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Summer's Comin'...or is it?

So a couple of weeks ago it was about 100-degrees in the canyon for our Play Day, and a big thanks to all of you who participated in the events, the planning, the announcing or just lunch. These Play Days are important for the club and our community and we all hope you had a great time. Even more, thanks for showing up on such a scorcher!

Of course the next week we had thunderstorms and lightning – I know we were all sure that thunder was right above Trabuco Canyon because it was surely the loudest BOOM we'd ever heard! Oh yeah, and then of course after the almost 3" of rain we got in an afternoon, the mud, the mess and the cleanup. We sure do hope you're all okay at home, and that you all come out of this latest Mother Nature deal okay.

So is summer coming? We sure hope so because we have some great things planned, as always, for you and your horse buddies or you and your trail maintenance buddies. Don't forget we have a trail maintenance day planned in O'Neill Regional Park on Saturday, June 7th. We need everyone's help here so please come on out! We've also got another Play Day planned for June 21st (the official second day of summer) and the kids are going to plan this one. Wow, we like that...this should be fun and we really encourage all the kids to get together and plan a great day...oh yeah, and all us adults are ready to help too. We'll all be in our hammocks standin' by...but it should be great – our first Play Day of summer!

Our Mounted Assistance Unit also has an "away" ride planned on June 7th, so all of you MAUers make sure your trailers are ready. Oh, and make sure your horses are ready to easy-load into your trailer or the trailer you're going to be using...

One last reminder, your Board has been working on getting us some really cool shirts with our logo embroidered in full color! Jim Iacono will have samples and details at our June Members' Meeting and we'll be taking orders so be ready to place your order. We're going to be offering long- and short-sleeved shirts (henley-style), and a western-style shirt (navy blue and beige) with our logo. MAU is also going to be offering some denim shirts. The prices vary, but if you plan on about \$20 per shirt you'll be fine...and remember, that's with our logo embroidered! Here's the logo we'll using:



Well, as always a lot to think about, plan for and participate in. Again, here's to workin' together and ridin' together...see you on the trail...

Rich Gomez
President, ETI 357

MAY PLAY DAY



On-Line Newsletter Available

If you'd like to opt out of the "get-it-in-the-mail," download and print your own copy, and save the club some money, send me an email at sdsegien@mac.com. Include the words "pigs don't fly" in the subject line. Please note, you will not be getting the newsletter via email. Instead, you will have the options to read it on-line or download it from our website, <http://www.saddlebackcanyonriders.com>

CORRAL CORNER

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

BY: JEFF KELLY

A recent event has given me cause to remember the past. It was back in '96 and I was just elected trail boss and I orchestrated my first trail maintenance day. At the bottom of the Hoffman Homestead trail, just before you connect with the end of the paved road was this bog. About a twenty-foot run of the trail would just turn into soup. It intersected a natural water shed runoff on the slope and the moment it was at its absolute worst, Debra Geary comes barreling through. Long story short, that provided some of us with our first large animal rescue opportunity. Anyway, the bog needed to be addressed without affecting the runoff. Like the water's gonna come hell or high...well, you get the picture. So what we did was trench down two feet for the twenty or so foot length of the bog and across the trail to the downside of the slope. The trench along the slope got filled with 3/4 gravel and I ran a commercial grade 6" pipe under the trail to the downside. French Trench with an appliance. It's still there and working fine. What's working fine and not all here is the crew. With the heartfelt departure of Ms Carol Cutri, Tom Ordway and I are all that remains. Geezz Louise, all of half that crew was missin' when the three Walters men departed. But it's all good. We're all moving on into the future, standing on the foundation of the past. End of month ride will be at NINE {that's 9:00am} on Saturday, May 31. Saturday, June 7 will be a trail maintenance day. Details to follow.



MAU REPORT

BY: DOUG SLAVIN

Thanks to all who participated and helped make the May 10th Horse Handling and Trailer Loading Clinic a tremendous success! ETI357 Mounted Assistance Unit, lead by Debi Geary teamed up with Marc Hedgpeth's Equestrian Services to present an essential component of safe and enjoyable horse ownership. The all day clinic included instruction in defensive leading of a horse during an evacuation scenario. Also additional groundwork included maneuvering unfamiliar horses through obstacles to simulate gaining the confidence and respect necessary to safely handle a horse during an emergency.

The second portion of the day was spent covering the proper method of loading horses into a straight load trailer, slant load trailer, and stock trailer. And the day came to a close with hands on training in methods to gently and methodically coax unwilling horses into trailers.

Mark your calendars' the next MAU meeting will precede the Board Meeting on the evening on Thursday, June 12th at 6:15p.

If you are interested in participating in our ETI357 Mounted Assistance Unit or our Emergency Response Team please speak with Debi G or Jennifer.

Ride Safe & Please, log your patrol hours in the park!



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HORSE TALES

BY: JIM IACONO

Owning and caring for horses dictates the use of a variety of buckets. There is the water bucket, the oats bucket, the sponge bucket, just to name a few. Now, due to the popularity of a recent film, the bucket “list” has now worked its way into the American vernacular. And included in the “bucket list” for horse lovers should be a trip to Louisville on the first Saturday in May to attend the Kentucky Derby

Known as “the most exciting two minutes in sports”, this year marked the 134th running of the fabled race at historic Churchill Downs. Though the race is the centerpiece of that weekend, those two minutes are framed by the beauty, history, tradition, and hospitality of Kentucky. And one cannot experience Kentucky without appreciating the splendor of the American Equine.

The journey there should include a few extra days to drink in Louisville and the surrounding countryside that leads to the majestic farms in Lexington. It is there your senses will be treated to the infamous Kentucky Bluegrass. For miles and miles you will see rolling pastures framed by tidy fences that on some farms take \$100,000 per year to maintain. There are colonial mansions converted into elegant Bed and Breakfast Inns (I recommend the Storybook Inn in Versailles (pronounced “Ver- sales”). The bluegrass is native to the area, and it’s believed the root systems grown in the ore-rich soil are what make it ideal for building strong bones in the American Thoroughbred. The Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington is a must see, paying tribute to the American Horse as the backbone of American history and development. The Kentucky Derby Museum located beneath the twin spires of Churchill Downs is closed to the public on both Kentucky Oaks and Derby Day, so a visit either before or after those two days is strongly recommended to experience the vault of gems that are the previous 130 or so runnings of the Derby.

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(Horse Tales: Continued)

The day before the Derby is Kentucky Oaks Day featuring the 3 year old filly championship. The day is a local holiday with banks and schools closed, and is considered “Louisville’s day”, finding over 100,000 local residents celebrating the weekend on which the world’s focus is on their community. Don’t let the day disappear without sampling the Oaks Lily, a refreshing Vodka/Cranberry Concoction. The following day, the Mint Julep is the signature Derby Day drink, and top off any number of your meals with “Derby Pie,” best described as a creamy chocolate chip cookie in a flaky crust.

No matter where you are at on Derby Day – in the infield with thousands of Ohio coeds from liberal arts colleges (and I do mean “liberal”)- or upstairs near “Millionaire’s Row” with celebrities from around the world- one thing remains constant: there is nothing like Southern hospitality. The people are sweet, helpful, smiling, and always in a good mood.

But even if you’re sharing the day with 150,000 other event goers, don’t be surprised at who you run into. I was washing my hands at a local watering hole a few hours after the triumph of Big Brown, and the tragedy of Eight Belles ☹, when I heard a familiar, “Howdy pardner”. I turned to see fellow Trabucian and ETI president Rich Gomez. It goes to show you that sometimes those who have the same list, show up at the same bucket!



TREASURER'S REPORT

BY: ROBERT WILKS

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING

March 31, 2008

Ending Bank Balance (Bank of America)

\$ 8,260.83

TREASURER'S OFFICE...

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING

April 30, 2008

Ending Bank Balance (Bank of America)

\$ 8,713.62

DEPOSITS:

Deposits Made After MARCH Closing (From Sensory Clinic & Memberships) \$ 205.00

Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits

\$ 8,918.62

EXPENSES:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck #	Source	Reason	Amount
1225	ETI	Ins. Cert	\$ 51.00	1235	P. Gomez	Brd/Dinner	\$ 30.00
1230	E.T.I	'08 Insurance	\$ 731.00	1236	S & Final	Trail Trials Fd	\$ 153.08
1231	County Orange	Permits	\$ 195.00	1237	Wall Mart	Nu Club Coolr	\$ 52.61
1232	E.T.I. Nat'l	Memb'rs	\$ 108.00	1238	M. Hedgpeth	Clinic	\$ 2,835.00
1233	Debby Geary	Swallows	\$ 77.60	1239	D. Kelly	Clinic Food	\$ 43.16
1234	U.S. Postal Srv	Post Box Rent	\$ 70.00				

Total expenses paid in MARCH 2008

(\$4,246.45)

UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED IN THIS PERIOD

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck #	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
1240	S. Segien	News/March	\$ 35.56	1244	E.T.I.	Mbr'shps	\$ 112.00
1241	E.T.I.	Memberships	\$ 188.00	1245	D. Kelley	Pokr Ride	\$ 35.70
1242	County Org	MAU Permit	\$ 65.00	1246	Fiona Neslon	Ribbons	\$ 414.07
1243	S. Segien	News/March	\$ 97.03	1247	S. Segien	Brd/Diner	\$ 30.00

Total Outstanding Checks APRIL 2008 i.e. Spending:

(\$ 941.80)

Funds on hand in checking as of 04-30-08

\$ 7,976.82

Petty Cash on Hand as of 04-2008

\$ 400.00

Total Corral FUNDS On Hand at 04/30/08

\$8,376.82

- MAU on hand as of 3/31/08 = \$266.56 Less: (Permit for trailer clinic [-\$65] (\$ 201.56)

- Six months newsletter expense @ \$110.00 per month: (\$ 660.00)

Total Corral Funds Committed To Reserve:

(\$ 801.56)

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NET - NET - NET Funds on Hand in Checking, Petty Cash to Corral 357

\$7,575.26

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY: SHEILA SEGIEN

Expired

Priscilla Sasek 4/08, Dalynn Zampino
4/08, Sharon Tower 4/08, Dale &
Sandra Grabinski 5/08, Rick & Carin
Frisby-Hart 5/08, Doug & Marni
Nagy 5/08, Jonette Dopson 5/08,

Carol Cutri 5/08, Jennifer Walters 5/08

Expiring

Rick & Karen Balthaser 6/08, Schicht Family
6/08, Chris Pena 6/08, Dave & Susan Seroski
6/08, Pam Ragland 6/08, Helga Thordarson

6/08, Bob & Spike Wilks 6/08, Alberta
Morehouse 6/08

WELCOME New Members!!

Beverly Warren
Kim DeBellis

Annual Dues:

Individual: \$45.00

Family: \$70.00 for 2 people, add \$8.00 for each additional family member

PLAY DAY REPORT

BY: FIONA NELSON

The Play Day on Saturday, May 17th took place on one of the hottest days of recent weeks. It was known that the temperature would climb, so the proceedings were started as early as possible.

The Barrel Competition was first on the agenda, and it had been decided to instigate a slight change to the customary rules. The barrels were undertaken at a trot, with penalties being awarded for breaking into a canter. Impressively, there were almost no infractions of this unfamiliar rule! The Pole Race followed the Barrels, and the third item was the Keyhole Competition.

The Keyhole Competition also had a slight alteration of the conventional rules that meant competitors had to reverse out of the circle after having completed their 360 degree turn. Good horsemanship and a well-trained, responsive horse helped in executing these tricky maneuvers competently.

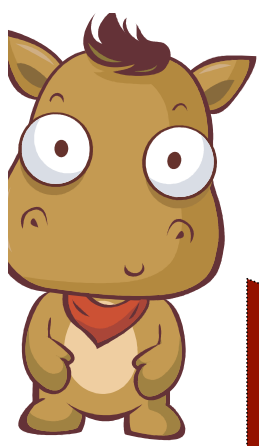
Just prior to the start of the Egg & Spoon Competition, it suddenly became clear that the British version of this competition diverges widely from the American! This led to there only being one large spoon for all the competitors, added to which my Scottish frugality ensured that there were not nearly enough eggs to go round! Accordingly, there was no alternative but to conduct this competition along British lines. Each competitor balances the egg, in the spoon, and has to go from the start line, along the length of the arena, around the barrel at the far end, and all the way back to the finishing line. Some succumbed to the strong temptation of starting carefully and steadily, but then began to relax after reaching the turnaround point, and gradually increase speed on the homeward leg. This led to misfortune in many cases as dropping the egg constituted disqualification.

The Team Soccer was my favorite event of the day. In particular I liked Titan's support for his teammate, Summer, as she sped up the course rolling the ball ahead of her with great panache. Of course, his support was given from a cleverly strategic position – he was right behind her all the way!

The youngest competitor of the day was 6 year old Christopher who, with a little help from his Mom, procured a 3rd place in the Keyhole Competition, as well as two 5th place ribbons in other events.

A big thank you to all the members who put in great efforts to make this successful event run so smoothly! The club's next Play Day, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 21st, is being organized by the younger members of the club. I wish them every success for this event, and I'm looking forward to taking part as a competitor!





SADDLEBACK CANYON RIDERS
trabuco canyon, california



ETI 357

Horse Playday!

Planned & Hosted by the kids of ETI 357

When: Saturday, June 21st, 2008 at 9am
Registration will begin at 8am!

Cost is \$7 per event for members and \$8 for non-members.
(Preprint your Waiver and Release form from the website to save time)

Coffee available at 8am



Where: O'Neill Park Arena

What: Playday Games: Barrels, Poles, Speed Ball, Big "T"
and Key Hole

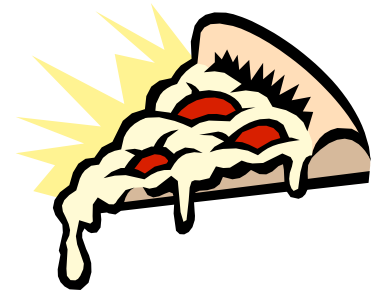
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We will also be offering lunch for \$6 beginning at 11:30

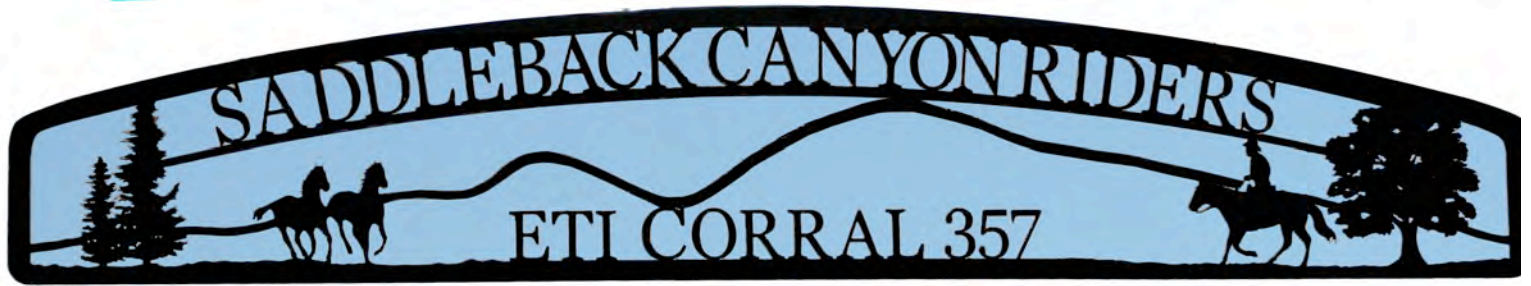
All are welcome for lunch!



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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 the largest ETI corral 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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