



Quicksilver Quips

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sandy is coping with the loss of a beloved family member this Christmas so I'm subbing for her this month.

Some of you who have access to RideCamp already know that Steve Lenheim was admitted to the hospital Christmas week for a very serious operation.

The day after Christmas armed with a Play Boy magazine, I made a trip to the Veterans Hospital in Palo Alto to cheer him up.

Steve was no where to be found. There was no record of him on the computer at the reception desk. Fearing the worst, I did investigative work and located a nurse in the surgery ward who knew who Steve was, and she informed me that Steve had been released.

It is unusual for patients who have undergone such a serious operation to be released this early but the attendant candidly explained that due to Steve's aggressive advances directed at the female nursing staff, it had been decided that Steve NEEDED to go home!!!

I stopped at his home and he was in good spirits and doing well. I kept the magazine.

February is rapidly approaching, hope you have submitted your photos for the calendar.

The awards banquet is Feb. 9th, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., at Harry's Hofbrau, 390 Saratoga Avenue, San Jose CA 243-0434. It is in the back room.

I hope you are able to attend, visit with old friends, meet some new ones and share in the accomplishments of our members. I for one am looking forward to seeing you all.

OH!! (one last thing), if you find it necessary to talk about your horse, which I'm sure you will, remember to allow equal time to the other person (a Quicksilver courtesy)!!!!

~ Dick

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Account	\$6062.21
Trails Account	1018.06
Junior Account	451.84

"Riding a horse is not a gentle hobby, to be picked up and laid down like a game of solitaire. It is a grand passion. It seizes a person whole, and once it has done so, he will have to accept that his life will be radically changed."

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

QUICKSILVER ENDURANCE RIDERS SPRING CLASSIC - "THE BEAR RIDERS RETURN"

To all of you who have been curious about the Spring Ride and may have thought that nothing was happening, Dick and I have been working on it to 'make it happen'. There are still some finer details to be worked out (e.g. presentation to the Board and their approval at the January meeting) but wanted to keep you in the loop as to what's been done so far so you can mark your calendars.

Sanctioning - Has been submitted and approved by AERC, sanctioning director and the office for JUNE 7th, 2008 Please mark your calendars NOW as we'll need your help in one way or another. [yes, we know that Fort Shelbourne is the week of but given that not everyone goes to the 5 days of Shelbourne, it was the best "fit" we could get at this late date].

Parks - Approval has been given for the Harvey Bear Park. Dick has been working on all logistical details including parking, trails - including marking with our quad if necessary, distance, water, park ranger enthusiasm, etc.

Budget - Will be submitted to the January Board meeting.

The quality of the Quicksilver Endurance Rides has always been top notch! We'll need volunteers and riders so please be sure you sign up for ONE OR THE OTHER!~

Thanks,
QSER Spring Classic Ride Management
Dick & Sandy

QSER MAIL BAG

Dear Maryben and the Quicksilver club,

Thank you so much for the thoughtful and kind letter that you sent in regards to Biff and his passing. I can't tell you how much that meant to me.

I appreciated your thoughtfulness so much. Thanks again for your well wishes and have a wonderful holiday season!

– Pat Potter McAndrews

PHOTOS FOR THE CALENDAR GO TO

Steve Lenheim
1126 Barnes Rd
San Jose, CA 95120
or
Campbell Mortgage
2100 S. Bascom #4
Campbell, CA 95008

If on a CD make sure to label the horse and the rider on the outside of CD. Oh yes, use a photo software that's common, duh!
– Steve

YEAR-END AWARDS BANQUET

February 9, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Harry's Hofbrau
Back Room

390 Saratoga Avenue
San Jose CA
243-0434.

ELEANOR NORTON AWARD

A committee has been formed and is ready to "carefully and diligently consider any and all recommendations" but it is hard to do without any. So please email misxfire@yahoo.com or call (925) 862-0232 me with some. The criteria for the award follows.

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 be submitted in writing or by telephone, along with the accompanying reasons as to why a particular candidate is to be chosen to any or all of the committee members no later than two months before the awards banquet.

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

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

Thank you,
Judy Etheridge
Chair, Eleanor Norton Award

NEW QUIPS EDITOR NEEDED!!!

Things have changed a lot in my life lately and I really need to find someone in this club to take over my job as Editor of the Quips and keeper of the web page. It doesn't necessarily have to be the same person. Who amongst you will be brave enough to step up and take the baton?

Please email me at typéf@comcast.net or call me at 209-334-1981.

– Jackie Floyd

RIGHT TO RIDE

This is very important to all of us who enjoy horses. Thank you for taking the time to "e-vote" on this measure. At the least, this is a very interesting website.

This bill is for all of the USA – not just Washington State. Make sure everyone speaks up and lets the government know we want to preserve our right to ride/pack our horses on government lands. More and more land across the nation is being closed to horse use every year. Speak up now or soon you may lose access to ride your horse on the trails!

http://www.washingtonwatch.com/bills/show/110_SN_2283.html#toc3

It only takes a second.... please forward it to your horse friends .

Trail advocates -- here's your opportunity to show support for the new bill that will go through the Senate and will replace the Right to Ride.

LOIN RUBS AND REAR ROUGH SPOTS

By Richard Sacks

Reprinted from the Long Riders Gear Newsletter

Loin rubs are not an uncommon problem with a variety of saddle pads. The Ride Camp forum on Endurance.net has discussed this many times every spring and fall. It can occur with a Skito, Supracor, EquiPedic, Dixie Midnight, plain felt, plain wool, or just about any pad. It only seems to occur during the early spring and fall/winter seasons when the horse's coat is changing. The consensus is that it can be caused by a number of different reasons:

The varying length of the hairs during shedding and new growth periods will tend to cause the hair to rub against a saddle pad because of the horse's hip movements.

Some riders tend to lean forward in the saddle and by doing so cause the back of the saddle to tilt up slightly. This will cause the pad to float above the horse just slightly causing a rubbing motion side to side. The fact that it is seasonal appears to be related to the additional friction of a floating pad pulling the hair out that would normally shed more slowly.

Some riders tend to sit way back when riding creating more pressure in the loin area. Again because of the seasonal nature of hair growth the effects of the rider position are more clearly seen.

The rubs can be more prevalent on one side or the other dependent on the rider's equitation.

The effect appears to be more common in Arabs and gaited horses because they tend to swing their hips more than others although it can occur in any type of horse.

The effect is not related to any one saddle either. It can occur with a treed saddle, a panel saddle (OrthoFlex, Reactor Panel), or a treeless saddle (BareFoot, Ansur).

The consensus again for solutions is pretty consistent. If the rubs are severe (more than the size of a dime), stop riding for a period of time and let the hair begin to grow back. It will grow back and the problem will go away as the coat changes.

Future prevention is pretty much agreed on also. Spraying Show Sheen on the loin area where the rubs occur will prevent them from expanding if you do it early enough (before they become more than dime size). Horses that are clipped regularly don't seem to develop the problem. This can be a solution depending on the weather conditions where one lives. Finally, adjusting one's seat (equitation) will prevent this from happening again.

Nancy Elliot footnote: Little add on to the article on loin rubbing: Good old tip i've used for years--Put corn starch on general area of rubbing; pat it in to fill up the 'air space' between hair. Allows the pad and hair to be just about frictionless. Cheap, no chemicals and easy to put on.

REYNOLDS NOTES FROM VIRGINIA

12/30/07 - We have been riding a lot. I rode in an exercise saddle for one set (a set is a single group of horses being worked in a day) this week and my legs were really on fire. To hell with a total gym or a Stairmaster or anything else. I am going to market these little postage stamp size saddles as a complete workout/diet system. It will be the rave for the 2008 New Years resolution dieters!! I couldn't believe how incredibly short I rode for and how sore I was during the actual ride. I had to keep stopping to walk because my quads, inner thigh and knees were burning. Jeremy has been riding in these saddles for weeks now and usually rides three hours a day on average in them!! Crazy. I can ride 100 miles in a day and not feel any burn what so ever but give me 15 minutes in one of those and I am begging for mercy!

The 2 year old fillies were learning their leads this week. We also have been rotating the weanlings (horses that are not with their moms, but are not a year old yet) by taking them two at a time into the barn for a few nights so that they get more comfortable with the busy activities of a barn as well as being handled. They are really cute.

The farm's goat Tinkerbelle has become a shadow of mine and helps me feed most afternoons. She is very endearing and talks a lot. She also has a sweet tooth for Sweet Tarts.

We have been getting a lot of interest in the Endurance horse program as well as the endurance prospects for sale. On Saturday we sold a gelding by the name of All Tu Kool. I am sure that name is familiar to some. He should be one to watch on the endurance circuit. He will be living in Pennsylvania.

The weather has had some pity on us and it is not as freezing at the moment. I know... just wait:)

– Heather

PREPARE NOW FOR EVACUATING YOUR ANIMALS NEXT TIME

By: ROXANNE GREENE - Commentary

Editor's Note: Although she is not a Quicksilver member, most of you are familiar with 20-time Tevis buckle earner Roxanne (Vicki) Greene. Submitted by Judy Etheridge.

Now that the smoke is clearing, people are returning home and life resumes, it is time to take stock of emergency plans in place and find the areas that need refinement. One of the sore points evident from the beginning was the coordinated evacuation of pets and livestock from affected areas. When the numbers come in, it will be apparent we let our four-legged friends down.

As a volunteer who assisted in the movement of horses around Valley Center, I heard similar stories from other volunteers and want to provide some guidance for livestock owners because the sad truth is, many people who live in the backcountry are not prepared to deal with the need to move their animals should it become necessary.

We heard numerous complaints from people who didn't appreciate the way their animals were handled and who had better ideas about how the job should be done, but we wouldn't have had to do this job for them if they had owned their own trailer. If you have horses or other livestock, you should have a trailer. It is the only way to ensure your animal will be moved when, where and how you want, with no delay.

Even if you cannot afford to buy a trailer at this time, borrow one from a friend and teach each of your animals how to enter and exit the trailer calmly. Precious minutes that could have been used to evacuate other animals were wasted because many people did not take the time to familiarize themselves or their horses with proper loading and unloading techniques.

You should already own a halter and sturdy lead rope of the appropriate length for each of your animals. It would be great if you also had a tag with the animal's name and your basic contact information on the halter. Airport luggage tags work great for this because they can be stored until needed and attached quickly. You should have already trained your animal to walk calmly on a lead rope and follow basic commands. If this is something you've always meant to get around to, get around to it now. Many volunteers were hurt needlessly because animals were not taught how to behave.

If you have a large number of animals, it would help the evacuation centers if your animals were socialized in such a manner that they could be placed together in stalls or tied next to each other to maximize the space available for evacuated animals.

At the first sign of danger, put the halters on each of your animals and take them out of the larger enclosures to shorten the time it takes to catch them. If you do not have a small pen, leave them in the pasture until the time you know a volunteer is coming to evacuate you. Then catch the animals and tie them with access to food so they remain calm and busy until the volunteers arrive.

While you are waiting for volunteers to evacuate your animals, pack vital medicines, special feeds and water buckets for your animals to use at the evacuation centers. A length of water hose would also be helpful. If you own a truck, load some hay to evacuate with your animals. Have a card prepared for each of your animals with its name, age, description, your contact information, your veterinarian's contact information and any and all physical, mental and health information that caretakers will need to know. Put it in a sandwich-sized Ziploc bag so it doesn't get wet.

If in spite of all your training your animal still kicks or bites, tie a noticeable red ribbon to the animal's tail so all involved in the handling of the animal can avoid being hurt or having other animals injured.

When volunteers have safely evacuated your animal, please thank them. We are not paid for this and are not reimbursed for the gas we use. A tank of diesel costs \$100 and a single trip with a load can use nearly a tank. We usually don't have time to eat and only drink the water we remembered to grab on our way out of the house. Don't ask about going to the bathroom. Our trailers were kicked and dented and a number of us were battered and bruised. Many of us did not sleep for days and were worried about having enough time to evacuate our own animals. A lot of us also had evacuated animals at our own houses to care for.

When you have livestock at evacuation centers that does not mean you should rely on the volunteers to care for your animals. Show up twice a day to help feed, water and clean up after your animals. Check with the on-site volunteers to see if they need food, water, or time for themselves to care for their own animals or get some sleep. There is a wonderful community of caring animal lovers out there, and you should take some time to get to know them.

When your animals leave the evacuation centers, offer a donation to the groups that cared for your animals. Come back when your animals are settled and assist the evacuation center. Ask what you can do to help before you leave and follow through.

A huge thank-you is owed to the many volunteers who evacuated animals and cared for evacuated animals, the feed and hardware stores who donated food and equipment and the owners of the evacuated animals who made everyone's job easier.

Valley Center resident Roxanne Greene is a member of the Escondido Mounted Posse, a social club formed in 1948 that promotes horsemanship and the city of Escondido. For more information, email her at bookkeepingrox@yahoo.com.

CLASSIFIED

HORSES FOR SALE

MAXX (PICOLO PETE), 8-YEAR-OLD CHESTNUT, 15H, slender build. Loves people and attention. Very energetic. Very smooth and can really walk out. Needs experienced rider due to his energy level. Camps well. Located at Indian Hills Ranch, Milpitas. Kitty Weber 510-913-3395. [02-08]

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD PURBRED ARABIAN GELDING. Been conditioned up twice so needs about 12 weeks to be ready to go on his first 50. 14.3h, good legs, good mind, needs good rider. Asking \$5,000. Contact Diane: tref@wakerobinranch.com or (209) 742-8586 (Mariposa, CA). [02-08]

SADDLES FOR SALE



SHARON SAARE SADDLE 15" SEAT, \$800, Size G (low withered Arab / downhill i.e., slightly higher rear end), Standard saddle, C rigging, smooth leather with oil treatment and natural oil finish, all brass fittings and pads available (Saare Endurance Pad and Wool Felt Underpad). In excellent condition. I have another Saare saddle, same type, love it but have one horse now.

These saddles fit wonderfully. SnugPax In Royal Blue, pommel and cantle packs, endurance style, excellent condition. \$15 each. Electric Blue halter-bridle headstall and breastplate available too, \$60 for all. 831-726-2340, drott1@yahoo.com, Cathy Kauer.

VERY LIGHTLY USED FREE AND EASY SADDLE. New numnahs. \$1,000. Please call or email Margaret Graham at 408 776 3932 / mugsbgraham@aol.com. [02-08]

16" BIG HORN ENDURANCE SADDLE. All leather, specially designed tree to fit Arabians. Extras on this saddle include cage stirrups and a wool seat cover. This saddle is in very good condition. \$550 If interested, please call me at (408) 710-5651 or e-mail me at lorioleson@hotmail.com [02-08]

STONEWALL ENDURANCE SADDLE - Cliffer model - designed and built for long distance riding, black, shock foam seat, standard 15" seat, fully adjustable nylon rigging, 14 pounds. This saddle is used but has been fully reconditioned by the saddle maker and looks new. It has new foam and sheepskin, ring covers, slip on style fenders and new adjustable rigging. Extra added features are cage stirrups and custom synthetic fleece seat cover. New Stonewalls sell for \$760-\$860. I will sell this one, like new with extras, for only \$550. If interested, please call me at (408)710-5651 or e-mail at lorioleson@hotmail.com. [02-08]

MISC. FOR SALE

1995 2H LOGAN COMPETITOR SLANT LOAD, Step-up trailer with hay rack, 45 gal water tank w/12 volt pump. \$5,000. **2002 SUMMERWIND CAMPER** fully loaded including a slideout and full dry shower, oven, 3 burner stove and electric hydraulic jac. \$11,500. Alex North alex@northcpa.com. [02-08]

\$14,235.00 per KBB **1999 FORD F350 SUPER DUTY SUPER CAB,** 86,000 miles, 7.3L diesel, Automatic, Long bed, Single rear wheel, 2 wheel drive, AM/FM/CD, AC/PS/PW/PDL/CC/Tilt Wheel/Sliding rear window/Privacy glass - all factory installed. Alloy wheels, 4 wheel ABS, Rear bench seat folds flat for a cargo surface. Extras added: "Superchip" programmable performance with 2 tow settings (for < & > 6k lb loads), high performance setting for no load or back to factory stock setting, 4" exhaust from turbo back, Heavy duty rear air bags. Class V hitch (2 1/2" receiver), Chrome billet grille. One owner/driver since new. Never any accident damage. It is in exceptional condition. Gets good fuel mileage for a big truck. Located in San Luis Obispo county/ Bill Gahafer 805-528-2064 [04-08]

LANCE CAMPER FOR SALE: Air conditioner, oven/stove combo, refrigerator, radio/cd player, ELECTRIC JACKS, queen size bed, bunk bed option over table, wet bath, 2 propane tanks, battery, scissor staircase, outside shower, power roof vent, furnace. photos on request or call for appt to see. Bluebooks between 12,120 and 14,625. Asking \$13,500. Dry weight 2010 lbs. 33-gal fresh water capacity; 8 gal grey water holding and 8 gal black water holding. Great upgrade from a tent! Call Peggy 831/238-0495 or Peggety123@aol.com [02-08]

ALUMINUM TRAILER FOR SALE. Sooner, bumper pull. 1995, three horse slant load with a large tack room (could almost sleep in it!). Tires are like new. Has Rino liner under the mats. Comes with load leveler hitch components. \$8,000. Trailer is in the Santa Cruz area. (Aptos) Steve Shaw 831-685-3436. sshaw@pacbell.net [02-08]

TAX SERVICES. Need your taxes done? Call Trilby Pederson Tax Services - 408-997-7500. [02-08]

SUPPLEMENTS/HOOF PROTECTION. Wild Eye Arabians is now supplying FASTRACK Probiotics (paste & powder) HOOFF -IT Pour in Pads, Kentucky Equine Research products, ENDURAMAX Electrolytes (Paste & Powder) & Neigh Lox (Prevent Ulcers) Associated Feed products - EQUUS (complete feed) Auburn Labs - APF (Adaptogen). For more information contact **Wild Eye Arabians**, Kirsten or Michael Berntsen at 831 623-2120. kirstenzazz@hotmail.com or www.conklin.com/wildyearabians. [02-08]

FOR RENT

STALLS/PADDOCKS/PASTURES FOR RENT. Brand new 12x12 stalls with 24x12 paddocks, shavings; we clean. \$250 pastures, \$180. Feed twice a day, high-grade oat and alfalfa hay. 96x48 outdoor arena. Close to 3,600 acre Almaden Quicksilver County Park with 19 miles of manicured trails. Call Trilby at 408 997-7500. [02-08]

RIDING LESSONS

WANT TO LEARN TO RIDE WITH LESS STRESS AND FATIGUE? Do you want your horse to move properly so that he can minimize wear and tear on his body for the long haul? Mary Fenton, Senior Centered Riding instructor, has lesson spaces on Thursday p.m. at "Lightfoot" Stables (McKean Road, San Jose). I've taken many lessons and several clinics from her, and feel that it's been real worth it. She coached Becky Hart to her Stockholm World Championship on Rio! You can contact Mary at (831) 761-2819. [11-07]

WANTED

HORSE NEEDED. Not over 14.3, smooth gaits, well mannered and ready to go. A tall order I know, but I feel I still have a few years left in me to pursue the endurance trail. Unfortunately I do not think I have the years ahead of me to bring a horse along from scratch. My Nudera horse that I have been riding for the last 4 years has a collateral ligament tear and is off for 6 months and she is nearly 18, so I do not know if she will come back for endurance or just pleasure riding. I tried another horse, but that did not work out so I am on the hunt. Julie Suhr 831-335-5933. [02-08]

PLUS/MINUS 10-YEAR-OLD ARABIAN GELDING that is safe on the trail and hopefully an OK endurance horse. I am absolutely willing to pay a good price for the right one. He'll get a good home with us and Kesil, Zachary and No Fearr (has not done any endurance yet so you haven't met him). Contact through e-mail, mail Howes, 574 Trumbull, Novato, CA 94947, phone: 415/892-8528 (office), 415/847-0487 (cell). e-mail UllaVince@aol.com

TWO HORSE (I WOULD PREFER A SLANT), SMALL, LIGHT TRAILER. Anywhere between 3-5k, it must be safe and in good condition. Please feel free to e-mail me and send me photos! Megan Doyle mykideatsgrass@hotmail.com [11-07]

I'M LOOKING FOR A COMPANION HORSE for my 16 year old Arab gelding. Covered stall. 3/4 acre turnout. Calero area. \$200/month. Call Niki Lamb 408-323-9953 or e-mail nlamb@cb-norcal.com [11-07]

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

FIRST: We need your name _____

And then your address _____

And your phone number, Fax, e-mail _____

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

Junior membership is \$ 15_____

(a junior is under 16 years of age)

Total enclosed \$ _____

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

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

Send your 2006 dues, checks made out to: **Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.**

Mail to Membership Chairperson:

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May your and your horse(s) have a wonderful Year 2008 riding together as members of the Quicksilver Endurance Riders!!!



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