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A Note from the President

By Kristen Holden

As we enter the second year of this pandemic, I see a lot of things changing for the positive. As of yesterday, Orange County entered the Orange Tier. I am not quite sure what changes are allowed because of the tier, but I do know overall there are less restrictions. In addition, the availability of vaccinations has increased as well making it even easier for the general public to get their shots.

These positives changes give me hope that within the next couple of months we will be able to get back to life as we want it to be...the new normal. I am looking forward to holding our monthly meetings and being able to catch up with our members to see how their riding lives have been. I am also looking forward to having guest speakers who will share their knowledge. I know of several people who have shown an interest in coming to speak, one of whom is animal communicator, Terri Stueben.

I am also looking forward to our group rides with club members. There are several exciting club rides that are on the schedule. The Casper's Camp out & Ride is scheduled for April 16th through the 18th; the month end ride April 25th and in May we hope the Trabuco Rose ride will stay on the books; and best of all the Imperial Beach ride is scheduled for June 5th.

Let's all hope this pandemic is a "One and Done" and life can resume. I have missed my friends and family over this last year and am ready to "Giddy Up". I hope you are too...



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A Threat to Equestrians

By Rich Gomez

As you may remember, we spoke about this issue at the January 2020 Members' Meeting at the O'Neill Regional Park Nature Center. We had a guest speaker, Julie Beeman, and she spoke about the need to manage water quality at all equestrian stables.

All equestrian facilities, no matter the number of horses, must follow equine water quality management requirements. Requirements include manure management to ensure manure and storm water never mix, routing storm water around stables to avoid it coming through equestrian use areas, covering manure receptacles, covering hay storage and equipment storage areas, filtering all stable run-off to water quality basins, practicing good housekeeping by keeping areas clean and keeping cleaning and grooming products in water-tight storage containers.

The whole issue centers around the Clean Water Act of 1974 and pollution, via tributaries, to the ocean.

OC Coastkeepers is coming around checking on stables on private property and in commercial settings. This group has already sued two medium sized stables and one small stable in South OC, costing their owners several hundreds of thousands of dollars. Coast Keepers may have a good general mission, but their legal tactics to generate revenue are based on filing lawsuits against commercial horse stables and now maybe private facilities.

It is important that we all implement water quality management to the maximum extent practical on our sites. It is also important that we band together with other equestrians to ensure there is a loud voice for the horses in Orange County.

The San Juan Capistrano Equestrian Coalition (SJCEC) is doing a fantastic job opposing and managing this threat, but they need our help.

Here's a simple ask: Join the SJCEC for the LIFETIME membership fee of \$50!

That's it!

We need to show there are LOTS of equestrian enthusiasts and supporters who are willing and ready to face this threat to our lifestyle very seriously, and the EASIEST WAY to show that support is to become an SJCEC member.

Here's the link to their website so JOIN TODAY!!! Please...

<https://sanjuanequestrian.org/join>

Here are just some of the articles that covered the complaints, lawsuits and resolutions:

- <https://www.ocregister.com/2017/07/06/environmental-group-sues-over-alleged-water-pollution-from-san-juan-capistrano-equestrian-center/>
- <https://www.ocregister.com/2018/09/10/san-juan-capistrano-settles-pollution-lawsuit-over-horse-center-will-pay-2-9-million/>
- https://coastkeeper.nationbuilder.com/coastkeeper_takes_legal_action_to_protect_san_juan_creek_and_doheny_beach_from_illegal_pollution
- <https://equestrianre.com/listing/tar-farms/>

- <https://www.thecapistranodispatch.com/city-sues-insurance-company-blenheim-recoup-losses-fighting-coastkeeper-lawsuit/>
- <https://nextdoor.com/agency-post/ca/lake-forest/city-of-lake-forest/update-on-serrano-creek-ranch-stables-125209810/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/lakeforestca/videos/city-wrangles-settlement-after-threat-of-stable-lawsuit/2755886061098207/>
- <https://www.coastkeeper.org/protecting-serrano-creek-for-the-health-of-the-community/>

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Night Rider

By Debbie Kelly

Even though the days are getting longer which provides more opportunity to ride for those who work during the day, there are still those who find themselves riding in the dark. This can be an invigorating experience but is extremely dangerous unless prepared by being well illuminated. It is a safety issue for you, your horse, and automobile drivers. Here are some tips from a previous article with some added information that can make night riding a very pleasurable experience.



Horses have fairly good night vision. It does take a few minutes to adjust to the darkness if coming out of the light. We've all seen them blink when feeding in the early morning while still dark and suddenly flipping the barn or outdoor lights on. This is good to

keep in mind when riding home towards the traffic. Sharp contrasts from dark to light are difficult for horses so those bright headlights cause shadows and blind spots. It helps when riding where there are streetlights, which we do not have, or even under a full moon or illuminated sky. The natural light enhances the horse's vision and his ability to adapt to sudden light. The horse may see well, but that doesn't mean he can identify a hazard. He still counts on you for that.

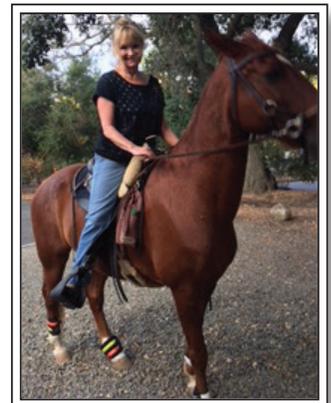
Carrying a flashlight or using the light on your cell phone can help, but shining it in front of the horse can still startle or impair him. Pointing it to the ground to alert oncoming traffic is best, keeping in mind it could alarm your horse if he is not used to riding after dark. Headlamps are popular but they can still impair your vision and your horse's if overly bright. Some of the best measures to take are reflective riding gear for both you and your horse. When I ride at night I have leg flashers, I also carry a flashlight with a strap that I put around the horn for easy access. Glow sticks can also be attached to the breast collar for extra protection in the dark. The web is a great place to

shop for these items. Impact leg flashers by Teddy's Twisted Products are available at Canyon Feed and Tack. They have a pretty good shelf life too and light up your horse's legs while walking. Additional light is needed while standing still waiting to cross the street so keep that flashlight close. You can also purchase reflective wraps and for yourself there are vests and other attire that reflect.

Fun fact: you can use a lighted dog leash around your horse's neck for additional safety. I have used one from time to time and I have had drivers actually thank me for making myself so visible to them.

There is no reason you can't enjoy a ride after dark when you put safety as a priority. It is always best to ride with a friend but if you take extra measures to stay safe and visible there is no reason you and your horse can't go out and enjoy each other after a busy day in corporate America or wherever you spend your days. The horse will thank you and it can be a bonding experience of depending on each other to stay safe. Keep in mind, the trails in O'Neill Park close at dusk. By riding right up to closing you will likely be riding back in the dark and want to be prepared. Drivers may not know a horse is coming towards them until they're right up on you, but they will see the lights and hopefully will slow down and allow you to safely pass. Hopefully. There is a population in Trabuco Canyon who ride at dark and do not use lights or reflective gear. When driving here at night watch for them. Even though they may not be riding responsibly, we don't want to be the one to teach them that lesson. I recently had a close call with one of them; thankfully I was driving slowly enough when I saw them in front of me and no one was injured.

The past year has been challenging for everyone. Being outside and spending time with our horses has been a lifeline for many of us. As the days get longer and the riding becomes plentiful remember to add lights and reflectors to your must have armory. Your horse will thank you.





Reminds me of a Story..Friend Like No One's Watching

By James M. Iacono

I am not sure of the origins of the term, "Dance Like No One's Watching." Was it first uttered by a really bad dancer, who just wanted others to join him in his lack of proficiency, abandoning together any sliver of self-dignity? Or was it someone who was used to living in a bubble and honestly believed they looked good enough? Or was it a free spirit, one that lived to unleash a pent-up energy that had to be expressed, no matter the visual? Actually, it is the kind of saying that supports any and all of these possibilities. When no one's watching, our true soul is "on display". But who is it on display TO if no one's watching? That would be just us and perhaps a higher power.

But really, the hope is, that without the cloak of performance in this social media age, that maybe we can finally show the shape we were given. And let it be what the Creator meant it to be. For if we can express with the gifts we were given, we are bound to connect with someone.... maybe every living being...that was created to do the same.

A few weeks ago, I stopped at my favorite watering hole, the Rose Canyon Cantina, on my way home from one of my favorite rides: Arroyo Mesa to Mesa to Live Oak to Pawfoot. I had a beer in one hand, and my other usual Italian speaking hand in my pocket, shielded from the dipping briskness that the canyon dusk can bring. I was talking but I was also listening. His ears, his eyes, his lips have so much to express. They tell me he would like another carrot, that he's ready when I am. It's dinner time, but there's no rush to breaking up a ritual with which we are both familiar and comfortable. And he was listening to me. Maybe not catching every word, but he knows the tone. A tone like no one is watching. Like it is just me and him, the same way we are in the barn, in the

wash rack, in the cross-ties, and on the trail. It tells him I appreciate the ride, the journey of that day. My tone is always easy. It should be. After all, how easy is this part of my life when I get to ride at least 4 times a week? When I wake up to the rhythm of nature; when there are 10 structures in a 1000 acre canyon that I live in, and one of them is thankfully a cantina. My tone is easy, because that's who I am when no one is watching. My tone is easy because that's how I express how I have been shaped when no one is watching.

I'm glad I have this picture. It reminds me of who I was meant to be. I can be this way with my family, my friends, those who I have yet to meet, but who have been put on my trail. When no one is watching I want to embrace that encounter. It doesn't matter if they are a certain color, a certain economic status, a certain faith, or even a certain palomino. They were put in my path for a reason. I want to friend like no one is watching



2021 Calendar

Date			Event	Location	Contact	
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	8	Thur	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
Apr	16-18	Fri-Sun	Casper's Campout & Ride	10:00 am	Casper's Wilderness Park	Jim (714) 612-1789
Apr	20	Tue	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 pm	Google Drive	
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	13	Thur	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
May	20	Thur	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 pm	Google Drive	
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	10	Thur	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
Jun	12	Sat	Trail Maintenance	9:00 am	O'Neill Park arena	Kristen (949) 444-1990
Jun	20	Sun	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 pm	Google Derive	
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	8	Thur	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
Jul	20	Tue	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 pm	Google Drive	
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	12	Thur	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	TBD	
Aug	20	Fri	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 pm	Google Drive	
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	9	Thur	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
Sep	18	Sat	Inner-Coastal/Watershed CleanUp	8:00 am	Trabuco Creek Bridge	Rich/Patti (949) 888-1604
Sep	20	Mon	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 pm	Google Drive	
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	14	Thur	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
Oct	16	Sat	Walk-Trot Roundup	10:00 am	O'Neill Arena (9:00am registration)	Jim (714) 612-1789
Oct	20	Wed	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 pm	Google Drive	
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	11	Thur	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
Nov	20	Sat	Trabuco-Rose Preserve Ride	10:00 am	Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate	Debbie (949) 244-0670
Nov	20	Sat	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 pm	Google Drive	
Dec	9	Thur	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
Dec	11	Sat	Christmas Party	5:30 pm	TBD	
Dec	20	Mon	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 pm	Google Drive	



Treasurer's Report

By Vicki Iacono

ETI - CORRAL 357 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING: February 28, 2021

Ending Bank Balance (Bank of America) \$ 7,146.87

DEPOSITS:

Deposits Made After February 28, 2021 Closing: \$ 0.00

Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits \$ 7,146.87

EXPENSES:

CK#	Source	Reason	Amount
2222	ETI	Dues	\$100.00

Total expenses paid in February 2021: \$ (100.00)

UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED IN THIS PERIOD

CK#	Source	Reason	Amount
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Total Outstanding Checks February 2021 i.e. Spending: \$ (0.00)

Funds on hand in checking as of 02-28-21 \$ 7,146.87

Petty Cash on Hand as of 02-28-21 \$ 400.00

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

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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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