



Quicksilver Quips

August 2013

President's Message – August 2013

Congratulations to those who had a successful Tevis. I followed it online and it was a rough day for many. I'm sure the extreme heat played a role in the 47% completion rate. I hope that many who did not finish will give it another try next year.

On July 25th, Jayne Perryman and I attended a Mid-Pen Open Space Focus Group. Mid-Pen has been around for 40 years. They are now looking at what the next 40+ years should look like and they are asking different user groups for input. The users groups in attendance were equestrian, hikers, bikers and dog walkers.

This is our opportunity as equestrians to have our voices be heard. This is the start of the planning process on what will be happening to park land throughout the south bay area for years to come. Think about what is important to you. Is it access to more trails, trails specialized for one type of user group, eliminating safety hazards, trail connections to other open space (parks), allowing competitive events, etc.? Quicksilver member, Michael Newburn, is the Mid-Pen Area Superintendent. I have asked Michael to come and give a short talk at our August meeting.

Our meeting will be August 17th at Bear Ranch in San Martin. We will meet at 9:00 AM for those who would like a longer ride, 10:00 AM for those who want to go for a shorter ride and meet back for a potluck lunch at noon. After lunch we will have a short meeting. Our first topic of discussion for the meeting will be our upcoming Fall Ride, which will be held at Bear Ranch. Peggy is busy contacting specific club members to be in charge of different aspects of the ride. Be thinking about how you would like to contribute, either working the day of the ride, being involved in the organization leading up to the ride weekend or entering the ride. After the Fall Ride topic is finished, Michael will talk about Mid-Pen.

Hope that many of you will be coming. Although the meeting part of the day will be short, these are two important topics that will be discussed.

Lori

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From the Fireworks Ride Manager

A big **THANK YOU** to Quicksilver Club members!

I want to extend my sincere thanks to all the QSilver members who participated in one way or another in this year's Fireworks ride. I have no doubt in my mind that the ride would not have been as successful (or even happened) had it not been for you:

Pat Verheul, for co-managing the ride and providing expert advise and yummy cupcakes

Scott Sansom for running the away vet check like a well oiled machine

Lud & Barbara McCrary along with **Bob Verheul** for making sure we had plenty of water for horses at the vet check. **Ron Hiatt** transported crew bags and drove rescue trailer, as well as helping with the water supply.

Jeff Luternauer and **David De La Rosa** for marking some of the beautiful trails

Michelle Herrera, Sandy Holder, Becky Glaser, Vivian Beebe for helping with vet checks, registration, as vet secretaries, etc.

Barbara White for running the in/out timer station AND making a wonderful presentation on Friday night, along with **Julie Suhr** and **Alex North** (which I think had a lot to do with our safe ride and high completion ratio)

Alex North for doing the controlled start for both distances (a long way to drive to ride ½ mile!)

Jill Newburn, Kathy Brayton, Sheila & Maya Kumar, Judith Ogus and **Tracy Hofstrand** for taking our Fun Riders out on a, well... fun ride!

And finally, to our riders, **Julie Suhr, Melissa Broquard, Pat McAndrews, Jennifer and Jayne Perryman, Lori McIntosh, Diane Trefethen, Jeanine McCrary, Guilia and Emma Orth,** and **Lori Oleson**, who got to enjoy the trails!

If I've missed anyone, please forgive me. The whole weekend is a blur! I really had NO idea what I was getting into when I said "yes" to being the ride manager, but when I was way in over my head, you came to my rescue, and for that, I am grateful. We had a very successful ride, with a high completion rate and no major problems... I think I will hang my hat on that and appreciate what ride managers do even more than I did before. Again, thank you!

Elisabet Hiatt

Winning the Fireworks 50

By Diane Trefethen

The 2013 Fireworks 50 was held on July 13. The weather was definitely on the warm side but not as much as during the previous week. As usual, the ride began with a controlled start which was capably handled by Alex North.

In Wilder Ranch, events are not allowed to mark trail with ribbons so an easily biodegradable "paint" is used. It can be sprayed on bushes, trees, the ground, logs anywhere that is convenient. One big advantage to this method of marking trail is that you can easily color code your trail markings to coincide with the marked trails on the Ride Map. For the 50 mile ride, the Wilder loops were Blue, Orange and Red.

Peekaboo and I left the first Vet Check on the Orange Loop in first place. We wound our way down towards the ocean, almost to Highway 1, did a short loop, then up and across to the north. At the junction which could have taken us to the old Dimeo Lane Vet Check of prior years, the marked trail turned inland and uphill. About 3 miles from the 2nd Vet Check, I saw three orange dots on the ground on the right signaling a turn. Then, at the Y in the trail, three orange dots leading up and to the left. Shortly we came to a second intersection that was unmarked, which I thought was odd. We chose the trail that seemed to match the map and that took us to the right trail back to the Vet

Check but too far down the hill, according to the map. At this point the second place rider caught up to us and after discussing the situation, we decided to go back to the junction with all the orange dots which we did. Once there, I checked out the trail to the right and saw what looked like orange paint on the ground that had been scuffed out. The two of us proceeded down that trail and quickly encountered orange dots on both the ground and some trees.



Diane and Boo crossing the San Lorenzo River

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After winding through a lovely woods, we again came to three dots on the right, then a T junction with three dots leading to the left. We followed that trail which ALSO led to the correct trail back to the Vet Check but again, too far downhill, according to the trail map, to be right. Again we turned around and headed back and again took the right hand turn and AGAIN were rewarded with clear, orange markings. This time, the trail ended on the right trail at the right place and uphill we went to the 2nd Vet Check. Peekaboo pulsed down almost immediately and I quickly sought out Scott Sansom who was in charge of the Vet Check to report a problem with the trail markings. They had been maliciously vandalized by someone who went to the trouble to go out and buy the same orange paint the Fireworks was using to mark the correct trail.

Boo and I left the Vet Check heading west, in first, one minute ahead of the second place rider. Downhill we went and then out the Red Loop, back uphill, across Empire Grade, through Pogonip and down to the San Lorenzo River. Boo knew we were a short way from camp and he galloped up from the river, then alternately loped and trotted till we hit the part of the trail that composed the controlled start in the morning where we walked most of the way back into camp.

In addition to winning the ride, Peekaboo, aka, French Quarter, also claimed Best Condition, which in my opinion is the REAL first place. This was Boo's third Fireworks and he has won all three times and received BC all three times. He is a truly special horse.

A New Member's Viewpoint at Fireworks

By Guilia Orth

Emma and I participated in the Fireworks ride. It was awesome. Our primary goal was to implement lessons on rating our horses at rides. We rode separately as Joy, the little mare I ride, is very forward and tends to amp up the energy of those around her (myself included!). So I went down the trail with only Joy and Becky Hart's voice in my head. Becky, as many of you know, is rated unanimously, by her students, as the BEST COACH IN THE WORLD.

Becky and Judith introduced us to endurance riding. When I first signed up for lessons with Becky I could not have imagined the trails we'd explore and love. I was a fearful and insecure rider, but Becky progressively silenced the negative influences from my past and methodically replaced visions of doom with centered riding imagery and a healthy mindset. Now I find myself back in the saddle with a toy chest of games and tools to keep myself and my horse having a great time.

On the Fireworks ride, Joy and I moved along at a controlled (finally!) speed. She felt good throughout and seemed to enjoy it as much as I did. Joy belongs to Terri Tinkham and we passed some of Terri's friends along the trail. She is a tiny Rocky Mountain horse with a deep determination. It is a privilege for me to ride her.

I want to thank Elisabet, the vets and volunteer crew for this spectacular experience. I loved the technical trails and the wide open spaces enveloped by ocean mist. Once again, Emma and I could not have done it without the kindness of Quicksilver members. Emma rode Heather and Jeremy Reynolds' splendid horse Nixon and was sponsored by Lori Olsen. Hillary Graham hauled him for us and generously shared her camp space. Kathy Evans Brayton transported Joy.

Emma and I feel so fortunate to be part of the QS riders community. We have witnessed deep reserves of kindness, strength, wisdom and grace on and off the trail. It's invigorating and inspiring to be a part of this group.

They Love Tevis

By Elizabeth Funderburk

Tevis is love.

Since I moved out west in late 2009, I've had the good fortune to attend Tevis every year. This year I crewed for a friend on her second buckle attempt, but in previous years I've been a webcast volunteer. Every year, I follow the riders from Robie to Robinson Flat to Foresthill to Auburn, and every year I'm overwhelmed by the love I see all around.

I've heard that there are about 750 volunteers who make this ride happen—clearing, improving, and marking trail, setting up, manning, and taking down checks, making sure tired riders have food, drink, and a human hitching post for their ponies, and just cheering them on as they tackle the most beautiful and challenging endurance ride in the world. They love Tevis.

Every year, I try to guess how many crew attend the ride. This year my guess is four or five crew per rider—call it another 750 crew. They drive hundreds or thousands of miles to get here, drive another 250 miles between checks, set up and break down tons of gear, and support their riders for more than 24 hours. They love Tevis.

And don't forget the ride officials! There are fifteen vets, with countless vet techs and Cup Officials, hitting every checkpoint along the whole trail. They're first responders, grief counselors, cheerleaders, and caution signs. They love Tevis.

Being a part of this crazy thing is the highlight of my year. I know why riders keep coming back, year after year, attempt after attempt, and it's not for a big gaudy buckle (or thirty!). It's for the love we all have for this ride. Hope I see you all there next year!

12th Annual East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Ride Wednesday, Aug 28--Monday, Sept. 2



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 each at Tilden, Joaquin Miller, and Anthony Chabot Parks with the 6th Annual Bay Area Ridge Trail Through-Hike from Martinez to Castro Valley.

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, and other surprises.

Costs/Benefits: Ride fees start at under \$65/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 with the entry form at www.twha.org or on the reverse of this flyer, or sign up online at <http://eastbayhillstrailsbenefitride.eventbrite.com/?ref=estw>

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 or at 925-862-0232. or Morris Older, at ebhillside@comcast.net or at 925-254-8943, for more information or to volunteer.



More info at www.twha.org—
click on events.
Sign up for the
hike at
www.ridgetrail.org

2013 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

Ride Entry Fees \$70/day times ___ (number of days checked above) x ___ \$ _____
 \$375 all 6 days riding/camping x ___ \$ _____
 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

2013 East Bay Hills Trails Benefit 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), the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), Volunteers for Outdoor California, (V-O-Cal) 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, EBMUD, V-O-Cal, 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."

I agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless TWHA, MHA, EBRPD, EBMUD, BARTC, the City of Oakland and their officers, directors, members, and agents against all claims, demands, and causes of action, including court costs, and actual attorney fees, arising from any proceeding or lawsuits brought by or prosecuted for my benefit, in which this release is upheld. TWHA, MHA, EBRPD, EBMUD, BARTC, the City of Oakland and their agents or employees shall not be liable for any damage which may accrue from any cause or as a result of fire, theft, running away, state of health, or injury to person, horse or property.

I acknowledge that I have read this Release of Liability and know and understand its contents. SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

MINORS DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM-- PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of the above participant, in consideration of my minor's participation in the event, agree that the terms and conditions of this Release of Liability shall be binding as to damage or injury to my minor, his animals, and property arising out of his participation in events.

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

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ CITY, STATE & ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ : DATE _____ SIGNATURE: _____

QUICKSILVER FALL CLASSIC

OCTOBER 5, 2013

25/50 mile ride & 10 mile fun ride



MISSION STATEMENT

QSER exists to promote the sport of endurance riding by conducting endurance rides and advocating for equestrian trails. It seeks to provide a high 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.

Come and be a part of our wonderful club. You will have the opportunity to a part of our annual awards ceremony, annual yearbook/calendar, Christmas party, fun ride/potluck/meetings, monthly Quicksilver Quips, discussion of current topics and more.

Membership Chair: Maryben Stover
408/265-0839
Merryben@live.com

Ride Description and Rules

Ride Description: The entire ride will be held in Harvey Bear Ranch County Park located in the beautiful oak studded rolling hills above Gilroy and San Martin. The Quicksilver Fall Classic is a moderate ride and would be good training for a new horse and rider. The terrain consists of good footing with some climbs, dirt roads and some single track. There are beautiful views down to the Santa Clara Valley and down on to Coyote Lake Reservoir. You might even get a glimpse of one of our resident bald eagles over the lake! For those of you considering the Fun Ride, we encourage you to come and check out our "family" of endurance riders! We are a passionate group of horse people who LOVE spending hours and hours with our equine partners – this very well could be the sport for you, so come join us at our event – we welcome any questions you may have!

Weather: The fall weather can be variable – either hot or mild, so check the weather forecast before you come!

Food: Lunches will be provided by our wonderful club volunteers! There will be an Awards Banquet with delicious food and awards for ALL participants, including the Fun Riders! We hope you all will stick around to enjoy this event!

Awards: The awards for the 50 mile ride will be first place, best condition, top ten, junior awards and completion awards for everyone. The 25 mile ride will have completion, junior awards and AERC best condition. We have some beautiful historic belt buckles from our club that will be given out as well!

Ride Manager: Peggy Davidson 831/238-0495
Peggety123@aol.com



Quicksilver Fall Classic

October 5, 2013

25/50 mile rides / 10 mile Fun Ride

Ride Manager: Peggy Davidson 831/238-0495 Peggety123@aol.com

Rider Name _____ AERC # _____ Age _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____ AHA# _____

E-Mail Address _____

Name of Horse _____ AERC # _____ AHA# _____

Age _____ Breed _____ Color _____ Sex _____ Height _____

Horse Owners Name _____ AERC # _____ AHA# _____

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

Rider Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Minors Date of Birth _____ Name of Sponsor _____

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

50 mile (Seniors \$120) (Juniors & Ride Managers \$90) _____
2013 Ride Managed: _____
25 mile (Seniors \$110) (Juniors & Ride Managers \$80) _____
10 mile Fun ride \$35.00 (no charge for kids under 12) _____
\$15 Non AERC member fee (applies to 50 / 35 mile riders) _____
Extra dinner ticket(s) @ \$15 each _____
\$10 late fee if postmarked after September 25, 2013 _____
I will be staying for the dinner on Saturday night. Yes No (please circle one) _____
Total Enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to **QSER**

Return entry and check to:
Kathy Brayton
2147 Harmil Way San Jose, CA 95125

Bring your current AERC cards to check in or send a copy with entry. Checks will be deposited after the ride. **No refunds for no shows.**
Full refund for cancellations by **8pm October 3rd (Thursday)**.



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Veterinarian: Our head veterinarian will be Dr. Chuck Kessinger, DVM.

Camp: Ride camp will be in a field just beyond the San Martin Avenue main entry to the park, and will be very well marked. It is a large grassy area and is fairly easy to navigate. We will have horse water available, but you will need to bring your own people water.

Camp will be open on Friday, October 4th at noon. Depending on how many entries we get, parking may be a little tight. Only small portable corrals will be allowed. We will need to leave camp the way we found it. All hay and manure must be bagged and removed. Bags will be provided.

Awards: The awards for the 50 mile ride will be first place, best condition, top ten, junior awards and completion awards for everyone. The 25 mile ride will have completion, junior awards and AERC best condition. We have some beautiful historic belt buckles from our club that will be given out as well!

Check In and Vetting: Friday, when vets arrive around 3pm. All horses must be examined and numbered before starting the ride. Pre-Ride Meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Friday evening, the ride veterinarians will set and announce the pulse/respiration criteria. The ride manager will make other announcements at this time including last minute changes, etc.

LD Note: For those of you new to endurance, and entering your first LD ride with us, please know that **you do not get your completion time until your horse pulses down to 60 beats per minute** after you cross the finish line. We encourage you to ride your horse slowly to the finish, getting off and walking if you are able, so that you have the best chance of having this required pulse when you cross the finish line.

Directions: From U.S. Highway 101 in San Martin, take the San Martin Ave. exit. Proceed east on San Martin Ave. for 2 miles (RIGHT if you are coming from the South, LEFT if you are coming from the North). The main entrance to the park is on the LEFT, one-quarter mile east of Foothill Avenue. Go just beyond this main entrance until you see the signs for ride camp also on the LEFT. (This is a very short distance).

Junior Riders:

- A Junior Rider sixteen (16) years or older may enter the 25 or 50 mile ride without a sponsor (must be 16 years old as of December 1st, in the year of competition).
- A Junior rider under sixteen (16) years of age on December 1st, in the year of competition, may enter the 25 or 50 mile ride with a sponsor who is entered in the ride and agrees to remain with the Junior Rider throughout the ride. A sponsor is an adult over twenty one (21) years of age and must carry the Junior Rider's vet card. Change in a sponsor must be reported to and approved by Ride Management at the checkpoint. The Junior Rider must be within one minute of the sponsor at all times. If you are a Junior Rider and are 14 calendar years or older and have ridden 500 AERC sanctioned miles, you may petition to AERC to ride without a sponsor.
- A sponsored or unsponsored Junior Rider must wear a safety helmet approved by AHSA, PCA, ANSI or Snell Z 90.4.

REFUND RULES: 1) A full refund will be made if Ride Management is notified by 8:00pm October 3rd (Thursday). Cancellations after this date will be subject to a \$15 fee being withheld from the refund amount. 2) "No shows" will forfeit the entire entry fee. 3) \$15 will be withheld if your horse does not pass the pre-ride vet check. All entry fees include the California State Drug Testing Fee, AERC Sanctioning Fee, a participation award, routine veterinary examinations before and during the ride, and a dinner ticket. Should a horse require special emergency treatment, payment is the responsibility of the rider and will be handled individually by the attending veterinarian.

Ride Rules:

- Equines must be at least 60 months old for the 50-mile ride and 48 months old for the 30-mile ride. Mares in foal will not be permitted.
- Abuse of the equine or the use of stimulants and/or painkillers is prohibited. All horses are subject to saliva, urine or blood tests. Any horse tested for drugs and found to be POSITIVE will be disqualified.
- No substances of any type may be injected by needle into the horse during the day of the ride.
- The same horse and rider must pass all vet checks and stay on the marked trail in order to qualify for awards. The responsibility for reporting in and out of vet checks rests with the rider.
- All equines must be presented for pre-ride veterinary inspection beginning at 3:00pm on Friday, October 5th. Early morning vet-in will be available. Opinions of the veterinarians are final regarding the health of the horse.
- The 50-mile ride must be completed in twelve (12) hours and the 25-mile ride must be completed in six (6) hours. Equines must be at the starting line and prepared to begin the ride at the appointed times.
- Violation of any of these rules will subject the horse and rider to immediate disqualification.
- The 50 and 25 mile rides are sanctioned by AERC and will comply with AERC rules and guidelines (www.aerc.org).
- You must bring your 2013 AERC membership card, or you will be assessed a \$15 non-member fee!
- The post ride criteria for the 50 mile ride will be announced at the Ride Meeting.
- All dogs must be on a leash. The Parks are very strict on this rule.
- Horse riders/owners are responsible for making payments to the veterinarians for any treatments administered.
- No entries will be accepted the morning of the ride.

Great Railway Journey to Lake Garda, Italy (Final)

By Barbara McCrary

We stood on the platforms at the train station, Joan, Ruth, and I on one side and the rest of our fellow travelers on the opposite side. We waved goodbye, boarded our train, and sped out of sight. They were headed back to London and their far-flung homes, and we were headed back to Venice, where Joan had wanted to spend extra time.



L—The Doge's Palace , R—the Campanile at San Marco's Square



In the photo at the above right, you see part of the replica of the Horses of San Marco. Inside the museum we saw the originals, displayed in a softly lit corner. It is certain that the horses, along with the quadriga with which they were depicted were long displayed at the Hippodrome of Constantinople; they may be the "four gilt horses that stand above the Hippodrome" that "came from the island of Chios under Theodosius II" mentioned in the 8th- or early 9th-century *Parastaseis syntomoi chronikai*.



They were still there in 1204, when they were looted by Venetian forces as part of the sack of the capital of the Byzantine Empire in the Fourth Crusade. Shortly after the Fourth Crusade, Doge Enrico Dandolo sent the horses to Venice, where they were installed on the terrace of the façade of St. Mark's Basilica in 1254. Petrarch admired them there.

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In 1797, Napoleon had the horses forcibly removed from the basilica and carried off to Paris, where they were used in the design of the Arc de Triomphe du Carrousel together with a quadriga. In 1815 the horses were returned to Venice by Captain Dumaresq. He had fought at the Battle of Waterloo and was with the allied forces in Paris where he was selected, by the Emperor of Austria, to take the horses down from the Arc de Triomphe and return them to their original place at St Mark's in Venice. For the skillful manner in which he performed this work, he was gifted by the Emperor a gold snuff box with his initials in diamonds on the lid.

The horses remained in place over St. Marks until the early 1980s, when the ongoing damage from growing air pollution forced their replacement with exact replicas. Since then, the originals have been on display just inside the basilica where we looked at them in awe and admiration of their perfection.

When it was time to leave and head back for London, we had to take a water taxi to get to one train station, then take the train to second station from where another train would take us across Italy, through Switzerland, and to Strasbourg, France where we spent the night. Strasbourg, in the Alsace district of France, had been a part of Germany at one time, and the border shifted over time. At least part of the architecture is more German/Swiss-like than French. We went to the cathedral that featured many unique artifacts and beautiful hand-wrought hinges on the entry doors.

After spending one night in Strasbourg, dining in an excellent restaurant called The Mosquito, we boarded the train the next day for return to London, where we took a taxi back to Seven Oaks and Ruth's home.



*Upper L—door handle on the cathedral
Upper R—Hand-wrought hinge on the cathedral door
Lower L—Architecture more German/Swiss than French
Lower R—A memorial plaque in the Strasbourg Cathedral*



We went to Knoles, a mansion in Seven Oaks, Kent, built in 1454 for Thomas Bouchier, Archbishop of Canterbury, and later granted to the Sackville family, who made major alterations in 1603-08. An interesting feature was the elegant bedroom built exclusively for the expected, hope-for visit from King James, who disappointed the residents by not coming after all.

On returning to San Francisco, Joan had arranged for an airport shuttle to take us home, and when I asked the driver if he could take Hwy. 92 to Half Moon Bay and come down the coast to Santa Cruz, he said he surely could. He let me off in front of our sawmill on Hwy. 1, where Lud was waiting for me. I had been away for almost a month. ■

Obituary

Jay McKendry, who would have been 84 on August 15th, passed away on July 18th. He was one of the founders of Quicksilver Endurance Riders.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman, and especially loved to fish.

He started his own business, CBM, a typesetting company, where he was a master typographer. He had two partners with whom he started CA Magazine, featuring artists and creative advertising.

He was a veteran of the Marine Corps, serving in the Korean War.

He leaves his wife of 58 years, Patricia, daughters Dolores and Judy, and son Gregory; grandson, Gregory, and great-grandson, Mickey Jay.

Being opinionated as he was, he will be greatly missed by family and friends. His ashes will be scattered at his favorite fishing hole.



Classifieds

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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**

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Stalls: \$270.00, pasture \$200.00, fed twice a day high-grade oat and alfalfa.

96' X 48' uncovered outdoor arena. We clean. Shavings available. 1.25 miles to entrance to the Quicksilver County Park (3600 acres and 19.2 miles of manicured trails). I provide my trailer for use to boarders. My place borders Quicksilver Park.

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Specializing in horses.

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"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

WANTED

Endurance rider turned cowgirl looking for Big Horn brown Cordura Western saddle. Will purchase outright or will consider temporary trade for my Freeform Liberty treeless endurance saddle in like-new condition.

Beverley Kane sensei@horsensei.com **650-868-3379**

FOR SALE

Reactor Panel saddle, VSD Baker Trail model, 18" seat, 13+" tree size. Black. Includes dressage girth and endurance kit. Bought new for \$3800, hardly used. Priced at \$2700.

Call **Jeanine** at **831-423-4774** or e-mail: jmccrary@gmail.com

FOR RENT

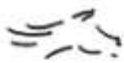
Horse property with rustic cabin for rent in Santa Cruz Mountains. Very old cabin has that "funkiness" about it. Woodstove heat and well water. Shared property (we live here).

Call for details, can email pics if serious.

Horse corral area has pipe fencing and 12x12 covered stall with mats.

Michelle 831-427-1533





BOOKS ARE THE PERFECT GIFT!



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

1. **Ten Feet Tall, Still** is out-of-print, but available as an e-book from Amazon, Barnes and Noble and others. All proceeds to **AERC Trails Fund** and **WSTF Trails Fund** for preservation of horse trails. \$9.99
2. **...but it wasn't the horse's fault!** Available from Marinera Publishing, www.marinerapublishing.com All proceeds to **CENTER FOR EQUINE HEALTH**, School of Veterinary Medicine, Davis, California \$24.95

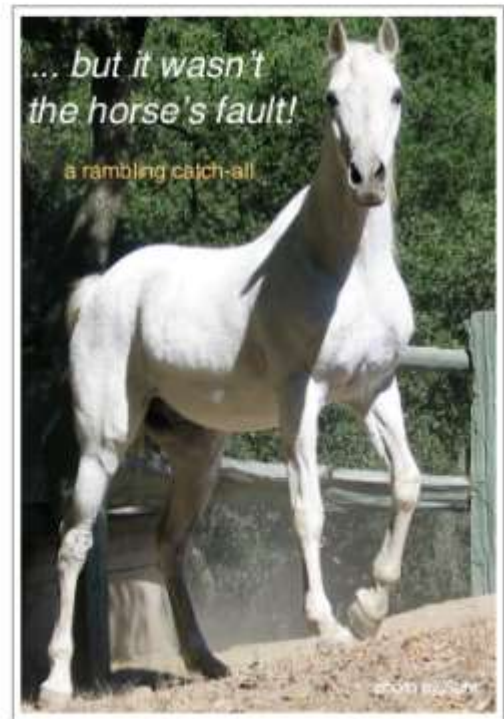


by
Julie Suhr

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

One of the earliest religious disappointments in a young girl's life revolves upon her unanswered prayer for a horse.

Phillis Theroux, as quoted in Julie's book



FOR SALE

Abetta saddle. Great condition. VERY COMFORTABLE RIDE. \$400 new. Make offer.

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2 pipe panels w/butterfly clamps.

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Michelle
831-427-1533

Classifieds

SUPRACOR ENDURANCE PAD

Supracor Endurance Pad, green, \$375. I have only used this pad to try out with various saddles so it has been hardly used and stored very well. See Supracor website for more details. It currently sells for \$505. **(408) 776-7591 or cell (415) 235-5246**
PRICE REDUCED TO \$275

I'm a Cal Poly-trained Farrier but I only shoe my horses so I'm always checking out better ways to protect my horses feet and legs.

My horse chipped his hoof wall and I called to ask about a glue product they have called "Adhere".

I spent about 30 minutes on the phone with the California Vettec Rep yesterday and he was extremely knowledgeable and generous with his time. He also explained how the Vettec products can be used instead of pads which will reduce nail movement in the hoof wall and provide a more secure nailing.

He also told me that if anyone wants to ride the Tevis, he will provide the product and installation free of charge and all he wants is to take before and after pictures of the hoof.

His name is **Larkin Green (916) 705-8380 <http://www.vettec.com/>**

I thought some Quicksilver folks might want to know. David De La Rosa

WANTED

I am looking for my next horse, and would greatly appreciate it if you would keep you 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**

FOR SALE

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

(831) 335-5587

FOR SALE

25 gallon corner water tank with stand, new condition—\$85

Electric portable fence set up with stakes, charger, electric rope & carrying bag. It is ready to go. Used 2 times in great condition! \$200

Contact **Tracy Hofstrand 408 391-8912** or email **hobie_gal@yahoo.com**



FOR SALE

All Tack Must Go... Woman's Small yellow gloves, brand new—\$20. Kool Coat stable sheet, 72", white, in good condition—\$40. Nylon black chin strap, new—\$2. Fly sheet, 75", blue—\$20. Heavyweight waterproof winter blanket, 76", purple—\$50. Rubber blue curry comb, in good condition—\$4. Set of 4 red polo wraps, barely used—\$11. Black front SMB2 002 small, used, splint boots—\$45. Red Professional Choice bell boots, small—\$10. Mesh bag, barely used—\$13. Stiff blue bristle brush, barely used—\$6. SMB2 200 splint boots, new, large—\$54. Coronet slip-on spurs with rowels. Looks brand new—\$4.

408-310-1510 Heather Bryant

Classifieds

9-yr-old Mare, \$4000

Beautiful CMK Chestnut Mare out of Gulastras Splash and CR Farlastra.

14.2h, 7 1/2" cannon bones, solid leg, body and mind. Resting heart rate 32, pulsed in after rides at 40. Excellent hip, smooth gaits.

Great Middleweight, Lightweight or Featherweight horse.

She has never had an injury. Currently in maintenance training 3-4 times a week. She has done several years of trail work. Due to work situations, we do not have the time to ride. She is an excellent horse and it would be a shame not to have her out on the trail.

She is very compassionate and willing to please. She needs a sensitive rider that will be a good buddy.

Contact Kirstenzazz@gmail.com or call **408-416-8432** with any questions.



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Horse Trailer with Living Quarters, \$15,000

Rugged, custom built 1988 trailer, built by Westline OR, very good shape

Twenty four foot long, welded aluminum, goose neck tow, 8,240 lbs. unladen weight.

Two horse stalls, slant load, ramp loading, removable dividers, mangers, vents, lots of tack storage. Separate tack room, portable aluminum corrals, cantilever horse ties.

Top side hay/cargo storage rack, 150 gallon water storage tank, gas power generator.

Stalls could be easily modified to haul other objects so let your friends know about this amazing trailer.

Living Quarters: AC, heater, 3 burner stove, oven, water heater, refrigerator, double bed with extra head room, large clothes closets, many storage cabinets/drawers, separate shower/toilet stall, dual 7 gallon propane tanks, external awning.



Contact [Pat Verheul pat@theverheuls.com](mailto:pat@theverheuls.com)
or call **831-335-3907**.

FOR SALE

Specialized Euro Lite saddle, brown with cream sheepskin, seat size 16". \$1,000

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**MacPherson
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Saddles**



601 15 - 15" seat: Slightly used but in great condition. Approximately 20 years old. The sheepskin is in very good condition. Has standard swells. Also includes matching breast collar. - \$1,000

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Both of these saddles have been very well cared for as we are the original purchasers from the manufacturer. We are selling them as they do not fit our Gypsy horses.

Contact: GrinRanch@aol.com

We are in the Aromas, CA area (95004) near Watsonville, Santa Cruz, Gilroy, Monterey, etc..

WANT TO LEASE

Looking for a horse to lease for feed and care.

Open to all ideas; please call or email me, let's talk about your situation and what I have to offer.

Gelding preferred.

**Michelle H.
831-427-1533**

FOR SALE

Extended trailer hitch - for long camper that hangs over back of truck. Hitch is brand new, sway bars are old. \$100 OBO.

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

FOR SALE

Eight year old bay gelding, former racing Arabian, approximately 15 hands tall. Has been ridden on Henry Cowell trails, including river crossings. Sound and strong. \$500.

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Looking for 1 - 2 horses to board, includes barn with 12x12 stalls plus 12x12 paddocks, outdoor 70 x 100 arena with wonderful footing (particularly in winter), easy access to 50 miles of trails, 2 acre or smaller pasture for private turnout, \$300/month/horse references required.

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Humor and Birthdays

PECANS IN THE CEMETERY

On the outskirts of a small town, there was a big, old pecan tree just inside the cemetery fence. One day, two boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts. "One for you, one for me, one for you, one for me," said one boy.

Several dropped and rolled down toward the fence. Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, "One for you, one for me, one for you, one for me..."

He just knew what it was. He jumped back on his bike and rode off. Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along. "Come here quick," said the boy, "you won't believe what I heard! Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls!"

The man said, "Beat it kid, can't you see it's hard for me to walk." When the boy insisted though, the man hobbled slowly to the cemetery. Standing by the fence they heard, "One for you, one for me, one for you, one for me."

The old man whispered, "Boy, you've been tellin' me the truth. Let's see if we can see the Lord..."

Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of the Lord.

At last they heard, "One for you, one for me. That's all.. Now let's go get those nuts by the fence and we'll be done...."

They say the old man had the lead for a good half-mile before the kid on the bike passed him.

Hilarious Dog Costumes



GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground...
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy..

Happy August Birthday to our Quicksilver Members and Endurance Friends



Virl Norton*	1
Heather Reynolds	4
Megan Chamberlin	8
Pat McKendry	14
Barbara White	16
Lori Oleson	16
Annie George	17
Becky Glaser	26
Beverley Kane	27

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

FIRST: We need your name

And then your address

And your phone number, Fax, e-mail

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

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

Family membership is \$ 40 _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Why join the Quicksilver Endurance Riders? You will have the opportunity to participate in poker rides, moonlight rides, endurance rides, trail projects as well as attend monthly meetings, the Christmas party, and the annual awards ceremony; saving the best for last, you will meet the best friends you will ever have!

How are our dues spent? Annual Yearbook/Calendar; monthly Newsletter; a representative voice in local horse politics; trail maintenance and improvement projects; year-end awards and monthly meetings.

Send your dues, checks made out to: Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.

**Mail to Membership Chairperson: Maryben Stover
1299 Sandra Drive
San Jose, CA 95125-3535
(408) 265-0839**

May your and your horse(s) have a wonderful year riding together as Quicksilver Endurance Riders!!!

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

Dave Rabe

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

Thomas Jefferson

(Do you think maybe Jefferson was an endurance rider?)

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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