



MONTE NIDO VALLEY



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



A Dark Sky Community

E-NEWSLETTER

June 2007

Neighborhood Kids Support MNVCA

The Board wishes to thank and acknowledge a group of local thespian youths who recently staged a live benefit performance of "The Rain Came Down" with Theatrigo Fantastico at the Crowder house. They donated \$25 in proceeds to MNVCA! The cast included Anna, Ede, Lena, Kaya, Molly, Kate, Alonso, Zola, Sofia, Taylor and Megan as stage manager.

Annual Membership Appeal

The annual membership drive is still on! Won't you join us? Our association is staffed by local neighborhood volunteers who work hard organizing events, publishing this newsletter to keep you informed, and staying in touch with our local officials and the happenings around us. The least you can do is pay your dues. Even the neighborhood kids did! (See article above). If you'd like to get more involved, your participation is encouraged and appreciated! Appeal letters should have reached your mailboxes last month. If you didn't receive one, and would like to join, annual dues are only \$50 per family and \$25 for new members. Send your check payable to MNVCA to PO Box 8054, Calabasas, 91372. Or give your dues to one of the volunteers at the July 4th festivities.

Newsletters Available by Request

Do you know someone who would like to receive this newsletter but does not currently receive it because they are not on the local mailing route? If so, please let them know that Heidi Stompe has volunteered to mail it to them. They should send her 6 pre-addressed, stamped envelopes in order to receive the remaining newsletters for 2007. Mail the envelopes to Heidi at 871 Malibu Meadows Dr.

Independence Day

It's Not Easy Being Green

The theme of this year's Fourth of July parade and celebration is "It's Not Easy Being Green". With such an open-ended theme, it should be easy to be creative! So interpret it any way you want and express your own green self! Grand Marshalls will be Joan and Bob Bruhn. Volunteers are still needed to help make this day a success, most importantly, a Food Chairperson and some helpers to organize the hot food. If you can help, please contact Suzanne Bailey at Suzyb0904@aol.com. **If you will be leading or riding any equine animal, you will be required to return the forms enclosed in this newsletter.**

Salvation Army to Host 10K/5K

In order to encourage the public to see and support its Malibu camp, The Salvation Army is hosting a 10k/5k Trail Run and Family Nature Walk on Saturday, June 16th. For information go to www.SalvationArmy5k.org.

Arson Watch

On April 17th, 2007, Arson Watch received a \$1,000 donation from The Society of Fire Protection Engineers, Southern California chapter. These funds will help provide two-way radios and other equipment used by volunteer team members in their effort to protect the Santa Monica Mountains area from brush fires. For information about becoming a volunteer, making a donation, or arranging for a speaker about Arson Watch, please contact Friends of the Arson Watch and Disaster Services, Inc. at 310-455-4244, or visit www.arsonwatch.com.

Free Music and Dance Concerts

In the spirit of Malibu, The Montgomery Arts House for Music and Architecture proudly presents music and dance evenings, free of charge! For more info see the Calendar of Events.

It's Baby Season at the Wildlife Center

It's that time of year again! Plants are green and lush and growing like mad and little birds are flying around with beaks full of grass or hair to line their nests. By May, most land mammals have given birth. California Wildlife Center is gearing up for "Baby Season" in the wildlife world! From early April through September, animals are especially vulnerable to human disturbance and activities when they are in the process of raising their young. Injured animals are brought to the Center throughout the year, but in spring and summer, CWC also cares for large numbers of young animals that have been orphaned or separated from their parent(s) due to some kind of human activity and are too young to survive on their own in the wild. In preparation for this critical time, California Wildlife Center is asking for your support. To make a donation contact californiawildlifecenter.org.

○ The Circle of Life ○

- Harmon & Louise Greene proudly announce the birth of their grandson, Crockett McKay Lewis, on 1/24/07 - 6# 9 oz. Son of daughter, Lorelei & husband, Wade Lewis: brother of, Jackson, Spencer & Bryce.... all of whom have appeared in Monte Nido 4th of July Parades!!
- Julia Pepper congratulates Morgan Pepper and Matt Bowman who are both graduating from Highland Hall High School, Class of 2007. Hooray! Now go ahead, reach for the stars!
- Jill and Rodger Reiss congratulate their son, Jesse, on his graduation from UC Berkeley, Phi Beta Kappa, in Physics Engineering, and wish him success and happiness at his new job at National Semi-Conductor!

If you have news to share please email the editor at mnvcanewsletter@gmail.com.

ETI Corral 36 Requests Your Support

Do you like using our local trail system? You can help keep the trails safe and clear by contributing to the ETI Corral 36 Trails Maintenance Fund. They hire, supervise, and pay crews with your donations. Call Corral 36 if you encounter a washout, encroaching shrubs, etc. Send your checks to Jeanne Wallace, 1710 N. Cold Cyn. Rd., Calabasas, CA 91302. For information or to report problems, call (818) 222-2560.

MNVCA Board of Directors Meeting April 10, 2007

The Board extends its regrets that the minutes from the April meeting are not available at press time. **The next meeting will be held on June 12 at 7PM at the home of Joan Slimocosky, 25632 Buckhorn Dr. 818-591-1082.**

How to reach us:

Send your email address to Lisa Lehman, the devoted MNVCA secretary at mnvca@charter.net, to receive announcements of meetings, community activities and the time and location of our Board meetings.

President: Joan Slimocosky 591-1082

Vice Pres: John Low 224-8062

Treasurer: Marianne Cilluffo 876-3019

Secretary: Lisa Lehman 837-7600

MONTE NIDO KNOWS

DID YOU KNOW?

The unusually cold storm last January 17th brought the first measurable snow in the Santa Monica Mountains in 5 decades (50 years)! Malibu picked up 3 inches (8 cm). (Source: Wikipedia)



JULY 4TH PARADE EQUESTRIANS! READ ON...

The following information and forms pertain to any person riding or leading a member of the equine specie. This includes donkeys, mules, ponies, and horses - even zebras, if anyone has one.

"Parade Insurance for anyone handling a horse, pony, mule or donkey is provided by Equestrian Trails, Inc., Corral 36, and a Waiver Release of Liability must be signed prior to the beginning of the parade. Parents of children under 18 years old must sign the waiver for their children participating with an equid whether riding or leading an animal. If the parent or child is NOT a member of Equestrian Trails, Inc., a One Day - Single Event Membership must be purchased at \$5.00 per individual or at \$7.00 for a family of 2-4 persons. The form is on the reverse side of this paper. Additional forms may be obtained from Vallerie Coleman and Lorraine Rose by calling 818-222 7512.

In the past, parents seem to show up at the parade with children in tow with an animal either leading or riding. Someone always says, "Well, I didn't have to do this last year!" or "Gosh, I don't have any money with me right now; I'll pay you later." But they never do, and the corral is stuck! This year the rules will be strictly adhered to. No membership = no parade participation.

The One-Day Single Event membership form **ABSOLUTELY MUST** be filled out and paid for by the PARENT - not a person who is aunt or uncle, friend or foe - but by the PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN.

CORRAL 36 - MOUNTAIN RIDGE RIDERS

PO 8374, Calabasas, CA 91372-8374

Equestrian Trails, Inc.



ONE-DAY - SINGLE EVENT MEMBERSHIP

(WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME A PERMANENT MEMBER OF EQUESTRIAN TRAILS, INC)

NAME: _____ CORRAL: 36

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____ SPOUSE: _____

CHILDREN: _____ birthdate _____

_____ birthdate _____

_____ birthdate _____

INSURANCE COMPANY: _____ PHONE #: (____) _____

INSURED'S NAME: _____ GROUP #: _____

FAMILY PHYSICIAN: _____ PHONE #: (____) _____

IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY CONTACT:

NAME: _____ RELATION: _____ PHONE #: (____) _____

SINGLE ADULT or JUNIOR: Dues \$5.00

FAMILY: _____ ADULTS and _____ JUNIORS: Dues \$7.00

All participants must fill out and sign an **Equestrian Trails, Inc. WAIVER & RELEASE** with emergency information before being allowed to participate in the above listed event.

Fill-in, add your \$ and mail or deliver to Vallerie Coleman & Lorraine Rose, 25622 Huckleberry Dr., Monte Nido, CA 91302. For more information, contact Val or Lorraine at 818- 222-7512.

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WAIVER & RELEASE
FOR EQUESTRIAN TRAILS, INC., ACTIVITIES
This Is A Waiver of Your Legal Rights, And An Agreement Not To Sue
Serious Injury Or Death May Result From Riding Or Being Near Horses



1. **Participant's Name** (print): _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____

Telephone: (____) _____ **ETI Member** _____ **If Yes, Corral #:** _____

2. **Liability Release.**

In consideration for Equestrian Trails, Inc. ("ETI") allowing me or my child to voluntarily participate in its activities, I agree as follows:

- a. This agreement, waiver and release applies to ETI and to ETI's affiliated Corrals, committees, employees, predecessors, successors, attorneys, insurers, members and volunteers who are working in the course and scope of their duties on behalf of ETI, including its affiliated Corrals, at the time of occurrence of any act or omission which is later alleged to be a cause or contribution to a claim for injury, damages or death ("Released Parties");
- b. I forever release, hold harmless and indemnify Released Parties from liability for any and all claims, demands, causes of action, damages, injuries or death to me, my minor children, my horse and my property, and legal liability of every nature, including the negligent acts or omissions of any Released Parties, whether known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, direct or indirect, arising out of participation in the past, present or future ETI activities (including equestrian activities, such as the riding, use of, or being near, horses, whether at an arena, stable or on a trail ride in association with ETI) and I assume all risks of injury or death as set forth in this release;
- c. I shall not bring any lawsuit, action or proceeding against any Released Parties, even if they engage in negligent conduct; and
- d. I make this agreement, waiver and release for and on behalf of myself, my spouse, my child and/or ward, heirs, administrators, successors, representatives and assigns.

3. **Activity Risk.**

I understand that some ETI activities take place in isolated or wilderness areas over rough terrain, and/or trails of unknown condition, and others take place on land or in facilities owned and managed by others from whom such land or facilities are borrowed or rented. I understand that the organizers, workers and members involved in ETI activities are not professionals in the horse industry, or in the planning or conducting of trips or camping events, or in other areas of expertise involved in ETI activities. I also understand that horseback riding is a rugged adventure, recreational sport activity. I am aware that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks of serious injury or death, or property damage, to me or my horse, which are always present in ETI activities, on or near horses. I understand that pregnant women are specifically advised not to ride horses. I understand that ETI is a non-profit club of private individuals who have come together to support and enjoy recreation-oriented activities.

4. **Nature of Horses.**

I understand that no horse is completely safe, and the Released Parties make no representations or guarantees regarding the safety, training or suitability of any horse. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human. If I fall from a horse to the ground, it will generally be at a distance of 4 to 6 feet, and the impact will injure me. A horse may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts and may abruptly change directions or speed, trip, slip, fall, stop short, shift its weight, buck, rear, kick, bite, spook, or run from what it perceives to be danger if it is frightened or provoked, or for no reason whatsoever.

5. Conditions of Nature & Locations.

I agree that the Released Parties are not responsible for acts, occurrences or elements of nature or a particular location that can injure a person or scare a horse, cause it to trip, fall or react in some other manner. These elements include thunder, lightning, rain, wind, wild and domestic animals, insects, other people and horses, and reptiles which may walk, run, fly near, bite and/or sting a horse or person, irregular footing on groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change according to weather, temperature, natural and man-made objects. The Released Parties have not inspected, and make no representations or warranties concerning the safety or condition of, any trail, camping site, arena and/or other location of ETI events.

6. Helmet Warning.

I am aware that protective head gear which meets or exceeds the quality standards of the SEI certified and ASTM standard F1163 equestrian helmet, should be purchased and worn by me and/or my child while riding and being near horses, and the wearing of such helmet may reduce the severity of some head injuries and may prevent my serious injury or death as a result of a fall or other occurrence. If my minor child or I do not wear a helmet, it is because we so choose.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO THIS TWO-PAGE WAIVER & RELEASE. I FURTHER AGREE THAT NO ORAL STATEMENTS, REPRESENTATIONS OR INDUCEMENTS APART FROM THIS WRITTEN AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN MADE TO ME TO OBTAIN MY CONSENT.

Dated: _____

Participant's Signature: _____

(Printed Name)



IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18, SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IS ALSO REQUIRED, AND SUCH PERSON FURTHER AGREES, PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 2, ABOVE, TO RELEASE AND INDEMNITY THE RELEASED PARTIES FOR ANY INJURY OR DEATH TO, OR ANY CLAIM BY OR ON BEHALF OF, SUCH MINOR:

Minor's Birth Date: _____

Dated: _____

Signature: _____

Relationship to Minor: _____

(Printed Name of Signor)

**ETI Witness (print name) Vallerie Coleman/Lorraine Rose Corral # 36
25622 Huckleberry Dr., Monte Nido, CA 91302.**

Description of Event Where Signed: MONTE NIDO 2007 4th of JULY PARADE, Monte Nido, CA

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JUNE 2007

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Contact Lynn Benjamin to place an ad
Phone: 222-2568 Email: lynnben@charter.net
Private Party Ads, \$5 per month. Business Ads, \$10 per month
Pay to: MNVCA. Mail to: Lynn Benjamin, P.O.Box 461, Malibu, CA 9026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MNVCA Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 12, 7PM
At the home of Joan Slimocosky
25632 Buckhorn Dr
818-591-1082

Las Virgenes Homeowner's Federation Meeting
Thursday, June 21, 7:30PM
Diamond X Ranch
(Off Mulholland)

ETI Corral 36
Tuesday, June 5, 7:00 PM
Board Meeting & Speaker, Georgia Farinella,
"Latest News and Condition of Local Trail System"
At, Georgia's Red Barn
25700 Mulholland Hwy. Calabasas, CA.
RSVP (818) 880 2084

Zen Meditation
Thursday evenings at 7:30pm
Rosemary Taylor Alden
222-2936

Universal Worship Service:
First Sunday of each month, 10:00AM
Marilyn Browning
222-6363

Montgomery Arts House for Music and Architecture
Gala Festival Opening - Gourmet Desserts
August 25, 7:30 PM
www.montgomeryartshouse.org
(310) 589-0295

A Course in Miracles Study Group.
Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00AM
Marilyn Browning
222-6362

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