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KEN AND WENDY WALLACE MOVE TO COLORADO

Ted Bowler and Richard LaValle Step In to Fill the Void

A dream was fulfilled when **Ken and Wendy Wallace** were transferred to Colorado this month. Taking their daughter **Alicia**, horses PJ (Practical Joker) and Roulette, and dogs Levi and Tina, the hard-working Apache Raiders duo packed their worldly goods off to a ranch on the outskirts of Colorado Springs. Their leaving created a huge hole, one that was going to be hard to fill, or so we thought, until the opportune offer of help from two mainstays of the gymkhana movement, **Ted Bowler** and **Richard LaValle**.

For two years, Ken and Wendy have been the guiding principals behind the growth and success that the Apache Raiders has enjoyed from the group's inception. Through their inspiration and selfless hard work, the club has maintained quality gymkhana shows for all its member and non-member riders. Wendy told us that the reason they started the group was so that they would have a place locally to ride gymkhana. Yet neither Ken nor Wendy were ever to ride in one of their own shows. Their selfless contribution to the world of gymkhana was known by all of us who were drafted to help, even though eighty percent of us volunteers were not only non-riders, we were not even "horse people" when we were asked to join the CGA!

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APACHE RAIDERS DIST. 24 SHOWS

Last Two for '92

The Apache Raiders, CGA's District 24, rounds out its 1992 gymkhana season with a pair of really great shows for everyone. And to make sure everyone can get in on the action, we are going to offer a free lunch for our arena helpers for the remainder of the season. Here's how it will work. If you help out in the arena during the first half of the day, you get a free lunch. If you help out during the second half of the day, you get a ticket for lunch at the next show!

*Free lunch
for workers!
Big year-
end BBQ,
& Awards
Show!*

And that's not all. Wait 'til you get a load of what we're doing at our final show in November... a Potluck BBQ where WE provide the meat and beverages, and you bring the fixin's. It's gonna be a party! We'll have a short general membership meeting where you can have your say about how the club is being run and who it is that's doing all of the hard work to make it happen for you. Please give our Potluck Coordinator, Sue LaValle, a jingle to find out more about what to bring to the BBQ. Just dial her at (805) 581-0281.

Note that this is a one-month newsletter. That's because we are also going to publish a November issue which, among other things, will explain more about the final show doings. We think you're going to really like this final BIG show of the season, and hope to see all of you riders, whether you've ridden here before or not! You won't be disappointed.

There is a flyer accompanying this issue, which details the planned racing events, which we also show below. Bring the flyer with you when you come.

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WHO'S WHO IN CGA

Usually, our *Who's Who* column would focus on a person who is a part of the CGA Board of Directors or other prominent top-level person in its governing hierarchy. But, for this issue, we felt it only fitting to turn the light on **Richard LaValle**, one of our own Board of Directors, and a parent volunteer who has never failed to help out at one of the Apache Raider shows in which his family took part!

Whether he's judging an event, manning the gate, marking a course, giving sage advice, or cheering on a rider, Richard is always in the thickest part of the dust cloud when it comes to lending a hand. And you always know that behind that gruff voice lies a heart of gold; why else would he always be there when you need him? And need him everyone seems to do. For instance, it seems that Richard is one of those people that carries the entire state show on his back--from judging to getting run over by dozens of horse-and-rider teams at the beginning of the show, to digging in with fixing breakfast and dinner with wife, "Sweet" Sue.

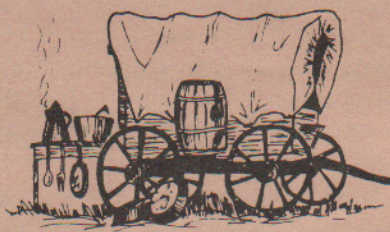
After tutoring daughter **Amanda** through her rise to top awards in gymkhana, and fixing everything around the house, keeping up the barn, arranging for the hay, and a myriad of other chores, it's a wonder that Richard has time for anything else. But when he needed a horse trailer, he bought a pile of rust and in six months of building a fiberglass top, putting up steel siding, and sandblasting a wooden floor, put together a more-than-serviceable equine transport vehicle.

Everyone, especially his animals, has a warm spot in their hearts for this gnarly would-be cowboy. Richard always keeps a close watch on his fingers when he reaches in the cage of his special pet cockatiel, aptly named

Chewey. Among the stories he might tell you about his Appy was the one about the time Clyde bit him--Richard bit him back! Be sure to ask him about the time Clyde vaulted him over the "hot" wire or when Clyde picked up and threw the rake at him.

As Richard continues on the Apache Raiders Board of Directors, he is no newcomer to the work of running a group of this nature. He and Sue, with the help of a close neighbor for a while, ran the Bridal Path club, which was associated with Equestrian Trails, Inc. (ETI) for over three years. Speaking of work, you know a guy likes his job as a general manager for an engineering company, when he drives from Simi Valley to Carpinteria and back each workday!

Richard used to ride, but doesn't do much anymore. And as he bulks up to take on the Apache Raiders responsibilities, we know it is less likely that he'll have the time to do so now. That's why you'll find him hurrying everything along at a rapid clip. After all, to the busiest bee in the hive, thyme is honey! Thanks, Richard! ☺



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Advertising Rates

Full	(8-1/2H x 7-1/2W)	\$ 75.00
2/3	(5-1/2H x 7-1/2W)	\$ 50.00
1/3	(2-3/4H x 7-1/2W)	\$ 25.00
1/3	(5-1/2H x 3-3/4W)	\$ 25.00
1/6	(2-3/4H x 3-3/4W)	\$ 12.50

IS THAT A FACT?

"Hackney" is a fourteenth-century word for "a trotting horse, used chiefly for driving." How, then, could the word "hackneyed" come to mean "trite" (lacking in freshness or originality)?

Hackney, as an adjective, was used to mean "kept for public hire" around 1589. As early as 1596, the connotation of hackney became "to make common or frequent use of" something. Archaic usage of hackney was "to make sophisticated." The common folk, however, felt that the "sophisticated" gentry was "dulled by excessive indulgence of such things as food and drink." It was probably only natural to associate the English breed of rather compact, usually chestnut, bay or brown high-stepping horses with the gentry, because they were the people who could afford to own or, at least, to rent carriages. Carriages were often hitched to trotters known for their particular gait in which the legs moved in diagonal pairs.

Around 1660, a hackney coach, or four-wheeled six-seater carriage drawn by two horses, was one kept for hire and a hackney became known as "one that works for hire." A "drudge" was one who had to do menial work, and a servant was considered a drudge because he was obliged to do routine, boring work around the person of a master or personal employer. The job of a servant who drove a hackney coach, then, was supposed to be dull, irksome, unoriginal and even monotonous work.

So, there you have it! Around 1749, the term "hackney" appears to have been used to mean "lacking in freshness or originality," which is why "trite," meaning "boring from much use, and not fresh or original," became synonymous. And that's a fact! ☺

WALLACE (from pg. 1)

Both Ken and Wendy were extremely diligent workers when it came to running the club and to contributing their efforts to the furtherance of gymkhana through the CGA. These two friendly, capable folks will be sorely missed by us all.

So, now what do we do? Well, in the nick of time, it's the cavalry to the rescue of the friendly Apache Raiders in the persons of Ted Bowler (see the article on Ted in the May-June, 1991, issue) and Richard LaValle (see the article on Richard in this issue!). To round out this season, and take the club into the next, these two dynamos are grabbing the 'reigns'. We look forward to working with them to continue to see the club grow and prosper. ☺

SHOWS (from pg. 1)

We will need volunteers at both of these year-end shows: rakers, gate people, score keepers, and an announcer or two. We would surely appreciate any help you can give, and remember, there's a free lunch in it for you during these two shows!

The Apache Raiders wants to take this opportunity to thank all of you folks who have supported us by coming to our shows. Special thanks goes to those equine haulers who, when finished at the end of the day, always cleaned up around their trailers. We have had good reviews from the city on the condition in which we have been leaving the arena and grounds.

Try to arrive really early in October and November as we aren't going to have the two-rider race cushion to begin these two shows. See you there!

The Apache Raiders
Simi Valley, California ☺

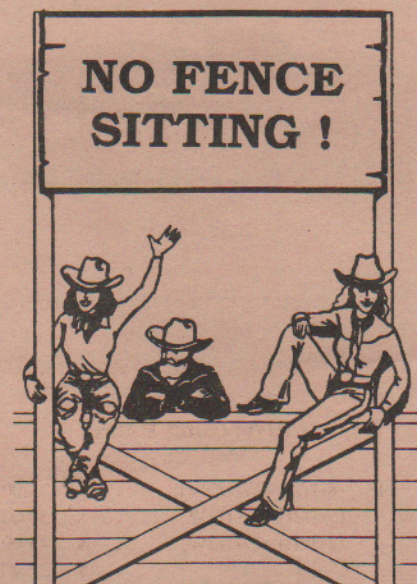
HIGH-POINT AWARDS APACHE RAIDERS STANDINGS AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1992

HORSE

Standing	Rider/Mount	Points
1	Amanda LaValle Parker's Denim Girl	44
2	Suzie Allard Tuf Enuf	43
3	Amanda Konzelman Fatima	41
4	Toni Acosta Kutie	38

PONY

Standing	Rider/Mount	Points
1	Kelley Murray Sugar	68
2	Kate Crowe Dinkey	53
3	Autumn Eck Seven-Eleven	39



NEW MEMBERS

The Apache Raiders welcomes new members **Christi Blodgett**, of Acton, and **Vicki Marshall**, of Little Rock.

If you would like to support the Apache Raiders and help us grow, and be eligible for next year's hi-point awards, please take a little time when you sign up at the next two shows to also tell us you want to join.

You can join as an individual or as a family. Thanks for your help! ☺

SHOW SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF 1992

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Saturday, October 10 REGULAR SEASON SHOW

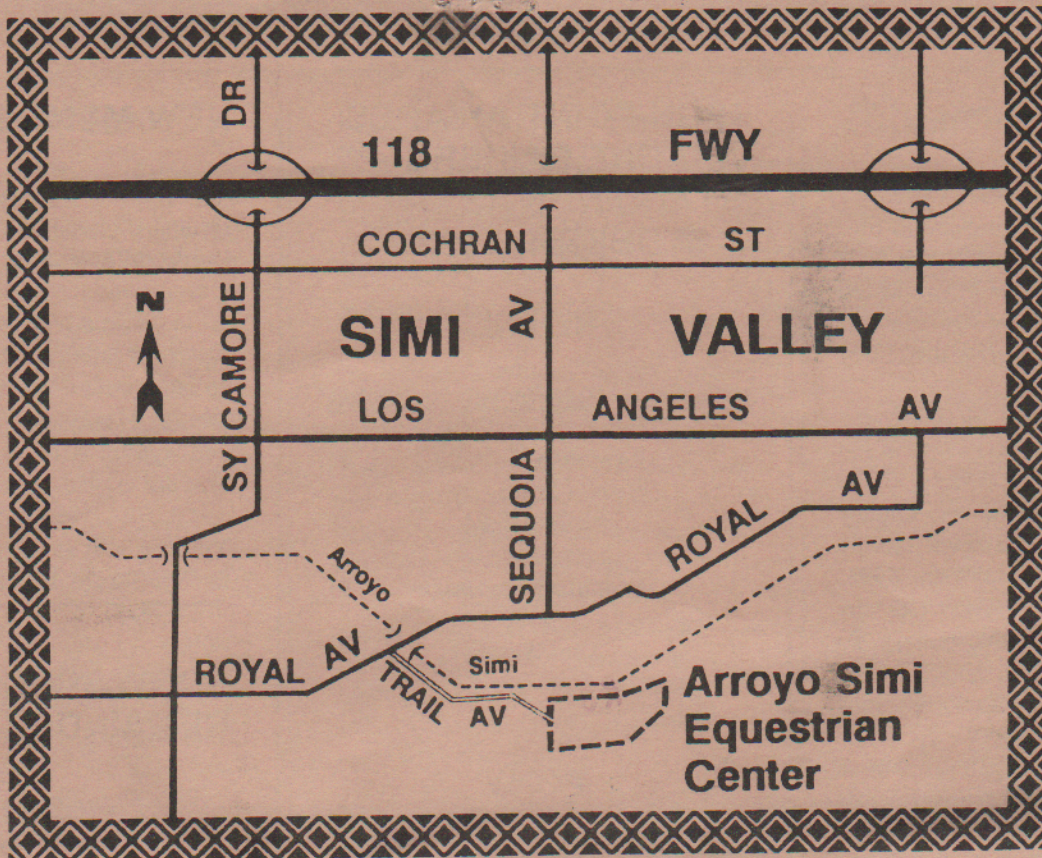
MORNING	AFTERNOON
Quadrangle	Birangle
Figure 8 Stake	Speed Ball
Figure 8 Flag	Poles I
Poles II	Barrels
Single Stake Race	Keyhole
Speed Barrels	

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Saturday, November 14 BBQ & HI-POINT AWARDS SHOW

MORNING	AFTERNOON
Quadrangle	BBQ Lunch
Figure 8 Stake	Awards
Figure 8 Flag	General Mtg
Poles II	
Single Stake Race	
Speed Barrels	

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