

Quicksilver Quips

October 2022

HAPPY
AUTUMN!



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2022 Board members are

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President's Message

President's Message, Jerry Wittenauer, 20 Sept 2022

Too much going on this month for a well-thought-out "President's Message" – sending along a collage of photos that capture all of the ride preps that are in-work this month. Hope to see many of you on the weekend of 1 October!



2022 QSER Club Calendar

1 Oct QS Fall Classic Endurance Ride
15 Nov All Awards Nominations Due
18 Jan Election of 2023 Officers

*Sometimes I look back on my life and
I'm seriously impressed I'm still alive...*

Hi everyone- I added the **2021 club directory** to the "members only" page on the web site.

From the web site click on the "Members only" button.

The secret word to get in is juliesuhr

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

From the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County:

Get an exclusive sneak-peek of **San Vicente Redwoods (SVR)** before the upcoming grand opening! SVR will be open on **Friday, October 14 and Saturday, October 15, 10am - 2pm** for equestrians to enjoy two-to-five miles of trails.

There will be light refreshments and a SVR merchandise give-away with every donation to the Land Trust! **Space is limited to 15 rigs on Friday and 13 on Saturday.**

If there is a lot of interest, Land Trust may open up additional Sneak Peek days for Equestrians. For more information, copy and paste this url:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/invite-only-equestrians-sneak-peek-of-san-vicente-redwoods-tickets-399225753977>



Would you like to help the
Therapeutic Riding Center
where I volunteer?

Please see below!
Thanks!!!
Elisabet



Divine Equine's survival is based on outside donations from grants, foundations, and donors. 80% of our annual revenue comes from donors to ensure that student costs are kept low, and access to lessons is equitable for all. All of this is at risk of going away. As you all know, rising costs have affected everyone and everything, and grants are not being awarded as regularly as they have been. These two factors have put DE in a precarious financial situation. To keep serving our students for the next year, we desperately need \$75,000. And we need that now. Our larger plan is to start an endowment that will ensure our financial security into the future. To do this, we will start a 2-year fundraising campaign to raise \$500,000. Your gift today will give us the gift of time to secure the future. Where will your donation go? Your generous donation will go towards the care of our horses, which includes hay, regular vet and farrier visits, and daily supplements. Donations will also pay staff for their hard work and the payment of our ranch lease. All of these needs culminate into the best possible experience for the students. They get happy and healthy horses, well-resourced staff members, and a property that serves the mission of providing safe, quality lessons. Thank you for making your tax-deductible donation today!

Gofundme link- <https://gofund.me/6463bb15> Please share this link far and wide!

Update from Lori Oleson....

Life on the ranch is anything but boring. Since I've moved in late July, I've been working extremely hard inside and out. Trees need to be cut, juniper removed, fencing replaced, painting inside, not to mention unpacking (which I still haven't finished because of the remodeling inside).

My barn is my favorite part of the ranch. Four stalls, lots of hay storage (I haven't filled it up yet), and a huge tack room. I look forward to rainy days that I can spend time with the horses and not get wet!

I've gotten some riding in and beginning to learn the trails. There are a lot of trails, but many are not mapped, so I just need to learn them. I can ride from the ranch, through some private property (legally), down a steep trail and have a choice of going 3 different directions. I never used to carry a phone when I rode, but now I do. It is amazing how good the cell service is everywhere I go.

About 5-6 weeks into the move the Mosquito Fire broke out. It was a Tuesday evening.



I had already entered to ride 2 days at Cuneo Creek, planning to leave Thursday.

After talking with a neighbor and another person, I decided to load up Fargo about 10am Thursday for the ride.

When I reached Willitis (about

5 hours away), my phone blew up – mandatory evacuation! Oh my gosh, what do I do? I started texting and calling everyone I could think of to get Flame and Reb out. It took some time but Dennis Tracy who lives in Pilot Hill went to get them and keep them at his ranch. They were safe, so I continued on.

It was my first time at Cuneo Creek. What a beautiful ride. Each day we did a trail on the second loop taking us through the giant trees. The first day we rode loop counter-clockwise, the second day clockwise. The whole ride was wonderful, but that was my favorite part. Well, that trail and the first day I saw a bear. That was fun.

REER does a great job with all of their rides. I know it is a bit of a drive, but I highly recommend going.

Quicksilver Introduction to Endurance Clinic

by Nick Warhol

We held our Introduction to Endurance clinic this past weekend at the Graham hill showgrounds in Santa Cruz, home of the Santa Cruz County Horseman's association. We had 13 horses and riders show up, as well as 8 or so auditors for the 2-day event. The weekend was sponsored by the SCCHA and the Quicksilver Endurance riders club, and was put on by the terrible trio: Myself, Debbie Boscoe and Jill Kilty-Newburn.



On Saturday we provided a whole day of static displays, lectures, talks, and presentations.

I had my truck/trailer set up with examples and descriptions of all the things you need for the sport, as well as hints for trailers and camping. (One lady who was walking by thought it was a sale and asked how much for the girth? NO!!! That's my stuff!)

Jill, Debbie and I gave most of the talks, but Our featured speaker this year was Becky Hart, only the three-time world Endurance champion. It was very cool since we had her follow our beginner presentation, done by Steve Hinz, a 72-year old beginner who has done 3 rides I believe. He was just great and is an inspiration to everyone starting out. Then Becky comes on and gave a great talk that covered just about every aspect of the sport from starting, to the importance of equitation to the sport, people conditioning, and much more. The audience unanimously chose it as the best presentation. They, and I, just loved the fact that one of the best riders in the history of the sport has some of the same day-to-day issues as the guys who are doing their first ride. It makes our beginners feel someone like Becky is indeed human, and that they as beginners can do it!

We had a special visit by Molly Rogers, a Specialized Saddle rep, who gave a nice talk on the importance and hassle of saddle fit for endurance. She followed it up with a saddle fitting demo on a clinic attendee's horse that went very well. I think she sold at least one saddle! Thanks Molly, you did a perfect job.



After the talks we vetted the horses in for the ride the next day, had a pot-luck dinner, and a real riders meeting where we talked about the ride and announced our pairings for the ride tomorrow. We send a small group of riders out on a marked trail with a 6-mile loop, a vet check, then a second loop of 4 miles, just like a real ride.

It lets us not only talk and lecture about how fast they should ride on their first few rides, we get to actually show them. The riding portion of the event is my favorite. It's really fun to be out there with the people and have them come back with big smiles.

Ah yes, the ride. September in Santa Cruz - and of course it rained for the first time in what, 8 months? We knew it was going to, so we told our hearty crew what the heck, this is part of endurance! We also told everyone they should feel no remorse if they did not want to ride in the rain.

A few elected to drop out, but about 8 brave souls tacked up and headed out in small groups with our team of mentors- Me, Jill, Debbie, and Ines riding my Donnie. It was raining when we left, and the trails were wet, wet, wet. Most of the riders even did the extra mile long bonus loop, a cool single track up in the hills that was kind of technical.

We got SOAKED from the tree branches that had become water logged and dropped down across the trail. One of my riders said "Welcome to the car wash!" as we pushed through the branches, getting drenched in the process.

We made it back to camp for the vet check, where we had two brave volunteers out there in the rain. Thanks to Angela Moore and Daniela Mielke for braving the elements for our riders.

We would have been happy to hang it up then, but two brave riders headed back out to get that second loop done. That's the endurance spirit! This is when it REALLY started to rain, as in hard. We had little streams of water running down the single tracks, and I had to remove a small tree that had come down across the trail. We were riding in a downpour that dumped a lot of water in a short period of time. Back in camp the hot shower was sure welcome!

We finished up the day with a brief awards ceremony with snacks (and hot coffee!) where we awarded our prizes, and the horse excellence blanket to Dana Andrews who did a great job on her first real experience in any kind of riding like this, and her horse looked great. In this weather! Of course, it cleared up when we were done riding. At least it made packing up easier.

It was another really successful event with the participants really raving about it. That's why we do it, and we will get a few new AERC members as a result. Thanks to our sponsors - Western Saddlery and Specialized Saddles. Western Saddlery provided our bounty of participation and completion awards, and Tracy from Specialized sent us a box of goodies to give out, including a \$350 saddle pad! That was one happy rider who won that bad boy in a drawing!

Thanks again to our speakers, volunteers, Ines for riding Donnie as a mentor, and Jill and Debbie for all the work. Until the next one! Just not next week. The Quicksilver ride is in two weeks.



Henry Cowell fun ride with Elaine and Bella

by E. Hiatt

On September 16th, Elaine and her lovely mare Bella met me at the SCCHA for a fun ride at Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park, in Felton.

It was a beautiful day, which was made even more enjoyable knowing that a good rain was on its way!!! (**YAY!!!** Things are so dry around here, that any promise of rain makes us giddy!)



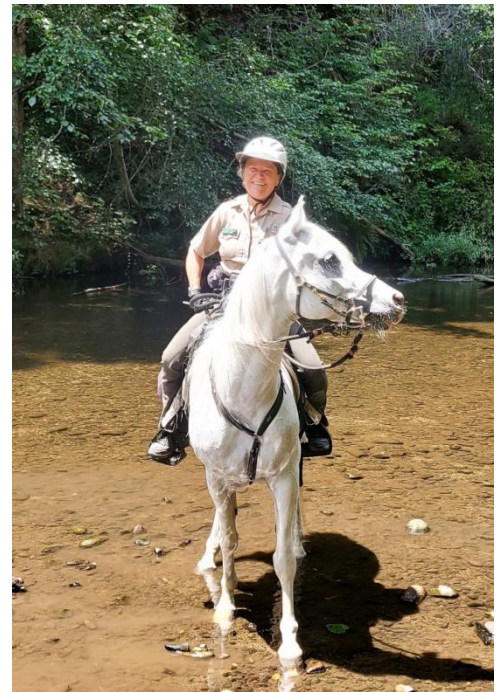
I am a Mounted Assistance Unit volunteer with the State Parks, and since we are not allowed to patrol alone, Elaine's company was a double treat... doing something good for the parks AND doing it with a lovely companion is just great.

I know Elaine and Bella are in "kick butt" shape, so we took what I consider the most challenging trail in the park: Buckeye!

Buckeye is not for the faint of heart, or for a rider that is afraid of a rocky, steep difficult climb, very narrow trail sections and several decent river crossings.

It's also not ideal for a horse that is not sure footed, fairly bomb proof, or in really good shape. Bella did absolutely great and Elaine wants to come back for more, so welcome to my "*we are crazy, gutsy riders*" club!! - and I'm not just saying that - I've nearly lost a couple of friends after taking them on that trail!. Wooops!

We eventually made our way back up to the top and continued on to the next fun item on the list: one of the two true "old growth" redwoods in the park. One of them is on the Redwood Grove Loop. This loop is the one most tourists visit, with the "Fremont Tree" being the main attraction. The other one is pretty well hidden and off the beaten path, so if you are not looking for it, you will miss this 1,400 to 1,800 year old jewel. It's on the Eagle Creek trail, before the bridge if you are going up toward Pine trail. Look for a small foot trail on the left. It's definitely worth the hike/ride.



After our lovely 9 or so mile ride, we drove to my house, where Elaine showed me the amazing "50 Quicksilver Rides" celebration booklet she is working on. We are all in for a great treat down memory lane.

I can't wait to see the final product!

JUST FOR FUN...

GOD, GIVE ME A REASON TO GO
TO WORK



HORSES AREN'T CHEAP MY CHILD

I don't have a train of thought. I have seven trains on 4 tracks that narrowly avoid each other when the paths cross and all the conductors are screaming...

HOW TO USE BRAZILIAN JIU JITSU AGAINST A BEAR



EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON.
FACE IT, SOMETIMES THE REASON IS THAT
YOU'RE STUPID AND MAKE BAD DECISIONS.

Wheat makes beer.
Corn makes whiskey.
Grapes make wine.
Potatoes make vodka.
Agave makes tequila.
Rice makes sake.
Sugarcane makes rum.

You can't get drunk without farmers.
You're welcome.

First rule of cleaning while listening to music: the toilet brush is never the microphone... NEVER.

I'd walk through fire for my best friend. Well, not fire, that would be dangerous. But a super humid room... not too humid... you know, my hair...

JOY

*Joy does not arrive with a fanfare,
on a red carpet strewn with the flowers of a perfect life.
Joy sneaks in, as you pour a cup of coffee,
watching the sun hit your favorite tree, just right.
And you usher joy away,
because you are not ready for it.
Your house is not as it must be,
for such a distinguished guest.
But joy cares nothing for your messy home,
or your bank-balance,
or your waistline, you see.
Joy is supposed to slither through the cracks
of your imperfect life,
that's how joy works.
You cannot invite her,
you can only be ready when she appears.
And hug her with meaning,
because in this very moment,
joy chose you.*

[Donna Ashworth](#)

In the news...

Someone special!



"Until her recent retirement at the age of 100, Betty Reid Soskin was the oldest living park ranger in the US National Park Service. She gave bi-weekly lectures at the Rosie the Riveter National Historic Park in Richmond, California, telling the story of the Bay Area's pioneering role in desegregation. After one of her lectures, Betty agreed to be photographed. At first, she wanted to keep her trademark sunglasses on, then she relented and proceeded to look straight into the lens for the entire shoot. Afterwards, I watched her climb a flight of stairs faster than I could, which really gave me pause".

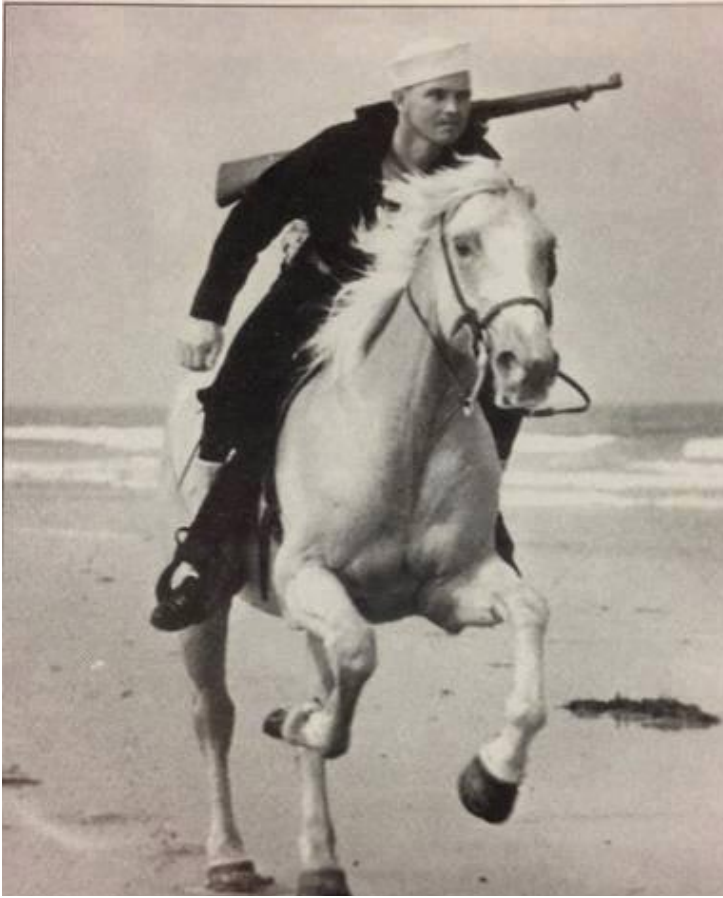
Photo by Frederic Aranda for the September 2022 issue of National Geographic Traveler

	<p><i>Queen Elizabeth II</i> <i>April 21, 1926 - September 8, 2022</i> <i>Ride on, your Majesty.</i> <i>May all the horses you loved be waiting for you.</i></p>
<p>Let's not take ourselves too seriously. None of us has a monopoly on wisdom. Queen Elizabeth II</p>	

"Champions keep playing until they get it right."

- Billie Jean King

Coast Guard Beach Patrol: interesting bit of history...



This image shows the Coast Guard Beach Patrol on duty in Virginia during World War II. At its height, the Beach Patrol employed about 24,000 men aged 17 to 73, protecting 3,700 miles of coastline from potential enemy invasion. The Beach Patrol began in June 1942 and lasted until preparations began for the Normandy invasion in 1944, when most of the men were called away for sea duty. The Beach Patrol had three main objectives: to detect, observe and report offshore enemy vessels; to report enemy landing attempts; and to prevent people on land from communicating with the enemy at sea.

Coast guards would frequently be mounted on horses or accompanied by dogs, and were armed with radios, compasses, whistles, pistols and rifles. Horsemen worked in pairs, riding about 100 feet apart and covering a two-mile stretch of the coast quickly and efficiently. Known as 'Sand Pounders', their presence gave American citizens a much-needed sense of security at a time when the threat of German coastal invasion was very real.

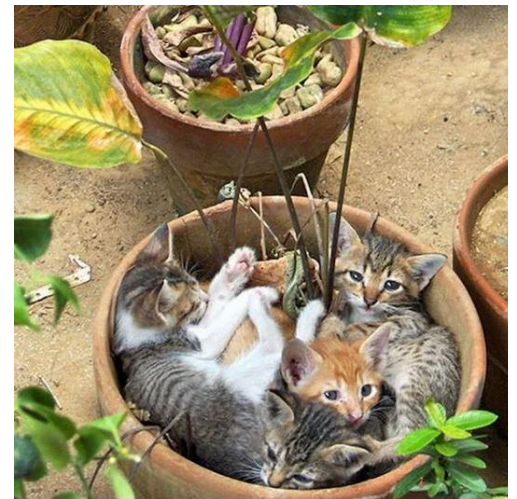


From Rachel Miura:

"Here is our adorable new Golden Retriever puppy! Her name is Scout and she was born July 9th."

Welcome to the club, Scout! We can't wait to meet you in person and get some fuzzy, wiggly puppy cuddles!

When planting your cats, make sure you water them at least once a day for proper growth...



"When you're good at something, you'll tell everyone. When you're great at something, they'll tell you."

Walter Payton

Hmmmm....

Have you ever wondered exactly **how many ants live on Earth?**

Research provides an approximate answer. We conservatively estimate our planet harbors about 20 quadrillion ants. That's 20 thousand million millions, or in numerical form: 20,000,000,000,000,000 (20 with 15 zeroes).

We further estimate the world's ants collectively constitute about 12 million tons of dry carbon. This exceeds the mass of all the world's wild birds and wild mammals combined. It's also equal to about one-fifth of the total weight of humans.

Keep a tight lid on your feed bins... I'm pretty sure we don't need any more ants.

Carlos & I took the 2-day trip to participate in a fantastic Endurance Ride at the Grand Canyon – we rode 50 miles for 3 days in a row, sampling plenty of the rugged beauty of the North Rim of the Grand Canyon and the Kaibab Plateau.



Although the Southwest was experiencing a heat wave at the time, our ride camp was situated at 9000 ft altitude, yielding daily high temps in the mid-70's and cool nights in the high 40's - yay!

The drive was epic, passing through the AZ / UT badlands with welcoming oases of Hurricane, Colorado City, and Fredonia along the way. On some travel days, we started our drive at 4:00 am so as to be done for the day by noon and avoid the worst of the desert heat.

As always with our riding, CARLOS! Was the rock star and I was the weak link: between the thin air and 3 days of 9-hr riding, I was wrecked by the end of our 3rd day. But CARLOS! (the wild man) developed a nose for ride camp, and it was everything that I could do to hold on to him as we neared our completion on the last day. (I actually had to get down and hand walk him the final ½ mile to the finish because it just didn't seem right to be yanking on the reins to slow him down after 3 days of such loyal partnership.) It's very gratifying to finish with "plenty of horse" after three days of fairly tough riding.

After 7 years in the sport now, this was our first "Multi-Day" Ride – a new plaque is coming soon to the wall-of-fame at my barn! Special thanks to Dave and Annie Nicholson for assembling a first-rate team of veterinarians, water logistics on the course, and trail markings – staging these rides aint easy!

Other Notes on the ride: – I used my Garmin Montana GPS device each day (carried on my belt) to provide lots of confidence in our route finding . . . there was plenty of grazing opportunity every day during the ride – we like that – keeps the horse thirsty . . . my Vettec "Equipak" in Carlo's front feet was blasted out after day #1, and by the end of day #3, I could tell that his feet were getting a little bit pinchy from the rocky trails. I'm going to start bringing my Vettec Kit along with me on the future rides so I can do field replacements as-needed . . . each riding day, after the first 4 miles or so of "head strong Carlos", I transfer my reins from his bit to the loops in his rope halter, and we ride most of the day like that – I think that it's easier on him . . . continuing to meet fun people and have cool experiences at the horse hotels that we've been picking out – part of the adventure for sure!

Quicksilver members are always up to something.... good!

Meet **Elizabeth Madera Evans**, who runs a 'mini' NPO called Caring Cowgirl-Therapeutic Mini Equine Visits (501c3). She recently had their first fundraiser. She says: "We had a fun and cozy afternoon in our friend Magda's, who is also a Quicksilver rider, ranch home. Filled with music, food, a silent auction and cerveza, we made the best of a rainy day. Our therapy mini's were there too (Vanessa, rescued mini donkey and Shakira rescued dwarf mini horse)." Way to go Elizabeth, and needless to say... the minis are the cutest!! Elizabeth is planning to ride the QS ride, so say hello if you see her!!



Magda and Elizabeth



HEAR, HEAR!!!!

Nominations for the Board of Directors/Club Officers are due in October.

Any nominations for Board members should be sent to the chairperson of the committee, **Maryben Stover**. The committee would like to receive nominations as soon as possible so that we can have the best possible board in place for next year.

The meetings are held approximately once a month by Zoom.

If you have someone in mind, or if you would like to be on the board next year, send me your nominations. There is no particular form for nominations. Just send us your nominations (yourself or another member) and we will take it from there.

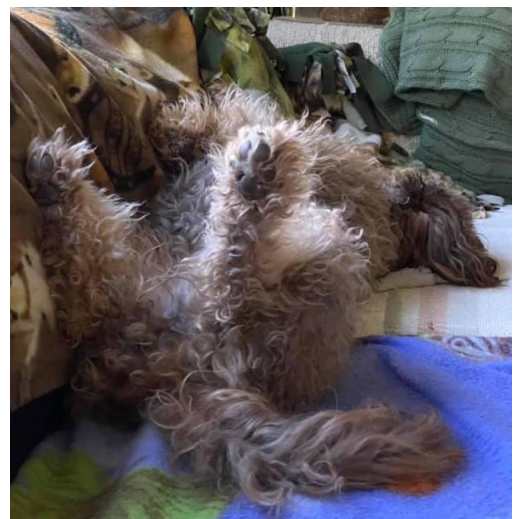
We have three vacancies to be filled.



Carolyn Tucker's dog **Sadie** was trying to decide if she wanted to go outside and play or not.

Apparently not.

Nap time!





our shadows

right where we left them

autumn again

[Ann K. Schwader.](#) Westminster, CO

Full Circle

A few minutes ago, the sun dipped below the equator. Autumn again. The heated pace of summer cools into shorter days and longer shadows. Pumpkins and tomatoes return to the fields of the Webb Ranch in bright balls of red and orange. There is a sense of homecoming, of having come full cycle to a familiar place of reaping and resting. Last month, I completed 73 cycles, comforted by the familiar and awed by the new and unexpected. Every repeat is a ritual, every first is an adventure. And in some ways, every repeat is a first. The ranch road I've ridden for twenty years is only a couple of miles round trip. It includes a lovely trail around fruited fields, under oaks, beside blackberry bushes and along the creek. A short route-ine, yet on each journey, we never know what we'll see—deer, coyotes, a heron, bunnies, berries. My horse is always on the lookout for what might not have been there yesterday—new smells and sounds, new foliage, changing weather, different horses en passant.

Cowboy poet-singer Dave Stamey captures this sense of the new within the old in [The Circle](#). Listen to the song and savor how, in your life, each returning season brings freshness within its fallback.

*And the trails I ride are new
even though I've made the circle many times before.
For they change with every season and with every shift of light
from the summit where the clouds fall to the sweet
valley floor.*

- Dave Stamey, [The Circle](#)

*Horsensei wishes you a fruitful and abundant autumn
filled with haiku moments.*



**WHO
SAID
WE
CAN'T
ALL
GET
ALONG?**



Jill, Jo, Elisabet and her husband **Ron** enjoyed a lovely and fun dinner telling stories of the "good old days" back when Jill boarded her horse at Jo's barn in Boulder Creek. Even though Jo no longer has the property, she has many fond memories of those days.

Quicksilver Endurance Riders (QSER) Club September 14, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

The Board meeting was held via Zoom on September 14, 2022. Call to Order by President Jerry Wittenauer at 6:38 p.m. In Attendance: Jerry Wittenauer, Maryben Stover, Nick Warhol, Elaine Elbizri, and Margaret Hastings.

- Review of Committees and Reports:
- Technical (Website/QUIPS/Other)
 - Discussion of how to reproduce Elaine's Club History compilation. Post on the Website, print, include in Quips, etc.
 - Jerry has managed to collect most of the Club's gear and is currently storing it at his place.
- Membership (Jerry/Nick/Elaine) Two new members last month. Total of 69 in Club. Elaine suggested adding the Membership Form to the Quicksilver Rider Packet with the offer "Join now and membership is good through 2023." Discussion of possible "Lifetime Membership" to the Club.
- Goodwill (Maryben) Nothing to report.
- Financial – See Treasurer's Report
- Ride Committee Reports
 - Plans & Prep for the Quicksilver Fall Classic (Jerry) – Plans and prep for the ride are on track.
 - Budget Outlook – Entries for the ride are down this year. Jerry shared that Vets have been reduced to 3 and Port-o-Johns to 2 due to the reduced rider numbers (52 as of now vs. 85 at this time last year.) Park Permit is \$2000. The ride should still be profitable or at least break even.
 - Jerry has been spending lots of time checking entries for AERC membership status, confirming rider/horses' names, etc.
 - Equipment Status – Jerry still needs a generator which Nick agreed to provide.
- Recent and Upcoming Events
 - September 17th – Nick hosting an Endurance Clinic – so far there are 15 people with horses and 6 auditors planning to attend.
 - October 1st – Quicksilver Fall Classic at Harvey Bear County Park
 - Board Search Committee – Discussed outreach for Board positions that will need to be filled for the next cycle. We need to fill 3 spots. Maryben to coordinate the search.
- Trails – No report
- Awards Committee Status (Nick, Elaine, Jerry) – **Nominations for Awards are due by November 15th** to the appropriate Award Committee. Elaine is coordinating. An announcement will be in the next Quips.
- The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Margaret Hastings

Treasurer's report:

Checking	\$ 9,544
Paypal	\$10,080
Total	\$19,624

Ride entries so far: about \$9,000
Savings (trails fund) \$1,075



October Birthdays

Mary Anderson, 10/5,



Market Place

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Illustrations by Judith Ogus

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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

**OK, so... naked running... apparently this means running without a GPS, music or any other tech.
I wish I knew this an hour ago...**

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



OK, the ad below is not for real (at least I **hope** it's not!!) but I just HAD to publish it. If you want a good laugh and consider the *possibility* that some people may actually identify with some of this... well, it was worth sharing. Oh, and please, pardon the language... I can't edit it out. *Elisabet*



Keeli Barker

1 hr · 🌐

Okay. It's time Ozzy finds someone else to torture. I throw in the towel. He's 22 years old. Great feet. Fat on just pasture.

Pretty sure the devil decided to create him when he was bored, realized what he created, casted him to earth because even he didn't want to deal with him.. then god said 'this is how you must pay for your sins' and I ended up with him.

Top of the totem pole. The fucking tip top. My horses literally tremble with complete and utter fear when he's around. My stud colts suck their nuts back up they're so scared of him. He runs them off their food, so I built them stalls so they can eat in peace. He has now learned how to open the pens and/or scoot up underneath them. My horses won't even eat now because they are absolutely terrified of this tiny tatertot on toothpicks from the fiery depths of hell. I can't separate him because they only other area I have to lock him up is where their water troughs are. If I lock him up they can't get water, but at this point I think they would take dehydration over dealing with him.

He may be up there in age, but trust me, the devil doesn't even want to deal with him so he's alive, healthy, pretty sure immortal, a prick, the tiniest menace to society.

The vet says I have at LEAST another 10-15 years with him and that's enough to make me go 2007 Britney Spears. If you have someone you hate, a horse you hate, or someone who's life you want to make an absolute living hell... look no further. I'll pray with you/for you and give you a shot of tequila before you leave with him. You'll need it.

Edit to add- you better have a secure fence. He Houdini's out of EVERYTHING. This... this absolute disgrace to the equine species has made me chase him all over Harris county. There are deputies who genuinely have PTSD from him. He's made me ride in the back of a police car. At one point, he made a neighbor threaten me.

Pls save me. Save my horses. Save my sanity. TAKE. HIM!!!



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