



# Quicksilver Quips

July 2012

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## July President's Message

I am sure enjoying the long days of Summer... are you? If you work full time like me, it's such a luxury to be able to go for a ride after work and still have daylight left to take the tack off! Of course, the long days are numbered, so I hope you take advantage of every single one of them.

We had a great club fun day on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. See pictures on pages 3 through 5. A bunch of people showed up and we had a good ride (several groups went out at different times) great food and fun, fun games. I want to extend a big THANK YOU to Peggy Davidson for coming up with creative games that kept us laughing and entertained. It felt really good to have a well attended event like this. Thank you to all who came from near and far to make it happen. We will try to have more like it in the future. We even managed to have a short (and I mean short) meeting. For those of you who missed it, here are the highlights:

- \* The August meeting will be held at Sheila Kumar's home. I believe she may have been persuaded to cook Indian food for those who attend. We may need RSVP's. We'll try to make it on a Friday or weekend, so hopefully more people will be able to attend. We'll have more details in the August newsletter. Also, please let me know if there is anything you want to put on the agenda. We will have a ½ hour 'first aid on the trail' discussion.
- \* Work on the bylaws revisions continues. Maryben, Barbara and Kathy have been discussing changes, clarifications and other ways to improve them.
- \* We would like to find a volunteer who would take on updating our website. If you are interested, please contact me. We are not looking for a major overhaul, but a bit of regular upkeep. Who knows, maybe you will really enjoy it and then decide to do a major overhaul!
- \* Non-paid members have been dropped from our mailing lists.
- \* Fall ride will be at Grant Ranch. The permit process is about half way through. Brian Reeves will be the manager. I'm sure he would appreciate volunteers.
- \* We had a small raffle to help club member Becky Hart in her quest to go to the World Championship. We wish Becky and Pete the best of luck!

Finally, we have a new member, Barbara Bacon, of Swanton. We want to welcome her to the club. I hope we get to go for a ride with her soon! Barbara, we are glad to have you on board!

Take care y'all and stay safe!

Elisabet

## Michele's Birthday Present

This story really starts with a bay mare named Cougars Clown. Some of you may have known her. She was by Cougar Rock by Bezatal, out of an Indian Pony mare, and she was best known for her half bald face opposite a striking blue eye. In 2007, she gave birth to a filly I named Clowns Charisma, but call Pippa, because she was quite a little pipsqueak when she was small!

Call me crazy, and maybe I was at the time, but there is something about those babies that is addicting, and last spring, I decided to give Pippa a chance to carry on Clown's tradition of excellent motherhood. I missed her May heat, but all seemed fine for her in June, and she was bred over Father's Day. Just to confirm that all was in order, I ran a blood test for pregnancy in September, and was dismayed to get back negative results. Oh well, c'est la vie, as they say. Apparently, Pippa did not want to be a mother, so I increased her training, with an eye towards an LD sometime the spring of the following year.

However, not long after that, Pippa started telling me something was up. She was not liking her workouts, and had a different attitude. I put her back on the bench, to see what might develop. And what did develop, although not until late March of this year, was a baby belly. It took that long for me to be sure it was not just a hay belly! And so around Mother's Day of this year, the watch began. I will not bore you with the lengthy details of the ensuing weeks of 2:00 AM wakeup calls and innumerable false alarms. Maiden mares do make one earn one's keep! We will skip ahead to the early morning of June 2, just two days before my 45<sup>th</sup> birthday:

It's almost 4 AM, and going back to sleep seems pointless, so here I am, at my computer, writing to all of you!

Pippa had given me so many false alarms, though I knew we were getting closer, this night was not stacking up to be any different than all the others...except for the fact that things were looking a bit more saggy, if you know what I mean. The foal still did not seem to have turned, and she was not dripping any milk, so I set the alarm for 2AM again, but without any thrill of anticipation.

As had become my habit, when the alarm went off, I rolled out of bed and into some clothes conveniently placed on the floor in front of my bed with my eyes still halfway glued shut. Grabbed two carrots out of the fridge, and trekked outside into a beautiful, moonlit, mild, calm night, quiet and still but for the crickets making their serenade. As soon as I got out to the gate, I knew something was happening. I did not need a flashlight, because the moon is near full, and it was casting a benevolent yellow light over everything. But....the horses just had an air about them. I could tell something was happening before I even really unglued my eyes and saw them.

With these things, there is always a waiting to see....is everything okay? Is it all coming out the way it should? There is so much room for disastrous results, and of course, being the veterinarian, I am always halfway expecting the worst. So I was not shocked to see part of the amniotic sac sticking out, and nothing much happening. This is never a good sign. I gave an attentive Tallymark a carrot, and Pippa ate the other one, just like nothing was happening! Now that's an appetite any good endurance horse would be proud of!

Then I got down to business, still with the feeling of "how bad is it going to be?" hanging over me. The parts I could touch were cold, so I was not sure how long this had been going on. I quickly determined that everything was where it should be...front feet first, offset and parallel, and I could feel what seemed to be a fairly good-sized head...no surprise about that, being that it was Clown's grand-foal! I still had not turned on a flashlight, as there was no need. I did not see any blood or anything amiss in the moonlight. So.....I grabbed hold and gave a tug. This didn't budge a thing, but it did get Pippa's attention, and she started pushing again. I think she'd given up on that part. A little more of this ensued, and Pippa decided it was time to lie down, which she did. I think this was helpful, as we made a little more progress. I was pretty sure the foal was going to be dead, at this point, and I was just trying to get it out to save the mare (remember....I am always thinking worst-case scenario!). I had to put my foot up on Pippa's rear end and pull for all I was worth, feeling like I as at least tearing muscles on the baby, if not actually dislocating a shoulder. Finally, the darn thing came out, and I tore open the sac over her muzzle, and she started to move!

After that, Pippa rested for a while, I rubbed the baby all over to get her stimulated, all the time having dreadful visions of all the dummy foals I worked on in vet school (those are the ones who come out okay, but never get the instinct to stand up and nurse, and ultimately don't survive).

It's kind of like checking things off a to-do list: get it out, make sure mare is not bleeding to death, make sure foal is breathing, standing, nursing, make sure mare will let foal nurse (maiden mare....they dont always like it!), make sure mare has milk for foal to nurse, make sure placenta is out and whole.....it goes on and on.

With everything checked out, at last, I can sit down on the clean dried grass that smells like summertime hope and breathe a sigh as the weight of this magical moment under the nearly full moon envelops me. We are alive, and whole, and tonight, Clown's spirit carries on.

Now, I am for coffee and a shower. I think I have afterbirth in my hair!

Note: the filly is named Charismas Hot Flash, and she weighed in at 114 pounds! She is now a week old, and looks to have already grown an inch. Pippa is healing well and is a very good and content mama.

*By Michele Roush  
Photos on next page*





*Flash—4 hours old*



*Pippa with Flash (four days old)*

Pippa is by No Limite, so half sister to Scott Sansom's Redline, and Flash's sire is So Big Is Better by Burning Sand.

### Quicksilver Club Ride—June 2

Rather than try to figure out who was at our great club ride today, I thought I'd send this photo to everyone. Barb Granter took the photo, so she is missing. A few others had to leave right after lunch, but we captured as many as we could.

We had a great time, perfect weather, yummy food, and FUN FUN games!! My tummy hurts from laughing so hard!

For those who were there, thanks for coming, I really enjoyed it. For those who were not there, sorry you missed it! We'll try again one of these days... it will be called the "Fer-crying-out-loud Plan C Aaargh" ride #2!

*Elisabet*



L to R, standing: Julie Suhr, Judy Etheridge, Lori Oleson, ? (sorry, couldn't get an ID on this woman), Michele Herrera, Elaine Elbizri, Susan Stillman, Jo Barrett, Doug White, Sandy Holder, Scott Sansom, Kiki Leuther, Peter David, Jennifer Perryman, Jayne Perryman, Nancy Stinnett, Barbara White, Colette (friend of Nancy's)

Seated, L to R: Dick Carter, Jeanine McCrary, Elisabet Hiatt, Peggy Davidson Missing: Sheila Kumar, who left before this photo was taken

*Photo by Barb Granther  
See next two pages for more...*



QUICKSILVER CLUB RIDE AND FUN DAY—JUNE 2, 2012



Horse fishing



The winner!



Smiling faces



Julie



Egg race



Group photo



A coin between your knees???



Mine Hill water stop



Egg race



Horse fishing





Smiling faces, happy places, a great time was had by all, two and four legged friends...



COLLAGE BY ELISABET HIATT



### Mike Maul and Rroc

Rroc is 24 now and about 250 miles short of 11,000 lifetime miles. The photo was taken at the March 2012 Heart of the Hills ride in the CT region near Bandera, TX.

He had a very loose shoe the night before the ride and I had taken him to the farrier's trailer to get it tightened. He was pitching a fit because I had not brought his buddy Thor (Monterey PF) with him. I was calming him down in the photo and it turned out as a fairly dramatic shot in the twilight.

When Rroc's competing, he forgets Thor completely, but in camp, he wants his buddy even if it's some horse he just met...

## Mystery Picture

Who drew this picture? Answer on page 16



## NEWS NOTES

**From Kathy Brayton:** I am leaving 6/26 to visit my daughter and her fiancé's family in Israel. One of the things I look forward to doing is visiting an Arabian horse ranch whose owners are friends of my daughter's future in-laws. Apparently I am going to get to ride also. Sure hope so!

Judith Ogus, Darran Ross and I also attended a fascinating and very educational 2-day symposium in Petaluma the weekend of June 9-10. It was held at the Circle Oak Equine facility. The presenters were Dr. Kerry Ridgeway and Colonel Carde, who is past president of the FEI and an Olympic medalist. The title of the symposium was "Optimizing Your Horse's Straightness, Balance and Performance."

## RIDING TIMES AT BEAR

What a crazy thing to think we could do it. . . . to create a trail connecting Harvey Bear County Park, 4 Private Property owners and their land to Open Space, cut a fence (with permission), ride into Henry Coe Park, complete a loop, have a vet check and then return back through Open Space (fixing the fence AFTER the last rider went through it), ride back across those lovely Private Property owners land and re-enter Harvey Bear County Park and then return to base camp. ARE WE NUTS??? And even more so, WHY would we even THINK to want to do it again? It's exhausting just thinking about much less writing about all of that!

Oh, and on top of all of it, having a million questions asked like: didn't you take QSER's Fall Ride Date (over a year in advance); you sure you want to make it 2-days; why'd you serve wine; did you pocket the profit; what was the length of the ride; what happened the last day when the trail was sabotaged. . . .

Some of the questions were pretty easy to answer. The biggest challenge we had to deal with was how to convince all the individual constituents involved, one by one, to agree on letting us "do it", and even the day before the ride, we almost lost a significant section of private property due to a misunderstanding. The simple answer, it was WAY too complex for the QSER Club, too many variables, too much 'charm and charisma' (the girls – at least Barb, Katie and Suzanne) and levelheadedness and quiet understanding by our fearless leader, Dick Carter. With so much potential for losing money, plus the added challenge of 100% of the proceeds going to the WSTF. . . WAY TOO COMPLICATED!!

But the fun of it all, once our little group started dreaming about 'the possible', knowing that NO ONE would understand our insanity, is we still decided to TRY!

Ah. . . . here we are, another year, thinking to ourselves – could we do it a 2<sup>nd</sup> time? Because we didn't raise enough to buy the minimum amount of Tevis trail to associate Dick's name with it (ah, somebody forget to send this issue of the QUIPS to him please), and didn't feel comfortable soliciting funds from other ride organizations and/or individuals, Barb, Katie and I decided to give it another try. . . . and we'll rope the Marshall back in as appropriate, and maybe, just maybe, we can actually make this ride "better" as we try to reach our goal.

So . . . here's where YOU come in! Ya'll know by now, it takes a village. We couldn't have done last year's ride and certainly can't do it this year without quite a few of the QSER members helping out in some way, like they always do, at all rides in our region. The good news is the trail has already been hand-cut into the country side, so with a little maintenance, we have that checked off the list. But for the day of the ride, PLEASE let us know if you can help volunteer and/or ride, and if not, still come out for the potluck Friday night (free if you bring something) or barbecue dinner Saturday and Sunday (for a nominal fee unless you're volunteering). We'd loved to see you there and we appreciate your understanding for our "Crazy – doesn't even BEGIN to cover it" goal of connecting lovely riding trails in our local area and supporting 'the world's toughest ride'!

Oops, I just had a funny thought . . . I just realized that none of Ride Management ever actually RODE the trails . . . man we MUST be CRAZY!!

See ya soon and thanks again for your help and understanding – WooHOO!!!

See our You Tube link: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w7e39khFEus&feature=em-share\\_video\\_user](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w7e39khFEus&feature=em-share_video_user)





## **"Ride Bear I & II"**

**SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> AND 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2012**  
**50 Miler, 25 Miler and SHORT FUN RIDE!**

**A TRULY UNIQUE "THIS-EVENT-ONLY" COORDINATION OF TRAILS CONNECTING TWO BEAUTIFUL PARKS OVER PRIVATE PROPERTY AND OPEN SPACE!** Our exciting annual fall ride benefiting the Western States Trail Foundation, a not-for-profit, will once again be offered as a multi-day event from a spacious base camp. Ride Management continues to work collaboratively with OSA (Open Space Authority), supportive private land owners, County and State officials to realize the vision of linking Harvey Bear County Park with Henrey Coe State Park. **Please note:** because of the nature of working with 3 different government authorities and private property owners, these trails are open only once per year. Maintaining this sensitive arrangement greatly depends on how you treat others while attending.

### **WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AT RIDE CAMP!**

**CAMP INFORMATION:** Camp is located at the Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park. This ~5,000 acre park - featuring a 635 acre lake with miles of horse, bicycle and hiking trails - is nestled in the Diablo Range east of the City of Gilroy. There are three entrances into Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park. Our ride site will be at the Harvey Bear Ranch. Dogs are welcome on a 6 ft. leash at base camp only. **From U.S. Highway 101** (between Gilroy and Morgan Hill), take the San Martin Ave. exit. Proceed east on San Martin Ave. for 2 miles. The park entrance is on the left, one-quarter mile east of Foothill Avenue. **RIDE CAMP IS JUST BEYOND THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE PARK.** Creek and hydrant water, both in camp and at appropriate intersections, are suitable for horses only. Riders should bring their own drinking water. Portable toilets and trash receptacles are provided. **NO OPEN FIRES ALLOWED.**

**RIDE DETAILS:** Day One for the 50 milers (only) will start in Harvey Bear Park, go through 10 miles of technical new trail to include Open Space and Private Property, and include a loop in Henrey Coe before returning home. Day Two will incorporate the original Harvey Bear trail and feature the Savannah Trail with beautiful vistas of Coyote Lake and the valley below as well as other newly opened trails.

- **PRE-RIDE VETTING:** Upon vet arrival (usually about 4:00 PM) - 7:00 PM Friday. Multi-day riders please bring your second day rider card to your first day completion exam.
- **FABULOUS MEALS:** PRE-RIDE POTLUCK on Friday starts at 5:30 p.m. Please bring something to share with our wonderful group of riders and volunteers. Prizes for "Best in Show" will be given (2 categories - Entrée and Dessert). Wine tasting on Saturday starts at 5:30 p.m. with Dinner. Pre-Ride Briefing at 6:30 PM both days.
- **RIDE TIMES:** 50-milers 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM; 25-milers - 6:30 AM - 12:30 pm; 10-mile Fun Ride - 7: 30 AM UNTIL YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH FUN (but please, prior to 5:00 PM so we can check you in prior to having dinner together)!!
- **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** 25 miler placements are based on the order in which the horses meet a heart rate of 60 beats per minute (and required prior to 12:30 p.m. as additional criteria for completion).
- **POST-RIDE EXAM OF HORSES:** Based on AERC current rules and control judge Bill Seales criteria for then current conditions. All criteria will be posted at the check-in table upon arrival and shared at the ride meeting.
- **AWARDS:** Official awards will begin at around 6 p.m. and will be given to ALL Riders participating, including Top 10 for 25/50 mile riders as well as special awards for FUN RIDERS!
  - ✓ **BEST CONDITION:** based on AERC established criteria for all Sanctioned Distances
  - ✓ **MULTI-DAY RIDERS:** as in the past, special awards will be given to riders/horses completing both days

**RIDE RULES:** The 50-mile and 25-mile rides are sanctioned by AERC and will comply with AERC rules and policy. The Fun Ride is sponsored by Ride Management and is put on for the benefit of those that want to enjoy the trail as well as those wanting an introduction to the wonderful equestrian sport of endurance. All horses entered in the ride will be under veterinary criteria. Our knowledgeable Volunteers will be helping all riders with/without experience to understand the criteria as well as how to present their horses at the vet checks. Additionally, Ride management reserves the right to interpret the rules as would be necessary to insure the continuity of the rides and to settle any questions which may arise from any incident that might occur during the rides. **Minors (under 18 years of age) are required to wear helmets. All other riders are STRONGLY encouraged to wear helmets.**

#### **SEND ENTRIES TO:**

**Katie Holder, Ride Secretary, 2471 Bridle Path Drive, Gilroy, CA 95020**  
cell: 510-206-4745 or email: [spikelove83@yahoo.com](mailto:spikelove83@yahoo.com)

#### **All other questions:**

**Sandy Holder, Ride Manager,** cell: 408-218-5028, email: [sjholder002@gmail.com](mailto:sjholder002@gmail.com) or  
**Barb Granter, Assistant RM,** cell: 408-712-7996, email: [barb.granter@gmail.com](mailto:barb.granter@gmail.com)



# "Ride Bear I & II" Entry Form

Rider Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AERC # \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Day 1 (SATURDAY) Information:** Distance:  25 Miles /  50 Miles OR Fun Ride:  (check one)

Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Horse AERC#: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Owners Name and AERC#: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

**Day 2 (FRIDAY) Information:** Distance:  25 Miles /  50 Miles OR Fun Ride:  (check one)

Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Horse AERC#: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Owners Name and AERC#: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Division:  FW (0 - 160 lbs w/tack)  LW (161 - 185 lbs/tack)  MW (186 - 210 lbs w/tack)  HW (211 lbs + w/tack)  JR (under 16 years old)

Entry Fees: 2 - Day entry fee (both days for 25 and 50 miler - your choice) \$230.00 \_\_\_\_\_

1 - Day entry fee (25 and 50 miler - includes \$12 camping fee) \$130.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Juniors (under 16 as of 12/1/11) & 2012 Ride Managers discount (\$25.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Non AERC day member fee (applies to 25/50 mile riders) \$15.00/day \_\_\_\_\_

FUN Riders (includes dinner and awards) \$40.00/day \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Dinner Ticket(s) @ \$20.00 each:  Saturday  Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

Add \$25 if postmarked after September 15, 2011 \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY FEE AND REFUND POLICY:** Please make checks payable to **SANDY HOLDER**. Checks will be cashed after the ride. All proceeds will be donated to the Western States Trail Foundation and used to purchase a mile of the Tevis Trail. Entry fee for any horse failing to pass pre-ride Vet criteria will be refunded less \$25.00 (meals tickets will be kept by the rider). Full refunds will be given on or before September 12<sup>th</sup>; however, should you cancel without cause after September 15<sup>th</sup> or fail to show up at the ride, your entry will not be refunded. Multi-day riders whose horses are pulled from Saturday will be given a 50% refund for Sunday. No refunds will be given for riders whose horse gets a completion for Saturday, but decides not to ride Sunday (except in cases where there is a veterinary recommendation for the horse to not participate, in which case, a 50% refund will be given for Sunday).

### PLEASE READ AND SIGN LIABILITY RELEASE

I wish to participate in the "Ride Bear" event. I am aware that an endurance competition as well as a Fun Ride 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 that competitive events such as this, over considerable distance contain inherent risks of injury and damage to me personally, to my animal(s) and equipment. Knowing these facts, nevertheless, in consideration of your accepting this entry, I do hereby for myself, heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release all Ride Management, Volunteers, the Santa Clara County Parks, Santa Clara County Open Space Authority, the State of California and/or their representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, and assign from any and all right claim of liability for damages, or for any and all injuries that may be sustained by me including injuries to other animals or equipment and property or from any and all claims of any kind or nature that I might have. I do acknowledge that I have read the foregoing paragraph and know and understand the contents thereof.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Minors (anyone under the age of 18) must have the following liability signed by one of their parents/guardians.

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Minors Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 For more about the sport of Endurance Riding, please go to: [www.aerc.org](http://www.aerc.org) For more information about the WSTF, please go to: [www.teviscup.org](http://www.teviscup.org)



# Eleventh Annual East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Ride Wednesday, Aug 29--Monday, Sept. 3



**Ride:** the trails of the East Bay Hills in small groups at your own pace for one, for more or for all 6 days. Follow and/or parallel the Bay Area Ridge Trail much of the time, on both fire roads and single track trails, over both flat and hilly terrain, with views of the Bay Area, across the valley and beyond. Camp 2 nights at Tilden, Joaquin Miller, and Anthony Chabot Parks with the 5th Annual Bay Area Ridge Trail Through-Hike from Castro Valley to Martinez.

**Food and Evening Entertainment:** All meals provided for riders and hikers, and hay, carrots and water for the horses. Evening programs will include a visit to the Chabot Space Center, a naturalist presentation, the Flying Fillies Drill Team, the Dark Hollow Bluegrass Band, and other surprises.

**Costs/Benefits:** Ride fees start at under \$60/day and cover your camping, food and horse provisions, trail maps, and all evening programs. A raffle and silent auction will provide other opportunities to support the Bay Area Ridge Trail and East Bay equestrian and volunteer trail projects. Register online at <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/3635275206> or by US Mail using the entry form at [www.twha.org](http://www.twha.org) or on the reverse of this flyer.

**Camp Rules:** Riders will be responsible for stabling their horses at each camp. Stallions will not be allowed on this ride and please no generators after dark. Dogs by special permission only. SEI-certified helmets are required.

**Questions:** Contact Judy Etheridge, at [misxfire@yahoo.com](mailto:misxfire@yahoo.com) or at 925-862-0232. or Morris Older, at [ebhillside@comcast.net](mailto:ebhillside@comcast.net) or at 925-254-8943, for more information or to volunteer.

More info at  
[www.twha.org](http://www.twha.org)—  
click on events.  
Sign up for the  
hike at  
[www.ridgetrail.org](http://www.ridgetrail.org)





## 2012 East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Ride Entry Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State & Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the days you will be riding: \_\_\_ All 6 days, \_\_\_ Wed, \_\_\_ Thurs, \_\_\_ Fri, \_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_ Sun \_\_\_ Mon

Trails Advocate: \$65/day times \_\_\_ (number of days checked above) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All 6 days -- \$350 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Trails Supporter: \$75/day times \_\_\_ (number of days checked above) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All 6 days -- \$400 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Trails Champion \$85/day times \_\_\_ (number of days checked above) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All 6 days -- \$450 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Rider/Hiker Dinner/camping on \_\_\_ nights \$15 per night x \_\_\_ (note which nights) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional contribution to the Ridge Trail and/or parks \$ \_\_\_\_\_

New Membership/Renewal for \_\_\_ TWHA (\$20), --MHA \$25) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ride Discount if membership dues included (-\$15) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Trailer Info: Size: \_\_\_ (# horses) \_\_\_ / Tow Vehicle size / \_\_\_ (#) horses coming with this trailer

Please sign release form below and mail entry form & checks payable to TWHA to Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Morris Older, 50 La Encinal, Orinda CA 94563

## 2012 EB Hills Trails Benefit Ride Release of Liability

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State and Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that horseback riding is a sport which carries inherent risks of injury and damage to myself, my horse, and property. I knowingly assume all risks, whether known or unknown, of horseback riding.

I hereby release the Tilden Wildcat Horsemen's Association (hereinafter referred to as TWHA), the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association (MHA), the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council (BARTC), the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), Volunteers for Outdoor California (V-O-Cal), the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), and the City of Oakland from all liability for any act of negligence or want of ordinary care on the part of TWHA, MHA and/or any of its agents. In consideration of my participation in this event, I waive, release, and discharge TWHA, MHA, BARTC, EBRPD, V-O-Cal, EBMUD, the City of Oakland and their directors, officers, agents, and members, their representatives, heirs, executors, and assigns from any and all claims of liability for injury or damage to myself, my animals, or my property arising out of my participation. This agreement is binding upon my executors, heirs, and assigns.

I expressly waive any rights I may have under California Civil Code 1542, which states: "A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him might have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

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**I acknowledge that I have read this Release of Liability and know and understand its contents.**

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TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_: DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

## INFORMATION WE CAN USE

### From Mike Maul:

I'd had two tires on my trailer blow out on my last trip to a ride. This was a reminder that one spare may not be enough. I also use a drive-up on jack and found it's not too useful when both tires go out on the same side...

I replaced them and decided to read up on trailer tires. I've been treating LT and ST tires as equivalents and they really are not.

Here's an interesting link with some things I didn't know about trailer tires.

<http://www.discounttire.com/dtcs/infoTrailerTireFacts.dos>

An "LT" designation on a trailer tire size specifies load range only. It is not designed for use on light trucks.

Always inflate trailer tires to the maximum inflation indicated on the sidewall.

All "ST" tires have a maximum speed rating of 65 mph.

Trailer tires are not designed to wear out.

The following seems really low to me...

The mileage expectation of a trailer tire is 5,000 to 12,000 miles.

ST" tire rubber compounds contain more chemicals to resist weather and ozone cracking.

The ST polyester cords are bigger than they would be for a comparable "P" or "LT" tire.

Replace trailer tires every three to five years, whether they look like they're worn out or not. ( Mine have not lasted three years ever...)

### From Julie Suhr:

I needed some information and called Lynn Hummer of the Pregnant Mare Rescue Ranch in Aptos. It was an exciting day for her. A Premarin mare she brought from Canada gave birth that morning to her 10th foal...the first that wasn't killed upon birth.

Excerpts from her website:

Pregnant Mare Rescue is a small ranch located between Aptos and Watsonville in Larkin Valley. We provide a temporary sanctuary for pregnant mares, mares with foals at their side and orphaned foals that are in great danger of going to slaughter. We rescue as many equines as donated dollars will allow. All donated monies go directly toward rescue, rehab and rehoming. We need volunteers for a wide range of projects!! Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age unless accompanied by an adult. Please call or check website for more details.

Website: [www.pregnantmarerescue.com](http://www.pregnantmarerescue.com)

### From Julie Suhr:

**Cavalia** will be in San Jose From July 18 to the 28th. I have seen their performance in San Francisco and it is truly breathtaking. From their web site....

Delightful, thrilling and poignant, Cavalia explores humankind's longstanding relationship with the horse. Juxtaposed with the vibrancy of the production is a subtle thematic line that takes audiences through the evolution of horses and human's interaction with them. Cavalia's horse training is based upon a philosophy of understanding horses, rather than making horses understand the human beings around them. The tone of the show, embraced by the entire company, is one of mutual respect, kindness, patience, and trust. Audiences have found Cavalia exhilarating in scope yet touching in the compassion shown by both horse and human.

The tickets are very pricey. There are both afternoon and evening performances.

### **Welcome new member!**

**Barbara Bacon**, who lives on Last Chance Road in Swanton, north of Davenport, has just joined Quicksilver Endurance Riders.



## JUST COE CRAZY BENEFIT RIDE

Story and photos by Lori Oleson

Thank you everyone who rode or volunteered at the Just Coe Crazy Benefit Ride. It was a big success and I was able to give just over \$1,000 to both DreamPower and the Coe Park Preservation Fund. I kept going over the numbers, wondering how we did so well with a small ride. It worked out because expenses were kept to a minimum in thanks to generous donations for awards from Equipedic, Tractor Supply in Gilroy and San Martin Lions covering the BBQ.

There was great support from not only endurance folks but also from DreamPower and Coe Park volunteers. One picture shows Greg Lee, Coe Park Bike Patrol, as a drag rider. He also helped mark trail along with 2 other members of Bike Patrol. Other Coe Park volunteers helped place and fill all the water troughs the week before the ride. They also spend 5 hours weed-eating the vet check so it would look nice and would be safer to drive across.



**Drag rider—Greg Lee, Paul—a bicyclist not part of the event, and Coe Park volunteers—Lynne Starr and Coleen Combes**



**Volunteers Bob and Sandy Currier with Dreampower**

*Editor's note: When Lori sent these photos, I immediately recognized Bob and Sandy Currier, who helped us so much with our Swanton Pacific ride.*

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

**Jo Barrett:** I have been a dressmaker (although not sure that's the word I want to use). I have three sewing machines, an Elna, a BabyLock, and an Industrial Brother for horse blankets etc. I'm not sure if I have used any of them since I moved over here to the Evergreen area 6 years ago. I am asking myself why, but I can only assume it's because I found Adobe Photoshop Elements!

I had two daughters, and there was once a time when kids liked to wear pretty things, and I made everything for them, but it's been T-shirts and jeans forever now. My eldest daughter was Gill, the budding endurance rider, who passed from cancer 5 or 6 years ago. My youngest is Alison, who still lives in the U.K. When I came out here, she opted to stay in U.K., got married, and then had two daughters. Her eldest, Jessica, is the one who has just had a baby boy. His name is Zachary; he was three weeks early and I think he weighed 5 lbs. 12 oz.

**Elisabet Hiatt:** I can say "Good Morning" in 7 different languages (three of which I speak fluently.)

**Jayne Perryman:** I won the Santa Clara County Goat Mastership competition in 1977 for which I won an elaborate desk pen set with a dairy goat on it, which to this day just seems weird. When I was two years old, I saw my Mom get on a horse and I wanted to go too, and I threw such a tantrum that it threw my Grandmother's back out (horse craziness starts early in our family). My husband Dusty and I met on a "blind date" trail ride that my sister Maryanna and his sister Sue arranged. We were married 11 months later. My favorite craft is making Ukrainian Easter Eggs, and I am a beekeeper.



**Two of Jayne's hand-painted Ukrainian Easter eggs. The one on the left is a goose egg, the one on the right is from a duck. Gorgeous!**

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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See <http://www.shadowtree.com/#ecwid:category=179208&mode=product&product=437714> for complete description/pictures. Asking \$1000.

Contact **Debbie**, at [dboscoe@pacbell.net](mailto:dboscoe@pacbell.net)



# Classifieds

**Georgia (Too Tart #5118636) 4 year old AQHA Buckskin Mare.** Currently in training - pretty, will be good arena &/or trail horse. Reason for sale - owner changing discipline. Asking \$2,500.

Contact trainer Kathy Torres 408-935-9974 (in Milpitas) or owner **Andrea Pasek 408-710-6463**, [andreapasek@yahoo.com](mailto:andreapasek@yahoo.com). Email for photos.

Dear QSER members – we had our place off of the market for a while, but we've done a bunch of work on the house to bring everything into tip-top shape and have a new agent marketing it for us. If you have any equestrian friends that might be looking for a nice horse property (complete with a covered arena that I know several of you are familiar with), please feel free to pass along this flyer to them.

In addition to the facilities, the property itself is very unique (which was one of the attractions for me when I first moved to the bay area). There is an entire small valley located behind the hillside that rises behind the house; that valley is very picturesque and private – you can't see it from Shannon Rd, and the houses uphill beyond are almost completely screened off by oak trees. It's amazing how peaceful it is, even so close to downtown Los Gatos. There are community trails that can be ridden directly from the property.

Terri Rashid

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## 15.3h, 15yo, gray Purebred Arabian gelding

As some may remember, I advertised my 14.3 Arabian gelding in QUIPS for about a year. No one wanted him so I'm doing pretty well with him myself. Well, there isn't enough of me to do two horses so I want to sell my big horse, Beau. He is ready for his first 50. He is well-mannered, kind, loads. Asking \$2,500 before Coe Crazy.

Diane [tref@wakerobinranch.com](mailto:tref@wakerobinranch.com) or (209) 742-8586 (Mariposa, CA).

# Classifieds

## WANTED

I am looking for my next horse, and would greatly appreciate it if you would keep your eyes and ears open for possible horses for me. I am looking for the epitome of a Julie Suhr, later-in-life horse. I need a short, safe, smooth Arabian gelding no taller than 14.3. Ideally, I would like to clone my precious endurance horse Raj, but that is not going to happen. Please let me know if anything comes across your radars and I would be grateful. Thanks for the assistance and happy trails.

**Margaret Graham**

## GORGEOUS HORSE—FREE

I'd love to find a great home for a gorgeous white/grey 14 to 15-yr-old Arabian mare about 15.1 hands. She is a powerhouse. Beautiful tail and mane. She's only been back with me for a couple months and I rode her today and she didn't stop for a second. Jeff Luternauer had to trot to keep up with her walk. She has very few miles on her because she was my daughter's horse and she moved to Texas. This horse needs a medium to strong rider/trainer. She hasn't had much work in a couple years and at that time she was powerful but my 16-year-old daughter used to ride her with ease. She does need to be re-schooled after being out to pasture for a couple years.

Title will remain with the Registered owner in Los Gatos but the new "owner" will have full rights to compete and use her. The owner wants to retain ownership to make sure she is always taken care of.

Anyone interested call me at **831-427-3040** or  
Email me at [GentlemanRancher@Gmail.com](mailto:GentlemanRancher@Gmail.com) **David De La Rosa**

**Jerry Dowdy** in Scotts Valley has 14 saddles from McClellans to Western, Australian and English plus a lot of harnesses, bridles, and miscellaneous horse gear for sale in Scotts Valley. If you are interested he will send you a CD with pictures of them and also include a list of tree and seat sizes. All very reasonably priced. His number is

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**Kingley Bay, 11 yr. old, 15.1h bay Arab gelding**  
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Very easy to ride but skeptical of people.  
Cute as heck, bay, 4 socks and a blaze. \$6,000

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**408-687-7082**

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Trained under-saddle, great on trails, a little rusty but ready to get back going  
Ties, bathes, clips, trailers like a dream!  
A confident and solid rider preferred  
Would be great for the show circuit  
Sound, healthy, and very sweet  
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14.2hh 2008 (4 year old) Purebred Arabian Mare  
Very very very sweet, eager to please, calm and kind  
Ready for under-saddle training. Great for someone interested in gaining experience starting a very mentally sound horse

Due to life, I have not spent a great amount of time with getting her out and exposed to new and different experiences, but she is confident, solid and grounded. Does not spook easily

## Obituary

Judy Etheridge has lost her mare SSA Rocketstar (Rats), who was diagnosed with a heart condition a few months ago. Apparently in the last few days something went really wrong with her heart and Judy had to put her down. Judy still has her other horse, Orion, who is 24 but still rideable, and she is finding much solace in that at the moment. Quicksilver sends Judy our deepest sympathy for the loss of her equine riding partner and friend.

Who drew this picture?  
This lovely horsehead drawing was done by Julie Suhr's  
grandmother, Jennie Dennison,  
in about 1880, when she was 14 or 15 years old.

# Humor and Birthdays



Thanks to Julie Suhr and Barbara White



*"You're lucky to have the figure to pull that off. Holsters make my hips look too big."*

A man went to his doctor complaining of neck pains, headaches, and dizzy spells. "I'm afraid," said the doctor, "you only have six months to live." The man decided to spend his last days enjoying himself. He quit his job, took all his money out of the bank, bought a new sports car, a new cashmere coat, and 10 new shirts. The tailor measured him as a size 16.

"Just a minute, I've always worn size 14 shirts and that's what I want," said the man.

"Well, all right," the tailor replied. "However, wearing a size 14 could cause neck pains, headaches, and dizzy spells."



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.  
Barbara

[bigcreekranch@wildblue.net](mailto:bigcreekranch@wildblue.net)

## Happy July Birthday to our Quicksilver Members and Endurance Friends

Elisabet Hiatt	2
Ildy Nadasdy	6
Judith Ogus	12
Scott Sansom	15
Steve McCorkle	22
Diane Trefethen	26
Sam Davidson	27

A Daughter is visiting her father and is helping in the kitchen.  
She asks: "Tell me dad, how are you managing with the new I-Pad we gave you for your birthday?" (This is in German but that's all you really need to know. You'll get the rest):

<http://www.snotr.com/video/8965>



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**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!**

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**Mail to Membership Chairperson: Maryben Stover  
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**May your and your horse(s) have a wonderful year riding together as Quicksilver Endurance Riders!!!**

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