



Quicksilver Quips

January 2013

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January President's Message

As I sit here writing the first President's Message for 2013 it is raining, which gives me a good opportunity to write. Barbara sent me a reminder about a week ago, but I have been so busy with the holidays.

Our new Board is having a meeting on January 11th to discuss plans for the new year. We have a wonderful and very positive Board with a lot of good ideas for the club. More to come on the details after the meeting.

The awards banquet will be at the Santa Clara County Horseman's Association on February 16th. Mary Anderson is hard at work organizing the evening. More details on the banquet below. Judith Ogus is putting together the calendar/yearbook so submit your pictures ASAP to her. Sandy Holder is compiling 2012 ride statistics. The deadline for submissions of pictures and statistics is January 7th. There is not much time left!

Lori Oleson

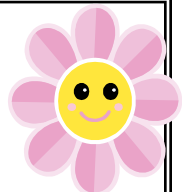


Quicksilver Awards Banquet

The Quicksilver awards banquet will be held at the Santa Clara County Horsemen's' on McKean Road, San Jose, on February 16, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. We will have a homemade pasta dinner with salad and dessert for \$8. Cocktails are available for purchase at the bar. A RSVP would be appreciated but not mandatory. See you all there.

Mary Anderson

Member Vivian Beebe paid her dues in mid-December...with a check for \$500 as a donation to Quicksilver Endurance Riders. Thank you, Vivian, for your generosity. (She did this last year, too.)



"Steve Left us Last Night"

For Debbie Boscoe

By Judith Ogus

What do you do the day after your partner dies?
it is the day after, after all
there is none of the immediate
grief, the shock and disbelief of the moment
when the soul last flickered
in its brain-body abode

Now the grief sets in thick and soupy
like fog that shrouds an outstretched hand
the cloying heft of it curls your shoulders in
your chest collapses
it is difficult to breathe
death hovering so close

In deference to you, to Steve
I put on a white linen shirt as
Buddhists who drape death in white
the color of all light waves combined
I prefer to think of him as light,
as kindness, as hope

I remember how he walked
with dogs while you rode
and believe that he shared with me
the comfort of communion with
romping hounds as they bound
over stumps and rocks,
down divets, up slopes

On this day, the day after
he is gone, the day I hear of his departure
I go to the St. Francis retreat
The trails there wind through woods
that block our incessant winds, render peace
Trees intertwine and weep Spanish moss from their limbs
The dogs come to practice
their usual exuberance
I go for solace

Where there are rocks of the right shape and size
I build little monuments to him
balance one on top of another
each in its angle of repose
until a small tower is whole
or an arch fixed with keystone
the dogs sniff the rock piles,
whine, waiting, eager to go on

I know these woods, know roughly where
a pair of Great Horned Owls often roosts
It is early for nocturnal birds
mid afternoon; if I see one or both
I want to believe the lore that owls
serve Mercury's purpose as messenger
not of the gods, for the gods
but of the dead for we who
are not quite ready, who
are still weighted with memory

wishing the bird would hoo! hoo!
something about Steve's soul

He, a man who knew woods as work,
advised about trees and earth would
admire the owl's prowess as predator
ID its order as Strigiforme,
not bet on auspicious hootings
or viewings even if loved ones
found this to be soothing

The dogs trailblaze now
drawn forward more strongly
than back to me as we head home
and there he is, pretending
to extend the low stump on which he sits
dusky brown feathers blend into bark
his back faces me
pricked ear tufts trick him
give away his masquerade

When the dogs dart by
he does not flick a feather
yet with hearing finer than sight
spins his head at the iphone camera's click
and severs himself from the tree trunk
with wings widespread.

Soundlessly the sixty inch span lifts
its stump chunky torso
disappears into the woods
leaving no missive
no wing whoosh
no hollow hoot
no repelled echo
pronouncing
Steve's taken leave-
taken leave

That night I dream
there are boxes of surprise piled high
I eye them eager to be gratified
but awaken knowing
Steve will not again open any of them,
any gift, lift any lid, will not have again an instant bit of joy
when eyes lay upon some unexpected gift.
I wake up sad the loss he will not open boxes of surprise.

Steve was a forester by profession, and was a co-manager of the Fireworks ride along with his wife, Debbie Boscoe

Quicksilver Christmas Party

By Elisabet Hiatt

Photos—next six pages

This year's Christmas party was the biggest one I've ever been to. We just about ran out of food and places to sit! Lots of smiling faces and friendly folks came and celebrated. We also had quite a few new members join us, which was great. I hope they had fun (they looked like there were!). The food was great, as usual, and not much went back home. Trilby and her friends did a very nice job decorating the hall, and making it feel very homey. This year's white elephant gift exchange was quite heated, as most of the gifts were really nice stuff. "Evil Santa Steve" did a good job as usual getting things going and encouraging stealing...which was very fun and just a teensy bit scary. Note to self: be careful when you are trying to steal something from Vivian, you may not survive! We made 50 numbers and they all went, so it took a while, but since it was a Friday night, no one seemed to be in a big hurry to leave. I really think we should keep the Friday date idea, it seemed to work well, and maybe that's why we had such a great turnout.



*Quick
Silver
Christ-
mas
Party
2012*













*From elephant poop paper to purple undies...
There was something for everyone, plus smiles,
lots and lots of smiles!*



News Notes

Welcome New Member, Guilia Zanzone Orth

My horse's name is Pride (a Canadian Horse), but I am afraid of riding him due to an accident we had. He will be going into training with Mark Schuerman tomorrow and I hope we can go out on trails when I get him back. For the last 6 months or so I have been riding Terri Tinkham's amazing little power pony called Joy. She is a Kentucky Mountain Horse who lives up to her name, and we did our first LD at Desert Gold guided by our awesome riding instructor, Becky Hart. Becky also teaches my daughter Emma (13 years old), who has been riding Judith Ogus' wonderful Maggie. Emma and I are loving endurance and all its people and horses. Looking forward to getting to know you!

Giulia (= the Italian spelling of Julia)

My First Endurance Ride

By Emma Orth

The air was cool and fresh that morning and warm excitement swirled around us, draping over my shoulders and across Maggie's neck. We could both feel it throughout the whole ride. The thrill swift beat of the trot and Maggie with her grey ears pricked and her mind thinking forward--it was something to behold. Happiness welled up inside me and I wanted to laugh, but I didn't because I was too busy convincing Maggie that we weren't there to win. She didn't really understand why and I was awed at her determination and concentration on what was ahead. Every time she saw a horse up the trail, Maggie set her focus a few feet ahead of that horse and didn't relax until we'd passed them. She was so full of life--brimming with energy--and so was I.

In those moments, I felt close to Maggie because I wanted exactly what she wanted (even though I was holding her back). I loved her for giving everything she had--and she was passionate and serious about it. There is no other way I'd rather have spent my Thanksgiving break.

Special thanks to:

Becky Hart, my riding instructor, for coming with me on my first 25 mile ride at Fort Ord, for introducing me and my mom to the endurance world, and for being such a great instructor.

Judith Ogus for letting me ride her wonderful endurance mare, Maggie, and for taking me and my mom on conditioning rides.

Maryben Stover for lending me her mare Liya, as a back-up horse.

Giulia Orth, my mom, for being so supportive of my riding and for starting my love for horses.

Quicksilver Meeting Minutes — 12/14/2012

Start of meeting: Sometime after dinner!

Current Board Members Present: Elisabet Hiatt, Michelle Herrera, Lori Oleson, Peggy Davidson, Kathy Kauer, Kathy Brayton, Sheila Kumar

Bylaws have been completed and were submitted for approval to the club members and approved!

The current board was recognized and thanked by members, and the new board for 2013 was announced and recognized. They are:

President: Lori Oleson

Vice President: Kathy Brayton

Secretary: Peggy Davidson

Treasurer: Trilby Pederson

Board Members:

Michelle Herrera

Jeanine McCrary

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The Awards Banquet will be at SCC Horseman's on McKean Road February 16 at 6pm. Mary is busy making the arrangements for all the fun and will be giving us more details....

Meeting adjourned immediately after these discussions.

Peggy Davidson, Secretary



CALIFORNIA CENTER for CENTERED RIDING®
Evensong Farm
Mary Fenton 831-761-2819 (message)



Riding Through Winter is hosted @ General Feed & Seed

"RIDING THROUGH WINTER"® (m.fenton 2012) are 3 UN-MOUNTED Workshop-Sessions, for Humans! Held when the ground doesn't like too many hoof- prints, & the trails are too slippery to ride safely!

These sessions will give horse-lovers some useful tools to help you find out about how YOUR balance & alignment affects your OWN Comfort & Poise (as well as a HORSE'S Comfort & Balance).

It is not necessary to have a horse to attend "Riding Through Winter"!

WHERE: General Feed & Seed Store, 1900 Commercial Way, Santa Cruz, CA

- Meetings will be held in the Upstairs Conference Room

WHEN: Saturdays: January, &/or February, &/or March, 2013 (each session is 4 weeks, 1 day / week) Starting the first of the month then next 3 Saturdays to follow:

- 10 AM – 12 noon—rain or shine!



Mary Fenton
riding Tahoe
at Evensong
Farm

Photo credit:
Stacy James-
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FACILITATOR: Mary Fenton—40 years teaching Equestrian Arts: Classical Dressage, Centered Riding®, American Riding Instructor Assn.; Pony Club; Trail & Recreational Riding; (& a few other certifications!) 25 years of Studies of Human (& Horse) Movement & Relationships: Feldenkrais Method®, Alexander Tech.®, TTEAM®

FEES: Each Session is 4 weeks long. Each participant must commit to a minimum of ONE SESSION. Total fee per Session is \$160 each. Your paid fee will hold your space. All sessions MUST be paid in advance. **Make your check payable to Mary Fenton, & send to: 400 Rancho Laguna Dr., Watsonville, CA, 95076.**

For information, please email Mary at maryfentanhorses@msn.com. Thanks!

BUCK BRANNAMAN CLINIC

Thorson's Arena, Morgan Hill, CA
April 19-22, 2013



Buck Brannaman, World Class Horseman and Clinician, returns to the Central Coast to teach a four-day clinic!

Bring your horse and ride with Buck or come as a spectator and watch how he helps his students, both human and equine, become more sophisticated in their partnership together. (Hint: first day is best for being introduced to Buck's approach and philosophy.)



FOUNDATION HORSEMANSHIP CLASS:

(9:00am-12:00 noon)

In this class Buck focuses on both groundwork (preparation) and work under saddle. Horses in the snaffle.

HORSEMANSHIP CLASS:

(1:30pm-4:30pm)

This is an under saddle class for horses that have progressed into the hackamore, 2-rein or spade bit.

Both classes run four days. Vaquero style emphasized. Cost is \$700.00 each. Non-refundable deposit and pre-registration required.

Location: Thorson's Arena: Watsonville Court, Morgan Hill, CA 95046 - Just off Watsonville Rd. - Look for the signs and the two covered arenas. Entry gate opens at 8:00am.

Spectators: *\$30.00/day. (Pre-registration not required)
\$5 parking/day. PARKING IS LIMITED - Please carpool!
Seating area under cover. BRING A CHAIR. Food and Drink available onsite. Sorry, NO DOGS allowed on property!



For more information go to: www.thinkinghorsemanship.com

Clinic Sponsor Bonnie StoeHN
bonnies@cruzio.com

* Seniors 65 and over and children under 12 no charge

Classifieds

Centered Riding® Lessons

Help your horse use him/herself effectively while going down the trail.

Take the stress out of your body and your horse's body. Find out how to have a better seat and make your horse more comfortable.

Centered Riding® lessons available with **Becky Hart**, Level 3 Centered Riding instructor. Clinics available upon request.

408-425-5860

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.

E-mail **Becky: bghart@garlic.com**

HORSE BOARDING FACILITY

20535 Rome Drive, San Jose, California.

Stalls: \$270.00, pasture \$200.00, fed twice a day high-grade oat and alfalfa.

96' X 48' uncovered outdoor arena. We clean. Shavings available. 1.25 miles to entrance to the Quicksilver County Park (3600 acres and 19.2 miles of manicured trails). I provide my trailer for use to boarders. My place borders Quicksilver Park.

Trilby - (408) 997-7500

TAX SERVICES

Specializing in horses.

Trilby - (408) 997-7500

"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.

This is shameless advertising, but I believe in the cause.

Julie Suhr

FOR SALE

Equipedic pad, older model, but not used much. Thin inserts. \$150/offer.

Elisabet - lazo@ucsc.edu

WANTED

Endurance rider turned cowgirl looking for Big Horn brown Cordura Western saddle. Will purchase outright or will consider temporary trade for my Freeform Liberty treeless endurance saddle in like-new condition.

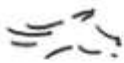
Beverley Kane sensei@horsensei.com 650-868-3379

FOR SALE

Lance cab-over camper, 1991. Everything is in working order. Hydraulic jacks, oven, stovetop, fridge, bathroom with shower and outdoor shower. Lots of storage. 9'4" gives you extra room without needing to extend the bumper. Hitch and levelers included. Reasonable condition, except seat cushions and curtains. \$1500/obo

Becky Hart: bghart@garlic.com or 408-425-5860



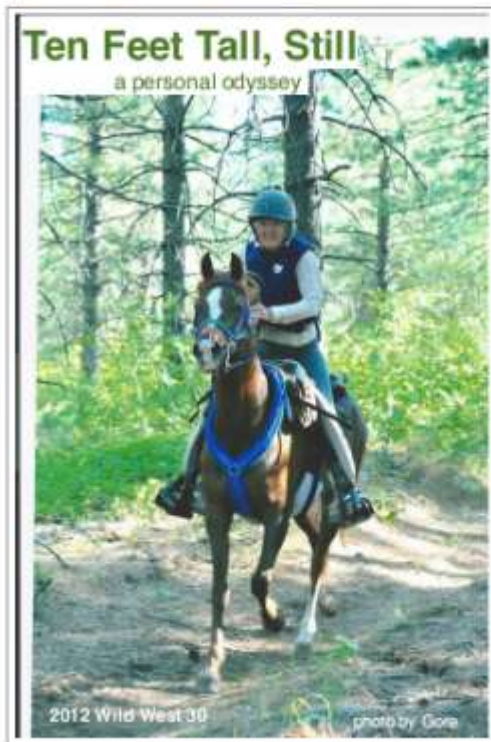


BOOKS ARE THE PERFECT GIFT!



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
2. **...but it wasn't the horse's fault!** Available from Marinera Publishing, www.marinerapublishing.com All proceeds to **CENTER FOR EQUINE HEALTH**, School of Veterinary Medicine, Davis, California \$24.95

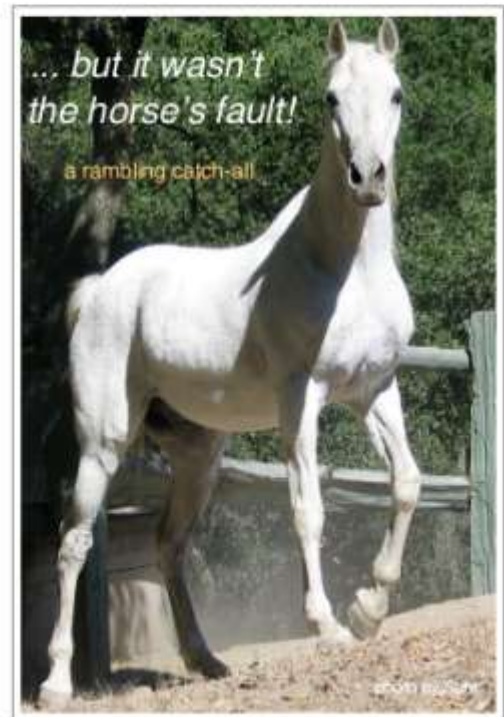


by
Julie Suhr

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

One of the earliest religious disappointments in a young girl's life revolves upon her unanswered prayer for a horse.

Phillis Theroux, as quoted in Julie's book



FOR SALE



Schleese Trail Saddle \$4000
Excellent condition. Owned only 1 year and is no longer available as it is discontinued. Perfect for cross training your dressage horse. Comes with adjustable/removable knee rolls. Has custom conchos and additional D rings for showways, breast collar and crupper. Excellent for endurance all very comfy.

FOR SALE



Schleese Infinity Dressage Saddle \$3500
18" Infinity saddle just bought in Oct. 2011. Hardly used. This saddle is \$4700 new. Please call with additional questions.

Offered by Lori McIntosh—please e-mail Lori@lorimcphoto for additional photos and questions

Classifieds

SUPRACOR ENDURANCE PAD

Supracor Endurance Pad, green, \$375. I have only used this pad to try out with various saddles so it has been hardly used and stored very well. See Supracor website for more details. It currently sells for \$505. **(408) 776-7591 or cell (415) 235-5246** **PRICE REDUCED TO \$300**

I'm a Cal Poly-trained Farrier but I only shoe my horses so I'm always checking out better ways to protect my horses feet and legs.

My horse chipped his hoof wall and I called to ask about a glue product they have called "Adhere".

I spent about 30 minutes on the phone with the California Vettec Rep yesterday and he was extremely knowledgeable and generous with his time. He also explained how the Vettec products can be used instead of pads which will reduce nail movement in the hoof wall and provide a more secure nailing.

He also told me that if anyone wants to ride the Tevis, he will provide the product and installation free of charge and all he wants is to take before and after pictures of the hoof.

His name is **Larkin Green (916) 705-8380 <http://www.vettec.com/>**

I thought some Quicksilver folks might want to know. David De La Rosa

WANTED

I am looking for my next horse, and would greatly appreciate it if you would keep you eyes and ears open for possible horses for me. I am looking for the epitome of a Julie Suhr, later-in-life horse. I need a short, safe, smooth Arabian gelding no taller than 14.3. Ideally, I would like to clone my precious endurance horse Raj, but that is not going to happen. Please let me know if anything comes across your radars and I would be grateful. Thanks for the assistance and happy trails. **Margaret Graham**

FOR SALE

Jerry Dowdy in Scotts Valley has 14 saddles from McClellans to Western, Australian and English plus a lot of harnesses, bridles, and miscellaneous horse gear for sale in Scotts Valley. If you are interested he will send you a CD with pictures of them and also include a list of tree and seat sizes. All very reasonably priced. His number is

(831) 335-5587

FOR SALE

25 gallon corner water tank with stand, new condition \$85

Electric portable fence set up with stakes, charger, electric rope & carrying bag. It is ready to go. Used 2 times in great condition! \$200

Contact **Tracy Hofstrand 408 391-8912** or email **hobie_gal@yahoo.com**

FOR SALE

All Tack Must Go... Woman's Small yellow gloves, brand new—\$20. Kool Coat stable sheet, 72", white, in good condition—\$40. Nylon black chin strap, new—\$2. Fly sheet, 75", blue—\$20. Heavyweight waterproof winter blanket, 76", purple—\$50. Rubber blue curry comb, in good condition—\$4. Set of 4 red polo wraps, barely used—\$11. Black front SMB2 002 small, used, splint boots—\$45. Red Professional Choice bell boots, small—\$10. Mesh bag, barely used—\$13. Stiff blue bristle brush, barely used—\$6. SMB2 200 splint boots, new, large—\$54. Coronet slip-on spurs with rowels. Looks brand new—\$4.

408-310-1510 Heather Bryant

Classifieds



Rhoberta – ROXY

9-yr-old Mare, \$4000
Beautiful CMK Chestnut Mare out of Gulstras
Splash and CR Farlastra.
14.2h, 7 1/2" cannon bones, solid leg, body
and mind. Resting heart rate 32, pulsed in
after rides at 40. Excellent hip, smooth gaits.
Great Middleweight, Lightweight or
Featherweight horse.

She has never had an injury. Currently in
maintenance training 3-4 times a week. She
has done several years of trail work. Due to
work situations, we do not have the time to
ride. She is an excellent horse and it would be
a shame not to have her out on the trail.

She is very compassionate and willing to
please. She needs a sensitive rider that will be
a good buddy.

Please email Kirstenzazz@gmail.com or call
408-416-8432 with any questions.



Ariel needs re-homing. Adorable, flashy 18-going-on-6 y.o. 14 hh registered Arabian Paint mare needs a loving person. Was a teenage boy's gymkhana and 4H horse. Lots of personality and good energy. Very forward, with a power walk, but not spooky. I am 63, not the greatest rider and I feel SAFE on her. Likes to lead on trail. Well-trained, nice ground manners, and highly sensitive and correct to aids in in a bitless bridle. Currently in pasture with 50 horses at Webb Ranch, Palo Alto, CA, where she was too much horse for the lesson program. I am working with her on mellowing out her barrel racing reflexes. She is doing amazingly well. Could probably do LDs and have pep to spare. Price negotiable to good home.

Beverly 650-868-3379 or sensei@horsensei.com

Humor and Birthdays



Referees at the Original Olympics.

Feel Better

I'm passing this on because it worked for me today.

A doctor on TV said that in order to have inner peace in our lives after this election, we should always finish things that we start. Since we all could use more calm in our lives, I looked around my house to find things I'd started & hadn't finished.

I finished a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of Chardonnay, a bottle of Baileys, a bottle of wum, the remainder of Valiuminun scriptins, and a box of choclutz. Yu has no idr how fablus I feel rite now.

Sned this to all ur frenz who need inner piss. An telum u luvum.

Sent to me by a friend with a quirky sense of humor

Happy January Birthday to our Quicksilver Members and Endurance Friends

Robert Ribley	2
Elaine Alton	3
Jeremy Reynolds	16
Doug Spilman	16
Kathy Miller	18
Bob Verheul	23
Ann Plaggmier	23
Pat Verheul	27
Holly Bergantz	27
Mike Maul	30

More Humor

WOMEN AND HORSES

I remember the days when a man was the boss
He brung home the bacon and he rode the hoss
And the ladies stayed home with their hair all in curls
Now it seems like most of the cowboys are girls.

When we first met, you were trim and sixteen
Now you ain't neither, if you know what I mean.
But you make me happy, and you keep me poor
And I guess that's what women and horses are for.

Well, you caught my eye in your cute mini-skirt
Now the jeans that you wear are all covered with dirt
You hair is a mess, and you smell like your horse
But I guess I still love you, so things could be worse.

When I come home from working all day in the heat
The house is a mess, but the barn is quite neat.
When I ask about dinner, you say there's good news
No food on the table but your horse has new shoes.

We were meant for each other, that's easy to see
Cause I deserve you, and you deserve me.
Though you may not be perfect, when push comes to shove
You may be hard to live with, but you're easy to love.

I remember the days when a man was the boss
He brung home the bacon and he rode the hoss
And the ladies stayed home with their hair all in curls
Now it seems like most of the cowboys are girls.
And I'm glad that most of the cowboys are girls.

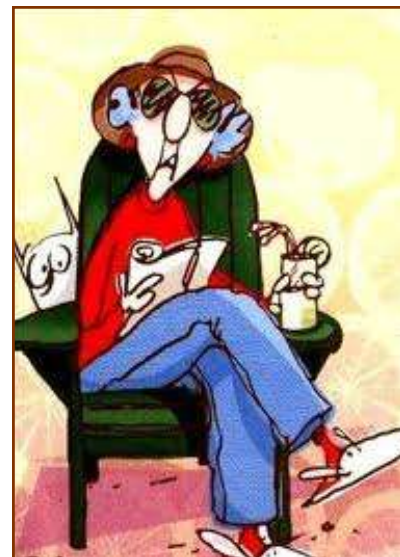
RETIRED HEALTH MESSAGE FROM MAXINE

As I was lying in bed pondering the problems of the world, I rapidly realized that I don't really give a rat's hiney. It's the tortoise life for me!

1. If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.
2. A whale swims all day, eats only fish, drinks water, and is fat.
3. A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years.
4. A tortoise doesn't run and does nothing, yet it lives for 450 years.

And you tell me to exercise?? I don't think so.

I'm retired. Go around me.



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN THE QUICKSILVER RIDERS!!!!

FIRST: We need your name

And then your address

And your phone number, Fax, e-mail

And then we need your money! Senior membership is \$ 25 _____

Junior (under 16 years of age) membership is \$ 15 _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Why join the Quicksilver Endurance Riders? You will have the opportunity to participate in poker rides, moonlight rides, endurance rides, trail projects as well as attend monthly meetings, the Christmas party, and the annual awards ceremony; saving the best for last, you will meet the best friends you will ever have!

How are our dues spent? Annual Yearbook/Calendar; monthly Newsletter; a representative voice in local horse politics; trail maintenance and improvement projects; year-end awards and monthly meetings.

Send your dues, checks made out to: Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.

**Mail to Membership Chairperson: Maryben Stover
1299 Sandra Drive
San Jose, CA 95125-3535
(408) 265-0839**

May your and your horse(s) have a wonderful year riding together as Quicksilver Endurance Riders!!!

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.

**Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.
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