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We Need Your Help – Some Thoughts to Consider

By Kristen Holden and Rich Gomez

Our horse club has been around over 25-years and that's a lot to say for any organization. The club has been through a lot of changes and over the years, we've watched a lot of young kids grow up to be successful at handling, training, working and showing horses professionally. That alone is something we can all be proud of. Our club and each member had an impact on those young riders...and think about all the wonderful, lifelong friendships we've created with one another. That's all priceless!

So what are our thoughts? Nominations for your Board of Directors are coming up in October. We need your thoughts, we need your ideas, and we need to know from you how we can make this club more helpful, more meaningful and mostly more fun!

We have some really cool events coming up! For experienced riders, we've got a Fiesta Island ride planned for September 19th. We've got a "Walk-Trot Roundup" on October 16th specifically for new and beginning riders. Both of these events are going to be great and speak to young and old, beginner and experienced rider alike, but what else can we do? What else would you like to do with your friends?

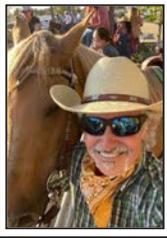
We've all got busy lives and horses are so important to each of us. We genuinely want to have you consider being a part of your Board. We had some difficulties last year with the Covid lock down and had to make some exceptions to elections and service terms of officers. Like we've always said, "We're just a horse club." We will always be honest and straight and frankly,

we had a tough time last year because we weren't meeting and we had no way to really conduct elections or hear from those who were interested in running for a Board position.

Remember, we're all just trying to do the best we can. We need your help and we know you'll get more from your club than you thought possible if you take an active service role. Certainly more time with your horse helps, but from our collective, personal experiences, the deeper friendships are what really count. Help us create and build those friendships with your horse and with each club member. These mean more than ever in this crazy world. So get nominated for President, Secretary or Trail Boss. If you get elected, like the young cowboy said, "You'll find it cooler than the back side of your pillow!"

Do it!

The screenshot shows the website header with the logo and navigation menu: OUR MISSION, ACTIVITIES, ABOUT US, BLOG, RESOURCES, THE HERD. Below the menu is an emergency contact section. The main content area features a photo of riders on a beach with two quotes: "Horses And Life, It's All The Same To Me." - Buck Brannaman and "We ain't skeered!" - Rick Balhazer, Past President. At the bottom are five yellow buttons: HOME PAGE, CALENDAR, NEWSLETTERS, MAGAZINES, and FACEBOOK.



Reminds me of a Story... Don't Get Rattled

By James M. Iacono

O'Neill Park is a major part of my habitat. Though I have been riding in it for 25 years, there are still sections of trails that I see for the first time. There are experiences that are fresh and new and fill me with a sense of being an "explorer." There are a gaggle of creatures that I often share the trail with that are a part of this world, that I get to espouse as my own, while on the back of a creature who has roamed these lands far longer than I. But while riding, I feel like I have "cred". I am gratefully a part of this wilderness, just another complex organism posturing for position. But my steed and I come in peace. We don't come with a rifle, a bebe gun, or even a bow and arrow. I know there are those that hunt for food. I understand that. Man has been feeding his family for centuries on what the earth provides. When I hear that hunting is a sport, that's when I step back and ponder. Is it really a sport when one team doesn't know it's playing? And the other team has all of the equipment?

I come in peace, as do most creatures. I come to this wilderness to escape the jungle that is laptops, desktops, cell phones, and scanners. For if I think of my time here as an escape, every day is an adventure. What will I see today? I often see families of deer, shy and untrusting, but still accepting my presence. The other day I caught a rare glimpse of a silver fox, so much more handsome than the coyote who unapologetically hunts outside the parameters of this wilderness. He is an opportunist. The fox though is lithe and regal. I imagine him eating with a bib and genuine silverware. We see the wild parrots, frantically flocking from tree to tree, seeking security in this free but foreign land.

Last week, while riding with our Trail Boss, Debbie Kelly, we rode past the water towers at the south end of Live Oak Trail. A bicyclist was stopped, sitting on his steel pony. It can be said he is also part of our ecosystem, more



of a fringe player. He let us know, "There's a rattler up ahead." So, I guess he IS on our team I thought. We saw the rattler slithering into a bush as we walked past, knowing we would be coming back soon from this short out and back stretch of trail. On the way back, we did not have to wonder which bush he was harboring in. He started skulking across the entire width of trail, leisurely, unhurried, unafraid, unrattled. His red skin was shimmering iridescently in the low late afternoon sun. The six buttons on his rattle were silent. There was no panic in us, and hence, no panic in our horses. I stepped my Palomino closer to take photos. There was a mutual respect, an understanding that this is our shared land use arrangement. He finally crossed the entire road, almost as if he was in a ballet. He slinked offstage, into the California chapparal. I wondered if he would tell his family of the road he shared today with a pair of partners in his paradise?

But the idea is that this habitat is one in which we cohabitate with all who share its beauty, and who also contribute to it. Sure, I can say I do my part by volunteering for trail maintenance a few times a year. But really, it's what we do, or DON'T do every time we are on trail, teaming up with our four-legged tour guide, understanding that there are no real adversaries out there, just a synergetic beauty that I feel privileged to witness and admire and announce my place in this family of things.

2021 Calendar

Date			Event	Location	Contact	
Sep	2	Thur	Members' Meeting - Animal Communicator	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	19	Sun	Fiesta Island Ride - San Diego	8:00 am	Fiesta Island, meet at CVS	Jim (714) 612-1789
Sep	25	Sat	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 pm	Google Drive	
Sep	26	Sun	Trabuco-Rose Preserve Ride	10:00 am	Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate	Debbie (949) 244-0670
Oct	2	Sat	Tack Sale	10:00-2:00	Canyon Tack and Feed	Mike (949) 981-9336
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	25	Mon	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	25	Thur	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	19	Sun	Trabuco-Rose Preserve Ride	10:00 am	Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate	Debbie (949) 244-0670
Dec	25	Sat	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 pm	Google Drive	

SAVE THE DATES

September 19th - Fiesta Island Ride

Meet at CVS 8:00 AM

Call James Iacono to reserve a spot 714-612-1789

October 2nd - Tack Sale/Swap Meet

Canyon Feed 10:00 am- 2:00 pm

Call Mike Wallace for information 949-981-9336

October 16th - Walk/Trot Roundup

O'Neill Park- 10:00 am

Call James Iacono for information 714-612-1789





Annual Canyon Cleanup – Going on 25-years!

By Rich Gomez

Well it's that time of year again. Actually the 25th year of what was the Inner-Canyon Cleanup. We all want to extend a huge thanks to Jim Myer and Trails4All. Jim along with a host of "site captains" made sure that all the trash that is dumped in our watersheds doesn't end up in the oceans or along our beaches. But for our canyons, it was Jim, the SHARE Mountain Bike Club, the Warriors Society, the Saddleback Canyon Riders and a big group of local residents, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, area church members and just wonderful neighbors that made it all happen! Actually, in the last 5-years alone (and not counting 2020) we picked up over 50,000 pounds of trash from the local Trabuco Canyon/Trabuco Creek area. Did you catch that? Over 50,000 pounds of trash that would have ended up in the creekbed along our beaches or in the ocean. That's something everyone can be proud of!

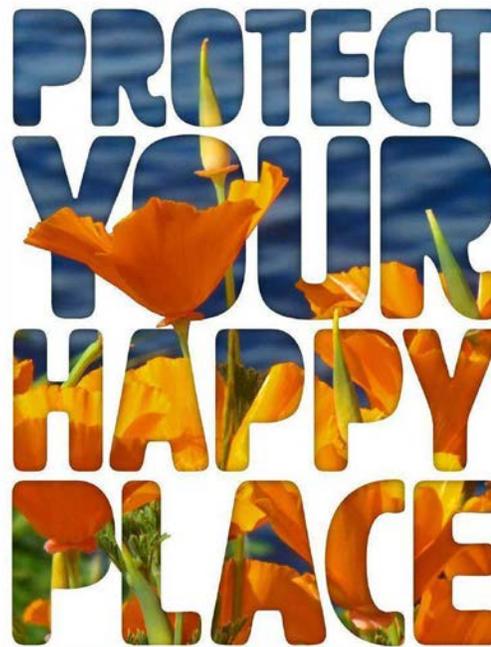
So let's not stop there. Since we didn't collect trash last year, we may have a bumper crop this year, so be sure and come out and help!

Here are the details:

- ✓ Saturday, 9/18
- ✓ Meet at Trabuco Creek & Trabuco Canyon Roads 8:30am
- ✓ Cleanup 9:00am – noon
- ✓ WHAT TO BRING: Reusable water bottles, sunscreen, boots, gloves
- ✓ MASKS NOT REQUIRED
- ✓ CONTACT:
Saddleback Canyon Riders
Rich Gomez - 714.504.7001
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California Coastal Commission
<https://www.coastal.ca.gov/>



**SEPT.
18TH**

AND

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Trabuco
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Roads
8:30am**

COASTALCLEANUPDAY.ORG

Contact: Rich Gomez 714-504-7001 or eticorral357@gmail.com



Treasurer's Report

By Janel Meric

ETI - CORRAL 357 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING: July 31, 2021

Beginning Checking account Balance July 1, 2021 \$6343.99

Deposits:

..... \$0.00

Expenses:

July 2 - ETI National Dues \$12.00

July 9 - R Gomez BBO..... \$445.00

July 20 - D Kelly Board Meeting..... \$50.00

Ending balance checking acct July 31 **\$5836.99**

Outstanding debits:

K Holden board meeting dinners x 2 CK#2282 -\$100.00

Newsletter / Tari Schroeder CK #2277..... -\$160.00

Cash on Hand **\$400.00**

TOTAL **\$5976.99**

Membership Report as of June 30, 2021:

Current members 27, Honorary Members 3



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2021 Board of Directors

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

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

ETI Corral 357 Board:

		<u>Home</u>	<u>Work</u>	<u>Cell</u>	
odd	President	Kristen Holden	949-444-1990	949-444-1990	kristen3091@gmail.com
even	Vice-President	Rich Gomez	949-888-1604	949-888-1684	714-504-7001 rtgomez@aol.com
odd	Secretary	Patti Gomez	949-888-1604		714-335-3123 pattiangomez@aol.com
even	Treasurer	Janel Meric			949-375-8391
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odd	Scribe/Editor-in-Chief				
odd	Trail Boss	Debbie Kelley			
even	Person-at-Large	Mike Wallace			949-981-9336 mustangmikes hats@gmail.com
even	Activity Director	Jim Iacono	949-459-7742		714-612-1789 jiacono@gosafeguard.com
	Sergeant-at-Arms	Pam Ragland		949-734-0374	714-287-0001 pmt@aiminghigher.com
	Emergency Response Team				
	Coordinator/Communications;				
	Webmaster				
		Rich Gomez	949-888-1604	949-888-1684	714-504-7001 rtgomez@aol.com
	Others:				
	O'Neill Regional Park	Steve Aleshire	<u>Direct</u>	<u>Park</u>	<u>Cell</u>
	ETI National Office	Debbie Foster	949-923-2259	949-923-2260	steve.aleshire@ocparks.com
	OCFA Station #18		818-362-6819		eti@linkline.com
			949-858-9369		





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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