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## APACHE RAIDERS

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## Apache Raiders Club News

By Suzie Allard

This is going to be a banner year for the **Apache Raiders**, and we invite everyone to join the festivities. The keywords for our show season are fast ground, fine shows, top-notch year-end awards, and teamwork. We have scheduled ten shows, each one planned to take place on the fourth Saturday of the month. Each show will offer ribbons (or buy-backs if the rider prefers) and overall high-points for horse and pony. If you want a gymkhana weekend on one tank of gas, **Hyde's Trybe** usually runs their shows at this great arena on the fourth Sunday of the month. Just check the dates on the CGA calendar.

To make the show year more rewarding, we have instituted an exciting new year-end awards program, allowing **each member to win an exquisite Apache Raiders trophy buckle**. To recognize the support and effort of riders who compete regularly at our shows, we will also name the top ten high-point riders of the season. Riders of any ability (and speed division) are eligible to earn points towards being named to the **Apache Raiders Top Ten**, and we look forward to rewarding this elite group with additional beautiful year-end awards.

We all know how much teamwork it takes to put on a successful show, and we have planned two free "member appreciation" barbecues to thank everyone for their help. In addition, "show day"



helpers will be surprised with other treats throughout the show year.

Even before our first show, the new year has smiled on the **Apache Raiders** by bringing us one of the most venerable men in the sport of gymkhana. We wholeheartedly welcome our new Good Will and Safety Ambassador, **Frank Hyde**. This Grand Master of Gymkhana's knowledge and his love of the sport will undoubtedly add to the spirit of the club.

A special thanks to **Richard LaValle** and **Ted Bowler**, who are spearheading the club this year. Backed by the hard work of their board of directors, their foresight and planning is sure to make this a great year. So come on! The arena is ready to register fast times, with well groomed, proven AAA+ footing, and the chance to win great awards beckons. We hope to see you here in Simi, the fourth Saturday of every month.

## Apache Raiders Show Dates in Simi Valley

The **Apache Raiders** plan to put on ten shows in their 1993 season. The first seven dates have been confirmed with the Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks Department. We hope to see you all there on the following dates:

|                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| February 27..... | Arroyo Simi Eq. Ctr. |
| March 27.....    | Arroyo Simi Eq. Ctr. |
| April 24.....    | Arroyo Simi Eq. Ctr. |
| May 22.....      | Arroyo Simi Eq. Ctr. |
| June 5 *.....    | Arroyo Simi Eq. Ctr. |
| June 26.....     | Arroyo Simi Eq. Ctr. |
| July 24.....     | Arroyo Simi Eq. Ctr. |

As you can see from the confirmed schedule, we plan to run on the fourth Saturday of the month. The exception above on June 5th is a rain date make-up show for January. Other show dates will be printed as they are confirmed--check *The World of Gymkhana* and **SMOKE SIGNALS** for updates.



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## New Apache Raiders Board of Directors

The Apache Raiders general meeting, held in November, 1992, saw the election of many new board members. This spirit of willingness to help out by truly capable club members presages good things for the coming year. So please give a great big welcome and your support to the following loyal Apache Raiders in their new roles:

|                                      |                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| District Chairman.....               | Richard LaValle  |
| Horse Show Chairman.....             | Ted Bowler       |
| Assistant District Chairman .....    | Kitty McClanahan |
| Treasurer.....                       | Scott Pond       |
| Secretary .....                      | Suzie Allard     |
| Member-at-Large .....                | Kristy Koch      |
| Member-at-Large .....                | Amanda LaValle   |
| Goodwill and Safety Ambassador ..... | Frank Hyde       |
| State Board Representative .....     | Worth Crouch     |

## Board Adopts New Rider Incentive Policy

The Board of Directors decided to adopt a policy that any rider who brings a new rider to an Apache Raiders show can ride free for that day. If that rider joins the club and rides that day, then the sponsor can ride every event that the new member rides free. The new rider must be someone who has never ridden before at an Apache Raiders show.

The Apache Raiders hope that the club can not only increase its membership with this policy, but also reward those members who involve themselves in making that increase a reality. A club cannot survive without a certain number of riders to cover the arena rental, ribbons, and especially the equipment. This policy gives all members, not just those on the Board, the chance to pitch in and help the Apache Raiders be the club everyone expects it to be.

So, all you members, here's your SMOKE SIGNALS challenge to start your telephone calling today to those

prospective new members who might just allow you to ride all day for free. Just think of it--bring in ten new members, ride all year for free. Hmm.....



# WANTED

## NEW RIDER MEMBERS FOR FREE RIDES FOR CURRENT APACHE RAIDERS MEMBERS

## New Staff Member

SMOKE SIGNALS would like to acknowledge the help and support of new staff writer Suzie Allard. She brings us her enthusiasm for the sport of gymkhana and her excellent writing skills, as evidenced by her club articles for *The World of Gymkhana*. She replaces hard-working Wendy Wallace who left us last season to move to Colorado. Be sure to watch for Suzie's byline on exciting horse show news. Welcome aboard Suzie!



## SMOKE SIGNALS

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### Advertising Rates

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Full.... (9H x 7-1/4W) .....      | \$75.00 |
| 2/3 ..... (6H x 7-1/4W) .....     | \$50.00 |
| 2/3 ..... (4-1/2H x 7-1/4W) ..... | \$50.00 |
| 1/2 ..... (4-1/2H x 7-1/4W) ..... | \$37.50 |
| 1/3 ..... (3H x 7-1/4W) .....     | \$25.00 |
| 1/3 ..... (9H x 2-1/4W) .....     | \$25.00 |
| 1/4 ..... (3H x 4-1/2W) .....     | \$12.50 |



## Apache Raiders General Meeting

The Apache Raiders 1992 General meeting was held at the Arroyo Simi Equestrian Center after the last 1992 show on November 14. **Gene Rinehart**, Vice President called the meeting to order and appointed **Richard LaValle** to act as chair and **Carol Young** to act as secretary for the meeting.

**Richard LaValle** invited **Ted Bowler** to act as assistant chair for the meeting. Together they raised several issues for general club discussion, including attracting new riders (and members), year-end awards, show high-points, and ribbon policy.

**Worth Crouch**, **Suzie Allard**, and **Kitty McClanahan** provided valuable insight into the way other clubs handle these issues by presenting the **Desert Riders'** policies. Ideas suggested for club consideration included:

- ♦ Points awarded to all riders with prizes awarded at year end to all riders.
- ♦ Providing cash prizes for first and second places, with Chuck Wagon certificates for third place.
- ♦ Running a split arena to accommodate 60 riders--5 arena workers and 2 booth workers.
- ♦ Using the Training Run money as a Slush Fund to provide a dinner for workers.
- ♦ Low entry fees with no year-end awards.
- ♦ Higher entry fees with better year-end awards for all.
- ♦ Ways to prevent sandbagging by riders while being fair to all riders.
- ♦ **Desert Riders** give plaques and free meals and sodas to show workers.
- ♦ **Desert Riders** award \$60.00 jackets to each rider as year-end awards.

It was proposed by **Richard LaValle**, seconded by **Worth Crouch**, and voted unanimously by the members that some sort of Gift Certificate Credit for work-

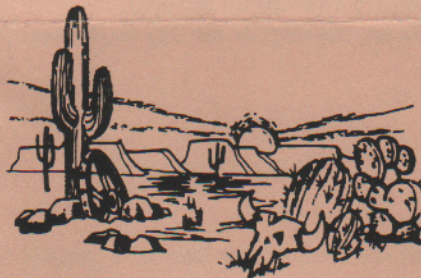
ers be worked out by the Board of Directors.

**Ted Bowler** proposed using a new source for Event Ribbons where comparable ribbons would be ordered costing \$.87 versus the current fee of \$1.30 each. The motion was seconded and voted in.

**Worth Crouch** proposed and **Suzie Allard** seconded a new ribbon policy whereby a rider who moves up in an event competes with other riders in that move-up category for ribbons for that event only. The members voted unanimously to accept this new ribbon policy.

It was moved and seconded that event run times should be submitted to *The World of Gymkhana* by the Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

**Suzie Allard** moved that Day High-Point Awards (for Horse and Pony)



should be minimal, with better Year-End Awards. **Worth Crouch** amended the motion to state that the Day High-Point awards would consist of a ribbon and one (1) free ride. The members voted unanimously to accept this amended motion.

It was decided by a unanimous vote that rather than having the general membership deciding the remaining issues, that the new Board of Directors should work out the details to keep the club in line with other clubs.

Elections for the 1993 **Apache Raiders** Board of Directors were held. For the position of District Chairman (President) **Kitty McClanahan** nomi-

nated **Richard LaValle**. The nomination was seconded by **Suzie Allard**. **Richard** was elected unanimously and is responsible for the **Apache Raiders** following CGA State rules. For the Assistant District Chairman (Vice President) **Carol Young** nominated **Kitty McClanahan**. This nomination was seconded by **Richard LaValle**. **Kitty** was elected unanimously to assist **Richard** in the running of the club. **Richard LaValle** nominated and **Suzie Allard** seconded the nomination for **Scott Pond** in a second term as Treasurer. Again the **Apache Raiders** voted unanimously for **Scott** to assume the responsibility for the finances. For Secretary, **Carol Young** and **Sue LaValle** were each nominated, but declined to run due to lack of time to devote to the job. **Gene Rinehart** nominated **Suzie Allard**. This nomination was seconded by **Dick Oakes** and **Suzie** was voted in unanimously as club Secretary. **Richard LaValle** nominated and **Dick Oakes** seconded **Ted Bowler** for the position of Horse Show Chairman (Show Manager). Voted in unanimously, **Ted** will be responsible for all show day activities and disputes. A new position of State Board Representative was created. **Dick Oakes** nominated and **Gene Rinehart** seconded the nomination of **Worth Crouch** to this new position. **Worth**, who was unanimously elected, will attend State Conventions and Meetings as the spokesperson of the **Apache Raiders**. Again this year two Members-at-Large positions were available for election. One is an advisory position for a Rider and one is a General advisory position. Both **Paul Konzelman** and **Dick Oakes** were nominated for the general advisory position and declined due to lack of time. **Amanda LaValle** was nominated, seconded, and voted unanimously as the Rider advisor Member-at-Large. **Kristy Koch** was nominated, seconded, and voted in unanimously as the General advisor Member-at-Large.

Acting Secretary,  
**Carol Young**





## Apache Raiders 1993 Awards Policy

The California Gymkhana Association (CGA) District 24 Apache Raiders have four types of awards: Event, Day High-Point, Year-End High-Point, and Top Ten Riders.

### Event Awards

- ♦ All properly entered riders will qualify for event awards.
- ♦ Event awards will consist of ribbons or \$0.50 buy-backs.
- ♦ During each show the Apache Raiders will recognize six classes (AAA+, AAA, AA, A, FC, and Lead Line) in both the horse and pony divisions. First- through third-place awards will be given to the top three finishers in each class/division for all regular events. However, the rider must ride within or above his/her class/division time to receive that award; i.e., a AA rider must ride at least a AA time to earn an event award.
- ♦ If a rider rides above his/her division the rider will be moved up to the appropriate class and receive an award in that class; i.e., if an A rider rides a AA time, the rider will be moved into the AA class and receive an award in that class.
- ♦ In the event of a tie, duplicate awards and day high-point credit will be given; i.e., if two riders tie for first place, two first place ribbons and one third place ribbon will be awarded.
- ♦ Class/Division times are those currently in use by State CGA.
- ♦ No awards will be given for set-ups.

### Day High-Point Awards

- ♦ A rider must be a member of the Apache Raiders to qualify for this award.
- ♦ A modest Day High-Point Award will be given to the horse/rider and pony/rider combinations that earn the greatest number of points during the regular show (no points are awarded for set-ups).
- ♦ Future Champion and Lead Line entrants are not eligible for Day High-Point Awards.
- ♦ Points will be awarded as follows:
  - 1st Place ..... 6 points
  - 2nd Place ..... 4 points
  - 3rd Place ..... 3 points
  - 4th Place ..... 2 points
  - 5th Place ..... 1 point
- ♦ Ties for Day High-Point Awards may be resolved in any manner agreeable to Horse Show Management and the involved riders.

### Year-End High-Point and Top Ten Rider Awards

**ANY RIDER, REGARDLESS OF ABILITY, CAN WIN THESE AWARDS.**

- ♦ A rider must be a member of the Apache Raiders and pay an additional fee of \$25.00 to be eligible for these awards.
- ♦ A Year-End High-Point Buckle will be awarded to every rider who signs up for this program and rides at least 35 regular events at Apache Raiders shows during the show season.
- ♦ A Top Ten Award will be presented to ten riders with the greatest number of year-end points at the close of the show season.
- ♦ The show season begins with the first show run during calendar year 1993 and ends with the last show run during calendar year 1993.
- ♦ Year-end high points will be accumulated as follows: One point will be awarded for each regular event run regardless of the rider's time or division. Two additional points will be awarded to each rider who competes in all regular events during a given show. For example, if there are seven regular events and a rider competes in six of them, the rider will be awarded six points; if the rider competes in all seven regular events, however, the rider will be awarded nine points (seven points for the events and two additional points).
- ♦ Points will be awarded based on the individual rider's achievements, not the horse/rider combination.





## 1993 Fees Schedule

### CALIFORNIA GYMKHANA ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA FEES

#### CGA Membership

Individual \$ 7.50  
 Family \$ 15.00

- ♦ A rider must be a CGA member to ride at any CGA sanctioned show.
- ♦ Membership is a prerequisite for all CGA awards, and entitles the member to both liability and medical insurance.
- ♦ A rider must be a CGA member to ride at any **Apache Raiders Show**.

### HORSE SHOW FEES

#### Regular 7 event show (setups as requested)

|           |             |          |
|-----------|-------------|----------|
| All Day   | Members     | \$ 25.00 |
|           | Non Members | \$ 27.00 |
| Per Event | Members     | \$ 3.75  |
|           | Non Members | \$ 4.00  |

- ♦ Allows the rider to compete for full CGA Award credits as well as **Apache Raiders** event awards.

#### Setups

Per Event All riders \$ 2.50

- ♦ Entitles rider to CGA year-end award credits.

#### Training Rides

♦ Per Event All riders \$ 2.00

### DISTRICT 24 FEES

#### Apache Raiders Membership

Individual \$ 15.00  
 Family \$ 25.00

- ♦ Qualifies the rider for Day High-Point Award.
- ♦ Allows the rider to sign up for Year-End High-Point Award.
- ♦ Makes the member an "owner" of the **Apache Raiders** organization as well as all of its assets.
- ♦ Qualifies the member to vote on issues.
- ♦ Entitles the member to free barbeques or other refreshments provided by the **Apache Raiders** as finances permit.

#### Year-End and Top Ten Riders Awards Program Fee

Individual \$ 25.00

- ♦ Guarantees the rider a Year-End High-Point Award Buckle so long as the rider competes in at least 35 **Apache Raiders** regular events during the show year.
- ♦ Qualifies the rider for the **Apache Raiders** Year-End Top Rider awards. (Top Rider Awards will be presented to the ten riders accumulating the largest number of points during the regular show season.) Points are awarded based on the individual rider's achievements not the horse/rider combination.
- ♦ Points may be accumulated as follows:
  1. One point for each regular event completed.
  2. Two additional points if the rider competes in every regular event that day.



## Cowpuncher Stew

Looking for some great recipes from throughout the West? Then pick up a copy of the *Trail Boss's Cowboy Cookbook* published by the Society for Range Management (SRM), which was founded in 1948 as a non-profit corporation dedicated to a more comprehensive understanding of the rangelands and the use of their ecosystems. Here is one example, a Historic Traildrive Recipe, found among nearly 300 pages of lip-smacking ideas:

### COWPUNCHER STEW

- 1-1/2 lbs. beef stew meat, cut in 1-inch cubes
- 2 tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp. salt
- 2 tbsp. shortening
- 1 1/2 c. strong coffee
- 2 tbsp. molasses
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1-3/4 c. water
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 tsp dried oregano, crushed
- 4 carrots, cut in 1/2-inch slices
- 2 small onions, quartered
- 3 medium potatoes, peeled and cut up
- 3 tbsp. all-purpose flour

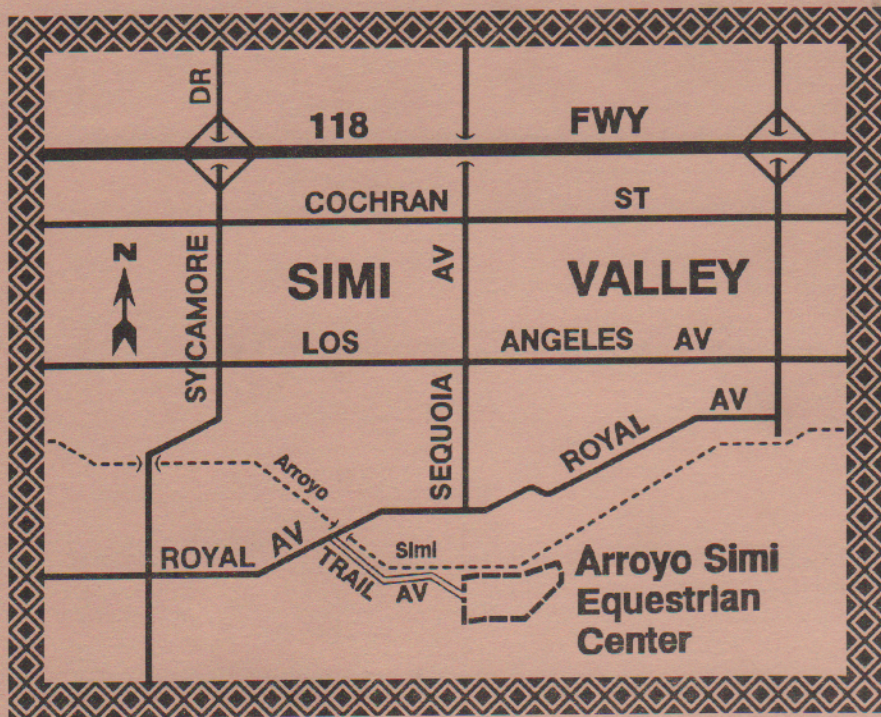


Coat beef cubes with a mixture of 2 tablespoons flour and 1 tsp. salt. In Dutch oven brown meat on all sides in hot shortening. Stir in the coffee, molasses, garlic, 1 tsp. salt, Worcestershire, oregano, and cayenne. Cover; simmer over low heat till meat is almost tender, about 1-1/2 hours. Add 1-1/2 cups water, carrot slices, onion quarters, and potato pieces. Simmer, covered, till vegetables are tender, about 30 minutes. Blend 1/4 cup cold water into the 3 tbsp. flour; add to stew mixture. Cook and stir till the mixture is thickened and bubbly. Serve in bowls. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

You can get your own *Trail Boss's Cowboy Cookbook* by sending your name and address, along with \$17.45 (includes \$1.50 postage & handling) to:


**TRAIL BOSS'S COWBOY COOKBOOK**  
 1839 York Street  
 Denver, CO 80206





## Where to Ride in Simi

The California Gymkhana Association (CGA) District 24 Apache Raiders and the CGA District 11 Hyde's Trybe clubs hold their horse shows at the Arroyo Simi Equestrian Center, 2400 Royal Avenue, in Simi Valley, California. The Apache Raiders shows are held on the fourth Saturday of the month, and the Hyde's Trybe shows are held on the fourth Sunday of the month.

The editors of the SMOKE SIGNALS wish to take this opportunity to welcome aboard the new Goodwill and Safety Ambassador, Mr. Frank Hyde, to the Apache Raiders family. 



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