



Quicksilver Quips

February 2013

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February President's Message

The new Quicksilver Board had a very productive and lively meeting at Trilby's on January 11th. We have very positive Board members that all have something to contribute to the club. You can read details of our meeting in the minutes and from a few of our Board members within the Quips.

Have you paid your membership dues yet for 2013? The Board has kept the individual membership dues at \$25. Last year the bylaws were amended which added a family membership. This would include 'family members residing in the same household'. The new family membership dues are \$40. An application for membership is toward the back of the Quips. Send it in to Maryben Stover (merryben@live.com).

Quicksilver has a new Facebook page. Let's everyone 'Like' our club page. Go ahead and invite as many people as you can to 'Like' us as well. You are free to post club related comments and pictures. Hillary Graham (oogabee@gmail.com) has gotten it started as our administrator. Let's make this a fun and positive outreach.

Jan Jeffers (sleeker@garlic.com) is continuing to update our website. If you have any ideas you would like to see implemented, please let Jan know.

Within the Quips there is information about CSHA membership. Are you interested in becoming a member of CSHA? Would you like to see Quicksilver become a member of CSHA? Please take a look at this and respond back to Michelle Herrera (montra7003@sbcglobal.net). Michelle will collect your response and report back to the Board.

The weather has been pretty good for riding these last few weeks so I hope everyone is getting some time on the trail.

Lori Oleson, President

QSER Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order – January 11, 2013, 7:30pm

Board Members Present: Lori Oleson, Kathy Brayton, Trilby Pederson, Peggy Davidson, Michelle Herrera, Jeanine McCrary, Hillary Graham

Guests: Maryben Stover, Thomas Frank

Committee Reports:

Membership – Not many paid memberships yet – please

Minutes (Continued on page 10)

Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.
Profit and Loss for 2012

INCOME:

DUES	\$	3435.00	
RIDE		4435.00	
TOTAL INCOME			\$ 7870.00

EXPENSES:

INSURANCE		560.00	
RIDE EXPENSES		3394.87 *	
SUPPLIES		190.38	
REFUNDS		240.00	
RENT		44.00	
WEB		264.53	
BANQUET		1328.16	
HELP		30.00	
AWARDS		50.00	
CALENDAR		1279.14	
FEES		19.00	
POSTAGE		250.97	
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$ 7651.05
NET GAIN			\$ 218.95

Quicksilver's Treasurer's Report

GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$ 5943.30
TRAILS ACCOUNT	1073.92
JUNIOR ACCOUNT	454.38

Ride Report—Fall Classic Endurance Ride

RIDE ENTRIES	\$ 4435.00	
EXPENSES	3052.52	*includes late-coming expenses
NET GAIN	<u>\$ 1382.48</u>	

Submitted by Treasurer Trilby Pederson

Quicksilver Annual Awards Dinner

Hi all, I hope you all will make it to the awards banquet this year on Saturday, February 16th, 6:00 PM at the Santa Clara County Horsemen's hall 20350 McKean Road, San Jose, CA 95120.

I would appreciate a RSVP for a food count. A donation of \$7 towards the food would be appreciated to offset the cost. We are serving homemade Italian sauce with pasta, salad, and dessert; basic cocktails, which you can add to your RSVP in case you need more of a variety, will be available for purchase.

I am also collecting data for an Endurance News article I am writing about "Who's Who" Quicksilver members as ride managers, members who have set records with AERC, etc. Your contributions would be appreciated. This club has a very high number of members' achievements recognized by the AERC; the one thing perhaps not realized is these high achievers all came from the same club.

Mary Anderson horsemileage@hotmail.com Chair, organizing committee

See Pete Run, An Excursion to Dubai

by Judith Ogus

In my last article about San Juan Bautista resident, Becky Hart, and her horse, No Repeat (Pete) I wrote that Becky had sold Pete at the 2012 World Championship in England to Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum of Dubai. At the beginning of January 2013, she was invited to ride Pete in the Sheikh's 100 mile race on January 19th, and I was invited to come and crew.

Dubai Diary

We arrive in Dubai at 7:30 PM on January 17th, are met by a private chauffeur and driven to the luxurious Meydan Hotel, a structure that wraps around one side of a race track so that every room has a view of the finish line.

On our way to the Sheikh's stables the next morning, we drive by the futuristic skyline of Dubai. Burj Kalifah - the tallest building in the world, pierces the sky with its needle-like apex. About twenty minutes later we are in the desert, passing strings of small camels being lead to the market and race track. Dubai is a remarkable place, once populated by nomads, it rose to eminence after the discovery of oil in the 1960's and thanks to the forward thinking of Sheikh Mohammed's forbears, who started as pearl merchants, became oil magnates and began to industrialize and develop the emirate. Sheikh Mohammed continues in this path. He is not only active in the economy and politics of the region, but also founded Emirates Airline, writes poetry, hunts, and owns over 5,000 race and endurance horses. He has ridden since he was a child. His love for equine sports has made the United Arab Emirates an international hub for endurance racing. He attracts and hires people from all over the world to improve the training and veterinary care of his horses and sponsors many races all over the world. Juma Pontidachs, a Spaniard, is one of his top trainers. He began his career in the early 90's when Becky was reigning world champion. He admired her and her horse Rio from afar at the Barcelona World Championship in 1992. His wife, Maria Alvarez Ponton, is a two time endurance world champion and rides for Spain. Working for the Sheikh is a delicate balance for the couple. Recently the Sheikh triumphed at the World Championship in England on a horse Juma trained.

When we arrive at the stable Juma drives us by the large paddock Pete shares with several other horses. Dubai is sunny almost year-round, with daytime temperatures ranging from 70° during the winter to 130° during the summer. Pete's dark bay coat is bleached and mottled. He drops and rolls from one side to another. "There is a story that this is the sign of a fast horse," says Juma. "We have the same myth," I say - that "a horse who rolls all the way over is a superior athlete." We only have time to view Pete from a distance. Juma wants to go to the race site to measure the loops for mileage accuracy. He has heard that a couple of them might be short, in which case he will modify the race strategy for the horses. We follow the markings, Juma scrutinizes his GPS, and affirms that the loops are accurate after all. We have a quick lunch with Juma's motley international staff of riders and crew people. They converse in Spanish, French, English and Arabic - English being the one common language.

Then we are off to the impressive Endurance Village again for the weighing in. Endurance in Dubai is a very different affair from its humble companion sport in America. In the states, ride sites are temporary installations at county, state or national parks, on BLM or private lands. Check-in will usually consist of a folding table or someone's horse trailer. The ride start and finish will be designated with white powder across the trail, the vet checks with construction tape slung from one plastic stake to another. Dubai's Endurance village has permanent structures. There are electronic timers and LED displays to show the horses' pulses as they pass the recovery gates. The area between the rows of in-timing and recovery booths is irrigated and grassy. This is where horses are cooled with buckets of water to bring their pulses down to criteria. Around the perimeter of all of this are shaded individual crewing bays for each team. This is where horses and riders rest before going back out on the trail.

When we arrive, the grooms are leading the horses to warm them up for the test ride. We get a brief glimpse of Pete as he cycles past us. His face is blank. The sparkle in his eye is missing. He marches by as though brain washed into mindless labor. I am shocked by his blank affect, then wonder how much I am perceiving correctly. I don't know. He is obedient, doing exactly what is asked of him. It is time to saddle and mount. He comes to life as Becky's weight settles into place. One thing is clear. He is no longer the spoiled horse he was in our care. His treatment here is matter of fact. He has no expectations of being singled out for his unique funny personality.

Becky finishes the 3 kilometer test ride performed just as she will the following day - in a group of three closely clustered horses. She will ride behind Giordo, a Spanish rider, and Julian, a French rider, both of whom ride for Juma. Next she has to weigh in. The groom exchanges her tack for the style that Juma uses on all his horses - streamlined to come off instantly and speed up recovery times. The head groom says not to worry, we will take up an extra pad for more weight. She just makes weight at 75.8 kg. 75 kg or 165 lbs. are required. We are free for the rest of the day. Dr. Jim Bryant, a Canadian and American vet whom we have known for years, now works for the Sheikh. He lives in town, takes us back to the hotel, and will return us to the start the next day.

We arrive at Endurance Village at 6 AM for the 7 AM start. The grooms are warming up the horses. Juma advises Becky that her group will ride at the back of the pack. Pete had come in 6th at his first 50 mile race in Dubai and was training well, but his ability to complete 100 miles in sand was uncertain. Before the race starts, I jump in the truck that will follow Becky's triumvirate. The four crew members squeeze into the back seat and I sit in front with the Muslim driver. He wears a long tunic, his head turban wrapped with a red and white keffiyeh. The bed of the truck is packed with two large ice chests, each filled with one liter water bottles.

We take off, paralleling the riders in absolute mayhem. The front runners canter off in a cloud of dust. There are 130 horses and nearly as many vehicles zooming up and down the dunes. Now and then one gets stuck in deep sand. One trick is to lower the air pressure in the tires to get more traction. Our driver is skillful. We weave in and out of other vehicles, leap frog our riders. Once ahead of them, we jump out, spread ourselves along the trail, and hold up water bottles which the riders snatch as they go cantering by. They pour the water over their horses, throw down the bottle and reach for the next one. We try to offer each rider 3 bottles at every stop. All the horses are cantering and will do so for the entirety of the race, otherwise they are not even in the running. I shoot photos and short video clips with my iPhone. The first loop of the race is an absolute thrill. The sun rises over the desert along with a curtain of dust thrown up by the horses hooves and careening vehicles. Riders wear kerchiefs over their noses and mouths. We pull over to service them every quarter mile or so. We run out of water and have to call for a truck to meet us on the trail and refill our supply (cell phones are a big asset to the sport.) The first loop is 25 miles. Becky and Pete look good when they reach the vet gate. Becky jumps off, the crew takes Pete and they disappear through the gauntlet of water buckets, toward the recovery gate. Pete and one of his trail mates out-recover many horses. Giordo gets a penalty for presenting with a pulse above 64. The horses and riders rest for 40 minutes. Becky and Pete leave for the second loop leading the way because Julian's horse is out of control. Becky wonders if she can manage Pete. Each time she grabs a bottle, she can only hold him with one hand, and he surges forward. We have a new driver for the second loop. I begin to understand that the drivers are hired en masse and whoever is available to leave on a loop is the driver you go with. We sail over the top of a dune and come crashing down on the other side. I scream, and everyone in the cars laughs.

The second loop goes as well as the first for Pete and Becky. At the vet check, I make sure Becky has everything she needs - food, water, Advil, clean socks. I show the crew where Pete's extra tack is - a girth that is not covered with sand, a fresh saddle pad. Becky and Julian take off for the third loop - 20.6 miles. They have already gone about forty seven miles. We take off with yet a third driver. Now the desert is scattered with horses who are withdrawing out on the trail. I see one who is terribly lame. Others stand without their saddles, waiting to be picked up by a trailer. After about the third time we stop for the riders, Becky says Pete is tired, he no longer wants to lead. Julian pulls in front and begins to leave Pete behind. The head crew person calls Juma. He tells us to separate, find another truck to follow Becky and send this one on with Julian. Pete canters where ever the road is hard packed, but he walks in the deep sand. Becky does not push him. He has only been in the desert for three months. He needs a year to truly acclimate to the challenges of the desert. He completes the loop but takes longer to recover. He passes the vet check. Becky consults with Dr. Bryant and says she wants to withdraw. He agrees that this is the best decision. By the last eleven mile loop, only two of Juma's horses are still in the race. He invites us to get in his car to watch the front runners. Now we are truly in a melee. The trucks following the front runners are as reckless as bumper cars, whipping around each other with near misses. Two grey horses race for first place. We barely squeeze between two vehicles as we careen through deep sand. I gasp. Juma yells at me to watch the horses not the trucks. As the horses approach the gate, one starts to drop back. These last kilometers really challenge the horses' fitness. One just has to hope that the horses will give up before reaching a point that is life-threatening. As soon as Juma sees who is winning, he whips the car around to intercept the third place contenders. There are two bays and a chestnut vying for the bronze metal. When we reach them, we whip into another 180° turn and follow along. One of the bays gives up about 2 kilometers out. The chestnut is a big powerful gelding with a huge stride and it looks like he will win. But in the end, it is the bay mare who has more stamina. The chestnut gives up about half a kilometer out. When one stops to think that these horses have been going for nearly 100 miles, it is hard to believe that they have any reserves left to push for the final win. Some do, most do not. A world record of 100 miles in 6 hours and one minute is set that day.

Juma drops us off and we go back to our crewing bay to rest until Dr. Bryant is done with his treatment protocol for the thirteen horses in his care. Each one gets IV fluids and DMSO which will help them recover from the rigors of the race. We drive back with Dr. Bryant to the stable to say goodbye to Pete. He is in a large box stall, legs wrapped, eating away, content, still with a blank affect. Dr. Bryant checks all his vital signs, has a groom trot him out down the aisle of the barn. He is perfectly sound, has a normal heart rate and good gut sounds. The race will serve as a good training ride for him, prepare him better for his next venture out. Dr. Bryant promises us that he will keep an eye on Pete's welfare and will communicate with us about his future career. However, things change frequently at the Sheikh's barn. Pete could be moved to another trainer or sold, in which case we will lose track of him.

When I think about our relationship with animals, I cannot help wondering how much of the expression of their personalities is 1) a projection of our own 2) a reflection of our own, or 3) whether happiness for an animal like Pete can really be measured. Is there anyway to know whether he was happier here with us, here where he pulled wood out of the

water troughs, knocked over his food dish, raced around with his pasture mates, where his eyes shone with mischief and apparent delight. He has always loved to go fast, pulled so hard that Becky used to use a bit with 5 inch shanks to hold him back. Maybe he is content in this new environment, where he races, one among many, for a distant master.



CALIFORNIA STATE HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC.

The California State Horsemen's Association, Inc., was founded in October of 1941, just two months before the attack on Pearl Harbor. Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association hosted a meeting in San Jose for Representatives of all of California's Riding Clubs and Associations with the purpose of forming a State federation of Horsemen's Association for legislative strength, so as to preserve equestrian riding and camping facilities within publicly controlled Forest and Parks. With the Declaration of World War II upon them and gas rationing a fact, there was not too much done about plans for the new organization and it remained in the back pasture for several weeks.

In early 1942, a small convention was held at the De Anza Hotel in San Jose. The Honorable Edward M. Fellows, from Morgan Hill, was elected the first President of CSHA. He was also an Attorney and Justice of the Peace. Judge Fellows helped establish the first bylaws of CSHA. Since the first elected CSHA President there have been Supreme Court Justices, Judges, Lawyers, Doctors, Mayors, City Councilmen, & Authors who have held the title of President of California State Horsemen's Association. In 1965 our first female to hold elective office was Ms. Denzil Gallaher; as she was elected as Vice President. The first woman to hold the office of president of CSHA was Nadette Raymond in 2003.

The first member clubs were as follows: Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association, Sonoma County Riding and Driving Club, Sonoma Cavaliers, Sonoma County Trail Blazers, Santa Cruz County Horsemen's Association, Sacramento County Horsemen's Association, Sacramento County Mounted Sheriff's Posse, San Francisco Horsemen's Association.

These clubs were referred to as the "Eight S's" and were the foundation of this new statewide organization whose sole purpose was to serve the horsemen of California. CSHA was incorporated on March 3, 1942. There are twenty geographical regions. The Regions are within three areas; Northern, Central, and Southern California. CSHA represents the pleasure horse industry and pleasure horse owners.

In 1946 CSHA founder and life member George H. Cardinet, Jr., a.k.a. "the Father of the California Trail System", is credited with having mapped and routed more than 200 miles of trails throughout the East Bay region. In 1968 he was invited by President Johnson to the signing of the National Trails Systems Act at the White House to recognize him for his accomplishments.

The first CSHA Program Committee to be formed was the Equestrian Trails Patrol program (ETP). The primary purpose for this program was to create a friendly relationship with both the State Park and local officials by being an extra set of eyes and ears reporting conditions of the trails, especially after stormy weather, as well as admonishing other equestrian trail users on being aware of the State trail rules. The Program today is still very active in several Regions, some as individual riders while others are groups designated as volunteers as State Park assistants.

One of the important organizers of the ETP was CSHA Past President George Dean, who was also a member of San Mateo Horsemen's Association. In 1967 he with others went to Sacramento and presented the Governor, who was an avid horseman, with an honorary membership in CSHA and also an Equestrian Trails Patrol membership. The Governor would later become the 40th President of the United States, Ronald Reagan.

In 1970, California State Horsemen's Association decided it needed to have a program to encourage youth representation of the organization and have a 'face' for CSHA. This program would also be to help our young ladies be prepared to compete in Rodeo Queen competitions. This program would help young ladies learn the ways and traditions of the Queen competitions that were considered the next step onto a State and National level of horse and Rodeo traditions for girls. This was considered the next logical program for CSHA as we have always been a horse Association whose existence counted on the youth, our next generations to carry us forward.

Barbara Bolund, stepped forward to take charge of this



program. She insisted on very high standards. For those that earned a title to represent their region as Miss CSHA Barbara had seminars for them to attend and learn rules, etiquette, and of course class. The candidates compete in a riding pattern that is judged on equitation, they perform a speech from memory, they are interviewed by 2 to 3 adults on their own, and also take a written test on horses, etiquette and CSHA facts. Barbara wanted for others to respect and look to our Association's Royalty program. In 1975 CSHA held its first Royalty competition for girls ages 14-17 and it was won by Barbara Nargana. Almost twenty years later the program expanded to include the Ambassador program for boys. In 1997 the Junior Miss CSHA and Junior CSHA Ambassador category for ages 11-13 was added to the program to help introduce more kids to the Miss and Ambassador Program.

The 2006 program Chairwoman Carol Grey added the Little Miss CSHA and Little CSHA Ambassador category so that girls and boys ages 6 to 10 could also participate in this program that teaches speech, horsemanship, poise and confidence. These kids are prepared for anything life has to offer and often garner many scholarships through CSHA and other organizations along the way. They represent at meetings with government officials, federal, state and local, attend CSHA monthly Region and State Quarterly meetings. Participate in parades, Open Gymkhanas and Rodeos with Queen and Ambassador runs, attend awards ceremonies for other programs, and work at fund raisers. The 2012 CSHA Senior Ambassador, Samuel Cunningham, led the 2012 National Day of Prayer. Your club is in CSHA Region 6 and your 2013 president is Linda Jacobson; if you are interested in this program please contact her for information on competing in Royalty at your region level to qualify for state finals in October: LuckyJRanch1@aol.com or 831-630-3028.

A CSHA Endurance Riding committee was started in 1971 when CSHA recognized the importance of horsemanship in distance riding. The CSHA Endurance program points are calculated from American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) Sanctioned Events Results. Participants are awarded Gist Silversmith silver buckles for Champion High Point in each weight division. There are also awards for 2nd through 5th and for top three in Limited Distance. All participants receive a participation award. The program also holds fund raisers and donates to the AERC trail fund, Royalty scholarships and trail projects. CSHA Endurance is also a official 2013 Silver Level Sponsor of the AERC, the CSHA Endurance program has the honor of sponsoring buckles for the champion husband and wife team who earn the Bob and Julie Suhr award in 2012 and 2013. The program fee is \$20.00 for families and \$12.50 per individual each year. Applications available at the CSHA website. Online sign ups available soon. More info: 2013 Chairwoman Audra Homicz, dogwoodspringsfarm@yahoo.com.

The Trail Riders Awards Program (TRAP) was established in 1988 to recognize and honor the trail rider who is the foundation of CSHA and to encourage the use of riding and hiking trails by the members of CSHA. Riders keep track of the number of hours they trail ride and work on trails and send a copy of the log to the program chair Marie Grisham, cshatrap@yahoo.com. Participants receive chevrons and plaques as they accumulate hours. A buckle is awarded at 5000 hours. The program is \$15.00 per individual each year. You can sign up online at the CSHA Website.

There are also programs available for Western and English Showing and Jumping, Trail Trials, Cutting, Reining, Ranch Versatility, Drill Team, Parading, Horsemastership, State Patrol and more. You must be a member of CSHA as a Club or individual or family to be able to sign up for CSHA Programs.

CSHA is a non profit 501(c)(3) corporation and donates funds to trails, equine health research, and provides scholarships through our charitable trust.

Above photos: Show Of Champions 2012, Top: State Royalty Competition Right: Gymkhana State finals riders, sisters on their Quarter Pony and Mustang.



CSHA Mission Statement:

Among the many benefits membership in CSHA includes, on a very large scale, is providing for a stronger, more united pleasure horse industry, to meet the challenges of local, state, and national legislative issues important to each and every horse owner. CSHA's objectives are 1) To encourage and promote humane equine activities, both competitive and recreational, for youth and adults: horse shows, trail trials, gymkhanas, parades, horsemastership, drill team, stock competitions, trail rides, endurance; 2) to cultivate respect for the horse and good sportsmanship in equine activities; 3) to encourage and support the acquisition, construction, maintenance, supervision, preservation and access to equestrian trails on public and private lands; 4) to encourage and support construction and maintenance of horse campgrounds and facilities; 5) to educate members about appropriate horse husbandry practices, health and safety measures; 6) to award scholarships to outstanding competitors and to provide monetary contributions to worthy equine charitable organizations; 7) to encourage participation at state and local government levels to preserve equestrian traditions and to safeguard the equine community against policies that adversely impact its well being.

We hope that your club's membership will consider the benefits of being involved in the programs that interest them.

If your club has over 250 members they would only pay the maximum amount due for membership which is \$500.00 (instead of \$3.50 per member, which would total \$1225.00 for 350 members).

Members can also sign up as individuals for \$35.00 or \$40.00 for families. If enough families or individuals are interested in joining CSHA to participate in the CSHA programs like Endurance, or TRAP etc... they could consider donating what they would otherwise spend on individual/family memberships to your club so that all club members could be eligible for CSHA programs. It would take only 14 members at \$35.00 each to tally up past the \$500.00. Another way to cover the \$500.00 is asking members if they would want to add \$1.50 to membership dues. This would raise over \$500 from membership of 350.

CSHA also has Insurance available for CSHA clubs that is often better than what clubs can receive on their own.

Thank you for your interest in our organization and we would appreciate your club joining us to become part of future the history of CSHA.

Upcoming CSHA Events in the Bay Area:

CSHA Day at the Races at Bay Meadows. April 13, 2013 For more information and tickets. Contact Suzan Cunningham at: suzan_l_cunningham@comcast.net or 209-239-4485

CSHA State Show Of Champions. 2013 State finals for English/Western, Royalty, Gymkhana and Horsemastership in October at the Santa Cruz County fairgrounds in Watsonville. See website for information as date gets closer. Spectators are welcome at no charge.



Above: Royalty Color guard 2012 Convention
Right: Miss CSHA and JR Miss CSHA 2012



Go to www.californiastatehorsemen.com for more information about CSHA programs and history.

Dear QSER members—please reply to me, Michelle Herrera, if you are interested.
I am trying to take a survey of who may want to participate in the CSHA endurance program.
montra7003@sbcglobal.net

News Notes

Holiday report!

The horses are fine, the horses are fine and good, and I am thankful! They really enrich my life, how lucky I am to have them.

I think every day, how lucky I am to live in a free country and be able to go anywhere I please without restriction; so much of the world doesn't have this. I feel happy we are on the road to recovery economically - though the pace could quicken on that and I wouldn't mind - and we have survived the last few years' upheaval though all of us have felt its impact, most have had to struggle to figure out a new career or job option - so that we can still buy hay, pay for shots, special treatments, and go to rides! My rescue horse, kitties and dog all remind me of how lucky we are - and how they have repaid me. My friends have been there for me whenever I have needed them, and I for them, how remarkable that is. We have so much to celebrate with this luck and good times, and the spirit of our QS togetherness is really a great thing in our lives. Let's celebrate our good fortune, and the good times - adventures (read: when we come off our horses) this year and help each other out with good friendship, support and generosity. Looking forward to seeing you on the trail - hopefully you'll make it to Coe, my favorite park, and we'll ride our youngsters or our wise professionals together. Whatever happens, we'll always see the world through their eyes.

Cathy Kauer, Sang and Rafa

(Editor's note: This article came to me after the January issue was published)



**L—Rafa and me,
Harvey Bear Ranch**



R—Sang at home

Quips is on Facebook !

Hello, fellow QSER members! I started a Facebook page for the club last week, and have been steadily figuring out how to add to it! I have added a number of you, but would like to invite every club member to search "Quicksilver Endurance Riders" and request to be added! I have added a description of the club/mission statement, and would welcome any additions that you may have. I will also upload the Quips to the page each month, so that you can easily download it by clicking a link. This way, maybe non-club members that may be interested in the club can take a look at the Quips as well. I am also able to create events on the page, including our Awards Banquet coming up on February 16.

Feel free to RSVP on the page and post any questions/comments on the event page! I will be creating an event page for our endurance ride this year as well, and hopefully it will help us spread the word about the ride to all the endurance riders on Facebook. My next step is to start scanning some pictures of our club members onto the page. I am going to try to make it so that members of the group can add pictures of themselves and their horses, as well. Also feel free to post any horse jokes/cartoons/pictures! This way it will become an interactive group, which is always good! Anyway, I appreciate any and all feedback or ideas about how to continue developing the page! Thank you!

Hillary Graham

Minutes (Continued from page 1)

send in your membership dues for 2013.

Newsletter – Barbara is doing a great job – everyone really enjoys reading the Quips. Please let her know when your classified ad needs to be removed! Also, please send in some stories and/or ride reports – Barbara appreciates more content from members.

Technical (website) – Need to update the information on the site – photos, stories. Any ideas to change it? Does the club like the way it looks? All the information currently on it is very old. Need new photos, stories (just like the newsletter.) Please help us update it with any suggestions.

Goodwill – Cards sent to Debbie Boscoe, Dave Rabe and Kathy Brunje's husband.

Awards – Julie Suhr is donating 5-6 original QSER buckles back to club for awards. We will be awarding them at our Fall Ride to the winners of 1st place, BC and 1st Junior. Trilby has extra QSER awards that she found in storage – we can use them at our Fall ride.

Banquet – Will be held at the Santa Clara County Horseman's on McKean Road (20350 McKean Road San Jose) on Saturday Feb 16 at 6:00 PM. Mary would like an RSVP for a food count. Her family is cooking the meal which will be pasta, salad, and dessert. A donation of \$7.00/meal would be appreciated to offset the cost. Basic cocktails will be available for purchase.

Fall Ride - The QSER FALL RIDE has been sanctioned for October 5th at Harvey Bear Park. We still need a ride manager.

Unfinished Business

Membership dues for 2013 will be \$25.00/individual and \$40.00/family
Diane Enderle's request for ½ price ride entry to be extended for 2013

New Business

QS Facebook page – Hillary is working hard on it. We all need to "like" it from our Facebook pages! She will let us know when it is done.
Club CSHA membership – Michelle will provide an article for us in the Quips that will describe the benefits of a membership for us.

Announcements

April meeting will be **Wednesday, April 17th** 6pm at Tony & Albas in Scott's Valley—226 Mt Hermon Rd. Michelle will reserve a room for us.

June meeting will be **Saturday, June 15th** and will be a Potluck/ Ride with Games on Horseback at Calero Park.

Trilby is going to talk to June Mathewson (an Arabian horse breeder in the Almaden Valley) about giving a talk to us at one of our meetings.

Adjournment : 8:45pm

Peggy Davidson, Secretary

Book Review

Being subdued by a cold, I re-read some books I have enjoyed in the past. The most poignant was Beryl Markham's *West With The Night*. Taken to Kenya as a four-year-old, in her teens she became a renowned horse trainer. Most QS members can relate to the connection she feels with the individual horses that she describes in detail.

While the book does not focus exclusively on this part of her life, as do several of her other stories, there are more chapters about her years as a pilot and her final victorious flight from England to North America which brought her world fame, but ended ingloriously in a Nova Scotia bog.

Beautifully written, there are many who feel it was ghost written. They do not feel she had the education or command of the language to have been the true author. I choose to believe that the stories were factual, but the talent to be able to put the wonderful and exquisite flow of words together perhaps had assistance.

Regardless of who wrote it, it is eloquent prose and the insights into the world of Kenya in the 1930's is sure to challenge the adventurous spirit inherent in other Quicksilver endurance riders. It is a great read.

Julie Suhr



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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

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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!



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"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

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.

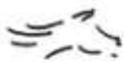
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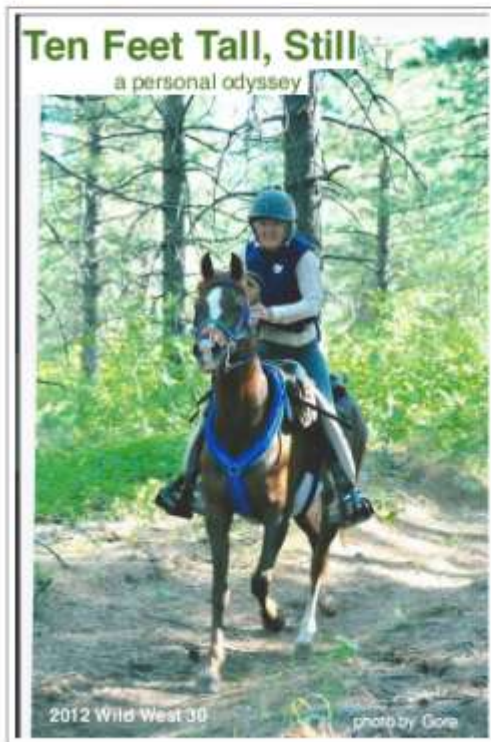


BOOKS ARE THE PERFECT GIFT!



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

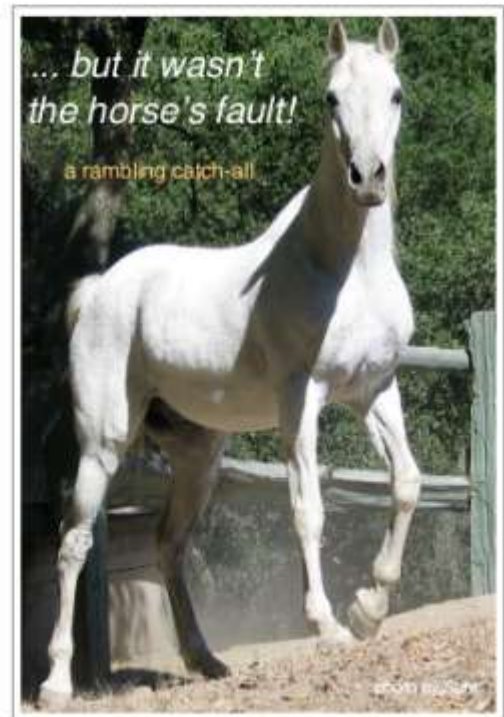


by
Julie Suhr

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



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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 \$275**

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**

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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

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Beautiful CMK Chestnut Mare out of Gulstras Splash and CR Farlastra.

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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.

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Please call 510-559-7889.



Humor and Birthdays



Travel Plans for 2013-2014

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

I may have been in Continent, and I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there. Also some bad odors.

PLEASE DO YOUR PART!

Today is one of the many National Mental Health Days throughout the year. You can do your bit by remembering to send an e-mail to at least one unstable person. My job is done!

Life is too short for negative drama and petty things. So laugh insanely, love truly and forgive quickly!

I hope everyone is happy in your head - we're all doing pretty well in mine!

Thanks to one of my many friends with a goofy sense of humor



Happy February Birthday to our Quicksilver Members and Endurance Friends

Hillorie Bachmann	6
Hillary Graham	8
Alec Berntsen	9
Ken Cook	9
Becky Hart	12
Laney Humphrey	12
Katelin McClarney	20
Steve Lenheim	21
Chuck Kessinger, DVM	26
Maryben Stover	26
Cynthia LeDoux	26
Bruce Weary	26
Katie Holder	26

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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 _____

Family membership is \$ 40 _____

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!!!

Remer-1975-2013

Judy Barr's horse Remer died on January 12th. Judy is a long-time member of QSER. Remer's last race was in 1991. That is not a misprint. Remer was 38 years old. He lived most of his life with Judy and I know she will miss him greatly.

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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