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EQUESTRIAN TRAILS, INC., CORRAL 36

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Though it seems like months away, election time is quickly approaching. We are planting a seed to start you considering stepping up and volunteering for an office in our corral. It is a healthy corral that can pull in new leaders and their ideas for events. We invite you to participate in the operation of our corral. Please contact [Holly Kessler at hmkessler@charter.net](mailto:hmkessler@charter.net) or [Vikki Siemons 818-400 0909](tel:818-400-0909); vsiemons@aol.com.

NEXT C-36 BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPT. 4, 2012, 7:00 PM

AT THE HOME OF TONYA & JIM HULL, MALIBU 5900 CAVALLERI ROAD,
CROSS STREET IS KANAN DUME ROAD, MALIBU; (310) 589-5890.


COME AND BE A PART OF THIS IMPORTANT MEETING.

[Every meeting & Seminar is open to all ETI members and non-members interested in Equestrian activities. Bring your interest in anything equine – questions, ideas and thoughts with you. We want to hear them!]

The complete ETI National Magazine can be found online http://www.etinational.com/eti_magazine/



New in the Neighborhood: Kaya and Dana Chidekel. A mini donkey, Kaya was born June 28, 2012.

Photo by Carol LaCorte. 



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-

The Monte Nido Fourth of July Parade & Picnic was outstanding this year! It is always fun to see what kind of critters, contraptions, and creativity everyone pulls out of their back yard for the parade, especially our equine friends.

If you haven't been to a meeting for a while we'd like to see you. Our July 3rd Potluck Dinner meeting was to kick off the holiday. Sorry if you missed this lovely warm evening with special entertainment brought by Mollie



Hogan of The Nature of Wild Works, which included a 37-year-old Red Tail Hawk and an 11-year-old Falcon. And special thanks to Joyce Bogartz who has volunteered to act as Scribe for our Corral.

Holly Kessler,

2012 President, ETI Corral 36 🐾

Joyce Bogartz and Angel.
Photo by Stephanie Abronson

****Aug. 12, Progressive Horsemanship Workshops with Pat Mitchell @ Pony Cross Farm, Monte Nido, 9:00-5:00 P.M.;** contact Debbie DiMascio. 818.222.7497; Email: horselvr@malibuoaaks.com

For other events, please refer to the ETI national magazine on www.etiNational.com

This is your newsletter. Tell us what you do, what you'd like to see in it. Be a contributor! 🐾



Op-Ed re Horses and the November elections by Don Wallace

As the Legislative Representative for ETI, Corral 36, I am charged with tracking legislative and administrative issues concerning horses at the Federal, State and local government levels. As a result, I keep track of legislators and agency administrators who assist our community and those who do not. That includes informing the Board and the members of Corral 36 of recommendations for support of our friends who are running for office. State Senator Fran Pavley is running for re-election in a newly drawn 27th Senate District and without our help could lose her ability to protect and advance the interests of horse owners if she loses in November. She has a deep and wide record of support for horse-keeping.

Fran's experience with horses began while growing up in Sherman Oaks. Fran's father was a member of the last active U.S. Army Cavalry Troop and rode and trained horses during his civilian life (including the University of Georgia Polo team). Fran rode and was exposed to horses as long as she was home with her parents. You can see her biography at: <http://sd23.senate.ca.gov/biography>.

As you can tell from a brief review, Fran's working life has been devoted to her family, teaching, her community and our local environment; including saving major swaths of the Santa Monica Mountains for public enjoyment. Open space and trails have been a major focus of her legislative career. [Continued on page 9.]

MONTE NIDO 4TH OF JULY



GOOD MORNING

Some people wake up, stretch and enjoy Freedom
Some people wake up, stretch and defend it

Courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality that guarantees all the others.

-- LaoTzu

"ANIMALS OF MONTE NIDO"

Left: The Littlest Fireman, Pablo Cahill, with Patty Gaunt's Samson. Photo by Stephanie Abronson



Below is Sherry Van't Riet riding Sudan, with Becca Hess and her mini horse, Buttercup.

Photo by Marc Bittan



Top: Joining Monte Nido Parade and Picnic is former Edenwild resident Cheryl Pelly with husband Brent Lamb. Abronson photo.

Above: "Lost Cats of Edenwild" float pulled by Dick Love & tractor.

Photo by Carol LaCorte.



Left: Angelina Taylor with Katya Lapins and Menai Mama Mia. Abronson photo.



Left: Best Parade Horse created by Gracie Hirsch and Aubrey Pevsner. Photo by Rebecca Hirsch.

Typical at the Picnic is the egg toss and the inevitable result! Abronson photo.



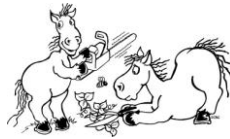
Man is the only animal that blushes, or needs to. –Mark Twain.

TRAILS REPORT—2012

Corral 36 Trails Maintenance Program. To support our Corral 36 Trails Maintenance Program please send your contribution to Jeanne Wallace, 1710 N. Cold Canyon Road, Calabasas, CA 91302. For information call (818) 222-2560. 🌻

PLEASE JOIN IN!

Our local trails also need your help. To volunteer your time, please contact **Dale Skinner, Trails Coordinator California State Parks - Angeles District;** (310) 699-1717; dskinner@parks.ca.gov. 🐾



IT IS A HOT DRY SUMMER!

EVEN WITH OVER 15 INCHES OF RAIN

THIS SEASON -- When you drive past the Fire Dept Forestry Unit on Las Virgenes Rd. and notice that the warning sign says "HIGH FIRE DANGER", take special notice!!

We are at risk! Our children are at risk! Our animals are at risk! Our homes are at risk! Hell's Bells!

We have had very little rain this fall and winter. The mountains are **DRY. BE PREPARED!!**

Get out your copy of "*What Do I Do With My Horse In Fire, Flood, and/or Earthquake?*"

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 Equestrian Trails, Inc. national website, www.etinational.com. Disaster aid, and download a copy for yourself and maybe even for your neighbor, too!

-Editor 🐾

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PROGRESSIVE HORSEMANSHIP WORKSHOPS WITH PAT MITCHELL



Joyce Bogartz works with Angel on Ground School.

Aug 12th, SUNDAY 9:00-5:00 P.M.

Monthly progressive Workshops at Pony Cross Farm which are based on natural horsemanship principles. Starting with ground work, ongoing students progressively advance to work in the saddle. Note: There are pre-requisites for new students in ongoing Workshops. Call or e-mail for details.

Please contact Debbie DiMascio. 818.222.7497
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Susan Carr rides FFair over cavaletti.

Participants: \$100.00 to Pat Mitchell, & \$10.00 to ETI Corral 36.

Space is limited to 6 participants with horses Reservations are confirmed on a first come, first served basis with advance payment.

Auditors are always welcome at all Workshops!

ETI MEMBERS @ \$15.00;

Non-ETI members \$20.00. 🐾

WHAT CORRAL 36 MEMBERS & NEIGHBORS ARE DOING. . .



Several of us attended the Extreme Mustang Makeover event in Norco on Saturday, May 19, 2012. It was *amazing* to see what these men and women accomplished with the mustangs they acquired from the BLM with just 90 days to handle/train them and go from "wild to mild!"

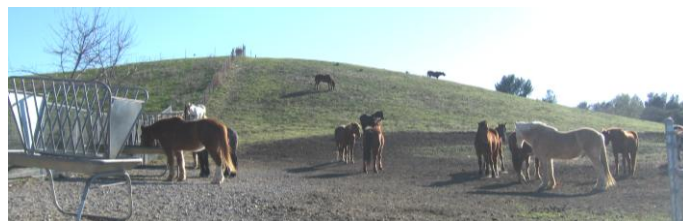
From left to right - Steve Boyles, Debbie DiMascio, Carol LaCorte, Julian Watkins (holding "Savannah") and Suzie Hammersmith (Carol's sister). 🐾

energy mover - Leslie Desmond. Did I see a young filly saddled and ridden for the first time with such gentleness and attention to detail that it looked like they had been working together for years? Yup - thank you Jon Ensign. Lester Buckley 'played' with Eitan Beth-Halachmy's award winning (many times over) stallion, Santa Fe Renegade, with such serenity that you never wanted it to end. Everyone had tears in their eyes.

I laughed all the way through the "Things that are useless" speech from Shelia Varian while she showed her Arabian off with moves that were just the opposite! Did I laugh even more when Eitan joked his way through the ins and outs of teaching his new mount what his great older stallion knew so well? Certainly! (And Don't Even Ask Him About The Arena Dirt!!!) Did I learn new bending techniques from Richard Winters? Of Course! Was I enthralled with every morning symposium by Dr. Robert Miller? Without a doubt!

But in this rare case - The sum was more than its parts. When I tell you I didn't do much more than sit and eat (and the catering was magnificent!), yet each night I was exhausted by nine, it is to share the feeling that my spirit worked overtime! This was a retreat with purpose foremost, but with such an over-riding sense of 'Goodwill toward Man' that it gives me hope for our future as a species. 🐾

PIERCE COLLEGE EQUESTRIAN CENTER



EQUINE STUDIES CLASSES L.A. Pierce College offers horse husbandry & riding classes. Sign up for fall classes. Don't forget the Extension riding classes. Schedule Info: (818) 719.6404 **OR** to get an application and apply.

Contact: Pierce College - (818) 719.6401; or go to www.piercecollege.edu/schedules. Equine Science classes, contact Paddy Warner 818.710.4253. Leave a message.

PIERCE EXTENSION PROGRAM

Riding classes scheduled for spring. For details call 818.719.6425. <http://extension.piercecollege.edu>

Beginning Horseback Riding I:

A fundamental class in English and Western horseback riding is designed to teach students from age 16 and over who have had little, or no previous formal training. **Instructor: Rod Bergen at 818-591 7896**

- Beginning Horseback Riding II: This class is an extension of Beginning Horseback Riding I, it covers how the horse moves and it teaches the rider how to properly move with the horse.

Instructor: Rod Bergen at 818-591 7896

- Continuing Horseback Riding: After completing Beginning Horseback Riding I and II, this class expands the student's knowledge of how he or she can obtain more performance from the horse

Instructor: Rod Bergen at 818-591 7896. Contact: Pierce College at 818-719 6425 🐾



LIGHT HANDS HORSEMANSHIP @ SANTA YNEZ 2012

By Katrina Britner
Photo by Debby Zarate

The setting: Intrepid Farms. Supporting gorgeous grounds, intoxicating atmosphere (there were flowers blooming everywhere!), and an amazingly gracious host, Art Perry.

The Theory:

How much fun and knowledge can a bunch of like minded, artistic and articulate 'natural' horse(wo)men cram in our tiny brains in three and a half days? The Results: Hang on - I'm still processing!!!

Whew! Light Hands Horsemanship was a kaleidoscope of everything great about horses and inspiring about society. Here were people whose general concepts were the same - How gently can we set a horse up to succeed? Yet, in practice, vary in details - cue variations, tack selections, etc. They each showed us how we can put our egos aside and be humble enough to open ourselves to learning something new. Each of the speakers gave the other presenters their willingness to see the best of a demonstration (and crack jokes at each other and laugh at themselves when things didn't go "best!") and they accepted that the idea might be discarded as not right personally, or for this horse in particular.


It wasn't so much that I learned the processes of teaching a flying lead change from THE MASTER of flying leads - Jack Brainard. Or that, I was reminded of how little it can take by a masterful





MONTE NIDO PONY CLUB

- ESTABLISHED 1989 -

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WELCOME BACK
Deborah Collins

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We value your membership. We ask that you support our local trails. Membership overdue? Please send in your renewal; there is a form on the back of this newsletter. 



We love getting photos.

You too, can be on the front page of the news letter, or some-where else. Please share with us your news and photos. Send them via email (photos in jpeg files) to: Stephanie@abronson.com. 

TEVIS CUP -100 MILES ONE-DAY RIDE

PART 3 August 15, 1992 - by Ruth Gerson

I rode along and passed a guy who had zero control of his horse. He was pulling back on the reins for all he was worth with both hands, and the horse was not responding at all. As we reached Cougar Rock, there was a line and I stopped accordingly; but the runaway behind me kept on going to the front, and he walked up those rocks just as nice as could be. It was certainly a better feeling knowing he was in front of me than behind. At my turn to go up Cougar Rock, I definitely had some anxiety due to my intense fear of heights. I was just as nervous as when I did it last year. We started up pretty good, but I missed turning her slightly left along the 'trail', and she walked out to the right. Rather than make her turn around on the side of this steep, slippery rock face while balancing with me, I dismounted, turned her around and she followed me the few remaining steps. At the top she chose to trot off.



Spunky & Ruth going up Cougar Rock

In no time at all we were at Elephant's Trunk, which some people have dreaded due to the steepness up and down. However, I didn't think twice about it as Spunky trotted and ran up it. Then, we were on to the vet check at Red Star Ridge with water troughs and drinks for people. It was a 'trot by' with no P&R check; and so, with no comment from the vet, I kept on going.

Robinson Flat, the first mandatory one-hour hold and a major vet check, was another 8 miles along a dirt road. By now, Richard and Cherry were riding with me, and we all came in together. I unsaddled and gave my horse a smorgasbord of oat hay, alfalfa, carrots, apples, grain, and water; and I let her relax. Emmett Ross led her to the vet check line for me, and I walked along looking down to be sure I didn't trip. As the vet remarked that he smelled the known drug skin-so-soft, I looked up and it was my friend, Dr. Ward Thompson. We gave each other a big hug as we laughed together; I had used him when I put on an endurance ride some 10 years past. Emmett trotted Spunky out, and we were signed off. As she finished eating and took a real nap, I watched my time closely so I could leave after the one-hour mandatory hold. I saddled, walked around a little for 2 minutes when it was near my time to go, and then we trotted out and never looked back. I caught up with Susie Remillard and others, and we went at a

pretty good clip along a dirt road to the water. With a short cooling off, Spunky was ready; and we left, passing several more riders.

Alternately trotting and walking, we covered a lot of ground without pushing. Heading down into Deep Canyon she felt good under me. We never stopped at the water at the bottom; she crossed the bridge, and a short ways farther there was a small pool of water on the right, just waiting for her. We climbed easily out of this long canyon, and I let her set the pace of walking and stopping. A few times I asked her to rest, but she wanted to go on and did. At the top was a water trough, and soon we were at Devil's Thumb. I was asked to weigh in here, which was a shock to me. I didn't know I was that far towards the front. I unsaddled and carried my saddle and gear to the scale. After re-saddling and moving out, she and I both felt a change as we recognized where we were. Just 3 weeks ago we had started here for the Western States 50-Mile; and it was still fresh for both of us. Deadwood was not far now, and it was another 'trot by'. I had 7 pieces of watermelon here, and she had apples and hay. Refreshed, we walked to the vet check. As we're doing the trotting, I hear, "pull that horse"; my humorous, friendly vet, Ward. It was nice to have a friend along the trail and some humor. From here, we went down El Dorado Canyon, and she just dinked along. Soon, we were at Michigan Bluff, the second mandatory one-hour hold.

It was great to see Grant and Susan and a bunch of my friends, the Baumgardners, Lobenbergs, and others waiting for me at Al Pond's home. Susan and Emmett took my horse while I sat in the shade a few minutes; we then went through the vet check, and it was a breeze. I got a quick shower at the Pond's home, re-saddled and was ready to leave. Now, people are yelling and cheering at me. After 60 miles I had come in here 20th and I was leaving 12th. Wow! It was pretty exciting. Apparently, 8 horses had been pulled here. I rode on to Foresthill easily, picked up what I needed to carry for the vet check at Francisco's such as a flashlight, some bran and a few glo-lites; and I left in 9th place. Quite a few more horses had been pulled here. Now, I felt some pressure. All along, I just wanted to finish the ride, but suddenly I got competitive, and now I hoped to top ten. A rider caught up to me and we chatted; and as I heard his voice, I realized it was my early morning grey scout, Dennis. However, as we moved out, Spunky went on ahead just as steady as could be. She trotted the downhill California Loop, but I made her walk the switchbacks as I didn't want her to torque a joint at the turns. I had had a goal last year to ride this part of the trail in daylight, and we definitely did that. It was especially nice to ride this whole stretch alone as it is narrow and passing is difficult. We caught up to Ginger, who had won the Western States 50, and we rode together a short ways until I went on ahead. About 8 pm, I decided it was a good time to take a no-doz. A few miles farther I caught up to Julie and Debbie; and we walked, which felt good for a change. Then, we were all off at a fast trot, through the brambles and berry bushes along the very dusty trail into Francisco's.

My anxiety level really changed now because this vet check is where I had been pulled last year. We came in at 8:47 pm, and I gasped as the volunteer crew told me I had to be weighed since I was 6th. I gladly unsaddled, someone held my horse, I struggled with my tack, and I stumbled onto the scale. Their flashlight showed a reading of 169 lbs. I was quite happy that I weighed that much, just made the cutoff by only 4 lbs. I re-saddled Spunky, let her eat, poured water on her, and tried to engage my brain in gear. You only had two chances here to pass the vet check or you could be pulled. I purposely had no stethoscope, and I was a poor guesser. The crew person helping me loaned me his stethoscope and held a flashlight so I could read my watch. After the third try listening for beats, Spunky's P&R was down. We walked to the vet; and she passed; and I was happy, happy. She

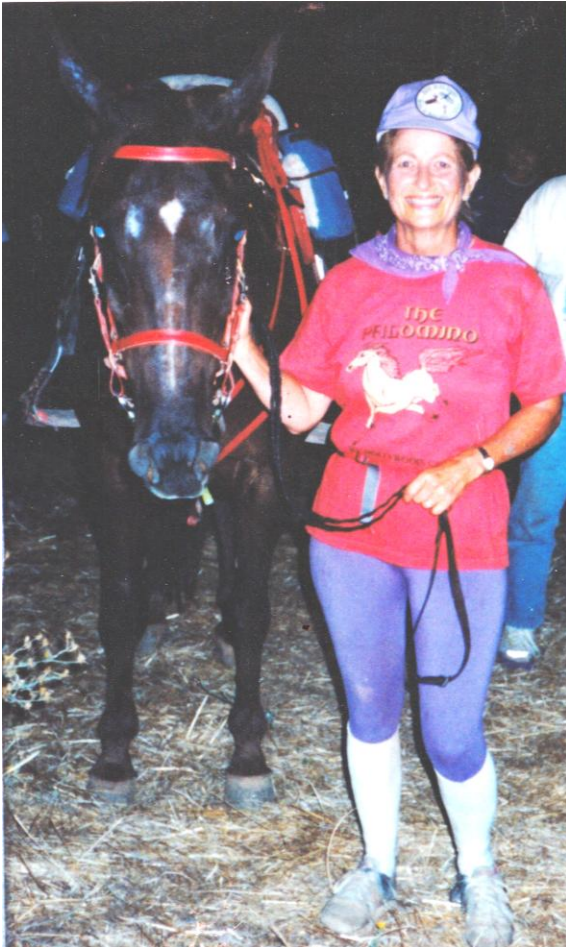
ate some more, I got to pee, I had some lemonade that the volunteers here provided, and I gave Spunk some electrolytes and Arnica. After checking the saddle, I thanked the crew people; and I left at 9:30 pm. heading out alone. It was quite dark at the bottom of this canyon, but I felt good and on my way to the finish line. There was one more vet check 5 miles from the finish, but I felt confident now. The trail was narrow and very dark as we walked and walked and walked along this 5-mile stretch to the river. There were only 4 glo-lites tied to trees to show the way. Doing the math, that's less than 1 light in a mile, so not much help there. It was cool as we neared the river, and Spunky was cruising at a good walk. I listened to groups that were camped along the river with people talking and singing and with a guitar now and then. Suddenly, I saw a moving glo-lite, and a voice called out letting me know he was a runner. I kept talking to my horse so she'd know everything was under control. As we neared his light, the guy kindly stepped aside as we passed each other. He told me that he had just finished marking the trail, that there were 4 more glo-lites to the river, and there was cold beer at the crossing. I was not really thirsty for a beer at this time of night. We walked all the way to the river, and Spunky seemed content to mosey along. The glo-lites were set so you crossed the river by staying between the lights. We walked into the cool water, and she relaxed and drank and walked out onto the rocks.

Now, Julie caught up to me, and we walked and trotted together the next 10 miles or so. Spunk walked all the hills and inclines, and she trotted all the levels and downhill. Against a hill and under the trees it was very dark, so dark that in places you could not see the dirt trail, even with the full moon. We were just about even with the river at one point, so I turned and walked over to let her drink again and cool off. Now, it was about a mile to the last vet check. I trotted in and prayed all would go well. She ate while I got a hose to spray and cool her; and with her P&R down, I took her through the vet check. We aced it, and I left quickly in 7th place, right behind Julie on her grey. As a horse passed me, I asked Spunky what she thought about that. She said, "Hold on, we're moving out," and she stretched her legs passing both horses. Reaching the Highway 49 crossing where there were sheriff and volunteers, I heard someone yell to stay to the right of the cones. But I knew there was a grate over the street drain there, so I stayed in the center of the road and trotted up the double yellow lines figuring there wouldn't be much traffic right now. As I turned up the dirt trail that went up a steep hill, someone said to be careful that it was powdery and slippery. Spunky flew up the hill and caught up to Debbie. At a slow jog, I passed her; and Terry came up behind me. Suddenly, the trail splits, and I stayed on the main one as Terry went left. Spunky knows we're almost at the finish, and she is really anxious to run now.

I'm scared as hell because I can't see anything in the dark; and besides, I know there's a big switchback to the right coming up. I also know that one year a horse went over the edge as he missed that turn. Spunk makes the turn, and we're trotting out towards No Hands Bridge on a very narrow trail along a drop-off canyon side, and it is pitch black darkness. As we get to the bridge, a volunteer says walk; but since Spunk can't speak English, she lopes across the bridge. It is approximately 300 ft. across the bridge that is only about 10 ft. wide; and it is at least 150 ft. down to the American River below; and there are no side railings, just some useless, low hanging cables. Surely you can picture that scene. Adrenalin flows swiftly as I put my life and complete trust in my horse with very loose reins, knowing she will do her best to take care of both of us; and she was great. From here, it's about 4 ½ miles of dark, narrow, rocky trail, with dips, switchbacks, and precipitous drop-offs; and there are only a few places for passing another horse. Julie catches up and passes me; and Spunk rolls into

high gear right behind her. Suddenly, I feel Spunky go up the hillside to the left, and I realize she is passing a horse that I could barely see on my right. We passed Terry who was walking even before I had a chance to call out, "Passing on your left." Now, we're hauling through the dips and 'black holes of Calcutta'; and I can barely see the grey horse in front of me. At two of the dips, I cannot even see my own horse's head in the blackness. We talk occasionally, walk a little, and listen if anyone is coming behind us. Then, we're trotting up to the top of Robie Point, and Julie's horse stops dead and absolutely refuses to go on. I later found out that this was the finish line some years back when she rode that horse.

I flew on by and down the trail as it twisted and turned. On a flat stretch I hear a horse behind me and call out Julie's name; no answer; I call out Terry's name; no answer; I call out Debby's name; no answer. I turn to look and make out in the dark that maybe it's a guy. I figure whoever it is doesn't want to be friendly and is trying to psyche me out so he can pass. Spunky is more determined than ever not to let any horse pass her. She can be very competitive. With loose reins the whole time, she's alternately loping and trotting very fast on the narrow trail portions; and on the wider portions she's galloping up the three hills. Finally, I was on the last stretch that stayed narrow and



twisting and where no one could pass due to the steep drop-off on one side and the upper hillside that was also steep. At one place, I thought the trail veered right, but when Spunky didn't respond to my very light reining, I told her she was the boss and to go wherever she wanted. She stayed steady right on the trail. Finally, I could see the lights of the finish line through the trees and hear the people talking. We were coming to the last dip and a sharp turn to the left, and then she galloped up the railroad tie steps and across the finish line. People

were yelling and cheering for me. It was pretty awesome, unbelievable, unforgettable, and wonderful.

It was 12:55 am, and I was in 5th place on the Tevis! Wow! Thanks, Spunky, for a great ride that I'll remember all my life. Riding my horse the entire 100 miles, I came in at just under 18 hours, not getting off and running any of it as a lot of people do. It's an Endurance Ride, and I rode the whole 100 miles distance. It turned out that the rider behind me, Jock, was a deaf mute and that's why he didn't answer me. We shook hands and congratulated each other. I unsaddled and weighed in at 171 lbs., same as the pre-ride vet check. Someone handed me what they said was champagne, but it was dark and so bad I spit it out. I was not thirsty or hungry or tired, just happy. We slowly walked back to the stadium, walked a finisher's lap, and I blanketed her and let her rest and eat. An hour later she had to be re-checked by the vet. She was very hungry and was eating like a horse. Grant brought me some soup, and Susan massaged and walked Spunky every 2 hours to keep her from getting stiff. At 2:45 am I crawled into bed, but it was hot and I couldn't sleep, so I just dozed on and off. I set the alarm for 4 to take care of my horse, but Susan got up and did it. So I reset the clock for 6 am, but again, Susan took care of Spunky. I guess I got 2 hours of sleep, but I felt fine anyhow. The best condition judging for the first 10 horses to finish the ride was at 10 am. So I found some very comfortable clothes – faded green shorts, new pink Tevis t-shirt, and purple visor. That combination was probably not the best color choice, but I didn't care since this was not a fashion show. I was ecstatic to have finished, let alone in the top ten. I walked her around quite a bit to keep her loose. Finally, it was my turn. We walked up to the vets at the far end of the arena, and they explained what they wanted me to do – trot straight out, big circle to the right and big circle to the left. I stumbled on the uneven ground, but Spunky trotted out easily. The vets checked her; and one vet came up behind and pushed hard on her back and she dropped, and they said she was not 'good enough to go on' which is the gauge for best condition. They pulled blood, and we walked back to the barn. Kim asked Susan how she let me out of the camper dressed in that outfit. Now I was tired and ready to take a nap in Cherry's air conditioned motor home. Later, I thought about my clothes and changed to jeans and a nice shirt; and that was just fine with everyone. My friends, Nancy and Stan Houlberg, also came for the dinner.

At the awards time, it was very exciting to be called out for 5th place in the Western States 100-Miles One Day Ride. The Tevis is the most arduous and most prestigious international endurance ride. What fun it was, and what a great memory I will always have of our finishing 5th at the Tevis Cup with my partner, Spunky!

The End. 🐾

LESSONS & MORE

At the Agoura Equestrian Center, corner of Chesebro Rd. and Driver Ave. sponsored by Corral 36. Wednesday and Saturday horsemanship classes start at 9:00 A.M. - be warmed up and ready to ride. Cost is \$10.00 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 Karen Hartman Curtis at 818- 879-8333 if you plan to attend. For more information or an explanation of the class, call Jeanne Wallace (818) 222-2560. 🐾



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Fran is now locked in a tough and expensive re-election campaign in a newly drawn district that includes many areas where she is not well known. Her race has attracted the attention of oil companies and others who are angry with Fran for her environmental legislative focus. She needs our help to continue to represent equestrians and the Santa Monica Mountains. She has proven to be a good legislative friend on horse issues since she became the first Mayor of Agoura Hills and used her office to protect the Old Agoura equestrian enclave. There are now more horses in Old Agoura than when Fran became Mayor in 1991. She was the driving force behind establishing the Agoura Hills Equestrian Center.

What can equestrians do to protect our legislative champion from the political attacks from her opponent in the race for Senator in the new 27th Senate District? We need united and politically energized equestrians to communicate with their friends and neighbors about the importance of returning Fran to Sacramento to continue her work of protecting our open spaces and trails.

See a district map at:

https://docs.google.com/viewer?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwedrawthelines.ca.gov%2Fdownloads%2Fmeeting_handouts_082011%2Fmap_20110815_ap_sd_27_certified.pdf



ETI CORRAL 36 CALENDAR **AUGUST 2012**

Submissions for the ETI Corral 36 Newsletter must be received by the 15th of each month prior to the monthly issue date, i.e. June 15th for the July 2012 issue. 🐾

Dear ETI Member:

Your Equestrian Trails, Inc. newsletter now appears in the mid-month issue (third Thursday of the month!) of the **California Horsetrader**.

<http://news.horsetrader.com/eti>.

Also, if you'd like to see your newsletter online, you can view current (and previous) newsletters on a new ETI newsletter page at http://www.etinational.com/eti_magazine/

-- Linda Fullerton, President, Equestrian Trails, Inc. 🐾



2012

July 26-29 ETI Convention & Horse Show @ LA Equestrian Center; Chairman: Diana Hoch dianahoch@att.net;
Gymkhana Chair: Halie Klein etiqueen2011@aol.com.

July 27,-Aug. 7, 2012 – Olympic Games, London, England

Aug 7 – C-36 Board on hiatus

Aug. 5 TR&R English Hunters III, Malibu Equestrian Park, 6225 Merritt Drive, Malibu CA 90625. Show Manager: Lucy Guerra lucy@kylami.com 818-707-6203

****Aug. 12, Progressive Horsemanship Workshops with Pat Mitchell @ Pony Cross Farm, Monte Nido, 9:00-5:00 P.M.;** contact Debbie DiMascio. 818.222.7497; Email: horselvr@malibuoaks.com

Aug. 19 TR&R Dressage III, Malibu Equestrian Park, 6225 Merritt Drive, Malibu CA 90625. Show Manager: Lucy Guerra lucy@kylami.com 818-707-6203

Sept. 3 – Labor Day Holiday

Sept 4 – C-36 Board Meeting 7:00 pm, at the home of Tonya & Jim Hull, Malibu **5900 Cavalleri Road, cross street is Kanan Dume Road, Malibu; (310) 589-5890.**

Sept. 8 – Corral 37's Day of Horse, Thousand Oaks - The event begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Conejo Creek Equestrian Park, 1300 Avenida De Las Flores (near Highway 23). For more information, visit eti37.org. Barbara Kloster: 805-494-8755. Or e-mail Barbara at computersnoway@verizon.net

Sept. 9 – TR&R Jumpers III, Malibu Equestrian Park, 6225 Merritt Drive, Malibu CA 90625. Show Manager: Lucy Guerra lucy@kylami.com 818-707-6203

Sept. 16, Sunday – Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown

Sept. 17 – Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 25 – Yom Kippur begins at Sundown

Sept. 26 – Yom Kippur

Sept. 22 Autumn begins

Sept. 30 – TR&R Western *The Cup* Competitive Trail Ride, Malibu

October 1, Official Day of the Horse in Los Angeles.



Oct 2 – C-36 Board Meeting at the home of

Presentation of candidates for 2013 Board of Directors

Oct. 8, Mon – Columbus Day Observed

Oct. 12 & 13 LAPD Annual Trail Ride & Benefit Dinner & Auction. Ride with LAPD Mounted Platoon in Griffith Park. Phone: 213-485-5909; E-mail: Janice Stegner, N3430@lapd.lacity.org; Sgt. Mike Porter 30729@lapd.lacity.org

Oct. 28 – TR&R Shrimp Show, Malibu

Oct. 31, Wed. - Halloween

Nov. 4 – Daylight Savings Time ends.

Nov. 4 – TR&R English Hunters IV, Malibu Equestrian Park, 6225 Merritt Drive, Malibu CA 90625. Show Manager: Lucy Guerra lucy@kylami.com 818-707-6203

Nov 6, Tues – Presidential Election Day

Nov. 6 – Corral 36 Annual General Meeting @ 7:00 pm - Elections for Board of Directors. -at the home of ?

Nov. 11, Sun – Veterans Day

Nov. 22 - Thanksgiving

Dec. 4– Corral 36 Holiday Party – Location TBA

Dec. 8-15 – Hannukah begins at Sundown

Dec. 21 – Winter begins

Dec. 25th – Christmas 🐾

2013

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John Saint Ryan for gathering this fascinating group of essays.

John tried to let me know what I'd missed for years. I didn't hear him. I regret that, but I cannot continue to feel regret. Margaret and John have brought many of Tom's messages through his multitude of students, only a few of which can write about what they learned. All the other students are the four legged that Tom helped over his long life.

The editor in me notices all the typos, but all the messages come through so well that my first copy of this book is loaded with sticky markers that will send me back again and again to read those passages over and absorb as much as I can.

[Photo of Tom Dorrance between 2 lucky people – Rod Bergen and Vikki Bergen Siemons.]





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