



Quicksilver Quips

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March President's Message

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Blood... I had never seen so much blood come out of a human being before...

I've been an EMT for over 20 years, and although I do not work in the medical field, I do keep my certification up to date. Partly because I am simply interested in the subject and partly because I'm too lazy to go through the 160 hours of schooling if I let my license expire. So every two years I do my 24 hours of "refresher" coursework from the best school in the county, take the test (pass it with flying colors, may I brag) and move on. The knowledge has come in handy on many occasions. When you hang around horses and their people, needless to say, you will eventually need some medical skills. I have also stopped at many a car crash to help, and lent a hand or two in other emergencies. I never go anywhere without latex gloves and a CPR mask. Yep, I'm a bit anal about those two items. So, it wasn't that big a deal when, a few weeks ago, I jumped in to help an elderly woman who had fallen and cracked her head open at a concert I attended with some friends.

At first it seemed like a simple "bump on the head" issue, but it soon became clear that the bleeding wasn't stopping and this was a serious situation. This is where training, repetition, experience and focus come in very handy. As I held pressure on the wound, as well as maintaining c-spine, I conversed with the Fire department personnel and the woman's husband (who was, understandably, quite upset) about what we were doing and what would happen next. A primary assessment, blood pressure and medical history were taken and words of reassurance spoken.

As we waited for the paramedics to arrive, though, more people got "involved" and started to give us helpful advice... "make sure you put her on her side if she vomits" "lay her down" "sit her up" "check her pulse" "take her jacket off" "give her something to drink" and on and on... but, other than being mildly annoying, all of the chatter was simply ignored. At this point, training takes over and you focus on what you know you have to do. The chatter is just background noise. After the paramedics arrived and did a quick assessment, they took the woman to the closest trauma center. I was pretty sure she would be fine and went on to enjoy the concert.

Why am I bringing this up, you ask? Well, funny thing is that I was at another public event not too long after this. There was no emergency at this event, just horse people hanging out and talking. I overheard a conversation between several people about one of their horses misbehaving that took me right back to the advice I heard while helping the injured woman at the concert: "You should do this, or that or the other..." everyone had a different bit of advice regarding this horse, and I thought how interesting it is that we often receive

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conflicting or irrelevant advice from well meaning people who are bystanders while we are working on an issue with our horses. What I have found most surprising is that often, people who have the training, the knowledge and the experience lose their focus and start trying all kinds of "quick fixes" to get their horses to do something or change a behavior. I guess it was a very good reminder for me to always strive to get the best training I can, keep that training up through repetition, and when the manure hits the fan, stay focused and rely on that training, because I know it's solid. Just a thought...

Woowee!! we had an absolutely FABULOUS banquet! I am sorry if you missed it. Mary did a great job with the awards, Judith produced a beautiful calendar, we had some wonderful people and horses recognized (see calendar), Julie decorated the tables with lovely horsey goodies and from what I saw, everyone had a very good time. A big THANK YOU to all who were in a way or another involved in this club event. You are most appreciated!

If you were not there, and did not receive a calendar, I still have a few. You can contact me and I will be happy to mail you one. lazo@ucsc.edu If you don't have email, give me a call: 831-234-4732

Finally, I wanted to let you know that the BOD met before the banquet and discussed and planned events for the year. The April meeting will probably be held in Scotts Valley. Subsequent meetings will hopefully involve daylight, horses and trails. We want to ride, have fun, eat and ENJOY our horses and each other's company... I think we can manage that, don't you?

Elisabet

Treasurer's Report:

General Account \$5,220.72 Trails \$1,073.54 Junior \$454.23

Trilby Pederson

**Vivian Beebe sent her dues included in a check for \$500.
Her dues are \$25 and the "balance is for awards, gifts or whatever."
The club is very grateful for her generosity.**

We

By Diane Trefethen

I rode a stallion to the hills
His heart beneath me strong
Across the streams and fields and rills
A journey hard and long.
We climbed the heights to reach our goal
To touch God's sky above
He is my heart, my joy, my soul
Forever my true love.
"A horse?" you say. "Dumb creature born?
Is this your heart's desire?"
Fool! You're lost, alone, forlorn
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Envoye has already started his training at the Clinton Anderson Academy. He is a *Statistic grandson. Asgard Arabian and *Statistic son, Triassic, just finished 10th in the President's Cup in Abu Dhabi, 22 minutes behind the winner. Another son, Thematic, finished 5th in a 100km race in Qatar with an average speed of 21.6kmph.

Henry Coe State Park Visitor and Recreation Forum – February 2nd

Sheila Golden used to be the Interpreter for Henry Coe State Park, now she is a graduate student at UC Davis doing research to create an Interpretive Master Plan for the park.

“This plan is meant to create a blueprint and action plan to address interpretive and recreational improvements for Coe Park. This is particularly important now, as the park will be operating under a different funding source than the state’s general fund. The park needs to look at increasing visitation and revenue in order to financially sustain itself.”

On February 2nd, Sheila held a forum at the Morgan Hill Community Center to go over several points. She had rotating groups discussing what was important in the areas of marketing/getting the word out, revenue opportunities, recreational opportunities and interpretive programs.

A lot of good ideas were thrown around including developing the Hunting Hollow entrance, making Coit Horse Camp and Kickham more open to groups for camping, promoting the park through local youth groups from non-profits, churches, schools, etc. and promoting more organized events.

Sheila is using the online survey (www.surveymonkey.com/s/coeparksurvey) to gather information about park users and their interests. The survey is going on for one year – from June to June. The information gathered is not complete but a little bit of what she has found so far is this:

- Most people come to Coe Park between 2-10 times per year
- They come with family and friends. They also come to the park by themselves which is very different than other State Parks.
- There are slightly more males that come.
- Most visitors come from Gilroy, Morgan Hill and the Santa Cruz areas. This local representation is coming to Hunting Hollow. The Headquarter/Visitor Center at the top of Dunne sees more visitors from out of the area. This tells Sheila that Hunting Hollow are the locals own special place. (To tell you the truth, I like it that way.)

What I have learned is that Coe Park (or any State Park) cannot make any changes or improvements until a Master Plan has been completed. Sheila is working hard to develop this plan and needs input from you. If you have not already done so, go to the survey and complete it. The more participation the better, especially from equestrians.

Submitted by Lori Oleson

Things You (Probably) Don't Know About Me...

Maryben Stover: I was the Fast Draw Overall Champion for the 13 Western States for 3 years running; 1966-68 or thereabouts if I remember correctly.

Heather Reynolds: I was a school teacher at a private school. I taught 3-4 grade for a year and 5-6 for two more.

Jo Barrett: I'll bet no one knows I have **FOUR** sewing machines.

Peggy Davidson: I went to 9 different schools over the course of 12 years of my early school years. I was an "Army Brat" and lived overseas in Chile for 1st grade and half of 2nd grade...then in Uruguay for 5th through 7th grade, where I had my first horse Timbo - a Criollo sorrel gelding with a flaxen mane and tail that loved to bolt back to the barn with me!

Elisabet Hiatt: I collect pens, pencils, fountain pens and anything else that writes. I have hundreds of them from all over the world.

Lori McIntosh: I used to specialize in head injuries as an Occupational Therapist (hence a huge fan of helmets) and taught Iyengar yoga at night to outpatients with back pain and carpal tunnel syndrome in hospitals around Virginia Beach, Virginia, when I was in my 30s.

Judy Etheridge: I played the bass violin in high school and have completely forgotten how I ever did it--can't remember where the notes or octaves are on the strings or where I put my fingers.

Alex North: After my mother passed away, I legally changed my entire name. I had waited so as not to distress my mother because my belief was that my original first name didn't really suit me. After taking an informal poll with a list of first names, the winner was Alexandra. I made up the rest to go along with it. So on January 1, 1991, I walked into my place of work with all the paper work and an entire new name and requested that everyone use the new name. My fellow workers had two months to adjust and then I didn't respond to my old name any more. In retrospect, it would have been much easier to wait until I switched jobs. People as a rule don't seem to accept changes of this sort easily.

Jennifer Perryman: 1) Has a Black Belt in Karate, 2) Won Advanced Dog Showmanship at the 2010 Santa Clara County Fair with her German Shepherd Gilda, and 3) First horse ridden was an 18 hand Hanoverian named Dan.

Barbara McCrary: I sewed all the clothes, except jeans and T-shirts, for our three daughters from the eldest in 1st grade through the youngest graduating from High School. This was when girls dressed attractively in either dresses, skirts or tailored slacks, and blouses. I also made each of them a Scottish kilt and tam-o-shanter—very difficult to match plaids!

Mountain Lions in the South Bay Areas

Submitted by Elisabet Hiatt

UCSC professor Chris Wilmers recently had an informational forum about Mountain lions on campus. I did not attend it, but this is part of an article written by UCSC's Dan White and published on our campus newsletter. Thought it may be of interest to people who spend time on their own out in the woods. No mention of how a horse changes the equation, but here it is.

For more information on the Puma tracking program, go to: <http://santacruzpumas.org/>

More dangerous: A cougar or a toothbrush?

While Wilmers advised people to proceed with caution in any known mountain lion roaming grounds, he also assured them that they had an exponentially greater chance of getting killed by their own toothbrushes than attacked by a mountain lion.

Statistics bear up Wilmers's claim; online odds-makers have determined that Americans have roughly a one in 100,000 chance of getting impaled fatally by their own toothbrushes. Meanwhile, according to a California hiking website, the chances of a Golden State hiker getting killed by a mountain lion are something like one in 32 million. Since the year of California's statehood – 1850 -- there have been a total of 16 mountain lion attacks on people, and only six fatalities, two of them because of untreated rabies.

"I'd be more worried about toothbrushes," Wilmers added. "If you want to go running (in the forest) at night, bring a bell or another person. But even if you do everything wrong, the risks (of mountain lion attack) are really, really low."

Big change in views on big cats

Before launching into the scientific aspects of his talk, Wilmers spoke of the dramatic changes in attitudes toward cougars over time.

In the 1920s, he said, even high-ranking biologists advocated the wholesale slaughter of big predators like wolves and cougars. "Scientists later realized predators have a profound effect on ecosystems," he said. Killing off top predators can have disastrous consequences, upsetting the natural balance by creating a "cascade effect" that can lead to an overabundance of prey species or cause lower-level predators such as raccoons and coyotes to overrun the forest.

The killing off of cougars was often the result of fear and misunderstanding, he said.

Now, high-tech methods are helping scientists close that understanding gap through the use of telemetric collars, which must be placed on the creatures out in the field, after finding them, often with help from tracking dogs, and anesthetizing them. The collars relay steady data streams. A visual representation of that data looks like a cross between an EKG print-out and the shaking lines of a seismograph; by studying these wavering patterns, scientists can deduce mountain lion movement and behaviors ranging from the 'pounce' to the slow retreat.

"We want to understand the animals' behavior in real time," Wilmers said. "Is the animal running? How fast? We hope to identify when the animals are eating, drinking, sleeping, and where they are when they're doing this, and how they behave when they're near humans."

Increasing understanding

These technologies also help Wilmers and his team understand the challenges cougars face when living near an urban environment like Santa Cruz.

"This is a very urbanized, human dominated area," he said, while mentioning that fragmentation of mountain lion territory can result in "habitat islands" with isolated, vulnerable populations.

He noted that Highway 17 slices straight through some of the animal's roaming area; he showed an alarming photo of a mountain lion with a gaping wound that reached 12 inches across its flank. Trying to cross the highway, the cougar got hit by a car and dragged. The audience gasped when Wilmers noted that the animal "managed to survive and is now doing quite well."

By the end of the evening, one audience member became so curious about mountain lions that he asked how he might increase his chance of an encounter.

"If you're driving remote dirt roads at night, that's probably your best chance of seeing one," Wilmers responded. "Mountain lions like remote."

While Wilmers said that humans in Santa Cruz County should not panic about the presence of mountain lions, he advised the owners of goats to consider keeping them in a "fully-enclosed mountain lion-proof structure." ■

From the editor:

I love cats and think Mountain Lions are one of the most elegant animals in the world. But we happen to raise cattle, producing a crop of calves every year. So does our youngest daughter, Janet, and her husband, Steve. We all have lost numerous calves to lions over the past 5 years. Another daughter raises goats, and within a month, a lion killed 9 kids. It didn't eat them all, just killed for the sake of killing. A neighbor had one attack his dog, just outside his front door on the

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porch. Another neighbor had a goat killed just recently. Lud saw a lion, at about 5:30 PM, on the road to our house, just a hundred yards from our daughter Ellen's house. My niece in rural suburban Soquel, had one come right into her yard one late afternoon, driving her buck goat through a fence, after having killed her three best milking does the night before. She tried to drive it away by throwing things at it and it just sat there, looking at her and twitching its tail. Our son-in-law, Dennis, was running down Powerhouse Grade one morning and he encountered a lioness and two half-grown cubs. The cubs left for the timber, the lioness did not. Dennis backed uphill and left as soon as he could.

Chris Wilmers is being paid to study lions. We're trying to raise calves. When I asked what we are supposed to do to protect our calves, I was told we should build a lion-proof fence (that's 10' high of hog wire) around our ranch. We run cows and calves on two parcels, each at least 300 acres—of steep ground, brush, and forest. Building that much, and that kind of fencing, isn't very practical.

The lions are not afraid of us and they're getting bolder. The photos below were taken by a motion-detector camera, set up on our ranch, 3/4 mile from our house. The camera was mounted on a tree, about 3' off the ground, and it photographed everything that went by for three weeks per session. One of Chris Wilmer's students is in charge of this project, and she allowed me to download a large number of photos. We have foxes, skunks, coons and possums (less frequently), deer, our heifers, neighbors hiking, Dennis running, and numerous shots of bobcats. The same cat many times? Or numerous cats? AND—a nice, big, lion with a tracking collar on it. One other batch of photos showed two different lions, one with a collar and one without.

Lud used to say, "I've lived in Swanton all of my life and I've never even seen a lion track." About 12 years ago, I saw a lion on a ridgetop, late in the afternoon, crossing my path about 50 yards away. Lud was skeptical then. Now lions have proliferated and become fairly commonplace. Every time our dog barks and looks up the hill toward the timber, Lud expects to see a lion. We haven't seen one from our house, but that time may come yet. ■



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These photos were taken at the base of the hill just below the Lockheed property line where it meets our ranch. We used this site for a vet check on the Castle Rock 50 miler. Note the dates and times of photos (using military time.)

Book Review

“Half Broke Horses” by Jeanette Walls

I usually have anywhere between 8 to 10 books on my living room coffee table in various stages of being read. They range from science to science fiction and everything in between. I pick one or another, depending on my mood and a book has to be really gripping to get my full and undivided attention. This one definitely was. I read in three evenings.

Half Broke Horses is the story of Lily Casey Smith, who was the author’s grandmother. Although it is written in the first person, the stories are all stories as told to her by Lilly’s daughter, the author’s mother.

From the first line “Those old cows knew trouble was coming before we did” to the last line in the book “I had a few things to teach those kids, and there wasn’t a soul alive who could stop me” we follow Lily’s fascinating life and adventures from her humble beginnings in Arizona in 1901 through the Great Depression and WWII.

She was an amazing woman who made the best of what life threw at her, and I suspect she would have been a great endurance rider. She sat a horse almost from the day she was born, and helped her dad train and break the ranch horses by the time she was five. I really got a kick out of one interesting comments she made about her father: “Dad was a philosopher and had what he called his Theory of Purpose, which held that everything in life had a purpose, and unless it achieved that purpose, it was just taking up space on the planet and wasting everybody’s time”. Don’t you just love it?

So, Lily eventually went off to find her purpose. At age 15 she took the test to become a teacher, and upon passing it, received an offer to teach at a small school 500 miles away from her home. Undaunted, Lily saddled up her pinto mare Patches and took off on her own, on what would be, in her words “... a good four weeks, since I could average twenty five miles a day and would need to give Patches a day off every now and again. The key to this trip was keeping my horse sound.”

The chapters are short, some just a page or two long, so whether you have a whole evening or just a few minutes, you can certainly get some good reading in.

I am definitely going to buy Jeannette Walls’ other book, “The Glass Castle” which is the story of Lilly’s only daughter. Based on the reviews I’ve read, it promises to be just as good. Will let you know when I finish it!

Elisabet Hiatt

Elaine Elbrizi sent these fascinating photos... Fortunately, it was a Gopher Snake



Across the yard, into the stall, but what is he looking for...?

Humor



Submitted by Diane Trefethen



Editor: I LOVE this cartoon! It seems to fit QS women.

Happy March Birthday to our Quicksilver Members and Endurance Friends

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birthday by
sending a thoughtful card.

If you would like to be
remembered on your
birthday, and I don't yet
have your date, please
send it to me. All I need
is your name, month,
and day. I don't collect
years of birth. After all,
who wants everyone to
know how old
you are?



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From Becky Hart

As you may know, Tom Stutzman donated a large quantity of tack to the club, including 3 orthoflex saddles. One is brand new, never out of the box. We sold one saddle, but still have the new one and a stitchdown for sale, as well as miscellaneous tack. The sale of the tack generated enough revenue to have a nice awards banquet (it was going to be scaled way down) and to replace the old printer with a new laser printer that will print double sided and color. This printer will be used for the calendar and can be made available to ride managers who would like to print much more cheaply than Kinko's or other copying stores. They need to provide their own paper. The board will need to determine what the price will be to others.

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

Which Quicksilver member ran the Tinker Bell half marathon at Disneyland the weekend of January 28th? Answer: *Barbara White*

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