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## *President's Message –* December 2016

#### I'd like to buy you a cup of coffee.

Here's my suggestion: send in your QSER membership right now and save \$5. Take that \$5 to Starbucks and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, and a treat, courtesy of the club. Offer good through Dec. 31.

Already sent in your membership? Hooray for you!! This will help us include you in the fun next year, as you will be on the club roster when it is shared at the awards banquet on Feb 3 at Harry's Hoffbrau in San Jose. And you can procure your coffee any time you want.

But maybe you say, "Hey, Jill, that is sort of a cheesy and impersonal way to get my coffee!"

I *like* your style!! Here's what you do. Come to either the Fireworks Endurance Ride on July 15, or the QSER Fall Classic on Oct 7, find my trailer early in the morning before the ride starts and claim a hot cup of freshly perked coffee and a snack to go with it. Seriously. I may be pre-verbal as is wont to happen before sunrise, but will look forward to seeing you none the less.

I hope that the holidays bring joy, a time to connect deeply with friends and loved ones, and some good quality time with your horses.

Your barista,

Jill

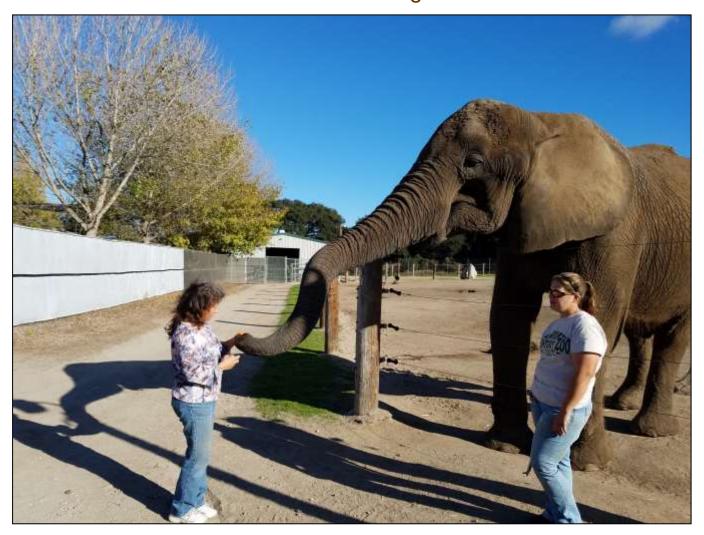
Quicksilver Awards Banquet February 4, 2017 at Harry's Hofbrau—5:30 PM



# QSER Treasurer's Report (November)

\$11,728.64 - General Account \$1,074.37 - Trails Account \$ 454.38 - Junior Account

## Elisabet's Page



At "Wild Things" in Salinas

I've never ridden an elephant, but recently got to feed and pet one. This girl weighs 11,000 pounds (that's what my whole rig weighs!) and as you can see, she is very tall! I guess I will stop complaining about my 15.3 horse!

Last night I attended the Lichen Oaks Adaptive Riding Center (LOARC) Christmas party. One of the things we did was hear some of our clients tell their stories, and I had the privilege of hearing the person speak who was given a fully paid therapy session thanks to the generous gift of the Quicksilver Club.

This person is an older lady who lost her grandson. He was shot to death on her front porch about a year and a half ago. She has not been able to go out of the house much since then, and has been terribly depressed. She has no social life and has not told her story to very many people.

When she heard about equine therapy, she contacted LOARC and asked about our program. She used to have a horse to ride in her youth, but life circumstances made it impossible for her to keep a horse. When we heard about her plea, I contacted the QSilver board, and a full scholarship was donated for her.

Last night, at the party, she shared with about 60 people how much she has benefitted from the 8 weeks of riding she has done. She said she has more energy, she is happier and with tears running down her face, said this was the first party she had attended since her grandsons' death, and the first time she had publicly shared her story. She was so grateful to be able to, once again, find solace and comfort with a horse.

I just wanted to let you all know how our club changed someone's life for the better! THANK YOU Quicksilver!!

#### Remembrances

By Barbara McCrary

In 1971, Lud and I were reading his grandfather's diaries, which he kept from 1897 until his death in 1933. Those diaries revealed a great deal of information on how the family lived and how they interacted with the neighbors. There was hard work, lots of responsibility, and lively social activities. There was no electricity, no phones, and the roads were unpaved. It took most of a day to get into Santa Cruz with horses and wagon. They grew much of their own food and hunted and fished to augment their diets. Life was tough, but they all seemed content and happy.

Reading the diaries gave Lud the idea to start his own, and he has been keeping them faithfully since 1971. I have been recording them on the computer and archiving them, creating a very big binder full of his memories. The following two interesting events are excerpted from 1979...

#### **AUGUST**

Wed 8-01 More low, fluffy fog over on the coast all day. This has been the foggiest year in memory. I started the day doing some things to the truck and hauling some hay up for the bulls. Another very rushing day at the office; the retail dept. had their biggest day ever. This evening was spent packing and getting ready to go to Tevis. Janet and I drove the truck over to Julie Suhr's to pick up Janet's old horse, Beau, who she'll ride in the race. Barbara Tracy came over with Stormy and helped get things packed.

#### Weather: Clear

Thu 8-02 We're sitting along Hwy. 80 near a place called Gold Run waiting for a AAA tow truck. Ellen's Suburban died and we couldn't get it fixed up again. We left home at 5:30 AM with four horses in the truck and two in Ellen's trailer. A tow truck pulled Ellen's rig up to a big shop at Nyack where they found the trouble was only with the point, so we were going again in two hours. We got unloaded and set up in our old spot here at Squaw by 4 PM.

Butch came by to take us over to his and Susan's place at Homewood for dinner. Butch's folks and friend Colleen came over for crewing instructions and dinner. The kids have a very comfortable place there. Janet and Ellen stayed for the night at Homewood; we came back to camp. Grey had hauled back 'til he broke his rope and he landed on his back. Our neighbors had caught him up again.

#### Weather: Clear

Fri 8-03 Squaw Valley. We didn't get the greatest kind of sleep last night. Having six horses tied so close and doing so much fidgeting around makes one uneasy. Josh broke loose and did some running around at 2 AM. We found we have a small French restaurant here on the campsite, very handy for breakfast. To limber up the horses, Barb, Barbara, and I each ponied an extra horse and rode about 2/3 of the way up the trail to the top. All six horses vetted in sound, so we're all ready to go. John, Colleen, and Jamie came over to get briefed out on crewing. We'd planned to get to bed early and we did make it by 10 PM. Our horses and tack seem as ready as we could get them.

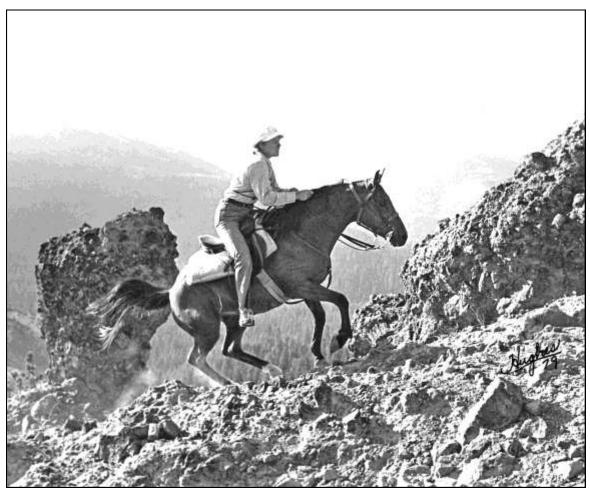
#### Weather: Clear

Sat 8-04 Our crew people arrived on time at 4 AM. We overslept a little, but we were ready with time to spare. The race started at 5 AM sharp. I was in the 3<sup>rd</sup> group to go. Janet and Ellen brought up the tail in group 27. Just past the Emigrant

Gap summit, Grey and I passed about 20 riders in a string and ended up in the lead and we were out on our own 'til Cougar Rock. *Except for losing a shoe, Grey was in great shape at Robinson Flat. Ellen ran into trouble with Josh's pulse there and got pulled.* The weather was cooler than expected, maybe 95° at the hottest. Grey began to run out of steam after White Oak Flat and by the finish, we were back at 11<sup>th</sup> and got in a 12 midnight. The rest of our bunch got in at - - with their four horses looking in great shape. *We have heard that the five of us finishing make a record for one family making it.* 

L to R: Butch Huff, our daughter Susan Huff, Barb, Lud, and Janet

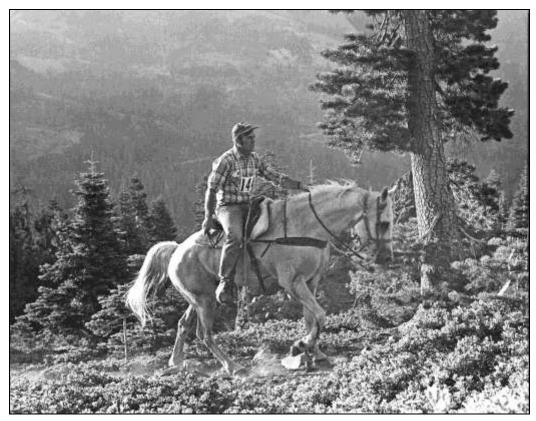
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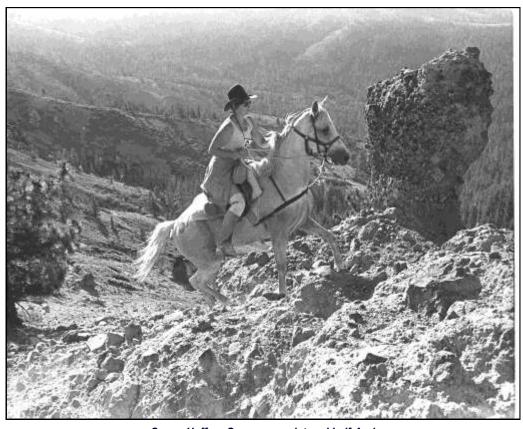
Tevis—1979 on my beloved Cinnamon, a grade Arab x QH gelding that I miss to this day



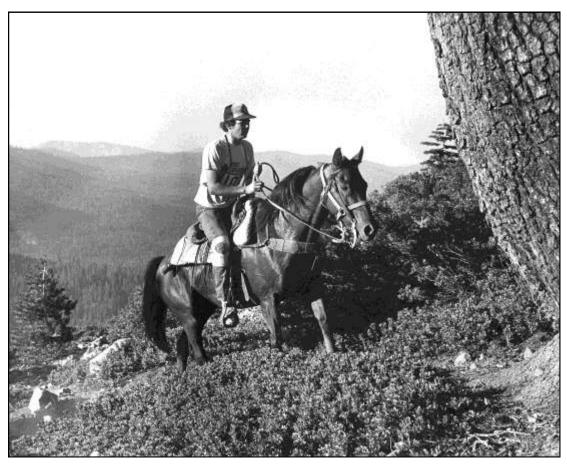
Janet and Beau, a grade Morab, that carried Bob Suhr through Tevis and many other rides



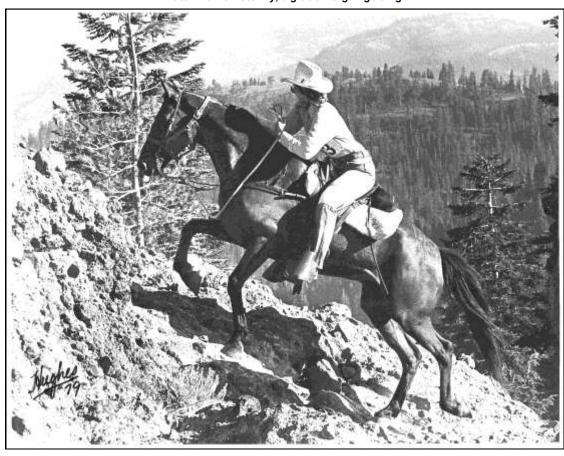
Lud on his amazing Grey, half Percheron, half Morgan gelding



Susan Huff on Casper, a registered half-Arab.



Butch Huff on Stormy, a grade Morgan gelding



Ellen on Josh, a grade Standardbred—pulled at Robinson Flat for lack of recovery

## The 1979 British Post Office Pony Express Ride

By Barbara McCrary

1979 was the anniversary of the invention of the postage stamp. The British Post Office (BPO) celebrated it by sponsoring a ride from St. Joseph. MO to Sacramento, CA, the route of the short-lived Pony Express. Dave Nicholson was the leader of this ride since he knew the route so well. We saw Dave after the Tevis (he had taken a short leave from the BPO Pony Express ride in order to ride Tevis) and asked how everything was going. He told us that Gordon and Dot Jennings, long-time Castle Rock Horsemen's Assn. members whom we knew slightly, were having crew problems. Their crew had bailed on them and they were stuck in Evanston, WY. This sounded like an interesting opportunity for some adventure, so Janet and I volunteered to help out. Within three days of Tevis, Janet, her cousin Brian, and I were on a flight to Salt Lake City where Gordon and Dot picked us up, drove back to Evanston, fetched their 8 horses, and started back westward to meet up with the rest of the riders who had reached Simpson Springs, UT, a Pony Express station site.

The format of the ride was: Each rider could use 4 horses, changing off as he wished during each day's ride. I remember one day when the distance was 80 miles. Janet an Brian drove pickups with 4-horse stock trailers, I drove the Mini Winnebago that housed us all. I slept on the couch, Brian and Janet slept on the roof of the Mini-Winnie.

The kids, both age 19 at the time, were up at 3 AM, grooming and saddling horses for the day. I cooked meals, took laundry to the nearest town (little opportunity), bought groceries, and was general housekeeper. Gordon and Dot rode...

At the Willow Springs XP station at Callao, UT, we met some folks that I stayed in touch with for many years afterwards, until their deaths. Lovely older couple...

It was fascinating to see the countryside that the pony riders had ridden over a century before. Some of the trails were corrupted by roads, and now I understand, some of the original route has been paved over. Very disappointing to a history buff who likes things to stay the way they were.

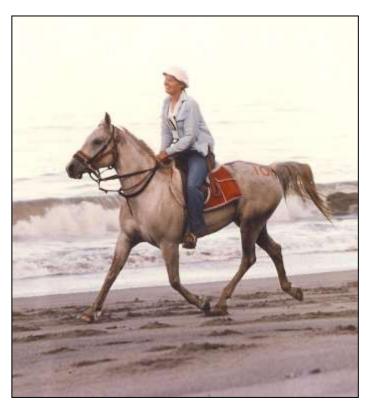
It was a challenge to us to meet up with the riders at places for horse exchanges, since they rode cross-country and we had to drive on dirt roads. There were a couple of times when we waited and waited at a possible meeting place, only to find out the riders had passed through before we got there. But it all worked out eventually.

Brian and I had to leave the group at an XP station along the Carson River, since we had another commitment at home. Janet stayed with the Jennings through to Sacramento.

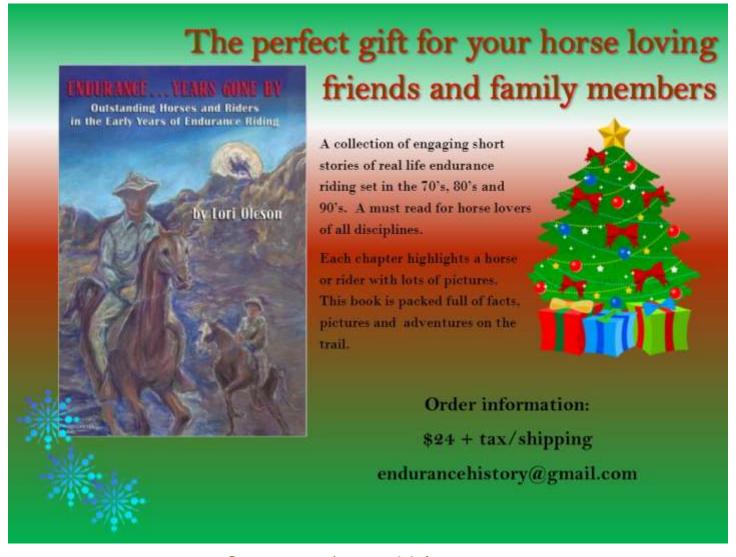
Fast forward a few years: Dave Nicholson called me one evening, asking for a favor. He wanted to start managing the kind of rides he does so well now—Pioneer rides—but an AERC director from the Mountain Region was opposed to this. Dave knew I had experienced the format of multi-day rides and asked if I would support him in his proposed endeavor. I was on the BOD of AERC at the time. I agreed that a 5-day, 250 mile ride would work well and be exciting, Dave's request for sanctioning was approved, and the rest is history.

I have ridden a few of Dave's XP rides, mostly the ones beginning at Faust in north-central UT. The only time I have ever won a 50-miler was on the Simpson Springs ride in the early 1980s. I was mounted on my great little horse, Cour-

age, and we trotted across the desert at a measured 13 mph, alongside of my daughter Susan driving the pickup and trailer. This went on for miles and miles, a nice fast smooth trot. Riding with me was a man from Colorado, and our two horses were perfectly matched for speed. Dave had said the end of the day's ride would be at the "sheep tanks." I tried to remember what those were from the time I had gone on the BPO XP ride. I was looking ahead toward a place where the road rose up a small hill, and saw Susan do a U-turn with the pickup and stop—alongside other trucks. I thought, "AHA!" There were large metal tanks, obviously tanks full of water for the sheep that grazed across the countryside. I said nothing to my riding partner, because he didn't know the country. Just before we reached the finish line where Holly Ulyate was timing in riders, my riding partner turned his horse toward his rig to give him a drink of water. I just kept on going. I was unsure if I had been the first rider across the line, but Holly assured me I was. That was the only time I have ever won a day's ride. It was exciting, but not nearly as exciting as the time I came in second at Willow Springs XP station and won BC, or the time I raced Becky Hart on Rio to the finish line and missed beating her by half a neck. Ah, such great memories...



El Kourage "Courage", the best endurance horse l've ever had



# Opportunity to Volunteer

If you would like to volunteer at Lichen Oaks Adaptive Riding Center (LOARC) to help with lessons or horse care, please let me know. We can always use side walkers, people to feed the horses and clean stalls. We only have 4 horses, so it's an easy job! LOARC is located in Felton. Also, if you have any tack in good condition that you would like to donate, we can definitely use it. We currently really need three size 2 Easy boots (the old fashion, simple kind) and light weight endurance type saddles (no horn). A tax receipt will be sent. If you have any questions or would like a tour of the (beautiful!) facility, please let me know.

e@loarc.net Our website: http://lichenoaksarc.org/

Thanks! Elisabet Hiatt

#### For Rent

RV Space to rent with pasture for horses.

My Ranch is located above UCSC bordering Wilder Ranch with ocean views on the trails, with a pasture for horses.

Please contact David De La Rosa at 831-427-3040 to discuss

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Per night 2 people \$150 / \$75 single

additional +\$50/person (max is 5)

Dogs require \$100 cleaning deposit(refundable)/\$25 (up to 3 dogs in house - no charge

if staying in vehicle!)

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Stopover only (no overnight): \$20 unlimited use of paddocks/arena/pasture

## 15682 Bend Johnson Rd. Red Bluff, CA 96080

Bring your horses! Whispering Sands Ranch is for sale by owner. This home and horse facility with 11 acres is located on the eastern side of the Sierras in Ridgecrest. CA. The property is located within city limits, is on a payed road. yet is very private, and secluded as it sets well off of the road with no immediate neighbors. 
It starts with a ranch style gated entry then continues with a long driveway that leads to the home and barns. The two barns have a total of eight stalls each connected to a run. There are two fenced pastures, a large walk in tack room, and two hay sheds. One pasture has a large walk under shelter. There is a handy tool room that makes for a great workshop. The bunkhouse in the barn with sleeping area, closet and small kitchen area is great for company or to stay in for foaling mares. Located in a horse community with easy access to many miles of trails right off of the property. Near the fairgrounds that has a riding arena, horse shows and gymkhanas. Beautiful, vintage ranch house with a custom built stone fireplace that heats the entire house and a large Master Cool evaporative cooler. Propane wall heater, Maytag washer and propane dryer. Three bedroom, two bath, approximately 1400 sq. feet. Very peaceful and secluded yet is conveniently close to town. Enjoy the beautiful views of the Sierras and Mount Whitney, the spectacular sunsets over the mountains, and the night lights of Ridgecrest. Has a large pool that could easily be brought up to operational status that has concrete all around the fenced/enclosed pool area and a nice shelter area for barbequing. Super for pool parties! Back yard is completely fenced and safe for pets. All buildings and house newly, professionally painted with top of the line paint. Has a good well with newly replaced pump. City water and natural gas available but not hooked up. The home is very efficient to run with low utility bills. Kitchen has all new appliances with a top of the line hot water heater, refrigerator, microwave, range/oven, and garbage disposal. One bathroom has a vintage, cast iron, 5 ½ ft. claw foot bath tub. Brand new carpet in the living room. Beautiful tile in the entry way, kitchen and one bathroom. All new dual pane windows throughout the house. Large closets for storage throughout the house. This house was built in the late 50's and you will not find a better built house in Ridgecrest. The lumber is a true measurement. The property is unique in that it is located within city limits and yet is zoned for a horse business. \$269,000.00

Contact: Melissa and Robert Ribley mmribley@gmail.com 530-268-1378













We know that your horses are special and we would like to know their story, so please submit your nominations to our Horse of the Year Committee before New Year's.

## Classifieds

My jam-packed tack room is now a little less jam-packed because of the following people who have purchased some of the items I have for sale for the benefit of the Center for Equine Health at the University of California at Davis where it will be dedicated to research on cardio-

pulmonary and metabolic problems of long distance horses. The friends listed below found items they wanted. I still have saddles, saddle pads, easy boots, hackamores, bits, seat covers, blankets, bale bags, and other sundry horsey items. Pictures upon request.

Julie Suhr 831-335-5933 or marinera@aol.com

Bob Eaton, Jerry Dowdy Guilia Orth Becky Hart Kay Spence Judith Ogus

Elisabet Hiatt
Mary Anderson
Evan Shaffer



Orthoflex saddle

Australian saddle



#### BOOKS ARE THE PERFECT GIFT!



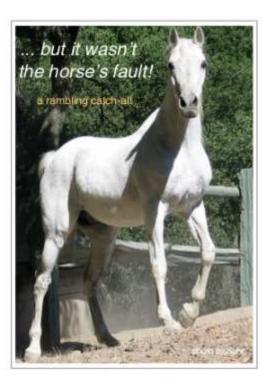
To benefit our trails and our horses, I have written two books. They are entirely different in style.

- 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.
- ....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.



#### "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.

Julie Suhr (831) 335-5933

#### **TACK SALE**

My tack sale of used items piling up in my tack room for the benefit of the Center for Equine Health at Davis has amounted to \$3,925.00. It will be put in a research fund to study cardio-pulmonary and metabolic problems of the long distance horse. Thank you to all who purchased items, and I still have lots of stuff left, including saddles. Julie—(831) 335-5933

#### WANTED TO BUY: DOG KENNEL

Chain link panels any size!! Needed NOW, will pick up.

Michelle H.—(831) 427-1533

## Classifieds and Services

#### CRANIOSACRAL THERAPY FOR HORSE AND RIDER

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Are you uncomfortable while riding? I also offer saddle fit and gait evaluations for both you and your horse, unmounted and mounted, to help you identify and trouble shoot sticky spots as a Better Balance Session. I look at all aspects from rider imbalance to hoof imbalance and offer solutions to achieve Better Balance between you and your horse as a whole so that you can go the distance with joy.

We can discuss your issues and curiosities in detail in a free no-obligation telephone or email consultation. Please contact me to schedule a phone conversation or just shoot me an email!

Kathy Mayeda, EBW-CST, CMT (408) 763-0977 klmayeda@gmail.com

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Trilby—(408) 997-7500

I also have one puppy left for placement. 9 week old blue merle Aussie. Mom belongs to me. I am keeping one and have one left to place. Call me for details.

#### **FOR SALE**

7 year old Arabian gelding, professionally trained, for Endurance rides. Needs intermediate rider, 15 H, middle-weight rider, easy keeper, Call Jeffrey Luternauer owner: 831-476-1407

Trainer Kelly Eynon 831-588-4185 Kelly@KellyEynon.com

#### **OFFER**

I have a whole bunch of hard copies of Quicksilver Quips for 1995, '96, '97, '98, '99, most of them when Brian Reeves and Steve Lenheim were presidents and even when Virl Norton was on the Board. I will keep them for two weeks and then throw them out if nobody wants them. I hope someone speaks up. **Julie—(831) 335-5933** 

#### **FOR RENT**

1260 Sq. ft. loft/great room...above the barn (newly painted)...lots of parking space...storage area (stalls)...quiet area under the trees for barbecue/picnic...next to Quicksilver Park...hiking...riding...picnicking. \$2500/month.

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Let's make a deal! Trilby Pederson 408-997-7500

#### **RUSSELL TERRIERS**

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I still have 2 puppies

**Contact Tracy Hofstrand** 

tracy.hofstrand@gmail.com or 408-391-8912

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#### **FOR SALE**

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Popular 3500 Maxivan with only 42,500
miles. Self-contained camper
\$17,500. Under book value

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E-mail Becky: bghart@garlic.com

# **Humor and Birthdays**



# Happy December Birthdays to our Quicksilver Members and Endurance Friends

Ruth Waltenspiel	1
Dick Carter	6
Elaine Elbizri	6
Lisa Schneider	11
Brian Reeves	15
Julie Caprino Best	19
Bob Suhr*	20
Larrissa Voight	21
Heather Bryant	22
Mary Barger	30

\*Deceased

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN THE QU	JICKSILVER RIDERS!!!!!
FIRST: We need your name	
And then your address	
And your phone number, Fax, e-mail	
And then we need your money	! Senior membership is \$ 25
Junior (under 16 years	of age) membership is \$ 15
	Family membership is \$ 40
If you want a printed copy of Quips mailed to you (as opposed to	o PDF file e-mailed) add \$10
	Total enclosed \$
Why join the Quicksilver Endurance Riders? You will have the moonlight rides, endurance rides, trail projects as well as attendand the annual awards ceremony; saving the best for last, you have!  How are our dues spent? Annual Yearbook/Calendar; monthly Norse politics; trail maintenance and improvement projects; year-	d monthly meetings, the Christmas party, will meet the best friends you will ever lewsletter; a representative voice in local
Send your dues, checks made out to: Quicksilver Endurance Ride	, ,
Mail to Membership Chairperson: Maryben Stover 1299 Sandra Drive San Jose, CA 95125 (408) 265-0839	
	May your and your horse(s) have a wonderful year riding together as Quicksilver Endurance Riders!!!

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

Dave Rabe

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

Thomas Jefferson

## 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.

Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc. P.O. Box 71 New Almaden, CA 95042

