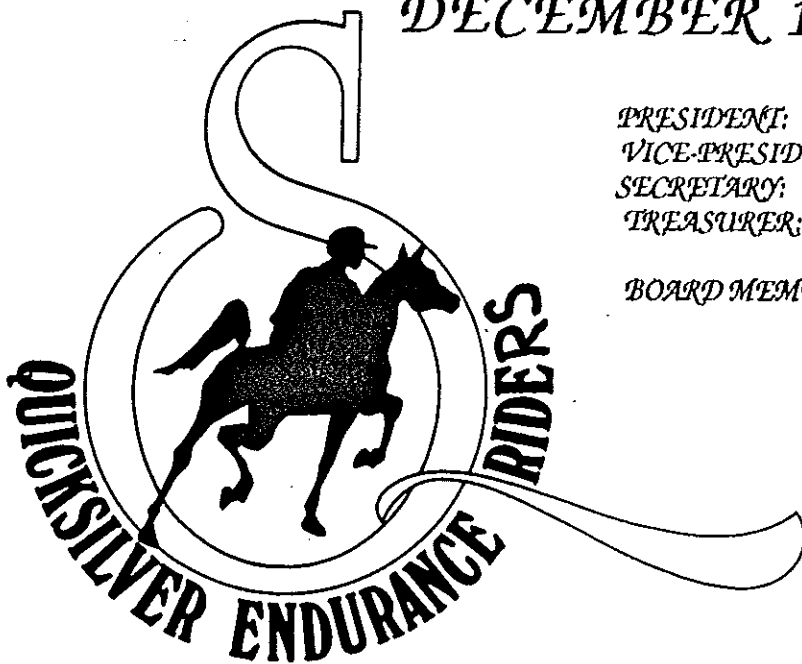


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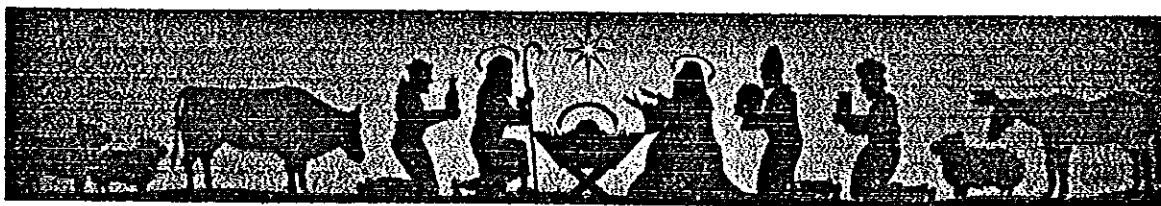
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a quicksilver christmas party

Our annual Quicksilver Christmas Party will be on Wednesday, December 14th, at the Santa Clara Horsemen's Grounds on McKean Road. The Festivities will start at 6:30 p.m. Susan Allison is roasting the turkeys and if you want to help her with a side dish or salad or dessert, call her at 997-6480.

We will have a gift grab bag so if each person would bring a donation not to exceed \$7 in value, it would be really nice. Hand made items encouraged! There is no charge for this party and new members who have joined since January of 1994 will receive a special gift....not terribly large, but it is the thought that counts (and we will do *anything* to get you there!!)



under the christmas tree..
I'd surely like to find.....

****A big gray filly by TF Totally Kool and out of a *Bask Granddaughter. Ready to train and Breeders Sweepstakes too.

****A 9 year old superior brood mare that has had 3 really nice foals. This one would make a nice Western Pleasure or trail horse. Her sire is Toi Soldier and her dam is Princess Jineeyn. She is also Breeders Sweepstakes.

****A yearling gelding for you to bring up your way. He's gray and really handsome. His sire is El Hadiyyah and his dam is JDM Sweet Stuff, the mare listed above. Breeders Sweepstakes and Futurities.

These three horses are all reasonably priced and can be seen at Matthewson's Arabians in the Almaden Valley...408-268-1650.

*****CHRISTMAS SPECIAL*****ARABIAN HORSE LOVERS ALERT!!*****

Ad Vandenhooogen has the back issues of the Arabian Horse World from 1976 through 1993 and The Arabian Horse Times from 1983 through 1992. He's keeping the stallion issues, but the others are for sale. He intends to donate the money he received for them to the Salvation Army. Call him right away at 408-268-1054.

Pictured below is a Quicksilver member who started her winning ways early on as she proudly displays a blue ribbon. We hope the day was not too hot as she had not yet designed her famous product for keeping horse and rider cool. She lives in Santa Cruz County with her daughter and handsome husband who seems to think it is possible for a woman to have too many horses. He's learning. answer: Page 9



It's That Time of Year Again!!!

Your Quicksilver Dues are Due by January 1, 1995

We need your name _____
And your address _____

And your phone number (s), FAX, etc. _____

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- Trail maintenance and improvement

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If you have a friend that you would like to have receive one free copy of Quicksilver Quips, send us their name and address _____

Large* **If** your dues are postmarked before January 1, 1995, you can deduct \$5 from your membership fee...i.e. \$20 single; \$30 family. What a way to start the New Year! You are already money ahead. Mail to: Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc. (make check out that way too.)

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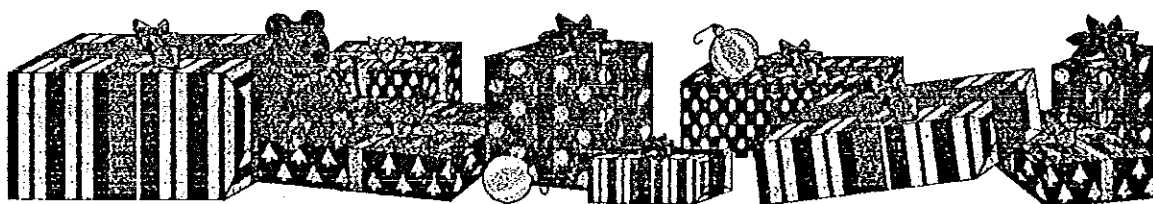
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A FAMILY AFFAIR...THE GOODRICHES

Solid proof that endurance riding is a family affair is found in this article by Quicksilver member Nancy Goodrich....

The Goodrich girls are off to college. That is what has been tying up our time for the last few months. Sara wanted a school with a pre-vet major, with a volleyball team that she could play on, and in an area where she could take her horse. Not the easiest combination to find but she did it: Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. She is waiting until after volleyball season to decide whether or not to bring her horse to school.

Kristin decided that she wanted to try living in a different part of the country. She is going to Cornell University in New York and majoring in animal sciences. She is trying out a new sport for her: crewing. She plans to do all of her riding here at home during her breaks since the weather in up-state New York isn't the best for riding. If she has the time she hope to be able to exercise some of their polo horses.

Endurance riding helped both of them get into college. They each wrote about the experience of riding the Tevis and what it takes for both the horse and rider to complete that endurance ride as their primary essay subject on college applications. For those of you who have kids who will be heading for college soon, we highly recommend an endurance riding essay topic based on the reaction we got to their essays. College admission staffs like to read essays on subjects that most students don't write about.

So how did the Goodrich family get interested in endurance riding? When the girls were seven we went camping at Lake Huntington up above Madera. Knowing that I really liked horseback riding and thinking the girls would like it too, John agreed to go for a trail ride. We had a great guide who really gave us a ride and we all loved it, including John. When we got home (Brisbane at the time) we decided to get the girls some riding lessons and John decided to take "a couple" of lessons too. A couple of lessons soon expanded to several more on better and better horses. Then he got the chance to ride a friend's Arab that was like driving a Ferrari (his words) compared to those stable mounts. To make a long story short, the riding bug bit the whole family to the point that we had to buy horse property, build a house and stable, and get some horses.

Not long after we had moved into our house in Portola Valley and bought a two horse trailer because we couldn't imagine ever needing to haul four horses, John read an article about endurance riding. It sounded great. What a wonderful family experience. John and the girls could do the 50 mile rides and I would stick to limited distance as I couldn't imagine myself riding 50 miles! So after several false starts we finally got to our first ride- the SCCA ride in September 1985. Talk about green endurance riders! We were definitely that. Western saddles, cowboy boots, horses not in the best condition, scorching hot day. It took us and few other folks about 8 hours to complete a 25 mile ride. We were so late that ride management lost track of us and had already locked some of the gates so that we had to take apart a barb wire fence to get back to base camp.

But even after this experience we decided endurance riding was definitely for us. We have had so many great rides. We spent several years sponsoring the girls and wondering if there would ever come a time when we could pass a watering hole without them spending what seemed like hours trying to get their horses to drink. Lost

vet cards, forgotten helmets, 'occasional' quarrels between them, and of course each time having to decide who got to finish first were all part of the ride. Another part of the fun was their competition with other sponsored riders...Maryben can attest to this.

And then they turned 15 and, with so many endurance miles under their belts, were allowed to ride unsponsored. They were thrilled. We were a little nervous but all the vets and other riders kept us posted on how they were doing. For, of course, they were out there ahead of us. We had obviously been holding them back all those years when they had to ride with us. Even though we were no longer riding together, endurance riding still gave us the opportunity to do something together as a family even during their teenage years when it is hard to find something the family shares in common. Endurance riding cannot be beat as a family sport! Even though Kristing and Sara are away at school now and you will just see the two of us on the trail most of the time, come summer, there will be four of us again.

Here's a little bit about us. We are all native Californians. John grew up in the Bay Area and I grew up in Fort Bragg where I had a horse and spent a lot of time riding on the trails like the ones on the old Nya Ranch Ride. I wish that that ride was still going on. John's adolescence was spent racing cars and sailboats rather than riding horses. He spent several years sailing his 30 foot boy in ocean races between the Bay Area and southern California, and even as far south as Ensenada, Mexico. But when the girls were small this was not a sport we could do with them. So when we all got into riding, John sold his boat.

We both graduated from colleges here in California and didn't meet until after we were finished and were working in San Francisco. John is a building contractor and I have worked for the government for many years. We both love to travel and have traveled to all parts of the world. Our favorite trips have been to South America. We had one very special trip to mainland China a few months after the Tienamen Square incident in 1989. We were given a grand welcome home to California - the Loma Prieta earthquake took place the day after we arrived home!

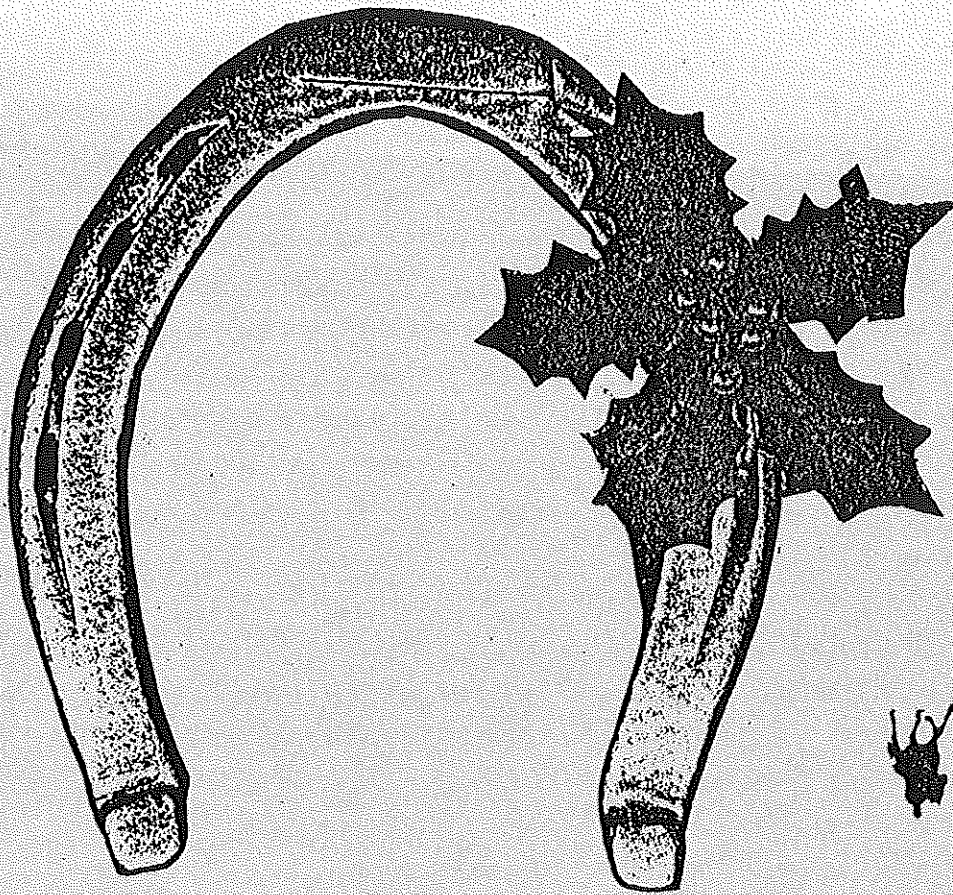
Although much of our traveling has been done without the girls, there were several trips we did as a family. The most special ones we did as a family of eight: the four of us and our horses. For the past five summers we have gone to Sun Valley, Idaho and ridden in the mountains there. We even did one endurance ride there. What beautiful country! The mountain trails in the Sawtooth Wilderness area go forever and are well maintained. You ride over mountain passes at above 10,000 feet with snow still on the ground in July. The mountain lakes, wildflowers, and scenic vistas cannot be beat. If you ever want to get away and do some riding, that is the place to go.

And I guess there is one more thing you would like to know about the Goodriches...why Tennessee Walkers and not Arabs? Bad backs and a definite allergy to riding a trotting horse for 50 miles, especially down hill. We really enjoy the breed and its gaits. It is a challenge to find just the right horse, though, since so many of them have conformation problems (especially legs) or are too laid back for endurance riding. But they can do the job, much to the amazement of some of the vets. They are learning that when we 'trot' out, our horses are not off on all four even though they have that "funny way of going". Those Arabs may beat us on the uphill, but we have it made on the downhill.

See you all out on the trail,



Nancy



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