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May 2014 - President's Message

Our April meeting in Scotts Valley was very well attended and we had a packed agenda. It was great to get input from a larger than usual group of members.

Check out the minutes submitted from our capable Secretary, Hillary Graham, to get all the details from our meeting. I will give you a few highlights on what the Board has been working on.

Starting with our January Board meeting and further discussed in February, we have written up a proposal to create a New Member Committee. Included in the Quips is the draft proposal for you to review and comment on. We would like our new members to feel welcome and involved, and this committee would give each person individual attention. The best way to attract and retain members is to make them feel like they belong and are valuable—because they are! The plan is to vote on this new committee at our June meeting.

I am very pleased to report that Quicksilver is starting to financially support other non-profits that fall within the scope of our mission statement. Last Fall we sponsored a hole at a golf tournament that benefitted the damaged Tevis trail. At our April meeting, we voted on sponsoring 3 underprivileged children to participate at DreamPower Horsemanship's Children's Camp in June. To find out more about DreamPower, go to their website (www.dreampowerhorsemanship.com). Currently, quite a few Quicksilver members support and/or volunteer at DreamPower.

Our website overhaul is well under way. Melissa Broquard has taken some huge steps forward on the site. It now has a whole new look. It will continue to be a work in progress and right now she needs your feedback. Go to the site, check it out and let Melissa know what you like or don't like, what should be changed or added. The website address is www.qser.net and her e-mail is mhbroquard@qmail.com.

The Quips is going to have a few more guidelines when it comes to the Classified. Two motion proposals were passed. The first one was: after 3 months, your ad will be removed. In order for it to continue, the advertiser will need to contact the Quips Editor (Barbara McCrary — bigcreekranch@wildblue.net). The second was addressing non-members advertising in the Quips. Nonmembers will be given one month free advertising. After the initial month, if they would like to continue advertising in the Quips, they will need to join the club.

As you can see, the Board has been busy, working hard on behalf of all the Quicksilver members. Have a great month and I hope to see many of you at a few rides during that time.

Lori

Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2014 - Tony and Alba's, Scott's Valley

Meeting called to order at 6:58pm.

Meeting Minutes

 The idea of a binder that included meeting minutes and other miscellaneous club paperwork was discussed. The club also discussed using a link on our updated website where the board could log-in and view club documents (bank statements, treasurer's report, meeting minutes, Articles of Incorporation, etc.)

Treasurer's Report

- · See Quips.
- The club discussed the importance of having someone other than the treasurer get the mail and review payments made on behalf of the club. Kathy Brayton is going to take over the task of getting the club mail.

Committee Reports

- Membership: The club reminded all present members to re-join the club for this year and to spread the word to
 others. All new members at the meeting stood up and introduced themselves and told the club a little about
 themselves.
- Newsletter: The use of public advertisements on the website was discussed. A motion was made to put ads on the
 website and in the Quips for a maximum of three months before they are taken down. This motion was passed. A
 motion was made to allow non-members to advertise in the Quips for free one time. If they want to re-advertise after
 one month, they need to become a member. This motion was passed.
- Technical: The club thanked Melissa for doing such a wonderful job putting together our new website. Suggestions
 and input was given.
- Fall Ride: The club discussed the progress that Peggy has made in planning our fall ride.
- Trails: Jeanine updated the club on the developments regarding the Cemex trails. She told us about the meetings she had attended and made suggestions to the club as to how we can help make sure our voices are heard throughout the planning process.

Unfinished Business

- The New Member Committee, with Barb Granter as chairperson, was discussed and explained to the club.
- Giving to Non-Profits: The club discussed giving proceeds from our endurance ride to non-profits that promote the
 message that Quicksilver was founded on. A motion was made to sponsor three children (\$185 per child) so they
 can go to a week-long camp at Dreampower. This motion was passed.
- Our next meeting is June 7 at Harvey Bear Ranch. This will be a ride/potluck/meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Submitted by Hillary Graham, Secretary

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
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Trails Account			\$1,074.07
Junior Account			\$454.38

Submitted by Maryben Stover, Treasurer

Quicksilver New Member Committee Proposal

Section 10: New Member Committee

The New Member Committee shall consist of three or more club members in good standing and shall be appointed by the President. The chairperson shall be decided by the committee members.

The Membership chairperson shall contact the New Member Committee chairperson each time a new member joins the club. The New Member Committee chairperson shall contact one committee member to reach out to the new member.

The New Member Committee member shall:

contact the new member by phone or e-mail to welcome new members to the club (discussion points can include but are not limited to: endurance experience, benefits of being a member, invite them to go riding, find out their endurance goals, etc.)

introduce them to other club members.

invite to each of the upcoming events and activities held by the club throughout the year, write a paragraph or two for the Quips, introducing them to the club. Include a picture if possible, At the awards banquet, a small gift with the Quicksilver logo will be given to the new member.

Introducing New Members

Katie Webb, age 24, has been competing in endurance since 1999 when she completed her first endurance ride at the age of 9. She is a third-generation endurance rider and AERC member who got her start by spending many fascinating hours watching her family compete in and manage endurance rides during her early childhood.

After a four-year hiatus from the sport during her time at UC Davis (where she completed her Bachelors of Science in Managerial Economics), she returned to the sport and began conditioning and competing on a little gray Arab gelding named Jassens Legacy, or "Jess", who is owned by her grandmother, Barbara McCrary. They are now in their fifth season of competition together and their goals for this season are to complete their first 100-miler and complete Jess's first 1000 miles (he is currently at 780 endurance miles with Katie!).

When she isn't riding and caring for Jess or planning her next race, Katie enjoys spending time with her boyfriend Dan and her dog Cooper. She keeps in shape for endurance riding by taking yoga classes, hiking, and mountain biking a few times per week. Her secret talents are finding four-leaf clovers (sometimes even at a trot from the back of her horse – true story!) and baking apple pies, for which she has won a blue ribbon or two at the Santa Cruz County Fair. She is currently employed as an admin for the Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County.

Stacy James-Ryan is a Santa Cruz native. Stacy writes: at six I started riding a Shetland pony provided by my friend, Laurie Finch, in the hills behind Soquel and Aptos. At nine, I "moved up" to an Arab/Appaloosa mare: brave, forward, and opinionated. This involved no formal instruction; what were my parents thinking?!!! As I roamed the hills, other people offered horses to ride. Finally, I designed a way to get some instruction by setting up "contract P.E." my final semester in high school as an "apprentice" to an Arabian trainer at Briarcliff Farm. Inspired by reading "King of the Wind" *many* times in elementary school, and culminating in handling the two Arabian stallions in high school, I *knew* someday I would "own" an Arabian!!

Fast-forward to post nursing school, marriage, first child, and beginning career: my first Arabian mare, Evelyn! Morgaine, the intense filly, later joined us. Laurie Finch facilitated the acquisition of the lovely gelding, Kialoa! I needed more skills! I found Mary Fenton. Mary graciously opened her barn to my little herd; we were barn-mates for about ten years. Mary's generous sharing of an incredible breadth and depth of knowledge helped me understand more about horsemanship and, importantly, reinforced how much is available to learn. Through Mary and Centered Riding I met Becky Hart (and later Judith Ogus). Becky and Judith continue to patiently support my endurance (and general horse) experience. My current riding horse, Dante, was again supplied through Laurie Finch! Absolutely blessed by horses, I am ever grateful.

Editor's note: I met Stacy at the most recent QS meeting in Scotts Valley and discovered she was a neighbor and friend of Laurie Finch, who was our youngest daughter, Janet's (Katie Webb's mother) best friend in their childhood. Janet and Laurie used to overnight at each other's home. Janet rode ponies with her feet practically dragging on the ground, and Laurie rode our daughter Ellen's 16 hand Standardbred gelding when she came here. Adulthood, marriage, and Laurie's living in Oregon has separated Laurie and Janet, but once in a great while, they run into each other, as Laurie's mother still lives near Stacy. The world is a very small and connected place!

Ride Story

Tango and I had the opportunity to attend the Lost Padres ride again this year. It is, by far, my most favorite ride. The location is incredible and after so many rides in dry and arid conditions, the abundance of green was a feast to the eyes!

Camp is large and comfortable, and since the ride has a limited number of entries, it felt more like a camping trip for a few friends than a ride!

Saw a number of Q'Silver club members there. Sandy Holder (with baby Q who was a star!), Barb Grantor, Diane Trefethen, Alex North, (who absolutely has to win the "tough broad" award for riding with a bruised or cracked rib!), Lori McIntosh, Barbara White, and the lovely Katie Webb, who kept me company on the drive up and back, as well as on many miles on the trails. I hope I didn't miss anyone!

The trail was similar as last year's, and there was plenty of water and grass for the horses to take lots of mini-breaks.

The morning loop on day one started with a heavy fog that gave everything a mystical feel. I loved it. The sun came out in the late morning, and just in time for us to enjoy some of the amazing views from the top of the mountains before we headed back to camp for lunch.

Although I thoroughly enjoyed riding with Barbara and Katie, Tango was being a bit of a... well, royal pain in the posterior on this ride, so I decided to ride the afternoon loop by myself. The afternoon loop is an easier loop and has some shade, but not as much as the morning loop. There were many cows grouped in places, and for some reason thought that we were bringing them food, so they hesitated to move out of our way I had not done any cow work with Tango in a long time, but he was great when I asked him to walk right in the middle of two large herds to get through a coupe of gates... they were all "singing" and it was rather beautiful. As a musician, I appreciated the "choir of moos!". Had to give some brownie points to Tango, to cancel out some of the arguments we had in the morning!

I found the trails extremely well marked, and the water was plentiful. We had a fun awards banquet and ceremony and then it was time to get ready for the next day, which would be the same trail, but backwards. Unfortunately, I found some heat and filling on one of Tango's legs and he was slightly off, so I pulled him from Sunday's ride.



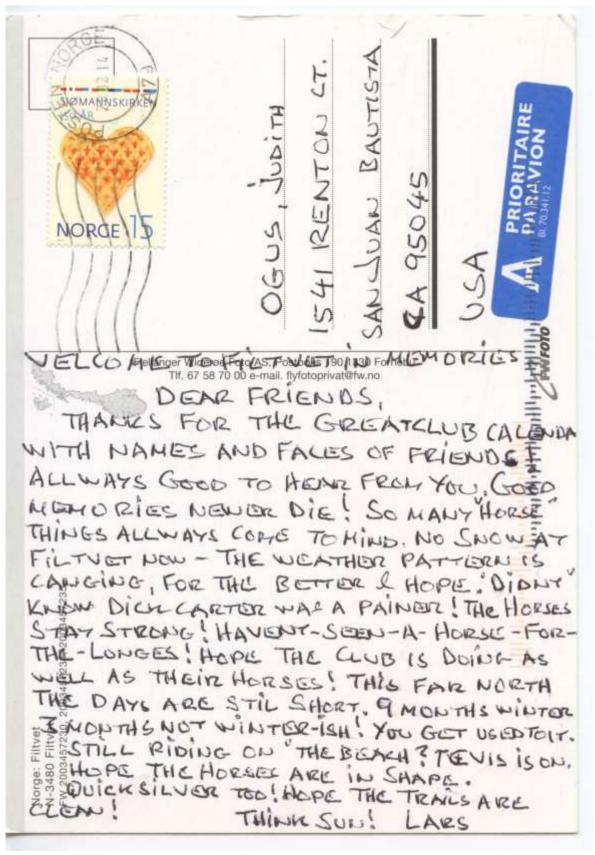
Elisabett and Tango flying low

Came home with a smile on my face and already making plans to return next year! I find that I really enjoy the atmosphere of the Duck's rides... as gruff and odd as he may be, he really brings home the point that endurance is not all about racing, and that absolutely no one knows your horse better than you, and therefore you should be the major influence in the horse's care during a ride. I think that's the core of our sport and I hope we don't ever lose that.

Elisabet Hiatt

A Message From Far Away

Lars Larsen was a Quicksilver member who worked at Quicksilver Park. He moved several years ago back to his native Norway, and we have been sending him the Quips each month, as well as the Quicksilver calendar. Lars sent this postcard to Judith Ogus, mailed in February. See Page 6 for photos of Lars' home town.





Filtvet, the town where Lars lives.





Quicksilver 2014 Meeting Schedule

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 11—Quicksilver Fall Classic at Harvey Bear Ranch in San Martin.

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

December 12—Christmas Party at Almaden Community Center—6:00 PM.

Angry people want you to see how powerful they are. Loving people want you to see how powerful YOU are.

Chief Red Eagle

In Pennsylvania, it is illegal to go to sleep on top of a refrigerator. You might think that is strange, but in Santa Ana, CA, anyone who allows a horse to sleep in a bakery is breaking the law.

Submitted by Elisabet Hiatt

What's Happening in your County Parks! May 2014











Visit our Website!

Boating Season Now Open

Calero, Anderson and Coyote Lakes are now open to boating. This year Stevens Creek and Lexington will remain closed due to low water levels.

With the start of a new boating season, boaters are reminded to practice safe boating on County Reservoirs. Don't forget your vessel registration and check the vessel inspection and boating requirements at parkhere.org.



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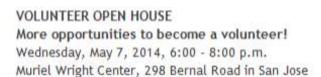
Ratatouille, Thor: The Dark World, Journey to the Center

of the Earth, The Nut Job, Men in Black, Men in Black II and
more! Movies, dates and locations vary, check the calendar

for details!

Get Involved, Become a Volunteer!

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9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



For more information click here!



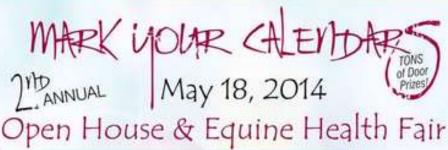


County Parks Volunteer TRAIL WATCH PATROL LOG

REVISED FORM

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DATE:				
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TOTAL HOURS	S.			
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OBSERVATIONS:				The purpose of this log is to provide
VISITOR COUNT - C	ON TRAIL	PARKING LOT	COUNT	park staff information to identify
HIKERS:		HORSE TRAILE	R:	trends in park/trail usage, and to report exceptional conditions or
EQUESTRIANS:		AUTOMOBILE:		events. Only be as concise as you
BICYCLISTS:		MOTORCYCLE	:	need – you don't have to account for all your time. Thank you for your
DOGS:		RV/MOTOR HO		service! PLEASE ONE FORM PER
TRAIL CONDITIONS				MOLUMETER
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DATE/TIME	LOCATION	1	R	EMARKS
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MORNING SCHEDULE

9:00 - 9:30 Eduardo De La Cruz, DVM

Older horses and their foot problems

9:45 - 10:15 Emily Wilson, DVM

Therapeutic Laser -

What can it do for your horse?

10:30 - 11:00 Jim Myers, DVM

Does my horse really need an oral exam every year?

11:15 - 11:45 Catherine Jacobs, DVM
Options for the itchy, allergic horse

III FREE LUNCH III

AFTERNOON SCHEDULE

12:45 - 1:15 Bob Morgan, DVM

It's leafy and green, it must be safe for my horse, right?

1:30 - 2:00 Diana Stolba, DVM

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2:15 - 2:45 Langdon Fielding, DVM, DACVECC

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New Policy for Classified Ads

We accept ads from Quicksilver members at no cost. After 3 months, the ad will be removed unless the advertiser contacts the Quips editor (Barbara McCrary – bigcreekranch@wildblue.net) and advises her of the status of the item. Non-members may run an ad for one month, after which the advertiser will be asked to join the Quicksilver club.

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- ...but it wasn't the horse's fault! Available from Marinera Publishing, www.marinerapublishing.com
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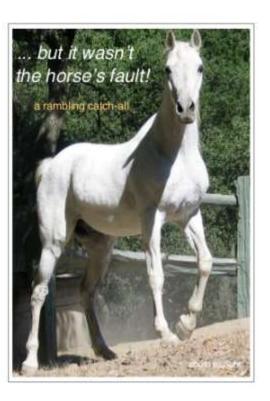


by Julie Suhr

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

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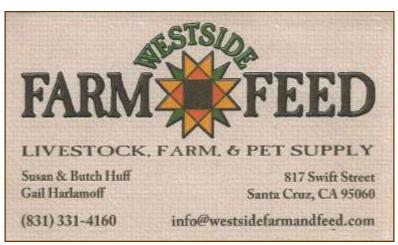
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Humor and Birthdays

30 Signs You Grew Up on a Farm or Ranch (cont. from April)

- 17.) The only traffic jams you ever experienced growing up were when cows crossed the road.
- 18.) Despite being 12 years old you only needed a note from your mom or dad to buy alcohol, cigarettes, or ammunition at any store "in town."
- 19.) When you went to college you learned other kids had more students in their home room than you had in your entire school. And you didn't know what a home room was.
- 20.) Your morning breakfast usually consisted of bacon, eggs, pancakes, and/or hash browns...and your diet radically changed after you no longer lived on the ranch or farm.
- 21.) Everyone showed up to watch if a house, barn, or business caught on fire.
- 22.) Your classroom was nearly empty when deer hunting season opened. Or so you were told.
- 23.) You intimately knew every road for miles. And every two-track road through the fields as well.
- 24) At least once in your lifetime you have driven a tractor, four wheeler, horse, or snowmobile to school.
- 25.) There was a time when you could recognize the voice of anyone who dialed the wrong number.
- 26.) The county fair was considered the social event of the year.
- 27.) You spent more effort looking both ways when you crossed a pasture looking for bulls than you ever did crossing a road looking for cars.
- 28.) You are much more likely to have had a favorite tractor in your life than a favorite car.
- 29.) You drank more water from a hose and spigot then you ever did from a plastic bottle.
- 30.) To this day you can still remember the exact time your school bus arrived in the morning.

BONUS: Your town did not have a beauty queen pageant, but it did crown a Dairy, Beef, Pork, Apple, Wheat, Cranberry, or Maple Syrup Queen. Or something similar.

Thanks to Elisabet Hiatt



Happy May Birthday to our Quicksilver Members and Endurance Friends

Bing Voight	5
Jennifer Voight	7
Jo Barrett	8
Barbara McCrary	9
Peter David	16

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN TH	E QUICKSILVER RIDERS!!!!!
IRST: We need your name	
and then your address	
and your phone number, Fax, e-mail	
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"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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