



# Quicksilver Quips

December 2018

## *President's Message – December 2018*

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Greetings,

As I write this, the weather is forecasting winds gusting up to 60 m.p.h., so I am going to make the December message short and sweet before the electricity goes out.

In January we have a new Board of Directors: Dick Carter, Trilby Pederson, Jill Newburn, Lori Olsen, Katie Webb, Shannon Thomas, and Jeanine McCrary. I would like to thank outgoing members, Melissa Broquard and Kathy Brayton for their service and support of Quicksilver.

Upcoming events: Christmas Party December 1st at Almaden Community Center, 21727 Bertram Road, San Jose @ 5:30 p.m.

Awards Banquet date is Feb. 2nd, 2019 at the Westside Grill in Gilroy.

Reminder to renew memberships to support the Club. You can join or renew online at [www.qser.net](http://www.qser.net)

Remember to look on the bright side, the muddier your horses are the longer you get to brush and love them.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.

Jeanine

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## Quicksilver on the Web

<http://www.qser.net/>

## Treasurer's Report

General Account \$13,653.04  
Trails Account \$ 1,074.63

# Quicksilver 2018 Calendar



**Party Time** - Another reminder that the Quicksilver Holiday/Christmas Party is this Saturday at the New Almaden Community Center (21727 Bertram Road, San Jose 95120) at 5:30pm. It is a fun evening of holiday fun with a big dinner and gift grab. The club will provide the turkey and everyone brings a dish to share. A gift grab will follow, so bring a gift valued between \$10-\$20 to play. Hope to see you there!



**Membership Renewal** - You can now renew your membership through our website (<https://www.qser.net/>). Click on the button that says 'Join the Club' and it will easily walk you through the process. The website format is new, so check it out.

There is still the option of renewing by sending your check to Maryben Stover at 1299 Sandra Drive, San Jose 95125.



**Awards Banquet** - Our Annual Awards Banquet will be held on February 2, 2019, at the Westside Grill in Gilroy. It was a new venue for us last year, with lots of good feedback. Tickets must be purchased in advance for \$33/person on our website. Again, click on the button that says 'Join the Club' and it will lead you to Awards Banquet Reservation.

**Photos for Yearbook** - I need your photos from 2018 for the yearbook/directory. Send me pictures of you and your horse(s) (doesn't have to be professional photos). Also, please email me milestone/highlights to include. When sending photos or milestones, only send to me, do not *reply all*. Thanks.

Lori

## QSER Awards Banquet

February 2, 2019 at 5:00pm  
Cocktails/Meet and Greet  
DINNER will be served at 5:30pm  
Westside Grill  
8080 Santa Teresa Blvd  
Gilroy, CA  
408-847-3800

\$30.00 Steak/Salmon  
Either mail a check or RSVP to Mary Anderson  
130 Old Ranch Road  
Hollister CA 95023  
408-891-8878

Or pay on line QSER...see Lori Olsen for any questions about paying on line.  
We have a special activity planned so RSVP as soon as you can . Deadline is January 10, 2019!

# The New Horses in My Life

By Judith Ogus

About 14 months ago I went to Texas for try out a mare, Thee Sultana's Liberty (Tess) who seemed like a good endurance prospect for me. I liked her the minute I met her - She had a spunky personality, good training from roper Kim Estes, a sensible attitude and passed the pre-purchase exam with flying colors. I was only able to ride her in deep sand, which she handled well and passed my test of engaging her hind end when I asked her to go over a jump. She was Egyptian, 6 years old and just 15 hands - on the borderline of a height I can handle at my age. She was black - a color I have never had before. I bought her, had her shipped home, and started riding her.



As the months went by, I noticed that Tess's bottom was higher than her withers. By the end of our first year together, her withers had caught up. She is now between 15.1-15.2 hands. She proved to have a lot of heart, to be fun to ride, and have a lot of suspension, which my dressage teacher admired. Unfortunately, I have started having some undiagnosable back pain. Tess's height and suspension became challenging for me. She has made great progress in her dressage lessons and is learning how to engage her hind end doing flat work and going downhill. She attacks uphill climbs with ambition, rarely if ever spooks, eats and drinks on the trail like a champ. I continue to love her comic personality. However, friends of mine who have watched her movement have said "Now that's a horse I would have ridden when I was 20!" For me the problem is not only her suspension, but also the challenge to 67-year-old knees when dismounting from that height.

*Tess on one of our first rides and liberty work on the pedestal*



genotype –

So I decided to make the hard decision that she may not be the right horse for me and to look for the small smooth sensible horse that Julie Suhr recommends for women of a certain age. Lucky for me, Garrett Ford was selling 6 horses that he rescued from the track. Five were spectacular tall race prospects and one was a compact grey gelding that immediately caught my eye. Mind you I have always preferred mares, but there was something special about this little horse who looked determined enough to leap off Garrett's Facebook page. The five larger horses sold quickly to a South American buyer and Garrett sold me the short chunky one. His is Sahal Kinndah, a Line Dancer son out of the mare, Quantas CS, who has Kontiki in her pedigree. This pleased me because my lovely mare Most Adorable is a Sam Tiki daughter (Sam Tiki also has Kontiki in his dam line). Bazy Tankersley always said, buy the phenotype, not the but in this case I bought both!

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Sahal is four coming five in February. He was ridden about 25 times at Garrett's and has fairly nice ground manners. He arrived here last Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, so we are just getting to know each other. He traveled well from Colorado. The shipper described him as having an "old soul in a young body." He reminds me very much of Mocha Mirah - Maggie, the small, stout and very talented mare I used to ride.



*Sahal Kinndah on the left and Maggie with Finnie the Jack Russel Terrier on the right*

Because of all our welcome rain, I have only had time to play with him twice doing some ground school. He is quite respectful, a bit serious and skeptical, loves to have the base of his ears rubbed very hard, and has interesting expressive eyes, shaped more like mustang eyes than an Arabian's. He has befriended Sonja, my 27 year old retiree, and herds her around the pasture. She tolerates this with infinite patience and seems flattered by the attention. Tess, and Becky's mare Latifa, dominate him fiercely, while her gelding, Marty is relieved to finally have another guy around who can help mitigate all the passionate female energy that has been swirling around him.

I do ask myself what I am doing at my age with a 4-year-old (he will be five on February 18). This has been a year of new annoying aches and pains – a trigger thumb, GERD, and the mysterious back pain. Sahal could live to be 30 or so at which point I will be 87 or so. I can only hope that at that point in my life, I will have remained as robust as Julie Suhr has, and will still be able to trundle out to the pasture to feed him some softened concoction of equine senior and alfalfa cubes. Right now, I just want to go slowly with him, start forming a strong bond and training him with patience and understanding. I do hope that we become good partners for the remainder of my riding years. I have yet to assess whether or not he fits Garrett's description as a smooth and sensible horse. My plan is to continue to ride Tess for another year and then to sell her, unless someone comes along earlier who seems like just the right partner for her. She is a character and deserves to be with an experienced rider with a good sense of humor and more flexible body than mine! ■

### News Notes From Julie Suhr: 11-29-18

Eight inches of rain here and more to come. One of my drainage pipes plugged up and overflowed and sort of damaged my driveway.

We have a neighbor who has had seven fire incidents on his property and at one time burned 4 1/2 acres of my property. We are working with the Scotts Valley Fire Captain drafting a letter to CAL FIRE. He is danger to all of the neighbors.

Nancy Twilight, who makes Cool-Off scarves, and who many of you know, has moved to Oregon. No further information as to where.

# Classifieds and Services



This book is on great horses and riders in the beginning of our sport starting in the 1970's. It has been a fun project and I'm excited to introduce (or re-introduce) those that made endurance riding what it is today.

Dick Carter did the beautiful cover, Susan Garlinghouse wrote the Forward and 5 chapters are about great Quicksilver horses and riders.

A percentage of all sales will be given to the AERC Education Committee.

Lori Oleson

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Cost of book is \$24 + tax/shipping

## PRINTING SERVICES

For Quicksilver club ride managers. Our club now has a color duplex printer that is located in the home of Becky and Judith. You can do the printing at the cost of 25¢ per page color and 6¢ per page B&W, if you provide the paper. If you e-mail the printable files to Becky, she will do the printing for you at the cost of 27¢ per page color and 8¢ per page B&W, including the paper.

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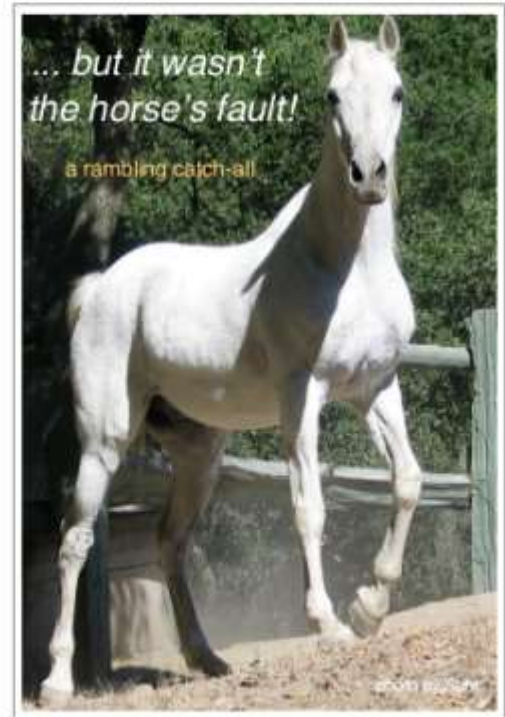
To benefit our trails and our horses, I have written two books. They are entirely different in style.

1. **Ten Feet Tall, Still** is out-of-print, but available as an e-book from Amazon, Barnes and Noble and others. All proceeds to **AERC Trails Fund** and **WSTF Trails Fund** for preservation of horse trails. \$9.99
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by  
Julie Suhr

*You are never  
quite the same  
after you ride  
a good horse.*



## "TEN FEET TALL, STILL"

My first book, *Ten Feet Tall, Still*, is out of print, but is now an e-book for downloading at Amazon, Barnes and Noble and some other places. One Hundred Percent of the proceeds go to the AERC Trails Fund and the WSTF Trails Fund.

**Julie Suhr (831) 335-5933**

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# Philosophy and Birthdays

Like snowflakes, my Christmas memories gather and dance -- each beautiful, unique and too soon gone.  
*Deborah Whipp*

For somehow, not only at Christmas, but all the long year through, the joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you. *John Greenleaf Whittier*

Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.  
*Norman Vincent Peale*

Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. *Calvin Coolidge*

I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph. *Shirley Temple*

I heard the bells on Christmas Day; their old familiar carols play, and wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth, good-will to men! *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. *Charles Dickens*

Christmas, children, is not a date. It is a state of mind. *Mary Ellen Chase*

Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts. *Janice Maeditere*

Heap on the wood! the wind is chill;  
But let it whistle as it will,  
We'll keep our Christmas merry still. *Walter Scott, Sr.*



## Happy December Birthdays to our Quicksilver Members and Endurance Friends

Ruth Waltenspiel	1
Dick Carter	6
Elaine Elbizri	6
Lisa Schneider	11
Brian Reeves	15
Julie Caprino Best	19
Bob Suhr*	20
Larrissa Voight	21
Heather Bryant	22
Mary Barger	30

\*Deceased





## QUICKSILVER ENDURANCE RIDERS — MEMBERSHIP

Club Mission—Quicksilver exists to promote the sport of endurance riding by conducting endurance rides and advocating for equestrian trails. It seeks to provide a model for the highest levels of sportsmanship and horsemanship within the context of this sport. It supports and provides educational events and leadership in each of these areas.

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"There is no secret so close as that between a rider and his horse." -R.S. Surtees

"To ride on a horse is to fly without wings" -Unknown

"Life outside of endurance? I don't think so" -Dave Rabe

We would love to have you join the Quicksilver Endurance Riders!!

## Letter from the Editor

I have been having problems getting the Quips to you for the past three months. Quicksilver members are on a Yahoo Groups list. Yahoo has done something to their system...according to them it is to protect people from fraud or something like that. The result is that you are not receiving the Quips via e-mail from me. My ISP is Wildblue/Exede, and they assure me the problem is not originating from them. I've discovered that I cannot receive e-mail from you, either. That is...if I e-mail you in Yahoo Groups and ask you to respond as to whether you have received that e-mail, I get no answers at all.

I have written to Mike Maul and he is working on this. If I understand him correctly, he is trying to set up another way for me to send e-mails to you through another route, but this is not yet firm.

Consequently, information is late or not at all. I have great faith in Mike's ability to solve this problem, so have patience.. In the meanwhile, log onto the QS website and find the Quips there.

Barbara

Your Quips editor

## **Mission Statement of Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.**

**QSER exists to promote the sport of endurance riding by conducting endurance rides and advocating for equestrian trails. It seeks to provide a model for the highest standards of sportsmanship and horsemanship within the context of this sport. It supports and provides educational events and leadership in each of these areas.**

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