



Quicksilver Quips

February 2014

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February 2014 – *President's Message*

The 2014 Quicksilver Board met in January and had a very productive—and at times—intense meeting. We started by choosing Board assignments. I will continue as President for another year and Kathy Brayton will continue as Vice-President. Hillary Graham will be Secretary and Maryben will be Treasurer. The remaining three Board members are Jeanine McCrary, Elisabet Hiatt and Barb Granter.

You can find all the details of our meeting on page 2-3 of the Quips. A lot was discussed, so please take a look. It is your club. If have any comments or suggestions on what we are doing, we need to know.

Melissa Broquard (mhbroquard@gmail.com) is managing our QS website and is looking for input and assistance on changing the whole look. She needs a creative type person to step forward. This could be a very fun project, with results that can be seen on a wide scale.

Have you paid your membership dues yet for 2013? Dues continue to be very affordable for individuals and families. An application for membership is toward the back of the Quips. Send it in to Maryben Stover, 1299 Sandra Drive, San Jose, CA 95125.

Our Facebook page continues to get a moderate amount of traffic. When you go to rides, post some pictures and a quick comment if you can. It is fun for us left at home to see the trail or camp. If you need help, Hillary Graham (oogabee@gmail.com) would be happy to assist you.

Our Awards Banquet is right around the corner on February 15th. It will be back at the Harry's Hoffbrau (390 Saratoga Ave., San Jose). Plan to be there on or before 6:00pm to have dinner. Mary Anderson (horsemileage@hotmail.com) would like to start the Awards part of the Banquet at 6:45pm. In case you want to come really early, the Board will be meeting at 5:00pm.

The weather continues to be bright, warm and clear. I love the riding conditions but I hope everyone is praying for rain.

Lori

Board Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2014

Present: K. Brayton, E. Hiatt, B. Granter, L. Oleson, H. Graham, J. McCrary, T. Pederson, M. Stober

Lori called the meeting to order at 7:45pm.

New Board Introduction and Position Assignments

Votes and nominations were confirmed and the 2014 Board is as follows:

Treasurer – Maryben
Elisabet – Board
Barb – Board
Lori – President
Kathy – Vice President
Janine – Board
Hillary – Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Will be put in the Quips. The club has a \$2900 net gain for the year 2013.

Committee Reports

*Membership

- Don't forget to renew your membership for 2014! Make your check for \$25 to QSER and send to Maryben!
- A motion was made and passed to make Chuck Kessinger and his wife honorary members of the club. They have done a lot for us.

*Technical

- Melissa has been making good progress on the website. Lori has asked her if she needs anything and she does want some guidance about the next steps. Maybe we can ask Judith for some artistic input?
- Hillary will continue to monitor the Facebook page. An event page was made for the Awards Banquet, so go and RSVP! Also keep contributing stories and pictures and postings.
- Everyone was reminded to send pictures to Judith and year-end ride paperwork to Jayne Perryman.

*Awards Banquet

- Jayne has been creating an Excel spreadsheet for year-end points.
- The check was not sent to Harry's so Mary is paying the deposit. The club will reimburse her. People should arrive by 6pm in order to have awards start at 6:45.

*Fall Ride

- Peggy will be the ride manager again. Go Peggy! The date is October 11, 2014. Bear Ranch has been reserved, the ride has been sanctioned, a message has been left for Chuck, Ann Wimmer has been hired as a vet, Melissa may be the third vet. QSER has paid Chuck's AERC membership for 2014.

New Business

* Retaining club members has been a big issue for the club. We need to reach out to newer members so they feel welcome. This could be in the form of phone calls, e-mails, invitations to meetings, riding together, etc. The club seems to lose as many members as it brings in. The idea of a New Member Committee was discussed. Its purpose would be to make newer members (members for three years or less) feel welcome. Jill Kilty-Newburn has expressed interest in being on such a committee. We will reach out to newer members and invite them to the Awards Banquet. It might be a good idea to make a checklist of steps to take with new members to make them feel included.

* Meetings for the Year (Tentative)

- February 15 – Awards Banquet at Harry's Hofbrau. The board will meet at 5:00pm beforehand.
- April 16 – Tony and Alba's in Scotts Valley (meet at 6, meeting at 7)
- June 7 – Ride and potluck and meeting at Bear Ranch
- August 2 or 23 – Ride and potluck and meeting at the Santa Cruz Horsemen's

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October 18 – Ride and potluck and meeting at Calero
December 12 – Christmas Party at Almaden Community Center

- * Should we give to other non-profits from proceeds from the Fall Classic (Tevis, Dreampower, Research, **etc.**)?
 - We need to find a way to work with the rangers and parks in order to figure out what they need money for and see how we can best use that to our advantage politically (multi-use trails, bicycles, etc.). This would create a co-beneficial relationship with the parks that could benefit us going forwards.
 - A scholarship for one of the kids at Dreampower was discussed.
 - Donations need to get the club name out there and market us as a fun-loving, generous organization that is involved in the community in a positive way.

- * Our next Board meeting is February 15th at Harry's Hofbrau before the Awards Banquet starts. This will be at 5:00pm.

Additional Agenda Items

* Trilby requested that the Board amend the bylaws in regards to term limits on the Treasurer position. This would have required the board to change the three limit rule in the bylaws. A discussion ensued and a motion was not made to change the bylaws. The board also discussed the possibility and history of an audit. Has the club ever been audited? We also discussed increased transparency when it comes to finances. The tax return, for example, should be in the quips.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15pm.

- The importance of retaining club members was discussed. We have to reach out to newer members so that they feel welcome. This may be in the form of phone calls, e-mails, invitations to meetings, riding together, etc. It seems that Quicksilver loses as many members as it brings in. The idea of a New Member Committee was discussed. Its purpose would be to make newer members (members for three years or less) feel welcome. Jill Kilty-Newburn has expressed interest in being on such a committee. We will reach out to newer members and invite them to the Awards Banquet. It might also be a good idea to make a checklist of steps that we take to follow up with new members and make them feel included. This is a necessary topic to consider if we want the club to thrive going forward. ■

Hillary Graham, Secretary

Obituary

Carolyn Goulding, Dr. Bob Goulding's youngest daughter, reported on January 14th that her father had passed away.

Many of us remember him from Pioneer rides—Dave Nicholson's earliest XP rides and Lavonne Booth's Applegate-Lassen rides. He was a part of endurance riding in earlier, simpler days, and he will be missed by those of us who rode under his watchful eye. Rest in Peace, Bob.

Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.

Profit & Loss Statement
Ending December 11, 2013

INCOME: DUES & RIDE ENTRIES **\$ 12,899.00**

EXPENSES:

RENT	\$ 444.00
FEE-TAX	30.00
CALENDAR	2,180.72
EVENTS	285.00
VET/RIDE	900.00
GIFT	100.00
FOOD	1,590.54
LABOR	25.00
POSTAGE	229.37
AWARDS	1,104.70
SERVICE CHARGES	40.00
INSURANCE	520.00
RIDE EXPENSES	2,030.59
SUPPLIES	820.24
DONATIONS	290.00

TOTAL EXPENSES **10,590.16**

NET GAIN **\$ 2,308.84**

Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.

Treasurer's Report
As of January 10, 2014

JUNIOR ACCOUNT	\$ 454.38
TRAILS ACCOUNT	1,074.04
GENERAL ACCOUNT	7,666.50

Submitted by Trilby Pederson

Quicksilver Endurance Riders Awards Banquet
February 15, 2014 ***Harry's Hoffbrau***

Is the Awards Banquet on your calendar? We will meet at Harry's Hoffbrau (390 Saratoga Ave., San Jose). Dinner will be at 6:00 with the awards starting around 6:45.

There will be a Board meeting starting at 5:00.

Calendar/Yearbooks will be handed out after the prestigious awards are handed out. Come and find out who will be awarded HOF, Horse of the Year and Eleanor Norton in 2014.

The Equine Mind: Top 10 Things to Know

By Erica Larson, News Editor,
The Horse magazine

"Why does he do that?" "What is she so scared of ... there's nothing there!" Most—if not all—horse owners have been there and asked those questions. Even though we don't always understand equine behavior, there's got to be a reason behind it, right? Absolutely. Horses' behaviors date back to equine evolution, and horse owners greatly benefit from an understanding what goes on in a horse's brain, according to one veterinarian. At the 2012 Western Veterinary Conference, held Feb. 19-23 in Las Vegas, Nev., Robert Miller, DVM, a former equine practitioner from Thousand Oaks, Calif., relayed the top 10 things horse owners, caretakers, and riders should understand about how the equine mind functions.

"There are 10 genetically predetermined behavioral qualities unique to the horse that have been established by natural selection over the 50 million-year period during which the horse evolved," Miller began. "Failure to understand these qualities makes it impossible to have optimum communication with horses."

1. **Flight**—"We tend to attribute the flightiness of a horse as stupidity," Miller said, but when horses spook and run from things, it's simply their innate instincts kicking in. He explained that unlike the majority of prey animals that depend on horns, tusks, or antlers for defense, the only mechanism horses are armed with—their "life-saving" behavior—is the ability to run. The following nine qualities, Miller said, stem from the horse's flight response.
2. **Perception**—"The horse is the most perceptive of all domestic animals," Miller said, adding that this quality allowed for the quick detection and escape from predators in the wild. He gave examples using the five senses:
 - **Smell**—Miller said horses have an "excellent" sense of smell.
 - **Hearing**—"The horse's range of hearing is far beyond that of a human ear," he said. Additionally, he noted, the ears swivel, giving the horse the ability to pinpoint where sounds originate. This was critical for survival in the wild.
 - **Touch**—"A horse's sense of touch is extremely delicate," Miller said, which is why an ill-placed saddle pad or a single fly can cause extreme irritation. "The sense we have in our fingertips is what the horse has all over his body."
 - **Taste**—Ever tried to sneak Bute or a new supplement into a horse's feed, only to have him turn up his nose? Horses have a very tactful sense of taste. When grazing in the wild, it's important for horses to differentiate between good grass and moldy forage.
 - **Sight**—The sense that varies most from ours is the horse's eyesight. While horses' depth perception isn't particularly strong, other factors enable them to "see things we're not even aware of," Miller said. The horse's laterally placed eyes allow for nearly 360° vision, a crucial survival mechanism for the wild equid. Additionally, Miller noted the horse has superb night vision and sees in muted, pastel colors during the day. The equine focusing system is also different from humans, he said. When a human eye transitions from focusing on close-up objects to far away objects, it takes one and a half to two seconds to adjust (Miller encouraged attendees to try it—look at something close up and then look at something far away, and try to focus on how long it takes the eyes to focus). Horses, on the other hand, make the transition seamlessly. This is because different parts of the eye have different focusing capabilities. Horses use the top portion of their eyes to see up close, which is why they often lower their heads when investigating something. The lower portion of the eye sees far away, which is why the animal will raise his head when looking at something in the distance; when the horse holds his head up high, he's considered to be in the flight position.
3. **Reaction Time**—Miller said horses might have the fastest reaction time of any domestic animal, which likely results from evolving with flight as their main defense mechanism. To illustrate the concept, Miller showed video clips of Portuguese bull fighting and cutting horses working cattle, in which attendees could clearly visualize that although the bovines made the first move, the horse always countered and arrived at the destination first. While a fast reaction time is quite useful for escaping predators, it can also be dangerous for humans working around horses. "It's important that we, who make our living with horses, expect their reaction time," Miller stressed. "If (a horse) really wants to strike or kick you, you can't get out of the way fast enough."
4. **Desensitization**—Although it's equine nature to be flighty and sometimes timid, Miller said that horses appear to be desensitized faster than any other domestic animal. "If an animal depends on flight to stay alive, and if they couldn't rapidly desensitize to things that aren't really frightening or dangerous, they'd never stop running," he explained. As long as the horse learns the frightening stimulus doesn't actually hurt them, the majority will become desensitized, he said.
5. **Learning**—Miller believes "the horse is the fastest learner of all domestic animals—including children. If you stay alive by running away, you better learn fast."
6. **Memory**—The horse's memory is infallible, Miller said. One of the best memories in the animal kingdom, he noted,

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Getting on with Equestrians

Cruising down your favorite stretch of singletrack, you alertly notice something in the trail ahead. Actually you don't have to be too alert, because this something is BIG. "Long nose, pointy ears and a person on its back," your mind calculates rapidly as your fingers automatically bring you and your rig gently to a stop. "Must be a horse."

Talking about anything that comes to mind — the weather, trail conditions, what you had for breakfast — you move off the trail (to the downhill side if possible) and stand quietly as you ask the riders if they have enough room to pass. Careful not to make any sudden movements as they approach, you continue chatting until they have passed you by. Then it's back on the bike, up to speed and back into "the zone."

It seems simple enough. Good trail etiquette and safety call for mountain bikers to yield to other users. But when that other user is a horse, some extra precautions are necessary.

Why? You could call it the nature of the beast.

The most important thing for a bicyclist to know is that a horse reverts to instinct when it is frightened. As the species developed, survival depended on a good flight response, and that instinct is never far from the surface in a horse. In short, if you spook a horse, it will try to escape. This may include a sudden turn or rearing, which could unseat a rider. The next important thing to keep in mind is that horses are big and powerful. When you go down and your bike lands on you it's usually not a big deal. Twelve hundred pounds of horse is another matter. So it's very important, for your safety and the equestrian's, that you not spook a horse. It's also important, if we are to share trails with equestrians, that we get along.

Some horses are so tame that nothing fazes them. Others will go ballistic at the slightest pretext. Most are somewhere in between. When you see a horse, assume first that it is on the flighty side. Ask the rider if it is OK around mountain bikes and if there is anything he or she needs you to do. Often, equestrians prefer voice alerts over bells — the human voice helps the horse identify the cyclist as a friendly human and not a potential threat or predator. A greeting such as "Hi! Great weather today!" is appropriate coming from in front or behind. Horses generally recognize the human voice as safe and a spoken salutation helps offset the potentially threatening appearance of a bike.

On tight single track it is best to get off your bike and let horseback riders pass. Get off on the uphill side so that the horse can't slip down on you or kick you.

You can also look for a few symptoms that will clue you in that a horse is nervous. Horses are fidgety and susceptible to other horses' behavior. If a horse is halted on a narrow trail it may not necessarily stand still, and it may lose its footing causing it to attempt to save itself from falling down a slope. This in turn will agitate other nearby horses that interpret the situation as dangerous. Some horses may try to turn around. This can be treacherous for the horseback riders.

- The first clue is the ears. Pointed ahead they are in the "alert" mode. This isn't necessarily bad. It just means the horse is paying attention. Ears laid flat back against the head mean the horse is in a nasty mood, and probably about to bite or kick. Sometimes a horse will flick its ears back and forth slowly. This means it's on mental cruise control, and possibly trying to keep flies from landing.
- A more significant clue, but one that requires being closer, is the eyes. If they are rolling and really wide open, look out. Half open, the horse is relaxed.
- There are other clear indicators of agitation. A horse that is prancing, sidestepping and snorting is obviously close to

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horses are second only to the elephant in this department.

7. **Dominance**—Equine dominance is not based on brute strength, Miller explained, which is why humans can become dominant figures in a horse's mind. He related an example of a horse herd in which an older mare is typically the boss. While these mares generally aren't in poor physical condition, they're certainly not the strongest herd member physically.
8. **Movement Control**—What horses do look for in a dominant figure is movement control. Matriarch mares, for instance, assert their dominance by either forcing or inhibiting movement, Miller said, which allows a human to step in as a dominant figure. Miller suggested a quick way for a veterinarian to assert dominance over a horse for safer examinations and treatments: Before treatment, walk the horse in a few small circles. This forces movement and asserts dominance.
9. **Body Language**—Unlike humans, who can express their feelings through words, horses rely on body language, Miller said. "If we are to be competent horse handlers we must be able to understand and mimic the body language of the horse," he explained.
10. **Precocial Birth**—Horses are born in a precocial state, meaning that shortly after birth they possess the ability to move, eat, flee, and follow, and all of their senses and neurologic functions are mature, Miller said. What does this mean for a human? Aside from providing enjoyment in watching a young foal gallop and buck excitedly around a pasture, it tells us that the horse's critical learning period takes place shortly after parturition. Thus, Miller recommends socializing and imprinting foals in the very early stages of life.

Of course, every horse is different and should be treated as an individual. That said, having a basic understanding of *why* a horse functions the way he does provides equestrians with the knowledge needed to forge a strong relationship with the animal and also stay safe when working around him. ■

Both articles submitted by Elisabet Hiatt

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coming unglued. A twitchy, swirling tail is another indicator of equine anxiety.

If you do see a horse in an agitated state, move slowly away if possible, and talk in a calm voice. Do not make any sudden moves. The rider will probably give you directions. But don't assume, if the rider says nothing, that you are being ignored. It might be that horse and rider are deep in conversation, one you can't hear because the rider is "cuing" the horse nonverbally, with subtle pressure of knee, heel, toe and reins.

Understanding horses

Horses are prey animals and have been bred only recently into large animals. In prehistoric times they were much smaller. Horses may still think they are small. Even though to us they are truly powerful and potentially dangerous animals, horses don't see themselves this way. Therefore it is erroneous to assume that a horse has confidence and a sense of security just because it is big and powerful. Small, seemingly innocuous things will spook them. When a rider is perched on the back of a scared horse, it can be a precarious situation.

Horses are farsighted, so things up close are blurry. They cannot see directly in front or behind themselves. When a bicyclist comes around a blind corner and suddenly appears within 50 ft of the horse, the horse cannot readily identify what is heading towards it. Since the horse is a prey animal it is normal behavior for it to flinch and desire to flee. Obviously this is not good for any rider on its back.

Other considerations

Remember also that just as there are beginning bicyclists, there are rookie equestrians. Just as we lose control of our bikes, some of them may not be in full control of their animals.

In the parking lot, try to be considerate of the needs of equestrians. One former riding acquaintance (and he is "former" because of this incident) pulled his car right behind a horse trailer, making it impossible for the riders to load up without moving their rig. When I pointed this out to him, he said that he had done it on purpose. I didn't say anything at the time, but never rode with him again. Today I wouldn't be so shy. I see people like that as jeopardizing my access to trails, and they deserve to be chewed out for their stupidity.

Another consideration in the parking lot is for the space a pickup and trailer needs to maneuver. Try not to crowd turnaround and parking spaces.

Getting on with equestrians is a matter of a little knowledge, consideration, common sense and awareness. And getting along with equestrians increases our chances for sharing trails, so it's well worth the effort.

But if you really want to gain an understanding of the equestrian's point of view, try riding a horse. It may not be the same feeling as gliding down a smooth stretch of singletrack, but it's a lot of fun. And the hills are definitely easier. ■

Magic

By Sandy Holder

It is one of those special days that only comes about every once in a very great while!

I'm not sure how 2013 was for you but it was pretty stressful for me. Recovering from the death of my father and my best friend the year before that, starting and ending 3 jobs in 3 years (the previous ones were all 8 – 9 year gigs), and seeing a few of my dreams shatter before my eyes. Yes, 2013 was a pretty tough year...and now we are "here", at the beginning of a new and beautiful year (I am in my friends opinions, 110% optimistic all the time), looking forward to what the New Year will bring! And the year truly is starting out so much better than the previous ones, for today, January 4th, we are riding in a completely magical world!

The end of 2013 had been almost as tough as the previous 2 years, what with facing the reality that my "Little Big Man", a horse I had taken from a 10 year old, untouched stallion, to a Tevis capable horse in less than a dozen years, being completely "done" with any form of distance riding. Having invested so much emotionally and financially over the years into American Justice, it was shocking how suddenly a horse that had courageously accomplished amazing feats – letting first time riders complete a ride, to the wisest and most experienced enjoy beautiful new trails, to all of us in between enjoy safely competing, all while raising two young "rascals" (now 3 and 5) in the pasture, a fine example of what a good herd leader is. American Justice with little to no notice (unless you call 2 weeks "notice"), developing a Grade 5 heart murmur (meaning VERY BAD) and discovering that at the Lake Sonoma pre-ride check-in of all things! Not knowing if he would drop dead before we got him home or in the pasture the following week – yes, the end of 2013 was pretty darn scary50% - finding the best specialists is key to not totally going over the edge – and is back on the trail helping to train the babies, but nothing else. How to let go of such an emotional investment . . . well, many know those challenges and even more difficult ones. Sigh!

So today is a day to try and rebuild my confidence in horses and rejuvenate my spirit, quietly taking my fairly co-dependent 5 year-old "baby" (Quicksilver) out with others to help me on my journey. . . and then the magic began!! Today is a warm and clear day full of sunshine and promise, the type of day that let's the soul relax from intensity and stress, a day to laugh at the foibles of an eager youngster, and to share the moment with friends new and old. Seeing the beauty of the Santa Cruz Mountains, we headed to the top, dropped down by the river several times and drank in the sounds of the forest, both silent and yet so wonderful. Today is about riding at a leisurely pace, without the stress of "training" or competing, honoring our horses and delighting in the conversations you can only have when relaxing in the saddle for hours! The fairy dust of the time spent in this wonderful stress free park, hanging out for a time at just the right slow moving stream (including small gurgling waterfalls a short distance away), the kind of day to restore and keep my soul for quite some time... Today the sunshine is magnificent, and the three lovely ladies allowing me the honor of joining their ride so very special, sharing their park with me and my "fresh faced little boy". . . .

Here's hoping your 2014 gets started just as magical as mine!!

Cheers!!!



Quicksilver 2014 Meeting Schedule

February 15 – Awards Banquet at Harry's Hoffbrau (390 Saratoga Ave., San Jose). Dinner will be at 6:00 with the awards starting around 6:45. There will be a Board meeting starting at 5:00.

April 16 – Meeting at Tony and Alba's in Scotts Valley. Dinner/drinks at 6:00, meeting at 7:00.

June 7 – Ride/Potluck/Meeting at Harvey Bear Ranch in San Martin.

August – Ride/Potluck or BBQ/Meeting/Games at Santa Cruz County Horseman's Association.

October 18 - Ride/Potluck/Meeting at Calero County Park in South San Jose.

December 12 – Christmas Party at Almaden Community Center 6:00

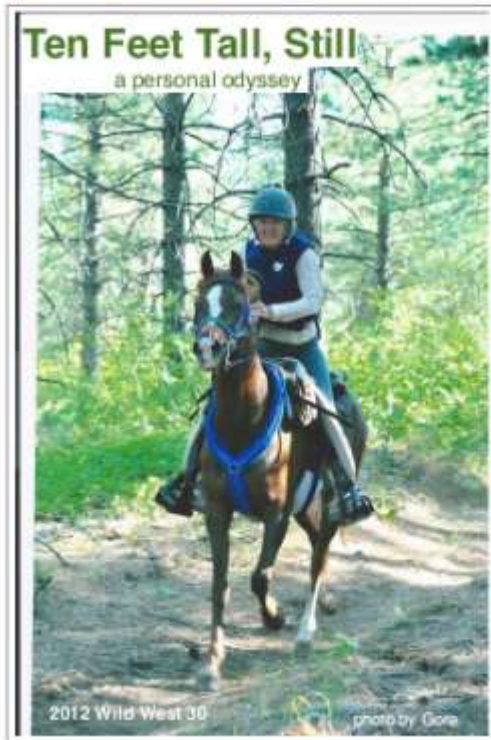


BOOKS ARE THE PERFECT GIFT!



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

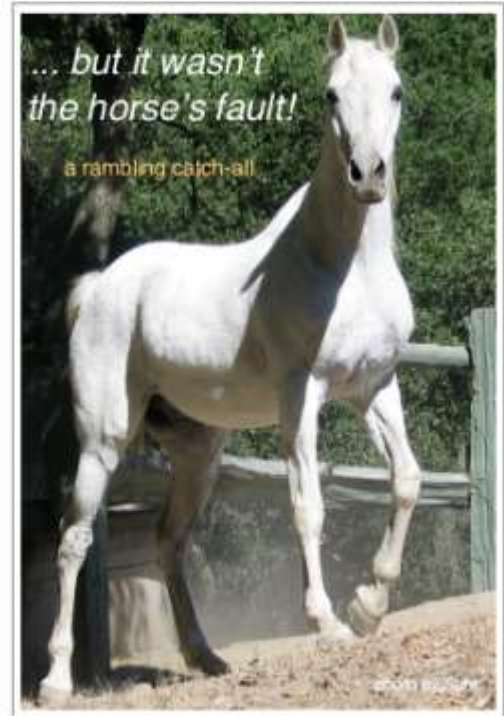


by
Julie Suhr

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



"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

Classifieds

WANT TO LEASE

Looking for a horse to lease for feed and care.

Open to all ideas; please call or email me, let's talk about your situation and what I have to offer.

Gelding preferred.

Michelle H.
831-427-1533

FOR SALE

Extended trailer hitch - for long camper that hangs over back of truck. Hitch is brand new, sway bars are old.

\$100 OBO.

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Becky 408-425-5860

FOR SALE

Herd Reduction - Hungarian Shagya Arabians by Oman. Trained for trail, english, western and horse camping. Aged 13 & up. heights, 14.3 - 15.3hh

Carolyn 408-779-6555
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FOR SALE

Woolback endurance saddle pad - white barrel shape - only used once - **\$75.00 OBO**

Coolback endurance pad - forest green barrel shape - only used twice - **\$60.00 OBO**

Coolback endurance pad - light tan barrel shape - only used once - **\$60.00 OBO**

Call **Peggy: 831/238-0495** or e-mail
Peggety123@aol.com

FOR SALE

Selling my Lance Camper and downsizing to a smaller rig (only due to the miles on my truck). Camper is in beautiful condition - it fits on a long bed truck, has a slide-out. You won't need to buy the big long extension hitch as it doesn't go that far off the back of the truck. Will include my hitch in the sale which is slightly longer than an average one and works perfectly hauling a horse trailer. There's a photo of it below, hooked to my rig. It has nearly everything that a nice LQ has including lots of space with the slide-out. Will also include the tie down system, so you'll only need to set up your truck to carry the camper. It is a 2006 851 model that is comparable to the new model 855S, except made for long bed truck. Let me know if any of you are interested at all and I can provide more info and photos. Asking **\$16,000.**



Peggy Davidson
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FOR SALE

Two twenty acre adjoining parcels in Kern County.

Great horse country.

One is all flat and adjoins a paved county road.

One is both flat and steep on a gravel road and has a well.

Enter: **www.piute.com** in your web address field.

Call: **Nancy Caldwell 831-335-3794**

WANTED

8'6" camper that is self-contained.

Call **Pat McAndrews 408-828-1140**

Classifieds

FOR SALE

Reactor Panel saddle, VSD Baker Trail model, 18" seat, 13+" tree size. Black. Includes dressage girth and endurance kit. Bought new for \$3,800, Practically new. \$2,500.

Classic **Sharon Saare saddle** w/floral carving.15" seat, A tree; fits high-withered, narrow horses. **\$900.**

Arabian Saddle Co. Sylvan GP, 18" seat, Wide tree, brown water buffalo hide. \$900.

All used, but in good condition.

Call **Jeanine** at **831-423-4774**



Rock Rake and Grader Blade for garden tractor by York.

Used in good condition.

This is from the York website (brand new prices):

TA1 Rake Model 1214: York rake model TA14, 4 ft. width, has adjustable trailing hitch with pin type connection to tractor or ATV, wt. 121 lbs., shipped by UPS in 2 cartons

Price—\$749.00 delivered (includes shipping)

Accessories:

Model 0314: TA14 grader blade assembly (4 ft. width), shipped by UPS in 2 cartons.

Price—\$189.00 delivered (includes shipping)

Get the rocks out of your arena. **\$500 or best offer for both.**

10 horse panels, 5 rail, gray, various lengths

5—18ft or 20ft

2—12ft

2—4ft

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Humor and Birthdays

It's happened to us all. Someone wants to protect us from ourselves...

Computer: Your password has expired. You must register a new one.
User: Did anyone discover my password and hack my computer?
Computer: Your password has expired. You must get a new one.
User: Why do I need a new one, as that one seems to be working pretty good?
Computer: They automatically expire every 30 days.
User: Can I use the old one and just re-register it?
Computer: You must get a new one.
User: I don't want a new one as that is one more thing for me to remember.
Computer: You must get a new one.
User: OK ... roses
Computer: You must use more letters.
User: OK, pretty roses
Computer: You must use at least one numeric character.
User: OK, 1 pretty rose
Computer: You cannot use blank spaces.
User: OK, 1prettyrose
Computer: You must use additional characters.
User: OK, 1fuckingprettyrose
Computer: You must use at least one capital letter.
User: OK, 1FUCKINGprettyrose
Computer: You cannot use more than one capital letter in a row.
User: OK, 1Fuckingprettyrose
Computer: You need additional characters.
User: OK, 1FUCKINGprettyroseshovedupyourassifyoudon'tgivemeaccessrightfuckingnow
Computer: You cannot use that password as it is already being used.

Submitted by Diane Trefethen

Ordinarily, your editor doesn't like using profanity in public or in publication, but this is the way I feel sometimes when the computer is acting up. :-)



Happy February Birthday to our Quicksilver Members and Endurance Friends

Suzy Kelly	2
Dominique Freeman	4
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 _____

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

"Life outside of endurance? I don't think so."

Dave Rabe

"Nothing can stop a man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude."

Thomas Jefferson

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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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