



Quicksilver Quips

July 2022



*Happy
4th!!*

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President's message

All Four Feet in the Air . . .

It is easy to get the feeling of moving down the trail with our floating trot as the summer opens up! Long days . . . great trail conditions . . . and plenty going on with the club!

Support to 9 July Fireworks Ride – Many of our Board Members and Club Members are participating in the Fireworks Ride as volunteers to help make that event a success. I'll be down at the river crossing, ready to lend a hand if needed!

Sign-Ups for 16 July Tevis Cup Volunteer Duties – we have a nice opportunity to make our mark as the Quicksilver Club provides the volunteer staff for the McCann Stadium Finish Line. We have a nice-sized crew signed up and ready to go all night!

Program Development for 13/14 August Overnighter at Santa Cruz Horsemen's – Jill and Elaine are working out the details for our Club activity on the weekend of 13/14 August. Its looking like a QS Board Meeting at around 4:00, a potluck at 5:30, and a program (with special guests) to review our high-moments as a Club over the past 5 decades. Also - a chance for horse camping and local trail riding.

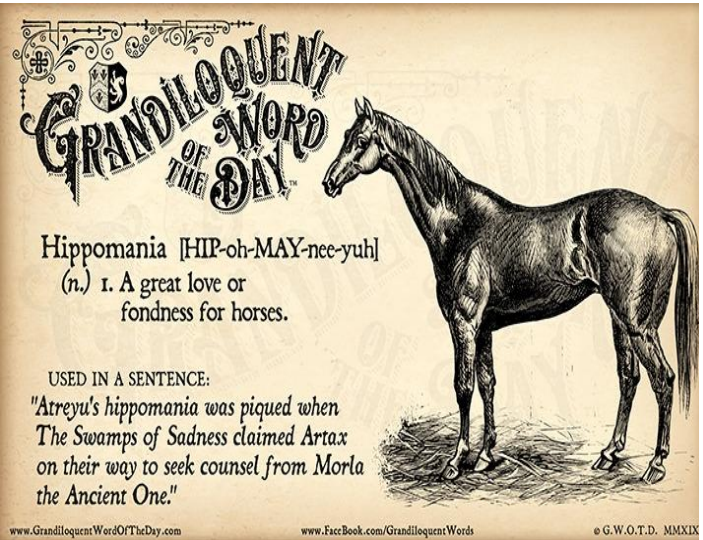
Planning for 1 October "Quicksilver Fall Classic" – Latest developments include: 4 Veterinarians lined up for this year . . . water troughs and water transport organized . . . I'm about half-way through my development of a volunteers list . . . we are hoping to "go live" with our on-line ride application in early July, we are only waiting on our permit to be finalized.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support of our Club activities!

Jerry Wittenauer, 26 June 2022

2022 QSER Club Calendar

9 Jul	QS Support to Fireworks Ride
11 Jul	"Go Live" for QS Ride Entries
16 Jul	QS Support to Tevis Cup
14 Aug	QS Camping at Santa Cruz Horsemen's
10 Sep	Kick-off Board Search Committee
17 Sep	QS-Sponsored Endurance Clinic
1 Oct	QS Fall Classic Endurance Ride
15 Nov	All Awards Nominations Due
18 Jan	Election of 2023 Officers



As some of you know, **Jerry Dowdy** passed away a few weeks ago. Jerry was not only a great person to go to when your trailer needed maintenance, but you could pretty much ask Jerry to fix anything and he most likely knew how to do it, and do it right.

His passing leaves a great vacuum in our lives and he will be sorely missed.

A Celebration of Life

will be held at the

Santa Cruz County Horsemen's Association on August 4th at 5PM.

This will be an **outdoor** event and all are invited to come, share some memories and honor our dear friend.



Remember your pets on the Fourth of July!

Pets are more sensitive to loud noises, flashing lights and strong smells. On the **Fourth of July**, people are likely to set off fireworks and it's best to leave your pets safely indoors, preferably with a radio or TV turned on to soften jarring noises.

At least one-third of dogs suffer from noise aversion, a fear and anxiety exhibited upon hearing loud noises (including fireworks) that leads to stress, suffering and potentially-destructive behavior or even running away. Other terms used to describe this response to noise include noise anxiety or noise phobia.

Remember that other pets may be frightened or startled by fireworks, so make sure all your pets are in a safe/quiet area. They will appreciate it!



In Memoriam - Jerry Dowdy

Jerry was not a Quicksilver member or an endurance rider, but many of us in the QS club would not have made it safely to rides had not been for his ability to keep our trailers in great working order.

I first met Jerry when he was still living in Aromas... probably 40 or so years ago!

At that time, he showed me a photo of himself riding at some costume/horse competition where the right half of him was dressed as the groom, wearing a tuxedo and high hat, and his left half was a bride, in full white wedding dress and veil...

I thought he was a bit odd... but on the other hand, he made a lovely couple! :-)

The four trailers I have owned were always serviced by Jerry. He was fair, kind, honest and I never left his place without having learned something interesting. I will miss him very much.

Elisabet Hiatt

Farewell to Jerry Dowdy - Julie Suhr

About thirty five years ago Jerry Dowdy became Bob and my next door neighbor. When we met he said:

“if I can do anything for you just let me know.”

We took him literally and I wondered occasionally if he ever regretted his offer.

In the ensuing years he dragged the driveway, trimmed the horses feet, used his backhoe to bury fourteen horses on the hillside and to find a deeply buried leaking pipe near the barn and mend it. He built a booster pump in the garage and took out three hundred and fifty feet of well pipe to find out whether we were out of water or the pipe was plugged, replaced a leaky water tank under the house, jump started our cars whenever we had a dead battery. He put a solar panel on my Kawasaki Mule to keep it charged. He was in charge of my generator and checked the propane tank regularly. He built a gauge on the side of the 10,000 gallon water tank so I could tell the water level after somebody (?!!!?) left a faucet running and drained it. He kept my trailer in running order and changed the tires on the ATVs

Six weeks ago I found one of the horses standing by the steps leading to the front door. This was unusual. I went out to a horse choking to death,. A horse cannot breathe through its mouth. Majic's nostrils were filled with a mucous discharge and he could not take in oxygen. I called Jerry. He was here four minutes later. He shoved that horse's chin up high. Massaged his throat and neck and forced the blockage down. That horse knew he was in trouble and he walked up the hill to my door to seek help. He found it with Jerry, not me. Before Bob went on, he told me to call Jerry if I ever needed help. I followed his instructions.



**So farewell, Jerry, until we all meet again
by that big corral in the sky.**

Barbara White writes...

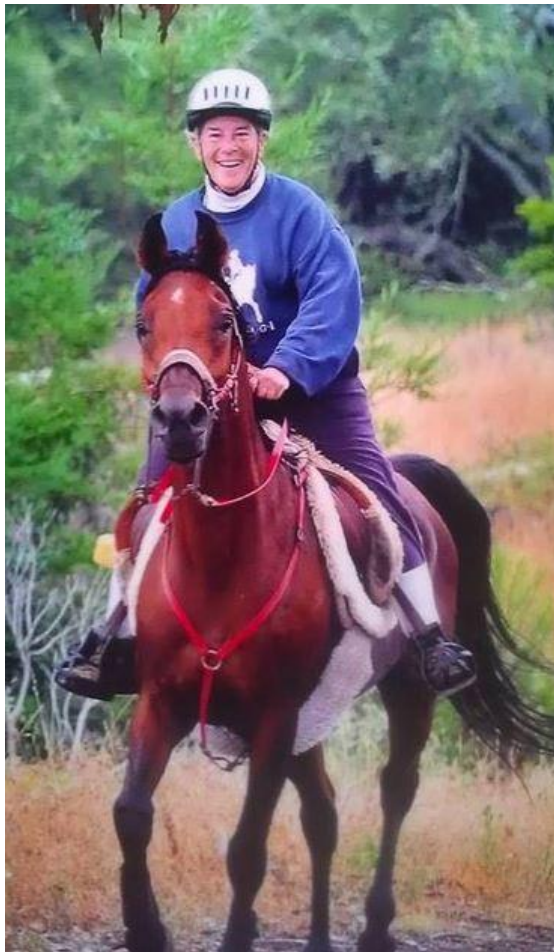
Reticent and soft-spoken, Jerry was an enigma to his neighbors. His home was a compound of small structures, often surrounded by trailers and heavy equipment. There were horse paddocks and stalls; there was even talk of underground habitats. Finding him on his property could be a challenge. "Jerry?" "JERRY!?" But it could also be a small pleasure as his horses greeted you. If you stuck your head into his tack repair building during your search, the heady scent from the long billets and other pieces of leather hanging there was as appealing to a rider as a barn full of freshly delivered alfalfa.

Jerry was truly a jack-of-all-horse-trades. He fixed our saddles, he repaired and maintained our trailers, he trimmed the hooves of the old-timers, and he immediately came to the rescue when a horse was in trouble or there was a wildfire nearby. A longtime horseman himself, with reverence he would drive his small backhoe over to prepare the final resting place when our equine friends crossed over.

Thank you, Jerry, for every time you said, "Well, I'm pretty busy right now," but then arrived a few minutes later to resolve some crisis. Rest in Peace. You were the most unassuming hero I have ever known.



In Memoriam - Ruth Diane Trefethen



I was very sad to hear that Diane passed away sometime last year. Some of you may remember her as a fierce competitor who, with her horse Pickaboo, won many endurance rides. Along the way she also collected a respectable number of Best Condition awards.

I remember one Fireworks ride where she arrived at the first vet check before the veterinarians and the crew bags... that, if you know the terrain, is quite a feat. Most of her 50 milers were completed in 4 1/2 to 5 1/5 hours... no matter the terrain or weather.

I met Diane when my husband and I bought a cabin in the Yosemite wilderness near Mariposa and discovered, to our pleasant surprise, that Diane owned the property across the street/trail from ours. From then on, every time we went to the cabin, we spent time with Diane... having interesting conversations or riding our horses all over those beautiful mountains was something we always looked forward to. A 20 mile "fun" ride was nothing to her. Fortunately, I had a horse that could keep up with hers!

There was no subject that Diane didn't know something about and was always interested in engaging in some deep, intellectual conversation with my husband, while I sat back and enjoyed their banter. Diane had opinions, and my husband should have been a prosecutor, so their conversations were always civil, but quite an entertaining show to sit and watch.

Diane was a Quicksilver member for many years, and drove all the way to the Bay Area from Mariposa to attend our Awards Banquets. She often brought her beloved dog with her and always had a huge smile on her face. She was always very interested in what was going on in your life, and no subject was too boring for her to hear about.

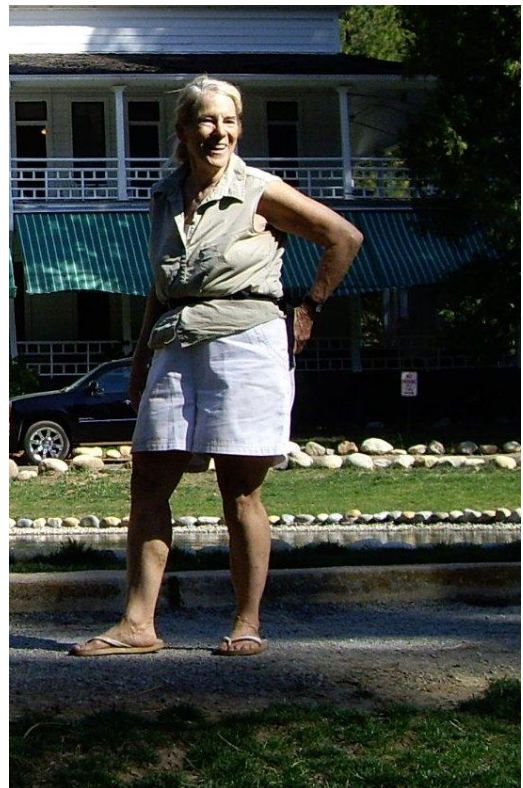
Her Endurance records show 52 starts, 47 completions. Her horses received 11 Best Condition awards. She completed the tough Swanton Pacific 100 arriving to the finish in 3rd place.

We sold our cabin a few years ago and sort of lost track of Diane. I found out about her passing via neighbors who owned the only other cabin in the mountain. Unfortunately, they did not have any information on exactly when or why she passed away, other than it was sometime last year.

I have been unable to find an obituary or relatives to contact to get more details.

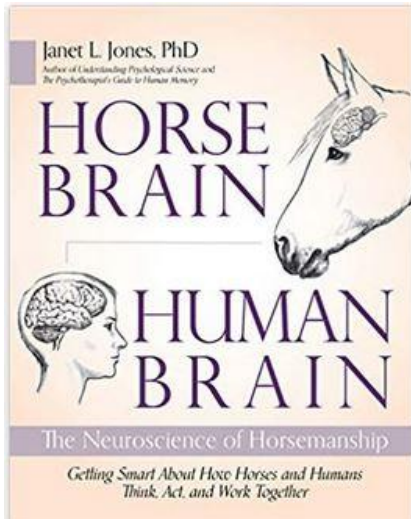
Ride on, Diane and keep those ponies busy!

Elisabet Hiatt



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**Book review: Horse Brain, Human Brain, the Neuroscience of Horsemanship, by Janet L Jones, PhD**  
By *Elisabet Hiatt*



*This is one of the few books that I read from cover to cover without a temporary side trip into other books (a bad habit of mine) and I may just read it again just for kicks and because it's SO full of great information! Rather than bore you with my description, let me share some paragraphs:*

"Effective horse training is a long haul, day by day, little by little. The process should be as enjoyable as the final product... when you are at the crossroads between good and bad behavior, adopt the mindset that your horse is trying his best - because he usually is."

"Our equine friends do not have goal-driven brains with bloated frontal lobes. Horses' brains are stimulus driven. In other words, instead of being motivated by plans and goals, horses are motivated by the sights, sounds and smells in their immediate external environments"

"Once we invest horse minds with malevolent intent, it's only a short step to blame them when they misbehave. But "misbehavior" is a human construct. Kicking, biting, striking, bolting, shying, attacking to protect foals, running away - all these are normal aspects of equine behavior. Only humans see them as misbehavior. So in a human world, the horse must learn to control these natural impulses and behave in a more artificial manner"

"... horses stand quietly next to us while we cry. They connect with all manner of troubled people - abused children, battered wives and traumatized combat veterans; at risk teens, rape victims, parents grieving tragic losses - offering their hearts to let people heal. "Here I am," they imply in peace. "Let's just be."

## JUST FOR FUN...

### DON'T MESS WITH OLD PEOPLE...

George Phillips, an elderly man from Walled Lake, Michigan, was going up to bed, when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. George opened the back door to go turnoff the light, but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things. He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" He said "No," but some people are breaking into my garden shed and stealing from me ."

Then the police dispatcher said "All patrols are busy, you should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available"

George said, "Okay." He hung up the phone and counted to 30. Then he phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot and killed them both; the dogs are eating them right now," and he hung up.

Within five minutes, six Police Cars, a SWAT Team, a Helicopter, two Fire Trucks, a Paramedic and an Ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence, and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the Policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

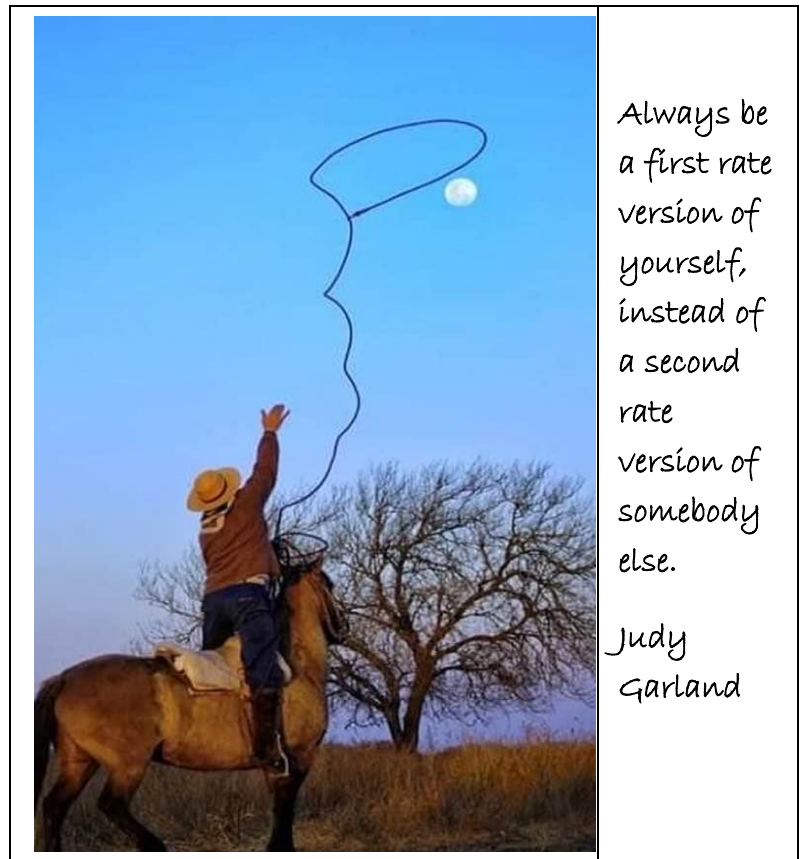
Genie: I shall grant you 3 wishes.

Me: I wish for a world without lawyers.

Genie: Done, you have no more wishes.

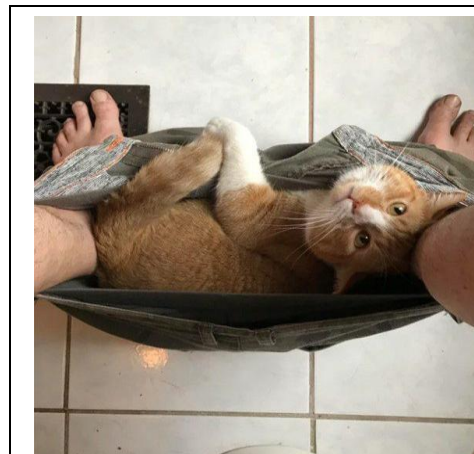
Me: But you said 3.

Genie: Sue me.



*Always be a first rate version of yourself, instead of a second rate version of somebody else.*

*Judy Garland*



**Am I bothering you???**



## Trail Ride Report - Fall Creek Park

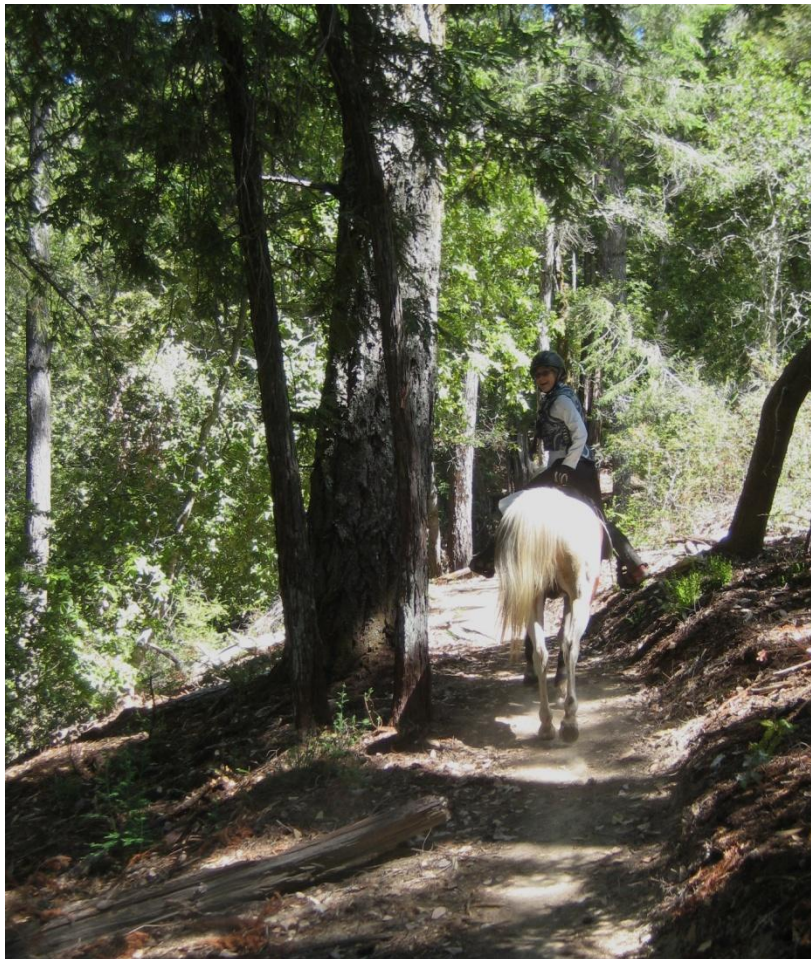
by Alicia Stanton

If you haven't been to Fall Creek Park lately, you are in for a very pleasant surprise. After the park was swept by fire in August of 2020, it looked as if it would be years before the State Park system would let hikers, let alone equestrians, back into the more remote areas. To our surprise, the park announced that all trails were open as of this month. When we heard this, Elisabet and I couldn't resist seeing for ourselves.

Starting near the Felton Empire entrance, we planned to go up the Ridge Trail to the Truck Road Trail, then down Big Ben Trail (to the Big Ben tree), looping back along Lost Empire Trail (through Lost Camp), then finally back up S Cape Trail, which would take us to the Ridge Trail and then back to the place of the beginning. This is probably about a ten-mile loop, with moderate climbs, generally shaded by fir and redwoods.

The good news is that the trail is really open and fully rideable, but it is advisable to bring a saw. We were only stopped by one tree, but it was at the furthest point of our ride, near Lost Camp.

Luckily, Elisabet had her saw and two strong arms. At that point, I had only one strong arm, so I let



her do the lion share of the work. We were also assisted by two friendly hikers, who managed to saw and break through the tree, only slightly injuring Elisabet's knee in the process.

There was a small stream at Lost Camp where we were able to refresh the horses. I also took a quick bath, after I had a brief roll in the mud (unplanned). Fortunately, the day was hot, the horses fast and my clothes dried quickly. There are numerous water crossings, so even on a warm day you can keep your horses well hydrated.

We did see a great deal of fire damage, with firs and redwoods burned but already re-sprouting. The smaller trees, mostly tanbark oaks and madrones, look like they may not come back, but the overall sense is that this is still a vibrant and beautiful forest, well worth a visit.

The trails have not only been restored, but, in many areas, improved. The grades are more even, over-eroded trails have been rerouted and the footing has fewer rocks and roots. The trails are well marked and there are not a lot of options, so it is easy to navigate.

The biggest challenge for equestrian use of the park is the parking lot, which cannot really accommodate more than a couple of rigs. It would be best to visit on a weekday, preferably early in the day. Even so, this is a special park, well worth a visit.

My first ride of the year! Not by choice but due to EHV restrictions and then the development of a painful hip.



We were due to leave on Friday for the Stillman camp to ride Saturday and Sunday LDs. I knew Bella was fit and ready for endurance but after the development of back and hip pain which prevented me from joining the Chalk Rock ride I needed to be sure that I could do a ride without problematic after effects.

Friday 6:00 am I went to load Bella and found her standing alone with her head and neck drooping down and her back to her mates in the pasture, they were busy with their first feed of the day. She was not eating and appeared very uncomfortable. I suspected colic and contacted the vet who advised a shot of banamine as soon as possible. By the time the vet arrived Bella was alert, gut sounds were normal and all indications were that she was ok.

I spent the day with Bella wondering if this was to be my third missed ride of the year and waiting for Bella to poop. Later in the afternoon the vet contacted me

to say we could not ride on Saturday because of the drugs but Sunday would be ok.

Saturday at 6:00 am we ventured forth. Bella was looking fine and our plans were just held up for 24 hours. It was a beautiful day our journey was only slowed by Caltrans extensive road works for a few miles close to Stillman. We arrived, settled into camp under the redwoods and Bella and I took a ride in the afternoon, about a couple of miles out of camp to my great surprise it rained, the sky turned dark and we had thunder claps all around us. The thunder seemed to roll away and I headed back to camp thinking what fun to tell about this phenomenon, but the storm returned. I had time to throw a rain blanket on Bella and find shelter when it took hold. It was close overhead, and it let down heavy rain and large hail stones. We were very lucky but most of the 50 milers were out in the thick of it, the ground was covered with white wet slushy stuff and slippery. No accidents or injuries were reported.

Owing to the conditions Elicia Kamberg, our ride manager, rode out early Sunday morning to change the ride route as some of the trails had become very hazardous.

At 8 am 50 and 25 mile riders started with little evidence of the previous days down pour except for softened, easy safe footing. After all of the delays and changes Bella and I moved out with the leaders and stayed with them. I needed to know that both she and I could do this.

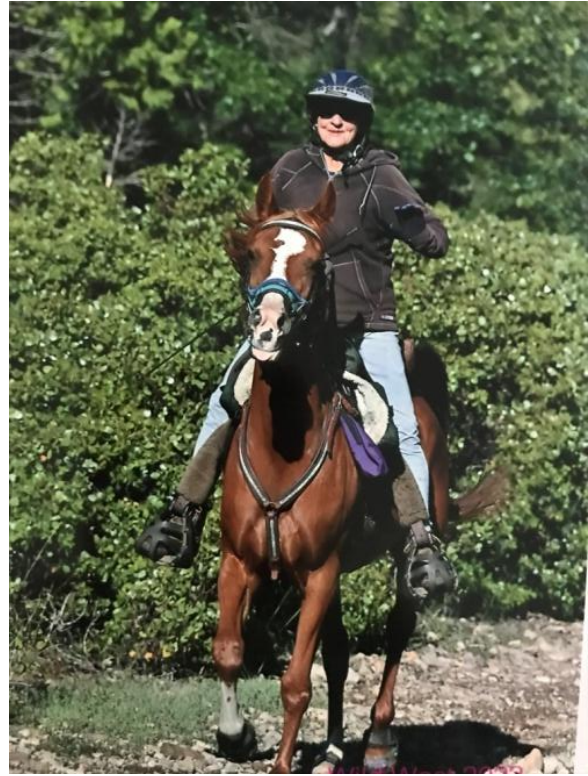
Because of the Caltrans work only the 50s got to cross the highway to ride past the beautiful expansive views that Wild West is famous for. Never the less our ride through the forest was beautiful. Bella and I rode with Christina on Sunshine her Tennessee Walker.



We kept moving at an energetic even pace and I discovered the difference between these two breeds. Sunshine could move fast but had to slow every now and then whereas the Arabian Bella could fit into a steady jog and stay with it for mile after mile.

We allowed little time to stop and enjoy the many wild flowers while racing through switch backs among the redwoods and along low growth of bush covered trails. We were slowed by rocky patches and steep up and down climbs, but trails were well marked.

The climate was cool and sunny. We had a half hour hold back at camp. I met up with Christina again and we set off for a 10 mile ride to the finish which went well except for one large puddle which stressed out Bella who crossed it by clambering through the muddiest side of the water and dislodged her boot. Fortunately after some impatient jostling she remembered that the only way to fix this boot was to stand still while I put it back in place. After this incident Bella picked up that steady speedy jog to catch and pass Sunshine again.



We rode into the finish together but as is usual for Bella, she pulsed below 60 on the first check, Sunshine was a bit slower to come down.

The planning and organization for this ride was very good and much appreciated.

I met old friends and met new ride companions and was pleased to find that I am fit and ready for yet more discoveries in this all consuming and compelling sport.

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Cooley Ranch 50 Ride Report

by Nick Warhol

I took Sorsha to the Cooley ranch ride on June 25 in preparation for Tevis. Everyone says how it's a great and final training ride for Tevis, and they are right! I did it once about 20 years ago but don't remember the hills. Well, maybe I do, but there are hills, and there are Cooley Ranch hills. It's a beast, but it was indeed a good final ride before Tevis due to the heat. It was really hot- like mid 90's after 11 am.

The 50 was small, only 16 starting I think, 28 on the LD and 12 on the intro ride which is pretty neat. The first few miles are just nuts with steep hills that go up and down, hundreds of vertical feet at a time. My breast collar was indeed functional today!

I don't use a crupper since I always get off and lead her down hills this steep. Except I could not even do that on a couple of them! Some of the hills were so steep and slippery I had to slide down a ways on my butt next to the horse! I kid you not- trying to walk down just meant falling to the ground. At the bottom, way, way down there, was a long creek bed with rocks and gravel for a mile or so. Not much trotting here. Rolling roads that were up and down led to the pulse and go vet check, then loop two which actually had the only level ground on the entire ride. Three miles out, another huge climb loop, then back that same three miles to the hour hold. It was already crazy hot, but the worst was yet to come. After lunch we had just one more 16 mile loop. Yeah, just an easy 16. Nope- it was pretty tough as well due to the heat.

The first few miles were in an uphill canyon that you could actually trot in a little, but I was walking up all the hills. I finally just got off her and led her on foot up the next stupid steep climb to the summit. It was so hot I felt sorry for her.

We walked along the top of the ridge with at least a little shade here and there, and at the oasis water stop on top I basically took a bath. After cooling her down, I soaked myself head to toe twice. I continued on down the mountain on foot for a couple more miles, getting back on at the big wide gravel road that went up to the wine grapes. We trotted down the road, past a ranch with a swimming pool! There were people in it!

I was out of water and starting to feel funky when I ran into Jon Neihaues in his truck. He gave me ice cold water that really helped me get through. When I got to the big creek at the bottom of the canyon I cooled the horse, and while she drank, I laid down in the creek on my back, totally under water, with just my face exposed for air. I stayed there for a couple of minutes at least, with her looking at me. I was soggy when I remounted for the final climb of the day, back up that initial hill, way up there. We walked the whole thing, but she was still wanting to trot up.

There was a well-placed trough about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up which she drank about 60 swallows from. There was also an ice chest with ice cold drinks in there. Thanks Jennifer and ride management! That was about the most welcome ice chest I have ever run across in my life. We got to the top and started down for the finish, only a couple of miles away.

We finished fourth, and had a great vet score, but were an hour behind the winners, Diane and John Stevens.

Sorsha set a new all time post ride low pulse of 36. It was a good training ride, and she's set for Tevis in three weeks.



Lori Oleson's new home!!!

In April, I sold my house in Morgan Hill. In May, I retired from Santa Clara County after 27 years. In June, I found and bought a ranch in Greenwood. In July, I will be moving to the ranch. That's the short version.

Everything is changing for me in 2022. The plan was to retire in June and move to a small ranch in the Foothills. I can't believe it is all happening so smoothly. When I sold my house and didn't have a place, so I started making plans to put my belongings in storage in Auburn.



The first load on June 2nd was the biggest, jamming it into a 10 x 10 storage unit. I had made arrangements to meet with former member Sheila Kumar for an early dinner before heading back to Morgan Hill. During the course of dinner, she mentioned a realtor friend she rides with on occasion has a 7 acre ranch that is coming up on the market. She gave me her contact and said I would give her a call on my drive home.

After speaking with the realtor, I thought it sounded pretty good. Arrangements were made for me to have a pre-showing on the same date I brought my second load to Auburn on June 13th. After jamming the load into a 5 x 5 unit, I met another former member, Heather Reynolds, at the ranch. We walked around together, saying 'this is really nice'.

Heather and I did view another property in Greenwood that same day, but it didn't measure up.

The very next day, before the property hit the MLS, an offer was made. They accepted! Next, I let my realtor, Jill McGovern, do her job. Lots of discussion between the parties, paperwork (thank you DocuSign for making this part easier).

June 23rd was the walk through which took 2 ½ hours. More discussion, more paperwork, and a few improvements were negotiated.



As of this writing, the closing date is either going to be June 27th or 28th. The seller needs time to move, so he has a 29 day rent back. After that, it's all mine to move into and personalize it.

For the time being, I'm staying with Jill and Michael Newburn with just a few of my belonging.



The horses will only move one time, and that is when I take possession of the ranch. Flame is 31 and moving will be more stressful for him.

The new address is 2641 Hoboken Creek Road, Greenwood 95635.

It is 6.8 acres, the 3 bedroom/2 bath home is 1,784 sq', a 4 stall barn with huge tack room and lots of storage, 6 pastures, a season pond, 2 wells, a huge garage, and a studio apartment that already has a very nice young lady living there.

Oh, I didn't mention, there are trails going from 2 different directions from the ranch that links up with everything. It is more than I ever could have imagined owning.

Congratulations, Lori!! Sooooo.... when can we come and visit??? :-)

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**Fun Photo Corner...** do you have a fun photo of your pet that you'd like to share with everyone? Send it on! We'd love to see it! Here's mine.



Some time ago, I was sitting in a lovely meadow reading a magazine while my horses were hanging out, munching away at the available dry grass. I turned a page and started reading an article entitled "There Are Still Cows To Be Worked" when a huge head suddenly appeared next to me. Apparently, my horse Tango was very interested in the subject and would not leave me alone until I finished reading. Hmmm.....





peeling paint-

I step into the silence  
of the old red barn

*Jamie Wimberly  
Alpharetta, Georgia*



There is an old sagging barn at Horsensei's home ranch in Portola Valley, CA. Before its roof and walls collapsed many years ago, the barn and tie racks were vibrant with the sounds and smells of horses. Happy horse people--lots of teenage girls--groomed, tacked up, washed, fed and otherwise loved up on our horses. My tack room was there.

It is impossible to pass the barn, as one must do each day on the way into the ranch, without reliving those sensations and emotions. I can still smell the fresh, green hay. Jamie's haiku immediately captured for me the nostalgia of our old barn, silent yet resounding with memories.

Once past the barn, sadness at losing the barn turns again to joy in the haiku moment of horses and horse people in the Now of summer camps and shows and lessons and clinics.

New memories in the making.

I hear Carly Simon say, "[Stay right here 'cause these are the good old days.](#)"

*Horsensei wishes you a beautiful summer  
with an abundance of haiku moments.*

## Saving the Przewalski horses

No longer science fiction, cloning could be the key to saving some of the world's most endangered animals. Scientists are hoping that the recent birth of a cloned Przewalski's horse will add genetic diversity to the breed's struggling population. The adorable foal named Kurt will help his breed battle complete extinction, and his successful birth shows how technology could play a major role in the future of conservation.



The currently one-month-old Przewalski's horse is one of only 2,000 of his kind alive today, and his health is hope for the future.

Animal conservationists and cloning company ViaGen Equine celebrated the cloned horse's birth on August 6, 2020.

Born to a domestic surrogate mother, Kurt is a clone of a Przewalski's horse stallion named Kuporovic. Kuporovic was born in 1975 and lived until 1998. His DNA was frozen and preserved at the San Diego Zoo Global Frozen Zoo before he died in hopes that when technology caught up, he could continue to contribute to his breed's survival. Kuporovic was specifically chosen for cloning due to his specific genetics. An analysis showed that compared to the available captive horses, his genome offered valuable variation.

When Kurt is old enough, he will hopefully pass on his important genetics to yet another generation that will further stabilize the future of the Przewalski's horse.

## Wash stall safety



Bathing your horse may not seem like a hazardous activity, but the wash stall is a common site for accidents. To keep yourself and your horse safe, keep the following in mind:

- 1 Be on watch for slick floors.** Water and soap make for slippery surfaces. Consider using mats that allow drainage or have grooves carved into the concrete floor to provide more traction.
- 2 Mind the hose.** A hose threaded between hind legs can startle or entangle a horse. You can also trip yourself up if you're not careful. Use a hose that's long enough to give your horse a wide berth as you work and keep track of its position at all times.
- 3 Don't start a fight.** Remember that most horses simply tolerate bathing so work quickly and try to make the experience as pleasant as possible. For example, when washing your horse's face, use a wrung-out sponge or damp rag instead of a sprayer.
- 4 Remove unnecessary objects from the area.** Extra buckets and equipment can only cause trouble if left in the wash stall while you are bathing your horse.

## HORSE TRAINING BE LIKE.....

A giant ship's engine broke down and no one could repair it, so they took it to a Mechanical Engineer with over 40 years of experience. He inspected the engine very carefully, from top to bottom. After seeing everything, the engineer unloaded his bag and pulled out a small hammer. He knocked something gently. Soon, the engine came to life again. The engine had been fixed! The engineer told the ship owner that the total cost of the repair was \$10,000 "What?!" said the owner. "You did almost nothing. Give me a detailed bill." The bill was presented:  
1- Tap with a hammer: \$ 2  
2- Know where to knock & how much to knock: \$ 9,998

### Lessons to Learn:

The importance of appreciating one's expertise and experience .  
The words "it's easy" and "that's all", should be set aside. Why? Because maybe the experience is the result of years of struggles, experiments and even tears.



## Quicksilver Endurance Riders (QSER) Club June 15, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

The Board meeting was held via Zoom on June 15, 2022. Call to Order by President Jerry Wittenauer at 6:02 p.m. In Attendance: Jerry Wittenauer, Nick Warhol, Elaine Elbizri, Carolyn Tucker, and Margaret Hastings.

### ➤ Review of Committees and Reports:

#### ➤ Technical

- Newsletter – Elisabet continues to do a wonderful job on the Newsletter. Members are encouraged to submit articles.
- Website (Nick) – Nick has developed the new online entry form for the Quicksilver ride and it needs to be reviewed and approved for posting online in July.

#### ➤ Trails (Carolyn)- All are open but as a precaution, Carolyn recommends no drinking from troughs due to the continued threat from the EHV outbreak.

#### ➤ Membership – (Nick) – The Club had one renewal since our last meeting. Those who have not renewed by June 1<sup>st</sup> will be removed from the member list.

#### ➤ Goodwill (Maryben) – No report.

#### ➤ Financial (Nick) – No expenses this month.

#### ➤ Ride Committee Reports

##### ○ Support to Fireworks Ride (Carolyn)

- The ride is on July 9th. Jill has been coordinating with SCCHA and Carolyn will contact her. Kate at SCCHA reached out to Nick for another rescue trailer. Margaret volunteered.

##### ○ Plans & Prep for the Quicksilver Fall Classic (Jerry) – Plans for the ride are on track.

- Permit Application for the ride submitted to SCC Parks April 10. Approval is near.
- Outreach to Volunteer “Team Captains” – Jerry has met with the head Ride Timers and outlined a plan. They will be recruiting pulse takers for each vet check. Jerry plans to have meetings with Team captains this summer in preparation for the October ride. Jerry has developed a spreadsheet organizing all of the ride elements. **Ride Volunteers - 36-37 people are required to stage the ride and currently there are 22. In particular we need pulse takers and vet scribes. If you are interested in volunteering, please let Jerry know.**
- Updates on Water, Vets, New Map, Key Volunteer Jobs, CDFA
  - Brian Reeves has agreed to be in charge of water for the ride. The Club now has nine water troughs. Four will be on course and the others will be at base camp and the finish line.
  - Karen Hassan, Michelle Roush-Rowe and another from Auburn are confirmed Vets. Chuck Kessinger and Melissa Ribley can't make it this year. A request has been sent to Cory Soltau to vet as well. Vets charge \$500 to work the ride. Chuck usually waived his fee so his replacement will be an added cost to the ride.
  - CDFA (drug testing fees) have gone up from \$8 to \$14. The increase will most likely need to be reflected in the entry fee.
  - Options for the Saturday night meal that will keep the ride within budget were discussed. Friday night will still be a Potluck.

#### ➤ Awards Committee Status – Banquet, Awards, Yearbook (Elaine) – Nick is fine tuning the criteria for awards for Board review.

- NEW: Possible summary of award “criteria” for inclusion in the August Quips, inclusion on the website, and call for nominations by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### ➤ New Business (All) - None

#### ➤ Old Business - Upgrade at Harvey Bear – Jerry waiting to hear from SCC Parks. Will continue to inquire.

#### ➤ Calendar Updates (All)

- Jerry sent out an Evite for the Club Ice Cream Social at Trilby's on **June 25<sup>th</sup>**. The event will also be a send-off to club member Lori Oleson who is moving to Greenwood, CA.
- **August 13 - 14<sup>th</sup>** Club Camp out at Santa Cruz Horseman's Association grounds. Elaine to send an email to members regarding interest and to get a head count. The Club's August Board Meeting will be held there Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. and is open to all. Dinner will be at 5:30 and a Presentation at 6 p.m. Julie Suhr has expressed interest in attending.

#### ➤ The Board meeting schedule will continue on the third Wednesday of the month but with a time change to 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

#### ➤ The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

*Margaret Hastings*

#### **Treasurer's report:**

Checking acct \$9,038

Trails fund \$1,075

No expenses, 1 member renewal.



## July Birthdays

7/2 Elisabet Hiatt, 7/8 Andy Reeves,  
7/12 Judith Ogus, 7/15 Scott Sansom,  
7/20 Trilby Pederson



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There is no **English** word for this: **Kuchisabishii**  
A Japanese word that means "to eat because your mouth is lonely"  
so, go ahead... finish that last piece of cake... kuchisabishii!





Hi Everyone,

I bought these from Stateline tack for \$139.00 and decided they are not for me - I am just too short. But they are very comfy - I have not worn them at all they are in brand new packaging. it will cost me \$50 to return them so I'm seeing if anyone would like to buy them from me for \$130.00 and we can arrange to meet in person so you can have them. They are a size 7. I have wide feet and they seemed fine. The leg part is also roomy if you have ample calves. Please pass this on if you know anyone who would be interested. **Judith Ogus** [judith@randomarts.biz](mailto:judith@randomarts.biz)



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