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RICK'S RAMBLINS'

O'Neill Park Movie Night

Aka "The Somewhat Goopy Adventures of Marshmallow Man"

As a horse club I'm proud that we get involved in our community and do a number of different things each year to support the community as well as our 'home park' O'Neill. One of the simple but fun things we do is host a few 'Movie Nights' at O'Neill each summer. It's a great way to partner with and support the Park that offers such great recreational opportunities to us. On Memorial Day weekend we hosted a Movie Night, showed the excellent animated movie 'Brave', and offered snacks and beverages for the fifty plus enthusiastic campers/movie attendees. By all accounts it was a big 'two thumbs up' success for both our club and the park, and I was frankly wondering "okay, how are we going to top this?"

Well, we did! On Sunday, September 1st we hosted the last movie night of the summer at O'Neill. We selected the animated movie 'Epic' (made by the animation studio that also produced the Ice Age films) for its nature themes, adventure and humor. The movie was scheduled to start at 7:30 pm. When Karen, Rangers Diane and Travis and I showed up at 6:30 to get things set up, there were already 30 eager moviegoers sitting in the amphitheater. Diane brought a popcorn machine (that never stopped pumping out popcorn the whole evening) and Travis and I built a fire so that the kids could roast marshmallows. As we set things up, the growing audience entertained themselves by playing charades. When we started the movie at 7:30 the audience had grown to about 150 excited movie fans that included club members Debbie, Bob, Spike and Lisa! (My apologies if I missed anybody!).

The happy crowd loved the movie while snack bar workers Karen, Spike and Diane kept the popcorn flowing. Yours truly was put in charge of making sure the never ending stream of kids eager to roast a marshmallow did not burn themselves or fall into the fire pit. It was a first time experience for many of them, and the most asked question was: "Is this done"? It was a job I took very seriously (while having a lot of fun with the kids) and I'm happy to report that there were no incidents other than a bunch of goopy, sticky fingers.

When the ending credits rolled the house was still packed, and the movie ended with a huge cheer from the crowd. Ranger Diane immediately emailed her boss Supervising Ranger William 'Scott' Fegley letting him know how well the event turned out. Scott then emailed his boss, Parks Division Manager, John Gannaway who congratulated everyone on a job well done!

These types of 'partnering endeavors' with O'Neill Park are great ways to continue to build upon an already solid (and historically rich) relationship with O'Neill Park.

There are a couple of great upcoming events that you can participate in or volunteer for. The first is the TRABUCO CANYON "EQUINE EVACUATION DRILL" on Saturday, Sept. 14. Volunteers are needed! Contact Debbie Kelly: 949-244-0670 or email: debbiekelly57@yahoo.com

Another upcoming event that promises to be a fun 'partnering endeavor' with O'Neill is ACORN DAY at O'Neill Park on Saturday, October 19th. Volunteers are needed! Contact Karen Balthaser at 714 458-7772 or email her at Ladieeee@aol.com if you would like to help.

So ... jump in ... get involved ... volunteer ... have fun! I promise you won't regret it!

Hope to see you all on the trails!

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TREASURER'S OFFICE... by Vicki Iacono

ETI - CORRAL 357 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING

July 31, 2013

Ending Bank Balance (Bank of America) 9,836.09

DEPOSITS:

Deposits Made After Closing: July \$0.00 0.00

Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits 9,836.09

EXPENSES:

<u>Ck#</u>	<u>Source:</u>	<u>Reason:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>	<u>Ck #</u>	<u>Source:</u>	<u>Reason:</u>	
982	ETI	membership	\$312.00	986	D Kelly	postage	\$76.20
987	Wilks	board dinner	\$ 30.00				
989	Gomez	4 th July party	\$322.19				
988	J Iacono	Playday	\$140.92				
Total expenses paid in – July 2013				(\$881.31)			

UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED IN THIS PERIOD

Ck# Source Reason Amount

Total Outstanding Checks July 31-2013 - i.e. Spending: (\$ 0.00)

Funds on hand in checking as of 07-31-2013 \$9,836.09

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Petty Cash on Hand as of 07-31-2013 \$400.00

Corral FUNDS On Hand at 07-31-2013: \$10,236.09

SUBTOTAL CORRAL FUNDS:

Less Reserves:

1.-ERT as of 7-31-2013 (\$ 779.89)

Total Corral Funds Committed To Reserve: \$(779.89)

NET - NET - NET Funds on Hand in Checking, Petty Cash to credit of : Corral 357 \$ 9,456.20

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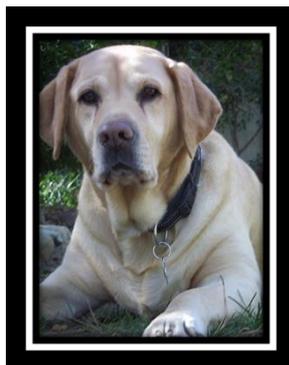
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After a valiant effort to save him, Rich and Patti Gomez had to say good bye to Kodi, their beloved and very special Yellow Lab. He was such a love bug and to those of us who know the Gomez' well, Kodi was synonymous with them. As Rich referred to him when he first showed signs of something serious, Kodi was their Kodi-son. They brought him into the family not long after they were married and he was with them for thirteen years. Kodi became ill early in August. On the day of the pancake breakfast it was apparent something was wrong as Rich left the venue to go home and check on him. We found out later that Kodi had a ruptured disc in his neck. During examination the veterinarian also discovered a tumor on his thyroid. This is quite serious and is something that may have gone undetected if not for the primary issue he presented with. After thoughtful consideration, Rich and Patti decided to do everything for Kodi and surgery for both conditions was performed. Kodi appeared to be slowly recovering and he came home several days after surgery. He continued to struggle though, and the time came to decide again what was best for Kodi. Rich and Patti knew they had done everything for him and made that decision we all dread when we bring pets into our homes and into our hearts. Kodi was a happy boy and had an amazing life at the Gomez spread. He is likely at the Rainbow Bridge bragging about how it "doesn't get much better than what he had". Just one final word I think you will enjoy. Here in Trabuco we have a small group of licensed radio users. We all have calls signs through the CREST radio group. We do a Radio Net every Monday night to keep our radio communication skills sharp. Rich's call sign is Crest 92 and Patti's Crest 192. Well, every Monday when they would check in, it would go like this "this is Crest 92, 192, and K92- as Kodi was always included. Kodi is missed and last time I visited the Gomez', his big Lab bed still sat in front of the fireplace.

By Debbie Kelly- Scribe





5th Annual Buckle Awards Horse Playday!

Two Divisions

Custom Western Silver Buckle to High-point Winners!

Where: O'NEILL PARK ARENA

When: Saturday, October 12th, 2013

Registration & coffee at 8:30am!

Events begin at 9:30 sharp!

\$8 per event for members or \$9 for non-members (lunch included)

Kids under 16- \$5 for members, \$6 for non-members

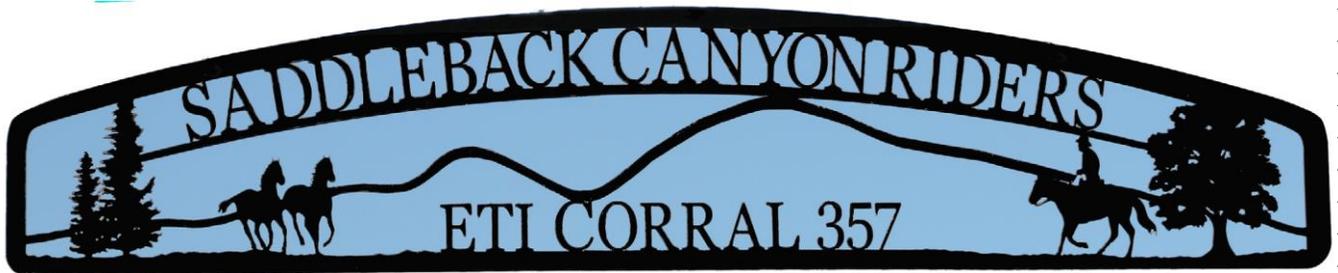
Or pay \$6 for a classic BBQ lunch if you're not competing!

Playday Games: *Cloverleaf Barrels, Poles,
Quadrangle, Skill Barrels, and TBA*

Any Questions Contact Jim Iacono at 714-612-1789

Waiver & Release form available on our website

saddlebackcanyonriders.com



What is 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.

Who are the Saddleback Canyon Riders?

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.

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