



Quicksilver Quips

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President's Message...

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One of our favorite members, Bob Suhr, is no longer with us. I was unable to attend the celebration of Bob's life and wanted Julie and Barabara to know how much he will be missed by all of us in the club. By making it a great day, Bob helped everyone else to have a great day. The twinkle in his eye, the interest he took in each person and his sense of humor couldn't help but make you feel better after talking with him. Thanks, Bob, for setting such a great example for the rest of us.

This morning when I looked out the window, everything was covered in frost, but after a few days of rain and clouds it was great to see the sun, especially since I am on my way to go help Scott mark trail for the Desert Gold ride. I am looking forward to seeing many Quicksilver members at the ride! Cold, fun and great Thanksgiving potluck. I hope everyone has a happy Thanksgiving.

Kentucky has come and gone. It was not the endurance success we had hoped for, but you can be sure the team will be trying hard again next time. Since I am no longer the chef I will have more time to devote to preparing my horse and developing new students.

Our most recent meeting was at Cathy Kauer's house. Kathy fixed delicious pasta that complimented the wonderful salad's, bread, and desserts. The eight of us who were there decided the fate of next year's officers and board. Cpngratulations to our new officers and board memebbers. Our president is Elisabet Hiatt; vice-president - Karla Perkins; secretary - Kathy Brayton; Treasurer - Trilby Peterson. Board members are Cathy Kauer, Brian Reeves, and Sandy Parker.

Barbara McCrary is taking over the newsletter, so please support her with your contributions. Brian Reeves has offered to manage the fall ride. Thanks to both Barbara and Brian for their efforts on behalf of the club.

To keep members involved and active we are trying a new format next year. Meetings will be on a quarterly basis. We will have our annual awards dinner in Feb., a June meeting, a September meeting (at our house again!) and the Christmas party in December. If we host a speaker or special event, we will then have another occasion to come together.

Our next meeting is the Christmas Party and gift exchange at the Almaden Community Center on December 8th (note the date). Always delicious and fun, the party is one of those times where many members come together. See you there!

Becky Hart

An interesting WEG experience, by Lori McIntosh.

The World Equestrian Games had an amazing entrance in Kentucky. The three hour long opening ceremony was incredibly spectacular!!! I took some great photographs despite the low light. I brought an extensor for my lens so I could get some close up shots from afar and sat with a super fun couple that had tickets from their company who were sponsors. Later I sent him some photographs for their newsletter. My ticket was around \$125 and well worth the price for any horse lover. The American Indian show affected me the most as they gave a prayer in each corner of the stadium and



politely asked for respect. At some point, I filled up my card which held over 700 images from the entire day and was about to put in another card, but decided to make it a night. As I was leaving, I stopped for popcorn for my drive back to the Shaker Inn which was about 30 minutes away. I noticed they hadn't given the grand finale yet as several performers started lining up in a corner. So I ran back upstairs and stood at the main entrance with a new card for my camera ready for action. All of the performers came out and circled the arena. It was quite a stimulating and overwhelming view of everyone. At some point, I saw a man who came out earlier on his Morgan stallion lose his balance and start falling off his horse while still holding the reins. The horse reared and tried to get out of the way as the man fell, but he stepped on his chest instead. It was apparent the man fell while unconscious. I watched in horror directly above him how it seemed like slow motion when someone finally came to him. Two men started to perform CPR while others surrounded him with potted shrubs and plants as he was right at the edge of the arena with several spectators in front of him and above him like me. His wife was hysterical and gently pulled away and his horse who was standing there for some time, was finally led away. After about 3-5 minutes, about 6 EMTs were over him and a golf cart and stretcher took him away. I walked about a mile or so to my

car and drove home crying thinking he was dead. I finally realized he was the Cowboy Dressage performer as he had his jacket off for the final show and that threw me off trying to figure out who he was. I emailed a couple of friends and called one back home who teaches Western dressage and found out it was Etan from Grass Valley. She said he had a heart condition but had the opportunity of a lifetime to perform at WEG and wasn't about to pass it up. This man was meant to be on this earth as one of the men who rescued him happened to be an ER physician and he worked fast giving Etan lots of hope for survival. Etan ruptured his spleen and broke 6 ribs. I highly encourage you to watch his video thanking all his fans while in the hospital and the best part of it is he says "Viva 2014" in the end to prepare himself for the WEG in Normandy 2014. His wife sent me a lovely thank you letter after I sent her a note wishing them well. What a wonderful couple and I am so happy they are getting a second chance.

<http://www.cowboydressage.com/video/control.htm>

Despite thinking about Etan daily and seeing Heather coming so close to winning 4th place in endurance, it was pretty depressing the first couple of days at WEG. But over time it came out to be a

once in a life time experience. Heather's horse, Sam had only competed in one 100 mile ride in his career so it was an incredible feat to be riding along with world champions and Heather was incredibly proud of him. Etan is back in his career with clinics starting up next year. So I agree with Etan. Viva 2014!!!





Merry Christmas, everyone!



Perspective

One day, the father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the express purpose of showing him how poor people live. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great, Dad."

"Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked.

"Oh yeah," said the son.

"So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father. The son answered:

"I saw that we have one dog and they had four.

We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end.

We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night.

Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon.

We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight.

We have servants who serve us, but they serve others.

We buy our food, but they grow theirs.

We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless.

Then his son added, "Thanks Dad for showing me how poor we are."

Isn't perspective a wonderful thing?

QSER Meeting Minutes 11/17/10

The meeting was held at Cathy Kauer's home on Aromas. We had a wonderful potluck with Cathy providing pasta, shrimp and drinks. Members brought hors d'ouvres, salads and desserts. Everything was all delicious and it was a wonderful way to start a meeting!

Thank you for your hospitality Cathy!

Becky called the meeting to order and the voting was completed for the new board. The results are:

President - Elisabet Hiatt

Vice-President - Karla Perkins

Treasurer - Trilby Pederson

Secretary – Kathy Brayton

Board members – Brian Reeves, Sandy Parker, Cathy Kauer

Brian will be the manager for our Fall 2011 ride. There hasn't been a date selected yet.

Members need to **send pictures to Judith Ogus for the yearly calendar**, which we will receive at the **awards dinner** in February. She will be sending reminders. Also, last year's award winners need to select this year's recipients and send that information to Maryben.

The December "meeting" will be our Christmas potluck dinner at the Almaden clubhouse on Wed. Dec. 8. Trilby will cook a turkey and bring decorations, everyone else, bring a side dish to share, and a wrapped gift for a gift exchange.

We are considering holding quarterly meetings/pot lucks/get togethers for members in 2011 instead of monthly meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Submitted by Kathy Brayton

Happy 60th anniversary, Lud and Barbara!

Did you know that Bob Verheul tap dances?

Did you know that Maryben Stover was the Western States (all 13 of them!) Fast Draw champion for about 3 years in a row from 1965 to 1968?

Did you know that Teri Rashid has a gold medal for national level competition in Sports Acrobatics & I has sung the National Anthem for her dinner?

Did you know that Karla Perkins was PETRIFIED of horses when she started riding at age 38 and that Just standing next to one made her shake all over?

Did you know that Trilby Pederson used to design costumes for Cher?

Did you know Diane Trefethen loves Sudoku, Jigsaw puzzles, and card games and she plays them on the internet?

Did you know that Doug White graduated from high school in Panama?

Did you know that one of Janice Frazier's distant relatives signed the declaration of independence?

Something to think about:

A Crowded Home on the Range in Wyoming

An article by MCKAY COPPINS printed in Newsweek 11/8/10
submitted by Julie Suhr

The wild horse is a symbol of the frontier way of life. But in recent years it's been recast in a less noble role – as a public nuisance. The Bureau of land Management has tried culling herds through roundups, auctions, and federal corrals. But the feral ranks have nearly tripled, to 69,000 since 1971, and more than half of those horses are roaming free in 10 Western states. Factor in the thousands of horses turned loose during the recession, and the result, the government contends, is a population that's overwhelmed its habitat.

Wyoming thinks it has a solution. In 2007 Congress blocked the inspection of horse meat, which effectively ended interstate sales and closed that last US. abattoir. But selling horse meat intrastate remains legal, and state Rep. Sue Wallis wants to use that fact to license Wyoming's first slaughterhouse to help owners who can't afford to care for their animals. While horse advocates call slaughter inhumane, Wallis anticipates enough local demand –from, among others, pet food makers- to sustain a factory as soon as next year. Besides, she says, for a horse on overgrazed land, slaughter beats starvation.

Did you know Jan Jeffers competed in the Redwood City 4th of July Parade from the time she was 2 until she was 12?

Did you know that Judith Ogus was a foreign exchange student in Laos in 1968, when the US was secretly bombing the small southeast Asian country?

Did you know that Barbara McCrary rode part of the 1971 Castle Rock ride with TV star Clint Richie and shared a candy bar with him? She also collects letter knives from all over the world!

His hooves pound the beat, your heart sings the song.
J. Shulman

Two weeks too long....
Did you know that the average life span of a mosquito is two weeks?



Lori McIntosh Photography



It has baffled experts for years but now a Cambridge University researcher has established the true identity of a skeleton discovered at Pompeii.

Initial research suggested it was an unknown, possibly extinct, horse. It is in fact a type of donkey.

Susan Gurney discovered that horse and donkey DNA had been accidentally merged in the original research.

"In hindsight, it's possible to recognize two separate strands of horse and donkey DNA," she explained. The bones of five horses were discovered in a stable belonging to a rich Roman household at Pompeii.

Six years ago researchers analyzed the skeletons, examining the mitochondrial DNA sequences of each of the horses.

To their excitement, one of the beasts seemed to have an exotic and mysterious DNA type they had never seen before.

Had they stumbled across the bones of an unknown horse breed which was now extinct?

Well, the answer was more prosaic.

Susan Gurney works with Dr Peter Forster on horse genetics at the University of Cambridge. She revisited the study and realized the original team had made an error in the laboratory.

Researchers had accidentally combined a donkey DNA sequence with that of a horse, and thus created a hybrid which had actually never existed at all.



The Pompeii donkey is related to Somali wild asses, like these.

Bake your horses a Holiday treat! Here's an easy recipe:

Fun horse Cookies

Oatmeal (1 cup), Water (1 cup), Bran (1 cup), Salt (1 tablespoon), Brown Sugar (2 tablespoons), Molasses (1/2 Cup)

Preparation

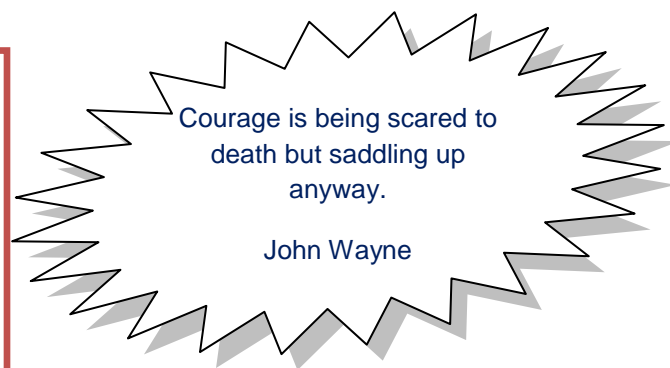
Mix all the ingredients together and grease a cookie sheet. Make small sized balls of the mixture and place it onto the cookie sheet. Bake it for 8 minutes at 350 degrees F. Let them cool, feed to horses! Store in the refrigerator.

Did you know that Melissa Ribley is scuba diving certified and loves to swim with the fish?

Did you know that Mike Maul was very shy in high school and unable to speak in front of a group of people?

Did you know that Jeremy Reynolds started his riding by working at the Northstar Dude string over his summer breaks up in Tahoe working for his best friend's mom?

Did you know that Judy Etheridge is still mourning the disappearance of Gourmet magazine? She's getting along by subscribing to Bon Appetit, a pale substitute, and to Rachel Ray Every Day for recipes that she actually cooks!



What delight to back the flying steed, that challenges the wind for speed! – seems native more of air than earth! – whose burden only lends him fire! – whose soul, in his task, turns labor into sport; who makes your pastime his! I sit him now! He takes away my breath! He makes me reel! I touch not earth – I see not – hear not. All is ecstasy in motion!
J. Sheridan Knowles.

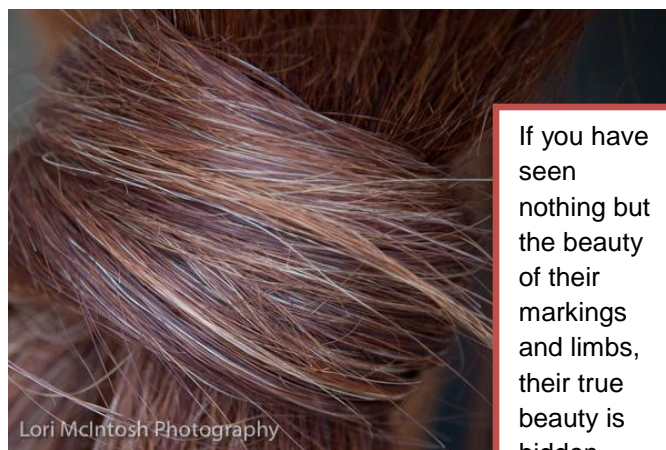


Did you know that Elisabet Hiatt collects fountain pens (and pretty much anything else that writes) and also locks of hair from family and friends?

Did you know that Jo Barrett learned to ride on horses that were in training for the Olympic Games in England in 1948?

Did you know that Pat Verheul is a concert pianist and also plays the viola?

Did you know that Julie Suhr hangs out with Olympians? She won a swim relay once with a team-mate who went on to win three Olympic Gold medals in swimming and she also won a triathlon with a team-mate who, the following year, became an Olympic marathoner.



If you have seen nothing but the beauty of their markings and limbs, their true beauty is hidden from you.
A. Mutanabbi

Did you know that Alex North collects discontinued sets of china? Currently she has 7 sets that are used for breakfast at the Blackberry Inn. No guest ever sees the same table setting twice, or gets the same breakfast when they stay there!

Did you know that Lori McIntosh competed on the novice level for University of Texas in Austin with the intercollegiate equestrian team for western pleasure, hunter/jumper and did 3 day eventing?

Did you know that Scott Sansom has a grandson that will be 3 in December?

Did you know that Sandy Holder has 6 horses, 5 brothers, 4 kids, 3 cats, 2 fish and 1 dog? (The # of brothers probably explains a lot!)

Did you know that Susie Hartline has only been on a horse 2 times. Both times with Scott Sansom leading and both times for less than 5 minutes?

Did you know that Kathy Brayton lived in Bangkok Thailand from age 10-13 and that's where she got her first horse? It was a 4 year old bay she named Cricket. The Thai ponies are like small Arabs, related to the Mongolian ponies.

Did you know that Barbara White plays the violin?



The horse, through all its trials, has preserved the sweetness of paradise in its blood.
J Jensen

Ok, so the days are shorter now, the weather yucky and we are all longing to go for a good ride, and probably can't find a dry trail in a 100 mile radius. Well, maybe we can enjoy Scott's awesome rides this past Summer and at least smile a little remembering what it's like to actually sit on a horse! EH

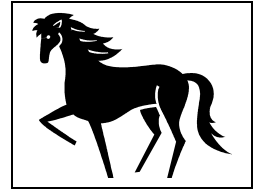


Scott's Sansom's Summer 2010 Road Trip

5951 miles, April 24-July 14, 2010

8 50's started, 8 Finished

Big Horn 100 Started and Finished



I loaded Farzonn and Marvel in the trailer on April 24th and headed to Arizona. I spent a week helping my parents pack up for the spring move from Arizona to our ranch in New Mexico. On May 1st, I rode Farzonn at the Tall Pines 50 with my dad and his warmare Honey. We finished 8th and 9th out of 13. This was the 30th anniversary of the ride and was kind of nostalgic as it happened to be the first ride I ever did back in the 80's.



On May 2nd, we drove to the ranch in Datil, NM and had a snow blizzard that dropped 3 inches of snow on us. For the next 4 weeks, Mom, Dad, and I worked on the finishing touches for the 4 day Ride the Divide event that my parents put on over Memorial Day weekend near our ranch. Part of the issues we faced in putting on this event is that the trails weren't open due to the snow until 2 weeks before the event and then there were downed trees that we had to clear with chain saws. The other major challenge we faced was that when we were marking trail four days before the event, we found that a portion of trail that was private property had been sold. The new owners had fenced off the trail, so we needed to build four miles of new trail around the private property.

I ended up riding Farzonn on day 1 and day 4 of my parents' event. On Day 1, we had an unfortunate situation in that an LD rider was contacted via ham radio and given the tragic news that her father had passed away. She was 7-8 miles from camp and knew that I had marked the trails. She found me and asked me to get her back to camp. I slowed down to escort her back. This allowed Garrett Ford to pass me and I came in 2nd. DARN!!!



On day 4, I rode Farzonn and he finished in 1st place by over an hour. Since it was my parents' ride, I thought it would not be politically correct to show Farzonn for BC. The lady who won BC was so thrilled I didn't show, she gave me multiple hugs.

After helping dad clean up, I rested in Datil for a few days and then headed to Amarillo, TX for the Llano Estacado Challenge. It was a two day ride on June 5th and 6th. On day 1, I rode Farzonn. The temperature at the lunch stop in the shade was 104 degrees. Farzonn and I finished 2nd, but he was a little bit tired. On day 2, I rode Marvel on his first ever endurance ride. He did really well for his first 50. We finished in 6th place (out of 6 horses starting).



After this, I traveled to Neosho, MO. Here I spent 3 weeks at my grandparents' ranch. I helped my 87 year old grandpa around the ranch and helped my grandma install a new refrigerator, washer and dryer. It was nice to spend time with my grandparents, taking them to appointments, reminiscing, and just being with them again. It was also really awesome to see my aunts, uncles, cousins, and cousins kids whom I haven't seen in 10-15 years. Some I had never met before.

After the 3 weeks, I started my journey to Wyoming. On the way, I stopped at my uncle's house in Kansas. While there, I trimmed the feet of a yearling and a 2 year old, who had never had their feet trimmed before. It was 92 degrees and 85% humidity. What fun!!! However, my uncle liked my Dodge Ram so much that he went out and bought one shortly after my visit.



I left Kansas, and my next stop was Wheatland, WY for the Shamrock Multi-Day over the July 4th weekend. Marvel successfully completed all 3 days. He completed 165 miles and carried me to first place heavy weight all 3 days. This put me in 2nd place heavy weight, Pioneer in the nation. WooHoo!!!! The Shamrock Multi-Day was one of the best loot rides I have ever been to. If you like winning a lot of good prizes, plan a trip to the Shamrock ride.

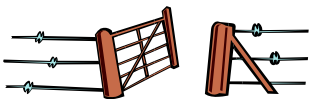


After the Shamrock ride, I had one week until the Big Horn 100. I caravanned and camped with Dave Rabe and some new friends, Jim and Lorri Stringfield from Grizzly Flats, CA. Travel all the way to Wyoming to meet new friends from California. What a small world.

The Thursday before the Big Horn, Dave, Lorri, and I pre-rode the last 8 miles of the ride while Jim drove the rig. (This 8 miles would become VERY important on ride day.) As it turns out, after the pre-ride Lorri's horse wasn't 100%. I ended up offering Lorri a ride on Marvel in exchange for her husband, Jim, to pit crew for me. Boy, did I make a good trade. Friday, we moved to base camp from the fairgrounds that we had been camped at and went to the ride meeting. At the ride meeting, it quickly became apparent that the ride management was a "little" disorganized. It was difficult for the first time riders to get information on the different distances, but the food was good and the cheesecake ROCKED!!!!



4:00 AM Ride Day – The ride began with the person responsible for the start arriving 10 minutes late. When she said we could go, I led Farzonn on foot the first half mile to the turn off. I think everyone thought it was a controlled start because they all stayed behind me. Luckily, I was on foot because the first gate was closed, so I opened it for everyone to go through. The trail markings were interesting. They had red blinkers that show up better than glow sticks. They had the first 7-8 miles marked this way. By the time these trail markings ended, it was day break and we could then see the regular trail markings.



Base camp was at approximately 4500 feet. In the first 20 miles, we climbed to almost 11,000 feet. The views were absolutely spectacular. The way I would describe the 28 miles to the first vet check is ride Tevis from the start to the top of Squaw and immediately ride the canyons at that altitude. The trail had so much climb, I walked all of the up hills and still made it to the vet check 7th or 8th.

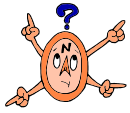
The next vet check was at a ski resort at the 40 mile point. The 12 miles between vet checks was beautiful, rolling hills. Just as I entered the 40 mile vet check, the rain began to fall. Little did I know, it would rain on and off for the next 8-10 hours. During that time, it hailed 3 times lasting for 20-30 minutes each time. While at the 40 mile vet check, I encountered my first big issue of the day. Farzonn barely ate anything, so I was a little concerned, but after some deliberation, decided to go on.



Leaving the vet check, we climbed the mountain of the ski resort. I walked or hand led Farzonn the whole way to the vet check at approximately 65 miles. The rain made the trail so slick I couldn't walk straight up a hill. I had to zigzag the hills cross country just so Farzonn wouldn't fall down. In the last 2-3 miles to the vet check, he started eating grass along the way and I started to feel much better. At the 65 mile vet check, he ate pretty well, so I left with a lot more confidence. Of course, it is still raining.



Traveling from 65 to 78 mile vet check, Farzonn trotted when the footing was good and was feeling great. The lakes were gorgeous even in the rain and thunder storms. Arriving at the 78 mile vet check in the rain, I was told that I could continue on without stopping. The vets were worried about horses stiffening or tying up in the cold, rainy weather. Due to the fact that Farzonn hadn't eaten much earlier, I decided to stop and let him eat. This was the wisest decision I made all day due to what was going to happen in the next 20 miles...



No trail markings... This food and water is what gave Farzonn the energy to make it to the finish. I left the vet check at about 8:15 and my trusty crew person, Jim, headed to the 92 mile water crossing.

As I left the vet check, the best pace I could make through the mucky footing was a jog trot. I had daylight until about 9:30. I had trail markings until about 9:10, which brings us to my second major issue of the day. From this point forward, there were NO trail markings. In the daylight, I could see hoof prints in the mud on



the trail I was on. These I followed. In the dark for about the next 2 hours, I traveled without trail markings. In the dark, I could no longer see the tracks in the mud unless I got down on my hands and knees with a flashlight. After about 2



hours, I came upon a gate that someone had hung a ribbon on. I knew I was in the right place. YAY!!!! I continued on and about half an hour later, I stumbled upon another gate with a ribbon on it. I AM STILL ON THE TRAIL!! HALLELUJAH!!! I continued on approximately another half an hour when I happened upon a cow pasture with cows all around me which led to the next gate. OH NO!!! No ribbon. And with all of the cows, I couldn't trust the tracks in the dark, so I had no idea which way to go. I turned around and rode back to the last gate with a ribbon on it and took a different trail to search for any signs of trail markings. For the next few hours, I searched for a ribbon and found nothing. What's up with that?

All of a sudden, I saw a green, glowing glob out on the horizon. It was probably a mile away. I cantered Farzonn toward the green glob. When I reached it, I asked, "Who's here?" It turned out to be the glow sticks of Dave Rabe and the 5 horses riding with him. The lady closest to me said, "Dave Rabe is in the front". The time is approximately 1:30 AM. We have until 4:00 AM to finish. I ride to Dave and say, "Dave, I am here." Dave says, "In order to finish, we need to GO. We need to trot everything possible so that we can walk the big downhill." Some of the ladies with Dave didn't want to trot. Dave said, "We need to go or we will not finish." So Dave, Kerry Redente, and I went. As we began to trot, "I heard faint voices yelling, "DAVE, WAIT. Don't leave us." My heart went out to them, but I knew that we needed to get moving. A few minutes later, we came upon the ride manager on her quad. We told her about the horses behind us. We continued on and she went to help guide the other riders. We trotted about 10-11 miles/hour the rest of the way except for the long downhill.



At the 92 mile creek crossing, we met up with Jim. The horses gobbled some hay and carrots and drank really well. So did the riders, after Jim gave us each a beer. The next/last 8 miles were the ones that Farzonn and I had pre-ridden on Thursday, so Farzonn flew confidently down the trail. We finished the ride with approximately 30 minutes to spare. WHEW!!!!



Farzonn trotted out well. We received our completion and went to bed happy to have finished this tough 100 mile ride under such difficult conditions. Some riders were not as lucky. The last riders did not find their way back into camp until after 10:00 AM. Search and rescue had to be called in to help others.

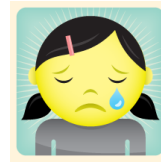
The story on why the trail wasn't marked was that due to the rain, the ride manager's vehicle went off the road when she went to mark the trail and she had to wait several hours for a tow truck to come and pull her back up on the road. She finally did show up to mark the trail, but by then it was too late for us riders. That pretty much sums up my Big Horn adventure. By the way, I did meet the guy who had hung the ribbons on the two gates. Thanks Max Merlich!!

Did you know that Heather Reynolds maiden name, Bergantz, translates to "Mountain Goose" in German?

Did you know that Trigger (who died at 33) was ridden by Roy Rogers in every one of his motion pictures?

***Allegedly written by Regina Brett, 90 years old, of the Plain Dealer, Cleveland , Ohio:
"To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 45 lessons life taught me. It is the most requested column
I've ever written. My odometer rolled over to 90 in August, so here is the column once more:***

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
16. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
19. It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
22. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
24. The most important sex organ is the brain.
25. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words 'In five years, will this matter?'
27. Always choose life.
28. Forgive everyone everything.
29. What other people think of you is none of your business.
30. Time heals almost everything. Give time time.
31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
32. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
33. Believe in miracles.
34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
35. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
36. Growing old beats the alternative -- dying young.
37. Your children get only one childhood.
38. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
41. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
42. The best is yet to come...
43. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
44. Yield.
45. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.



Quicksilver History Lesson

During World War I the cavalry was very much apart of warfare. Men fought on horseback and so different countries needed to have good horses. Following the war the governments of many European countries decided they had to breed better horses for their soldiers. One of the countries with a good program was Poland.

In 1938, a horse named Witez II was born, but a year later, Adolph Hitler's troops invaded the country. At the time Nazi Germany was financing a program to breed a "super Horse" to carry the Nazi army of "super race of men" to war. Witez II and other Polish horses fell into German hands. During the mid 1940s, when the war had devastated most of Europe, the Russians were advancing on the area where most of the horses were kept and it was pretty much assured that the hungry soldiers would be eating horse meat. It was then that the American General, George Patton, "liberated" the horses and took them as "prisoners of war". The better ones were shipped to the United States.

It was a tough overseas journey and heavy seas delayed the journey. The constant moisture of being at sea began to mold the hay. Many horses had colic. The survivors, of which Witez II was one, were sent to the U. S. government remount station in Virginia. In 1949 the government decided that the horse was no longer a necessary vehicle of war and the remount program was abandoned.

Witez II was sold at auction and came to California. He had a great show career both at halter and in competition. One of Witez II's grandsons, Witezarif, won the Tevis Cup Ride six times. His own daughter, Ronteza, won the Reined Cow Horse Championship at the Cow Palace in 1960. She was the first Arabian and the first mare to ever win that challenging competition and she was ridden by the only woman who ever won it. She out scored 50 other horses.

Witez II died in pasture in 1965. His blood can still be found in some of the best horses on the endurance trail.



Contributed by Julie Suhr

Howdy folks. This is my last Quips and I sure hope y'all have enjoyed them. I sure enjoyed putting the newsletter together, and mostly, enjoyed getting to know many of you better, if nothing else, on paper! I have no doubt that Barbara McCrary will do a great job next year. Again, please make an effort to send her stuff... pictures, stories, jokes, anything that you like seeing in the Quips.

Silly me, I went at threw my hat in for the club's presidency and dang it, no one else wanted to do it, so here I am, from editor to president... yikes! What was I thinking!?!?!? Although I've been a member for quite a long time, I've only been getting involved in the club for the last few years. I guess I'm really involved now, and I hope that this coming year will be FUN for our club, and I will do my best to make it so. Will you all help me? Elisabet

A little miracle was born to cheer us all!



The past 12 months have been pretty challenging – job issues, health issues (human and equine) and uncertainty. Through it all, I've had incredibly supportive family and friends to get me through it. Although I'm 20+ pounds lighter, my best friend is still "stage 4" in her cancer journey, and my circle of friends one wonderful person 'less' as we enter the holiday season, I am in fact, very blessed.

Today is a gift, and my wish for you is that you pause, if even for a moment, to realize that you too are very blessed.

"If we could see the miracle of a single flower clearly, our whole life would change.

Author Unknown

I'm reminded of miracles every time I look at this photo. We almost lost them both in the first 24 hours...and my best friend is still 'here' to see him!

Happy Holidays from me to you!

Sandy Holder

Classifieds....

A friend of Julie Suhr (Ulla Howes) sends this message: I'm looking for a good horse, maybe a retired endurance horse that just wants to have fun on the trail with Vince's Zachary. I'm looking for an Arab gelding, age 10-16, not spooky or refusing, that wants to go on trail rides out at Point Reyes, etc.

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

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Did you know that According to the episode "The Legend of Silver" (September 30, 1938), before acquiring Silver, the Lone Ranger rode a chestnut mare called Dusty?

Did you know that Man O' War had 379 "children" and when he died, his entire body was embalmed and placed in a giant casket lined with his racing colors?



Did you know that Mr. Ed's real name was Bamboo Harvester, a crossbred gelding of American Saddlebred, Arabian and grade ancestry?

Did you know that the word "Equus" comes from ancient Greece and means quickness?

Did you know that George Washington had two horses the he rode throughout most of the war? Their names were Nelson and Blueskin.

Did you know that Napoleon owned and used over 150 horses during the course of his life?

As a horse runs, think of it as a game of tag with the wind. T. Tuberville.

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