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#### President's Message - September 2014

August was a really busy month. First, many of us were at Tevis, then we had a 'meeting' at Graham Hill Showgrounds.

Tevis was a success for many Quicksilver members (7 out of 8 finished for an 87.5% completion rate among members). The weather was perfect, the Western States trails committee did an incredible job repairing the area burned in the American Fire, additional water was placed on the trail for the horses and it was the weekend of the 'super moon'. We could not have asked for more from the Western States Foundation and Mother Nature. Three of us finished together at 2:30am and we got a great picture coming under the banner in the stadium after our victory lap.

Although there were 8 members starting the ride, there were many more crewing and volunteering. Thank you to everyone who came to help in some capacity. It is a big commitment. Long hours and a lot of driving make up a crew members day. At the pre-ride meeting, they said there were over 800 volunteers to make Tevis happen and this does not include crew for riders.

Two weeks after Tevis was our August meeting. It was a day packed with activities. We met at Graham Hill Showgrounds in Santa Cruz as guests of Santa Cruz County Horsemen's Association. They are so fortunate to have such a beautiful facility right next to Henry Cowell State Park. Everyone who came in the morning went for a ride at their leisure, each person having their own separate adventure on the trail. After riding, Jeanine McCrary organized a bunch of fun games for us. We played several games without horses, most with an endurance theme. One game was un-mounted with the horses. Thank you Jeanine!

We had a Board Meeting that a few general members attended. Peggy Davidson talked about progress of the QS Fall Classic on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The next time we meet will be at the ride. Very soon she will be asking for volunteers, so think about a favorite job you might like to have (unless you are riding). Kathy Brayton will be our Nomination Committee Chair. already recruited a couple of other people to be on the committee and next they will open up nominations for the 2015 QS Board.

We were planning to meet again the week after the QS Fall Classic on October 18th but that date conflicted with the Santa Clara County Horseman's Association 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary so we decided to change the date to the 25<sup>th</sup>. Our last riding meeting will be October 25th at Calero County Park. It will be a busy meeting with a lot to discuss (ride wrap-up, board nomination progress, trails update, Christmas Party, etc.)

#### Quicksilver Board Meeting Minutes August 23, 2014

The meeting was held at the Santa Cruz County Horsemen's Association clubhouse because we had a joint activity planned with them for the day.

Those from our board present were Lori Oleson, Kathy Brayton, Jeanine McCrary, Elisabet Hiatt, and Maryben Stover. There were several members who attended as well.

#### **New Business**

Maryben gave the treasurer report. It was discussed that Melissa will put a tab on our website that would give Board members access to view any of the financial records. The Board would have a password that would be changed yearly when new Board members are elected. Maryben reported that the club donated money towards a new water rough for the Hicks parking lot in Quicksilver Park. Barbara Granter will be reminded to get the Articles of Incorporation for the club's benefit.

Peggy Davidson gave an update on how the planning for the Fall Ride is progressing. The main thing she needs is more volunteers for the various jobs.

The nomination committee will start the process for the fall elections. We have new by-laws related to this process. There will be seven members elected to be on the Board. They will decide among themselves who will be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the 3 Board members. Kathy Brayton will chair the committee and ask two non-Board members to help with the process. An email will be sent to all members asking for those interested in being on the Board to submit their names.

The Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association is celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 18<sup>th</sup>. We are all urged to attend. We discussed having a booth to share information about our club. We need volunteers to man the booth during the day on Saturday October 18.

We moved our next meeting date to the following weekend, October 25<sup>th</sup> at Calero. We will ride, have a potluck and a short meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00.

#### Calero Trails Update from Pat

I have a partial trail update, and will have more for you soon.

I am meeting with the trail person for the parks on the 21<sup>st</sup> (September). Basically what I know now is that the Parks have granted bikes access to the strip of trail that they have that connects on the open space side (serpentine loop trail), but there will not be bikes in the park for two more years at this point. I will find out more about the trail realignment and get back to you. Good news I would say!





#### Quicksilver 2014 Calendar

October 11 — Quicksilver Fall Classic at Harvey Bear Ranch in San Martin October 25 — Ride/Potluck/Meeting at Calero County Park in South San Jose December 12 — Christmas Party at Almaden Community Center 6:00pm



Laurie and crew, Jill Newburn and Hilary Graham, at Robinson Flat. That Popsicle looks refreshing! And Lori looks bright and energetic

Jennifer's crew at Robinson Flat—Jayne Perryman and Pete Harper

# TEVIS!





Coming under the banner at the finish (2:30am) are Lori Oleson, Jennifer Perryman, and Judith Ogus

#### Trilby Turns 80!

THANKS TO EVERYONE POR MAKING MY 80th BIRTHDAY SUCH A GLORIOUS DAY!!! IT WAS GREAT TO SEE ALL OF YOU FROM PAR AND AWAY...WHAT A TREAT TO HAVE DR. KESSINGER JOIN US WITH HIS LOVELY WIFE JACKIE...! LOVED SEEING JULIE, PAT & BOD, MARY, KATHY & LORI FROM OUR QUICESILVER CLUB AND OF COURSE, MARYBEN/MY OPERA CONNECTION, TRACI FROM COOL, SUSAN FROM TEXAS, LAURIE, CINDY FROM FLORIDA...... LOVE TO ALL AND ALL OF YOUR HORSES... BEAU HAD TO GO TO HORSEY HEAVEN... DAYS LATER.....





Trilby sent this fax to all who attended her birthday party and wished her well. Some of her guests came from far away, a tribute to their affection for the honoree.

L to R: Trilby, Laurie, Susan, Maryben, and Traci

#### President's Message (Continued from page 1)

All this and two speakers! New member, Kathy Mayeda of Wind Horse Integrated Bodyworks (http://www.kathymayeda.com/), gave a talk on craniosacral therapy for people and horses. After dinner, Bryan Largay, the Conservation Director at the Land Trust of Santa Cruz spoke on the future of the 8,500 acre San Vicente Redwood Forest (formerly CEMEX.) Both clubs enjoyed the speakers along with a fabulous BBQ/potluck dinner.

Lori

#### Chere Montgomery

A longtime Quicksilver member has passed away and now roams the hills with her favorite horse. Chere Montgomery died in her sleep of natural causes. A celebration of her life will be held at 2PM Sunday, September 21, 2014 at the Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association. A potluck dinner will be part of the celebration. Please bring your favorite story to share.

#### The Tevis Cup Ride 2014

By Barbara White

The annual gathering of the endurance clan took place at the Tevis Cup Ride on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Our Quicksilver Club was well represented there by eight riders who saddled up early in the morning and headed down the trail for Auburn. They were Cathy Lefeber, Judith Ogus, Lori Oleson, Jennifer Perryman, Melissa Ribley, Robert Ribley, Diane Trefethen, and I. Other Quicksilver members were there crewing and volunteering for what would turn out to be one of the best Tevis Cup Rides ever.

Out of 186 starters, 107 successfully reached Auburn with horses determined to be "fit to continue." This finish rate of over 57% is higher than usual and, I believe, can be attributed to several factors. The weather was cooler than is typical and, probably, was at least 15 degrees cooler than last year. Rains in the high country earlier in the week had settled much of the dust. Because of the extra work done to repair the trail after the American Fire last August, the trail was as safe as I have ever seen it. Finally, due to the drought there was much less natural water available for the horses. Ride Director Chuck Stalley compensated for this by adding many large water troughs along the trail. Not only did this increase the availability of water on the trail, but it saved time for the riders because many horses can drink simultaneously from a couple of troughs in contrast to being forced to wait their turns for a trickle flowing out of the rocks. As a result, not only was the finishing percentage higher than usual, but the times overall were faster.

Seven of the eight Quicksilver riders finished. While each rider had a personal crew, some group crewing at a couple of spots aided many of the Club riders. Katie Webb and Julie Suhr were ready for action at Michigan Bluff, where the riders climbed out of El Dorado Canyon. They offered food and drink for the horses and riders, and they were handy with sponges and other cooling methods. At Chicken Hawk, Kim Barger was a friendly sight in her orange QS T-shirt and very efficient in her help, both quick thinking and ready to respond to requests. Cathy Scott, whom I am assuming was crewing for the Ribleys, aided me there, too. Thanks to all of them and those not mentioned.

The ride was won by former Quicksilver member Heather Reynolds riding a gelding owned by Hillorie Bachmann. This combination of Hillorie's horses and Heather and Jeremy riding is hard to beat. The Haggin Cup winner, for the best conditioned horse, was 15 year old Barrak Blakeley from Terrebonne, Oregon. Finishing in seventh place, this junior was sponsored by his mother, Gabriela. Both Cup winners were very popular with the crowd, and the awards banquet was a festive celebration. Also honored were the many international riders and the juniors who finished. Additionally, Pat Chappell earned her 2000 Mile buckle, and Canadian Danny Grant earned his 1000 Mile buckle. This took care of some unfinished business for both of them because they were pulled last year.

Every Tevis rider has a unique journey, both to the starting line and along the way, and many stories to tell. So does every crew member and every volunteer. It's a great coming together of like-minded people, who help and cheer for each other with energy and enthusiasm. The Western States Trail Foundation works year round so that this event can be held annually. Often thwarted by Mother Nature's surprises of snow, flooding, and forest fire, other challenges need to be met every year, too. Permits are difficult to secure, costs and restrictions keep increasing, and other trail users are impacting both the trail and trail experience. Yet the believers, the faithful, persevere. They (we) are convinced of the value of the event, the opportunity to challenge oneself and one's horse over a spectacular and historic trail. Thanks to everyone who participated in any way this year. If you have suggestions or concerns, feel free to share them with the Tevis Board of Governors. The people on the Board and the Ride Committee welcome constructive criticism and suggestions to make it better.

Next year's ride will be the 60<sup>th</sup> Western States 100 Mile One Day Trail Ride. The date is August 1<sup>st</sup>. Join the fun!

Editor's note: Barbara has more Tevis finishes than anyone else in history—34 of them. What an amazing rider!

#### How Do Different Saddles Impact Horses' Movement?

By Christa Lesté-Lasserre, MA

As scientists seek to improve their knowledge of different saddles' effects on horses, Swiss researchers have been focusing their attention on how various saddles influence—or don't influence—horses' movement.

Saddle type did not appear to impact movement in a group of Icelandic horses, said Katja Geser-von Peinen, DVM, clinical researcher in the Department of Sports Medicine at the Equine Clinic of Vetsuisse Faculty, in Zurich, Switzerland. The team chose to study Icelandic horses because their shoulder movement—often thought to be impeded by saddles—is considered an important criterion in their special gaits, including the four-beat tölt.

"Icelandic horse riders often think that the right saddle can free up the shoulder and give better movement, but our research shows that the kind of saddle doesn't affect that at all." she told The Horse.

However, the study results did confirm previous research indicating that the kind of saddle does affect pressure distribution on the horse's back, Geser-von Peinen said. Specifically, treeless saddles caused the highest pressure points and were least successful at distributing the rider's weight.

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#### Heather Wins Tevis

By Heather Reynolds Tuesday, August 12, 2014

This past week I flew to CA for the Tevis. I landed in San Francisco on Thurs morning. Hillorie was all smiles when she came and picked me up. We drove back to her place and finished the last minute packing. The plan was to go drop off her young horse to trainer, Mark Schuerman (the trainer of this years Tevis mount Hadeia), and while we were there we would make sure all of my tack was in order, then we would go drop the trailer at Foresthill.

We loaded up Hillorie's big, young chestnut and hit the road. There was a bit of traffic. The weather was super, but then again pretty much anywhere North of Hell would be an improvement to Florida's weather this time of year.

(On a side note, the Easyboot team booted up my mount on Wed for me in the Easyboot Glue ons. I love that group. Easycare has done a lot for the Tevis as well as for my horses personally.)

We got up to Mark's around 2 or so. He was there as well as my good firend Nicole Chappel. We all got organized and of course I had to check out how Hadeia looked. He looked perfect! His body weight was nice and his coat was shiney. I was now getting a bit more excited about the race that would be in less than 2 days.

After going over a few details, Hillorie and I left. We went for a late lunch at the Flower Garden Inn. We had a chicken salad to die for, it had all kinds of goodness in it, including different types of berries.

When we were done we headed up to Foresthill, hitting up the grocery store on the way. We parked in our regular area at Foresthill. By now it was probably around 5 pm. We were burnt out with driving so we decided to stay in Auburn

that night, rather than driving back the hour plus to Hillorie's house to then turn around first thing and come right back up. We had a lot of fun catching up and hanging out.

On Friday morning Hillorie ran a few errands and then we met back up and went to Echo Valley Ranch to grab a few items. We had fun goofing around in there.

The drive up to Robie was great, the mountains are so beautiful. We stopped in Truckee for a bit, while getting something cold to drink we sat in a really cool cafe/restaurant and watched the locals go by.

We pulled into Robie around 2. Mark thought he would arrive around then. I checked in and looked at what the vendors had to offer, all the while running into friends. Great to see everyone.

When Mark pulled in we helped him get all set up. Hadeia was excited, he knew where he was. He has done the Tevis the past 2 years with Mark, placing 11th and 7th.

Hadeia (registered name, French Open) is a 14 yr. old, 14.3 gelding. He was gelded as a late 8 yr old. He ran on the flat track before his endurance career, running an amazing 89 times. His legs are very clean and tight; he's a beast.

After everything was done we went and vetted in. Trotting Hadeia out was like flying a kite. Then we went for a little pre-ride. Hadeia got a little squirrelly; he was in a great mood!

Hillorie and I didn't have a rig at the start so we stayed at a funky hotel by the lake. It was one of the oddest hotel rooms I've been in in a while.

Saturday morning we had to get up at an extra special hour as we had to drive to the start and hike in. Good times.



Heather and Hadeia with his Tevis Cup

The warm up in pen 1 was uneventful. Then it was time to file out of pen 1 and head to the starting line. Hadeia was walking very relaxed. He's such a goofball horse, his pre-rides are the crazy rides and his race morning behavior is great. I guess I'm glad about that!

The morning went by smoothly. Hadeia only complained a few times about my choice of pace. He was funny because when he would trip over a rock that was hidden under all of the dust he would grunt and groan in frustration. He would also grind his teeth if he thought we should be going faster.

We went around Cougar Rock, I feel like it's an extra risk and I already have that picture...

The Redstar Ridge vet check was empty when we arrived but by the time I was getting my pulse (3 mins. roughly) the vet check had filled with a crowd of total mayhem. I got out of there just in time.

Robinson Flat was a welcome sight. My crew was super cute. I had told Hillorie that I would be wearing pink so she had the crew in pink as well. It turns out that this year the Tevis volunteers were all in pink too!! My crew was awesome. It was Hillorie, Kassandra DiMaggio, her son Denver and my parents, Jean and Howie Spinner. (When I got to Robinson, I almost died laughing. My dad had on this hot pink bad 80's shirt that said "Heart breaker" on it!)

Hadeia recovered well and we went in to the vets. I was stopped on the way for a blood draw, then went to vet. The

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vet had me trot twice and thought he might be seeing a LF issue. Great. Went and fed Hadeia and let him relax. When it was about 15 mins, to our out time we found out that we had a recheck due to something that was seen in the blood draw. I thought that was funky as there had not been blood drawn on Fri to get a baseline on any of the horses. We went back to the vet and had to re-vetted, but no more blood was drawn. It was decided that I could continue.

So, now I had two things on my mind, LF and funky metabolics...super.

I took care of Hadeia at each of the following vet checks paying extra attention to the little details to make sure I wasn't overlooking anything. He was looking fine.

I rode with many people throughout the day. There were a lot of fast horses this year. It was more fun this way, as we always had company. By the time we hit Chicken Hawk, Hadeia looked great; he had all A's.

Coming in to Foresthill, Tom, Tennesee and I were all together. My crew was on it! They were so impressive:) After vetting the vet held my card and I had to come back for a recheck. I think as Hadeia was trotting back this time he stumbled and looked funky behind for a couple of steps. Still makes you worry a bit. I got back to the trailer and showered and changed and wolfed down a burger. I felt like a new person.

Tom, Tennesee and I arrived at Francisco's together and while we were there 4 horses arrived. The three of us got out of there ahead again, we rode together to the Quarry. It was just dark when we pulled in to that last vet check. The three vetted fine. While we were there horses arrived again and we were out of there. The three of us galloped to the Highway crossing. Then we trotted up and over to No Hands Bridge.

I had decided before hand that I would make my run at the bridge. My crew was there and handed me a jug of water which I poured on Hadeia and then kicked it into high gear. Hadeia was totally game. I had a light but it was not on. Hadeia trains on this section of trail regularly so he knew every step of the way. It was like I was with Night Rider and I said, "Kit, take me home." It was thrilling. I don't know that section anywhere near as well as Hadeia knows it. I was holding on, not sure if we were hooking left, right, up or down. I was not steering at all. Pretty awesome. Hadeia didn't miss a beat. When we got to Robie Point there were spectators who had to scatter as we flew through. They didn't see me as I was on a dark horse with no lights.

After that I had Hadeia slow up a bit, feeling confident of my lead. We trotted easily in the dark enjoying the thought of a win. We made it from the bridge to the finish in under 25 mins. Hadeia was incredible. I was so excited to pop out at the finish by ourselves.

It was an amazing day for sure. My crew and horse were awesome. I am really lucky to have great people around me supporting me.

I'm sure I might have missed some fun details here but I'm sitting in a hotel in NY 2 days after the Tevis, about to get on a plane for France so I'm a bit scattered;)

Hope you are all well; wish us luck in France. ■

#### Saddles (Continued from page 5)

"In Icelandic riding populations, it's popular to use treeless saddles, which are supposed to fit all horses and allow more freedom of movement, but obviously neither of these concepts is true," she said.

In her study, Geser-von Peinen and colleagues investigated 12 Icelandic riding horses on a treadmill at walk and tölt ridden by two individuals of average weight (65 kilograms and 75 kilograms, or 143 pounds and 165 pounds). The horses were tested wearing a dressage saddle, a classic Icelandic saddle (which moves rider's weight towards the back), and a "one-size-fits-all" treeless saddle. The researchers recorded the saddle pressure, the force of the legs, and the limbs' movement patterns (kinematics).

Treeless saddles caused significantly more concentrated pressure at the front of the horse's back, Geser-von Peinen said, often directly on the withers. Meanwhile, the saddles with trees distributed pressure more evenly, with a greater concentration toward the back of the horse's back.

There were no differences in leg movements and forces among the different saddles used, she said.

Geser-von Peinen said her study results suggest that riders should select saddles based on fit and pressure distribution, rather than on how they believe that saddle might affect horses' movements, regardless of the riding discipline or horse breed.

"It doesn't make a difference if it's an Icelandic horse or not," she said. "The saddle has to fit. From the horse's standpoint it's the same story, whether it's a normal English saddle, or a Western saddle, or any kind of saddle."

Riders should be particularly careful about the pressure caused by treeless saddles, even in horses with seemingly rounder backs. "The problem with the treeless saddle is that it doesn't distribute the weight of an average-sized adult rider because of the absence of a tree," she said. "Even in Icelandic horses, treeless saddles are not the best choice."

Contributed by Elisabet Hiatt

#### Words of Wisdom

#### When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt.

Henry J. Kaiser (1882 – 1967) American industrialist who became known as the father of modern American shipbuilding.

#### Quicksilver Goes to Mongolia

By Barbara McCrary

Only two Quicksilver members went to Mongolia/Siberia in August-September, but two Quicksilver items went with us: the duffle bag (Lud's carry-on) and the ride card holder, which I used as my passport carrier. I was grateful for the holder, because if one loses a passport abroad, you're in big trouble.

It was a fascinating trip, very involved, covering many locations, and having a weird schedule. On September 9th, our last day, we departed Irkutsk, Russia, at 3:15 AM, because it was the only flight to Seoul, Korea, our connection to San Francisco. We had to be in the hotel lobby at midnight in order to catch the bus for the airport—some distance from the city center. When we arrived at the airport, some snafu (and a couple of young, apparently inexperienced, counter attendees) had trouble accessing the necessary information to issue us boarding passes. We stood in line for over an hour before they had it straightened out. The long and the short of it, we're still on Mongolian—or Russian—standard time and not sleeping when we should, sleeping when we shouldn't.

We stayed at two different "ger" (the typical Mongolian nomad home) camps and had a nice, warm, fuzzy, camel ride while there. I rather like riding camels—they undulate at a walk, and their trot is quite stable and rhythmic. It's a little hard to swing one's right leg over the hump, however.



Lud is third from left with green cap and vest. I'm second from right with a tan vest and dark glasses.

We spent two nights at a ger camp in the ancient capital of Mongolia, Karakorum, touring various historical sites, including that of an ancient Buddhist conclave and its temples. The woman in the center, in the bright blue dress, is the current, and rare, monk at this site. Usually monks are men.





The modern Mongol man gets around faster on a motorcycle than a horse. The outback roads are quite rough, and although some families have cars or small trucks, the motorcycle gets you to your destination faster and cheaper. That's Annie Lydon, our tour guide's wife hitching a ride.

Lud relaxing in a ger. Central heating is courtesy of an iron stove and horse dung. A whole family lives in this round house. Despite the simplicity of a ger, we were always comfortable. The beds were cushioned with nothing more than a cotton pad, but we slept our very best on them—better even than a plushy hotel bed. This is probably due to our many years of backpacking and sleeping on granite.

A very effective homemade baggage transporter. The two teenagers are part of the family that owns and runs the ger camp. They all work together in cooperation.

We found the Mongolian people to be very happy, friendly folks, and although we couldn't understand each other's languages, we could communicate through smiles.







A bed in a ger. Not an American's usual taste in comfort, but we found them very cozy.



Chimga, our lovely tour guide, spoke excellent English, as she had spent a year at the University of Missouri on a scholarship. She was bright, smart, and totally delightful. Raised in a nomadic home, growing up milking goats and riding horses, she is a young woman of two worlds.

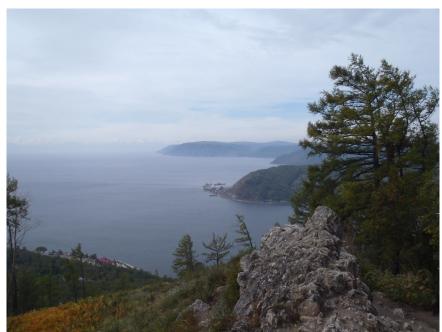
Never call a Mongolian horse a pony, as they are not considered such by their people. They are probably 13 hands high, but tougher than a pine nut. This one wears a traditional ornamental saddle.

Milking a yak. This is the job for the woman of the house. Yak milk is used for making yogurt and cheese, just like cow's milk here in the USA. I think this one was a yak/cow hybrid. Not enough long fur for a purebred yak.





The ubiquitous Mongolian protector dog. They are everywhere at herders' homes, guarding against wolves.



A view of Lake Baikal, the world's largest and deepest fresh water lake, containing 20% of the world's fresh water.

We were stunned by the gorgeous display of flowers in every park, city square, and churchyard. Considering the weather of Siberia, these will be gone soon.





A sample of typical Siberian architecture. This is a very old building. Window fronts, doorways, and face boards are often very ornate and lacy.

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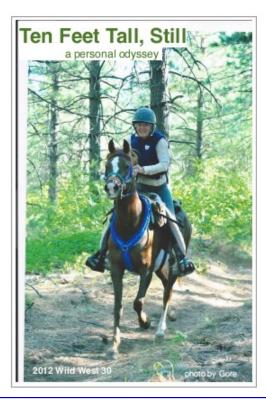


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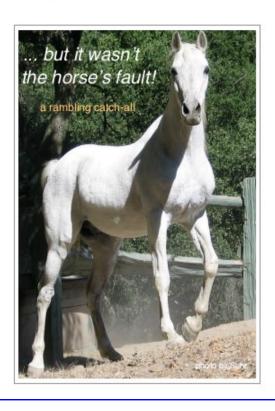
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by Julie Suhr

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



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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.

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20535 Rome Drive, San Jose, California. Stalls: \$320.00, pasture \$220.00, fed twice a day highquality orchard-alfalfa mix hay. 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.

Trilby - (408) 997-7500

#### **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

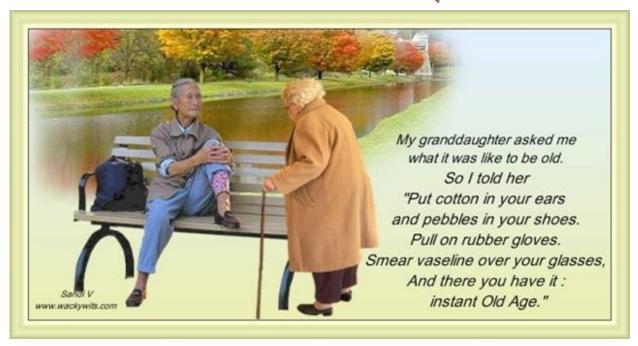


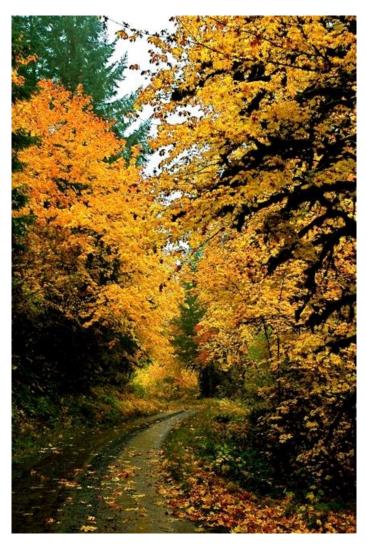
# HORSE BOARDING PERFECT FOR ENDURANCE HORSES—ALMADEN AREA

Huge paddocks with lots of room. Our pastures are real pastures and not crowded -- approximately 2 acres per horse. (See photo at left.) We have direct trail access. Rates start at \$275. 1 free trailer parking space per boarder. Top quality grass/alfalfa hay fed. Also riding lessons with three-time world champion. Call

Becky: 408-425-5860 or Maryben: 408-265-0839. email to merryben@live.com

# Humor and Birthdays





### Happy September Birthday to our Anicksilver Members and Endurance Priends

Jackie Bumgardner	2
Becky Hackworth	3
Libby Bass	3
Dave Nicholson	4
Tracy Hofstrand	5
Kathy Mayeda	8
Karen Chaton	10
Miriam Plaggmier*	11
Sandie Parker-Jones	11
Pete LeMond	17
Rick Rashid	19
Cathy Kauer	20
Pam Villa	22
Pat Bush*	26
Jackie Davidson	26

FIRST: We need your name  And then your address				
			And your phone number, Fax, e-ma	il
,	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 \$			
moonlight rides, endurance rides, to and the annual awards ceremony; s have! How are our dues spent? Annual Ye	e Riders? You will have the opportunity to participate in poker rides, rail projects as well as attend monthly meetings, the Christmas party saving the best for last, you will meet the best friends you will ever earbook/Calendar; monthly Newsletter; a representative voice in loca d improvement projects; year-end awards and monthly meetings.			
Send your dues, checks made out t	o: Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.			
Mail to Membership Chairperson:	Maryben Stover 1299 Sandra Drive San Jose, CA 95125-3535 (408) 265-0839			

"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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