



Quicksilver Quips

May 2016

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President's Message – May 2016

April was a busy month for the QS crowd! I hear lots of great stories about the adventures that folks have had at rides. I even got off to Lost Padres myself, where I had a great time riding the LDs and enjoyed the company of many club members. We also had a well-attended meeting in Scotts Valley at Tony and Alba's, where Lori and Julie shared their stories from their Rose Parade adventures – and we celebrated April birthdays with chocolate cake. Good times.

We do have some changes to our Board of Directors, as Pete Harper will be stepping down from his position as a Board member. Pete has a new job which puts some extra constraints on his schedule, and while we will miss his presence at meetings, we promise to find other ways for him to contribute in the future. Please join me in thanking Pete for his service to the club.

Our next business meeting will be held on May 18 at Jayne Perryman's home at 7 pm, and we will hold a special election to fill the vacant space on the board.

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Happy Trails-

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Quicksilver 2016 Calendar



Business meeting at Jayne's—May 18 7:00 PM
Quicksilver Potluck Meeting & Ride—Calero—June 11
BBQ at Newburn's—July 16
Camp-out with SCCHA—combined meeting—August 27
Quicksilver Club Meeting—September 21 (location TBD)
Quicksilver Ride—October 1
Quicksilver Meeting & Ride—October 22 (location TBD)
Quicksilver Meeting (TBD)—Elections
Holiday party—December 3—Almaden Clubhouse

Quicksilver Endurance Riders Treasurer's Report (4/28/16)

\$8,427.68 - General Account
\$1,074.31 - Trails Account
\$ 454.38 - Junior Account

Pete Harper Retires from the Quicksilver Board

The Quicksilver members thank you, Pete, for your service on the Board and wish you the best in your new job.

A new director will be chosen soon.

CALIFORNIA RANGELAND

Dear Jo,

You are among an important group of friends to hear some very relevant news about the future of Varian Arabians Ranch. We hope you will be impassioned by our story and help us to protect this beautiful working Arabian horse ranch on California's Central Coast in Arroyo Grande. Exciting plans are currently underway to achieve this effort, but we wanted to inform you of some essential details as **time is of the essence**.

Over the past sixty years, Varian Arabians Ranch has made significant contributions to the Arabian horse industry with its successful breeding program and internationally acclaimed "V" bloodstock. As a result, this lifelong commitment to produce athletic and willing horses and a profound love of the Arabian breed has garnered many accomplishments in training, showing and sharing this passion with a loyal following of supporters over the years. Varian Arabians is considered a worldwide leader in the history, vision, protection, and achievements of the global Arabian horse. And the ranch is the heart and soul, the epicenter, of those historic moments, visionary sentiments, and global achievements.

The recent loss of the leading sire, Afire Bey V, this past December at 30 years old reminds us of the important partnership established between breeder and owner when this outstanding Varian-bred 3-year-old colt was sold to his devoted owners, Dave and Gail Liniger, in 1989. While under the loving care of Marty and Tim Shea, the stallion went on to *capture the imagination of the Arabian horse industry through his tremendous accomplishments and offspring*. Afire Bey V's legacy and **Varian bloodlines will live on** through the fortunate breeding choices made by those who believed in him.

As illustrated by Afire Bey V, the story of Varian Arabians Ranch is not just about the beautiful horses bred in Arroyo Grande. The story is greater, as it includes a vision over the past decade **to protect the approximately 190-acre ranch that has been home to the horses, wildlife and the dedicated people who work there.** As challenges with battling cancer have now impacted the future, it made sense to put in motion a planned gift and form a strategic partnership with California Rangeland Trust. This far reaching estate plan will place a conservation easement on the entire ranch to prevent the land from being broken apart by any developmental pressures from houses and vineyards in this fast-growth community. True to their commitment to help working ranchers, the Rangeland Trust has wholeheartedly embarked on a fundraising campaign to obtain the funds to permanently protect Varian Arabians Ranch.

Our goal is to raise \$2.5 million from loving friends and supporters, but, we **URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP** to reach our goal! When the funds are raised, the Rangeland Trust will purchase the ranch's development rights for the appraisal value and permanently preserve the entire 190-acre ranch.

CALIFORNIA RANGELAND

The estate's trust will safeguard current ownership of the ranch and, when the time is right, farm manager and dear friend, Angela Alvarez, will assume operation of the horse ranch to continue the breeding of the "V" bloodlines along with daily farm business. When Angela retires, the ranch and any of the estate's remaining assets will be donated to the Rangeland Trust as part of the planned gift. The Rangeland Trust will then sell the ranch to a conservation buyer. It is the dream of the Rangeland Trust to find a buyer who shares a passion for Arabian horses and who will continue the Varian legacy even after Angela retires. However, a conservation easement in place that runs with the title of the land ensures this historic ranch remains entirely intact forever, no matter what.

Because of the generosity of those like you who understand the importance of working ranches and their historic significance for future generations, the Varian Arabians legacy will be expanded beyond the boundaries of the ranch to protect working ranches across California. The Rangeland Trust plans to use the proceeds from the sale of Varian Arabians Ranch to fund conservation easements on other working ranches. Your donation will not only help us reach our campaign goal to fund the ranch's conservation easement, but your generosity will eventually allow the Varian legacy to have a long-term impact on protecting the ranching lifestyle by conserving more working ranches throughout the state.

To be successful, we need your support immediately! Each passing day, it becomes increasingly more critical that we achieve our goal. Your gift would bring such peace of mind knowing that this iconic ranch will be saved forever. Please help today by making a generous tax-deductible donation to **protect the future of Varian Arabians Ranch.**

With gratitude,



Nita Vail
California Rangeland Trust

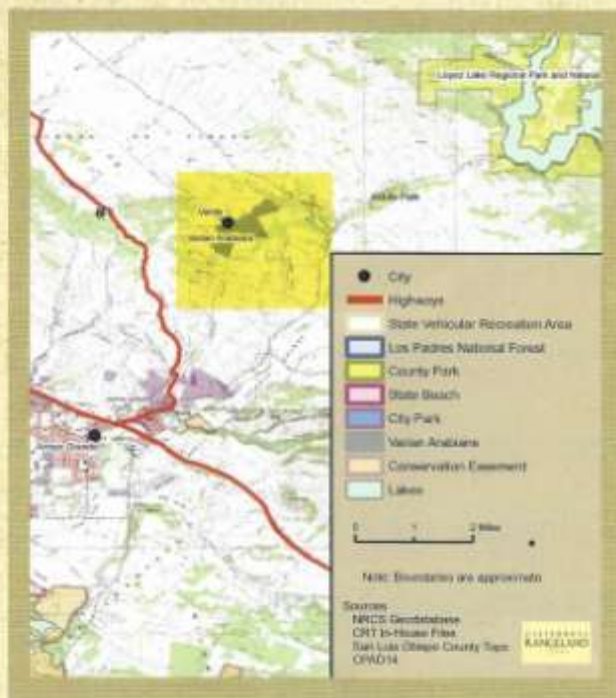


Sheila Varian
Varian Arabians Ranch

Editor's note: The above letter from Rangeland Trust and the following photos were submitted by Jo Barrett, our liaison with various land and trail protection agencies.

A Beautiful Land

Nestled in the hills off of Highway 101 near the town of Arroyo Grande, CA, the 190 acre ranch is home to some of the best Arabian horses in the world. The ranch is located halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco, on the Central Coast of California - 10 miles south of San Luis Obispo. Because of its location, development pressure is mounting.

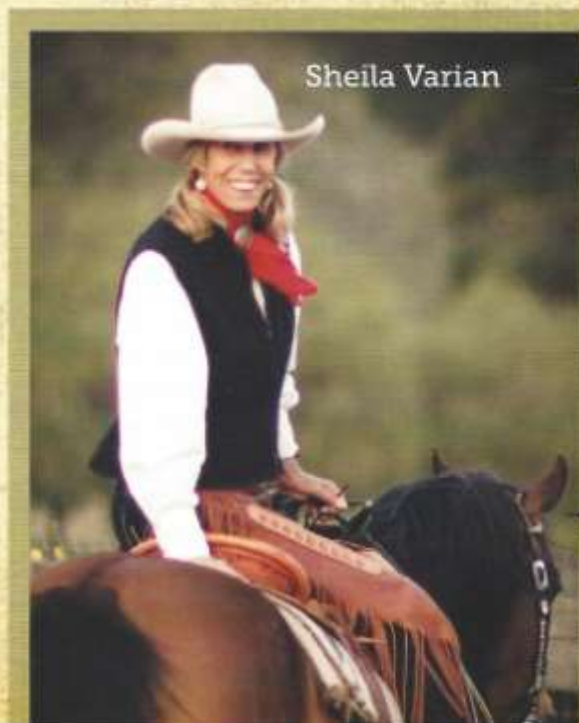


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A Rich, Valuable History

For more than 60 years, nine generations of Varian Arabian horses have been bred on this beautiful land. In fact, 70 percent of all current registered Arabian horses carry the blood of Varian Arabians. Varian Arabians Ranch is a magical place, where the most beautiful and talented Arabian horses have been bred, trained and celebrated. Help us to keep this land working and continue the Varian Arabians legacy of horsemanship, passion and unmatched beauty.



Sheila Varian

Help Protect Sheila Varian's Legacy

"I could not bear the thought of this place being broken up if I was not capable of running it or if I die immediately," Sheila said. "There would be houses all over it and the animals would have no place to go. Now, all the animals that live here would be safe. Angela and the others who work here will be safe, and people will still be safe to visit here. So the California Rangeland Trust is the perfect partner for me. Now I am comfortable and can rest easy knowing that this place will be taken care of."

Sheila Varian



For more than 60 years, the ranch has been home to a rich and exciting history.



Angela ~ Desperado V ~ Sheila

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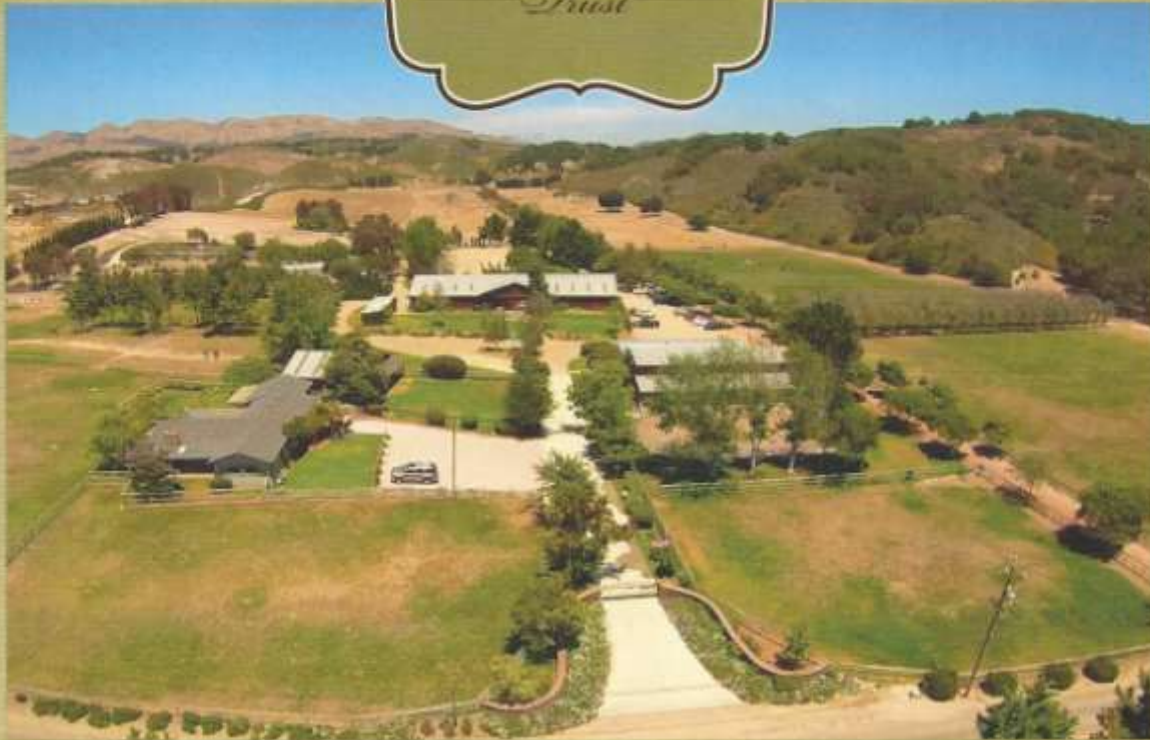
Our campaign goal is to raise \$2.5 million in private tax deductible contributions to purchase the ranch's development rights and permanently conserve the entire property. We hope you will consider a gift to support the **California Rangeland Trust** and Sheila's dream. Your donation will not only help us reach our goal to fund the conservation easement of Varian Arabians Ranch, but your generosity will also eventually allow Sheila's legacy to have a significant impact on protecting the ranching lifestyle by conserving more working ranches throughout California.

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Arroyo Grande, California

Mission statement: Our mission is to conserve California's working ranches that provide stewardship, open space and natural habitat for future generations.

The California Rangeland Trust is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization,
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Endurance Riding History

By Lori Oleson

At the last QS club meeting in Scotts Valley, I told the club members present about a project I have been working on for the past year. It is something I have been thinking about for quite a while and decided it was time to "just do it". I am writing a book about endurance history, looking back to the 1970's, 80's and a little bit in the 90's.

There are so many new AERC members who know nothing about the past great horses and riders that shaped the sport of endurance into what it is now. It has been a lot of fun talking with people and learning more about how endurance started and how it has evolved into what it is today.

In light of this, I thought I would submit to the Quips a little something and at the same time, let you know my progress on the book. Julie has been a huge help in gathering information and resources for me. First, she told me about the various personalities of the people I needed to talk with, which helped me prepare. Second, she shared photos taken by Charlie Barieau, the only photographer in the early years. Lastly, she has shared with me magazines going back to the 1960's. I have spent many hours going through these. One of the magazine series has been Endurance News, including the very first one published Volume 1, Number 1. The date was July/August/September 1974. I thought it would be fun to pull a little something out of the first Endurance News and share it with you. Here is a letter to the riders. The author is not identified.

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Endurance News

July, Aug., Sept., 1974

Dear Endurance Riders,

Many new riders have been added since 1972, bringing the total number of sanctioned rides to 57 at the present time. The ride list shows that endurance is no longer confined to the west. There are many new rides in all parts of the country.

The AERC was formed during the fall of 1971. Early in 1972, it became a non-profit corporation in the state of California. During 1972, 695 riders participated in 24 AERC sanctioned rides. In January of 1973, a banquet was held in Sacramento, California and the first National Championship in endurance riding was awarded to Hal Hall and El Karbaj. Thirty-five of the top horses and rider in the nation were honored with over 225 riders from many states in attendance. *(Editor's note: Lud and I went to that banquet.)* During 1973, 883 horses and riders were reported by the 47 endurance rides in which they rode. This time in Sacramento, 450 people looked on for the awarding of 1973 National Champion, Kathy Creighton and Prince Raff and the other top twenty-five horses and riders in the country.

We have received letters from all parts of the world asking for assistance in organizing rides and conditioning horses. With the aid of pamphlets obtained from the International Arabian Horse Association and reprints of magazine articles, we have answered all letters. At present, the volume of mail that we are receiving is overflowing our facilities and we will soon have to publish our own material in order to answer everyone's questions adequately.

During the past year, many people have written asking how they could help support the AERC. We have received generous contributions from several riders which have financed the AERC during the first year.

In response to requests, we have established an Associate Membership in the AERC. We, as an organization, need your support to grow. The AERCF is the only organization working for endurance riding on a national scale. Your membership of \$5.00 per year will insure that we will be able to continue to work for the growth of the sport. Members will receive Endurance News, the AERC Yearbook, endurance ride decals suitable for car, trailer, or camper, and will be placed on the conference mailing list. ■

Lost Padres Ride

By Pete Harper

This last weekend at Lost Padres Endurance Ride I passed the 5000 endurance career milestone riding my Spotted Saddle Horse gelding, Rocket. This was Rocket's 450 mile ride. All of my endurance rides so far have been on gaited horses; Tennessee Walkers or Tennessee Walker cross.

Rocket is out of my Spotted Saddle Horse (Paint Walker) mare Panda and a CMK Arabian stallion Pico of Blitzen. Panda accounts for 1200 miles of my total endurance miles. Blitzen was a gaited Arab capable of doing a fox-trot gait.



Derby Days

By Jayne Perryman

After an uneventful drive to Washoe NV, well... except the battery door on the Cab Over opening not once, not twice but... four times with four reapplications of duct tape, we arrived at the beautiful ride camp of the Nevada Derby at Lake Washoe State Park. We parked in view of Washoe Lake which had water in it this time around (didn't last September for the Virginia City 100) and directly behind it the snow covered mountains of the Eastern Sierras and Mt. Rose. Ride camp was very large and roomy and we parked next to a fenced in sand arena, so we could turn the horses out to roll later.

Once 7:00 PM on Friday came around and everyone gathered for the ride meeting...management had some news. With a somber tone, the Ride Manager, Beth Kauffmann informed us that the ride was canceled and that Fish and Game told them they found Sage Grouse in the area and we couldn't use the trails. She only let us all freak out for a second until the "APRIL FOOLS" was yelled it was April 1st after all. It was a typical Nevada ride meeting with lots of drink and joking, but their message got across...and we all headed off to bed.

Jenny's Saturday

It was a 7:00 AM start for the 50s - which is so civilized. Roast and I had a quiet morning; he wasn't so sure he wanted to be out of bed in the brisk morning air. After saddling up, we headed to the start, I met up with Dave Rabe on Rushcreek Okay and rode out with him. Dave marked the entire trail for both days. Needless to say, the trail was very well marked.



Come on Jenny - rider up at 7 AM for the 50s

Once Roast woke up and decided he was going to go - we picked up a little trot and we were on our way. It wasn't too long before Peggy Davidson and Great Balls AFire were on our tail. Fire is Roaster's half-brother and they love going down the trail together, so Peggy and I decided to stick together and I knew it was going to be an awesome day. We had a good time moving down the trail and talking. Along the way we picked up Gretchen Montgomery and her mare Coquette. Now that we were a threesome, it was a party. To celebrate the party, on the last seven miles, Peggy and I decided to crack a beer and we were all smiles to the finish line. Great first day!



Jenny and Peggy enjoying the beer Peggy's best crew (Sam) brought them at the final hold

Jayne's Saturday

When Roaster left at 7:00 AM, I looked back at Augie still in his blanket tied to the trailer. It was nice to see he did not care if Roaster had gone out on trail. There was good hay to eat and that was all that was needed to keep Augie peaceful. I fussed around a bit with camp chores and then saddled up, walked over to the picnic table for a mounting block and we walked around ride camp a couple of time to warm up.

The LDs were starting at 8:00 AM and I planned my wanderings about camp such that I would start last or nearly last. Only problem with my plan was I was riding a Mustang who was rounded up as a four year old from this area of Nevada and the first four to five miles of the ride were on the flats...and we could see every rider on trail ahead of us. Well, most of the horses ahead of us were moving at a quick pace and I wanted to keep Augie to an eight to nine mile an hour trot...but Augie disagreed with my plan. After struggling with whoa, half halts and yanking one side then the other on the reins, I lost for a short bit. For the first time in 28 years, I had a runaway. Augie grabbed the snaffle, stuck his nose out and ran as fast as he could. I chirped at the two ladies I past, "Excuse me, but I have a runaway." Then in a clearing, I pulled Augie into a one rein stop and collected wits and fell back into formation behind the ladies I so unceremoniously passed.

The 28 year mark is when I met my husband, Dusty for the first time. Dusty and I were set up on a blind date (trail ride) by his sister Sue and my sister Maryanna. Maryanna was helping Dusty train his three year old Appy gelding Easy, and she lent me her Hanoverian, Dior to go with Easy on one of his first trail rides. Well, everything was fine until we were nearing the end of our ride and the dog at the corner house jumped out of the bushes and spooked the horses. Both horses ran across the road, jumped the three foot ditch and started galloping across the hay field. I looked back to see if Dusty and Easy were Okay and Dusty yelled "Whoa" and Easy stopped on a dime. My horse for the day was another story. Dior had a neck like a bull and was very strong willed. No amount of whoa or pulling was getting me anywhere. Finally, I figured a bit of reverse psychology might work. I started kicking and hitting Dior with the whip to see how fast he could go...and Dior slowed down probably due to confusion and we trotted back to Dusty and Easy. Dusty and I were married 11 months later.

So, back to the Nevada Derby, Augie really did not settle down for the rest of the 18 mile loop. The hill climb was substantial and the sand in places was deep, but he was on fire. Riding with others at 20 Mule Team was not a problem, but the ability to see the horses off in the far distance at the start really fried his brain. I did hold him back and finished dead last having completed the 25 miles in 4 hours 30 minutes.



Augie at the one hour hold after 18 miles

What was so nice about the Derby ride was the one hour vet hold after the 18 mile loop back in camp. I pulled his tack, fed him a large bucket and got to make myself a sandwich which I had time to enjoy, before tacking up again. The last seven miles went quickly and for being the Turtle, I got a bottle of Chardonnay. Nevada Rides are fun!

Jenny's Sunday

It was another quiet morning for Roaster and me. He is so not a morning horse and it never fails to make me laugh when all the commotion and excitement from the other horses and riders is at its greatest Roast just wants to back to his trailer. So we headed down the trail which was completely flat and the horse next to him was going nuts, yet Roast was happy to just poke along. I was happy to see Gretchen again on the trail this time riding Spice. I rode with Gretchen and Spice at Fire Mountain in January we had a good time then and decided to ride together again along with Kim Mileo on Tika Sherri. I had never met Kim before and it's always fun to meet new people on the trail.

The first loop went great for all of us, although Roast and I were getting pretty sick of the rocks. In order to take our minds off of it Gretchen and I came up with some dumb jokes which were mostly about rocks. The second loop was a total butt kicker we climbed up this huge gravel road which at times seemed like a freeway. All three of us were so happy to see the top of that trail and even more rocks! Sadly Kim's horse was pulled at our second vet check, but Gretchen and I headed out for our last loop. I met some awesome trail riders who were out for a late afternoon ride who offered me a drink (I love Nevada); it was too bad I had to turn them down. Roast had finally decided to act like an endurance horse and I was doing all I could to hang on. Roast and I finished tenth. It was a great ride.

Jayne's Sunday

For Sunday, the LDs started out at 8:00 AM again and this time we would head for the mountains in the opposite side of the park. I arrived at the start at 6 minutes after 8:00 AM on purpose. I knew the horses ahead of us would be up and over the mountain so there would be no frantic start. I checked in with the timer, turned Augie away from the start as one last horse went up and around the corner of the mountain...then we turned around and walked out of camp quietly. Yahoo! I had a peaceful ride, over some really beautiful trail.



Augie enjoying the view of Lake Washoe, Mt. Rose and the reflection



Augie was thrilled to see some of the Wild Bunch from his old neighborhood

My photos of the lake, mountains and wild horses were taken because my horse and I were all alone and from here on out, I will try to approach each ride with that objective. Yes, Augie and I passed about four horses on trail that day (I was hoping for another Tail End Award, oh well) and we finished seventh. I am proud to say I showed for best condition because I wanted to know how much my tack and I weigh. Augie really did look good at the finish with a CRI of 52/40. The 52 happened when I swung the saddle back up on his back after weigh in and the vet, vet secretary and others near the scales made Augie nervous...ah, Mustangs.

The drive home from Nevada was uneventful and the horses came home in good shape. We are headed to Cache Creek Ridge Ride next and look forward to more fun tales to tell.



End of Day Two – a great time had in the Nevada wilderness

A Tale of Two Teeth...

By Elisabeth Hiatt

This little ordeal started early in April, when I noticed a slight discharge from one of Solo's (my 25 year old horse) nostrils while I fed him his dinner. I made a mental note to check it the following morning, to make sure it was gone. No such luck... it was now a thick, yellow and exquisitely stinky discharge. The kind that puts fear in the heart of people like me, who is used to washing horse poop from under my fingernails without much thought. I now know what the "pit of eternal stench" from the movie Labyrinth smells like! Enough said.

I called my vet (the mighty Chuck Kessinger) and he thought it could be one of two things: A sinus infection or a bad tooth, so we put Solo on antibiotics. Unfortunately, after a two week course, the nasal discharge had not changed much. Chuck came to take a look and was pretty convinced that it was a bad tooth that would need to be extracted.

"Ok, says I... when do you want to do it?" And then I saw something I had never seen before: Chuck taking a couple of steps back, shaking his hands and head and saying "ooooh no, no, no... I won't do it, you need to go to Davis!"

Clue # 1 – this is going to be harder than I thought.

Chuck gave me the name of the Veterinarian who is the expert up there in Davisland. Dr. Nicola Pusterla (Dr. P from here on!) and gave me a run down of what the procedure would look like.

Clue # 2 – this is going to be a LOT harder than I thought.... Really.

I called right away and was lucky enough to get an appointment less than a week away. By now my barn smelled like several elephants had died under the foundation, and I swear that the smell followed me home. Ugh.

We arrived at UCD and met with the nurse, who did all the nurse things they do and then took Solo to the operation room. I'm sure you have all been to the dentist... some of you may have had a tooth extracted... we are all familiar with the tools of the trade. Well, the same tools were there, just scaled up a lot! And there were a few that seemed a bit extreme, like nippers the size my farrier uses to trim feet.

Clue # 3 – this is going to be harder and messier than I thought.

Dr P is from Switzerland and has the coolest accent. He was very kind and explained to me the procedure from start to end. Not only that, he had no issues with me being in the room, and took time throughout the procedure to stop and let me look over his shoulder.

Though still standing, by now Solo was in a drug induced "la-la land" and they went to work. X-rays helped Dr. P pinpoint the bad tooth. The bad news is that there were two... very worn and with hardly any roots left. We could see some of the infection that had gone into the sinus cavity. The fact that the teeth were short and with little roots was good, because he was able to pull them the 'normal" way. Had they been longer, I understand that they have to "punch" them out from above. I will leave that part to your imagination.

The procedure is hard work, messy, bloody and it takes time. Solo was in there for 3 hours from start to finish. Dr. P got one tooth out fairly easily, but the 2nd one was a bit more difficult, and to make things worse, one small piece of root broke when he pulled the tooth out. Dr. P did not want to leave it there, and it took him almost as long to fish it out as it did to pull the teeth. He felt that given the infection, it would have been a bad idea to leave it. He then prepared a "plug" out of some pink material and put it in the hole left by the teeth. This was, hopefully, to prevent food from getting smushed (my word) in there. Because the hole was pretty shallow, he did not have much hope of it staying in there, but it was worth a shot. It did fall out two days later.



I breathed a deep sigh when he finally got the piece out, only to have my heart nearly stop when he said “well, that was the easy part, now comes the hard part...” What the heck!?!?

A hole had to be drilled on the side of Solo's cheek, so that a catheter could be inserted. The placement is precise and Dr. P referred to the X-rays a couple of times to make sure it was placed in the optimal spot. He drilled a hole and placed a catheter in it. Then a balloon like part at the end of the catheter was inflated inside the sinus cavity to help hold the tube in place. Some fancy stitches and tape secured the rest of the tube to the halter. This is all done so that the sinus cavity can be flushed daily for at least three weeks post surgery. They showed me how to do the flushing and told me that it would take two people to be able to do it at home. Solo was well sedated, but I imagined what he would think of all this when fully awake.

Clue # 4 – It's going to be hard for weeks. They offered me sedatives for Solo. I gladly accepted them. Got any for me?

It's been a little over a week of daily flushing and all the John Lyons training I did with Solo definitively paid off. Neither one of us have needed sedatives. He is not happy about it, but will lower his head for me and keep it down while my husband pumps the saline water in. It all comes pouring out of his nostril... it's a weird sight. He is slowly improving, but still smells a bit. He will be on antibiotics for at least another three weeks. I also have him on probiotics, to help his sensitive gut stay as happy as possible.

The long term prognosis is not the best. Solo has Cushings, which, according to Dr. P will make the healing time longer and the possibility of another tooth going bad very real, but what else can you do when you love your pony very much? ■



Elisabet Hiatt and Tango (not the one with the bad teeth) at Lost Padres. The cow is wondering who is invading her territory - and why.

Photo by John Wilson



In Search of Camp Horses



Contact: horsefinder@roughingit.com
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"Tami's regular bodywork sessions work wonders on my horse. She has helped him become symmetrical, balanced, and free in his movement." ~ Giulia Orth

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July 16

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5K FUN RUN**



Harvey Bear County Park



Dogs are welcome but
must be on non-retractible
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responsible for clean up
and safety of their
animals.

Fun for all ages!

Registration begins at 8am with a pancake breakfast to follow the race.
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Classifieds and Services

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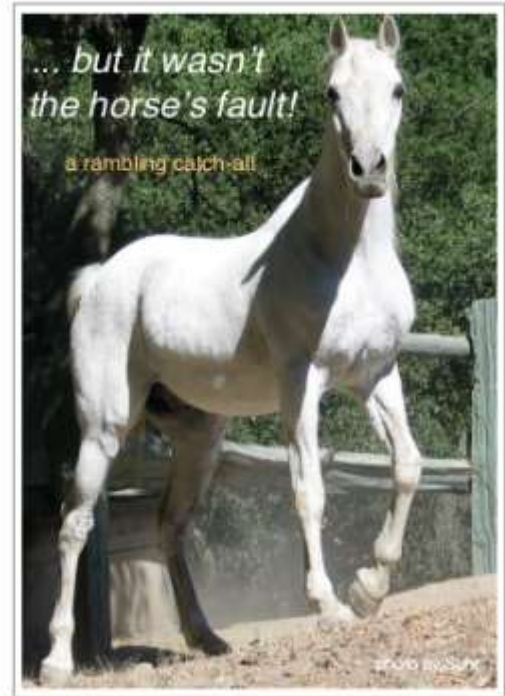
To benefit our trails and our horses, I have written two books. They are entirely different in style.

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
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by
Julie Suhr

*You are never
quite the same
after you ride
a good horse.*



"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.

Julie Suhr (831) 335-5933

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

Humor and Birthdays

Puns for Educated Minds

- How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.**
- Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!**
- A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.**
- I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.**
- Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.**
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.**
- I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.**
- They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.**
- I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.**
- Jokes about German sausages are the wurst.**
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.**
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.**
- This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.**
- When chemists die, apparently they barium.**
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.**
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.**
- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.**
- Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?**
- When you get a bladder infection you know urine trouble.**



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**Happy May Birthdays
to our Quicksilver Members
and Endurance Friends**

Courtney Hart	2
Bing Voight	5
Jennifer Voight	7
Jo Barrett	8
Barbara McCrary	9
Peter David	16

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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.

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

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

Thomas Jefferson

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QSER exists to promote the sport of endurance riding by conducting endurance rides and advocating for equestrian trails. It seeks to provide a model for the highest standards of sportsmanship and horsemanship within the context of this sport. It supports and provides educational events and leadership in each of these areas.

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