



# Corral News

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY RICH GOMEZ

### COME JOIN US!

Well this is the month! Our "First Annual - 20th Anniversary - Buckle Playday - Charity Extravaganza – and BBQ!" We've been running articles in the Trabuco Canyon News ([www.TrabucoCanyonNews.com](http://www.TrabucoCanyonNews.com)) leading up to the big event and this month's issue is the best yet – be sure and check it out!

A big thanks to everyone who has been calling on local, regional and even out-of-state merchants to add to our unbelievable cache of treasures for the raffle and auction. Now all we need is you! Don't miss this event November 13th at the O'Neill Regional Park Equestrian Arena. As you know, we have TWO great charities we're supporting:

Hanaeleh <http://www.hanaeleh.com/index.htm>

Bethany's Gait <http://www.bethanysgait.org/>

Elizabeth Zarkos, President of Hanaeleh, has an interesting story to tell, and it speaks to the success and heartfelt warmth of their commitment to horses... it's all about "Charley" a rescued horse now at their ranch in Trabuco Canyon...

*Charley was one of the very lucky horses to come with his paperwork, and in his file were a few bills charged to Reba McEntire. This prompted me to send her a letter to see if she would like to take Charley back to her farm to retire.*

*This past week I was contacted by a gentleman of Starstruck Farms (part of Reba's estate), who told me that he had been searching for Charley for 15 years. Apparently Charley was involved in a dispute several years before- the trainer had decided that he was not going to be the racehorse they had hoped for, so she*

*sold him for \$1. Unfortunately, she did not have the approval of the people who ran the stables, who had bred Charley, and who did not have any intentions of selling him. In fact, they enjoyed having Charley around, as he would run up to the top of the hill when tourists came up, and would pose for their pictures. For them, his retirement was not contingent upon his racing career (although he did win over \$20,000). Unfortunately, Charley was already sold, and was sold again and again. When they tried to get Charley back, he was gone.*

*Needless, they were excited to hear that we had Charley, and that we were hoping that he could retire on their property. They were also disheartened to hear about the neglect he had been through for so long, and were therefore concerned that the trip and wintertime might be too difficult for Charley in his current condition. They asked if we could take care of him for a few more months, so we are going to keep Charley until March, when he will be reunited with the people in Tennessee who love him.*

*I know many of us have gotten attached to Charley, because he is a very special boy, and it will be sad for us to have him go. On the positive side, he will be around with us for about six more months, until March, so we still have time to be with him! I feel honored that we were able to reconnect Charley with his original owners who have longed to have him back with them for so long. It is bitter-sweet, but I can't think of a more appropriate end than for Charley to go home.*

Wow, what a story! How can we not be moved by this? We'll see you all at the BIG EVENT!  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

And speaking of events, don't forget the upcoming Members' Meeting at Friend's on November 2nd – ELECTION DAY! Come nominate, vote for or write-in your favorite candidate...the Board offices up for election are:

- President
- Secretary
- Trail Boss
- Scribe

So, as always, until we get together next, here's to a great Fall season kickoff ridin' together and workin' together...see you on the trail...



## IMPORTANT DATES

(SEE WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

Members Meeting: Tuesday, November 2nd

Board Meeting: Thursday, November 11th

Buckle Playday: Saturday, November 11th

Month End Ride Saturday, November 27th



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT BY SHEILA SEGIEN

**Very Expired (Sorry, Last Newsletter):** Connie Presley 5/10, Beverly Warren 5/10

**Expired:** Chris Richardson 6/10, Alice Sorenson 7/10, Connie Nelson 8/10, Pam Hutchins 8/10, Lori Hansen 9/10, Jeanette & Donavon Villegas 9/10, Sally Wooldridge 9/10, Patti Gretzler 10/10, Judi Winkel 10/10, Jim & Sue Corley 10/10

**Expiring:** Jeff & Debbie Kelly 11/10, Jonette Dopson 11/10, Lauren Helsel 11/10, Pam Ragland 11/10, Jill Corley 11/10, Jordan Bui 11/10, Cristi & Hoke Silverberg-Rose 11/10

**Annual Dues:** Individual \$45; Family \$70 for the first two members, add \$8 for each additional family member.



## MAU ERT REPORT

BY DEBBIE KELLY

The month of October generally has most of California on some type of weather alert. If it isn't "earthquake" weather it is Santa Ana winds (also referred to as Santana winds). If it isn't windy then it is generally hot and dry, and we have every reason to be concerned about the wind. We all know that three years ago October we were watching a nearby fire very closely. As our neighbors in Modjeska and Silverado were making haste to evacuate; some here were still hoping we might escape an evacuation order.

But Trabuco did not wait for the order. The fire started early in the evening on Sunday, October 21st in 2007 and by Monday morning residents here were already leaving. ETI activated the official plan that afternoon and within 24 hours all but a few horses and other large animals were out of Trabuco and Rose Canyons. By 6:00 pm on Tuesday, about the time the order came to leave, those participating in the evacuation rushed to gather belongings and those who planned to stay remained. Others were hastily preparing to leave. But all the horses had been safely relocated to nearby shelters. The unusual cool and wet weather we are experiencing this year may be cause to forget that time just three years ago. But we can't forget that horse ownership carries with it the responsibility of being prepared to evacuate, shelter, and care for our animals at any moment. Following are some tips from the OC Animal Care website under the hyperlink "Disaster Preparation for Large Animals". There are some timely tips, especially if you tend to be a procrastinator.

**Evacuation Plan:** As a horse or other large animal

owner, it is your responsibility to know how to safely evacuate your animals. Create an emergency preparedness plan and practice the plan. Make sure that all your horse and other large animal transportation equipment is well maintained and ready to be used on a moments notice and be sure your horses know how to load into a trailer/van. Prepare emergency supplies for 72 hours.

**Animal Identification:** One of the goals of OC Animal Care is to find loose horses and other large animals and reunite them with their owners as soon as possible. Remember, you cannot have too much identification on your horse or other large animal.

Take multiple photographs of your horse or other large animal from various angles, as well as photos of you with each animal and prepare written descriptions of each animal. Put these in a safe place, away from where the horses or other large animals are kept, so that you can provide identification information to animal control personnel should your horses or other large animals become lost or separated from you in an emergency

Place an identification tag on the horse itself with the horse's name, your name, address, phone number, and email. Cattle ear tags can be secured around the horse's neck and the information written with an indelible ink pen, cattle/animal marketing crayon, or write the information on a piece of duct tape and place it on the halter.

There is much more valuable information. Hopefully this will whet your appetite to go to the OC Animal Care website for a refresher on preparedness. Your horse deserves it.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

BY VICKI IACONO

ETI - CORRAL 357

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING

September 30, 2010

Ending Bank Balance (Bank of America) \$ 8,191.98

DEPOSITS:

Deposits Made After August Closing: \$ 2,035.00

Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits \$10,226.98

EXPENSES:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck #	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
1397	S Segien	board dinner	\$ 30.00	1400	Wilks	board dinner	\$ 30.00
1401	ETI	membership	\$138.00	1404	J Iacono	playday	\$159.01
1407	J Iacono	playday supp	\$164.57				

Total expenses paid in September 2010 (\$590.55)

UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED IN THIS PERIOD

CK#	Source	Reason	Amount	CK#	Source	Reason	Amount
1405	ETI	membership	\$ 108.00	1406	J Iacono	playday permit	\$65.00

Total Outstanding Checks September - 2010 i.e. Spending: \$ 173.00

Funds on hand in checking as of 09-30-10 \$10,226.98

Petty Cash on Hand as of 09-30-10 \$ 400.00

Corral FUNDS On Hand at 09-30-2010: \$10,626.98

SUBTOTAL CORRAL FUNDS: \$10,626.98

Less Reserves:

1.- MAU as of 09-30-10 = After payment for 2nd Chip Scanner: (\$ 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, 847.09**



## THIS COULD BE YOU BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

### SHARE YOUR STORY WITH THE CLUB:

Your First Horse

Your Best (Or Worst) In-The-Saddle Experience

Some Cowboy Poetry

Something You've Seen On The World Wide Google-net

Pictures

Drawings

Horse Quiz

Email your submissions to [SDSegien@mac.com](mailto:SDSegien@mac.com)

If you are submitting work that was created by somebody else, please credit the source.

Oh yeah, the nifty illustration of Gene Aurty was created by freelance illustrator Robert Rodriguez, whose work has been featured on more than a dozen previous stamps.

#### **A Change in the ETI Magazine Delivery**

The bimonthly ETI national magazine, Equestrian Trails, is now available only online. It's very easy to access. One simple click from the ETI home page [www.etinational.com](http://www.etinational.com) where it says EQUESTRIAN TRAILS MAGAZINE NOW ONLINE CLICK HERE. Or go directly to [http://www.etinational.com/eti\\_magazine/](http://www.etinational.com/eti_magazine/) We will have a link available on the ETI 357 web site as well. The current issue is available now.

## YOUNG RIDERS GETTIN' R DONE

Our own Jamie Schicht was at the Southern Regions Inventational for the past two days held at the Fullerton Ring. There were 52 riders from all of so. Calif. A total of 11 riders in Jamie's division riding 9 events in

two days. Jamie did o great job by finishing 5th in her division and won her first buckle. Our young riders get it done. Nice job Jamie!



### Riders Featured

If you've got news of an ETI or Non-ETI event you'd like to feature in our newsletter, submit to Don Segien at [SDSegien@mac.com](mailto:SDSegien@mac.com)



**COME JOIN US!**

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**CHARITY  
EVENT**



**NOV  
13**

**O'NEILL REGIONAL PARK**

**8 TO "BUCKLE" PLAY DAY  
NOON AND TRAIL RIDE (10 AM)**

**NOON TO 2 BAR-B-QUE LUNCH**

**1:30 EXCITING  
LIVE AUCTION!  
AND RAFFLES**

**DONATIONS  
ARE TAX  
DEDUCTIBLE**



**TO BENEFIT TWO  
EXTRAORDINARY  
ORGANIZATIONS!**



**WWW.SADDLEBACKCANYONRIDERS.COM**

**DONATIONS OR QUESTIONS  
CELL 949-439-2414 RBAETHASER@AOL.COM**

## TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR HORSES

1. My life is likely to last 20 or more years. Any separation from you will be painful for me. Remember that before you take me home.
2. Give me time to understand what you want from me.
3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial to my well being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long. Don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your entertainment and your friends. I have only you.....
5. Talk to me sometimes. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when it is speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I'll never forget it.
7. Remember before you hit me that I am powerful enough to hurt you, but choose not to.
8. Before you scold me for being uncooperative, obstinate, or lazy, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I have a problem that you are not yet aware of.
9. Take care of me when I am old. You too will be old one day.
10. Go with me on the last journey. Never say "I can't bear to watch or Let it happen in my absence." Everything is easier for me if you are there.



## 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.

## 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.

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