



Quicksilver Quips

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April 2014 – *President's Message*

What a busy month it has been! Didn't it seem to fly by? I don't know about you, but I got in a lot of riding. February's rain greened everything up, but a dry March with next to perfect weather, allowed for a lot of outdoor time.

Our Quicksilver Fall Classic is not until October 11th, but Peggy Davidson has been working and planning early to make this the best ride ever. We will be back at Harvey Bear County Park in San Martin. She has the veterinary staff lined up, making a few adjustments to the trail and researching award options. If you want to help her out or have suggestions, let her know (peggety123@aol.com or 831-238-0495). It is going to be a great ride, so I think I will plan on riding this year.

AERC Veterinary Committee, Research Committee and Welfare Committee has made a motion proposal to the Board for some rule changes and editions. The Equine Welfare Reform Package includes a few changes that we have already been seeing for a few years. There are also a couple of new changes. Here is the link for you to take a look at and comment to your regional director if you feel the need. <http://www.aerc.org/Temp/WelfareMotion0314.pdf>

Have you already renewed your 2014 membership? I hope so. If not, please send it to our membership Chair, Maryben Stover (1299 Sandra Dr., San Jose, CA 95125).

The April meeting will be on the 16th at Tony and Alba's in Scotts Valley. Come and enjoy a pizza dinner to socialize at 6:00 and we will plan to have our meeting at 7:00. I hope to see a lot of our Santa Cruz members attending.

Lori

News From the AERC Convention - March 7-8

Mike Maul sent the following information from the convention in Atlanta, GA:

New AERC Board of Directors officers:

President - Michael Campbell - CT region

Vice-President - Lisa Schneider - PS region

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AERC Annual Awards:

Pard'ners award - Sue Phillips and Sussie Prize

HOF Member - Steven Rojek

HOF Horse - Remington - John Parke

Volunteer Award - Melissa Ribley

QUICKSILVER TREASURER REPORT March, 2014

Balance 2/28/13			\$ 6,770.53
Income	Dues	\$250.00	
	Refund Calendar	\$ 110.49	\$ 360.49
Balance			\$ 7,131.02
Expenses:			
Bank Charge		3.00	(3.00)
Balance 2/28/14			\$ 7,128.02
Trails Account			\$1,074.07
Junior Account			\$454.38

Maryben Stover, Treasurer



Quicksilver 2014 Meeting Schedule

**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 23 – Ride/Potluck or BBQ/Meeting/Games at Santa Cruz County Horseman's
Assn.**

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

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

Cemex Access Meeting

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

By Barbara McCrary

I attended the meeting where groups of people sat at individual tables and went over a list of issues, talked about them, and assembled a list of general opinions. They boiled down to the following:

Public Safety

Public access must include adequate provisions for visitor's services, law enforcement, fire protection, and public sanitation.

Access

All efforts should be made to minimize the impacts (e.g. disturbance and trespass) to adjacent properties.

Davenport residential neighborhoods should not be a point for public access (e.g. San Vicente Street).

Waranella Road should be reserved for service and in-holder traffic only.

Public access from the Swanton Road area is considered problematic for safety and adjacent property impacts.

Some portion of a repurposed cement plant site would be an ideal location for public access and visitors' services.

Camping

Camping should occur only as a walk-in activity from a designated trailhead, with open fires prohibited.

Jobs

We strongly support the retention of local jobs and businesses, particularly those that maintain or enhance sustainable forestry, ranching, and agriculture, including secondary products derived from these activities (e.g. food sales, woodworking.)

Water Supply

As much as feasible, the established water rights and essential conveyance easements for the domestic water supply for Davenport should be maintained.

Resource Management

We support the protection, restoration, and sustainable utilization of natural resources and encourage practices that minimize erosion, control invasive species, minimize fire risk, maintain or improve habitat quality, and integration of management across adjacently protected properties.

Trails

There was much talk about shared trails and how to manage this without someone being seriously injured by confrontation between horses and bicycles.

It is predicted that the Cemex property may be open in two years. One of the problems is money to add facilities for use by people, and the funds to maintain the property. The idea is that money from sales of timber will help with the maintenance costs. The logging will be conducted strictly under the practices of sustainable harvesting. ■

Book Review

By Julie Suhr

I have just read Chapter 1 of Merri Melde's book *Soul Deep in Horses, Memoir of an Equestrian Vagabond*. I just dare anyone to say they are not genuinely, emotionally moved by her words. There is simply no author that has ever bared her soul as Merri does. You will live a life of adventure that will take you from 13,000 feet in the Himalayas, to being thrown from a raft in the Zambezi River, but her heart and soul will always return to the horse world. First published today, March 31st, it is available as an e-book on Kindle or in paperback.

Merri asked me to write a forward for her book. I thought I did a fair job. But Merri can write circles around anyone and can give Beryl Markham's African stories a run for their money. She is that good. ■

Book Review

I have just finished reading H. Alan Day's book **The Horse Lover: A Cowboy's Quest to Save the Wild Mustangs**. The author bought 35,000 acres of land in South Dakota and established the first government-sponsored wild horse sanctuary established in the United States. His Mustang Meadows Ranch became home to 1500 wild horses.

What really impressed me was this man's total devotion to the horses' welfare, and his sometime poignant connection with individual animals. Raised in Arizona on a cattle ranch with his sister, retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Mr. Day was a cowboy's cowboy from an early age. He worked closely with horses and felt he learned from them about loyalty, perseverance and hope. He was intent upon preserving the grasslands he owned while keeping the animals strong and fit by constantly rotating pastures of thousands of acres. More remarkably, while mounted, he connected enough with the animals that they, though badly mistreated and frightened in the past, would follow him from one location to another.

It is not a book with a particularly happy ending but Mr. Day has my respect for his heartfelt efforts to do what was best for the animals against a government bureaucracy that made it extremely difficult at times. You may shed a tear at the end, but the joy this man found in turning the frightened helicopter-driven horses from crowded government holding pens loose to run free on his large ranch will be a more lasting image.

Review by Julie Suhr

Cuyama Oaks Ride

By Sandy Holder

It was a lovely weekend starting on Thursday with check-in, plenty of sunshine, the weather that perfect riding temperature, camping with friends (we were surrounded by QSER members!). . .

And then there were a few things that went *NOT* as planned. The Duck had the Forest Service lock a gate with 50+ riders heading into it on a jeep trail. . . and with only one "serious" accident as Ride Manager before this weekend (he and I were tied), he got slammed pretty bad with 3 unfortunate, uncanny events, all resulting in riders leaving the back country via helicopter flight. Jeanine came over to stay at my place Wednesday night, with an early start planned for Thursday morning. I'll let her share her story, but certainly enjoyed her lovely company, we 3 happy girls (Barb Granter came along and rode a lovely Alex North flaxen mane mare that kept up nicely with Q). . . the two nights and riding part of the first day together Jeanine is home now and her daughter and husband just picked up her horse and trailer from our ranch. And as they say, when the going gets tough, QSER members step up. Jill and Elisabet were on scene with horses enjoying day 2 when they came upon a young man and his mom, he having made an untimely dismount from his pony. Things got a bit tougher, particularly for Bardos and Tango when the helicopter came in to pick up the young man (and I heard one particular Sheriff was given better direction than he had on proper protocol for 1st responders). Both got a completion on their brave boys and Elisabet went on to finish all 3 days of 50's! I tell you, very courageous and caring members we have!

As I am sitting her typing this, I am reminded of MORE QSER members I remember seeing there (Jeff, who while not so impressed with his horse's pre-ride behavior, none the less finished a 25 and a 50 on him), and Mary and Darran - two tough ladies who held it together for all of us in a sometimes very challenging environment! Yes, QSER was well represented both at the ride as well as final ride meeting - congrats to everyone that rode, survived, WON the bulk of awards and those of you who support us when we are out there in the wild lands!

Leadership

by Geoff Tucker, DVM

Only cowards beat horses. What you want to accomplish is leadership. A leader (you) defines the rules, boundaries, and limitations for your horse. For example, be clear that *your* rule is for the horse to stand for the vet exam. More vets could avoid sedating for simple things if horse owners clarified the rules for the vet's visit.

Leadership comes from the lowest energy level. Think of energy as water, which always seeks the lowest level. Horses who raise their energy look for others to follow. When you don't follow, the horse's energy, like water, comes back to your level. The lower *your* energy is, the lower the horse's energy will remain. This is a foundation of leadership.

If you run around with your hands flailing screaming, "The sky is falling! The sky is falling!" your horse will do the same. Instead, laugh or breathe deeply. Better yet, *say nothing*. The best indicator of really low energy, is when your anus is loose. Okay, that was disgusting. But if you are puckered there, you are puckered everywhere.

Submitted by Elisabet Hiatt

The Carriage Horses: Why I Care

Excerpt from an article by Jon Katz
BEDLAMFARM.com

I believe a real injustice has been done to the people in the carriage horse trade and that good and reasonable people of different beliefs need to come to their support. The issue is, of course, much bigger than the horses. They have broken no laws, followed the rules, worked hard, treated their animals well. Still, they been drawn into a nightmare, one that could engulf any of us reading this. They have been attacked savagely for years now and been accused of many things there is little or no evidence to support. They have been the target of relentless and very personal attacks and public insult, hounded in their work and their very livelihood and way of life is now being threatened.

They are the target of some of the wealthiest and most powerful forces in the wealthiest and most powerful city, they have bravely chosen to stand and fight for their lives. They deserve and need support of people who believe in a better way.

I have been warning for years, in my writing, my books, on the blog, in speeches all over the country, of the dangers of emotionalizing animals, seeing them as children, as having human emotions and thoughts. I have cautioned against animals only being seen as objects of rescue. The very painful horse carriage crisis is the perfect example of what this personifying of animals can and will lead to – the idea that it is cruel to work, the claim that every horse who gets sick, has an ulcer, dies of a heart attack, is living evidence of abuse. As if horses on farms – or dogs in apartments do not get sick and die. They do, of course, all the time, we just don't see their images all over Facebook and on scores of websites.

The anthropomorphizing of animals has given root to the idea that working horses make lifestyle choices and yearn to spend their lives grazing on farms. I have seen the abused animal idea grow to the point that it has become the prism through which more and more Americans see animals – not as partners in our journey through life, but as piteous and dependent creatures whose primary purpose is to be saved from human cruelty. While we grow more and more disenchanted with the people who harm animals, the animals themselves become almost surreal creatures of fantasy and perfection. As a result, many animals are disappearing from our world because it has become too difficult to give them a perfect life.

Every time I post a photo of a horse, I get enraged e-mails from people claiming the horse is in pain, is being starved, is lame or uncomfortable, anxious, old or depressed. There is no doubt about it, they say, how can you be so blind, anyone can see it, even though nobody does. The horses have become mirrors of our human neuroses, our partners not in work but in victimization. And horses are not alone. More than 300,000 dogs are now on medication for depression and anxiety. How did they manage to live without antidepressants for thousands of years?

The answer is that we are now making them as crazy as we are, and seeing them as crazy in the ways that we are. In our arrogance, we need them to be just like us, so we can feel better about being us.

I am sorry to see the devolution of much of the animal rights movement into a collective of anger and judgment support groups. Animals desperately need rights and humans to help protect them, not just from abuse but more importantly, from the human destruction of the natural world, from corporate greed and cruelty. But there is much deep and embedded rage in the organizations in New York that claim the title of animal rights, and when they team up with a naive mayor who seems to know nothing about animals, the horses are in trouble, the horses will pay. So will animals everywhere who still have a chance to survive with people.

This fury is quite apparent from even a cursory reading of the websites working to ban the horses and their owners and drivers. I would encourage anyone reading this go see for themselves, there is no need to take my word for it. It would seem at times that hatred for human beings is a byproduct of the movement to exile the horses, but more and more, it seems to me that hating and pummeling humans is really the point.

In recent days, in polls and surveys and editorials and stories, it seems that more and more people in New York are beginning to understand that this is a movement to save animals that do not need saving, while disrupting and even destroying the work and way of life of hundreds of human beings. That outcome will not help a single animal in our world.

A movement that demands compassion for animals but practices cruelty and hatred upon fellow human beings is not a healthy movement, it will never gain the broad support and popular support that are required before animals can really have rights in our world. It can never really help better the lives of animals, as almost every animal lover can see when it comes to the carriage horses. The really shocking truth is that there is truly no place they can be sent that would be better for them than where they already are.

I feel the voiceless carriage horses are in real danger, it does haunt me sometimes, it compels me to stay with this story, to not quit on it. And so are the human beings who own and care for them and drive their carriages. Are they not more important than the horses? There is simply no evidence – none – that the horses are unhealthy, mistreated or a danger to themselves or others on anything but a fractional way. Animals cannot live in a risk-free, no kill world, some will get sick, keel over, die on the street, bolt and run into a bus. So do many more humans, and on a vastly greater scale. This is not animal cruelty, this is life. Animals are not exempt from the laws of life any more than we are. Most of

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these carriage horses would be dead already if they had not found work in New York; if they are banished, many will almost certainly get the chance to die again.

These groups threatening the carriage trade do not seem to have even a minimal understanding of the true nature of animals or the actual needs and welfare of animals like horses. People who are ignorant about animals and their needs should not be determining the fate of animals. The big horses that pull carriages have never lived on grass, never lived outside of stables, never not worked with people, they socialize with other horses all day, every day. The work they do is light and well within the capabilities of their bodies, which need regular work and exercise to stay healthy. And it is popular, so many people love to see the horses in Central Park, love to ride in their carriages. They are reminded that there are animals on the earth, they need to be seen to really be saved.

I care about animals and I hope a compassionate and rational society will find ways to keep them in our lives. I do not care to live in a world where horses can only be seen eating grass and dropping manure on rich people's farms or rescue preserves. But there is something else which drives me to write about the horses. What has happened to the carriage owners and drivers is not right, surely not in a country which prides itself on fairness, due process and protection from invasive and arbitrary government. The charges made against the owners and the drivers are not true, not fair and not supportable. There is no factual foundation for destroying the horse carriage trade and forcing its employees into work they don't want to do. These people are mostly ordinary working people, they are only different from you and me in that they love horses and wish to spend their lives working with them.

It is an assault both on logic and rationality to say the angry people on the animal rights websites love these horses more than the people who own them, drive them, work with them. They have no earthly reason to mistreat them, permit them to be unhealthy or neglect their welfare, in fact, their very livelihood depends on treating their horses well.

They ought not to have to live under constant assault and in continuous fear and struggle for their work, livelihood and peace of mind. Hysterias have their own sorry history and story in America, and this drama in New York City is one of them, many people are beginning to sense it. In many respects, this is just another witch hunt, a mob without boundaries, restraint, or concern for truth. People have to make their own decisions about whether to stand up to them or not. I have made mine.

Sometimes in life, we are defined by how we rise to things – or do not. For me, this is one of those times. I just thought I ought to explain.

Submitted by Diane Trefethen

Editor's note: I found this article quite interesting, because it could apply to those of us who ride endurance or pleasure horses.

Cuyama Oaks Ride

By Lori McIntosh

LOTS of QS members were there. Jill-Kilty Newburn and Elisabet Hiatt rode together with Barbara on Fri. and then alone after Barbara left to care for DJ. They came up on me with 4 other ladies from the PS region that I have ridden with in the past, with a little 11-year-old boy named Tom pulled over off the trail in the shade. He broke his nose and potentially had a knee injury. His horse spooked and Tom fell on his face. My friend Joan was there holding his horse along with his mom's horse after moving him off the trail while I called the Duck. I was the only one with a cell phone that I was using to take pictures. 911 was next. The helicopter and ambulance just left taking Jeanine McCrary to the hospital. The ambulance was there the day before for Ann, a well known XP rider who makes chaps with cool-looking colored fringe along with other fun stuff. I met her at the Hat Creek Hustle ride. Her horse tripped, fell down and then fell on her leaving her with a mild brain bleed, broke her clavicle and 2 ribs. She has lots of friends taking care of her and is going home this week doing much better. Becky Lange, a lady I stayed with for a week after our truck broke down at camp, brought her horse back to camp.

Tom was helicoptered out despite the Duck reaching him by jeep, with the sheriff, on the steepest, gnarly-est and newest hill in the entire ride. I had called Ann next who gave me the Duck, and he knew exactly where we were. One of my lady friends is a pilot and she gave the coordinates and recommended the jeep ride. The sheriff was a bit challenging to deal with but came back Sunday to apologize. Seems like the Duck just frightened him especially when he told him to keep his mouth shut in case they flipped over....so glass wouldn't get in it. LOL. (I got all the scoop after visiting his trailer to pick up my mug. He was very chatty and seemed like he recovered from all the accidents. Being a ride manager seems to be incredibly challenging. They truly deserve to be treated very, very well.) Elisabet handled the sheriff quite well along with the Duck. She is a great friend to ride with if you want to be with an expert EMT and she has everything you need in her giant pouch. Several of us took care of the horses for little Tom and his mom Shannon while they were in the hospital. Luckily, we saw them the next morning and he is recovering well despite riding in a helicopter as a patient vs. having fun. Back to the scene, Jill was stuck holding her horse and Elisabet's for over an hour waiting for help. When the helicopter came, the horses bolted, she recovered them, and then she decided to leave on Sunday as her horse was cut up, but is doing better now. She must have been thinking of Los Padres, like Barbara. My job was to

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leave with the 4 other riders to get all the extra horses out of the way, plus we became a herd of 5. And then make sure Mike saved Jill a steak for dinner. All the helpers from the accidents received completions. Heather Van Fossen and her boyfriend got caught up in the rescue as they moved out to get away from the helicopter but Elisabet and Jill's horses came charging at them. Heather was a bit panicked as she was riding super slow due to recovering from shoulder surgery.

Sheila Kumar was there with her darling new 5 year old doing a 25. I met Pete for the first time under a tree during our vet hold at Mitchell's. Seemed like I knew him just from reading his nice QS emails. We leap frogged a lot with Jennifer and her mom Jane. Mary Anderson was out there cantering on her gorgeous rocking horse. Darren (not sure if she is still a member) was giving out shirts, doing P & R and offering very helpful Martha Stewart tips. Hope I didn't miss anyone. Definitely a very tough ride after taking a year off from endurance and making sure Hot Wheels did not top 10 as he knows that is a super easy task for him...if I let him. My horse loves to move. Best trick for a new endurance horse is buy one from the arena show world. They will be so happy you "saved" them. It was a nice change to just ride slow and enjoy the view despite the lack of flowers this year. Just like Barbara, I was thinking of Los Padres, but for me, it was for Nigel and Finn, so we can ride together without Hot Wheels trying to take off and leave them in the dust. We will see how that goes. It was awesome to finish all three 50s after doing Tevis in 2012 and riding fairly fast in the past towards the back of the pack with a happy relaxed horse who didn't mind being passed.

Message for the weekend...IMO is that everyone out there is a true masochist is some way or another. Crossing fingers it will be a go for next year with our much better campsite. Another tip. If you forget something, like a girth, I know, how silly, but I forgot how to pack and have a new LQ to transfer all my stuff to, you can stop right off Hwy 101 in SLO at Riding Warehouse. They hooked me up so I could ride. I couldn't replace my Reactor Panel girth, so I got a mohair and it worked perfectly. I have used them in the past and Finn has always had one and neither horse has ever had a girth gall. Only issue now is Finn fell and kicked his girth area causing scar tissue so he gets a fleecy girth now. ■

The Quiet "Mystery Man" Logs 20,000 Endurance Miles

By Jayne Perryman

"Do not underestimate the determination of a quiet man." - Iain Duncan Smith

The three of us (AKA the three JPs) rode out of the lunch vet check on day one of Cuyama 2014 singing "Follow the Obvious Trail, Follow the Obvious Trail, follow, follow, follow, follow..." set to the tune for *Follow the Yellow Brick Road*. As we passed a group of horses enjoying their vet check buckets and a shade tree, Barbara White commented that we might be having too much fun. Call our cheerfulness an over-compensation for the worry we had for Ann Kratochvil who had a bad fall that morning and was thankfully recovering in the hospital.

Jenny Perryman on Roaster was leading, John Perry and Kamazon followed, Oasis and I held up the rear as we picked our way down the single track to a closed gate near an old cabin and a water trough. John dismounted to get the gate and from behind us came Jeff Luternauer and his big white horse, Spirit.

After some brief introductions, mostly focusing on the names of the horses, the four of us made our way down the trail. Jeff's big white horse looks more like an Irish Thoroughbred than an Arab, so I asked Jeff to tell me about him.

"Got the horse for free; Spirit is too tall," replied Jeff. I asked Jeff if he would be riding all three days, and he said no. He would be taking tomorrow off so he could celebrate reaching 20,000 miles today. 20,000 miles! I had pulled together the Lifetime Mileage records for the Quicksilver calendar in January this year, so I was racking my brain...1) Trilby Pederson, 2) Robert Ribley, 3) Julie Suhr, 4) Becky Hart, 5) Melissa Ribley, 6) Jeff Luternauer...

The AERC records note that Jeff logged 2,550 miles prior to computerized records. Jeff is so quiet, that what we do know is best noted in his AERC record. At the end of 2013, Jeff competed in 347 endurance rides with a 96% completion rate. He has completed nine 100 mile rides and has 27 top ten placings. One of his horses, Echo's Shelendo logged 5,270 miles in 13 years.

Known as "Mr. Quiet", Jeff spent much of his riding career helping others. In 2007, Jeff was named to the Quicksilver Hall of Fame. That year's calendar featured a biography written by Hugh and Vivian, focused on how he had helped many riders get through their first 50 or 100 mile ride. Having a tough ride? Jeff was known to pick up riders on the trail and help them complete, often coming in last. Jeff has sponsored many juniors over the years including Stephanie Beebe, Katie Alton, and Hillary Graham. Hillary said of Jeff, "He is a quiet horseman who takes good care of his mounts and who goes down the trail in his own world with his horse."

Mr. Quiet is also known as Mr. Chauffeur for escorting his friends from Santa Cruz to various QSER meetings and events. He also helped drive Trilby and Lori Oleson to many an endurance ride.

Day one of Cuyama 2014 ended with Spirit leading us across the finish line after 7 hours 57 minutes. Jeff had trouble convincing Spirit to lead us across the line. I think the horse trailer was where Spirit wanted to go. It was an honor to spend those few hours with Jeff. We all look forward to being on the trail with Jeff as he rides toward 30,000 miles. ■

Three Day Training Program with Linda Tellington-Jones

In the 1980s, Equus Magazine dubbed Tellington TTouch® Training "The Touch That Teaches" and said participants will learn how to see and embrace their horse as an individual and through observation, patience and TTouch®, find the best ways to assist it in its training.

The second T in TTouch stands for "Trust" and building trust is what we aim for since it is the foundation on which everything else rests. With trust, horses learn to achieve enhanced levels of physical, mental and emotional balance.

Who Should Attend?

Professionals of every level and from all disciplines, as well as amateurs, can benefit from learning a training philosophy and methodology devoted to working with horses using empathy instead of force—down to the cellular level. Linda's approach focuses on working with horses' minds and intelligence as much as with their body. The same is true of her work with riders.

Why Should You Attend?

To improve your horse's rideability and performance without stress using holistic and humane groundwork, bodywork and ridden work from the Tellington Method and Tellington TTouch® Training.

To create a long term training program that will help you develop a horse that is confident, willing, mentally and physically healthy, and capable of meeting your training goals regardless of discipline.

To enhance, repair or deepen your relationship with your horse through the Tellington twin philosophies of "Change Your Mind & You Can Change Your Horse" and "Change the Posture and Change the Behavior."

What Will You Learn?

Participants will learn how to identify, soothe and resolve discomfort in horses' bodies using TTouch. With the Tellington special ground exercises called the *Playground for Higher Learning*®, they will learn how to help horses develop better patience, balance and suppleness as well as increase their confidence and self-reliance. They will find out why, when and how to enhance their horse's performance under saddle with the Promise Wrap®, Liberty Ring®, Balance Rein® and Lindell®, and why, when and how to ride bridleless and more.

On day one, participating horses and riders will be assessed under saddle to determine which of the TTouches, the *Playground for Higher Learning*® exercises and Tellington riding equipment can be helpful.

Over the next two days Linda will teach specific TTouches and Tellington techniques appropriate to each horse's situation.

Participants will be broken into small groups and will practice with the horses under Linda's close supervision and with the help of her experienced team of instructors.

Participants will also experience Ttouch® and the Promise Wraps® for themselves. Linda will share the importance of heart coherence and breath work in achieving internal balance and a closer partnership with horses in and out of the saddle.

What Will You Take Away?

Susan Gibson, publisher of Trail Blazer Magazine, reported that she left Linda's training with the "ability to see her horse with new eyes". Cristiane Pravaz from Quebec wrote after attending the Tellington Training in Hawaii this February; "I tried the Balance Rein with Comrade today for the first time, and I received my first half walk and a lighter trot than ever before, and when we were finished with the session, Comrade moved his head near mine and with his lips, he touched my nose and just turned like you would do to somebody to let her now that you like her and the way she rode this afternoon !!!"

Our hope and the purpose of this training is that participants will take home a different awareness of themselves and new ways to assist their horses. ■

Submitted by Giulia Orth

See further information and sign-up sheets on following pages

Editor's Note:

Julie provided further information about the Cuyama Ride that no one else gave me. I am belatedly including it now in a revised version of the Quips:

It should be added that Quicksilver member Judith Ogus had the fastest overall time for the three day Cuyama Ride and that her horse, Mia, received the overall Best Condition Award. Mia also celebrated her birthday there by an outstanding performance and Judith went over the 9,000 career miles.

**TTouch 4 You and Your Horse
Sonoma Coastal Eques Training,
Petaluma, CA
April 11-13 2014**



Instructor: Linda Tellington-Jones

Training location:

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Schedule:

Day 1: 9:30am- 5:30pm
(please arrive at 9:15 am)
Day 2: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm
Day 3: 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Tuition: \$595.00 to be paid to the Tellington TTouch Office.

A \$300 deposit is due at the time of registration to hold a space in the class. The balance is due 30 days prior to the start of the training. **Please note, if you pay your deposit with a credit card, the balance will automatically be charged to the same card 30 days prior to the start of the class unless you request otherwise.*

Three ways to Register:

- Online at www.ttouch.com select *Trainings & Workshops, Register for an Event*
- Mail a check to our office made payable to Tellington TTouch Training and note the course session in the memo line.
- Call our office to pay with your Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover card

Tellington TTouch Training Cancellation Policy: Tellington TTouch Training reserves the right to cancel a session if necessary because of circumstances beyond our control or when enrollment is deemed insufficient. In this case all deposits, tuitions and the processing fees will be refunded.

We recommend that you purchase flight and hotel insurance for each event for which you register.

Tellington TTouch Training Participant Cancellation Policy: For cancellations made more than 30 days in advance of the training, a refund will be given minus a \$100 administration fee. No refunds are possible for cancellations less than 30 days prior to the start of the training. If you have to cancel, \$300 is nonrefundable but you may apply the rest of the deposit to another training that must be attended within one year of your cancellation date.

Meals: The stable will provide, coffee, tea and pastries. Lunch is not provided, so please bring your own.

If you are traveling to the class:

Airport: San Francisco SFO

Bus from Airport to Petaluma: Sonoma Airport Express www.airportexpressinc.com 800-327-2024 (or 707-837-8700), the fare is approximately \$34 plus tax one-way.. **Please note, the bus only stops in the town of Petaluma. You will still need transportation to the training venue.* A rental car will be probably more convenient.

Accommodations:

Please check this website for lodging options in Petaluma: www.visitpetaluma.com/petaluma-lodging

Another lodging option to consider: www.airbnb.com (Bed & Breakfast listings and rooms in private homes)

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DIRECTIONS to Sonoma Coastal Eques Training:

From 101 - EXIT E Washington in Petaluma and HEAD west. Washington turns into Bodega and you will see a sign for Middle Two Rock Road. TURN left (south) on Middle Two Rock Road and you will pass through an area that is approximately 2 to 5 acre zoned. Once you begin to head up a hill with a large open space on your left you are one quarter of a mile from the driveway. As you crest the hill look down and you will see the vineyard, barn, and main pond. You will bend right and then left and head down a hill. As you see a yellow house on your left and the Reichardt Duck Farm on your right, TURN left. Proceed a quarter of a mile down the road to the main gate.

The long driveway to the property is officially called Succetti Road (which will be resurfaced this spring).

3641 Middle Two Rock Road; Petaluma CA 94952

No dogs are allowed at the farm.

If you plan to bring your horse:**Board:**

\$20 per day per horse/ stall (payable to Sonoma Coastal Eques Training)

Please bring your own hay and grain!!

Fees include straw bedding, cleaning by SCEC, feeding your hay & grains by SCEC twice a day. Horses have to be vaccinated (required vaccination: 4ways, strangles & WNV) & they have to be dewormed.

There will be 4-10 stalls available

Please sign your horse up with the TTouch office and with the farm.

Equipment:

TTEAM Wand, 4' White Dressage Whip

TTEAM Lead with 28 chain or zephyr lead

The wand and lead are essential items for a TTEAM training. If you have them, bring them with you. If you do not have a wand and lead, they will be available for sale at the clinic.

If you have any other TTEAM equipment, i.e., TTEAM driving lines, Balance Rein, Lindell or ace bandages, it would very helpful to have them on hand.

Please be sure your items are well marked for easy identification.

Equipment, videos and books will be available for purchase.

Required Reading:

Before attending the training we suggest you become acquainted with Linda's newest book, *The Ultimate Training and Behavior Book* and that you view the DVD, *Solving Riding Problems With TTEAM, From the Ground*. If you purchase a second TTEAM video or DVD of your choice prior to the training, you will receive 50% off that video. These items may be purchased on our web site www.ttouch.com or call to place your order at 866-813-8169

If you are a first time student, we will send you the TTouch of Magic for Horses DVD free at the time of sign up. Please watch it before you come to the training.



Tellington TTouch Training®

TTEAM Training- Petaluma, CA April 11-13, 2014
DATA SHEET

Please complete this form and return to
the TTouch Office no later than one month before the training.

Your Name _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Emergency Contact (Name, phone number and e-mail):

I am bringing a horse. yes _____ no _____
I have signed my horse up with the TTouch office and the Farm. yes _____ no _____

Accommodations: Please make your arrangements with the hotel of your choice, then fill in the following:

Accommodations:

I am staying at: _____

Transportation:

Flying in/out of: _____

Arrival Date & Time: _____ Airline & Flight # _____

Departure Date & Time: _____ Airline & Flight # _____

I am willing to share my car: yes _____ no _____ with (#) _____ people

I would like assistance with arranging a ride share: yes _____ no _____



Tellington *TTouch* Training®
Horse Information Sheet

Training Location: Petaluma CA, April 11-13, 2014

Horse Name: _____

Breed: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Owner Name: _____

Training Participant Name: _____

Emergency Phone during training: _____

What type of riding do you do and/or in what type of riding discipline do you participate?

What do you most like or love about your horse?

What do you hope to get from this training for you and your horse?

Why are you bringing this horse to the TTEAM training?

Are there any behaviors or performance issues that you want to work on during this training?

Does your horse have any medical conditions or issues we should know about?

What TTEAM/TTouch books have you read and what videos have you watched?

IF you have attended a TTEAM and/or a TTouch training, please tell us when and with which teacher for each.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know?

CANADIAN GELDING LOOKING FOR HOME

Beautiful Canadian gelding foaled in 2002 is looking for a loving home. Not suited for endurance as he is heavily muscled. Trailers great. Easy keeper. He bonds well with women and gets along great with all horses. Sceptical of men due to past abuse. Looking for a lifelong home where he can have a job and be loved. Steadfast, kind disposition. Needs a good rider as he can be a bit spooky and insecure. Located in San Jose, CA



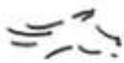
Call 408-800-8314 or email gzanone@hotmail.com for more info.

HORSE BOARDING PERFECT FOR ENDURANCE HORSES— ALMADEN AREA

Huge paddocks with lots of room. Our pastures are real pastures and not crowded -- approximately 2 acres per horse. (See photo below.) We have direct trail access. Rates start at \$275. 1 free trailer parking space per boarder. Top quality grass/alfalfa hay fed. Also riding lessons with three-time world champion. Call

Becky (408-425-5860) or
Maryben (408-265-0839).
email to merryben@live.com.





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

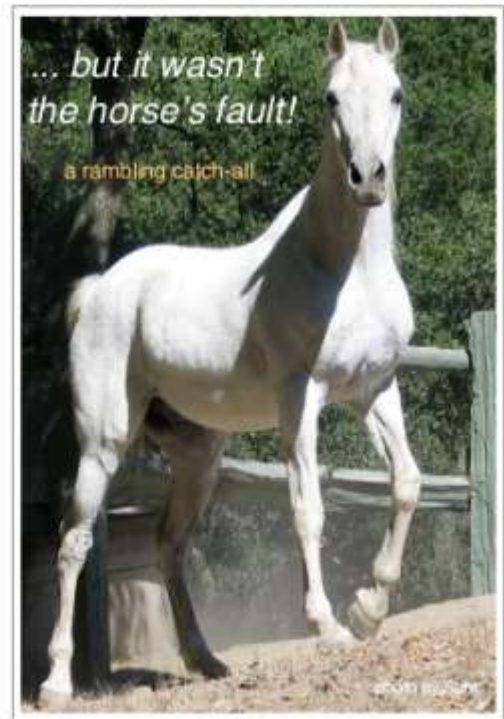


by
Julie Suhr

*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

Logan Coach Wrangler II utility stock trailer

Specs: 1999 steel, 2 horse step up slant with walk in tack area, bumper pull, 14' X 6' 6", white with spare tire. Used lightly, original owner, great condition. \$4000

Cally Davis (831) 338-0671 or 331-7201.

FOR SALE

I have a horse trailer for sale. It is a two horse bumper pull, straight load trailer. It is light weight and easy to pull. I needs some work (a new fender and spare tire). The floor is good and minimal rust. It is priced to sell at \$1000. I can be reached at **831-708-8121** or by email msmarriah@gmail.com I am also open to trades, looking for driving equipment, good quality (Crates/ Circle Y) western saddles, or ?

Classifieds

**YOUR AD COULD
HAVE BEEN HERE!**

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
www.Amarafarms.com

FOR SALE

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

\$100 OBO.

Judith 408-425-7873 or
Becky 408-425-5860

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**

COZY COTTAGE IN COOL

2 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom house for rent in Auburn Lake Trails. Come stay and ride the Tevis trails. Or just come stay for a relaxing weekend. There are trails out the back of the property or trailer a short distance to ride the Western States Trail. Fully furnished with room to sleep 5.

Call 408-838-2742 for reservations.

Pay with Paypal.

\$140.00 a night with a 2-night minimum.
Pets OK.

Need to cancel 48 hours prior to arrival for full refund.



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

Services



CENTERED RIDING® LESSONS

Help your horse use him/herself effectively while going down the trail.
Take the stress out of your body and your horse's body. Find out how to have a better seat and make your horse more comfortable.
Centered Riding® lessons available with **Becky Hart**, Level 3 Centered Riding instructor. Clinics available upon request.

408-425-5860

PRINTING SERVICES

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

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



HORSE BOARDING FACILITY

20535 Rome Drive, San Jose, California.
Stalls: \$320.00, pasture \$220.00, fed twice a day high-quality orchard-alfalfa mix hay
96' X 48' uncovered outdoor arena. We clean. Shavings available. 1.25 miles to entrance to the Quicksilver County Park (3600 acres and 19.2 miles of manicured trails). I provide my trailer for use to boarders.

My place borders Quicksilver Park.

Trilby – (408) 997-7500



TAX SERVICES

Specializing in horses.

Trilby— (408) 997-7500

Humor and Birthdays

30 Signs You Grew Up on a Farm or Ranch

- 1.) You know it is impossible to tip a cow.
- 2.) You can drive any vehicle with a clutch.
- 3.) Your front door was always unlocked...even if your entire family was on vacation. And the keys to your car or truck were always in the ignition.
- 4.) You are devoted to either red or green tractors every bit as much as you are devoted to a pro football team (if not more).
- 5.) When you give directions you don't use street names, you use landmarks.
- 6.) If someone asks you about the weather you tell them it is either too wet or too dry. And you are never, ever satisfied with the weather regardless of how close to perfect it is.
- 7.) You fear hearing the words, "The cows are out!"
- 8.) You never had to talk with your parents about the birds and the bees. The farm or ranch provided ample opportunity to learn that lesson on your own.
- 9.) Travel is measured in time, not distance.
- 10.) Cell phone service, cable television, and high speed Internet were all once considered luxuries.
- 11.) Lunch was dinner and dinner was supper.
- 12.) You could drive a tractor before you could drive a car. And you drove a car before you ever attended a driver's education class.
- 13.) You made forts out of hay. Or snow. Or both.
- 14.) You have jumped on more hay bales than you have ever jumped on trampolines.
- 15.) Regardless of what city you are currently in, your first instinct upon hearing the toot of a horn is that someone is trying to say "hi" to you.
- 16.) You are an accomplished pea shucker, corn husker, berry picker, and bean snapper.



Thanks to Elisabet Hiatt. More next month.

Happy April Birthday to our Quicksilver Members and Endurance Friends

Don Brown	5
Melissa Ribley	8
Kimberly Peterson	9
Kathy Brayton	20
Julie Suhr	21
Katie Alton	21
Jill Kilty Newburn	22
Breanna Chamberlin	27

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

FIRST: We need your name

And then your address

And your phone number, Fax, e-mail

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

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

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!!!

"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

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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