to continue. And better than four shiny buckles, I got to bring home four magnificent horses, and a deeper sense of love and friendship for the riders, horses and crew that gave so much for one day. I am truly blessed to have so many close friends who offer so much to us. It is a team that makes the dream; but mostly this retelling is a love story between myself and Alexander Hamilton. He did it for me, and for the sport we both love.

\*\*\*To be clear, my firm belief is that the two riders who lost horses at Tevis this year truly were victims of freak accidents that could not have been prevented. I do things EVERYDAY where one of my horses could die- and so do you. I promise you. And probably most of the "near death" incidents are hauling them in trailers or just having them quick release tied in safe horse yard.

ALL of our horses near death experiences have happened out in pasture without a human present, and I ride on scary drop off trails about 2 times a week. Accidents happen. Blaming is what children do, adults take accountability and choose to modify their own actions to alter outcomes. I fully acknowledge Tevis is dangerous- but statistically my horses are in more trouble on the trailer ride to Tevis than during it. Also pretty much in more danger away from medical help during every Bootcamp I run.

I will not stop living, letting our horses live, or expect others to do anything other than continue to do the absolute best they can to create an emotionally balanced and purposeful life for their horses. Our heart goes out to everyone who has suffered the loss of a horse, on or off trail. We are with you. We are in community- a community of horse people willing to do hard things. We should stand united in the world of people who love their horses; not separate from them.



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# Tevis Tracks: A History of the Trail Shifts Over The Years (part one)

by Erin Glassman in collaboration with Dawn Kerr



**Riders awaiting the early start at Tahoe Community Center, photo by Charles Barieau, courtesy of Dawn Kerr**

One of the major attractions to riding the Tevis Cup 100 Mile Ride is to transport riders back in time to the days of gold mining in the Sierra Nevada—the Western States Trail Ride (WSTR) occupies a portal to the days of mule-trains, wagons, and picking a way through the beautiful yet sometimes treacherous geology of the California mountain range. While the current competitive trail still mainly follows the historical paths of the days of gold, over the years the route has had to make necessary changes due to a variety of reasons. Due to the amount of information that pertains to changes in the trail itself, I will primarily speak of the ride starts in the beginning of this multi-part article.

Prior to the 1955 Western States 100 Mile One Day Ride, but after the rediscovery of the old mining trails, that compose the Western States Trail, Tevis Cup founder Wendell Robie played ambassador to the Sierra via guided multi-day rides over the reclaimed mining trail during the late 1940s and the early 1950s. The distance of 100 miles was covered over 3-6 days initially—set campsites were made up and riders were fed and entertained as they traveled historical trails through the mountains. The first WSTR, in fact, was held in conjunction with one of Wendell's

three-day rides, with riders of the different groups passing each other along the route towards the finish, leapfrogging by each other through Foresthill.

In the early years of the ride, the Lake-Tahoe to Auburn trail ride began as it sounds; the check in and ride route began at the Tahoe City Community Center, with camping hosted at the shores of Lake Tahoe at some of the horse stables located there. The vet check-in area was held along the lake shore and was fondly remembered as the “Cabbage Patch” from the growth of skunk cabbage along the lake shore. Meetings were held at Watson's Cabin; those of you familiar with the history of the Western States Trail will remember Robert Watson who was one of the central men responsible for rediscovering the mining “highway.”

Early in the morning, the first one day ride would leave from the Tahoe City Community Center and followed what was a dirt road at that time out of the town (it's now highway 89 and the Truckee River Bike Trail), ultimately aiming for Olympic Valley after crossing over the Truckee River by bridge and passing through Alpine Meadows. In 1956 through '69, the ride would follow along the west side of the river and use

the resort road, cutting in through to Deer Park, which was an old beautiful resort built in the 1920s. The trail involved very steep climbs heading into Olympic Valley.

Beginning in the 1970s, development in Tahoe City and growth of the numbers of riders in participation demanded a move of the ride start. Wendell's connections with the skiing community and the riding stables at Squaw Valley made this the natural choice for the start of the ride. A shift in the ride start, however, created one issue—by starting at the Olympic Meadow, the ride would be short roughly 5-7 miles, and so for the first couple of years this was made up by backtracking towards Tahoe City, prior to adding the Pointed Rocks section and the Upper 49 crossing that would compose the route for the next nearly 20 years. We did have a couple of exceptions that will be discussed later in this article.

Around 1984, the opposite of development nearly shut down the trail entirely. While naturalists

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celebrated the newly inducted area of Granite Chief into the National Wilderness Act, part of that act prohibits competition on Wilderness grounds. Fortunately an exemption was gained for the Tevis Cup to be grandfathered in thanks to lobbying and grassroots efforts from the WSTR, Western States Endurance Run and many other advocates; this is why the 250 rider limit was established in a compromise for those very special permissions.

As the Tahoe/Sierra region attracted more population, the ensuing increase in development would again press the ride for more change. Robie Park was purchased for that very reason—so that the ride would have a permanent home sheltered against the need to continue finding areas that had not pushed the need for space for the ridership out. Nineteen ninety three, marked the first year that the WSTR released riders in the wee of the morning from Robie. From the new start, all trails head west, and as is the case of the “normal” route, riders still go through Squaw Valley and pass by Watson’s Monument.

Many other route changes took place throughout the years as well. During those first years going past Watson’s Monument, Wendell Robie initially provided a choice for riders—endurance teams could choose the upper trail or the lower trail. Years of extra snowpack would usually dictate the choice of the upper trail (it was higher and received more sunlight, clearing snow from the path that the lower route sheltered in some of those years). As time passed, the upper route became the normal way, and the lower fell out of use and has all but disappeared.

Most of the ride start changes have



**Pre-ride and check-in at Lake Tahoe. Photo by Wendell Robie, courtesy of Dawn Kerr**



**Pre-ride briefing and meeting at Squaw Valley (L to R) Hal Hall, Wendell Robie, Hank Cook DVM, Jim Larimer, Dr. Barsaleau on the bullhorn. Photo by Charles Barieau, courtesy of Dawn Kerr**



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taken place in order to accommodate the number of riders starting in the ride; four years have created the demand to shift the ride start due to weather, namely late snowpack in the high country, and one year did not start at all.

In 1983, 2017, and 2023 the Tevis Cup base camp moved to Soda Springs, right off of Interstate 80; heavy snows and inability of the trail to be open to riders even late in summer called for crafty changes at the last minute. Check in and camping were located at the base of the Soda Springs Ski area in these years; riders left at the normal time in the morning, and followed mountain roads where they would reconvene with the normal trail near Red Star Ridge. Other mileage changes were accommodated with the reinsertion of Duncan Canyon in 2017.

Another year that created last minute shifts in the trail start was 2011; late snowpack prohibited the normal summer full moon date from occurring. Instead, the ride start was postponed until October. Unexpectedly, the Sierra received a large amount of snowfall right before the post-



**Wendell at the pre-ride meeting in Squaw Valley, 1977. Photo by Charles Barieau, courtesy of Dawn Kerr**



**Where the Western States Trail Ride used to start, photo by Dawn Kerr**



**Rider start from 1956-1969. Map courtesy of Dawn Kerr**

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poned date of start. This led to a quick decision (with input from the riders that they wanted to ride no matter what!)—to start the ride from the finish and do an out and back ride. The determination to hold the ride won

out in the long run; only two years did the ride cancel, and that was due to wildfires in 1981, and in 2020 due to the Covid pandemic. In the next part of this article, we will look at changes throughout the trail portion.

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