

CORRAL NEWS

ETI CORRAL 357 | SADDLEBACK CANYON RIDERS



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A Note from the President

By Kristen Holden

Sometimes it seems just like yesterday, and other times it feels like we have been dealing with this pandemic for an eternity but either way it is here to stay for a while. So, the question is how do we keep a horse club going amidst all this chaos? That is not an easy question to answer.

First, we must look at the demographics of our club, and of course it may be indicative of many other clubs. Leisure horseback riders in the clubs surrounding Orange County, which include Riverside and San Bernardino are aging. We are not as youthful as we once were. Many of us are close to, if not already in retirement and with age comes health and a variety of other issues. So here we are trying to social distance with one another, wear face coverings and generally stay home. None of these behaviors lends itself to stay connected and certainly does not give us the opportunity to socialize with our horseback riding friends.

But as we all know about our horse community, when there is a will there is a way. Riding is not an option but a necessity. So, the creativity and ingenuity of horse back riders will always win. Recently, members of the Saddleback Canyon Riders have taken to riding by meeting up at locations where there is sufficient distance to make even the most fearful of us comfortable. Horseback riding in general allows us to stay separated. And it does not stop there. With

Memorial Day fast approaching, members have found ways to camp at O'Neill with sufficient separation to make everyone feel comfortable.

Even the club's board members have found a way to meet. With apps such as Zoom, our board members have been able to ensure that club activities continue virtually. Since March, we have not missed a board meeting yet. All the while staying safe and socially distant. Although we cannot plan many get together, members are excited to find a way to make riding a priority.

As we look toward the future, regardless of a pandemic, aging population or any other issue, the horseback riding community is strong and vibrant and will outstand, outwill and outmaneuver any issue that comes our way.

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"We ain't okayed!" - Rick Balteser, Past President

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Twenty Shades of Green

By Debbie Kelly



The twenty year anniversary gemstone is the Emerald. The jewel dates back four thousand years to ancient Babylon and was worn by actress Elizabeth Taylor in the film Cleopatra as it intensified her violet colored eyes. Green

by nature is the most calming color on the color wheel and symbolizes growth, reflection, peace, healing, and balance. The green tones in the Emerald are tempered with a cool blue which symbolizes a steadfast bond. The powerful and mystical beliefs behind any gemstone are endless. This year the Emerald carries a special significance for me that I'd like to share with you.

If you know me, then you know it is not a twenty year wedding anniversary I am celebrating. I had one of those in a previous life. It was twenty years ago this month when I first laid eyes on my Tennessee Walking Horse Riley and said to his sellers "He's the one". I'd looked at a few of the more flashy horses (flashy was not a prerequisite for me) that day but most of them were just too much horse for me at that time. I saw Riley tied to one of the hitching posts and asked about him. As it turned out he had just come in from Tennessee a few days earlier and was still being evaluated. He was just two and a half years old, a bit younger than I was looking for but from that first introduction, well let's just say, I wasn't leaving with the thousand dollar

deposit I had brought along. From that day until now, the blue hue in that Emerald stone has done its job. That bond has only gotten stronger as Riley and I have experienced two decades of life's journey together. And they have been a thousand fold. Let me share a few with you.

One of the early memorable experiences was the first time I actually took him out of the barn area of the old Buck Ranch. He had been in quarantine for a few weeks so I could only ride him around the general area of the barns. On our first group ride outside of the barn and on the trails of Buck Ranch, Riley had a spook, off I went, and down the hillside he ran. It was a harrowing experience and it took what seemed like a lifetime for one of our friends to go down and finally catch him. Alan, his rescuer, ended up covered in poison oak which earned him a trip to the ER. I have always been grateful to him for saving my new partner and at no small price to himself.

Our first trip away was a camp-out that very month, likely the Memorial Day weekend when the Buck Ranch hosted a group at a private yet rustic campground in Santa Barbara. There I learned a few things about this new companion that really endeared him to me. He liked tents! In fact he tried to follow me right into mine. I also introduced him to swimming and to deer. He did not like the deer so a more seasoned rider showed me how to help him overcome that. Our future was getting off to a great start.



We had several such camp-outs in the years to follow and each one brought more confidence as we got to know each other.

As I was Trail Boss for ETI back in those days, Riley naturally became the lead horse in most group rides. We would ride with as few as two or three and all the way up to twenty five or more. We led my first ETI Month End Ride to the McFadden Ranch House and our first Charity Ride to the same venue in 2003.

Later, when our Mounted Assistance Unit (MAU) was revived we were called on to help find a missing horse in the dense Modjeska Canyon hills. Riley helped search for two days and on day two, with several riders and a helicopter team we located the horse and he was returned home unscathed

We did a great deal of training for the MAU and went on lots of rides and camp-outs at Caspers Park. Riley and I also became volunteers for both O'Neill and Caspers Park including Fire Watch, and have logged over a thousand hours of patrol since 2007 when O'Neill started keeping record. That does not include those hours prior when MAU began recording. But who's counting?

In 2008 we took our first pack trip into the back country. Due to the nature of the trails, some very narrow and very high, I had to draw on the years of training and my confidence as I am pretty squeamish up high with no place to turn around should you come upon other horses, hikers, or snakes. All of which occurred on that trip and here we both are to talk about it. Riley went on two more trips to the back county after

that. I opted out. I had my adventure and was fine with that.

Over the years I taught my granddaughter how to ride on Riley. She had ridden my wonderful Appaloosa Coco since she was two years old; so when I introduced her to Riley at about six years old she had no qualms just getting in the saddle and riding him around the ranch or in the round pen. They kind of grew up together. Later she would ride him on trail like an old pro.

As in everyone's life, I have gone through some struggles. This has been the case in the last twenty years, both personal and health wise. I have felt my heart break and have experienced loss. My pets have always been my comfort, but my horse Riley has been my rock and go to for healing. When your heart is hurting and you face your horse to lean against his heartbeat, you feel that hurt just melt away. It is a sustainable and powerful antidote and there is never a shortage. Riley is almost twenty three years old. When the day comes that I cannot turn to him for comfort all of these memories will be what sustains me. But I don't see that coming for many more years.

Before I close, a little about his name as it circles back to the Emerald. His papered name is Western Flyer and his color is listed as Sorrell. To me he looked like a big Irish Setter and needed an Irish name. Wester Flyer was not going to do. About that same time I was planning a trip to Ireland with my sister and our daughters. I came up with the name Bailey (yes, as in the Irish crème) but that is a light beverage and not a strong enough name for my new gelding.



Guinness was too dark of a name and why did I need to name him after an alcoholic beverage? Most of them were already taken anyway. I was kicking around Irish last names (I was not a Kelly yet but had embraced the culture and heritage I had been exposed to by Jeff's family) and came up with O'Reilly. As I would use the name it was just easier to abbreviate it and call him Riley. It actually comes from an Irish surname Reilly, but I did not know of the spelling then and didn't want to confuse him (or myself) and change it again. He is Riley.

So as the lush countryside of Ireland is covered in green, the beautiful green Emerald gemstone

so aptly represents the years with my Irish lad, Riley. We have had the best of times with some bumps and bruises along the way. I've heard you're not actually a cowboy or cowgirl without them. I always try to put his needs above my own and he is always there for me. I'd toast to twenty more if we were celebrating with friends which was my plan before the quarantine. So instead, today I will tell Riley how grateful I am for everyday we've shared the past twenty years, and for all of those yet to come. The "green" horse I found twenty years ago is now my well-polished Emerald jewel. Love you boyo.



No-Mess Medicating

By Rich Gomez

Western Horseman asked Wyoming clinician and rancher Trina Morris to share a simple tip to give your horse dewormer or oral medication without ending up with more on you than in the horse's mouth. This is something she learned from her dad...a proven ranch remedy and it's super-simple!

- U Put your headstall on your horse
- U Take the medicine and stick it up behind the bit
- U Your horse won't be able to spit it out
- U Some may get around the bit but keeps the medicine in his mouth!



Here's the YouTube link if you'd like to watch her technique...<https://youtu.be/n7Yw9CH69tY>

2020 Upcoming Events

Saddleback Canyon Riders | ETI Corral 357

Jun	4	Thursday	Members' Meeting CANCELED	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	6	Saturday	Imperial Beach Ride CANCELED	8:00 am	Meet at CVS	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	11	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	lacono's	Jim (714) 612-1789
	13	Saturday	Trail Maintenance	9:00 am	O'Neill Park arena	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	20	Saturday	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 PM	newsletter.eticorral357@gmail.com	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	28	Sunday	Month-End Ride	9:00 am	Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate	Debbie (949) 244-0670
Jul	4	Friday	July 4th Parade & BBQ	3:30 pm	Gomez' Round Pen	Rich/Patti (949) 888-1604
	8	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	TBD	
	20	Monday	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 PM	newsletter.eticorral357@gmail.com	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	26	Sunday	Trabuco-Rose Preserve Ride	8:30 am	Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	31	Friday	Pancake Fund Raiser - Setup	5:30 pm	RSM	Kristen (949) 444-1990
Aug	1	Saturday	Pancake Fund Raiser	5:30 am	RSM	Kristen (949) 444-1990
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Sep	3	Thursday	Members' Meeting	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	10	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	TBD	
	20	Sunday	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 PM	newsletter.eticorral357@gmail.com	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	26	Saturday	Inner-Coastal/Watershed CleanUp	8:00 am	Trabuco Creek Bridge	Rich/Patti (949) 888-1604
	27	Sunday	Trabuco-Rose Preserve Ride	10:00 am	O'Neill Park arena picnic area	Debbie (949) 244-0670
Oct	1	Thursday	Members' Meeting and Nominations	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	3	Saturday	Acorn Day NEED VOLUNTEERS	10:00-3:00	O'Neill Park	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	8	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	TBD	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	10	Saturday	Trail Maintenance	8:00 am	O'Neill Park	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	20	Tuesday	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 PM	newsletter.eticorral357@gmail.com	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	31	Saturday	Costume Trail Ride	8:30 am	O'Neill Park Arena	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	Nov	5	Thursday	Members' Meeting and Elections	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill
		Fri-Sun	Pomona Horse Expo	10:00 am		non-club event
7		Saturday	Trail Maintenance	9:00 am	O'Neill Park	Rich/Patti (949) 888-1604
12		Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	TBD	
20		Friday	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 PM	newsletter.eticorral357@gmail.com	Debbie (949) 244-0670
28		Saturday	Trabuco-Rose Preserve Ride	10:00 am	Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate	Debbie (949) 244-0670
Dec	10	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	TBD	
	12	Saturday	Christmas Party	5:30 pm	TBD	
	20	Sunday	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 PM	newsletter.eticorral357@gmail.com	Debbie (949) 244-0670



Reminds Me of a Story...Staying the Course

By James M. Iacono



The year was 2001. The start of a new century! A 2nd grade little girl named Jordan Bui was ready to start something new as well. She had new boots and a riding helmet and came out to Rose Canyon Road in Trabuco Canyon to take horseback riding lessons from Vicki Iacono. Her first ride was on Captain, a steady Arabian gelding who was the favorite of many a young girl.

She became a regular for weekly lessons. Vicki remembers her as being a confident rider from the beginning. She was a quick learner, and always eager to advance to next level... whether it be from going from walk to trot, to trotting in patterns, to finally cantering. She interacted well with other students, and her family eventually joined ETI so she could be around other girls who were like minded about loving horses.

Taking lessons on someone else's horse was gratifying to a point but as was true to her character, she wanted to advance to the next level, which would mean getting her own horse. That came in 2008, when she found a Cash, a solidly-built bay Quarter Horse who had just turned 17. Cash was perfect for her. He challenged her but was as honest as they come.

She boarded Cash at our stables for some time. Being a young teenager, her parents did not allow her to ride alone, so I can remember her calling others on Friday night to check

their Saturday riding schedule- Becca Segien, Lauren Lusk, oftentimes even me. The girls were all in ETI, so I remember them riding in 4th of July Parades, The Swallows Day Parade, and competing in Playdays. Her parents often helped out on the ground. In those days it felt like a true Family Club, as we had a good core group of elementary, junior high and high school kids. I recently asked Jordan what her favorite activity in ETI was and she said without hesitation, "Playdays!" She wasn't alone, those were my favorite Saturdays as well! Her best event was "Egg and Spoon", in which a rider has to run a pattern balancing an egg on a spoon. I mentioned to her that I remember her run times were often better than all of the adults. "Cash was like riding a Cadillac," she mused.

I remember our Saturday rides and of course we would cover a lot of subjects, and the conversation would wind its way around to her future. She would self-assuredly say, "I want to be a horse vet." Now I have heard that from many of Vicki's students over the years. It makes sense, a lot of young cowgirls love animals, want to be around animals, and why not make a life getting paid being around animals? (Becca and Lauren now also have jobs working with animals). When Jordan said it, I instinctively believed it. She had good instincts around large animals, she was bright, I could



tell she loved science (she dropped Spanish in high school so that she could take a SECOND AP science class in the same semester). She took initiative. Not wanting to miss out on an opportunity to be on her horse, she wasn't shy about calling others to initiate trail rides. But I also remember her calling Dr. Secor's office and asked if she could go on a ride along with one of the vets. That would seem overwhelming to many 13 year-olds, but not Jordan. She was told she could ride one day with Dr. Larson, and for her that ride sealed the deal. They responded to three "out of the ordinary" emergencies as she now describes them, one involving a young foal. They succeeded in all 3, and the path of her life's mission was now in front of her.

Jordan graduated as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (Large Animal) from Colorado State University just this last month. Cash hung on until early this year as she was culminating her 8 years of study in Colorado. Jordan accepted a position with a practice in Santa Rosa, CA and has already started healing what comes before her.

Last weekend, her always-supportive parents, LeAnn and Tang, had a "drive by" graduation party to commemorate her accomplishment. They passed out decorations for cars earlier in the week to friends and family, and gave us a time frame to stop by. It was going to be a surprise. Vicki and I decided to "ride by." We used the streamers on our horses, and came up from the arroyo to their house which backed up to it in RSM. It was really great to honor her, a girl who had a dream and stuck to it; A girl who knew what she was shaped to do, and put in the studying and the sweat to achieve it.

I asked her about that ride along with Dr. Larson, and if it was more about helping the animals or the people who owned the animals that gave her satisfaction and convinced her of her future calling. "It was all about helping the animals," she said with certainty.

That's what I have learned the last few months. Our club has had no social activities, no real get togethers to speak of to reinforce our human bonds... yet we still muck, water, and ride. We still have a treat to give and a friend to love on. People have come and gone over the years but we are still a Club waiting to share our next adventure. What makes it all tick? As Dr. Jordan Bui says, "It's all about the animals."

Congratulations Jordan! You stayed the course, and the course stayed in you! You will always have friends and future clients from ETI 357 who remember when you could so adeptly balance an egg on a spoon...kind of a metaphor for life!





Time is running out... along with the tide for our annual Imperial Beach Ride Saturday, June 6th

We leave from CVS Pharmacy as a caravan at 8:00 am. (we return between 5-6 pm.)
Bring your own horse or rent one from San Diego Beach rides where we stage
Please RSVP by June 1st to jamesiacono@rocketmail.com.

We need to know:

Are you renting?

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Do you need a space in someone's trailer? Limited so first come, first served.

Do you have room in your trailer for an additional horse(s).

Cost is \$10 for Members, \$20 for non-Members. (pays for staging and tipping the wrangler)
Rentals are \$100 for 2 hours, \$140 for 3 hours (recommended)

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Treasurer's Report

By Vicki Iacono

ETI - CORRAL 357 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING: April 30, 2020

Ending Bank Balance (Bank of America) \$ 8,141.51

DEPOSITS:

Deposits Made After April 2020 Closing: \$ 0.00

Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits \$ 8,141.51

EXPENSES:

CK#	Source	Reason	Amount
2200	ETI	Membership dues	\$28.00
2201	D Kelly	Board dinner	\$50.00
2202	R Gomez	Web hosting	\$239.88
2203	Tari Schroeder	Newsletter	\$120.00

Total expenses paid in April 2020: \$ (437.88)

UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED IN THIS PERIOD

CK#	Source	Reason	Amount	Ck#	Source	Reason	Amount
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Total Outstanding Checks April - 2010 i.e. Spending: \$ 0.00

Funds on hand in checking as of 4-30-2020 \$ 8,141.51

Petty Cash on Hand as of 4-30-2020 \$ 400.00

Corral FUNDS On Hand at 4-30-2020 \$ 8,541.51

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Membership renews due:

Jim and Sue Corley

Sue Baldwin

2020 Board of Directors

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Board Members meet monthly (2nd Thursdays); Saddleback Canyon Riders Members are always welcome to attend or host a meeting. RSVP required.

Members Meetings (1st Thursdays) are open to the public.

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