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Corral 138's annual toy drive ride (2014). Photo submitted by Kimberly Dwight.

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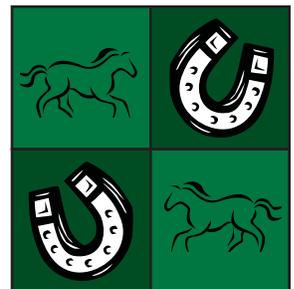
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Merry
Christmas





A Message from Linda Fullerton Interim President

Peaceful Holidays to all of our ETI Members ! At the expense of sharing the more than obvious, where has this year gone? We are at the cornerstone of providing new leadership to ETI National. You should receive your 2017 nomination ballots soon, if you have not received them. Please return them by the first week in January, so we can make the announcement at our New Year gathering in January. We will have the Jr. Ambassador Annual Cake sale and more.



We are reaching out to the ETI membership to encourage our members to participate in the ETI management. We need your input to continue the growth and productivity of "your" organization.

Sarah is doing a terrific job on our national magazine, but she needs your support to provide the activities of your corral to share with your corral family. Pictures make a wonderful story – and your telephones are a great conduit to the website. I know I preach this message every time you hear from me, but it's truly a reality.

In 2017, we will be starting off with our New Year Party on January 7, Presidents luncheon in February (new date) and a new Jim Hester ride. This year's ride probably will not be in Pioneer Town, but it will be in a great area with many options for levels of ride choices and other activities. Then we will have the Spring Ride, led by Kelli Lamb and Patty Hug. Jump right into Convention, Death Valley and in between there will be several Jr. Ambassador & Corral Horse shows, Play Days, Trail Trials and Corral rides/camping trips. So ETI is busy, but we need you to step up and lead a new generation with your strength and visions.

I don't think we have reminded you lately, but watch the California Horsetrader in their mid-month issue for ETI National updates. Please support this magazine and their sponsors.

One last thought, since Lynn Brown resigned from her position as National Trails Coordinator, we have not had a strong leader who was able to take the reins and lead our fight in protection our trails and equestrian areas for our equine communities. Karen Dagnan has taken the position to represent National State Equine Health Information Center (Equine Medication Monitoring Program Advisory Committee). We need a person to fill in the National Trail Coordinator position. Lynn is still working on local issues and is busy on the Los Angeles City Equine Advisory Board, and also continues to offer support to our corrals who have trail issues. I'm sure that Lynn will offer the support of her years of knowledge that will be needed to bring a new coordinator up to speed. If you feel the calling and interest in this valuable resource that has been a corner stone and original goal of ETI National, please step up and let us hear from you.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year & most of all "HAPPY TRAILS" and miles on the backs of your equine friends.

Linda

National Board Meeting
December 13 at 7pm
Foothill Trails District
Neighborhood Council Office
9747 Weatland Ave.
(Corner of Wheatland & Sunland)
Join us!



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Mounted Assistance Unit (MAU) Program Update



The MAU's patrol the LA Parks and also patrol special events that are hosted by the parks. The Whittier Narrow MAU will be patrolling an event at Whittier Narrow - Fishing with Santa, being held at Legg Lake on the first weekend of

December. Also, Walnut Creek MAU will be gearing up for their annual Christmas Parade in Covina on December 3. Come on out and enjoy the festivities with us.

The MAU's will be celebrating their Christmas parties in the upcoming weeks. May you all enjoy your family and friends during this holiday season.

In the January ETI issue, there will be a review of 2016

MAU activities, and we will be gearing up for our 2017 MAU activities.

There are four MAU's which patrol the LA Parks on horseback, if you are interested in joining, the contact e-mails are listed below.

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Thursday was a huge step toward our dream of a Horse Park. The Seaside City Council certified the EIR. They also approved the Specific Plan and the General Plan, which will require a second vote November 17.

The Specific Plan has a new name. It is now the "Central Coast Veterans Cemetery, Monument Village, and Seaside Horse Park." These were recommendations made by city staff to more fully link the projects to the City of Seaside and the Fort Ord National Monument.

Please let the council members know of your support by asking them to fully approve.

We are very excited to be moving forward and want to extend our gratitude to all of you who wrote letters, sent checks, sent emails, attended endless meetings, and cheered us on with your enthusiasm. Without our amazing supporters we would not have gotten to this place. Thank you, thank you!

There are still a number of steps that need to be taken, and we will be asking for your help again, but getting the EIR certified is HUGE. Let's rest for a moment in the joy of it!

Sincerely,
Directors of the Monterey Horse Park

Monthly Find the Egg Contest

If you're reading this online, look for active links and surprise "easter eggs"!



When you see this, click for a link.



When you see this symbol, click for a surprise!

To enter the contest, find all the "eggs", write down the name of the video, then send your list to magazine@etinational.com! Winner will be randomly drawn from all those with the correct answers!



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Coming Events Calendar

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2017 NATIONAL EVENTS

June 4-9

Spring Ride, Location TBD

June 22-25

National Horse Show & Convention, LAEC

November 5-11

ETI Death Valley Ride

2016 Season High Point Shows

For High Point Show info Contact:
Chair: Susan Pfann (626) 221-0829
Etihighpoint2015@gmail.com
All ETI High Point Shows are PAC approved.

Season is over

2016 Gymkhana High Point Season

High Point Program through Oct.
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Season is over

Individual Corral Circuit Shows/Series

Corral 6, Circuit Open Shows
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Corral 37/Thousand Oaks
Red Hat Cowgirl Buckle Series - 5 Shows
-8:15am registration Contact: Sharyn
Henry redhatcowgirl@yahoo.com

Corral 57/Ojai
Open Shows at Ojai's Soule Park arena
Contact: Rhonda (805) 798-1713

Corral 118/Simi Horse Shows
SVAC Western & English Shows.
High point saddle award
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horseladyusa1@yahoo.com
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CLINICS

Corral 36 Riding Classes
Wed @ 9am Agoura Equestrian Center
with Karen Curtis Contact: Jeanne Wallace
(818) 222-2560

GYMKHANAS

Corral 21
March 2015 - October 2015 Race for the
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Corral 43/Riverside Rancheros
Gymkhana Call Lyn (951) 780-7208

2016 ETI Trail Rides, Drives, Events

When a Corral plans a
ride at Vasquez Rocks,
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the Rangers
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DECEMBER

December 10/Corral 20
HoHoHo Ride, Shadow Hills Contact:
Linda Fullerton (818) 612-3305
linda@wrightcolor.com

December 10/Corral 357
Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade. Contact
Jimmy I. (714) 612-1789.

December 18/Corral 22
Christmas ride, Griffith Park Trail
boss: Paul Jacques Contact: Kathleen
Ungamrung (626) 590-6972
kathleen.ungamrung@gmail.com

December 31/Corral 357
Month End Ride Contact:
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2017 PREVIEW

January 7/National
New Year Kick-off Party/Cake Auction for
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January 22/Corral 22
Bert Bonnet & Doc Larsen Chili Ride,
Ranger Park Trail Boss: Tiffanie Bailey
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January 28/Corral 66
Trail ride at old cemetery near old mine,
Yermo Contact: Beth (760) 255-4767

February 12/Corral 22
Cheri Blue Ride, Paramount Ranch Trail
Boss: Paul Jacques Contact: Kathleen
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April 23/Corral 118
High Point Show, Arroyo/Gateway Eq
Center, Simi Valley Contact: Terry Simon
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March 12/Corral 22
Wildwood Ride, Santa Rosa Trail
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March 25/Corral 22
Day at the Races, Santa Anita Contact:
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March 31 - April 2/Corral 22
Pioneertown Ride Trail Boss: Tiffanie
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May 6/Corral 22
Challenger Park Ride, Simi Valley Trail
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May 19-21/Corral 22

Tehachapi Ride Trail Boss: Susan Jackson
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June 4-9

Spring Ride, Location TBD

June 4/Corral 118

High Point Show, Arroyo/Gateway Eq Center, Simi Valley Contact: Terry Simon (805) 522-3346
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June 22-25

National Horse Show & Convention, LAEC

July 8/Corral 22

Moonlight Ride, Lakeview Terrace Trail Boss: Tiffanie Bailey Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972
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July 29/Corral 22

Inspiration Point Ride, Wrightwood Trail Boss: Susan Jackson/Billie McGuire Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972
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August 21-28/Corral 22

Morro Bay Ride, Montana de Oro State Park Trail Boss: Kathleen Smart Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972
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August 27/Corral 118

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September 17/Corral 22

Mt. Pinos Ride Trail Boss: Tiffanie Bailey Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972
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October 8/Corral 118

Rain Date: October 22
High Point Show, Arroyo/Gateway Eq Center, Simi Valley Contact: Terry Simon (805) 522-3346
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October 20-22/Corral 22

Sage Hill Ride, Live Oak Trail Boss: Paul Jacques Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972
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November 5-11

ETI Death Valley Ride

November 18-19/Corral 22

John Richardson Memorial Ride, Vasquez Rocks Trail Boss: Sharon Richardson/Al Pechulis Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972
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December 17/Corral 22

Christmas Ride, Griffith Park Trail Boss: Paul Jacques Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972
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program for disabled riders
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www.rideon.org

Shadow Hills Riding Club Therapeutic Riding Program

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2016 ETI National Horse Show High Point Program News Recap of 2016 High Point Circuit Year

We created two new year end award divisions, with corresponding new classes:

(1) Ranch Horse Division with Classes in Ranch Horse Pleasure, Ranch Horse Trail and Ranch Horse Reining – (Western but not Western Pleasure) –Special show saddles and expensive outfits not required!!! This was our most competitive Division in 2016;

(2) Over Fences Division – We had a wide variety of hunters, equitation over fences and jumpers classes for our English riders, and new this year, there were yearend division awards available as well as class awards.

We consolidated our age groups for walk/trot classes to make them less spread out, and streamlined our class list to eliminate classes with small or no attendance to reduce waiting at shows, and make the remaining classes more competitive.

There were eight high point shows, counting Convention as two shows for most of the classes. New this year, a first time ever show by Corral 10 from the Sunland/Lake View Terrace area, an additional high point show by Corral 37, and two, double point shows jointly presented by the Junior Ambassadors and the High Point Committee. The first Junior Ambassador/High Point Committee show had to be rescheduled from July to October due to the Sand Fire. The second, although threatened by ominous weather reports, took place as planned, with only 3 minutes of actual rain during the show. This November 20 show ended our circuit year with a big bang, with competitors from corrals 2, 10, 12, 37, 57, 118, ETI members at large, and lots of non-ETI competitors.

Big congratulations for all show competitors over the past season, and my grateful thanks to the supportive ETI Board of Directors and staff, to this year's High Point Committee Members (Raquel Brusher, Cindy Camarillo, Sharyn Henry, Michelle Kraut, Aileen Valentine, Keri Lee Walsh), and to volunteers Nell Faulkner, Holly Leatherman, and Lesley Reisinger-Green.

Susan Pfann, High Point Committee Chair, 2016.





The Royal Pages... The Royal Court Gets Busy by Megan Kitcko, ETI Queen



This month we unfortunately had a few setbacks. Our ETI Jr. Ambassador Trail Trial to benefit Multiple Sclerosis was rained out. We were hoping to have our rain date in December, but due to iffy weather and holiday madness, it will be rescheduled for early 2017. Hope to see you all there as it is for a good cause and is close to all of our Jr. Ambassador's hearts. We decided to hold our cake auction in January as many ETI Corals have fancy parties going on in December. Hope you all have a Merry Christmas!

with the horse

Favorite Color: Pink

Discipline: Gymkhana

Favorite thing about Jr. Ambassadors: Meeting all of the other Jr. Ambassadors

Favorite thing besides riding: Drawing

Fun Facts about our Jr. Ambassadors

Miss First Princess: Emily Webber



Favorite Movie: Dr. Strange

Favorite Food: Watermelon

Favorite thing about riding: Having a relationship with an animal who doesn't speak my language, but we still get along and can achieve great things.

Favorite Color: Blue

Discipline: English, Jumping

Favorite thing about Jr. Ambassadors: Getting to hang out with people the same age that like to ride and likes to help people.

Favorite thing besides riding: Reading, Shooting her Bow, Church and Writing

Jr. Miss First Princess: Eden Grasso

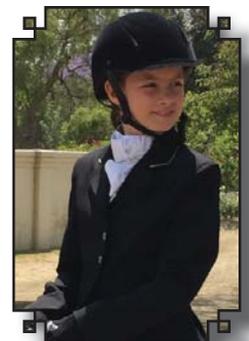


Favorite Movie: Suicide Squad

Favorite Food: Lasagna

Favorite thing about riding: Relationship

Little Miss Third Princess: Anita Ovayan



Favorite Movie: Zootopia

Favorite Food: French Fries

Favorite thing about riding: The point that you are free from homework to ride.

Favorite Color: Pink

Discipline: Dressage

Favorite thing about Jr. Ambassadors: She likes to help out

Favorite thing besides riding: Reading





ETJ National

Cordially Invites You To Our

New Year Kick-off Party

Join us for good food, great company, and the

11th Annual

Jr. Ambassador Cake Auction!!

January 7, 2017 - 5:00pm

Heritage Junction in William S. Hart Park

24151 Newhall Ave., Newhall, CA 91321

Adults: \$20; Children 12 & Under: \$10

Please RSVP by December 28, 2016 to the ETJ Office:

P.O. Box 1138, Acton, CA 93510

NAME: _____ #ATTENDING ADULT _____ CHILD _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____ CORRAL # _____

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Saturday, February 11, at 10am

Rose Bowl Riders Clubhouse
Lower Hahamonga Watershed Park
4480 Oak Grove Drive, Pasadena

RSVP needed
by February 3.

All ETI Corral Presidents (plus one corral member) and Area Directors are invited.



Biosecurity Measures for Quarantined Areas Submitted by Lynn Brown, Corral 38

Due to the recent EHV-1 outbreak at LAEC, we thought it prudent to pass this along.

Quarantine of the premises means that there is no horse movement on or off the premises.



Post signage regarding quarantine and biosecurity measures in common areas, such as on the notice board outside the office, near restrooms and at each barn.

Limit premises access to essential personnel and vehicles and monitor perimeter of the premises.

Only exercise horses in designated areas. (See map from Management) Limit number of horses in an exercise area to ensure no horse to horse contact.

Horses with fevers or clinical signs should remain in stalls until diagnostic testing is complete.

All horses shall stay in designated areas.

Monitor all horses on premises

Obtain and record the body temperatures of all horses on the premises two times a day. Obtain horse body temperatures ideally the first thing in the morning and last thing in the evening and before administering medications which may decrease the body temperature.

Report a temperature 102°F or greater to a veterinarian for follow up collection of nasal swabs and blood to test for EHV-1.



compatible with EHV-1, which include oculo-nasal discharge, limb edema, neurologic signs, such as wobbly gait, weakness, urine dribbling, lack of tail tone and recumbency. Report the observation of any of these signs to the veterinarian for follow up collection of nasal swabs and blood sampling to test for EHV-1.

Restrict pet and vehicle traffic from exposed-horse areas

Do not permit dogs in horse quarantine areas.

Vehicles not permitted in quarantine stabling area.

Limit direct horse-to-horse contact



Limit potential horse contact in common areas, such as wash stalls, aisle ways and arenas.

Limit potential horse-to-horse contact when possible by closing upper stall doors to restrict horses from extending their heads into the aisle ways.

Limit stress to horses

An EHV-1 exposed horse may potentially be incubating the virus. With stress, an exposed horse has a higher likelihood of developing clinical disease and shedding a significant amount of virus from the nasal passages.



Biosecurity Measures for Quarantined Areas Submitted by Lynn Brown, Corral 38

Limit EHV-1 exposed horses to low level intensity exercise.

Eliminate sharing equipment and personnel

Clean and disinfect all brushes, halters, cross ties, lead ropes and tack, which have previously been shared.

Avoid use of common halters, cross ties, lead ropes and tack. Use individual equipment for each horse; avoid sharing equipment.

If equipment must be shared, clean and disinfect all equipment before and after each use.

Clean and Disinfect

Clean all surfaces of organic matter (dirt, manure, etc.) before applying a disinfectant. It is important to remember that organic material decreases the effectiveness of the disinfectant, especially if 10% bleach is used as the disinfectant.

Clean all shared equipment and shared areas to remove dirt and manure before application of a disinfectant.

Completely clean and disinfect the stall of the known-infected horse and any equipment and objects that may be contaminated.



Isolate new clinical cases as soon as they are found

Isolation is critical to controlling disease. Ideally, at the onset of suspicion of a compatible clinical sign of Equine Herpes Virus -1, isolate the horse a minimum of 30 feet from all other horses.

Restrict designated personnel to work on positive or suspect cases. Ideally, these designated

individuals would not handle any other horses on the property. If personnel must go between stabling and isolation, the isolated horses should be handled last thing.

Restrict access to the isolation area to essential personnel and the isolated animals.



Handle isolated horses last; personnel handling isolated horses should not be handling other horses without changing clothes. Provide disposable coveralls for use if a change of clothes is not

feasible when entering and exiting the isolation area.

Clean and disinfect the stabling area where the positive or suspect horse had been before being moved to the isolation area.

For further information go to:

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/equine_herpes_virus.html







Kids Corner



Find The Differences!





Golden Hills Nature Park

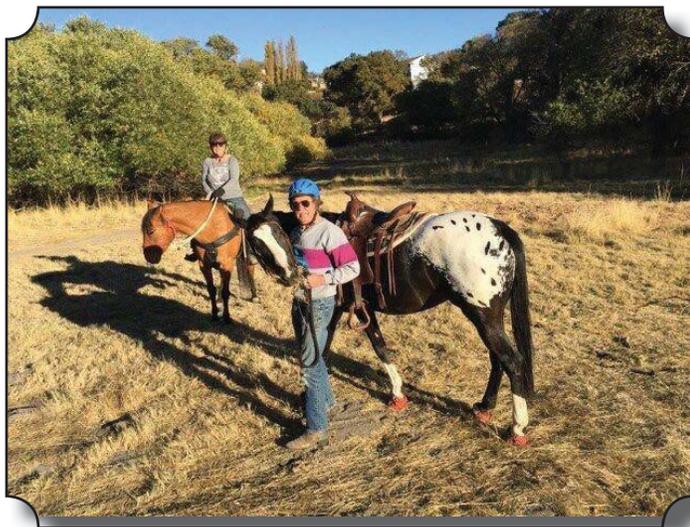
by Doris Lora, Corral 83

Corral 83 member, Doris Lora, joined by Jess and Judy Spencer of Acton, California had a nice, brief, fall weather ride in the Golden Hills Nature Park. Formerly known as the Golden Hills Golf Course, the area is now being converted to a community nature park. Birds of prey have a nesting area. A small pond, formed with reclaimed water, provides for water fowl.

Primarily flat trails around the area, previously golf cart roads, offer plenty of space for equestrians, horse drawn carts, hikers, bicyclists, bird watchers and outdoor enthusiasts. There are still a little fall colors to be enjoyed until mid November when a cold spell will likely cause most of the trees to lose their leaves.

The nature park is relatively small in terms of acres as a former golf course. Most riders could cover all the trails, loops and figure eights within an hour and a half.

golf course will most likely be within the boundaries of the park.



At least one member of the community has displayed discontent with equestrians being allowed in the area. A very discourteous driver in a white pick up, sped past, honking the vehicle horn repeatedly at our small group of three riders as we crossed the road. Thankfully, the three horses did not over react, and the riders made it across the street and off the asphalt without incident. Equestrians should always beware of vehicles when crossing the road ways. Drivers may fail to yield right of way or may just be so distracted inside their vehicle they don't notice what's happening outside.

Photo Credit for Golden Hills Nature Park Jess and Judy Spencer.

Work is taking place in the Nature Park with maintenance workers using chain saws to remove dead and diseased trees. The Nature park is on both the east and west sides of Tehachapi Woodford road, however the trails on the west side are still being cleared and prepared for use. They are not currently well defined. The park ends at the north west end where there is a pump house and a metal gate across the service access road. Riders should take note of the no trespassing signs posted on a number of nearby telephone poles. The park is surrounded by private residences and ranches.

Riders staying on the cleared, flat area of the





Six Signs of Good Quality Hay

by Sarah Williams

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Six signs of good quality horse hay

Use these six helpful tips when choosing hay for your horse.

Shoreview, Minn. [November 3, 2016] - Forage makes up between 50 and 90 percent or more of a horse's diet. Much of the forage part of the diet comes in the form of hay. Because it's such a big part of the ration, good quality hay can help keep a horse healthy, while poor quality hay can be detrimental.

"As nutritionists and horse owners, we put a big emphasis on the quality of hay we feed," says Gina M. Fresquez, technical specialist for Equine Technical Services at Purina Animal Nutrition.

"The most important factor determining hay quality is the stage of plant maturity at time of harvest," says Fresquez. "Young, immature plants contain more nutrients than older, stemmier plants. Though after hay is harvested, the level of hay quality goes beyond the age of the plant at harvest as there are more factors to consider."

When selecting your horse's forage, Fresquez recommends keeping these six signs of good quality hay in mind:

1. High leaf-to-stem ratio

Think about the leafy greens you eat. You likely prefer greens with leaves rather than just stems. The same is true for your horse.

"Look for more flat leaves in the hay and fewer round stems; this indicates the plant was less mature when cut," says Fresquez. "More leaves typically mean higher digestibility and nutrient content for your horse."

2. Small diameter stems

Stems smaller in diameter or finer are also indicators of higher quality. Small stems mean the plant was less mature when cut.

To test stem size, Fresquez recommends grabbing a handful of hay and giving it a squeeze.

"Good quality hay is soft and pliable, and feels good in your hand," says Fresquez. "If it feels like you're squeezing a handful of sticks, it is not a good choice of hay to feed your horse."

3. Few seed heads or blooms

No matter the species of plant, hay with little to no seed heads or blooms indicates a younger, early maturity plant, and thus a higher quality hay. For example, timothy should be cut in the pre-bloom or early-bloom stage when you see little to no seed heads; and alfalfa (for horses) should be cut at early to mid-bloom stage.

4. Fresh smell and appearance

Avoid musty, moldy or off-setting smelling hay, because it can reduce palatability and indicate poor quality.

"On our farm, there's nothing like haying season," comments Fresquez. "We love the smell of fresh hay. The same is true for

your horse. Good quality hay should have a fresh cut smell and appearance."

5. Cleanliness

Hay should be primarily made up of the harvested forages. Fresquez recommends looking for a clean forage with little to no dust. Even if most of the hay is high quality, hays containing dirt, mold, weeds, trash or other foreign materials indicate poorer quality hay and may be unfit to feed to horses.

6. Color

Good quality hay should be bright green in color with little fading. A bleached, yellow, brown or black color may indicate aged hay, mold or poor storage conditions.

"Storage conditions and age have a significant effect on vitamin content of hays," says Fresquez. "Many vitamins, such as vitamins A and E, are not stable over time and lose biological activity. After approximately six months, almost all vitamin A and E activity levels are lost." Exposure to heat, sunlight and rain will speed up this process.

When good quality hay for your horse is scarce or too costly, you may need to compensate for poorer quality hay. In some cases, increasing the amount of feed to provide calories and nutrients not provided by lesser quality hay may be adequate to meet your horse's needs. However, in some situations it is most beneficial to replace most or all hay in the horse's diet with a feed designed for that purpose. Complete feeds, such as Purina® Equine Junior®, Equine Adult®, Equine Senior®, and Omolene #400 Complete Advantage offer built-in forage for situations requiring a replacement for some or all hay in a horse's diet.

For more information on horse nutrition, visit www.purinamills.com/horse-feed or connect with Purina Horse Feed on Facebook or Pinterest.



6 ways to identify good horse hay

Leaf-to-stem ratio
The leafier, the better! Look for more flat leaves and fewer round stems.

Small Stems
Grab a handful of hay and give it a squeeze! Good hay will feel soft and pliable.

Avoid Seeds & Blooms
Hay with fewer seed heads or blooms is better for your horse.

Fresh smell
Think of a freshly cut hay field; your hay should smell similar.

Cleanliness
Avoid hay with dust, mold, weeds, trash other foreign materials.

Color
Look for bright green hay with little fading.






CORRAL NEWS

Bonelli MAU

Mounted Assistance Unit
Pres: Paul Maselbas
(626) 384-1274
www.BonelliMAU.org 

Bonelli MAU members are looking forward to the Christmas Parades that will be the first two weekends of December. On December 3, the MAU will be joining Walnut Creek MAU to participate in the Covina Parade (starts at 5pm). Come join the MAU's while they celebrate Christmas with the community.

What is Required to Become a MAU Volunteer?

The selection of MAU volunteers is based on several criteria. Each Member must complete an orientation/evaluation ride, process the proper County and MAU paperwork, and certify on their horse as a team. Once certified, members attend monthly meetings, patrol at least eight hours per month, participate in refresher training, and maintain ETI membership, First Aid & CPR certification, and LA County ID.

What Makes a Good MAU Volunteer?

We are looking for new members with the following characteristics:

- 1) Demonstrated interest in the equestrian community and the MAU
- 2) Experienced horsemanship or willingness to obtain necessary experience
- 3) Willingness to serve – commitment
- 4) Ability to serve – time, resources, support
- 6) Reputable – professional, ethical, courteous, cooperative
- 7) Reliable – willing to assume necessary responsibilities
- 8) Leadership and communication skills – able to serve the public, the County, and the MAU

Want to learn more? Visit us online at www.bonellimau.org or join us for one of our monthly meetings. Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Frank G. Bonelli East Shore RV Park Recreation Center at 1440 Camper View Road in San Dimas, Ca 91773.

Jean Chadsey
Bonelli MAU



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Corral 6

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Corral 8

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Corral 12

Sylmar Vista Del Valle
Pres. Patty Hug
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Corral 14

Western Wagons Mojave
Pres. Sue Martzolf
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Corral 15

Marshall Canyon MAU
San Dimas/LaVerne area
Pres. Darlene McGrady
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While we are continuing our patrol rides in Marshall Canyon, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Marshall Canyon MAU is actively looking for new members. We train at the Fred Palmer Equestrian Center in Marshall Canyon, plus we have many beautiful, tree-covered trails to ride. For information, please contact Darlene McGrady at (909) 592-6477 or email at DSings4Joy@aol.com.



If you would like to join our group or visit us, we meet the first Monday of each month at the Bonelli Park Conference Center in the campground at 7:00pm.

Julie Sandona,
Marshall Canyon MAU

Corral 20

Shadow Hills Rough Riders
Pres. Becky Borquez
(818) 352-3634



We are looking forward to our annual Ho Ho Christmas Caroling Ride around Shadow Hills! This will take place on Saturday, December 10. We welcome folks to come with their horses and themselves decorated for Christmas. We will also have a hay wagon pulled behind a truck for all the non-riders. Please bring an unwrapped toy in the \$10-20 range that will be donated to Sparks of Love at the local fire station. Light refreshments will be available before the ride. Email Becky at beckywild1@yahoo.com for more details and to RSVP.

Then on Friday, December 30, we will have our annual Holiday Party and gift exchange at Peacock Hill Ranch in Shadow Hills. This is a party we look forward to all year! All are welcome - just bring a dish to share for our potluck (the Corral provides tri-tip), and a gift valued at \$20 for our fun gift exchange/battle/swap! (new gifts only) Email Becky at beckywild1@yahoo.com for more information and to RSVP.

All of us in Corral 20 wishes everyone a peaceful, beautiful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Becky Borquez

Corral 21

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Corral 35

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Glendora
Pres. Dottie Hilliard
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Corral 36

Mountain Ridge Riders
Agoura/Calabasas/Malibu/Monte Nido
Pres. Susan Carr
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We are searching for one more Corral 36 member to join our Board of Directors for 2017. Will you make a one year commitment to help the Corral through our monthly meetings?

Susan Carr returns as 2017 President with Vikki Siemons as Vice President. Heather Faucher has graciously accepted the Secretary position, and Jeff Davidson will again take on the task of Treasurer. Also returning as our Membership Chair is Kimberly Gustafson; Nona Green, Holly Kessler and Rory Stanley will continue to share board duties.

If you are able to make that all important one year commitment, please contact Susan Carr at (310) 403-9665.



At the Agoura Equestrian Park C-36 Lessons Continue – Instructor Karen Curtis

Lessons at the Agoura Equestrian Park, corner of Chesebro Rd. and Driver Ave. sponsored by Corral 36, Wednesdays, horsemanship classes start at 9:00am - be warmed up and ready to ride. Cost is \$15.00 per person, and you must sign releases. Fun exercises using ground poles. All levels of riders and horses welcome. You



are welcome to enroll any time during the year. Come join us. Please contact Jeanne Wallace (818) 222-2560 – for information and if you plan to attend. Thank you.

December 20 – “Trotters Club” Corral 36 members & friends informal gathering at Saddle Peak Restaurant Bar 5:30 to 8:30pm, 419 Cold Canyon Rd., Monte Nido.

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Great event coming in October 2017!

October 8-10, 2017 - Best Horse Practices Summit. Durango, Colorado. Debut conference with a direct and positive impact on our horse-human partnerships. “This is a collaborative venture, bringing together the best of equine research and sound horsemanship.” Academic and arena presentations from horsemen Warwick Schiller (clinician at Feb. 2017 Horse Expo, Pomona), Jim Thomas and Martin Black; academics Dr. Sheryl Kina and Dr. Steve Peters, co-author Evidence-Based Horsemanship. Plus keynote speaker Wendy Williams, author of The Horse: The Epic History of Our Noble Companion. Randy Rieman will emcee a discussion of the impactful legacy of Bill and Tom Dorrance. We wish for all types of attendees – recreational riders, working cowboys, horse professionals, students, and barn managers. You will leave with new insights and greater skills for work with your horses.

The BestHorsePractices Summit, Inc., is a Colorado non-profit corporation with pending 501 (c)(3) status. Location: the historic Strater Hotel & Theater in Durango, Colorado.

Save the date. For more information, visit besthorsepractices.com.

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Stephanie Abronson

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REMEMBER: Corral 38’s Christmas Caroling Ride will take place on December 19 on Sunday. Decorate your horses and yourself and join us. Non-riders welcome, trucks will be available for their transportation. We will meet at 1pm, on Allen Street, next to Rocken P Stables, formerly known as Bar S stables. Bring donations of canned or packaged food to collect for Burbank Temporary Aid.

Starting on November 3, an outbreak of EHV-1 virus was discovered at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center (LAEC). Once confirmed, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) began monitoring the LAEC premises and isolating affected barns. The initial infected horses had just returned from a Saddlebred Horse Show in Las Vegas, Nevada. A 5 year old Saddlebred horse which displayed severe neurological signs was euthanized, and a 10 year old was ultimately declared with moderate neurological symptoms of EHV-1.

The CDFA issued a quarantine for exposed horses at LAEC Barns A, B, and C. As the virus could spread to other barns at LAEC, all turnout pens were closed, and exercise arenas were assigned exclusively to each barn area.

Exhibitors who were showing at the same Saddlebred show in Las Vegas, Nevada, were also contacted and informed of the EHV-1 outbreak.

Out of abundance of caution, ultimately the entire LAEC was quarantined. Horses could not exit the premises, nor could outside horses be brought in. A section of the perimeter trail was closed down to prevent riders from other stables from passing too closely to the isolation barns.

The CDFA worked from 6am to 6pm overseeing the quarantined horses. Other vets supplemented the work force from CDFA. CDFA and vets helping were seen in full bio hazard suits, looking like they were about to go for a walk on the moon. There is nothing easy or convenient about bio security measures.



This was a time of great anxiety and fear for the boarders at LAEC, and of equal concern to the equestrians in the surrounding barns in the area. Rumor and hysteria was present affecting frightened horse owners. Equestrians from outside barns surrounding in the area of LAEC began instituting bio security measures. The perimeter trail was almost deserted, a rare sight.

LAEC with the help of the CDFA issued daily updates to their boarders and trainers. To counteract the rumors that appeared on social media, I began forwarding clean and factual info to the public daily.

My greatest concern was the possibility that the virus could escape the LAEC and infect the other barns, which could have spread like wildfire. To date, there are no reported cases of EHV-1 in outside barns.

At the height of the virus infection, there were twelve horses in quarantine/isolation, monitored for fever or possible virus.

As of November 21, if there are no further new cases, it is expected that quarantine will be lifted by December 3. Considering that there are 500 horses boarded at LAEC, the management and the CDFA have done an outstanding job at containing this virus outbreak to twelve horses, not all of which actually had the virus.

Lynn Brown

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Our November 19th Peggy Sue charity ride went off without a hitch. Peggy Sue's Diner was booked for the date we had rescheduled our ride, so we booked our lunch at Penny's Diner, which has the same atmosphere, and is almost right next door. It is just a smaller restaurant, so we sat outside on the patio, and the weather was awesome. Lots of space across the street for trailer rig parking. The six riders were walking so fast (and didn't take a break), so they made it there in record time, cutting off about 1/2 hour of the usual ride time. Thank you to all those who donated, and we are still taking donations until December 13th. Make checks payable to Barstow Humane Society.

Our Christmas party is on Tuesday, December 13, at Ron and Jean Bredelis' ranch in Newberry Springs. We will eat at 6:00pm. For those of you that want to car pool, we will meet at the corner of Hwy 58 and Soapmine Rd at 4:45pm. Also, Jean will be putting out signs and lights if you don't make the caravan. For further information, call Jean at either (760) 257-3322 or (760) 447-0085.

We are in a major drought!

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Every inch of this booklet is helpful whether you own a horse or not. If you can't find your copy, then go to the "Forms & Documents" section of our website, www.etinational.com, and download a copy for yourself and maybe even one for your neighbor, too!





We are planning a ride in Yermo on January 28 to an old cemetery near an old mill/mine. Jean Bredelis will lead this ride. More details next month.

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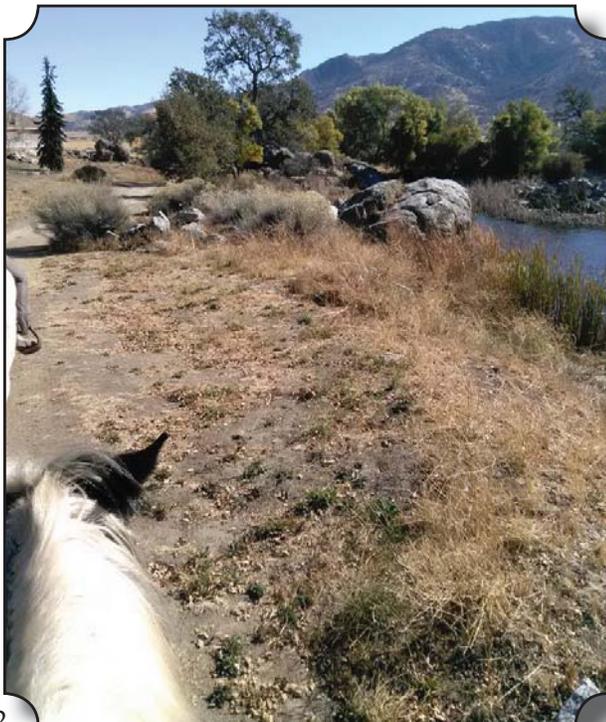


Corral 83

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Tehachapi
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Eight riders participated in a double loop ride in Stallion Springs. Staging at the dirt lot next to Dubs restaurant and led by Sherri Leslie, we rode along the golf course, through the covered bridge, along the creeks using the bypass instead of going into the creeks, through some hills then down the



pipeline trail back to the covered bridge and condos along the golf course. At that point, some riders went with Carolyn Hellyer for the second loop around the golf course. Other riders went with Sherri back to staging. Perfect weather for a very nice ride.

Photo credit to Sharon DeSilva.



End of October, we had a wine ride. Parked at Souza Vineyards with lots of parking space then rode to the Triassic Legacy vineyard. Finished ride with some more wine tasting at the staging area Souza Vineyard.



Photo Credit for vineyard ride Amber McGee.

I can tell you this was the 5th annual Pierce College Parade of Breeds. I have participated in 4 of the 5 events. The first one was on a Wednesday, October 12, 2011, and was held in the evening, complete with a roving reporter from KNBC-TV news. Subsequent events were held on Saturday mornings in the Fall of 2012-2016. The Parade of Breeds that took place in 2012, I believe, was held in conjunction with Farm Walk, a fall festival that also took place on campus. Each year there is improvement over the previous years event, demonstrating that the students were able to use their experience in a positive and productive manner for future events.

The parade took place in the Main Indoor (covered) arena, with intermission events and demos taking place in the large outdoor arena and surrounding area. They had food vendors as well as informational booths. There were BLM



burros present, obtained through the Wild Horse and Burro Program. The parade organizers offered corral space for each participant, but most people just kept their horses at their respective trailers.



I didn't keep a list of participants, but I think there were between 35 to 40 horses in the parade. Previous Parades had larger numbers, but this year fewer participants. Likely due to concern for a recent outbreak of EHV1 linked to a



horse show in Las Vegas, NV, and Los Angeles Equestrian Center, which resulted in a quarantine of certain barns at the LA EQ center. Some equestrians opted to stay home. In an abundance of caution, anyone who had been to either the show or the EQ center were kindly asked to not participate in this event. We hope to see them next year.

The Announcer for the event was Paddy Korb Warner, Professor in the Equine Program at Pierce. Assisting Paddy was Ron Wechsler, retired Director of the Equestrian Program.

In my opinion, Pierce College has a first class facility complete with fine barns and stabling for the horses, exceptional arenas and RV parking for out of town participants. Access is very user friendly, restrooms and comfort stations are

conveniently located. Pierce College has much to be proud of this wonderful equestrian facility.



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Post Season

While the SVAC (Simi Valley Awards Circuit) horse shows are done for the year, the post season is ramping up! There's still a lot of work to do in this "off season" to



prepare for next year and to insure success in all Corral 118 endeavors.

For instance:

YEAR-END AWARDS: "Prize Patrol Elves" are busy ordering and procuring the phenomenal awards for our 2016 winners. No small feat!

OFFICERS and CHAIRPERSONS: Nominations and elections/appointments for our Corral Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairs are decided. We are lucky to have so many dedicated members who step up to meet the challenges of our active and progressive club. (All officers and appointees will be announced in our Newsletter and posted soon on our website. Please check www.eti118.org.)

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET: Held each February, this dinner and party gets everyone together to celebrate the hard work and hard-won victories of so many: our volunteers, exhibitors, and members! Join us on Sunday, February 27, 2017 at the Elks Lodge in Simi Valley.

2017 HORSE SHOWS: Not to rest on their laurels, the Horse Show Committee has already secured the show dates for next season. We will host (4) shows, while also reserving a "rain" date, just in case.

Here are the 2017 Horse Show Dates:

- April 23
 - June 4
 - August 27
 - October 8
- (Rain Date - OCTOBER 22)

All of our shows are held at the Arroyo / Gateway Equestrian Center in Simi Valley. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Happy Holidays, Season of Giving

In this season of hope, we urge you to consider the SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES that are available to help fund our Corral activities. Financial support is crucial and greatly appreciated – and keeps your donations in the community where you live and RIDE!

We urge you to get on board early to get the most exposure for your business, company or cause. Your advertisement will be posted on our website and in our Newsletter for maximum visibility. The Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Copper categories offer donation levels to suit any budget, starting with a modest \$35.00 and going up from there. Or perhaps you are contemplating a one-time contribution. We accept and appreciate all your support. Sponsorship Forms are available for download from our

website. For all the news, information and details, go to www.eti118.org

Happy Holidays!
Merry Christmas!
Happy & Joyful New Year to All!

Good riding 'til next time.
Beth Haney

Corral 126

Santa Clara Valley Equestrian Riders
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Corral 138

Barrel Springs Riders
Antelope Valley/Palmdale
Pres. Kimberly Dwight
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We're looking forward to our Corral Christmas party at Terri and Dan Smith's next month. Our TENTH annual Toys for Tots Christmas ride is December 17 this year. We meet at LaCabana restaurant in Acton. (lunch is optional after the ride) Please bring an unwrapped toy to be delivered to the fire department. This year's contact is Laura Burnside who can be reached at mybech1@gmail.com or (661) 433-8616.

There were 20 riders who attended the November Mescal Canyons ride. The ride was held in Llano and led by Elaine Macdonald.

The day was terrific; the weather couldn't be better. There were six riders from Corral 138, four from Corral 9, one from Corral 88 and Corral 103. The rest of the riders were possibly future members.

Pamela and Gordon Sharp from Corral 9 were riding drag and did an excellent job. The beginning half of the ride was a gradual up-hill through high chaparral washes.

As an ETI Corral, the seasoned riders always step-up to help someone who may be having a problem with their horse. I am proud of all of you who help others on the trail. You give a good example to others and it makes for good camaraderie.

The Mescal area is quite scenic. I enjoy introducing riders to this location. The route takes us from the deserts high chaparral to Panorama Road next to the forestry's pinion pines. Years ago we would stop at Mescal Creek to water the horses. With the drought, the past few years, the water does not flow to make it down the mountain from Wrightwood.



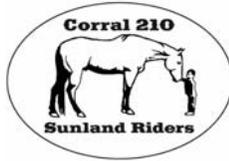
The total ride loop was almost 10 miles. Our moving time in the saddle was just over 3 hours. The total ride time including 20-minute rest stop, came to four hours. Thank you for coming to the Mescal Canyons ride.

See you on the trail, Elaine

Kimberly Dwight

Corral 210

Sunland Riders
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Corral 357

Saddleback Canyon Riders
Trabuco Canyon/Orange County
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Here are the activities for December 2016:

Saturday, December 10: Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade. Time to be announced. Contact Jimmy for more information at (714) 612-1789.

Sunday, December 11: Christmas Party at the Iacono's. Starts at 5:30. Food, drinks and a Cowboy Gift Exchange. Contact Jim for more information at (714) 612-1789.

Saturday, December 31: Month End Ride. Meet at O'Neill Park arena. Contact Debbie Kelly for more information at (949) 244-0670.

Patti Gomez

Congress Passes National Forest Service Trail Stewardship Act

Today, the Senate passed the National Forest Service Trail Stewardship Act of 2015 (H.R.845 S.1110). This follows House passage of the bill earlier this fall. The bill, introduced by Representatives Cynthia Lummis (R-WY), Tim Walz (D-MN) and Senators Mike Enzi (R-WY) and Michael Bennet (D-CO), would direct the Forest Service to take several actions to help address the current trail maintenance backlog that is adversely impacting all trail users on many National Forests, including equestrians.

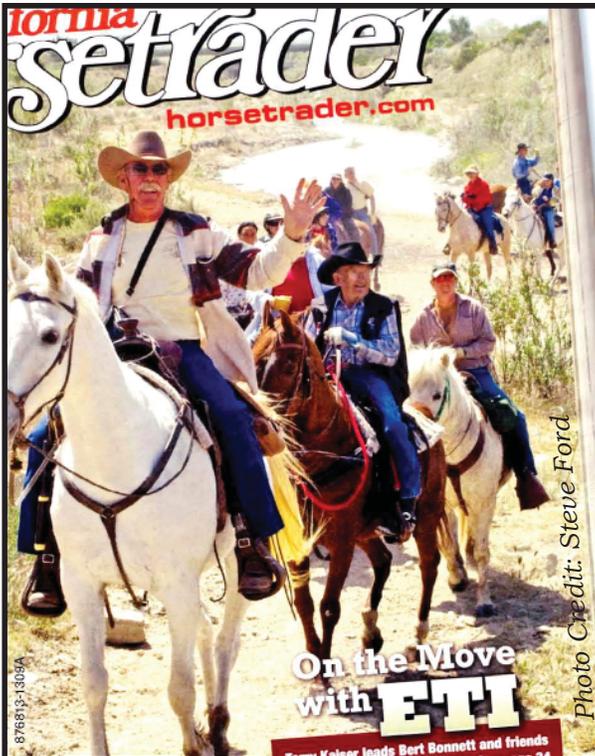
The American Horse Council, Backcountry Horsemen of America, and the Wilderness Society were significantly involved in the creation and passage of this bill.

The AHC is pleased Congress has approved this important legislation. The AHC would like to thank Representatives Cynthia Lummis (R-WY), Tim Walz (D-MN) and Senators Mike Enzi (R-WY) and Michael Bennet (D-CO) for their leadership and work to pass this bill.

The bill directs the Forest Service to develop a strategy to more effectively utilize volunteers and partners to assist in maintaining national forest trails. It will also provide outfitters and guides the ability to perform trail maintenance activities in lieu of permit fees. Additionally, the bill will address a liability issue that has discouraged some national forests from utilizing volunteers and partner organizations to help perform trail maintenance and will direct the Forest Service to identify and prioritize specific areas with the greatest need for trail maintenance in the national forest system.

In the current fiscal environment it is unlikely Congress will appropriate additional funds to directly address the trail maintenance backlog. This bill will help improve trail maintenance without the need for additional funding.

The President is expected to sign the bill into law in the near future.



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1/2 Page	\$110	\$75
1/4 Page	\$75	\$50
Business Card:	\$35	\$25
Classified (three lines)	\$15	\$10

Corrals

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Full Page	\$100	\$75
1/2 Page	\$60	\$40
1/4 Page	\$40	\$27
Business Card:	N/A	N/A
Classified (three lines)	\$10	\$7

ETI Members

Size	Printed	Digital
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Checklist For Membership Application Cards

Be sure to use the standard cards and not paper forms. If you need more cards please let us know.

Please Check Cards For Completeness And Legibility.

Oftentimes the information on the cards is hard to read. Membership fees are due on the member's anniversary date. Please notify members a month in advance of their anniversary date and send them a Membership Application card to complete and return to your Corral. If they renew late, 90 days or more, their anniversary date will change. Anyone who does not have current membership must pay single event fees at events.

Send cards in A.S.A.P. Don't hold them. For Single membership, list only the person applying for membership and no one else.

Basic membership amounts are Family \$50; Senior \$35; Junior \$30. At Large Memberships are Family \$70; Senior \$50; Junior \$45. Some Corrals charge additional amounts. Please contact a Corral or send to ETI, P.O. Box 1138, Acton, CA 93510.

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NOT RECEIVING YOUR MAGAZINE? 1. Please check with the ETI Office to make sure your membership is current. 2. Change of address, see above. 3. If the Office says you are not current, check to see if your Corral has processed your membership and has sent it in. 4. If this is all correct and the Office is printing a label for you, please check with your local Post Office. Since we mail "periodical" (second class), the Post Office can hold this mail from 3-5 days. Since we are newsprint, sometimes we get mixed up with the weekly supermarket sales flyers. It helps to let your Postman or the Post Office know that you are not receiving your mail.

ETI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name (last): _____ First _____ Corral _____ *

Mailing Address: _____ Spouse: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Occupation: _____

Email Address: _____

_____ Junior (under 18) Birthdate _____ Dues Paid _____

_____ Adult (over 18) Dues Paid _____

_____ Family Sr " _____ Jr. # _____ Dues Paid _____

New _____ Renew _____ or Changing from Corral # _____ to Corral # _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's signature if Junior only membership-under 18

All ETI rides and events require that participants complete both sides of the ETI Waiver and Release.

Non members must complete a Single Event form and pay \$5.00 for an individual for the day or weekend-camping membership. \$3.00 of this is to be sent with the forms back to the ETI office. A family membership for the event is \$7.00; \$5.00 goes to the ETI office.

The Waivers/Release as well as Single Event forms need to be received at the ETI office within two weeks of event.

* CHECK Please send me information for a Corral in my area. ETI (818) 698-6200

ETI National Programs

Gymkhana High Point Series was initiated in 2010. The program is based on CA Gymkhana Assoc. (CGA) rules. Open to all age riders in all Corrals. Chairperson is Tracy Boldroff (tracyboldroff@sbcglobal.net). Contact her to join the High Point Gymkhana Program or to have your Corral hold a High Point Gymkhana or become the chair.



Horse Shows ETI has a National High Point Circuit. High Point Chair for 2016 is Susan Pfann (626) 221-0829 Etihighpoint2015@gmail.com. Non-ETI members can participate in our ETI High Point Shows. But to be a part of the National High Point Circuit you must be an ETI member. You can sign up for the Circuit any time during the season, but must compete a specified number of times in your chosen classes to win awards. Points towards year end awards start accumulating on the date you sign up with the high point program.



The **Junior Ambassador Program** is open to all ETI youth age 7 to 21. Boys are welcome for the Prince and King category. Applications for the program may be obtained by calling Michelle Kraut at the ETI Office (818) 698-6200 or equestriantrails@outlook.com. The completed forms are due back in the office in May 1st with all fees, sponsors, autobiography and pictures. This is a great way for our youth to represent their Corral and ETI. Participants volunteer their time at several mandatory events as well as many horse shows; trail trials, parades, trail dedications, quarterly dinner meetings and fun events just for the Junior Ambassador Court such as the retreat! Contact Michelle or any of the girls who have participated for more info on the fun activities.



Trail Rider Award Program (TRAP) keeps computerized logs on how many hours members are riding. In this day and age, when trails are giving way to housing developments, it is crucial that records be kept on trail usage. ETI Corrals in all areas are finding themselves having to defend their riding areas more and more against encroaching civilization. On several occasions, TRAP records have been instrumental in maintaining trail access.



ETI TRAP acknowledges hours in the saddle with shoulder patches & pins that can be attached almost anywhere. The fee to join TRAP is only \$12.00 (you must maintain current ETI membership); then the TRAP membership is maintained each year for only \$6.00. You will start by receiving the TRAP main shoulder patch and your log sheets. As you achieve the hour goals additional patches will be sent to you. Carol Elliott is the TRAP chair. Please contact (760) 963-8209 or happy2appy@yahoo.com.

Trail Trials: An ETI Sanctioned Trail Trial consists of a trail ride, usually averaging between two and three hours, with trail obstacles along the way. Obstacles are natural, or simulate naturally occurring conditions for the horse and rider to negotiate. We now have a DVD from a clinic demonstrating obstacles and tips to compete or put on a Trail Trial. It is important to remember that the people doing the judging at sanctioned Trail Trial event are volunteers following the rulebook and are doing thwe best they can. Safety, control, and common sense are the number one priorities for all ETI sanctioned Trail Trials. Trail Trials are open to ETI members and Non-members. There are three divisions: Juniors for youth 14 years (as of Jan. 1st) and under; Novice and Open. Please contact the ETI office at (818) 698-6200 equestriantrails@outlook.com.

