



Quicksilver Quips

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May President's Message

Howdy folks. I hope you are enjoying the nice weather, longer days and the abundance of green grass out on the trails. About time the weather started to cooperate, I say.

We had a good meeting on the 18th with about 13 people attending at Tony and Alba's Pizza in Scotts Valley. Two people joined the club, and we look forward to sharing some good rides with them soon. Iylla Reissman of Swanton and David De La Rosa of Bonny Doon know several members of our club. Welcome! We are very glad to have you!

Plans for a June ride/BBQ/meeting/?? are in progress (see minutes for details). We could use YOUR help for the BBQ, games, raffle donations, leading a trail ride, intro to endurance talks etc. Please let me know if you want to get involved. Many expressed a desire for our club to "go back to riding" at the banquet, so here is one opportunity to do it. If you need a horse or if you have an extra one you can loan, let me know... hopefully everyone who wants to ride will be able to... and if you don't ride, you can always eat! We also hope to vote on our revised bylaws.

I came across this little story recently. Don't remember where it came from, so I apologize if you've seen it before. I thought worth repeating:

From where my stall is situated, I can see outside to the green grass turnout pens, the main house, the inside water fountain, the wash area, and the tack room.

From where my neighbor's stall is situated, he sees Paz's play area full of colorful toys, the hot walker, the wash area, the sand arena, and the gravel driveway.

I say our barn is quiet, relaxing, private, and lush green. My neighbor says his barn is active, busy, brown with sand and gravel, and a place for hard work.

Who's right? We're only about twenty feet apart, but we see our home in completely different ways. Is one of us "wrong" and one of us "right"? How could we live so close together, and have such completely different viewpoints? Ah... that's the key. Our VIEWPOINTS are completely different!

Everyone has a different perspective. No one sees the same things you see. No one interprets what they see the same way you do. Has this natural difference in perspective ever caused a conflict in your life? I'll bet it has.

Remembering that we all see things differently is the first step toward peace in any situation. Remembering that we're all doing the best we can is the next step. Understanding begins from these places. Peace is possible, when we allow others to be different from ourselves. Let others have their viewpoints, and allow yourself to

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keep your own. Only then can you truly accept what happens. Just remember, peace is a choice. Choose peace.

Love, Moshi the horse

Nicely said. Ride fair and have fun. Life is short.

Elisabet

**Quicksilver Meeting Minutes
4/18/2012**

Start of meeting: 7:00pm

Present: Elisabet Hiatt, Michelle Herrera, Lori Oleson, Peggy and Sam Davidson, Doug and Barbara White, Lud and Barbara McCrary, Jeff Luternauer, Diane Enderle and Steve Smith.

Welcome to our new members, David de la Rosa and Iylla Reissman! Please send information about yourselves for our newsletter!

We are updating our bylaws – they should be done for the June meeting so we can vote on them as a club to approve or disapprove.

June meeting will be June 2nd at Calero and will be a group ride with games. Please bring your non-endurance rider friends. We can provide a mini-clinic to teach them about endurance.

Club will provide burgers – we need someone to volunteer to cook them – barbecues are available at the park.

QS Fall Classic ride will be held at Grant Ranch – managed by Brian Reeves again.

Becky Hart and the Reynolds will be going to England for the World Endurance Championship. Would like to do some sort of fund raising (non-club) for them – maybe a raffle item at our June meeting?

Does anyone have ideas?

We all want to say “Thank you Barbara (McCrary) for the great newsletter – you are doing an awesome job.”

Barbara says she loves adding stories for “something about you that nobody knows”. Please send more!!!

Lori Olsen crewed for Terri Rashid at the World Endurance Championship Qualifications in Texas. She said it was “fun and fast paced”. She had to get herself organized and ready to crew in one day! 19 out of 45 horses finished. Becky’s horse, Pete, had phenomenal recoveries that kept him in the top! Jeremy Reynolds interrupted his ride to help Valerie Kanavy when she unfortunately fell off her horse. He also put a shoe on Terri Rashid’s horse at one of the vet checks; despite there being a shoer there, Jeremy insisted on doing it – what a guy! Jeremy came in first, Becky in 3rd, Heather 4th, Terri 15th.

Barbara White talked about the “Legacy Program” at Tevis. They are collecting buckles from past finishers to give to the new finishers this year. All buckles will be engraved with the original rider’s name and horse’s name.

Barbara also told us about the “Tevis Fun Ride”. There will be no “Educational Ride” this year. There will be no veterinarians – more casual atmosphere. It is May 19th and May 20th. Foresthill will be open Thursday through Monday. The “Fun Ride” is on Saturday. The ride choices will be from Foresthill to Michigan Bluff and back, or Forest Hill to Drivers Flat. See the Tevis website for more information.

Treasurer’s Report: None (Trilby wasn’t there)

Meeting adjourned 7:45

Elisabet Hiatt

Horsekeeping Hints

1) My older horse wears a waterproof blanket when the weather is bad--we have no shelters and it gets very windy up here. The other day I saw him stand at the fence line for a long time so I investigated and found that one of his blanket chest snaps had attached itself to the horse fence wire! I guess he was rubbing his chest on the fence and got caught--I am pretty sure this happened a while ago with another blanket which I found partially destroyed in the pasture. Not sure how to solve this problem other than covering the snaps with duct tape which is messy but works.

2) Last year my mare broke her RF splint bone--probably was kicked by my youngest horse :(They are now separated. Anyway it healed up nicely BUT now when she lies down she rubs the outside of her RF fetlock to the point it starts bleeding. I tried a bed sore boot but it rotates too easily which leaves the front of the fetlock exposed. I then tried a shoe boil boot which gathered dirt at the pastern and rubbed a new place. My last effort seems to be working--I rub Show Sheen into the roughed up hairs every couple of days. Voila!

Judy Etheridge

Dewormer Warning

I just got done reading an interesting article in the February issue of Equus magazine, related to Ivermectin toxicity in dogs. I had heard something about this about a year ago from a veterinarian when my beloved dog fell ill, but when cancer was the final diagnosis, I kind of put it out of my mind.

My new dog has an obsessive interest in manure as a first course meal, so remembering the warning, I have been diligent about cleaning my corrals several times a day for a few days after worming my horses just in case, but other than that, I have not changed my practices.

The article is interesting in that it not only talk about the drug, but also about specific dog breeds that are genetically susceptible to Ivermectin poisoning. This genetic mutation is most common in Collies and Australian shepherds. Other breeds and crosses, such as Shetland Sheepdogs, Old English Sheepdogs, McNabs, English Shepherds and German Shepherds can also carry the mutation.

Signs of poisoning are neurological dysfunctions which may include incoordination, dilated pupils, blindness, respiratory distress, tremors, uncharacteristic aggression, lethargy, hypersalivation, recumbency, and coma. Severe overdose can be fatal. Signs usually appear within 4 to 12 hours of ingesting the Ivermectin. The sooner signs appear, the more severe the case will be.

There is no antidote, just intensive supportive care while the drug clears the system. If the ingestion happened within a few hours, induced vomiting and the administration of activated charcoal may prevent further absorption.

The article did not mention the possibility of poisoning from eating manure, but the specialist I talked to a year ago definitely felt that it could be a problem. Best practice overall is to be very careful with those tubes we use that will have some residue left in them, and to make sure they are disposed of properly. As I mentioned, I clean my corrals more often starting a day or two after deworming my horses and keep it up for about 5 days. I have a Border Collie, and now that I am aware of his possible predisposition to an adverse reaction, I will be even more careful of how I dispose of the used dispenser. Better safe than broke (or worse!), running all kinds of tests on an animal with a mysterious illness that many small animal veterinarians would not think about correlating to Ivermectin ingestion.

Elisabet Hiatt

I found Elisabet's article fascinating, in particular regarding to the genetic mutation of breeds susceptible to wormer poisoning. We've had Border Collies before (now have an Aussie) and both of them contracted Tick Paralysis. When the ticks were removed, recovery was almost immediate. We're talking about fairly massive infestation of ticks, not just one or two. With such thick coats, it was hard to notice the tick infestation. I soon learned to use systemic tick killer on them. My vet said that Border Collies are particularly susceptible to this paralysis.

Barbara

The FEI Selection Ride—Mt. Pleasant, TX

On March 29 (Thursday), I flew to Texas to crew at the FEI Time Trials for those riders wanting to represent the USA at the upcoming World Championship in England. Heather had called me a week and a half earlier to find out if I was interested in crewing for Terri Rashid. Of course, I said yes.

Friday was spent learning about the course, vet check, crew stop on the trail, Terri and her horse, Keen. There was shopping for last minutes items, checking in, setting up the crew box and visiting with a few people. Time did not allow too much visiting.

Quicksilver was represented by Heather, Jeremy and Becky as riders. Terri, I was told, is a former member. There were a lot Californians (some QSER members) as crew.

The weather was hot and humid. This was going to be a factor in the ride and it was up to the crew to keep their horses cool. Ice was in high demand. Before the ride was finished, the town of Mt. Pleasant would be sold out of ice.

Robin Ryner and I were crewing for Terri. Thankfully, Rick (Terri's husband) came and brought their 2 boys along with Robin's 7 year old son. Everyone was put to work that day including all 3 boys. I don't know how we would have re-filled all the water buckets without them.

The ride itself was fast paced, as you might expect with riders of that level wanting to make the long list of 20. The horses were impressive. Becky, riding Pete, looked good. Pete was floating as he moved along. Heather rode Marvel, who looked really happy, with his eyes bright and ears up the whole day. Jeremy on Kutt was very impressive. Terri was up front the first half, then backed off later in order to have a solid finish with no problems.

The results are well know by now with Jeremy 1st, a proxy rider on one of Valarie Kanavy's horse's 2nd, and Becky 3rd. They rode together and finished in a pre-arranged order because of events earlier in the day. Heather was 4th. Terri was 15th. Out of 45 starting, 19 finished.

Jeremy won the ride but he had a busy day aside from riding. On the first loop, Valarie Kanavy had an injury fall and her horse was loose. Jeremy caught her horse and brought it back to her. Valarie's ride was over but at least her horse was not running free. Terri's horse Keen lost a shoe in a bog. At a vet check with a longer hold (50 minutes), Jeremy, Terri's farrier, was still in for his hold but he grabbed his shoeing equipment along with a pre-fitted shoe and put a shoe back on. All this and he still left the vet check in time. Keen trotted out sound and was able to finish.

I would have loved to stay and watch all the horses trot out on Sunday but I had to drive to Dallas to catch my flight back home. It was a fast paced and fun weekend.

Lori Oleson

Strange Horse Laws

Here is a collection of some of the wildest horse laws ever passed. This is part of a compilation of approximately 41 loony laws. Hope you enjoy! A great many of these laws were aimed specifically at horses and riders. No one knows how they got there and no one living has a memory of anyone arrested under them. *(Continued next month...)*

- In Hartsville, Illinois, you can be arrested for riding an ugly horse.
- In Pattonsburg, Missouri, according to the Revised Ordinances, 1884: "No person shall hallo, shout, bawl, scream, use profane language, dance, sing, whoop, quarrel, or make any unusual noise or sound in such manner as to disturb a horse."
- A Wyoming community passed this one: "No female shall ride a horse while attired in a bathing suit within the boundaries of Riverton, unless she be escorted by at least two officers of the law or unless she be armed with a club." And continues with this amendment to the original: "The provisions of this statute shall not apply to females weighing less than ninety pounds nor exceeding two hundred pounds."
- A misworded ordinance in Wolf Point, Montana: "No horse shall be allowed in public without its owner wearing a halter."
- A Fort Collins, Colorado Municipal Code: "It is unlawful for any male rider, within the limits of this community, to wink at any female rider with whom he is acquainted."
- West Union, Ohio: "No male person shall make remarks to or concerning, or cough, or whistle at, or do any other act to attract the attention of any woman riding a horse."
- Abilene, Kansas, City Ordinance 349 declares: "Any person who shall in the city of Abilene shoot at a horse with any concealed or unconcealed bean snapper or like article, shall upon conviction, be fined."
- 1899 vintage law from Waverly, Kentucky: "Any person who shall ride a horse in a public place while wearing any device or thing attached to the head, hair, headgear or hat, which device or thing is capable of lacerating the flesh of any other person with whom it may come in contact and which is not sufficiently guarded against the possibility of so doing, shall be adjudged a disorderly person."
- A 1907 Cumberland County, Tennessee statute reads: "Speed while on horseback upon county roads will be limited to three miles an hour unless the rider sees a bailiff who does not appear to have had a drink in thirty days, then the horseman will be permitted to make what he can."
- Figure out this 1913 Massachusetts law: "Whosoever rides a horse on any public way-laid out under authority or law recklessly or while under the influence of liquor shall be punished; thereby imposing upon the horseman the duty of finding out at his peril whether certain roads had been laid out recklessly or while under the influence of liquor before riding over them."
- Male horse buffs in Basalt, Nevada, are prohibited from eating onions between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. while out riding.
- Law specifies only men! Ice cream lovers beware in Cotton Valley, Louisiana. Citizens aren't allowed to eat an ice cream cone while on horseback in public places.
- In McAlester, Oklahoma, it's taboo for a woman over 235 pounds and attired in shorts to be seen on a horse in any public place.
- It's illegal in Marion, South Carolina, to tickle a female under her chin with a feather duster to get her attention while she's riding a horse!
- It's a violation of the law for a married man to ride on Sunday in Wakefield, Rhode Island. Married women aren't mentioned, so it must be okay for them.
- A newly married man in Kearney, Nebraska, can't ride alone. The law states that he "can't ride without his spouse along at any time, unless he's been married for more than twelve months."
- It is strictly against the law in Bicknell, Indiana, for a man to leave his new bride alone and go riding with his pals on his wedding day. The penalty is a week in jail.
- In Bismarck, North Dakota, every home within the limits of Bismarck must have a hitching post in the front yard.
- Budds Creek, Maryland, has an antique law which prohibits horses from sleeping in a bathtub, unless the rider is also sleeping with the horse.
- In Headland, Alabama: "Any man on horseback shall not tempt another man's wife. An unmarried horseman should not stop overnight when the woman is alone."
- Citizens are prohibited from buying, selling or trading horses "after the sun goes down" in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, without first getting permission from the sheriff.

Submitted by Elisabet Hiatt



Just Coe Crazy 50/35

Come out on May 27, 2012 and enjoy the beautiful trails at Henry Coe State Park.

Just Coe Crazy will be a benefit ride for DreamPower Horsemanship and the Coe Park Preservation Fund.

We will be using new trails. It this will be a great event to help prepare for Tevis.

This ride is an AHA Recognized Ride.

You can download an entry on the AERC website or contact Ride Manager Lori Oleson lorioleson@hotmail.com or Ride Secretary Margaret Graham mugsbgraham@aol.com

Equipedic has generously donated cinches and girths as awards for the Just Coe Crazy Benefit Ride. One of those will be raffled off at the end of the ride meeting on Saturday night. Each raffle ticket will be \$1 or get 25 tickets for \$20.



Just Coe Crazy Benefit Ride

50 / 35

May 27, 2012

Rider Name _____ AERC # _____ Age _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____ AHA# _____

E-Mail Address _____

Name of Horse _____ AERC # _____ AHA# _____

Age _____ Breed _____ Color _____ Sex _____ Height _____

Horse Owners Name _____ AERC # _____ AHA# _____

I wish to participate in the Just Coe Crazy Endurance Ride (“the ride”). I am aware that an endurance competition course covers difficult terrain on trails where the footing for the horses may be unsure, and will include road crossings and hazards. I further acknowledge the competitive events such as this, over considerable distance, contains inherent risks of injury and damage to me personally, to my animal(s) and equipment. In appreciation of the acceptance of this entry application to enter and participate in the ride, sponsored and administered solely by Lori Oleson, the undersigned and my heirs, executors and administrators waive and release the ride, and any person or individual connected in any way with the ride, or their representatives, successors, and assigns from any and all rights, claims, or liability for damages for any or all injuries to me or my animal, in the event of an accident caused by me or my animal, or any accident caused by anyone else connected with, or participating on this trail ride.

Rider Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Minors Date of Birth _____ Name of Sponsor _____

Division: _____ FW (160 lbs or less) _____ LW (161 – 185 lbs)
 _____ MW (186 – 210 lbs) _____ HW (211 lbs and over)

50 mile (Seniors \$120) (Juniors & Ride Managers \$90) _____
 2012 Ride Managed: _____
 35 mile (Seniors \$110) (Juniors & Ride Managers \$80) _____
 \$15 Non AERC member fee (applies to 50 / 35 mile riders) _____
 Extra dinner ticket(s) @ \$15 each _____
 \$20 late fee if postmarked after May 21, 2012 _____
 Additional Donation directly to DreamPower or CPPF _____
 I will be staying for the dinner on Saturday night. Yes No
 Total Enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to Lori Oleson Return entry and check to:
 Margaret Graham
 1948 Donna Court,
 Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Bring your current AERC and AHA cards to check in or send a copy with entry. Checks will be deposited after the ride. No refunds for no shows. Full refund for cancellations by 8pm May 24th (Thursday).

The entire ride will be held in Henry Coe State Park (<http://www.coepark.org/>). Coe Park is the largest park in Northern California, with over 87,000 acres of open space. It was once the home of Ohlone Indians, the park is now home to a fascinating variety of plants and animals.

Just Coe Crazy Endurance Ride is a difficult ride. The trails are great conditioning for Tevis. The terrain is rugged, varied, and beautiful. On a clear day, the views on the high ridges are gorgeous. Although it is only an hour from San Jose, it seems far removed from development of the city. Its backcountry provides a remote, serene environment for riders and their horses.

The footing is good with some rocks. The trails will consist of a mix of road and single track. The temperature at this time of year is could be hot or cold. Depending on the rain this year, there should be abundant grass and water for the horses all along the trail.

Base camp will be at Kickham Ranch off of Canada Road in Gilroy. The away vet checks will be at Colt Horse Camp and Hunting Hollow. Colt Horse Camp is in the park and will have no crew access unless your crew hikes or mountain bikes in. Hunting Hollow is easily accessible and is a main staging area.

There will be a great BBQ dinner provided by the San Martin Lion's Club available on Sunday after the ride.

Our head veterinarian will be Michele Roush, DVM.

Camp: Camp will be open on Saturday, May 26th at noon. Parking may be a little tight. Only small portable corrals will be allowed. We will need to leave camp the way we found it. All hay and manure must be bagged and removed. Bags will be provided.

Awards: The awards for the 50 mile ride will be first place, best condition, top ten, junior awards, completion and others as donations allow. The 35 mile ride will have completion, junior awards and best condition.

Check In: Saturday, when vets arrive around 3pm. Sunday morning starting at 6:30am for the 50's and after 7:00am for the 35's.

LD Note: We consider the limited distance ride to be a training ride, not a race. There will be a best condition award.

AHA Sweepstakes Points Program: The 50 mile ride is dual sanctioned with Arabian Horse Association (AHA). All those Sweepstakes nominated horses with AHA are eligible to participate in the Points Program. Money will be paid out at the end of the year by AHA for points earned. There will be an AHA Entry Agreement to sign at the ride.

DreamPower Horsemanship: Half of the profits for this ride will be going to DreamPower Horsemanship. DreamPower is a non-profit organization providing Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy and Therapeutic Horsemanship programs and services to children, teens and adults with mental, emotional and behavioral problems in the Bay Area. DreamPower is a member of Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH) and staff members are affiliated with Equine Facilitated Mental Health Association. For more on DreamPower, please visit their website (www.dreampowerhorsemanship.com) or come to the ride and get your questions answered.

Coe Park Preservation Fund (CPPF): The other half of the profits will go to CPPF. Henry W. Coe State Park was one of the seventy California State Parks scheduled for closure at the end of June 2012. Thanks to the efforts of the Coe Park Preservation Fund (CPPF) board members, an incredibly generous donor, and hundreds of individual donors, a signed agreement with the State of California is now in place to keep the park open through June of 2015. The CPPF is continuing its work to keep Coe Park open in perpetuity. Please visit www.coeparkfund.org and contribute to keeping Coe Park, our wilderness next door, open for everyone to enjoy. All donations, however small, are most welcome and will be tax exempt.

Directions: From Hwy 101, take Pacheco Pass Hwy 152 East. At Canada Road turn left. Go 5.6 miles to Jamieson Road. Go straight ahead on Jamieson Road. At 1.7 miles the road forks. You will want to stay left and go up a small hill. To the right is a private ranch. At the top of the hill is camp. Address: 8135 Jamieson Road, Gilroy

From I-5, take Pacheco Pass Hwy 152 West toward Gilroy. Before you get to Gilroy, turn right on Canada Road. Follow above instructions.

Ride Rules:

The 50 and 35 mile rides are sanctioned by AERC and will comply with AERC rules and guidelines (www.aerc.org).

- You must bring your 2012 AERC card check in or you will be assessed a \$15 non-member fee!
- The post ride criteria for the 50 mile ride will be 68 bpm within 30 minutes of finishing.
- All dogs must be on a leash and are not allowed on the trails at all. The Parks are very strict on this rule.
- Junior riders (anyone 16 years of age or younger) must wear approved helmets.
- Horse riders/owners are responsible for making payments to the veterinarians for any treatments administered.
- Entries postmarked after May 21st must pay a late fee.
- There will be no refunds for cancellations after 8pm Thursday, May 24th.
- No entries will be accepted the morning of the ride.

There will be no refunds for no shows.



Poetry and Philosophy

The Beckoning

It is the sunshine and the haze,
It is the rain that brightens days.
Step outside and walk around,
See the world that does surround.
The dust and the mist,
Hang around, restless.
See the green grass growing,
Smell the bright creek flowing.
Feel the caress of a tree,
As it bids you, become free.

Agnes Huff

It isn't what you have, or who you are, or where you are, or what you are doing that makes you happy or unhappy. It is what you think about.—*Dale Carnegie (1888-1955)*

Perseverance is more prevailing than violence, and many things which cannot be overcome when they are together, yield themselves up when taken little by little. *Plutarch (46 AD-120 AD)*

Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, worn, or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude.—*Denis Waitley (1933-)*

This bit of philosophy is posted on my bulletin board where I can read it often. It is attributed to a late neighbor of ours:

Those who have no manners waste their time battling obstacles that would move aside for courtesy.

From your editor

Spring

Avenue of beauty green,
Shining in a bright sunbeam.
Your splendor does amaze me,
Relaxation I find within thee.
It might be lonesome,
But for me thou art wholesome.
I long not for anything else,
But the breeze upon myself.
The yerba buena strong,
The birds in glorious song.
I close my eyes and think,
Grass caresses soft as mink.
As peaceful as a flower,
I finally find my power,

Agnes Huff

Buck Brannaman Clinic

On April 23rd, I somehow made it to Buck Brannaman's clinic on colt starting and horsemanship at Gilroy Gates. (I just got back from Yosemite the day before after some incredible hot weather for my 2nd 100 mile ride). What a gorgeous place, but I must say the bleachers were a little terrifying for someone who had zero strength in their massive quads (that would be me). Buck is such a simple cowboy. Here are a few takeaways... He thinks it's weird that people have their horse smell the blanket before putting it on their backs. They smell it from miles away. Duh! Don't just use your hands, most people do. Do not lose the hind or you lose control (I know that with my weight loss program as I don't want to grow my hind or else I'll lose control). Prepare the position before transition. Hurry up and slow down (sounds like Parelli here as he says hurry up and wait...and crew at an endurance ride). Never counter canter on a loose rein and you should do this before flying lead changes. Draw reins don't work (they make you strong but the release is too slow) and he doesn't like gimmicks. Do unlimited serpentines. Set up your horse so he can be a winner (again just like Parelli and Clinton A.). Snaffles-you must use 2 hands, not 1. This was all I have from my notes as I was a bit tired after Yosemite Gold. It was unexpectedly hot that day.



Buck Brannaman

the vets. If they say, get out there and do it, just go for it...unless your gut tells you otherwise. All the vets who saw me in my 2 little 100s were super enthusiastic and helpful. They all complemented my horse looking good with very low heart rates like 44 and 56. I went straight to the vet after taking off my saddle. I did happen to ride in FEI events both times so I have no idea if that was different... as my last 75 my own vet pushed me on. I ended up doing a rider pull as I couldn't bear to take an exhausted horse and myself out for 11 more miles in complete darkness with no communication and not sure if I could find my way. (I had 5 hours to do it and was planning to walk it) but he just didn't seem fit to continue to me especially after 2 little kicks and burp-like sounds he made 3 times. He ate too fast as someone went through my crew bag and took my hay and feed. Then I found some in my cart and he inhaled it. Too late after being out for over 5 hours between vet checks with no real grass around that particular part of the ride. He ate tons of fresh grass until that last vet check. Connie Creech and Melissa Ribley were incredibly helpful and another vet from South Africa offered me food and suggested I get some coffee for my last 11 miles as my crew just peetered out. ■ I will never take my husband for granted again and at this point he would have been 100% perfect. Plus, all I cared about was training for Tevis knowing all along we would be prepared for heat in the future and the distance. If I dropped down to the 75 due to a hot day, then my training would have been lost as I knew he could easily make 75 miles. In the end, I am incredibly proud of our ex-Country English Pleasure horse who had never really been trail riding when Nigel and I bought him in 2009. Thank you again, Cyndee Pryor, for picking a good one. Also, thanks to the ride manager who may not be perfect, but this one sure as hell tried. Thank you, Alex, for putting on a 100 miler to help build confidence and strength in our horses and ourselves.

Yosemite Gold FEI Ride

Here are some things I learned as a rookie 100 miler. This was my 2nd 100 training ride for Tevis prep.

- Gotta have crew that is there for you, not to escape their husbands. LOL.
- Gotta train crew who does not do endurance before you do a 100 miler. No matter how much you repeat yourself, they won't get it until they actually do it. Tell your crew to roll their eyes, give you the finger but that's it and when you aren't looking, otherwise be happy as the rider is too tired to respond well to bad attitudes and it goes into the horse. Better to just be your own crew, then you won't expect anything, which I did last year for my first 100.
- Gotta be prepared for heat. Slow way down if you can, even in the beginning, hard for a hot horse who likes to be in front.
- Find out how many riders there are. If only 10, then start up front so you don't end up 2 hours behind someone nor 2 hours in front. Very unmotivating for a horse who is used to always having horses in front to pull him AND in back to push him.
- Find out who is in the 100 as you will leave the 75s and you are alone with a tired horse who just wants to walk. Boring...however goal was to stay out as long as possible since I'm "training". Again, this is for horses used to being around other horses.
- Believe in

Both articles and photo by Lori McIntosh

Classifieds

Centered Riding® Lessons

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

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

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

408-425-5860

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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**



Julie's beloved "Buddy"

Book for Sale

If you are looking for a gift for yourself or for a friend, please consider "...but it wasn't the horse's fault!" by Julie Suhr, with illustrations by Judith Ogus. All profits go to the Center for Equine Health at the Veterinary School in Davis, CA for research into cardio-pulmonary and metabolic disorders of the long distance horse.

**Contact Julie at
marinera@aol.com
to order.**

One of the earliest religious disappointments in a young girl's life revolves upon her unanswered prayer for a horse. Phillis Theroux, as quoted in Julie's book



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Pictures available.

Debbie, at dboscoe@pacbell.net or 831 423-8848.

Classifieds

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This is an experiment as I recently bought some girth converters to go from western to English.

Michelle H. — 831-427-1533

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THANKS, MIKE!

You all know how much Mike Maul has contributed to AERC, particularly because of his setting up the computer system that compiles database, points, miles, look-up, and probably things we don't even know about. What you may not know is how much he has helped ME. When I bought a new computer, with a new operating system, a year ago, somehow the transition from Windows XP to Windows 7 was difficult for me. Mike spent HOURS on the phone with me, helping straighten out various problems. He wouldn't accept payment for his time, so I sent him boxes of home-baked cookies, about the only way I could repay him.

He was responsible for recommending me to create the Quips, which I dearly love doing.

I want the club to recognize his contributions and to thank Mike for all he has done to help produce the Quips (by helping with my computer issues.)

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

Jo Barrett: I used to sing Barbershop (Sweet Adelines) in the Blossom Hill Chorus - a long time ago!

Heather Reynolds: I have hiked Half Dome 13 times, almost all of them guiding school age kids up to the top on the annual field trip the school that I worked for used to take.

Barbara McCrary: I collect letter knives from all over the world. I have some very special ones—Waterford crystal handle from Ireland; Royal Derby signature pattern china handle from England; several cloisonné from China; an antiqued bronze set with a beautiful coral-colored stone, from Japan; a sterling silver one set with turquoise from Window Rock in the Navajo Nation; and a nasty-looking little knife from Mongolia that was the closest thing I could get to a letter knife there. I just have to remember to pack them in the luggage, because I came home from my last trip to England without my letter knife. It was confiscated in the X-ray scanning line.

Sandy Holder: I have 5 brothers and am 2nd youngest (and the only girl) - it gets better. Until I was 17 years old, they told me, and I quote: "You know, you're so ugly we have to tie pork chops around your neck just to get the dogs to play with you." Which is why I'm sure I didn't have my 1st boyfriend until age 18. Coincidentally, about the same time, they (my brothers) were no longer around. Yet they were amazingly protective and always made me feel loved. . . I actually am very lucky.

Elisabet Hiatt: I play the drums, bass and guitar. Trying to learn the banjo, but not making much progress... *(She sings, too, very beautifully)*

Humor and Birthdays

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BY WILEY



Thanks
To
Mike
Maul



Happy May Birthday
to our Quicksilver Members
and Endurance Friends

Touch someone's heart.
Remember them on their
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?

Barbara
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