

# Quicksilver Quips

April, 2010

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. . .

Last month, after all our fun February gatherings, we had our first regular meeting at the Community Center. I like to welcome Sheila Kumar and her daughter Maya, as returning members. Both Sheila and Maya attended the meeting. Along with Marvin Snowbarger, and six board members, that brought attendance up to 9 people. However, that small group brainstormed to come up with several ideas to help reinvigorate the club.

Some of the ideas for programs were:

- Self defense on horseback
- 1<sup>st</sup> aid for horses and people
- A visit from the large animal rescue folks
- Latest word in nutrition
- A return visit from Wendy McDonald who paints the muscles on the horse and explains their function.
- A group ride in Henry Cowell Park, followed by a B-B-Que.
- A saddle fit presentation.
- A body work demonstration by Joe Elliot.

If members have other ideas, please COME TO THE MEETINGS AND SHARE THEM!!!! You may have great ideas, we want to hear them. We want to hear them at the meetings.

Cookies were brought to the last meeting as an enticement – we had a lot left over. Would more people attend if I bring Jack Daniels? (Kidding). This month I will bring a bag of Ultium to raffle off, if we have more than 15 attendees. Bribe, bribe....

This is YOUR club. It is stagnant and tired. To reap the benefits we need your participation. Be there at 7:00 pm, April 21, (Tony and Alba's Pizza in Scotts Valley) to let us know your thoughts about our ideas and bring your own to the next meeting, so our program coordinator, Ildi Nadasdy, can get started.

Enjoy the spring!

Becky

## ????? POP QUIZ TIME ??????

The person/s who answers the following "Quipsters of the month" questions correctly at the April meeting will receive a (not so) fabulous prize, so start researching!

Here is one for the math lovers in the club:

A cowboy rode 32 miles on horseback. A certain number of miles was downhill. Twice as far, plus 8 miles, was level and the distance up hill was one-half as far as the distance on the level. How many miles did he travel on each stretch?  
(Contributed by Julie Suhr)

**Have a question you think will stump the rest of the club? Send it in, along with the answer and we will include it in the next "Quipster" edition!**

### Answers to the last two Quipsters:

#### January Questions:

- 1- Scientific term for bowed legs: Genu Varum
- 2- Horse's temperature will be higher in the afternoon
- 3- The navicular bone is named for its nautical shape (Latin: navi-boat, cul-little, ar-like)

#### February Questions:

- 1- First item of tack developed was the halter.
- 2- Earliest examples of tack found were of saddle pads.
- 3- Thought most appropriate way to outfit the horse for the hunting field: a curb bit.

How did you do?

Hey... anyone actually interested in this? Shall we continue it or give it up? Please send some feedback! Thanks, Elisabet

## THE FREEDOM OF THE SADDLE

When Fannie Sperry (early 1900's bronc rider) was eighty-eight years old, she looked back on her long and satisfying life in the saddle:

"Now that I am what young people consider an old woman, and look back at my life, I can truthfully say that if I had to do it all over again, I would live it exactly the same. From such a statement you gather that I have liked it. I have *loved* it. An if, with my present arthritis, I must pay the price of every bronc ride that I have made, then I pay for it gladly. Pain is not too great a price to pay for the freedom of the saddle and a horse between the legs."

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### Treasurer's report

#### Quick Silver Endurance Riders, Inc.

#### BANQUET

##### EXPENSES:

HALL RENT	\$435.00
HALL RENT (DEPOSIT)	435.00
DANCE INSTRUCTOR	250.00
MARY ANDERSON	730.10
MARY ANDERSON	488.19
MARY ANDERSON	524.69
BING VOIGHT	40.97
BARBARA MCCRARY	20.00
	\$ 2,923.95

##### INCOME:

HALL RENT (DEPOSIT REFUND)	\$435.00
INCOME FOR DINNERS SOLD	115.00
	\$550.00

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<b>NET COST OF BANQUET</b>	<b>\$ 2,373.95</b>
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The nice thing about being senile  
is that you can hide your own  
Easter eggs...  
Happy Easter, everyone!



## QSER MEETING MINUTES

QSER meeting 3/17/10

Board met at 6:30. Board members present: Becky Hart, Ildi Nadasdy, Maryben Stover, Kathy Brayton, Cathy Kauer, and Elisabet Hiatt. Absent: Lori McIntosh.

Members present were Sheila and Maya Kumar, Mary Anderson, Marvin Snowbarger.

Board discussed QSER Fall ride. It will be held 10/2/10 at Harvey Bear and the name of the ride is "Ride Bear". Sandy Holder is the manager. The budget was sent to Becky, the board discussed it and the motion was made and passed to OK it.

The BOD discussed using the Almaden Community Center for a speaker meeting. There are deposit fees involved as well as a rental fee, so we would only consider it if we have a speaker arranged well ahead of the date, enough members want to attend. The acoustics there would be far superior to our usual meeting room's.

Becky brought the general meeting to order at 7 pm.

Treasurer's report was primarily about the banquet.

Horse of the Year award was discussed.

The calendar is being checked into. Steve and Kirsten were working on it. Becky is going to check with them about it because all expressed the desire that we all get the calendar as in years passed.

Programs (speakers) were discussed. Becky suggested Joe Elliot who does body work on horses as well as barefoot shoeing. Elisabet has a video on self-defense on horseback. We would have a meeting at a member's home to view that. An equine nutritionist was suggested. Cathy Kauer will write a brief book review about a book on equine exercise physiology for "The Quips".

*Minutes continued on page 8*

## QUICKSILVER ENDURANCE RIDERS, INC. TREASURER'S REPORT FEBRUARY/MARCH, 2010

GENERAL ACCOUNT \$ 4,588.13

### EXPENSES:

BANQUET \$ 1,073.85  
USPO (BOX RENTAL) 40.00

\$ 1,113.85

### INCOME:

DUES \$ 905.00  
BANQUET MEALS 115.00  
HALL RENT REFUND 435.00

\$ 1,455.00

BALANCE \$ 4,929.28

TRAILS - \$1,072.09

JUNIOR - 453.60

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I went to the FITS ride in Florida & Crewed for another member, Michele Roush. It was a blast. It was really something to see horses cantering the whole 100 mile ride!! The weather was perfect for it, too. Well, Okay, it was a little cold: 29 degrees at the start & 31 degrees at the first vet check! After that it was perfect racing ... sorry, riding weather. The course was fast, good footing & flat for California standards! Here is something I learned while at the ride: Did you know that the water that comes from underground springs is 70 degrees year round in Florida?! A local Floridian told me that. Michele came in 8th place in the 100 mile distance, with a race time of 8 hours 42 minutes by my watch. Guess what her rider number was....842 now that is kinda neat too!

*Tracy Hofstrand*

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**Little Johnny's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals. One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person. 'Yes,' said the policeman. 'The detectives want very badly to capture him.' Little Johnny asked, 'Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture ?'**

*Makes you wonder... don't it?*

## **GYPSY VANNERS – contributed by Jo Barrett**

This an introduction to a "new" type of breed of horses. Their Registry was formed in 1996.

### **History**

Originally used as typical gypsy horses, hauling caravans around the country, in Europe and Great Britain; after World War II gypsies had formed a vision of their typical "perfect" horse. This horse needed to have a short back and broad chest, a good temperament, and the name "Vanners" derives from their job - hauling caravans. Research has shown that the breed has resulted from crossing the Shire, Clydesdale, Dales Pony, and Friesian.

### **Conformation**

The Gypsy Vanners have a distinctive feature - their hairy manes, and lower legs/hooves; the feathers usually start just below the knee. They are strong, and usually can be anywhere from 14 hh to over 15.2 hh, with fairly large hooves. Think of a smaller version of the famous Budweiser Clydesdales and you will get an idea of what these beauties look like. They come in a variety of colors. Black and white seem to be the most striking, but I have seen a picture of a palomino stallion.

### **Location**

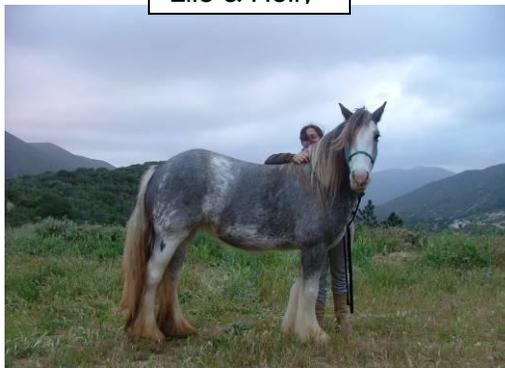
These horses are being bred at several facilities, mainly on the East Coast - one of which is El Brio Vanner in Philadelphia. As you probably remember, one of the features or attributes of Paso horses is their "Brio". Apparently, the owners of El Brio Vanner first fell in love with a Peruvian Paso, and their ventures into the horse world grew from that introduction.

Vanners can be trained in different disciplines, such as driving, trail riding, jumping, dressage or just kept as a loving pet. However, what I also wanted to share with you is that the owners of El Brio have just completed a feature film which stars Brook Shields, Aidan Quinn and Kris Kristofferson, together with a teenager Sammi Hanratty who are about to be uprooted from Philadelphia life and moved to the country - where, of course - they become part of the lives of the Gypsy Vanners.

Locally, one of our members - Holly Bergantz has Gypsy Vanner (s). If you want to learn more, go to [www.gypsyvanners.com](http://www.gypsyvanners.com)



Lile & Holly



Vanners part II coming in May, 2010....

## Notes from the AERC Convention, 2010

*By E. Hiatt*

I was putting away my notes from the February AERC convention, and as I read them (cripes, my handwriting is hard to read!) I thought that maybe one or two of you who didn't get to go may want to hear some of the wisdom that was imparted. So, not taking any responsibility that it is all completely accurate, here are some of the things I heard that I thought were worthy or writing down at the time.

### **Nutrition:**

- Understand what a horse would be doing in a natural environment and try to match that.

- Energy: comes from carbs (starch, sugar), protein, fat, fiber. Corn has 70% starch. Barley has 66% starch and oats have 55% starch. They are versatile feeds but too much of a problem. Horses are not set up to digest starch effectively... it sits in their hind gut and ferments producing lactic acid (hind gut acidosis) which irritates the mucosa, increases permeability of the large intestine and can contribute to founder. Oat starch is highly digestible by horses, corn is not, unless it's cooked (flaked). Corn is better as a fiber than oat. Regardless, never feed more than 5lbs of any grain in one meal.

Protein: makes them pee more and takes longer to process and break down (producing heat) and need for a lot more water.

Fiber: horses need about 1.5% of their body weight per day in fiber. Endurance optimum intake: all the horse can eat. Hay is a "super fiber" 30-40% digestible. Beet pulp and soy hulls are 75-80% digestible.

Fat: more energy than corn or oats. Digests up to 90% with no hind gut acidosis. "Calm" energy. 500ml of fat per day is a good idea for a horse working hard. Will reduce the amount of carbs a horse burns. The type of fat makes a difference.

Omega 3 fats decrease inflammation. Omega 6 does the opposite but balances stuff out.

Corn oil is very unbalanced. Don't feed corn oil any more. Soybean/Canola oil have much better ratios. Fish oil is also OK but it's smelly. KERx formula got rid of the fishy smell.

### **Gastric ulcers:**

Risks: intense workouts, meal size, frequency of feeding, fasting, water availability. Feeding intervals greater than 6 hours increase the risk by 3.9%

Buffers: saliva (produced while eating forage), bicarbonate, mucus and mucosal blood flow.

Symptoms: discomfort when cinching, attitude change.

Horses can also get ulcers in the colon.

Vitamin E is an antioxidant and helps. Look at the label. If it's dl-a-tocopherol (?) it's a synthetic and it's not as good as the "natural" vitamin E. Go to KERx.com website for more information.

### **Electrolytes:**

Sodium/potassium/chloride. Heat and humidity greatly affect electrolyte loss in sweat (2 vs. 4%). Feed has relatively low electrolytes. Giving electrolytes before exercise helps with recovery. Best if low on potassium, though. Over a 24 hour period, a horse that has received electrolytes will drink a lot more than one that has not. Again, KERx.com library has tons of information and a nutrition newsletter.

## **Abdominal anatomy:**

The stomach is small, 2-3 gallons. Horses can't vomit, therefore are at risk of stomach rupturing.

Small intestine is 60-70 feet long. Three main parts: duodenum (where bile and pancreatic enzymes are added to feed), jejunum and ileum. The cecum comes next. It's basically a blind ended fermentation vat. It's in the right flank area. The large colon starts on right side, goes to the left and then back to the right. At the last turn, it goes from about 10" diameter to 3" then back to about 12" and for the final 10 feet gets small again. Yikes!

Colic: follow a systematic approach for diagnosis: spasm or distention? Where? How sick (pain or sick).  
Focus: cardio function, gastro, treat or surgery?

There is usually more pain with strangulation than distension.

Evaluating cardio: heart rate, membrane color, capillary refill, toxic line (bluish line over teeth on gums)

Abdominal distention: tight flanks, shallow breathing, most often in cecum or large colon, cannot x-ray. Stomach tube to release pressure. Pain is due to distention of stomach. Motility is reduced with ileus, absent with ischemia. Rectal exam correlates with other findings, requires practice and care.

Large colon impaction respond well to fluid/medical treatment. Excellent prognosis.

Large colon displacement usually happens over spleen. Mild to moderate pain. Several successful treatments, excellent prognosis. Sometimes they try anesthesia and roll the horse several times. Can also try trotting a bit.

Small intestine strangulation is a serious emergency on a horse older than 12 years old. Good prognosis. Usually caused by a pedunculated lipoma.

## **Next month: notes on Tying up and Research Summit.**

I also attended a couple of the short seminars.

Robert Ribley spoke about "moving up in distance" from 50's to 100's. He said a 100 is NOT two 50's. A horse needs to be able to do a "challenging" 50 before he can go on to 100's. Said several times that he's been very fortunate to have had some horses that made him look good. (He don't look so bad off a horse, either...).

Equi-librium shoes rep said that the coffin bone should be at 3" angle, not flat. Foot should rotate over the coffin bone. Shoes should have a "consistent" toe roll. Their shoes have 33% more roll over than flat shoes. They are available where farriers buy their regular supplies.

Low Heart Rate Training (Tom Noll): purpose – to condition the body to use aerobic system during prolonged exercise and to use fat for fuel. The idea is that aerobic exercise leads to lower metabolic stress, lower injury rates, higher completion rates, greater endurance success and a longer partnership. Horses with a body condition score of 4.0 to 5.0 are more likely to finish.

Parameters – maximum heart rates in beats per minute:

Healthy, fit, prime horses: Under 140

Healthy, fit, mature horses: Under 130

Humans: 180 minus (real) age.

Subtract 10 beats per minute when first starting conditioning.

Ride all training and endurance rides under the maximum heart rate. Walk hills if necessary. As conditioning improves, speed will increase. Some rides like Tevis will require faster heart rates at times. Be thrifty when asking for additional beats per minute.

## Lockheed Fire, almost a year later...

(WHAT DO THEY DO WHEN THEY ARE NOT RIDING...???)

Lud and Barbara McCrary have just finished an extensive fence replacement/repair job on their ranch.

Barb writes:

Due to the Lockheed fire, most of our fencing was burned. As a bit of humor, Lud hates using metal T-posts in fences, preferring to split his own redwood pickets and posts. However, the only fence that survived relatively unscathed during the fire was one made with metal T-posts. The fence was located on a steep hill where it was difficult, if not impossible, to drive in wooden pickets. I like T-posts, because I can drive them myself. Driving wooden pickets requires overhead swinging with a wooden mallet, a technique that escapes me. All in all, we spent about three months of 3-day weekends to complete the job.

One section was on such a steep hill, running down to a deep gulch, and the ground was so slippery from recent rains, that we had to string a rope from tree to tree to hang onto while going down or climbing back up. We carried fence tools and strung barbed wire using the rope for a stabilizer. It was a unique experience, the likes of which we have never had before. Before the fire, we figured no cow in her right mind would plow through the dense brush to get out, but with the brush burned out, the countryside was wide open for cows to explore the neighbors land. We had to do something about that.



We also spent a recent 3-day weekend bucking, splitting, and stacking about 4 cords of madrone wood for future use. Lud likes to let split firewood dry in the stack for at least one year, occasionally two. Since our house is heated exclusively by a wood-burning stove and a fireplace, creating firewood is an essential. Fortunately, we both enjoy the project. The Lockheed fire killed vast numbers of madrones, oaks, and lilacs...the choicest of fire woods, and we'll be bucking and splitting firewood for many years to come.

The Hound's Tongue is prevalent, probably no more than normal, but at least it is alive and well. The redwoods are sprouting from the burned roots and some of them are putting out growth up along the trunk well above eye level, clear to the top. There are numerous lupines (bluebonnets) in bloom right now. I've seen some trillium in the deep forest areas, even though the trees are burned. Mushrooms are also prevalent, some of the edible varieties that I didn't even know about. Grass is looking good, and areas where we broadcast annual ryegrass, the variety that is preferred for planting on logging-disturbed ground, is just a thick mat of high grass. I'm sure our heifers are going crazy over it, as we just released them to the upper part of the ranch, now that the fences are secure (we hope.) The redwood, madrone, manzanita, and oak started putting out new leaves not too long after the fire was out. And the knobcone pines are sprouting, about an inch or so high now. Chemise is also re-sprouting and one of my favorites, Bush Poppies, is coming back from burned stalks.



I'm going to be interested to find whether my favorite songbird, the Hermit Thrush, comes this year. I always hear them up on the chalk ridges on Lockheed. Will they come, even though the trees are reduced to black skeletons? I'm waiting...April, May, June, July...then gone. They are hard to see, but I can hear them. Their voice is like a flute...so beautiful and a little eerie. I used to hear them on Chalk Mt. in May when we were flagging trail for Castle Rock (always held 3rd Saturday in May.) They and Bush Poppies, which were in full bloom on the chalks at the same time as the birds were singing... created lasting impressions in my memory.



## Favorite photo!

Finn McIntosh, at the beach in Moss Landing



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Becky volunteered Judith to help line up the Felton horse rescue people.

There are members who want The Quips mailed. The cost was discussed. The motion was made that members pay \$5 more a year to cover the newsletter. The motion did not pass and Elisabet will research the cost of printing and mailing hard copy newsletter.

Mary Anderson said that the SCCHA would like to have a joint fundraiser to help a membership drive. This will be a social event with b-b-q and a line dance instructor. The motion to spend \$300 club money to do this was made and passed. The date for this is June19.

The QSER website was discussed. Karla Perkins has worked on it in the past. It was brought up that the site needs to be updated. Kathy Brayton will check with Karla to see if she wants to continue managing the website.

It was discussed that members should limit their business promotions to one announcement.

Eric Hought is putting on a workshop Aug 27-29 at Lakeview Stables. He will take 10 attendees. Mary Anderson is the member who has the information.

Mary Anderson would like one person to be responsible for all the various supplies.

Becky adjourned the meeting at 8:10. The next meeting will be held at Tony & Alba's Pizza in Scotts Valley on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Brayton – QSER Secretary

*Getting to know your BOD is important. In the next few issues you will hear from some of the officers and board members of the club. Some, you may know well, others are not in the spotlight as often, but one thing's for sure, they all love their horses!*

*Featured this month: Maryben Stover*

I was born in San Jose, California, and have lived here all my life. I have essentially lived in the same house since 1949, except for three years when I was married and a year or so away from home.

I am one of the horse crazy girls. I was born with the "horse gene." When I was a little girl and later as teenager, my grandfather called me Maryhorse. My parents were not too sure about it but my mom supported my craze. My dad is the one that told us to "buy the damn horse" when my mom and I came home from the barn crying because the horse I was riding and leasing was going to be sold because his owner, a Catholic priest, just did not have time for him anymore. So I guess, my dad did support it. So at the age of 11 or so, I owned a horse. I had him for about 3 years but because we had to kick in support for my grandmother, we could not afford to keep him. I still had lessons at the barn and got to ride a lot, I just did not own my own horse.

When I got divorced, I started horseback riding with friends from work and eventually bought one of the horses on the rent string. That is the now famous Nevada Dust. We did everything with him, team roping, showing Western trail, showing hunter jumping classes (Becky did the English and I did the Western), lessons, ride and tie and even did some endurance riding on him, started his first ride (a 50) when he was 16 years old. I met my friend Orley White in Almaden where we boarded along that time somewhere. Orley and I eventually moved to a TWH stable in the Santa Cruz Mountains and met a 15 year-old kid named Becky Hart with a nutty ½ Arab named Nusan, called BooBoo. We went to a lot of shows together. Then Orley moved and Becky and I gravitated from showing and jumping lessons to trail riding and Endurance. That is a story in itself. Orley and I had crewed at a lot of endurance rides for Courtney Hart and his first wife so I knew a little about endurance riding, enough to know that "I" would never trot a horse downhill. Those words came back to haunt me many times.

Courtney eventually had to have knee surgery and gave me his 5 year old mare to ride. I had to condition her and pay for her shoes but got to ride endurance. My first ride was Becky's second ride. We decided that we would "top ten." We went over the map with a fine toothed comb and decided where we would trot and where we would canter. We did not think about walking. Needless to say, my horse was pretty tired at 30 mile lunch stop but the vet, after yelling at Courtney, let me go on. I was clueless. I walked the last 20 miles. Bear in mind that at that time I wore breeches and high English riding boots. My boots were new. I would walk on my feet until I could walk no more and then ride Jorah. She had a really springy trot and after a while my back would hurt so much, I would get off and walk. Somehow we both made it to the finish line. My second ride was a lot more fun.

I have 5 horses now and would like to finish off my 8,000 miles. I have 15 to go. Hopefully, some kid will ride with me to open gates and keep me from getting lost. I would also like to do the Big Horn 100 some day before it is gone.



Many years ago I was waiting at the finish line to see Heather riding my horse come across and to take pictures for her with her camera. When the roll of film was developed, I could not for the life of me figure out where this picture came from. It took me three months to remember that I had left the camera in the front seat of Julie Suhr's truck and she had returned it to me later. The picture is of Julie Suhr and the photographer is Bob Suhr.

# Classifieds....

## ITA Chicashah Bey,

AERC#:H34253

Arabian, 15 hand, Bay, 11 year old gelding. Bey is an energetic fun horse. He is very personable. He can Top Ten whatever ride you would like to do.

He would do well at Tevis.

\$8000 OBO

Heather Reynolds 408 687 7082

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I have a **black FreeForm treeless saddle** with leathers and a mohair girth for sale. 18" seat, used very little, in great shape. \$1250.

Barbara McCrary

[bigcreekranch@wildblue.net](mailto:bigcreekranch@wildblue.net)

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**2001 Black Bay, handsome, gelding prospect.** 15.1 hh. No AERC record, clean legs.

Forward, enjoys the trail, 4.8 mph walk, nice smooth canter. Needs experienced rider. \$3,000. Email

[alex@northcpa.com](mailto:alex@northcpa.com)

or call 209-962-8900.



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## NEW portable corral system:

Backed by Parelli and others.

Light weight, very easy to set up, attaches to your trailer. Call or email me and I can send a short video presentation.

Wendy Ebster

[horsewife@ymail.com](mailto:horsewife@ymail.com)

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Wendy Ebster writes: I have a new job: helping Haul Your Horse get trailers on their site.

[www.haulyourhorse.com](http://www.haulyourhorse.com)

## Haul Your Horse is a website where anyone can rent a trailer; for a day, weekend, or longer.

I will get a commission for any trailer I get on the site and gets rented.

**SO PLEASE GO THRU ME** I want to let everyone know of this service. Maybe you don't have a trailer anymore, and could use this site. Maybe you have a trailer collecting dust, as mine does 24 days out of the month, and would be willing to put it up for rent.

Wendy Ebster

[horsewife@ymail.com](mailto:horsewife@ymail.com)

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## 11 YO 14 hh Arabian Gelding

Endurance Prospect. Codigh ("Cody") is highly personable, super-intelligent, Raffles/Indraff (Al Marah) AHA registered horse (MV Double Vision AHR\*564422) with superb ground manners, lovely gaits, Natural Horsemanship savvy, and lots of go. Will also consider a boarding situation where you campaign and sell him for a the usual and customary % of the sale price. Beverley.

[sensei@horsensei.com](mailto:sensei@horsensei.com)

650-364-8722

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## I have for sale : 17" Stubben

**Seigfred** all purpose saddle with stirrups \$300

Brown string girth \$10 size 48 or maybe 50 inch

Raised brown leather cob size breast collar \$25

English brown leather girth with elastic \$25 50 inch

email [hobie\\_gal@yahoo.com](mailto:hobie_gal@yahoo.com)

or call Tracy 408 379-6209

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## Training and conditioning for you and your horse:

Winter rains, cold and snow slowing down you and your horses endurance conditioning program? Horses standing in mud? Are you riding in the rain? You will be soon. We can help at Ribley's Whispering Sands Ranch, located in southeast California near the Sierra mountains with dry desert conditions. Have your horse fit, healthy and ready to hit the trails soon! Call Robert Ribley for weekly/monthly rates.

(530) 268-1378 or

(760) 670-7677

email: [mribley@wildblue.net](mailto:mribley@wildblue.net)

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## For sale: BCR Katherina Bey,

2A337107-1999 ¾ Arab Bay mare, 15 hands, Echstrordinary X Fad-Tiffany. Sweepstakes nominated. Price \$3,500

Has had lots of training (including Natural Horsemanship) but has no one to ride her at present. Strong uphill horse, surefooted, has considerable trail experience. With some conditioning she could be ready for a 50 in short order.

Barbara McCrary

[bigcreekranch@wildblue.net](mailto:bigcreekranch@wildblue.net)



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**Tuck for sale!** '98 Chevy Silverado Extended Cab ½ ton. Set up for hauling 2-horse bumper pull trailer. The Snugtop Shell with BedRug gave me comfy sleeping quarters for multi-day endurance rides. New brakes and new brake controller. Service records available.



Runs well, reliable, serviced, smogged and ready for a new owner! \$4,500. All offers will be considered. Kathy Mayeda (650) 996-7709 [klmayeda@gmail.com](mailto:klmayeda@gmail.com)

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**Saddle for sale:**

Black Albion dressage saddle in good condition, \$1,100 or obo. It is an 18 MM K2 06651, saddle # 28740 which has been widened a bit and restuffed by David Gilpin. Please contact Judy Etheridge at 925 862-0232 or [misxfire@yahoo.com](mailto:misxfire@yahoo.com) for information.

**Caretakers:** we are in need of a couple to help maintain our property. In exchange for 20 hours of work a week (15 outdoor work, 5 housework) we provide a house plus utilities. Must have outside income and references.

Call Bob Suhr at 831-335-5933

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**I am selling this saddle** for \$1200 including mohair girth 22", standard fenders worth \$205 or if you prefer standard stirrup leathers worth \$120 and E-Z stirrups from

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Cost is \$125 and adopter needs to fill out an adoption application with BLM. He is ready for someone to take him the next step, and he'll be an awesome horse!!  
Sandy. [wildhorse1@gmail.com](mailto:wildhorse1@gmail.com)  
530-713-255

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