



Quicksilver Quips

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December President's Message

Well, folks, this is it.... this will be the last president's message that you will have to endure (or skip all together). For the past two years, I have tried my best to leave the club better than I found it. It's been a rollercoaster ride, for sure. I have heard everything from "you are the best president we've ever had" (woo-hoo!) to "you are cruel, mean, heartless, hateful, rude, discourteous and disrespectful" (ouch) and everything in between. There have been times when I felt really great about what we were accomplishing, and other times when I really wanted to say... well, you know... it's not quite publishable.

Overall, though, it's been great to see people get more involved, our website getting a face lift, new members joining, the bylaws being revised and people participating in our get-togethers and rides. I hope that you continue to support the new Board, and stay as involved as you possibly can in the club. Otherwise, we will have a dead club. Apathy is not conducive to growth, and when things don't grow, they start to die.

Please be gentle with the new Board, and treat them with kindness. The hours are hard, the pay sucks and the rewards are few... why would anyone want to jump in and do this, anyway? Because they care... so remember to say "thank you" once in a while. A kind word goes a long way.

Also, please remember that no one, not a single one of us, can ever make everyone happy all the time. There will be times when the board will make the right decision (they agreed with you) and others when they will be dead wrong (they disagreed with you). Talk, make your case, and if they won't change their decision, let it go. Once a decision is made, support it, even if it didn't go your way. A very wise man once said "a house divided against itself cannot stand." Let's keep this great momentum going, stick together and have fun while we are at it.

Hope to see you all at the Christmas party on the 14th. It's a Friday night, so hopefully we won't have to rush out of there, and we always have a good time and go home with something hideously cool....

Finally, remember to send your photos to Judith Ogus and send your mileage for the year (see form on page 15) to Sandy holder for inclusion in the calendar.

Have a wonderful Christmas season and may you and your horse have a very happy and healthy 2013!

Happy trails,

Elisabet

News Notes

Dear Quicksilver members: The bylaws are finished and ready for you to review. We will vote on whether we want to accept or reject them at our December meeting/Christmas party. This will be the only item on the agenda, other than introducing next year's Board of Directors.

I want to thank the Bylaws committee, Maryben Stover, Barbara White, and Kathy Brayton for the initial work they did. Also thanks to Diane Trefethen for her help with editing and compiling suggestions from the membership, and Lori Oleson for her assistance in putting on the finishing touches. This was a long process, but I think the new Bylaws are a great improvement over the old ones.

Elisabet

Welcome, New Member Michelle Coble !

Michelle Coble:

New to the South Bay area. Have 3 horses, my future endurance partner (hopefully) a 3-year-old Lusitano/Arab gelding, a 7-year-old Friesian Sporthorse that I raised from the get-go (my baby), and a 9-year-old Thoroughbred gelding that I would love to find someone to part-lease. I frequently hike Quicksilver but have yet to ride it... looking forward to meeting more folks and getting my green horses exposed.

The Center for Equine Health at University of California at Davis, CA has an endowment Fund, under the direction of Dr. Gregory Ferraro, for research in exercise-related cardio-pulmonary and metabolic disorders of the long distance horse. All profits from the sale of Julie Suhr's book *"..but it wasn't the horse's fault!"* go to this fund. If you need some holiday gift suggestions, go to www.marinerapublishing.com and download the order form there. Also see ad in the Classifieds section.

Quicksilver Horse of the Year

Hi All,

Sandy Holder and Michelle Herrera have joined me as the Horse of the Year selection committee--now we need some nominations. Nominations can be e-mailed or snail-mailed to Sandy, Michelle or me. Here are the criteria:

The Horse of the Year shall be chosen as follows:

Quicksilver Horse of the Year Award shall be given to one horse owned and/or ridden by a current Quicksilver member each year separate from the Hall of Fame Award. Horse of the Year shall demonstrate outstanding achievement in a single ride season in one or more of the following categories:

1. Outstanding performance at high profile endurance rides.
2. Outstanding accumulative record for the year (high mileage, numerous wins, numerous best conditions or top tens)
3. Multiple offspring of a broodmare or stallion showing outstanding performance in a single ride season.
4. Any horse able to overcome adverse conditions (orphaned, serious illness or injury – not race related --, etc.) and able to begin or continue an endurance career.

Best,

Judy Etheridge

A horse may only be selected as Horse of the Year one time.

A committee of 3 shall review nominations submitted by the membership and select an individual that best deserves to be named as Quicksilver Horse of the Year. If no horses are nominated by the membership, the committee may select a recipient for the award.

QUICKSILVER ENDURANCE RIDERS, INC.

BYLAWS

As amended _____ 2012

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation shall be the Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc., a non-profit corporation.

ARTICLE II

The purpose for which this corporation is formed is to promote endurance riding, horsemanship and sportsmanship.

ARTICLE III

Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc. shall have a corporate seal having on its circumference the words: "Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc, incorporated on the 13th day of February, 1979."

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERS

Section 1. Senior Membership

One aged 16 years and over. Senior member has full membership privileges.

Section 2. Junior Membership

One who is under 16 years of age. A junior member has all privileges of membership except voting, holding office or committee chairmanship.

Section 3. Family Membership

Family members residing in the same household.

Section 4. Membership Application

Application for new membership shall be presented to the membership committee chairperson along with appropriate dues.

Section 5. Dues

The amount of the membership dues shall be fixed yearly by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Membership Term

Membership shall run from January 1st to December 31st. Membership prior to July 1st, dues shall be the full amount. After July 1st, dues shall be ½ the annual amount. All dues are payable on January 1st and delinquent as of March 31st of each year.

Section 7. Termination

Membership shall be terminated by:

- (a) Resignation: Any member may resign from the club upon written notice to the Secretary.
- (b) Automatic Termination: Failure to pay dues in the allotted time period will result in automatic termination.
- (c) Other Termination: By a 2/3 vote of a quorum, as defined in Article VI, Section 3, by secret ballot at a general membership meeting. A statement of cause will be presented to the members by the Board of Directors at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

Section 1.

The officers of this club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three (3) Directors. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the club. The term of office shall be one calendar year.

Section 2.

The positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be chosen by and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. These Officers shall be elected at the first meeting of the Board.

Section 3.

No more than two members of the same family, living in the same household, may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time.

No officer of the corporation may serve for more than three consecutive terms.

ARTICLE VI

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1.

The regular meeting of the club shall be held on the third Wednesday of each month unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.

Special meetings of the club may be called by the President or by the Board of Directors, or upon the written request of five voting members of the club. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call and no other business may be transacted. At least five days notice shall be given except in cases of emergency.

Section 3.

Ten percent (10%) of the voting members shall constitute a quorum. No business may be conducted without a quorum being present except calls for a recess or adjournment.

**ARTICLE VII
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1.

The officers of the club shall constitute the Board of Directors. Each Director shall be elected for a term of one calendar year.

Section 2.

The Board of Directors shall have general supervision of the affairs of the club between its business meetings, fix the hour and place of the meetings, make recommendations to the club, and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these By-Laws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the club and none of its actions shall conflict with these orders.

Section 3.

Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, regular meetings of the Board shall be held on a day designated by the Board. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or shall be called upon the request of three members of the Board.

Section 4.

The Board of Directors shall have the power to acquire, possess, and dispose of the property of the club and to hold the same in trust for the use and benefit of the members of the club under their direction and approval. Neither purchase, nor sale of property, nor any expenditure of more than \$500 shall be entered into without the affirmative vote of the majority of the members present and voting at a general membership meeting. A voting membership quorum is required for this action.

Section 5.

Five (5) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum in and of the Board of Directors. No business may be conducted without a quorum being present except calls for a recess or adjournment.

Section 6.

If the Board has been informed that an officer will be unable to attend at least two meetings of the Board, the board may appoint a substitute. If an officer misses two consecutive meetings, the board may, by a 2/3 vote, declare the position vacant. A special election shall be called for the next general meeting. This must be stated in the call to the meeting.

Section 7.

A member or members of the Board of Directors may be removed for cause by a vote of 2/3 of the Board members present and voting at any regular Board meeting, including the annual meeting, or any Board meeting by special notice as herein provided.

- a) At least ten (10) days written notice must first be given to the Board member stating the cause for which that member is proposed to be removed with sufficient clarity to satisfactorily identify the cause or causes. The notice must include the time, date and place of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which the matter of the proposed removal will be considered by a Board vote.
- b) The Board member or members shall have the right to be present at the Board meeting and that member or those members and the representative or representatives thereof to present their views and position. The Board may, in the event it is believed to be in the best interests of the corporation and the interested parties, grant a continuance or continuances and such further hearing or hearings as may be requested by any interested party in its sole discretion.
- c) Removal of a member from the Board of Directors shall not deprive that member or his/her family of membership in the club.

**ARTICLE VIII
ELECTIONS**

Section 1.

No later than September 10, a nomination/election committee of three members shall be appointed by the Board of

Directors, not more than one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors. The President shall not be a member of this committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate candidates for the offices to be filled. The report of the nominating committee shall be included in the October newsletter. Additional nominations from the membership shall be permitted. All nominations must be received by the election committee by October 30th.

Section 2.

If more than seven Directors are nominated, they shall be elected by written ballot. The nominating/election committee will prepare ballots which shall be mailed to each voting member in good standing by November 15th. The ballots must be returned to the committee prior to December 10th.

ARTICLE IX **CLUB PROPERTIES**

Section 1.

All records, correspondence and materials are the sole property of the Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.

Section 2.

Any person not returning such records shall be liable for the costs of hiring professional assistance to reclaim or reconstruct said records.

ARTICLE X **AMENDMENT OF THE BY-LAWS**

These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the club by a 2/3 vote of a membership quorum, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting and has been published in the newsletter, mailed or emailed with the call to the meeting. The maker and seconder must be identified.

ARTICLE XI **PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the club in all cases, which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the club may adopt.

ARTICLE XII **DISSOLUTION PROCEDURES**

Section 1.

A 75% vote of a membership quorum is required for dissolution of this club

Section 2.

Whenever member approval is required for removal of a director, amending articles of incorporation or dissolution, the vote must be unanimous by those entitled to vote unless the notice of the meeting stated the general nature of the proposal. (This may not be varied in By-Laws or articles. See California Corporations Code, Sec. 9411.).

Section 3.

In case of dissolution, the assets of the club will be distributed to the University of California at Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine.

SPECIAL RULES

Section 1.

At meetings of the club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

- Call to Order
- Minutes of Previous Meeting
- Correspondence
- Report of Treasurer
- Committee Reports
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Programs
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Section 2.

At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by a majority of those present and voting, shall be as follows:

- Call to Order
- Minutes of Previous Meeting

Correspondence
Report of Treasurer
Committee Reports
Unfinished Business
New Business
Announcements
Adjournment

STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. Membership

The membership chairperson shall be appointed by the President. It shall be the duty of the chairperson to be responsible for all matters pertaining to membership according to these By-Laws.

Section 2. Program

The program chairperson shall be appointed by the President. This chairperson shall plan programs for the monthly meetings and inform the newsletter editor so the general membership may be notified.

Section 3. Goodwill

The goodwill chairperson shall be appointed by the President. This chairperson shall act on behalf of the club in matters of serious illness, bereavements of members and any special events of importance to individual members.

Section 4. Technical

The technical committee shall be appointed by the President. This committee will be responsible for the club's website and making sure all information is updated. The chairperson of the newsletter committee shall be a member of this committee.

Section 5. Trails

The trails chairperson shall be appointed by the President. The trails chairperson shall be responsible for keeping the club members informed of developments pertaining to trails.

The chairperson shall act as the club's representative at political meetings, city council meetings, county board of supervisors' meetings, or any other meetings pertaining to trails, which may be of interest to the club.

Section 6. Spring Ride

Prospective candidates for ride manager must submit an application in writing to the board. The application is to include a brief outline stating ideas on how the ride is to be planned and managed. The ride committee shall be given various responsibilities to follow through on up to and during the time of the ride as deemed necessary by the ride manager. The ride manager must report to the board at each monthly board meeting on the progress of ride plans. A ride budget must be submitted to the board to be approved and then submitted to the general membership.

Section 7. Fall Ride

Prospective candidates for ride manager must submit an application in writing to the board. The application is to include a brief outline stating ideas on how the ride is to be planned and managed. The ride committee shall be given various responsibilities to follow through on up to and during the time of the ride as deemed necessary by the ride manager. The ride manager must report to the board at each monthly board meeting on the progress of ride plans. A ride budget must be submitted to the board to be approved and then submitted to the general membership.

Section 8. Newsletter

The Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc. shall have an official publication with the name of Quicksilver Quips. The Quicksilver Quips shall be distributed on or about the first of each month.

The Newsletter shall contain:

- (a) Board meeting date, time, place and address;
- (b) General meeting date, time, place and address;
- (c) Upcoming ride dates and other events;
- (d) Candidates nominated for office and election results;
- (e) Any other information, articles and stories of interest to the membership.
- (f) Financial reports and minutes of the club.

Section 9. Awards

The awards committee chairperson shall be appointed by the President. The committee's duties and responsibilities shall include:

1. Tabulating points for the year-end awards.
2. Putting on the awards banquet, including procuring the awards.
3. Yearbook and/or calendar, if any.

Points shall be tabulated according to the current AERC ride record with the following exceptions:

1. All endurance rides, including limited distance, will be counted for full mileage points;

2. There will be no top ten points counted for rides of less than 50 miles.
3. Ride and Tie mileage will be counted as a separate category;
4. Crew mileage will be counted as a separate category;
5. It shall be the rider's responsibility to notify the awards committee of their points.

The Eleanor Norton Award shall be chosen as follows:

This award, given in the memory of Eleanor Norton, is a sportsmanship award, given to the club member that exemplifies the meaning of the word "sportsmanship."

The committee shall consist of the most current recipient of the Eleanor Norton Award and two general members, not serving on the Board. They shall be elected by the membership at the general meeting three months prior to the awards banquet.

Any nominations and recommendations for a possible recipient must be submitted in writing to any or all of the committee members by email or by telephone, along with the accompanying reasons as to why a particular candidate is to be chosen.

The committee is to carefully and diligently consider any and all recommendations and reach a final decision in time to meet the yearbook/calendar deadlines, or, if there is no yearbook/calendar, one month prior to the awards banquet.

An Eleanor Norton Award does not have to be given each year but is only given when the committee feels that there is a suitable candidate.

The Horse of the Year shall be chosen as follows:

The Quicksilver Horse of the Year Award shall be given to one horse owned and/or ridden by a current Quicksilver member. This award shall be separate from the Hall of Fame award. Horse of the Year shall demonstrate outstanding achievement in a single ride season in one or more of the following categories:

1. Outstanding performance at high profile endurance rides.
2. Outstanding accumulative record for the year (high mileage, numerous wins, numerous best conditions or top tens)
3. Outstanding performance in a single ride season by multiple offspring of a broodmare or stallion.
4. Any horse able to overcome adverse conditions (orphaned, serious illness or injury – not race related --, etc.) and able to begin or continue an endurance career.

A committee shall consist of the most current recipient and two members chosen by him/her. The committee shall review nominations submitted by the membership and select an individual that best deserves to be named as Quicksilver Horse of the Year. If no horses are nominated by the membership, the committee may select a recipient for the award.

The Hall of Fame Rider shall be chosen as follows:

The committee shall consist of the most current recipient and two members chosen by him/her.

Any nominations and recommendations for a possible recipient must be submitted in writing to any or all of the committee members by email or by telephone, along with the accompanying reasons as to why a particular candidate is to be chosen.

The committee is to carefully and diligently consider any and all recommendations and reach a final decision in time to meet the yearbook/calendar deadlines, or, if there is no yearbook/calendar, one month prior to the awards banquet.

The award does not have to be given each year but is only given when the committee feels that there is a suitable candidate.

The Hall of Fame Horse shall be chosen as follows:

The award shall be given to one horse owned and/or ridden by a current Quicksilver member each year separate from the Horse of the Year Award.

The committee shall consist of the most current recipient and two members chosen by him/her.

Any nominations and recommendations for a possible recipient must be submitted to any or all the committee members in writing, by email or by telephone, along with the accompanying reasons as to why a particular candidate is to be chosen.

The committee is to carefully and diligently consider any and all recommendations and reach a final decision in time to meet the yearbook/calendar deadlines, or, if there is no yearbook/calendar, one month prior to the awards banquet.

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Lincoln's Beard

One doesn't think of Abraham Lincoln without his beard. And almost as legendary as the beard itself is the story of why he chose to grow one. The beard almost didn't happen. According to many sources, including "Team of Rivals," the nonfiction account of Lincoln's presidency, Lincoln grew the beard after receiving a letter from a young girl named Grace Bedell, who saw a drawing of a clean shaven Lincoln on a campaign poster.

The letter read (grammar errors and all):

Dear Sir,

My father has just home from the fair and brought home your picture and Mr. Hamlin's. I am a little girl only eleven years old, but want you should be President of the United States very much so I hope you won't think me very bold to write to such a great man as you are. Have you any little girls about as large as I am? If so give them my love and tell her to write to me if you cannot answer this letter. I have got four brothers and part of them will vote for you any way and if you let your whiskers grow I will try and get the rest of them to vote for you; you would look a great deal better for your face is so thin. All the ladies like whiskers and they would tease their husbands to vote for you and then you would be President. My father is going to vote for you and if I was a man I would vote for you too but I will try to get every one to vote for you that I can. I think that rail fence around your picture makes it look very pretty. I have got a little baby sister; she is nine weeks old and is just as cunning as can be. When you direct your letter direct to Grace Bedell, Westfield, Chautauqua County New York.

I must not write any more answer this letter right off. Good bye.

Grace Bedell

Ms. Bedell's charming correspondence earned a response from Lincoln, who wrote:

My dear little Miss,

Your very agreeable letter of the 15th is received - I regret the necessity of saying I have no daughters - I have three sons - one seventeen, one nine, and one seven years of age. They, with their mother, constitute my whole family. As to the whiskers have never worn any. Do you not think people would call it a silly affection if I were to begin it now?

Your very sincere well wisher,

A. Lincoln

Of course, Lincoln did end up taking Bedell's advice. By the time he was elected president in November, 1860, he sported a formidable beard that, along with his stovepipe hat, would become his trademark. Several months after they exchanged letters, Lincoln met Bedell at a stop in Westfield, New York. Bedell, who died in 1936 at the age of 88, recalled the incident.

"He climbed down and sat with me on the edge of the platform. 'Grace,' he said, 'look at my whiskers. I've been growing them for you.' Then he kissed me. I never saw him again."

Submitted by Elisabet Hiatt

Quicksilver 2013 Calendar

Judith Ogus has agreed to do the QuickSilver calendar again this year.... Yay!

Please start collecting those great ride photos, past and present, and sending them to her. Q'silvers, doing the calendar is a BIG job, please let's make it as easy as we can for Judith!

Don't wait until the last minute to send her your pictures.

**Thanks!
Elisabet**

Re-creating Historical Fencing

By Barbara McCrary

Being cattle ranchers, it is obviously necessary for us to be able and willing to build and repair fences. Fortunately, we also enjoy these projects. Fence-building requires skill, teamwork, and endurance, and it's a very companionable activity.

Recently, it became necessary to replace a 60-foot section of fence on Big Creek Road, leading to Quicksilver member Jeanine McCrary's home. She was going to put in a fence of milled pickets, but when Lud found out, he politely put his foot down and announced it would be a sacrilege to build anything but a split picket fence, as this was the traditional type of fence on the coast hereabouts. The raw material is here (redwood trees), but the skill is dying. Lud is one of the only people around here that still has that skill. I hope our son-in-law, Steve Webb, and his son, Dennis, will carry on the tradition. It's sad to see history replaced by all things machine-manufactured and automated.

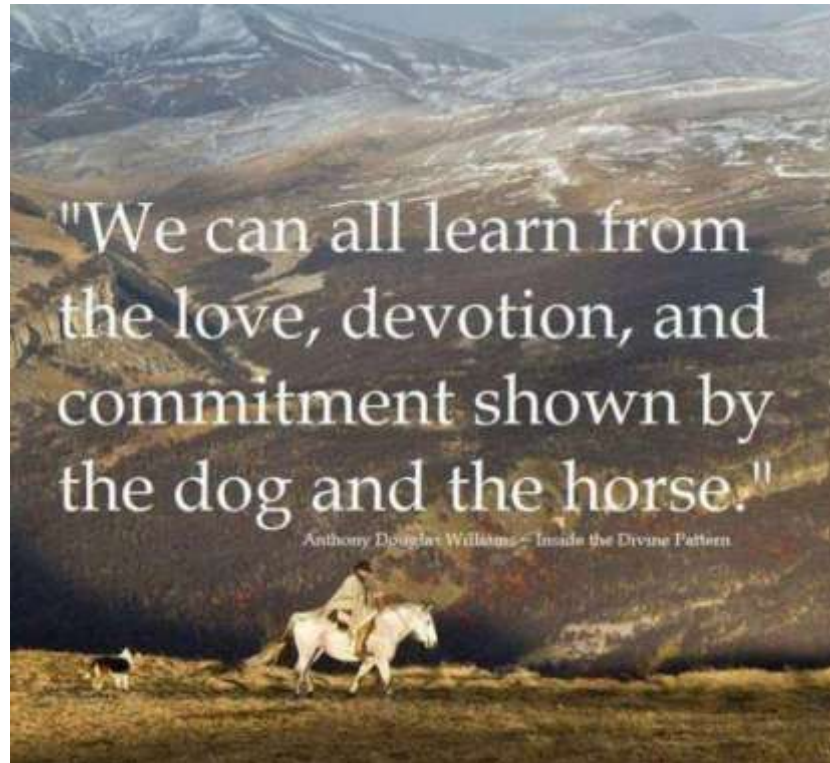
In preparation for replacing the missing fence on Big Creek Road, Lud and I went up north to our timber property in the Butano Canyon (those of you who have ridden Swanton Pacific have been through that area) and located an old log that had been left from a logging job about 60 years ago. Redwood is very rot-resistant, and this log was still sound. The very soundness of the wood is partly what makes it so special.

Lud bucked up 6' lengths for pickets and split them into bolts that we could load onto his flatbed pickup. In odd moments here at home, he worked on splitting the bolts into approximately 2" x 3" and 3" x 3" pickets, give or take a little on the dimensions, depending on how the bolt would split. After assembling a pile of crude pickets, he finished them by using a table saw to point them and chamfer (bobbing the corners) the tops. If the tops haven't had the corners bobbed off, the act of driving them into the ground will spread and split the tops. Lud assembled a pickup load of pickets, selected some 1" x 6" long boards at the mill and ran the boards through the table saw to make them into 1" x 3" slats. The slats are secured to the pickets after the pickets are driven into the ground. I used an electric drill-driver and secured the slats with 3" screws. It's faster, and easier on the hands. This technique also allows removal of the screw without damaging the pickets. The original picket fences around here were built with hand-cut square nails. You can pretty much date a fence's age if you find square-cut nails in it. The slats stabilize the pickets and make the whole fence very strong. Lud observes that dogs can't get through, people can't climb over, and only deer can jump over the fence, which stands a little over 4' high when finished.

It took two mornings to complete the fence and it has a nice rustic, traditionally irregular look to it. Swanton used to be fenced everywhere with these picket fences. We observe there is one small section across from the old Seaside Schoolhouse that is original, probably the only one left. Properly built of good clear-grain redwood, they will last many decades.

The pickets are placed about 4" apart. To save his shoulders, Lud used the tractor bucket to push the pickets into the ground instead of swinging a wooden picket maul. (He had to wait until enough rain had fallen to soften the ground to the correct degree.) I would place the picket, quickly check its alignment, and Lud would lower the tractor bucket onto the picket and push it into the ground. I wore a logger's hard hat and moved back away from the bucket once the picket was seated, as I was standing directly under it.





Former Fireworks 50 Ride Manager Passes

Steve Staub, former co-manager of Fireworks 50, along with his wife Debbie Boscoe, passed away in mid-November after a courageous and difficult battle with Mesothelioma.

Steve was a forester for Big Creek Lumber Company for 20 years before becoming an independent consulting forester in the Santa Cruz Mountains area.

Bob Berlage, current forestry contact with Big Creek Lumber, sent the following message:

"I worked directly with Steve when he was with Big Creek and on numerous projects after he started his consulting forester business. Steve had a tremendous reputation, both within the forestry community and elsewhere. He was one of the brightest and most ethical people I have had the pleasure of knowing."

Rest in Peace, Steve.



Roger Bruce, DVM Retires

For those of you who have ridden Swanton Pacific under our head vet, Roger Bruce, you will be sorry to hear that he has sold his clinic, is retiring, and is moving back to his home state of Colorado. I've known Roger for 42 years. He is a splendid vet, and we depended on him for numerous cattle issues. We asked him to be one of our vets for SP when our head vet was Jim Steere. As Roger learned the ropes of assessing endurance horses, he became our head vet. He said he missed SP when we retired from managing it, and we will miss Roger when he moves to Colorado.

We attended his retirement BBQ on November 17th and paid our farewells.



Barbara McCrary

Nancy and Roger Bruce

Classifieds

Centered Riding® Lessons

Help your horse use him/herself effectively while going down the trail.

Take the stress out of your body and your horse's body. Find out how to have a better seat and make your horse more comfortable.

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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 FACILITY

20535 Rome Drive, San Jose, California.

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

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

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"TEN FEET TALL, STILL"

My first book, *Ten Feet Tall, Still*, is out of print, but is now an e-book for downloading at Amazon, Barnes and Noble and some other places. One Hundred percent of the proceeds go to the AERC Trails Fund and the WSTF Trails Fund.

This is shameless advertising, but I believe in the cause.

Julie Suhr

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WANTED

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

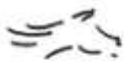
Beverley Kane sensei@horsensei.com 650-868-3379

FOR SALE

Lance cab-over camper, 1991. Everything is in working order. Hydraulic jacks, oven, stovetop, fridge, bathroom with shower and outdoor shower. Lots of storage. 9'4" gives you extra room without needing to extend the bumper. Hitch and levelers included. Reasonable condition, except seat cushions and curtains. \$1500/obo

Becky Hart: bghart@garlic.com or 408-425-5860



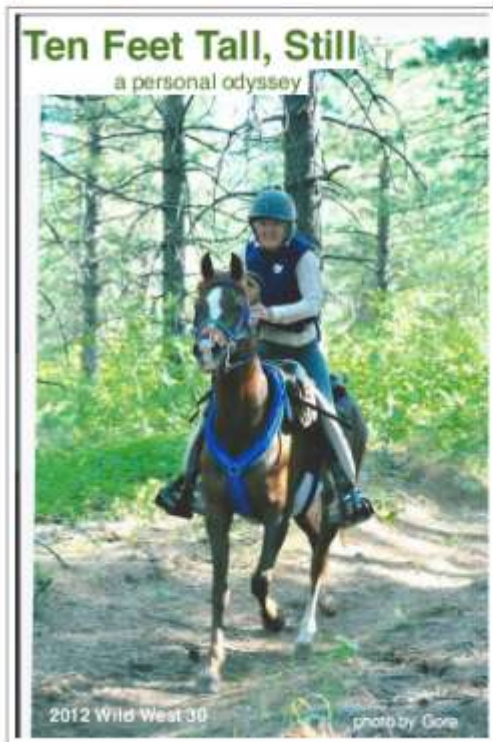


BOOKS ARE THE PERFECT GIFT!



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

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

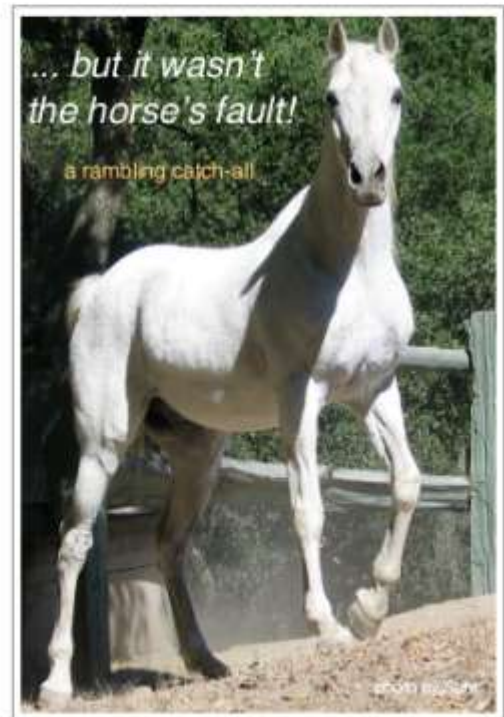


by
Julie Suhr

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

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

Phillis Theroux, as quoted in Julie's book



FOR SALE



Schleese Trail Saddle \$4000
 Excellent condition. Owned only 1 year and is no longer available as it is discontinued. Perfect for cross training your dressage horse. Comes with adjustable/removable knee rolls. Has custom cantos and additional D rings for showways, breast collar and crupper. Excellent for endurance all very comfy.

FOR SALE



Schleese Infinity Dressage Saddle \$3500
 18" Infinity saddle just bought in Oct. 2011. Hardly used. This saddle is \$4700 new. Please call with additional questions.

Offered by Lori McIntosh—please e-mail Lori@lorimcphoto for additional photos and questions

Classifieds

SUPRACOR ENDURANCE PAD

Supracor Endurance Pad, green, \$375. I have only used this pad to try out with various saddles so it has been hardly used and stored very well. See Supracor website for more details. It currently sells for \$505. **(408) 776-7591 or cell (415) 235-5246** **PRICE REDUCED TO \$300**

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

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

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

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

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

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

FOR SALE

Reliable 88 Ford cargo van 1 ton, 460 engine, turtle top, new brakes and tires, set up for camping and towing. Dual tanks, second battery for interior lights. Queen bed that converts to single bed. Lots of storage. **\$2,700/offer.**

Elisabet (831) 234-4732

WANTED

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

FOR SALE

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

(831) 335-5587

FOR SALE

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

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

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

Timmee, 9-year-old OTT mellow TB gelding, 16.3hands. Has been a lesson horse, done some therapeutic riding sessions, is Reiki attuned, quiet and good on trail, started over fences, dressage basics. OK for a novice. Boarded at Almaden Equestrian Center. Available for part-lease/share-boarding, full lease (can be relocated for the right situation), or purchase.

Michelle 925-789-0217

Classifieds

FOR SALE

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

408-310-1510 Heather Bryant



GRAND OPENING celebration—Saturday, December 8th, 2:00—4:00 PM

Open for business now, 7 days a week

M-F: 8:00 AM—5:30 PM

Sat: 8:00 AM—5:00 PM

Sun: 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

CHECK OUT THIS GREAT NEW STORE IN SANTA CRUZ!

(Not a tack store, but feeds and supplies for everything from birds to pigs)

Ariel needs re-homing. Adorable, flashy 18-going-on-6 y.o. 14 hh registered Arabian Paint mare needs a loving person. Was a teenage boy's gymkhana and 4H horse. Lots of personality and good energy. Very forward, with a power walk, but not spooky. I am 63, not the greatest rider and I feel SAFE on her. Likes to lead on trail. Well-trained, nice ground manners, and highly sensitive and correct to aids in in a bitless bridle. Currently in pasture with 50 horses at Webb Ranch, Palo Alto, CA, where she was too much horse for the lesson program. I am working with her on mellowing out her barrel racing reflexes. She is doing amazingly well. Could probably do LDs and have pep to spare. Price negotiable to good home.

Beverley 650-868-3379 or sensei@horsensei.com

NAME OF RIDER _____ WT DIVISION _____

NAME OF HORSE _____ BREED _____ SEX _____ AGE _____

TOTAL CAREER MILES RIDER _____ TOTAL MILES HORSE _____

LIST ALL RIDES COMPLETED FROM 12/1/11 THROUGH 11/30/12

MILESTONES THIS YEAR _____

NAME OF RIDE	LENGTH	PLACING IN YOUR WEIGHT DIVISION	BEST CONDITION?	DID YOU SPONSOR A JUNIOR?

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH HORSE/RIDER COMBINATION. USE THE REST OF THIS FORM AND/OR THE BACK TO TELL US ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE ABOUT YOU, YOUR HORSE, CREW, FAMILY, GRANDCHILDREN, ETC.

ALL FORMS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 7, 2013, NO EXCEPTIONS.

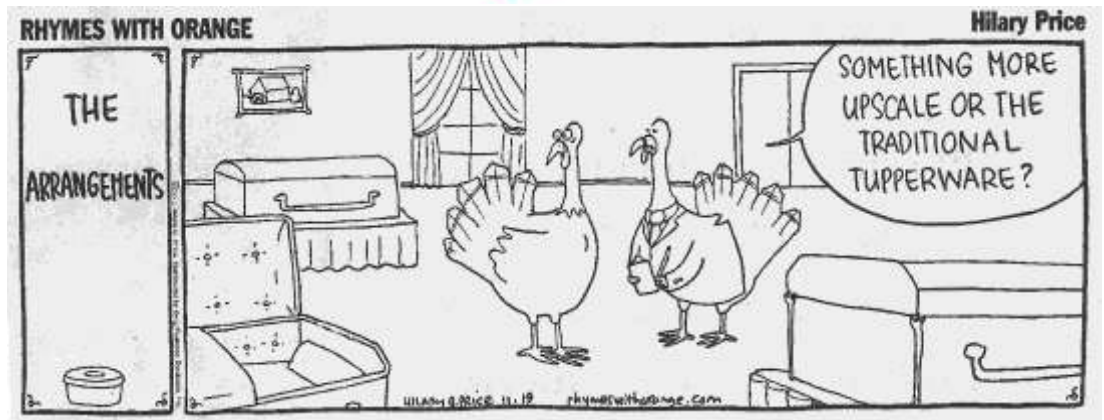
MAIL COMPLETED FORMS TO SANDY HOLDER, 2471 Bridle Path Dr. Gilroy, CA. 95020

Humor and Birthdays



Our horses know our secrets;
we braid our tears into their
manes
and whisper our hopes
into their ears. ~

Author Unknown



McHUMOR.com by T. McCracken



"It's about time horses in equestrian
events got the medals."

Happy December Birthday
to our Quicksilver Members
and Endurance Friends

Ruth Waltenspiel	1
Dick Carter	6
Elaine Elbizri	6
Lisa Schneider	11
Julie Caprino Best	19
Bob Suhr*	20
Larrissa Voight	21
Heather Bryant	22

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

FIRST: We need your name

And then your address

And your phone number, Fax, e-mail

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

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

Total enclosed \$ _____

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

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

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

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

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

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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