

# CORRAL NEWS



ETI CORRAL 357 | SADDLEBACK CANYON RIDERS

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## A Note from the President

By Kristen Holden

I want to wish everyone in ETI a very Happy New Year. I can honestly say that I am so glad 2020 is over and although 2021 is starting off with so many restrictions, I hope we can all look forward to the day where we can get back to some level of normalcy.

As we look forward to getting back our lives, I would like to ask our members to reflect on the reasons they have continued to be a part of this organization. What has made you continue to be a member? Is it the comradery of friends who have the same interests, is it the events, or is it the idea that the club works to maintain the equine lifestyle in the canyon? Or it may be something completely different. Whatever it is, I would love to hear from you.

Our goal this year is to grow our membership by expanding beyond our small borders and looking for events and ways to capture the interests of our members. I would like to ask you as members to consider the reasons you enjoy participating in the group and express those reasons to your friends and family. Perhaps they might find the same enjoyment that you do.

Aside, from me, the Board Members would love to hear from you on ways that we can improve your experiences and make this club a fun and inviting place for members to want to be. Feel free to call or email any of us...we look forward to hearing from you.



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"We ain't skeered!" - Rick Balhazer, Past President

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The Club's New Tri-fold Brochure. Get some to pass out to friends and neighbors. Contact Mike Wallace at [mustangmikesats@gmail.com](mailto:mustangmikesats@gmail.com) or come to the February Member's Meeting to pick up your copies.



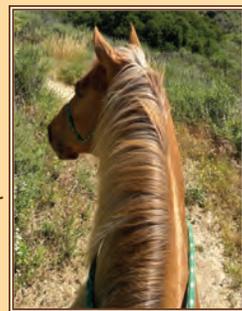
# Come join the club!!!

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## Where the heck is Trabuco Canyon?

The home of ETI Corral 357 is in Southern California, in the Santa Ana Mountain Range foothills. Trabuco Canyon is nestled in the shadow of Saddleback Mountain, and is truly one of the most beautiful areas of Orange County.

ETI has dedicated itself to the acquisition and preservation of trails, and preservation of the equestrian lifestyle. Nowhere is that lifestyle more valued than in our canyon. Our members come from all over Southern California to share our delightful location and appreciation of everything equine.



Our trails are some of the best riding you'll find anywhere. O'Neill Regional Park encompasses over 3,100 acres with miles of well-maintained trails through a riparian forest. Riders in the park enjoy natural wildlife and breathtaking scenic views.

## Year round, ETI 357 offers activities for the entire family, such as:

- Sensory Clinics
- Ride in the Swallows Day Parade, San Juan Capistrano
- Poker Rides
- Beach Rides
- Ride in the Trabuco Canyon 4th of July Parade
- Holiday parties and BBQs
- Annual Horseshoe Tournament
- Weekend Equine Campouts
- Horse rescue assistance
- Discounts at local feed store

Since 2003, we have donated over \$15,000 to local equestrian non-profits and worthy causes. To support our club, funds are raised through pancake breakfasts, barbeques, trail trials, and equine training programs.

Everyone is welcome to our very social monthly member meetings with guest speakers sharing horse tips and tricks on every subject. The details and location can be found in our award-winning monthly newsletter and web site, along with the latest club news and activities.

**Check it out:**  
[www.saddlebackcanyonriders.com](http://www.saddlebackcanyonriders.com)

## Preserving the Equestrian Lifestyle - Safely

In 2005 we began developing the Emergency Evacuation Plan for our community. The plan was developed with the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), Orange County Animal Care and other agencies. Our regular evacuation drills prepared us to safely evacuate horses during the 2007 Santiago Fires. We have been called on by OC Animal Care to assist other communities with evacuation. This has been a privilege and we consider our evacuation plan a hallmark of ETI 357 accomplishments.

We coordinate and host town hall meetings for the community on relevant and key topics. Our Members' Meetings are often the gathering ground for agencies such as the TCA, OCTA, CHP, OC Animal Care, and OC Fire Authority to reach out to the Community.

Giving back to the Community by way of preserving the natural beauty of the area is a key objective of the Club. We hold Trail Maintenance Days throughout the year in O'Neill Regional Park. For over 20 years, we have been an organizer and site captain for the annual Inner-Coastal & Watershed Cleanup Day (part of Coastal Cleanup Day) to keep our beautiful canyon community and coastal areas clean and free of dangerous debris.

## What is ETI?

Equestrian Trails Inc, a family-oriented riding club based in Sylmar, CA, was established in 1944 with the charter to be "dedicated to the acquisition and preservation of trails, good horsemanship, and equine legislation". That commitment continues today with 36 member groups known as "corrals" throughout California.



With its combined membership, ETI continues to work keeping trails open and adding more equestrian facilities. The more members we have backing equine legislation and trail

preservation, the louder our voice at city, county, state and federal levels.

ETI holds and attends hundreds of events each year such as trail rides, gymkhanas, trail trials, parades, and horse shows. These are organized by the national organization or the individual corrals.

For more information on ETI National, visit [www.etinational.com](http://www.etinational.com)

We're passionate about maintaining equestrian life and strong equine communities in Orange County!

We encourage equestrians from communities in and around Orange County to join us.



**Celebrating 30 years  
as a horse club!!**



### ***For Membership Information***

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### ***For General Information***

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949-444-1990

Visit our website:

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# Growing our Membership in 2021

By Mike Wallace

As some of you know, membership is the key to a successful group. ETI Corral 357 is making a concerted effort at increasing our outreach and our membership by producing and distributing an updated ETI 357 Trifold Brochure about your Corral which we released to area tack stores, and equestrian centers around South Orange County. The goal is to get more people involved in ETI 357 and to help increase local involvement in equine activities. Our hope is to maintain and, if possible, increase accessible horse riding trails around Orange County. Orange County demographics are changing and with that in mind, we want to be able to connect to more horse owners throughout the area to keep our interests at the forefront of those who make decisions about our equine lifestyle.

How can YOU help? First and foremost, support your Corral. Maintain your membership and attend meetings and events throughout the year as often as possible. The board works to provide speakers on a variety of equine related topics from training, to horse care, and whenever possible, updates on happenings that affect our equine communities and our trails. Invite and encourage your horse owner friends to attend member meetings and events. The more attendance we get, the more interest we can generate and there is strength in numbers! Lastly, let the Board know what the club can do for YOU. Your feedback and suggestions help ALL of us to have a stronger and more productive Corral.



## Treasurer's Report

By Vicki Iacono

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

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Ending Bank Balance (Bank of America) | \$ 6,729.79 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|

#### DEPOSITS:

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Deposits Made After November 2020 Closing: | \$ 120.00   |
| Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits | \$ 6,849.79 |

#### EXPENSES:

| CK#  | Source       | Reason        | Amount   |
|------|--------------|---------------|----------|
| 2216 | USPS         | Mailbox dues  | \$196.00 |
| 2217 | Rich Gomez   | Board Dinner  | \$50.00  |
| 2219 | Debbie Kelly | Costume Prize | \$43.50  |

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| <b>Total expenses paid in November 2020:</b> | <b>\$ (289.50)</b> |
|--|--------------------|

#### UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED IN THIS PERIOD

| CK#   | Source | Reason | Amount             |
|---|--------|--------|--------------------|
| Total Outstanding Checks November 2020 i.e. Spending:                                 |        |        | \$ (0.00)          |
| Funds on hand in checking as of 11-30-2020  |        |        | \$ 6,849.79        |
| Petty Cash on Hand as of 11-30-2020   |        |        | \$ 400.00          |
| Corral FUNDS On Hand at 11-30-2020  |        |        | \$ 7,249.49        |
| <b>NET - NET - NET Funds on Hand in Checking, Petty Cash to credit of: Corral 357</b> |        |        | <b>\$ 7,249.79</b> |



## Reminds me of a Story....Thirty Years of Giddy-Up

By James M. Iacono

One thing a horse club needs to be known for is its "giddy up." When the calendar turns after some memorable holiday wrap up, it's time to hit the bricks runnin'. It's time to say, "Giddy-up"; As in, let's not let the grass grow under our feet (or under our horse's hooves), or lets pick up the pace so we can see more trail, or let's just go forward so we can make up for some lost ground.

2020 was lost ground and we hope to make it up with some good ol' family fun in 2021. It seems the last several years we have lost the multi-generational look our club has always had. So, the Club is trying to grow family membership any way we can. Let's do it by word of mouth as we always have. Invite your friends, your neighbors, your colleagues, your boarders. We are also posting a tri-fold brochure around town... you know the feed stores, the stables, the park. We have plenty if you wanna grab a handful, and pass them around. We have a group Facebook page that we encourage you to follow, and to post photos and thoughts of everything western. We have our website that tells our whole story.

This year marks 30 years of the Saddleback Canyon Riders, ETI 357. Thirty years we have had Member's Meetings, the first Thursday of every month. The Member's Meetings are where you can hear a Speaker on all equestrian topics. Of course, you also get to hear what activities are coming up. As your Activities Director let me give you a sneak preview. As long as they are scheduled to occur, we will ride in two parades, and host a Halloween Costume Parade. The most famous is the Swallows Day Parade, in which you can ride downtown San Juan like the Vaqueros did for hundreds of years. We have our 4th of July Parade and BBQ, one of the gifts the Club (and the Gomez') give to the Community. There will be 6 Trabuco Rose (Ferber Ranch) Preserve rides. We have a campout in April, great family dude ranch

kind of stuff. Let the little dogies get out of the suburbs and roam the range, while the Big-uns don't have to be shakin' in their boots worried about what they're doing. We have two away water rides, Imperial Beach and Fiesta Island. I always get comments from people afterwards, "Oh how cool. You have to let me know when you're gonna go the next time." Well, next time is set and the dates are on the calendar! We haven't had a "Playday" in a few years because, again, we seem to be losing the young ones. Well, in May, we are going to have a walk/trot playday. Let's attract as many young ones as we can! There will be enough challenges for the adults as well. We will have fancy ribbons to hand out and a get together BBQ afterwards. These are just some of the things we have planned. See the proposed calendar on page 6 of this issue. Tear it out and post it in your barn so you don't miss one of those events that you say, "Oh I wish I knew you were going."

Of course, as a member of the Club, you will also be a part of a group that does its part to live out the ETI National Charter that says we "are dedicated to the acquisition and preservation of trails, good horsemanship, and equine legislation." We have five trail maintenance days on the calendar, so come out and do your part to contribute to the wonderful riding we enjoy in O'Neill Park. We always take part in the annual California Watershed Cleanup day in September. We are active in communicating the evacuation plan we developed to the community. We are working with the OCTA and the TCA to open more trails on their preserves for riding. Membership gives one all sorts of opportunities for recreation and impact for future generations who wish to preserve our lifestyle.

2020 saw a lot of people start doing things outdoors. The park had record spring and summer numbers. So, what's great is living out that old saying, "lets meet them where they're at." You know what, we're already there! Let's giddy-up into 2021 with purpose!

# 2021 Upcoming Events

## Saddleback Canyon Riders | ETI Corral 357

| Date |       |         | Event  |            | Location                              | Contact                   |
|------|-------|---------|--|------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Jan  | 7     | Thur    | Members' Meeting                               | 7:00 pm    | M&C's Sports Grill                    | Kristen (949) 444-1990    |
| Jan  | 30    | Sat     | <del>Trabuco-Rose Preserve Ride</del> CANCELED | 10:00 am   | Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate | Debbie (949) 244-0670     |
| Feb  | 4     | Thur    | Members' Meeting                               | 7:00 pm    | M&C's Sports Grill                    | Kristen (949) 444-1990    |
| Feb  | 6     | Sat     | Trail Maintenance                              | 9:00 am    | O'Neill Park                          | Debbie (949) 244-0670     |
| Feb  | 27    | Sat     | Month-End Ride                                 | 10:00 am   |                                       | Debbie (949) 244-0670     |
| Mar  | 4     | Thur    | Members' Meeting                               | 7:00 pm    | M&C's Sports Grill                    | Kristen (949) 444-1990    |
| Mar  | 20    | Sat     | Swallows Day Parade                            | 7:00 am    | Meet at CVS                           | Jim (714) 612-1789        |
| Mar  | 27    | Sat     | <del>Trabuco-Rose Preserve Ride</del> CANCELED | 10:00 am   | Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate | Debbie (949) 244-0670     |
| Apr  | 1     | Thur    | Members' Meeting                               | 7:00 pm    | M&C's Sports Grill                    | Kristen (949) 444-1990    |
| Apr  | 3     | Sat     | Trail Maintenance                              | 9:00 am    | O'Neill Park                          | Jim (714) 612-1789        |
| Apr  | 16-18 | Fri-Sun | Casper's Campout & Ride                        | 10:00 am   | Casper's Wilderness Park              | Debbie (949) 244-0670     |
| Apr  | 25    | Sun     | Month-End Ride                                 | 10:00 am   |                                       | Debbie (949) 244-0670     |
| May  | 6     | Thur    | Members' Meeting                               | 7:00 pm    | M&C's Sports Grill                    | Kristen (949) 444-1990    |
| May  | 22    | Sat     | Playday  | 10:00 am   | O'Neill Arena (9:00am registration)   | Jim (714) 612-1789        |
| May  | 30    | Sun     | Trabuco-Rose Preserve Ride                     | 10:00 am   | Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate | Debbie (949) 244-0670     |
| Jun  | 3     | Thur    | Members' Meeting                               | 7:00 pm    | M&C's Sports Grill                    | Kristen (949) 444-1990    |
| Jun  | 5     | Sat     | Imperial Beach Ride                            | 8:00 am    | Meet at CVS                           | Debbie (949) 244-0670     |
| Jun  | 12    | Sat     | Trail Maintenance                              | 9:00 am    | O'Neill Park arena                    | Kristen (949) 444-1990    |
| Jun  | 27    | Sun     | Month-End Ride                                 | 9:00 am    |                                       | Debbie (949) 244-0670     |
| Jul  | 4     | Sun     | July 4th Parade & BBQ                          | 3:30 pm    | Gomez' Round Pen                      | Rich/Patti (949) 888-1604 |
| Jul  | 25    | Sun     | Trabuco-Rose Preserve Ride                     | 8:30 am    | Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate | Debbie (949) 244-0670     |
| Aug  | 5     | Thur    | Members' Meeting                               | 7:00 pm    | M&C's Sports Grill                    | Kristen (949) 444-1990    |
| Aug  | 6     | Friday  | Pancake Fund Raiser - Setup                    | 5:30 pm    | RSM                                   | Kristen (949) 444-1990    |
| Aug  | 7     | Sat     | Pancake Fund Raiser                            | 5:30 am    | RSM                                   | Kristen (949) 444-1990    |
| Aug  | 28    | Sat     | Month-End Ride                                 | 8:30 am    |                                       | Debbie (949) 244-0670     |
| Sep  | 2     | Thur    | Members' Meeting                               | 7:00 pm    | M&C's Sports Grill                    | Kristen (949) 444-1990    |
| Sep  | 18    | Sat     | Inner-Coastal/Watershed CleanUp                | 8:00 am    | Trabuco Creek Bridge                  | Rich/Patti (949) 888-1604 |
| Sep  |       | Sun     | Fiesta Island Ride - San Diego                 | 8:00 am    | Fiesta Island, meet at CVS            | Jim (714) 612-1789        |
| Sep  | 26    | Sun     | Trabuco-Rose Preserve Ride                     | 10:00 am   | Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate | Debbie (949) 244-0670     |
| Oct  | 2     | Sat     | Acorn Day                                      | 10:00-3:00 | O'Neill Park                          | Debbie (949) 244-0670     |
| Oct  | 7     | Thur    | Members' Meeting/Nominations                   | 7:00 pm    | M&C's Sports Grill                    | Kristen (949) 444-1990    |
| Oct  | 9     | Sat     | Trail Maintenance                              | 8:00 am    | O'Neill Park                          | Mike (949) 981-9336       |
| Oct  | 30    | Sat     | Costume Trail Ride                             | 10:00 am   | O'Neill Park Arena                    | Debbie (949) 244-0670     |
| Nov  | 4     | Thur    | Members' Meeting and Election                  | 7:00 pm    | M&C's Sports Grill                    | Kristen (949) 444-1990    |
| Nov  | 6     | Sat     | Trail Maintenance                              | 9:00 am    | O'Neill Park                          | Rich/Patti (949) 888-1604 |
| Nov  | 20    | Sat     | Trabuco-Rose Preserve Ride                     | 10:00 am   | Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate | Debbie (949) 244-0670     |
| Dec  | 11    | Sat     | Christmas Party                                | 5:30 pm    | TBD                                   |                           |

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

### ETI Corral 357 Board:

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### **The Saddleback Canyon Riders are ETI Corral 357**

Established in 1991, we are one of the largest ETI corrals in California with members from South Orange County and points beyond. We are a family-friendly equestrian group based in **Trabuco Canyon** at the foot of the majestic Saddleback Mountains. Our Corral is committed to supporting and helping maintain O'Neill Regional Park and other local riding trails.



**ETI: Equestrian Trails, Incorporated** is a family oriented riding club established as a nonprofit corporation in 1944 with the Charter to be "Dedicated to the Acquisition and Preservation of Trails, Good Horsemanship, and Equine Legislation." With its combined membership, ETI has successfully worked to keep our trails open and add more equestrian facilities. The more members we have backing equine legislation and trail preservation, the more likely the State, County and City Officials will be to comply with our needs.

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