



Quicksilver Quips

November, 2010

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President's Message. . . None submitted.

From the Editor – I'm sitting at home with a bowl full of candy, ready to give it away to trick or treaters. It's very silly of me, because in the 21 years we have lived in this house, we have never had a single trick or treat come (the drawback of living in the woods, I guess) but I keep buying the candy any way, year after year... you never know. I usually end up eating some of it during the weekend and I take the rest to work on Monday. I have come to the conclusion that I do this as much for myself as for the trick or treaters, and if per chance one of them happens to show up, I'll be ready. Makes me feel good, regardless of the outcome, and one of these days it may make one brave little kid happy they walked our long, dark driveway, because he/she will definitely get a boat-load of candy!

Last Friday afternoon I went to the "life celebration" gathering for Bob Suhr. Many Quicksilver Club members were there and it was good to see you there. Overall, I'd guess that there were well over 200 people in attendance, a testament of how much this man was loved, admired and respected. There was a clear trend to the comments people made as they stood up to honor Bob. The words "fair" "integrity" "caring" "honest" "upright" "persistent" "involved" "proactive" and "loving" were said over and over in describing Bob. These words came from people who had known him from over 50 years as well as people who had met him very recently. He was definitely consistent.

It was very hard, at times, to hold back the tears. How can you not grieve such a huge loss? But there was also a lot of laughter as people recalled their experiences with Bob, his wit and his humor.

I was particularly touched by Barbara's story about Bob squeezing fresh juice for Julie every day, for many, many years. It was an act of love that he did for her, up until the very day he died. Bob's perennial "make it a good day" greeting was a chosen way of life for him, up until the very end.

I have a little sign on my desk that reads: "Every day we decide who we will be by the actions we take". They don't have to be big ones, like Bob's frequent letter writing and political involvement... they can be little ones, like spending some time grooming our horses even if we don't intend to ride, sending a card to someone who is hurting, losing our placing on a ride to help another rider, buying some candy for trick or treaters, or squeezing the juice from a grapefruit. Most of our lives are made up of a series of many small actions. Who will we choose to be tomorrow?

Elisabet

November meeting will be at Kathy Kauer's house. 6:30PM start time. **POTLUCK**

Becky is looking for the white club binder, which was left at the clubhouse several meetings ago. Has anyone seen it??

Amazing trees of California



A massive tree: A tree called the General Sherman sequoia in Sequoia National Park is the world's most massive living inhabitant. With a trunk 103 feet around and standing nearly 275 feet tall, old Sherman is made up of an estimated 52,508 cubic feet of wood. It is estimated to be between 1800 and 2700 years old.

You think that's old??: Amazing as a 2000 year old tree is, the oldest living thing on Earth is a bristlecone pine in Northern California White Mountains just North of Death Valley. Nicknamed "Methusaleh" after the 969 year old in the Bible, the tree is estimated to be 4,650 years old. In other words, it was a sprout in the Bronze Age, when the Chinese had just figured out how to make bronze and people in Mesopotamia were first starting to write – or cuneiform- tablets.



How tall is too tall?: "Hyperion" is the name given to the tallest tree known on Earth, measuring 379 feet tall –about the height of a 40 story building. Hyperion is a coast redwood, a close cousin of the giant sequoia, the same species as the famous General Sherman. Hyperion grows in an undisclosed, remote location in Redwood National Park near Eureka.



**QSER Meeting Minutes
10/20/10**

Almaden Clubhouse

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Pres. Becky Hart. Others in attendance were Merryben S., Elisabet H., Kathy B., Cathy K., Brian R., Trilby P., Marvin S., Sandy P., Joyce, and the Perkins.

Reports were given by the treasurer and the ride manager. After all expenses were paid the ride cleared approximately \$1000 for the club. Despite yellow jackets, two injured riders, and rerouted 25 milers, the ride was deemed a success.

Elisabet asked that people send their memories of Bob Suhr so she can put them in the Quips. His memorial service will be Friday 10/29 in Scotts Valley.

Nominations were made for the 2011 Board of Directors. The voting will take place at next month's meeting. The following were nominated: Pres.- Elisabet H, VP. –Carla P, Sec. -Kathy B, Treas. –Trilby P, Board.- Brian R, Joyce, Sandy P., Cathy K.

The November 17th meeting will be a potluck dinner meeting at Cathy Kauer's home in Aromas, which is south of Gilroy. The meeting/dinner will begin at 6:30. It is suggested that people carpool to the meeting. Cathy will send directions to the QSER group.

The QSER Christmas dinner and party will be 12/8 at the clubhouse. Trilby is the hostess and does the set up and much of the cooking. We all need to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert and an unwrapped gift for the exchange.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

See you all at the November 17 dinner/meeting at Cathy Kauer's.

Submitted by Kathy Brayton

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Judy Etheridge sent this message: THANKS to the Quicksilver Riders for sending **Richard Paige** a get well card. He is doing amazingly well and is scheduled to go home on November 11. The Kaiser rehab in Vallejo is the best as far as I can tell. Ken and I visit him at least 3 times a week and stay several hours so we have seen most of the physical therapists at work with him. It is very interesting to watch. Every time I visit him I am impressed by the amount of progress he has made.



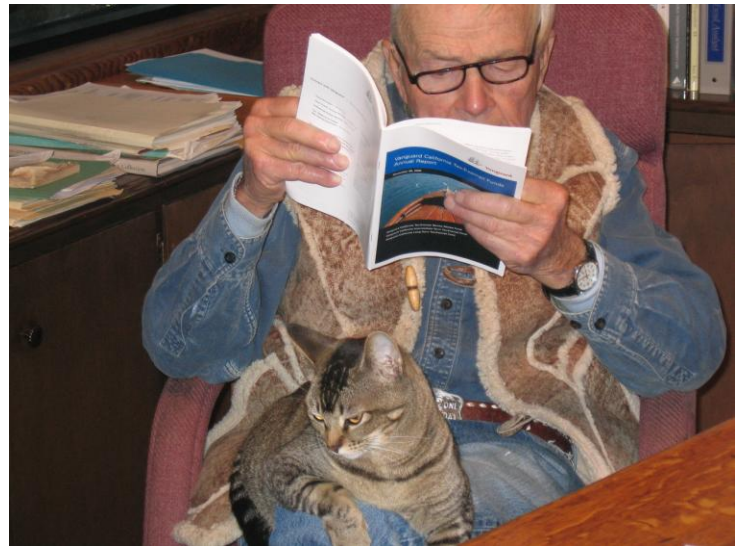
Bob Suhr
A life well lived
"Make it a good day"

One of my favorite Bob stories just shows his wonderful humor. At the Applegate Lassen ride many, many years ago, every morning before the ride started we had a little history lesson. The first day Frank Bennett who rode Apache the mule, was expounding on and on and on about Peter Lassen and the trail, etc. How we should ride the wonderful trail and go slow and see everything. Then he took off up the hill like a bat out of hell. I said something to Bob about how he was racing off and not practicing what he preached. Bob just looked at me and said "Yes, Maryben, but Peter Lassen would have wanted it that way." I have always remembered that because Bob was never at a loss for a dry quip.

Maryben Stover.



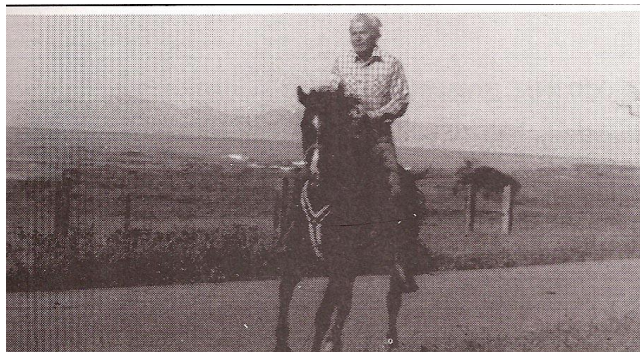
How did Bob remember my name so perfectly after meeting me once when I came out to ride with Julie? I wanted to learn about endurance and she had Buddy ready for me. Bob was there helping out at the stables. My next visit was at a QS Grant Ranch ride and Bob was carrying massive buckets of water over for Julie. I drank champagne with her that riders brought to celebrate her mega mileage. I snapped some pictures for them and was bummed I wasn't in the photo. I kept wondering if Nigel would bring water for me when we get older. I saw Bob again at his house and brought Nigel. This was the Quicksilver club meeting about bobcats. The most unusual thing is that Bob always said "Hi, Lori and Nigel, how are you?". I was so shocked that not only did he remember my name but Nigel's (kind of easy but still!) too after one meeting with loads of people around. How did he do that? It was ALWAYS a joy to see Bob who had a smile 100% of the time I interacted with him. I feel so honored to have known him and I sure wish I met him sooner. *Lori McIntosh.*



I will always remember Bobs greeting to me. He would say "How are you, my boy" with a smile and extend his hand to shake. After that he would stick a Coors light beer in my hand and we would talk. I really never liked the taste of Coors light, but I always drank the beer because Bob gave it to me. He was a special person and I will miss him.
 Scott Sansom

Bob would look you straight in the eyes when you talked to him. It made you feel like you were the most important person in the room. He listened, even if he didn't agree. He respected other people's points of view and shared his without apology... had a real hard time getting him to share some of his treasured persimmons, though.

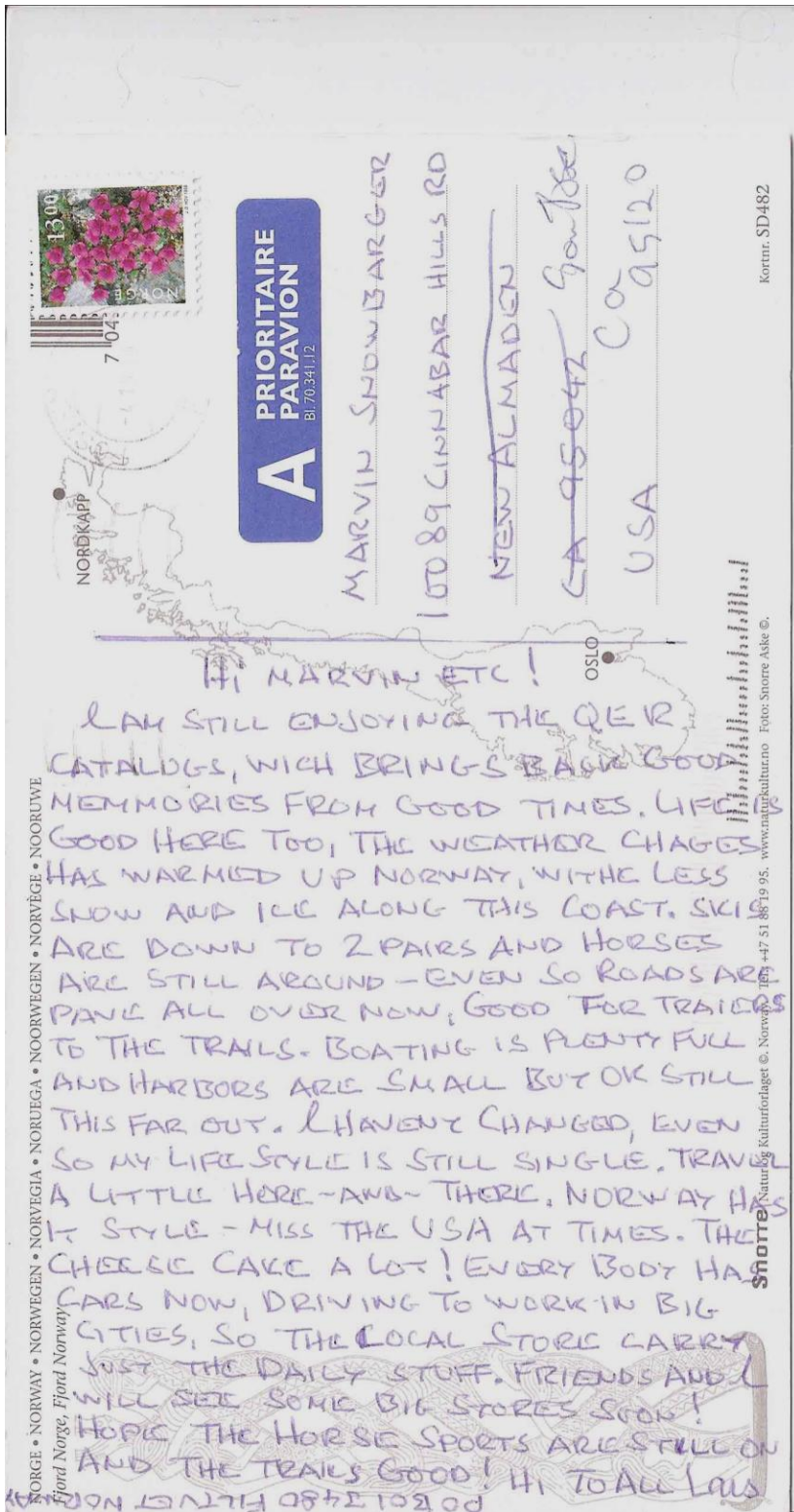
Elisabet Hiatt



Don't stand by my grave and weep, for I am not there. I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I'm the diamond's glint on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle Autumn's rain. Don't stand by my grave and cry. I am not there, I did not die.

Native American Poem

Postcards from the edge...



THE SENILITY PRAYER :

Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked any way, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Treasurer's report

QUICKSILVER ENDURANCE RIDERS, INC.

FALL RIDE PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

OCTOBER, 2010 – SUBMITTED BY MARYBEN.

	AMOUNT	BALANCE
INCOME FOR RIDE		\$ 6,370.00
EXPENSES FOR RIDE		
FOOD	\$ 675.20	
SUPPLIES	531.41	
VETS	1,550.00	
PARK FEES	544.00	
PORTA POTTIES	339.86	
DRUG FEES TO STATE OF CALIFORNIA	300.00	
AERC FEES	555.00	
AWARDS	529.67	
MISC.	140.61	\$ 5,165.75
NET PROFIT		\$ 1,204.25

If you don't vote on Tuesday, please don't complain about what happens to you for the next four years.....

NEW EDITOR!!!!

Barbara McCrary has kindly agreed to be our next Quips Editor, starting with the January issue. Please help her out by sending your stories, fun things, photos and anything else you can think of. The editor's job is MUCH easier when there is a lot of material available to choose from. I have enjoyed the job, and I think Barbara will too, but we really need to contribute!
So, start dusting off those photos and writing those stories, and send them on to Barb!

More fun photos from Kentucky.
Contributed by Lori McIntosh



Jockeys exercising horses at Keeneland. These people need to discover endurance saddles...!



Keeneland: the top ten winners' colors are displayed for all to see for a year... then they paint them over... and over... and over...



Mr. Curlin smiling for Lori. I think he really knows he's hot stuff...

Lori McIntosh Photography



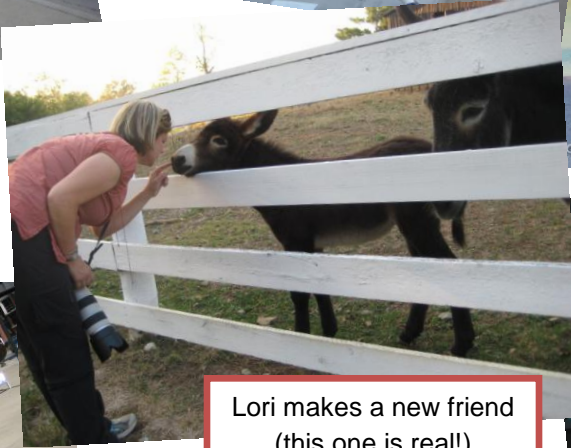
Opening ceremonies

The "unusual" horses of Lexington...

Photos by Lori McIntosh and Elisabet Hiatt



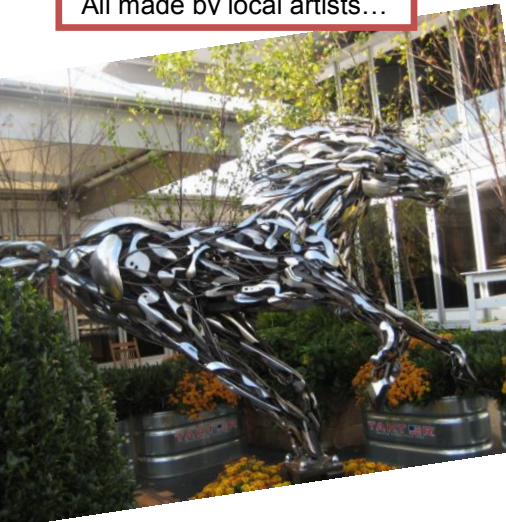
There are 82 of them, spread all over the town of Lexington and the Horse Park...



Lori makes a new friend (this one is real!)



All made by local artists...



Lori McIntosh Photography



Mystery photo: One of our well known members had the privilege of petting "Billy Bob" a rescued bob cat who loves attention and purrs like a kitten...

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**

**You miss 100% of the shots
you never take.**

W. Gretzky

The economy is so bad that ...
Congress says they are looking into this
Bernie Madoff scandal. Oh Great!! The guy
who made \$50-Billion disappear is being
investigated by the people who made \$1.5-
Trillion disappear!

Do you suffer from O.C.E.A.N. Syndrome?

Obsessive Compulsive Equine Attachment Neurosis Syndrome is usually found in the female and can manifest itself anytime from birth to the golden years. Symptoms may appear any time and may even go dormant in the late teens, but the syndrome frequently re-emerges in later years.

The afflicted individual:

1. Can smell moldy hay at ten paces, but can't tell whether milk has gone bad until it turns chunky.
2. Finds the occasional "Buck and Toot" session hugely entertaining, but severely chastises her husband for similar antics.
3. Will spend hours cleaning and conditioning her tack, but wants to eat on paper plates so there are no dishes.
4. Considers equine sweat a fragrance.
5. Enjoys mucking out four stalls twice a day, but insists on having a housekeeper mop the kitchen floor once a week.
6. Will spend an hour combing and trimming an equine mane, but wears a baseball cap so she doesn't waste time brushing her own hair.
7. Will dig through manure piles daily looking for worms, but does not fish.
8. By memory can mix eight different supplements in the correct proportions, but can't make macaroni and cheese that isn't soupy.
9. Twice a week will spend an hour scrubbing algae from the water tanks, but has a problem cleaning lasagna out of the casserole dish.
10. Will pick a horse's nose, and call it cleaning, but becomes verbally violent when her husband picks his.
11. Can sit through a four-hour session of a groundwork clinic, but unable to make it through a half-hour episode of Cops.

The spouse of an afflicted victim:

1. Must come to terms with the fact there is no cure, and only slightly effective treatments. The syndrome may be genetic or caused by the inhaling of manure particles, which, I propose, have an adverse effect on female hormones.
2. Must adjust the family budget to include equine items - hay, veterinarian services, farrier services, riding boots and clothes, supplements, tack, equine masseuse and acupuncturist. Once you have identified a monthly figure, never look at it again. Doing so will cause tightness in your chest, nausea and occasional diarrhea.
3. Must realize that your spouse has no control over this affliction. More often than not, she will deny a problem even exists. Denial is common.
4. Must form a support group. You need to know you're not alone and there's no shame in admitting your wife has a problem. My support group involves men who truly enjoy fishing, four-day weekends and lots of alcohol. Most times, she is unaware that I am even gone, until the precise moment she needs help getting a 50-pound bag of grain out of the truck.



That special horse in my life... "THE ONE"



When asked which of his horses was his favorite, a horseman said that whichever one he was riding at any given moment was it. I think that is a great philosophy to have, and somewhat agree with it. Every horse we ride changes us in some way, and if we are smart, we come out of the ride better than we were before... and yet, there are some horses that leave hoof prints in your heart that don't fade away as quickly as others.



In my case, it was Lazo. As I write this, it was five years ago to the day, that I had to make that hardest of all decisions, and had to have him put down. He was sick, he was 30 and he let me know it was time. The tears still flow when I think about it and yes, I still miss him as much as I did the day after. Maybe the reason is that he was my very first horse. Maybe it's because of the sense of accomplishment I feel when I think about all the things we did together. Maybe it's because he was the childhood dream that actually came through... although at times, it seemed like a nightmare!

We were both VERY green when we met, and had some heated arguments which usually ended with me on the ground and him running off, that white Arabian tail held high in the air. But determination (or foolishness) eventually won, and we became a team. For 25 years we explored incredible trails, camped in amazing places, chased cows, patrolled the beaches of Ano Nuevo, rescued stranded hikers, competed (and won) in many Trail Trials, ate up the miles in many Endurance rides and gave hundreds of children their first "horsey ride". The scared, insecure young horse matured into a solid and reliable partner. I think the best proof of that was when we were at the Sacramento Sheriff Mounted Police Training one year, and Lazo stood rock still while a helicopter hovered about one hundred feet from us, at eye level. The wind, dust and noise were amazing, and so was my horse!

He "helped" me train my next horse, Solo, patiently teaching him not to bite, to poop outside the stalls and to be polite when taking treats. He also took a lot of abuse from said youngster... including being regularly body slammed while being the pony horse. Solo, being much lighter, would bounce right off, and if horses can roll their eyes, Lazo must have done quite a bit of that.

He taught me so much, starting with the fine art of listening. He taught me patience and endurance. He taught me not to take myself too seriously. He taught me to control my anger and walk away when I couldn't. He was the cheapest psychologist and counselor and a great listener. He seemed to know when I needed a hug, and would wrap his neck around me, or gently put his head on my chest and just stand there. Yes, he was and will always be "The One" for me.

Elisabet Hiatt, October 26, 2010



I didn't know it at the time, but one of the definitions of the word lazo in Spanish is "true lover's knot". Makes sense now....

Classifieds....

1977 Toterhome with a rebuilt 88 International engine and a new 4 speed Allison Transmission. Runs great. Has a nice living space with a large fridge. \$6,000 obo.

1998 Login Competitor 3 horse LQ. 8 Ft short wall, mangers, drop down windows, rear tack, small fridge, shower, toilet, ac, heat, microwave. In good shape. \$ 12,000 obo

Free Horse: needs 6 months off for a hind suspensory. Fun horse, 13 yr old, 15 hand bay gelding. Very fun and loves to go places. He loves people more than horses.

Heather Reynolds
408 687 7082

Deluxe Endurance Halter Bridle Combination and Deluxe Endurance Breastplate by Zilco. Both are burgundy. Like new. \$150 for both.
kbrayton@aol.com or

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Senior Citizen Caregiver
English Speaking, reliable, dependable, honest person seeking employment as a senior citizen/handicap companion helper.
Light housekeeping, good cook. No alcohol, no smoking and no drugs.
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References upon request
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I am selling this saddle for \$1200 including mohair girth 22", standard fenders worth \$205 or if you prefer standard stirrup leathers worth \$120 and E-Z stirrups from Specialized saddles. The seat is an 18" Classic X that has a slightly built up cantle and moulded "poleys" worth \$315 new. My cell is 415-235-5246. Lori McIntosh.



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He would do well at Tevis.
\$8000 OBO
Heather Reynolds 408 687 7082

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Backed by Parelli and others.
Light weight, very easy to set up, attaches to your trailer. Call or email me and I can send a short video presentation.
Wendy Ebster
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\$1500 OBO: **15.1 9 yrs chestnut** with CMK bloodlines. Great for pleasure, trail & horse camping.
408 391-8912



Codigh ("Cody"--MV Double Vision) 12 yo grey Arabian Gelding for sale. Did his first 25 in August with **Judith Ogus**, EEEEEPP. Will do his 1st 50 at Desert Gold. **Raffles** (Al Marah) breeding. AHA registered. Smart and forward. Superb ground manners. Light as a feather, excellent gaits. Surefooted and all heart. 14 hh. Perfect for confident, experienced junior or small adult. (Was also ridden by a 200+ # man before I got him!) Serious shoppers, please PM me for photos and video or come see him at **Desert Gold!** Beverley. sensei@horsensei.com. Video available. 650-868-3379

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(760) 670-7677
email: mrribley@wildblue.net

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 2A337107-1999 ¾ Arab Bay mare,
 15 hands, Echstrordinary X Fad-
 Tiffany. Sweepstakes nominated.
 Price \$3,500
 Has had lots of training (including
 Natural Horsemanship) but has no
 one to ride her at present. Strong
 uphill horse, surefooted, has
 considerable trail experience. With
 some conditioning she could be
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 Barbara McCrary
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 is an 18 MM K2 06651, saddle #
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 bit and restuffed by David Gilpin.
 Please contact Judy Etheridge at
 925 862-0232 or
misxfire@yahoo.com for
 information.

Horse boarding facility at 20535
 Rome Drive, San Jose, California.
 Stalls: \$270.00, pasture \$200.00
 feed twice a day hi-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 the Quicksilver Park.
 Trilby – 408-997-7500

**Wanted: cheap heart
 monitor, basic model.**
Elisabet
lazo@ucsc.edu
831-234-4732

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Sold your item???
Let me know, so I
can take it off the
list! EH

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Lori McIntosh Photography

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*Happy trails, Bob.
 We will miss you.*

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

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 and 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 2010 dues, checks made out to: **Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.**

Mail to Membership Chairperson:

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408 265-0839

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



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