

Quicksilver Quips



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Presidents Message

Rachel Miura

February 26, 2024

Happy March! I hope you've been able to dodge the rain and get out on the trails that are open.

I know I've been excited by some signs of early spring - more birdsong, buds on trees, and more daylight! Yay!

February was a busy month for the Club:

We celebrated together at our annual banquet on February 10, and it was fun to catch up with both new and tenured members.

Later in the month the Club was represented at the AERC convention in Albuquerque - with members both in attendance and garnering various awards.

More about both of these events are included in this edition of Quips.

The Board is cooking up a couple of new initiatives which we'll share more about when ready.

If you'd like to hear more first hand, and contribute ideas of your own, you're welcome to attend our next Board meeting - Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30pm (online).

You can reach us at qser-board@googlegroups.com if you'd like to attend or if you have something else to share.

Wishing you some dry trails and the chance to get out and enjoy some fresh air with your lovely horses!

Hi everyone- I added the **2024 club directory** to the “members only” page on the web site.
From the web site click on the “Members only” button.

There is a button to download the directory in PDF format.
If anyone has any content, or any ideas for what they would like to see on the website
please let me know.

Thanks, **Nick**

2024 QSER Club Calendar

17 Jan - Election of 2024 Officers
10 Feb QSER Banquet
23/24 Feb AERC Convention (Jacksonville)
13 July QS Support to Fireworks ride
15 July “Go Live” for QS Ride Entries
20 July QS Support to Tevis Cup – Finish Line Team

Aug? QS Camping at SCCHA
10 Sep Kick-off Board Search Committee.
28 Sept QS Fall Classic Endurance Ride
15 Dec All Awards Nominations Due
15 Jan Election of **2025** Officers

Good friends help
you find important things
when you have lost them...
things like your smile, your
hope and your courage.

-Doe Zantamata

Upcoming 2024 events:

**Santa Cruz Horsemen has the
Fireworks Ride on the Calendar for July
13 if the River Crossing is Repaired
in time.**

Other Options being discussed.

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**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON  
MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>!!!!**

*From Judith Ogus*



May is CUREPSP awareness month. PSP is Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, a neurodegenerative disease in the class of diseases that are called Parkinson's Plus syndromes. Another is CBD, corticobasal degeneration, which Becky was diagnosed with last July. We are in several non-profit support groups for these diseases. We meet monthly with other patients and caregivers to discuss methods of coping with and alleviating the symptoms of the disease. One week a fellow member of the group came up with this saying and I had to design a tee shirt to spread the word. I am doing some market research here to see if people would be interested in buying this tee. All proceeds after paying my expenses will go to CUREPSPS and to the UCSF MERI Center, which also host supportive groups that we attend. The tees will be \$20 plus shipping, which should be around \$5.50. I will get sizes from Small to XXL. Please share this post. There are no cures for these diseases, only palliative care as they progress. There is ongoing research, and we have just joined a study at UCSF. *Please let Judith know if you are interested: [judith@randomarts.biz](mailto:judith@randomarts.biz)*

### **Website and other important updates from Nick and Rachel:**

Hi everyone - we're in the process of updating our Club website, and wanted to see if anyone had any stories and/or photos we could add to the Club History page here:

<https://www.qser.net/club-history>

Also, do you have any ideas for what additional content you'd like to see on the site? Please send your ideas to Nick: [nwarhol@comcast.net](mailto:nwarhol@comcast.net) and Rachel: [r8chlmiura@icloud.com](mailto:r8chlmiura@icloud.com) !

### **2023 Yearbook is out!!**

The Yearbook is now on the website!! Lots of photos and, of course, current member's information.

If your mailing address/email or other information has changed in the last year or two and you didn't make the update, please let Rachel or Nick know so they can ensure they include the most up-to-date info in the current yearbook online.

### **New favorite word: "ERROGANT"**

**When you are completely wrong, but you're also totally certain about it.**

### **AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM JULIE SUHR**

Dear Friends: I am looking for someone to live in my downstairs apartment. This is a job of sorts as this person has to be here pretty much full-time, available to check on me a few times a day and for emergencies and the occasional small task. I also need company for a trip to Scotts Valley on Fridays for shopping and errands. This person will need their own car.

I am not looking for a nurse, but rather someone with good common sense and some strength and agility. I am not looking for a companion – I am independent and self-sufficient in most things.

I can give them all day Wednesday – Thursday morning off, and most of Friday. And their friends would be welcome as long as they are pretty quiet and respectful.

The apartment downstairs is fully furnished and very comfortable. There is a kitchen, bedroom, bath, and a large adjacent room with couches and a television. The apartment has a private entrance. As an added bonus, there are large pastures and shelters, so having your horse(s) there is a possibility I live on a 300+ acre property with lots of walking trails and great neighbors. I am about 15 minutes from Scotts Valley.

I am fortunate to have found someone to stay with me through Wednesday, March 20th. The start date for this new person is about then, although it can be moved out a week or so. But that is coming up soon and I feel a sense of urgency to address this right now.

The appropriate individual would be well compensated, in addition to having a free apartment and, with approval, room for their horse(s).

If you know someone who fits the bill please call me at 831-252-5933. If I do not answer the first time, please try again.

I really appreciate any help with this. Julie



**THEO**

**The  
Wonder Horse!**

**From  
Rachel Miura**



Get to know the Miramar horses:  
12 yr old 14.2hh (with shoes on!) Arabian/Shagya-Arabian gelding Theo is a lot of horse in a compact package.

Let's start with his full name, which is (you'll want to sit down): Theodore the Wonder Horse, Lord of the Mountains. And you know what? He lives up to that name every single day. In three successful seasons of endurance riding with one of his owners, Rachel, he completed the famous 100-mile 1-day Tevis Cup in 2023.

With Theo's high level of bravery and fitness in place after all that, Rachel's daughter (and Theo's co-owner) Brynn will be stepping into the stirrups to compete Theo in eventing in 2024.

Based on what we have seen so far nothing will be stopping them!

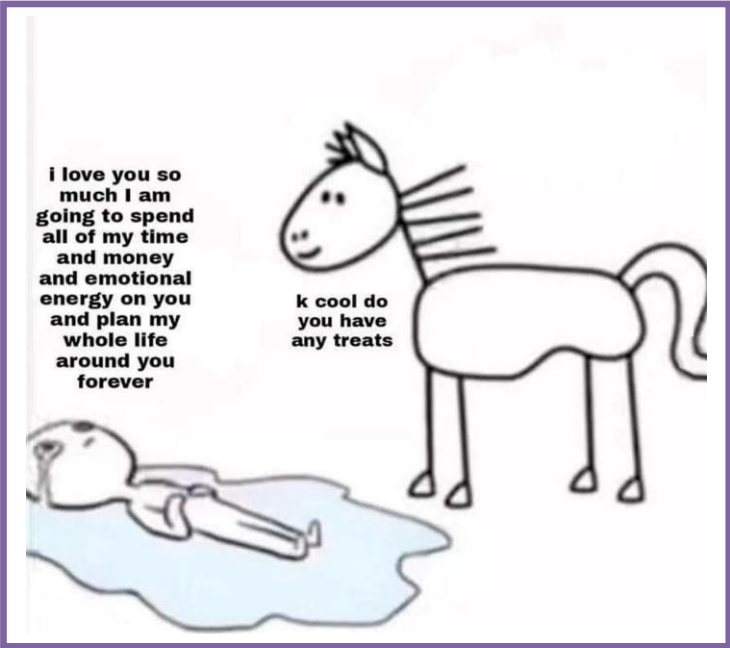
While he dislikes trotting oxers, going slow, and non-matchy tack, he absolutely loves getting his face brushed, jumping, going fast, and German Horse Muffins. Sounds like an eventer to me!



**The  
Wonder  
Horse even  
has a good  
sense of  
humor!**



**JUST FOR FUN...**



**“Seize the moment. Remember all those women on the Titanic who waved off the dessert cart.”**  
Erma Bombeck

*Oh, I don't try to hide my weird... I like to wave it around. It scares off the boring people and it's like a beacon for my fellow weirdos!*



A man was driving into town and he fell in a big ditch in the middle of the road. A farmer came up and said, “My horse Sebastian can pull you out,” the man said OK and the farmer got Sebastian. When Sebastian was hooked up, the farmer said, “Pull Ranger! C'mon Benny! Let's go Delilah!!!!” Then the farmer said, “Pull Sebastian, pull!”

When the car was out of the ditch, the man said, “I have a question, why did you say the wrong name three times?”

And the farmer said, “Because Sebastian is blind, and if he knew the other horses weren't pulling, he wouldn't even try...”

# Quicksilver Annual Club Banquet and Award Ceremony – February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024



**Awards Banquet, continued...**



**The following individuals and horses were recognized:**

**Eleanor Norton Award: Rachel Miura**

**Hall of fame horse: Forever Dawn GA (Donnie) owned by Nick Warhol**

**Hall of fame rider (person): Jill Kilty-Newburn**

**Horse of the year: Theodore the Wonder Horse, Lord of the Mountains (Theo)**

**And finally... Incoming President Rachel gets this stuff from Outgoing President, Jerry Wittenauer!**



## Could Wild Horses Help Fight Wildfires?

This interesting article was sent to me by Julie Suhr. I'm only publishing parts of it, since it is a bit long, but if you want to read the whole thing, go to:

<https://reasonstobecheerful.world/could-wild-horses-help-fight-wildfires/>

*The controversial animals graze on the grass and brush that fuel blazes. So one California naturalist asks: Why not send them to fire-prone wilderness?*

In 2014, William E. Simpson moved to a remote hillside near Yreka, California, close to the California-Oregon border. He was trying to get away from his previous buzzing internet business, seeking isolation in nature. It didn't take him long to notice that he wasn't alone: He was sharing the hills surrounding his humble cabin at the edge of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument with bobcats, coyotes, elk, mountain lions, wolves, bears and more than 120 wild horses. At first, the horses kept their distance, just like all the other wild animals.



But eventually, a skinny, pregnant white mare with a foal in tow approached him. Simpson had once studied veterinary medicine, and his training kicked in. "I thought she was probably suffering from parasite overload and fed her some oats with an anti-parasite I had on hand," he recalls. A few days later, the mare brought her entire family. Over the years, the horses have come to him with injuries, such as cuts from the barbed wire abandoned farms had left behind or gashes from mountain lion attacks.

When the 38,000-acre Klamathon fire tore through the hillsides in 2018, he had an "aha" moment. He and his wife Laura defied evacuation orders and helped the firefighters navigate the remote dirt roads. They stayed to defend their small ranch, but also to watch the horses. "I wanted to see how the horses reacted to the fire," Simpson says. "Would they panic? Run the opposite direction and get entangled? Nobody had ever really done a study about that."

The horses remained calm and kept grazing. "They are used to fires," Simpson realized. "They have been here for two million years." He now attributes the fact that his cabin and the surrounding hills were largely spared by the fire to the horses. "Each wild horse consumes about 30 pounds of grass and brush a day," Simpson has observed. "They reduce the wildfire fuel, keeping the wildfire risks at bay."

In 2022, Simpson founded a nonprofit and named it after his mission: Wild Horse Fire Brigade.

Simpson is proposing a large-scale solution to several issues that have long been the subject of furious debate across the American West: He wants to free the roughly 60,000 horses that are currently kept in Bureau of Land Management (BLM) corrals and relocate them strategically to the nation's more than 110 million acres of designated wilderness and other open land, where they could keep grasses and vegetation in check as keystone herbivores.



When asked about the suggestion to rewild the horses “for natural wildfire abatement,” the BLM states that it “does not have the legal authority to place wild horses in Wilderness Areas.” The BLM suggests that “using wild horses to reduce fuels could also cause ecological problems,” including reducing native plant and animal diversity through intense grazing.



Simpson dismisses the BLM statements as “propaganda” and has hired a lawyer who argues that counties and fire departments do have the authority to request any number of wild horses for fire protection.

Simpson undertook a five year study to show that wild horses are significantly more beneficial for the flora than livestock because unlike cows or sheep, “wild horses will move through an area much faster than invasive species livestock do.

This behavior allows the grasses and plants to recover quickly from the light grazing-browsing.”

A recently-begun five-year project with California State University, Sacramento, which has already sent its first two students to Cascade-Siskiyou for field study, aims to put Simpson’s findings on a more solid scientific basis.

He is convinced that the horses can heal more than the land.

When a veteran with severe PTSD visited him on the ranch, a stallion Simpson had named Black Fury approached the man on its own. “My friend had been blown up in a police station in Mosul and was hospitalized for years because of his extensive injuries,” Simpson recounts. His visitor was hesitant, but Simpson encouraged him to gently pat the horse. “There was a minute where that stallion was just staring at him.” Simpson says the encounter changed his friend’s life: “Rolland felt that someone put a warm blanket over him. From that day forward, he started healing. He said, ‘Black brought me home.’”



## ***Riding up to Mount Umunhum and “The Cube”***

***by E. Hiatt***

If you live anywhere in the Bay Area, at one point or another you may have seen “The Cube”, which sits on top of Mount Umunhum. The name Mount Umunhum comes from the Ohlone Indian phrase for “The resting place of the hummingbird”. Along with native history, Mount Umunhum is also well known for its military history.

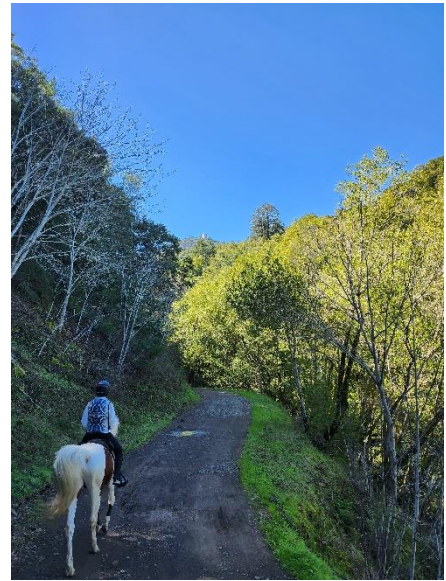


The Cube was built atop Mount Um in the late 1950s. It's an eight and a half story (84.5 feet tall) concrete radar tower that was part of the Almaden Air Force Station, a radar surveillance post which operated from 1958 to 1980.

Not many people know that, in addition to being able to drive there, you can also ride your horse there!

Alicia Stanton, Carolyn Tucker and I decided it was time to conquer this mountain, so we met at the Hicks Road entrance to Almaden Quicksilver Park and started to climb... and climb and climb some more!!

We were rewarded with some amazing views, a lovely, very well marked trail, and an up close and personal visit to “The Cube”.



Unfortunately, the interior of the tower is not open to the public, so you can only see the outside, which is interesting enough. There are also lots of lovely places to sit, have a picnic and admire the almost 360 degree views of the area.

It's definitely worth the visit, by car, hike, bike or horse... but by far, the best is by horse, of course!!

See below for some interesting historical information from Julie and Judith!

***From Julie Suhr, related to Mt. Umunhum:***

At the second Castle Rock Challenge Ride I designed a trail that left Morgan Hill and then climbed to the ridge top and went across to Umunhum, dropped to Lexington Reservoir and then followed a trail beneath Highway 17 into down town Los Gatos.

Marinera placed well and won BC. She was animated but I could look in her eyes, see distress and knew I had over ridden her. In those days the vets were as new to endurance as we were and the only criteria was pulse and trot out. I went home ashamed to have taken so much from a gallant horse. Now the vetting is much more strict and thorough. We have learned to listen more to what the horse is telling us. The eyes will tell you just as much as peoples' will when you make eye contact with them.

The trail from Hicks Rd. used to be only one horse wide, but it has been thirty or forty years since I have been on it. (It is now a beautifully graded trail! – Elisabet)

The view at the top of the mountain on a clear day is just as you described it.

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## Congratulations to Becky Hart and Rio: 2023 Pard'ners Award



*I heard that Becky and Rio used to train on the Mount Umunhum trails, so I checked in with Judith and here is her response... WOW! – Elisabet*

"Becky and Maryben used to condition there three days a week, religiously going after work two days a week doing a ten mile ride straight up and down and then on a 15-20 mile ride on the weekend. Rio could gallop the five miles straight up. No other horse could keep up with him."

## Origin of the word VETERINARY

The word "veterinarian" originates from Latin. In ancient Rome, horses used in the army (loading beasts) that were very old would gather in a place where they could enjoy and rest. These animals were called "veterinus".

The people who cared for these animals were called VETERINARII (veterinarius), which was a derivative of the word VETUS / VETERIS, "old", because of this, the profession of animal care was called that.

259 years after the creation of the first school of veterinary medicine the first two veterinary schools, Lyon, on August 4, 1761, and the École Nationale Vétérinaire d'Alfort (Paris), were created by French Claude Bourgelat, lawyer and lover of horses, who did not accept inefficiency in the empirical treatment of his breed horses, and used his influence to convince King Louis XV to create the School of Veterinary of Lyon, which began operating in 1762, with its students recruited among horsemen, specialists in the care of the helmets (?) of the horses, horsemanship being one of the subjects studied.

The second country was Austria in 1768, followed by Italy in 1769, Denmark in 1773, Sweden in 1775, Germany in 1778, Hungary in 1781, England in 1791 and Spain in 1792. At the end of the 18th century, there were 19 schools of veterinary medicine across Europe.

The first recognized veterinarians graduated from major veterinary schools founded between 1762 and 1821, such as the Royal Veterinary College in 1791 in London, and Lyon School became a symbol of modernity.

Source: Dr. Oscar Brogna.



## **MORE information on the BIG BASIN STATE PARK meeting held on 2/12/24**

**From Sarah Gray:**

Dear Quicksilver Endurance Riders,

I trust this message finds you well. I am reaching out to share critical information regarding the planning meeting for the Big Basin State Park rebuild planning meeting that I attended last night (at Felton Community Hall). Unfortunately, the news is disheartening as there are currently no plans to maintain the limited equestrian infrastructure that existed before the CZU complex fire.

While there are ambitious plans to enhance general park access, the absence of provisions for equestrian facilities poses a threat to our riding community. Despite expressing concerns about the elimination of our 3-4 horse trailer spaces, there has been minimal feedback, with arguments citing the space constraints imposed by horse trailers. Ironically, the park is proposing the accommodation of larger vehicles such as metro buses and independent shuttles, indicating a double standard in allocation.

To address this issue, I propose forming a united front with influential voices from Quicksilver, SCCHA, Equine Evac, and prominent local barns. Our collective advocacy is crucial for preserving equestrian access, especially in light of diminishing trails each year. It is imperative that we act swiftly and decisively to safeguard our riding spaces.

Our primary objectives are as follows:

1. Retain no less infrastructure or trails than existed before the fire.
2. Install a new water trough or, at the very least, a spigot for equestrian use.
3. Secure three or four trailer parking spots near the trailhead (Gazos Creek/Middle Ridge Road), with proximity being a top priority.
4. Explore the possibility of horse corrals for camping and additional tie bars.

To address these concerns, we must seek answers from the planning officials:

1. What considerations are being made for equestrian needs in the park's redevelopment?
2. Can our community contribute ideas, assist in planning, or provide financial support?
3. Can we obtain assurances that the parking and access we had before the fire will not be compromised?

I invite your thoughts and suggestions on this matter, as well as your willingness to join forces in making a stand for our equestrian rights. The future of horse access in Big Basin State Park relies on our collective efforts, and together, we can ensure the preservation of our cherished trails.

Thank you for your time and commitment to our shared cause.

Please forward this far and wide, let's get our voices heard.

**From Jennifer Stalley:**

Thank you Sarah! I will echo your words. This situation is quickly become dire. The rangers were reluctant to engage. Of the 60 attendees, we were ALL equestrians and were ready to help and discuss. However, our excitement and engagement was met with a tepid response at best.

I made a petition to show how strong the equestrian support is for the Big Basin plan. I would love your signature: <https://chnq.it/zLz8KXRc7m>

If we can get some serious momentum going, I will send to the local news outlets.

Thanks and please share!

**More from Sarah:**

They had zero mention of horse facilities during the presentation last night. Additionally, I asked a few questions and was met with "Which trails are equestrian?" and "Maybe where the tractors were parked" (Which is outside of the current park area and about five miles from the trailhead). It very much seems like a brush-off. No one has asked for true input from local or equestrian people. We have been given "fill in the bubble" questionnaires.

**From the Editor: I WILL TRY TO KEEP YOU POSTED ON ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS**



**FROM: THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF RACING AND HALL OF FAME:**

At every racetrack you visit, you'll find outriders. These expert riders are tasked with supervising the day's races and making sure that jockeys and horses all stay safe. They help to guide horses to the starting gate and back to the stable after the race is run. On the rare occasion that a horse becomes loose, it is the outrider's job to catch it and get it under control. Many of their steeds are retired thoroughbreds themselves. The partnership between outrider and horse is crucial, as the outrider must trust in their mount while they attempt to grab a loose horse." (The comment below is from the original post on National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame):

"OUTRIDERS are on the track during morning workouts as well. They keep order in the chaos, pick up loose horses and help stop runaway horse with riders. They also help with crazy horses. Outriders have saved me on several occasions and play a crucial role in horse racing. ❤️ to the outriders!"

Photo: Churchill Downs lead outrider Greg Blasi catches the filly Yodel after she broke through the gate. (Churchill Downs/Reed Palmer Photography)



## Quicksilver Endurance Riders (QSER) Club

### February 10, 2024 - Board Meeting Minutes

The Board meeting was held on February 10, 2024 at Longhouse restaurant, Gilroy, beginning at 1:15 pm.  
In Attendance: Jerry Wittenauer, Nick Warhol, Rachel Miura, Elaine Elbizri, Brian Reeves, Barbara Harpster.

#### Review of Committees/Reports:

**Technical: Website/QUIPS/Other:** Rachel would check with Elisabet that there will be Quips in March. She would include new board member names.

Year book/directory would be for members only on the website

**Membership:** 34 members have renewed. Magda would follow up with reminders for renewal

**Goodwill:** no concerns

**Financial:** Balance as of 02-26-2024: a. Checking \$10,150  
b. Savings \$1,075 (includes trail fund)  
c. 20 Mule Team entries to date in Paypal \$1,855

Expenses of late: a. Val Reeves \$788.89 banquet awards and all plaques  
b. Trilby Pederson \$67.96 Quips mailing postage 2023

Expenses coming up: Club Insurance \$500

**Trails:** No report

**Ride Report:** Jerry to organize a ride committee. Planning meeting on Wednesday March 13. Jerry would apply for permit in March

**Banquet** no concerns

**Upcoming events:** Endurance Clinic to be a weekend event – August 24&25 – at Harvey Bear.

**Tevis:** Jerry would advertise on Quicksilver Face book page for finish line volunteers.

**Old Business:** The board voted in favor of placing a 1/2 page ad in the Tevis Forum. The date of the Quicksilver ride would be included. The cost of the ad is \$225.

**New Business:** Rachel suggested organizing a wilderness first aid class for riders. Interest was also expressed about horse care on the trails it was suggested that this should be a separate activity. Board members were very supportive further information to be discussed at the March meeting.

Rachel suggested doing a survey of members for trail details and recommendations, to be an ongoing item on the website for members only. Nick offered to help put this together.

**Storage of club items:** The board recognized Jerry's generosity in storing the items in his garage. It was felt that unless and until a permanent place could be found it would be the ride manager's decision as to where to store them.

**Cost of using zoom:** Nick is looking into what it would cost for the Club to have a zoom account.

**Next meeting:** Zoom meeting Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

*Elaine Elbizri*

Treasurer's report:  
Checking: \$10,150  
Savings: \$1,075



*Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating another trip around the sun!!*



## Market Place

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I provide my trailer for use to boarders.

**Trilby – (408) 997-7500**

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**Illustrations by Judith Ogus**

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### **Books by Julie Suhr**

**Ten Feet Tall, Still** and **...but it wasn't the horse's fault!** are available for sale. All proceeds go to AERC Trails Fund and Center for Equine Health at UC Davis. Please contact Julie Suhr at: **(831) 335-5933**

**Books by Lori Oleson --- Enduring Memories and Endurance... Years Gone By** are available for sale. Re-live the adventures that tell the stories of horses and riders who made their way down the trail in the 1960s through the 1990's. Books are available by contacting Lori at **(408) 710-5651** or [lorioleson@alumni.cpp.edu](mailto:lorioleson@alumni.cpp.edu)



### **More tack room cleaning...**

SKYHORSE saddle. 13" seat. Flex panels. Super comfortable and secure. In pretty good shape. The leather got a bit dried up from sitting in my tack room for years, so I'm treating it with beeswax saddle cream (that's why it looks so shiny!). Can send more photos if interested.

The horse I bought it for passed on a while back and I no longer need it. \$500

Elisabet – [LAZO@ucsc.edu](mailto:LAZO@ucsc.edu)



**Posted for a friend of Elaine Elbizri: Price reduced!!**

**For sale Good as New Dressage/Endurance saddle**

17,5 Lovatt & Rickett Rubicon MW Cross Over Saddle. Great to use for Dressage or Endurance. I gave up riding 1 year ago. I have ridden only one 25mile L D in this saddle, it was a perfect fit and very comfortable.

Soft wool flocked, horses love it and it is a super soft seat for the rider. This saddle was made directly in England for my horse and me (but with a regular M/W tree) it has special D-rings. It fits a variety of withers but not so well for very high withered horses. Horses move out beautifully underneath. It is soft on the withers!!!

My horse was never sore anywhere from long distance rides.

Sold new: \$4,100, asking price: **\$2,500**

Please contact me, I can bring the saddle for you to try it!

Karina Hoog [hoogkarina@yahoo.com](mailto:hoogkarina@yahoo.com) 408 646 4361



We are selling our EuroXcisor.

It is set up for four horses but could accommodate 8 if someone wanted to make changes. Comes with control box, about 75 feet of conduit, and full set of mats, plus the inner rails. You must dismantle and deliver yourselves.

Asking \$10,000. Located in San Juan Bautista. Control box allows for changing speed and direction but is not programmable.

Becky and Judith 408 525-7873 or 408 425-5860.



Very pretty, made in Colombia "Paso Fino" brand gaited horse saddle.

It belongs to a friend who no longer rides. It's super comfortable, but it doesn't fit either of my horses, so I'm selling it for her. I am not sure what it may be worth, so make me a reasonable offer.

It's in very good condition and I have lots more photos if anyone is interested.

Elisabet – [lazo@ucsc.edu](mailto:lazo@ucsc.edu)

## From Claudia Goodman: FOR SALE:

4Star 3 Horse LQ

It is full of wonderful features for horses and people alike. It has been the perfect endurance trailer: 8' wide 7'6" tall; WERM flooring Air Ride; drop down windows at head, stock windows at rear; mangers; stud wall; escape door; roof vents; rear (collapsible) tack with 3 saddle racks, blanket bars, lots of hooks. 3 Spring-tie hi ties. Electric jack; roof rack, 4 fresh water tanks (135 gallons); solar panels; deep marine batteries. 9' short wall, custom built interior; queen bed with 10 cabinets; bench bed; full fridge/freezer; 2 burner stove with cover; microwave; extra big deep sink; heat; ceiling skylights with fans; 18' electric awning; full bath with shower, sink, large cabinets; LED lighting and luxury vinyl floors throughout; generator; day/night shades. Low mileage radial tires with 2 spares. Very clean, bright, and roomy. All is well and lovingly maintained. \$49,000



I have lots of pictures and more details. You can contact me at [debbieboscoe@gmail.com](mailto:debbieboscoe@gmail.com) or text me at 831 227 4960

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## From Judith and Becky: Horse Property Share Available March 1, 2024

We have rooms available for a renter plus space for one horse in our pasture. You get a master bedroom with private bath plus a second room and second bath. Laundry, kitchen and dining are shared. U-shaped house so you have plenty of privacy.

Property is 5 acres, fully fenced with no climb fencing. Horses have a 2.5 acre pasture, mare motel, EuroXiser and outdoor arena. Three Arabians live in the pasture - two geldings and a 32 year-old mare. Hoping to find someone who will share feeding and cleaning and whose horse can also live out.

No cats; the right dog is a possibility. We have 3 dogs, a young chihuahua cross, a 9-yr old border collie and 9-yr old sight hound. We have some agility equipment.

House is on Salinas Grade, San Juan Bautista, about 1.5 miles from CA156. Rent is \$1500 including utilities and horse trailer parking. Horse boarding is extra and negotiable depending on your availability to help feed.

We are two older women, ex-endurance riders.

Call or email Judith: 408 425-7873; [judith@randomarts.biz](mailto:judith@randomarts.biz)

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

**Club Mission** - Quicksilver exists to promote the sport of endurance riding by conducting endurance rides and advocating for equestrian trails. It seeks to provide a model for the highest level of sportsmanship and horsemanship within the context of this sport. It supports and provides educational events and leadership in each of these areas.

FIRST: We need your name \_\_\_\_\_

And then your address \_\_\_\_\_

And your phone number and e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

And then we need your money! Senior membership is \$ 30 \_\_\_\_\_

Junior membership is \$ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

(a junior is under 16 years of age)

Family Membership is \$45 \_\_\_\_\_

Mailed Quips (paper copy) \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

You can go to our website at : [www.qser.net](http://www.qser.net) to join, OR send a check made out to: **Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.** to: Nick Warhol, 3664 Old Quarry Road, Hayward CA 94541

**THANK YOU!!**

