

Quicksilver Quips

December 2009

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. . . .

None submitted.

To the outgoing board – thank you for all your hard work!



Pictured from left to right: Maryben Stover, Ildi Nasdasdy,
Karla Perkins and Trilby Pederson

Not pictured: Kirsten Bernsten, Jennifer Voight
and Margaret Graham.

May you always have love to share,

Health to spare,

And friends that care

QS PEOPLE IN THE NEWS....



Our QS member, Lori McIntosh, has officially started her Equine and Canine Portrait Photography business. Lori's father, William S. McIntosh, has been a professional photographer for 61 years and her sister for over 10 years. He recently won the Lifetime Achievement Award with the Professional Photographers of America. Lori is very fortunate not only to have one of the top five portrait photographers as a mentor but also a father with creative genes. She has spent most of the year working closely with her father to finally pursue a passion of 30 years to become a professional photographer. It also helps that her best friend happens to be a very handsome model and partner.

Is it time to start thinking about your portrait with your furry partners for the holidays and for next year?

Visit her web site at:

www.lorimcintoshphotography.com

or contact her at 415-235-5246

Several Quicksilver members attended the Half Moon Bay Council meeting to voice their disagreement to the proposal to prohibit or restrict horses on the beach. Sandy Holder reports:

"The highlight of my week was my fairly passionate speech at the Half Moon Bay Council meeting Wednesday night - I felt was worth going to bed at midnight with a scheduled 6:54 a.m. flight Wednesday morning out of SFO. (I'll let the math wizz's figure out how much sleep that was!)."

Anyway, we made a difference! As you've probably heard by now, we were able to change the mind of the Town Council (seriously) from eliminating commercial horses - their stated "Option #2", to no restrictions, but a review in 1 year. Thanks Kathy Brayton, Beverly and hubby Ruben, Daniela Mielke (resident of HMB & QSER member) and one of my best buddies Suzanne, also a HMB resident. I mention the residency because we felt there was a bit of a disparaging remark made by the council, raising many of our hackles, and a point raised in my speech."

An article published in the local newspaper states that equestrians present rebutted the argument City officials made (who could not produce documentation to that effect) that "horses on the beach created an accident hazard and were responsible for most of the litter". For the coming year, the City has asked equestrians to voluntarily clean up the manure and educate beach goers and other equestrians about how to be safe on the beach, although City Manager Michael Dolder has little confidence in such good will efforts. "We don't think, in the end, volunteering is going to work. That's why we recommended something else," he said after the meeting. The city Council will revisit the issue next year, and could institute changes if there are no improvements. In the mean time, the city will charge an entry fee to horse riders at Poplar Beach and use the money to clean up the beach and parking lot.

The manure issue is one that sooner or later will affect us all. The last time I was at Harvey Bear, the lot was filthy. We cleaned up several piles before we left. I see the same problem at the Fall Creek lot. If we don't take responsibility for our horses' manure, we will eventually lose the use of parking lots. Manure may not seem that offensive to us, but it is to some people. It's not really reasonable to get off our horses every time they poop on the trail, but to not clean up the parking lots we use is nearsighted and irresponsible. Please help! pick up your horses' manure. Leave the parking lot cleaner than you found it! -Elisabet.

Thanks to all who contributed these yummy recipes. More mouth watering recipes coming next month! And don't forget to send me your spectacular "under 30 minutes, less than 4 ingredient, saddle bag proof, easy to make recipes" for the January Quips! Winners will be announced at the Jan meeting. I'm off to have some Amaretto coffee!!!

BARBARA MCCRARY'S STRAWBERRY-RHUBARB PIE - 10"

6 c. diced rhubarb
2 c. sliced strawberries
1-3/4 c. sugar
4 T. Minute tapioca
1 T. lemon juice
1 teas. grated orange rind
2 T. butter or margarine, melted

Mix all ingredients except butter and let sit while making pie crust. Pour filling into bottom crust, drizzle the butter or margarine over the fruit mixture. Cover with top crust, turn under edges and crimp. Cut small slits or holes in top crust, sprinkle with sugar. Place pie crust shield over top crust, or protect the edges from becoming too brown with strips of aluminum foil. Bake 425 degrees regular oven, or 400 degrees convection oven, until thickened juices bubble through the slits, usually about 45 minutes. Let cool before trying to cut pie.

HOLIDAY LIBATIONS by Marvin Snowbarger

1. **Amaretto Eggnog.** Ingredients: Amaretto, Eggnog, and Nutmeg. Preparation: Mix the Amaretto with the Eggnog and sprinkle Nutmeg on top. Serve refrigerator-cold.

2. **Amaretto Coffee.** Ingredients: Amaretto, Coffee, Whipped Cream, and Cherry. Preparation: Mix the Amaretto with the Coffee and put the Whipped Cream on top. Delicately and prominently put the Cherry on top of the Whipped Cream. Serve hand-warming hot.

TEAM SLOW POKE BROWNIES Contributed by Maryben Stover

This is their original recipe. They have made adjustments over the years.

They used the Ghiardelli brownie mix from Costco. Substitute Coke or Cherry Coke for water. After all mixed, add 1 1/2 c of miniature

marshmallows.

Bake at 325. Shake pan from time to time and when the mixture no longer giggles, they are done.

Chocolate pudding cake from Judy Etheridge *Good for kids to make with adult supervision*

Ingredients

1 box regular size chocolate pudding mix (cooked kind)
2 cups milk, 2% or full fat.
1 box chocolate cake mix
6 oz package chocolate or other flavor chips
3 or so oz. chopped walnuts or pecans

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9x13 baking pan. Cook the chocolate pudding mix according to directions in a 3 qt. pan. Remove pan from the heat and stir in chocolate cake mix all at once--work quickly because hot pudding will start cake mix cooking. Spread mixture in baking pan and sprinkle with chips and nuts. Cook about 30-35 min until cake appears to be done. You will take home an empty and practically clean pan:)

MARGARET'S ORZO DE LA CASA GRAHAM: From Margaret Graham

2 boxes of orzo pasta - the small rice shaped pasta in a small, square box
2 cups of chopped or shredded sun dried tomatoes (preferably dry packed, not in olive oil. If in olive oil, drain on paper towel before adding)
2 cup fresh chopped basil
4 cloves crushed garlic, or to taste if you like more or less garlic
1 tsp finely ground sea salt or to taste
1 tsp fresh ground pepper
1 cup toasted pine nuts
1/2 cup capers, drained
1 1/2 cups feta cheese (if in cube form, mash it up in a ziploc bag before adding)
4 tablespoons olive oil

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Orzo... continued:

Optional ingredients - 1 lb roasted or barbequed, sliced Italian sausage, mild or spicy red pepper flakes according to taste (I usually add 1 tsp to my dish)

Boil orzo until cooked al dente - slightly chewy - usually 9 to 11 minutes. Drain and put into large mixing bowl and toss with the olive oil. Add the basil, sun dried tomatoes, capers garlic, salt, pepper, and pine nuts and mix thoroughly. Toss in the feta, place in a serving dish and serve hot, room temperature or chilled. It pairs nicely with a dry Pinot Gris/Grigio or Malbec. This is a recipe that is readily adaptable to everyone's tastes, so just experiment and see what you like best. I have added chicken breast, swapped out the feta for shaved parmesan. There are few rules in my kitchen, so go be creative and enjoy. Margaret.

Beer Bread

Bob says this is his favorite recipe.

Contributed by Julie Suhr

3 cups self rising flour
1 can beer
2TBSP sugar
1 Tbsp. butter

Bake 1 hour at 375 degrees.

Get your veggies - Asian Coleslaw

Contributed by Jill Newburn

Serving for 10/Serving for 15

6 tablespoons/9 tablespoons **rice wine vinegar**
6 tablespoons/9 tablespoons **vegetable (not Olive) oil**
2 tablespoons/3 ½ tablespoons **sesame oil**
5 tablespoons/7 ½ tablespoons **creamy peanut butter**
3 tablespoons/ 4 ½ tablespoons **soy sauce**
3 tablespoons/ 4 ½ tablespoons **brown sugar**
2 tablespoons/3 tablespoons **minced fresh ginger root**

½ / 2 ¼ tablespoons **minced garlic**
2 cups/3 ½ cups thinly sliced **green cabbage**
2 cups/3 ½ cups thinly sliced **red cabbage**
5 cups/7 ½ cups thinly sliced **napa cabbage**
2/ 3 thinly sliced **red bell peppers**
2/ 3 julienned **carrots**
6/9 chopped **green onions**
1/2cup/3/4 **cup chopped fresh cilantro**

Directions:

In a medium bowl, whisk together the rice vinegar, oil, peanut butter, soy sauce, brown sugar, ginger, and garlic.

In a large bowl, mix the cabbage, bell peppers, carrots, green onions and cilantro. Toss with the peanut butter mixture just before serving.

Karla Perkins' Nut Cups

Crust - Mix Well:

1 stick Butter
1 cup Flour
3 ounces Cream Cheese

Filling - Mix Well:

¾ cup Brown Sugar
1 tablespoon Butter
1 teaspoon Vanilla
1 Egg
2/3 cup Nuts (Walnuts, Pecans, etc)

Mix Well

Spray well mini muffin pans. Smash crust into pans to make crust. Spoon filling into crusts.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

These are great, but a bit of work. When we have 'cookie baking day' usually the weekend after Desert Gold, we ALWAYS make these, they are the absolute favorite of our group of bakers (and our families who eat them)

OK everyone... go try some of these and report back to the club (preferably with samples).

QSER MEETING MINUTES

11/18/09

Meeting called to order at 7:09PM

Present: Maryben Stover, Ildi Nadasdy, Trilby Pederson, Karla Perkins, Patrick Perkins, Marvin Snowbarger, Becky Hart, Bing Voight, Jennifer Voight, Kathy Brayton, Elisabet Hiatt & husband Ron, Lori Oleson, Cathy Kauer, Lori McIntosh, Pam Villa, Mary Anderson

Minutes from the last meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's report:

General	\$6,037.45
Trails	\$1,071.82
Junior	\$ 453.48

Ride P&L statement was presented and will be published in newsletter. The ride made a profit.

Mary Anderson is handling the awards banquet for this year and requested a budget of \$2,500.00. Motion was approved. You may email Mary at horsemileage@hotmail.com with any suggestions and/or help. Will be a dance and dinner (potluck or spaghetti feed) at the Santa Clara County Horsemen's facility. There will be a line dancing instructor. More info to come.

Patrick and Bing volunteered to head up the Hall of Fame committees for rider and horse. Any nominations should be sent to them. The Eleanor Norton Award committee is headed by Barbara and Lud McCrary and the Horse of the Year award by Dennis Tracy.

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Congratulations to Karla and Patrick Perkins on their 31st Wedding anniversary, this month!! Way to go you two!

Looking for the perfect gift?

LONDON (Reuters) – For those not constrained by these austere times, a German luxury goods company is offering a limited edition fountain pen, adorned with pleated horsehair and starting at \$3,500.

Faber-Castell, which has been in business since 1761, started its "Pen of the Year" in 2002 and each year has used a different type of rare material, including mammoth ivory, 200-year-old olive tree wood, and Indian satin wood.

The weaving of horsehair is a highly skilled, intricate and time-consuming process and one of Germany's leading experts in the art, Dorit Berger, has been working on the pens.

Horsehair presents a special challenge. The tail hairs of a horse are relatively stiff and short, and so cannot be spun to a continuous thread. They cannot be woven in a conventional way.

Speaking in the office of luxury goods store William & Son in London's upscale Mayfair district earlier this month, Count Anton-Wolfgang von Faber-Castell, CEO of the company, said the pens are increasingly sought after by collectors.

"It is becoming more and more difficult to put together a collection of all of the Pens of the Year," he told Reuters.

William & Son's Store Manager Roy Connor said he believed the horse-racing fraternity would be a strong market for the horsehair pen, which is plated in platinum and has an 18-carat gold nib.

The standard model costs \$3,500 from the shop, but if a client wants a pen made with the tail hair of his own horse, a bespoke order can be carried out for around \$8,000.



Our dog Odin is obsessed with running at the beach and running with the horses being an English Fox Hound. Here, he is almost manic at San Simeon Beach running towards me. What? Oh, a seagull is sitting behind me waiting for him.

Submitted by Lori McIntosh

Tango's most excellent emergency surgery adventure

(or how he spilled his guts for the vets at Steinbeck!) by E.Hiatt

March, 2008. Well... all our riding plans for the season were seriously de-railed by the train wreck of emergency colic surgery. My sweet Tango rolled or bucked just the right -or, should I say, wrong-way, and he got a section of small intestine stuck in the tiny space created between his aorta, liver and stomach. The official term is Epiploic Foramen entrapment. One in a thousand shot that can only be corrected with surgery.

On a sunny Sunday afternoon, suddenly something just didn't look right. Actually, it looked mighty bad, and I knew in my heart that I needed to act fast. Called the vet who thought Tango might have displaced his large intestine while rolling, and gave me the option of waiting to see if it righted itself or go to Steinbeck in Salinas, just in case his condition deteriorated... I felt in my gut we needed to GO, so we went to Steinbeck in a hurry... and none too soon! Ultrasound and palpation did not show anything wrong with the large colon, but some distension in the small intestines. Tango was going down hill fast and was not responding to pain meds at all, so off to surgery he went... In a space of 4 hours I went from having a healthy, happy horse to having veterinarians give me somewhat bleak odds of survival. It's quite a shock. My husband insisted we go ahead with the surgery when I hesitated. I'm so glad for that.

It was a hard surgery to watch, but I could not stay away.



After the incisions were made, Dr. Eastman, the main surgeon, started pulling intestines out. There is a lot of stuff in there... and when they plopped his large intestine out and put it between his legs, my husband thought it was not possible or normal for something to be that big. For several hours Dr. Eastman kept sticking his arm, clear up to his shoulder inside Tango's body cavity. Gallons of saline solution were poured on the intestines that were exposed to keep them moist. The anesthesiologist kept a close eye on Tango's vitals, and several other people assisted. It was a strange ballet. After a bout 2 ½ hours, Dr. Eastman turned towards the observation window, and gave us a "thumbs up" sign. We finally stopped holding our breath. Watching them transport Tango from the operating table to the recovery room, hanging by his legs was awful. He looked so lifeless...



They warned us that the "waking up" process could be rough, but apparently he did well. Once we got word he was ok, we decided to go home. It was past 3AM.

I visited him several times during the following days, and brought him home six days after the surgery. We were looking at about 3 months of rehab ahead of us before I could even think of riding him, but they told me his chances of going back to what he was doing before were excellent. We had about another week of anxiety and antibiotics (he aspirated some stomach fluids during the surgery and the vets were worried about pneumonia), and after that we were able to breathe a little easier. Ah, to be young and in great shape!

How it looked when I called the vet:

HR – normal (yep, I know, unbelievable). Resp – 60. Gut sounds –none. Intermittent tremors all over his body. A very painful expression on his face. Did not paw, or try to roll, but laid down a couple of times. Enjoyed belly lifts while waiting for the vet to arrive. No interest in food.

Many lessons to consider: if possible, always have your rig hooked up and ready to go, keep gas in the tank, teach your horse to load, even if he doesn't feel like it, keep some food and drink for yourself in your rig -we left the house at 6PM, skipped dinner, and were at Steinbeck until after 3AM, plus the hour long drive home... a long time since lunch. It was sure nice to have a snack handy (especially for my husband, whose stomach was not as tied up in a knot like mine!) and the biggest one: LISTEN to your gut not just the horse's. All these things were perfectly lined up in our case, and even then, we almost didn't make it. Had we driven Tango to Davis (which we briefly considered) he might not have survived, or the vets may have had to cut out a dead section of intestines, significantly lowering his chance of recovering (60-65 % survival odds!). Because we acted so quickly, we "only" had to deal with a 13" incision in his belly, which is traumatic enough for me, thank you very much!

Weeks 2-4

Staples (yep, they stapled his tummy shut) came out on week two. The incision was swollen, but all looked well according to the vet. Tango was getting more antsy and his daily walks gradually increased to about 20-30 minutes. He wanted more, but he couldn't have it.

Weeks 5-10

Tango began learning to control himself, even if he felt like running. Our walks became a great training opportunity. I thought I would hate the daily routine, but it brought us much closer and we began communicating on a deeper level. It was pretty awesome. Barbara White had told me, shortly after the surgery, that I would cherish the time I'd spend with Tango while he recovered. I wasn't too convinced at the time, but as usual, she was absolutely right.

The incision was still somewhat swollen, but the hair began growing back. I was concerned about the swelling, and called Steinbeck. They said some swelling was normal, but to bring him in if not comfortable with that.

I asked Wendy McDonald to come and do some body work on Tango. I figured that hanging by his legs and spending 2 ½ hours on his back on the surgery table might have tweaked some things. She did an amazing job and he thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it (Tango highly recommends her!).



Week 11

Nancy Elliott came out to do some chiropractic work on my other horse, Solo, and also take a look at Tango. She informed me that his "swelling" was a hernia and strongly encouraged me to have it checked. We went back to Steinbeck and they did an ultrasound. It was a small benign hernia and the surgeon was not concerned unless it got bigger. He gave me the ok to start riding!! Not sure how or why the hernia happened (I really did follow their instructions to the letter!) but apparently around 10% of these surgeries develop one. This will probably be a "cosmetic flaw" on his belly for the rest of his life. It looks kind of funky to me, but most people may not even notice it, so I'll chill out. Every time I look at it, it reminds me of how close I came to losing him.

Week 12

Tango's birthday was on June 20th and I was planning on a 15 minute birthday ride. Fires broke out in Santa Cruz County and we got derailed helping evacuate horses from the burning areas.

Oh well, I waited this long, I could wait a couple more days... bummer...

Then it finally happened. A few days later, I saddled him up, took him to the trailhead got on him and... he was totally perfect, calm and ready to go! Whew... I was expecting some resistance, but maybe all that time he spent resting gave him a chance to think about all that he had learned before the surgery. Cool.

Spent the rest of the week riding short rides and using Solo to pony Tango on slightly longer rides. All went well. Got the OK to increase the riding time by 5 minutes a week! Yey!!

Week 13-14

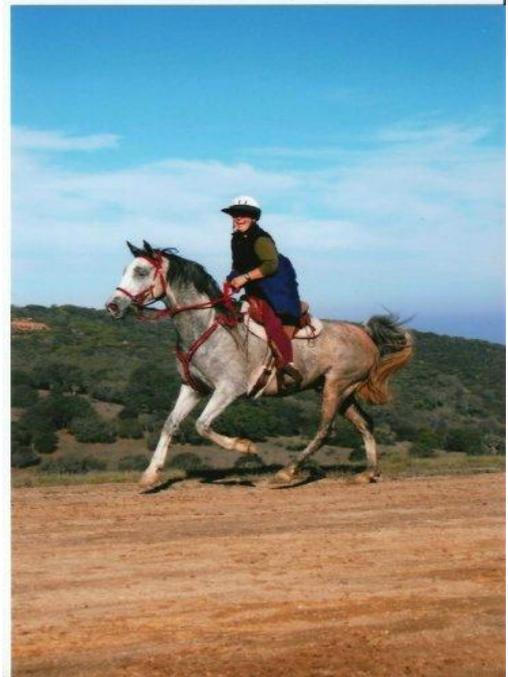
Riding ½ hour, or taking him for a pony ride for about one hour. He was out of shape and even small hills got him winded. I guess we went back to square one as far as conditioning, but he was SO happy to be out and about again! (and so was I).

Week 15

Riding Tango for about an hour, up and down hills and even adding a little trotting on the flat. We worked up to this for a couple of weeks, and it all went well. I started to look at ride dates and make tentative plans. The vets at Steinbeck told me "...do whatever you want, just don't enter him in the Tevis yet". Well, the Tevis got cancelled due to all the fires that year any way... (first time in fifty some years, not that I was even remotely tempted) but getting back from the first one hour ride was as cool to me as finishing the Tevis! We're back!!!

I sent in my entry for the Quicksilver Fall ride. I had 3 more weeks to fine tune Tango to do 25 miles. We took it easy, and finished with no problems. A

few months later we did all three days of the LD at Desert Gold. We received the overall BC for horses that had done all three days. I can't tell you how much that meant to me. In about 7 months time I went from almost losing him to this. I was so very proud of him.



Almost a year to the day of his surgery we finished his first 50 and we are still going strong.

I really hope I never have to go through this again, and I also hope some of this information helps if some of you have to go through it.

For a while I was bummed about the months we "wasted" but then I realized they were not wasted at all... Tango and I really bonded. They were truly a blessing in disguise, just like our horses are.

Hope to see you on the trails. If you want to check out Tango's hernia, let me know... you can actually stick your fingers up into his tummy. Pretty creepy!!

This just in: Grandmas don't really know everything!!!

Little Tony was 9 years old and was staying with his grandmother for a few days. He'd been playing outside with the other kids for a while when he came into the house and asked her: 'Grandma, what's that called when two people sleep in the same room and one is on top of the other?' She was a little taken aback, but she decided to tell him the truth. 'It's called sexual intercourse, darling.' Little Tony said, 'Oh, OK,' and went back outside to play with the other kids.

A few minutes later he came back in and said angrily: 'Grandma, it isn't called sexual intercourse. It's called Bunk Beds. And Jimmy 's mom wants to talk to you.'

Meeting minutes - continued from page 4....

Goodwill: Cards have been sent to Dolly DeCair, Scott Sansom and Elisabet Hiatt.

Election report for officers follows:

President: Becky Hart – 16, Sandy Holder – 0

Vice President: Ildi Nadasdy – 11, Elisabet Hiatt – 5

Election for Board as follows:

Elisabet Hiatt – 13, Lori McIntosh – 13, Cathy Kauer – 11, Sandy Holder – 6

2010 Officers:

Becky Hart, President

Ildi Nadasdy, Vice President

Kathy Brayton, Secretary

Maryben Stover, Treasurer

Lori McIntosh, Elisabet Hiatt, and Cathy Kauer, Board members

Christmas Party will be 12/9/09 at the New Almaden Community Center at 6:00 p.m. It will be potluck and bring a wrapped gift for the gift grab.

The Research Committee has asked that the club host a panel discussion and question and answer session to discuss the panel's findings and their recommendations regarding, among other things, horse fatalities. There will be a panel of vets and ride managers. Patrick Perkins will donate \$500 and asked the club to provide \$500 in matching funds. Becky Hart moved that the club do so. Discussion followed and the motion was passed. Any contributions from other members will be tax deductible. This is an opportunity for members to hear the panels findings and recommendations and let them know the membership's feelings prior to any rule changes being voted on by the AERC board.

The January meeting will be at Tony & Alba's in Scotts Valley. More information will follow. It is likely that the meeting place will be moving around during the next year and members should check out the meeting place for each month in the Quips. Cathy Kauer would like to host a meeting at her house for March or April.

Sandy Holder, Lori McIntosh and Kathy Brayton attended the Half Moon Bay city council meeting on 11/17/09. On the agenda was a motion to ban horses from the part of the beach which is owned by the City. There were a lot of equestrian interests represented at the meeting and the motion was defeated.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Ildi Nadasdy, Secretary

Postcards from the edge....

We received two postcards from Lars Larson who is now in Norway living with his sister:

#1 "Dear friends and Steve Lenheim: thanks for another great calendar. This always makes me remember all so well. I am so glad the years with the horses keep going on. It sounds like the trails are keeping up, too. The Tevis and all, full of hoof prints. This card is from where I live now. Lots of trails but not riding horses. Viri was always in full spirit, come on, let's ride! so much-so many-always. I am so glad for the friendship with the horses, the camaraderie we all got going. You all made my years in USA great- thanks again! All is good and slow. Memories are popping up" Lars.

#2 "Dear friends: thanks for the Qsilver 2009 calendar with names and pictures of various friends and their horses. The years in New Almaden were good and the love for the horses always great. Remember the Tevis and all, horses with their ears up in the air- they did know they were loved and wanted-giving their all. Viri never forgot a horse, he was always talking about it. Arabian horses love to run he'd say, it don't hurt them! He also liked how you all took good care of your horses. You can see it he'd say! Think sun!" Lars.

The Manly Men of QuickSilver

**** Special Feature ****



Marvin Snowbarger and Magic Kidd

When was the first time you sat on a horse, and what do you remember about it?

My adult riding activities(no horse associations as a kid, but always sports) began January 1, 1973(I missed the Rose Bowl football game), when a former student(Ken Williams) asked me to be his partner in the June 1973 Levi Ride and Tie Championship in Angels Camp, CA.. I agreed because we were going to ride horses, which were supplied generously by Bill Bentham, DVM. Ken and I finished 7th. Since then, horses, ride 'n tie, and endurance riding have been a part of my life. (Ken was an exceptional athlete, eventually winning 3 Ride and Tie championships with three different partners on three different horses.)

How do you think your life would be different if you had never been introduced to horses?

I cannot know the unknown, but I've always liked animals, and horses fit nicely with my interest in athletics. I've never wished for a different scenario over these last several decades.

Who is/was the most influential horse person in your life, and why?

Well, all the horse-related people who have been in my life have influenced me. However, Ken Williams and Bill Bentham (and his family) were at the start of all this, so I would consider them the most influential.

When was the first time you sat on a horse, and what do you remember about it?

My dad sat me on one of our broodmares out in the pasture, no saddle, bridle or halter. Her name was Angel and she was a mare my grandfather gave my parents for a wedding present. I was 3 or 4 years old.

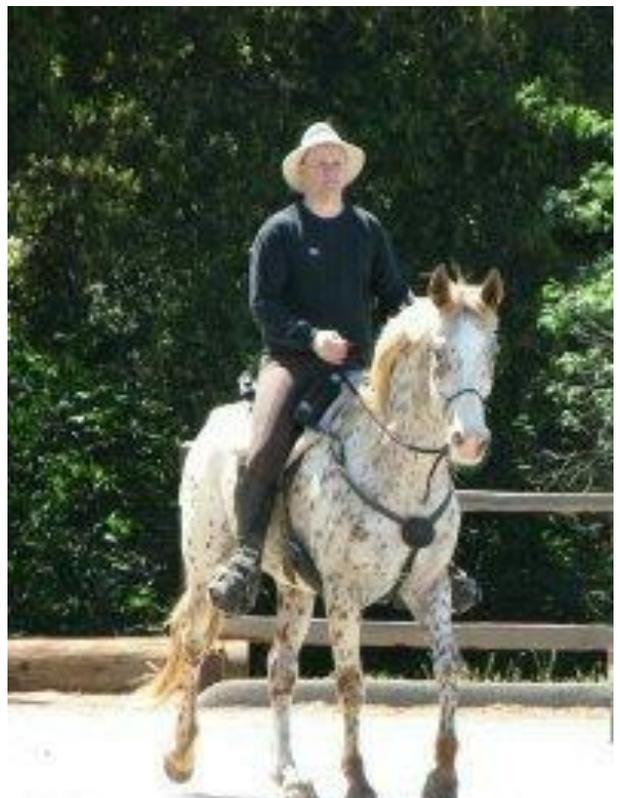
How do you think your life would be different if you had never been introduced to horses?

I would be rich!!! And in jail. And still in the Air Force.

Who is/was the most influential horse person in your life, and why?

My dad. We horsed around from the time I could walk until the present day. We always can talk horse on the phone no matter how many miles are between us and how long since we have seen each other. He is my hero.

Scott Sansom and Monster

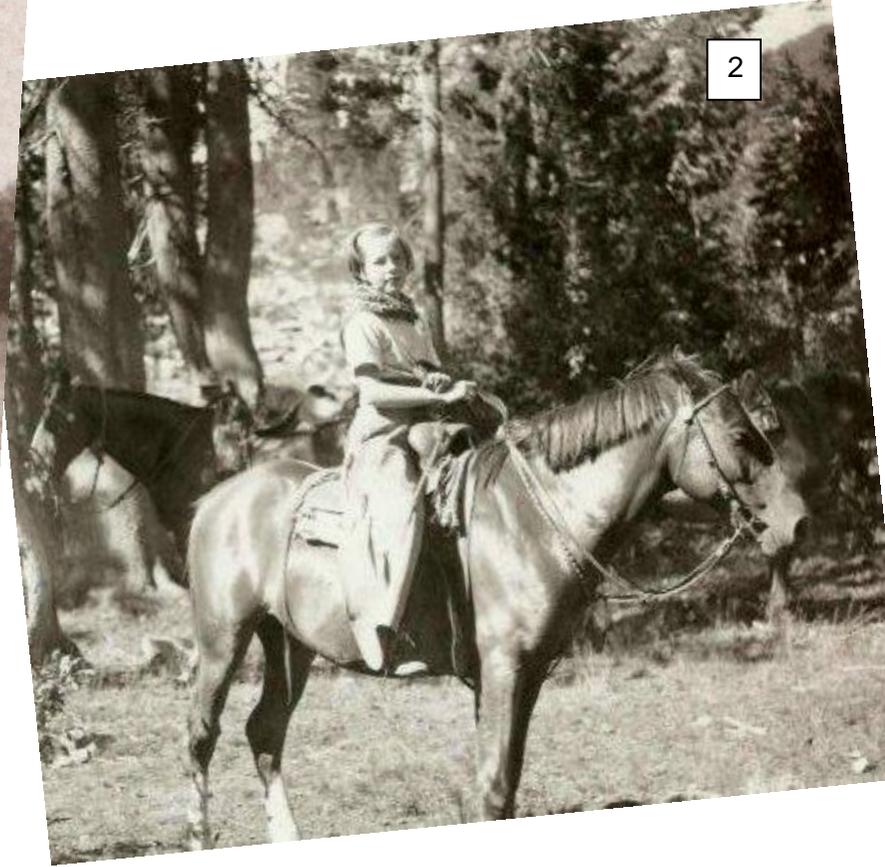


Oh, BABY!!

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(This comment came with photo #1. I just had to include it, because I thought it was too funny not to share. – Elisabet)

Dickie was my brothers pony which they finally outgrew and I got to ride him. He would take me down to the barn and back two times and then he was done. The best part was that he would run flat out on the return trip both times. Dickie would also come in the house and play dead on the living room floor, but only when our mother went to town. We were busted one time because he ate a cantaloupe on his way through the dining room and the pony size bite was very hard to disguise. He also reared and bowed on cue and pulled a buggy several times for the Hanford old-timers parade.

Who are these cuties? Answers are somewhere in the newsletter

Contributed by Michele Roush

Here is a little something I just emailed to a friend who asked me if there is a twelve step program for hobby (read horse) addiction. I call it a girl's twelve step program for equine addiction:

step 1: make sure all potential friends and family know ahead of time about the addiction, so they have no excuse to whine after they realize the extent of it...

step 2: make sure work schedule is flexible

step 3: imprint children early to life within ride camp, especially around holiday time

step 4: learn which neighbors are worthy of and willing to feed the extra horses left home when you are gone

step 5: give up on fingernails

step 6: buy only house plants that are cacti

step 7: outdoor plants should either be on a water timer, or be bulbs

step 8: give up on having a nice car free of dog or horse hair

step 9: ask people at work to please tell you when you have hay in your hair, instead of letting you walk around with it all day

step 10: give up on social life/boyfriend

step 11: learn how to use leverage to buck bales of hay that weigh more than you do

step 12: give in to it, it's never going to change, and it will give back as much as you put into it!

Three questions

When was the first time you sat on a horse, and what do you remember about it?

I don't remember anything about the first time I sat on a horse, but my older brother loves to tell the story. I was 5 years old and, after much begging and pleading from me, our parents took us to my uncle's house to ride his horse (an ex-racehorse, go figure). The story goes that after just a few minutes the horse tossed me off, and I hit my head on the wooden fence and received a minor concussion. All the way to the hospital I kept asking my mom, "When do I get to ride a horse? You promised!"

How do you think your life would be different if you had never been introduced to horses?

Without horses I imagine myself as one of those people who live an entire lifetime always wondering why they're not quite content. When I'm too busy to spend at least a few moments of the day with a horse I feel like half a person.

Who is/was the most influential horse person in your life, and why?

My husband. His ground training abilities with a horse are not often displayed because we spend so much time in the saddle out on the trail, but he can put long-lines on a fractious young horse and have them confidently trotting figure eights in half an hour. And, he always keeps a level head; when all hell breaks loose and I've temporarily lost my "critical thinking skills" he calmly and assertively does what needs to be done. No muss, no fuss. Some day I'll figure out how he does that.

Can you guess who answered the questions? *

NEWS FLASH!! One new and specially elected position in the Quicksilver club was nominated and approved on the spot:

"Disturber Of the Peace Extraordinaire"

By unanimous vote of all members present, Steve Lenheim was selected as the official D.O.P.E. of the club, until further notice."

Tee-hee ...



**Merry
Christmas!**

Photo: Jan Jeffers and Ladybug delivering presents

**Quicksilver Fall Classic ride
financial report (from Trilby)**

Total Income: \$4,625

Expenses:

Food \$418.23

Veterinarians: \$1,100

Sanction Fee: \$35

Drug Testing: \$225

Camping & other: \$813

Total Expenses: \$3,756.12

Net gain: \$868.88

Did you know... that the Quicksilver Club was originally formed in the Fall of 1977 and that the club's bylaws were put in effect in February, 1979.

For the next few issues, your snoopy Editor will try to dig up some photos, articles and maybe even copies of some of the original newsletters for your viewing pleasure. As always, if you have any photos, articles, memories or anything else you'd like to contribute on this subject, please let me know. I think it will be fun for most of us to take a trip down memory lane!

Thanks to Judy Etheridge for the "heads up"!!

Oh Baby!!! 1 Pat Verheul 2 Julie Suhr 3 Lori Oleson How did you do???



Favorite Photo. Submitted by Mary Inman

Dave Fanara (on the right) with a family friend, riding in Quicksilver Park on Saturday September 5. 2009. We watched fire planes fly overhead to put out the forest fire in the park! and made it out of the park by 4:45 pm while the firefighters were still fighting the fire!

Classifieds....

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

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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

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

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Shipping Container/Storage unit. Waterproof/Lockable. Excellent shape 8x20 \$2,000.00/OBO

Susie & Scott

Call (408) 984-5729



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

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 (*costs the trailer owner nothing*). I also will act as a liaison between trailer owners and HYH; to make the whole process of signing up easier, getting them necessary information faster, and provide tips for preparing to rent. Ah! I know what you're thinking! What if someone's horse(s) hurt my trailer?

Well that's why you do this through Haul Your Horse, and not on your own. Frankly, I don't want some of my friends' horses using my trailer so I would never have done this on my own. Haul Your Horse carries the insurance for any ding, dent or major issue. The renter is made to pay for the repair (*they have a deductible*) and if they don't pay Haul Your Horse handles it. This has happened a few times to the owner of HYH, Shannon, and she is sure to get the trailer owner paid first. Then she goes to work with her collection agency or whatever means she needs to get her money from the deadbeat renter. ***You get your fee (and your repairs if any) paid no matter what. She's values the trailer owners. Good business woman.

It's just a fantastic deal. I have my trailer on there (see the one in El Cajon), and it is great to make a little pocket change just by letting someone pick it up. This weekend while I'm in Oregon for a wedding, I'll make \$70 without lifting a finger. They're taking it for 2 days; \$70 per day, I make half the rental fee, HYH keeps the other half. So,

I want to let everyone know of this service.

Maybe they don't have a trailer anymore, and could use this site. Maybe they 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

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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. His cousins and half-sibs are doing well in endurance. I bought (and vetted) him to be my 100-mile horse, but I have not been able to get him out on the trails due to lack of trailer and I no longer want to do a 100. Is a hard-working, fun little horse for a calm and confident rider. He is now in a hilly 40-acre, so he could do an LD tom'w, a 50 by the end of the ride season. He is ridden in treeless saddle and bitless bridle. 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

650-364-8722

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
or call Tracy 408 379-6209

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More Classifieds....

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. Unlimited miles of trails available with excellent footing. Good riding conditions throughout the winter. Send your horse to us for training/conditioning or come yourself to ride with us and learn how to become a successful endurance rider. Private bunkhouse available. Experienced endurance rider and horse trainer (30,000 AERC miles and multiple AERC national and regional championships) to condition/train you and/or your horse. Have trained and conditioned two Haggin Cup winning horses. Beginners welcome. On-site veterinarian available to monitor horses in training. 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: mriley@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 ex-perience.
Completely sound, great legs and
feet. Shoes, bathes, clips
(including legs), takes paste

wormer like it was candy. Ponies
off our John Deere Gator (farm
utility vehicle.) Rides in a snaffle or
rope halter. Trail, endurance, or
would make a good dressage
horse. Very light, responsive, and
collected. Friendly, likes attention,
and is easy to catch in pasture.
Lovely ground manners. This mare
has huge potential, and several of
her siblings have already done, or
are doing, endurance. Her 3/4
sister finished Swanton Pacific 100
in 2008. She needs an
experienced rider with light hands;
she is not a beginner's horse. We
bred her and raised her and she
has had routine care since birth.
With some conditioning she could
be ready for a 50 in short order.
Barbara McCrary
bigcreekranch@wildblue.net



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Truck 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

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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 for
information.

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
Specialized saddles. The seat is
an 18" Classic X that has a slightly
built up cantle and moulded
"poleys" worth \$315 new. The
saddle is in excellent condition as
it was hardly used since my horse
was in rehab from bone chip
surgery. My cell is 415-235-5246.
Lori McIntosh.



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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

Even More Classifieds.....

A friend of Judy Etheridge sent this post:

I brought home a three yr old gelding as a halter gentling project this Summer. Unfortunately, he has not been adopted and I am now faced with sending this lovely horse back to the corrals unless I can manager to get him adopted soon. I just can't keep him over the Winter. If you know anyone who might be interested I'd sure appreciate you sending them my way. Eli is a bay, 3 yr old gelding from the South Shoshone HMA in North Central Nevada (several of this year's Mustang Makeover mares at the Western States Horse Expo were from his herd). He is a good sized boy, 15.1 and still growing. Nice, big bone and great feet. Star, strip, snip and several socks/partial socks with ermine spots. He is halter trained, although still somewhat skeptical when meeting new people. He is, however, a very curious and playful horse. He is a quick study, sensible, doesn't over react, not a spooky type. Well suited for dressage, trail, endurance or anything someone wants to teach him. Like most mustangs, he's a fairly easy keeper. He leads, enjoys grooming, picks up his feet – has just had a trim, is learning to tie, load in the stock trailer, comes to you for haltering, knickers and neighs to you when you come out the door. He also lunges, yields his quarters, shoulders. Loves to play with the giant ball, crosses a bridge, & walks over feed sacks. Seems to enjoy the company of other horses, but doesn't het upset when you take them away.



I'd love to find a home for him!! It would be such a shame to send him back to the corrals after all the time I've put into him. Any potential adopter must meet BLM adoption requirements, although a 5' fence would be acceptable as he is halter broke. 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

530-713-2552

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Two proven endurance horses for sale. Dream Star (1315 miles) and Flash (750 miles). Both love to go and are safe to ride for kids and new riders. Dreamy is priced at \$8,000.00 and Flash is priced at \$7,000.00. If they could be kept together the price could be negotiated. If interested call Lorrie Barger at 530-549-5169 or cell which is 530-355-2822.

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Stuff Wanted...

Stirrups with cages.
Elisabet
lazo@ucsc.edu

****A Note from the editor regarding ads. Please read this****

Hello everyone. Couple of things: I'm totally new at this, and learning the program and the "art" of newsletter making from scratch. For some odd and mysterious reason unknown to me, my Word program, once in a while, just EATS one or more of the ads placed. Can't for the life of me, figure out why. Soooo if your ad disappears, and I don't catch it, the newsletter may go out without it. Please let me know, and I will add it to the next newsletter. It's happened a couple of times, and I've decided it's not worth pulling my hair over it, and just accept it as a gremlin in the system. Hope you understand.

The other thing is that some of the ads are getting mighty long, so what I will do from now on, is publish the full length ad the first time, and then shorten it on consecutive months. That way we won't have a 30 page long Quips! If someone wants more details on an ad, they can refer to one of the previous Quips, or just contact the seller.

Thanks for your patience and understanding, and for sending all the great stuff that makes the Quips YOUR newsletter!!

Elisabet



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:

Maryben Stover
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San Jose, CA 95125-3535
408 265-0839

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



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