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Community Newsletter



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FEATURED LISTINGS BY THE BRAD FELDMAN GROUP



FOR SALE

24852 BUCKBOARD LANE
LISTED FOR \$5,500,000

7-BR | 4.5-BA | APPROX. 5,075 SF
34,848 SF LOT



FOR SALE

26041 SPUR BRANCH LANE
LISTED FOR \$4,700,000

8-BR | 11-BA | APPROX. 7,372 SF
15,525 SF LOT



FOR SALE

25281 DERBYHILL DRIVE
LISTED FOR \$4,125,000

5-BR | 4.5-BA | APPROX. 5,018 SF
20,000 SF LOT



FOR SALE

25761 HIGHPLAINS TERRACE
LISTED FOR \$3,999,900

5-BR | 6-BA | APPROX. 5,805 SF
19,350 SF LOT



FOR SALE

25901 NELLIE GAIL ROAD
LISTED FOR \$3,500,000

6-BR | 4.5-BA | APPROX. 4,700 SF
10,496 SF LOT



FOR SALE

24972 BUCKBOARD LANE
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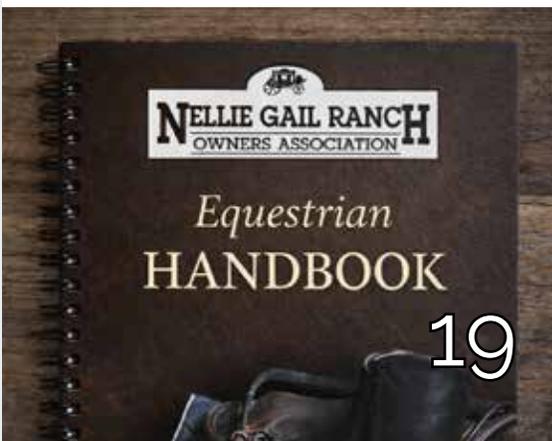
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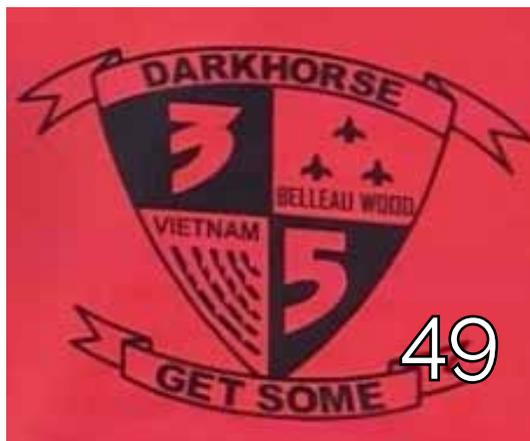
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03/13/2026
Live Music Friday
DJ Daniel Arthur
at The Watering Hole
6:30pm - 9:30pm

03/27/2026
Trivia Night
Music Mania the 80s
at The Watering Hole
6:30pm - 9:00pm

04/04/2026
Annual Easter Egg Hunt
at Gallup Park
10:00 am - 12:00pm

On The Cover:
Destiny Stewart & Show Bill

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(657) 825-8930	The Watering Hole
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or drop off at the Association Office.



Mission Statement

To take all reasonable and necessary steps to preserve and improve the unique value of living in Nellie Gail Ranch and to enhance the overall sense of community.

Board of Directors Meetings

The next Open Session Board Meeting and Open Homeowner Forum is scheduled for **March 17, 2026**, and will be held at the Association Clubhouse.

Executive Session starts at - 6:00 pm and Open Session - 7:30 pm

The agenda will be posted in the Association Office and on the NGR website on the Friday prior to the meeting, or you may contact the Association Office to obtain agenda information. All homeowners are welcomed and encouraged to attend the meetings.

Architectural Review Committee

Architectural Review Committee meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Completed applications must be submitted to the Association Office at least 10 business days prior to the ARC meeting. Please check the calendar in each issue of the Pony Express for exact submittal deadlines and ARC meeting dates.

Association Committees

The Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association has several committees comprised of Homeowners that provide support to the Board of Directors on selected Community topics. For more information or to join any of our Committees, please contact the Association Office at (949) 425-1477.

Architectural Review Committee

Emergency Preparedness Committee

Equestrian Committee

Events Committee

Fire Prevention Committee

Historical Committee

Landscape Committee

Security Committee

Trails Committee

GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE



NELLIE GAIL RANCH CELEBRATES LEADERSHIP AT THE LAGUNA HILLS CHAMBER GALA

By Brian Mitchell

The Laguna Hills Chamber of Commerce held their 5th Annual Gala – **Legacy in Progress** on Friday, February 20, 2026. The Gala celebrates leadership, service and the continued evolution of the Laguna Hills business community. As Nellie Gail Ranch was the recipient of the 2025 Nonprofit of the year award, we had the honor of presenting the 2026 award at this year's Gala. Congratulations to the Laguna Terrace Beautification Team honored as the **2026 Nonprofit of the Year**. I think their acceptance comments of this year's honor perfectly reflect on shared Nellie Gail Ranch values. *"These honors are a powerful affirmation of what can be achieved when neighbors come together with pride, purpose, and a shared commitment to community."*

The evening was a highlight of how interconnected Nellie Gail Ranch is with the Laguna Hills community .

Nellie Gail Ranch homeowner **Patrice Mills** was seated as 2026 Treasurer for the Chamber of Commerce.

A solemn portion of the evening was the announcement of the Chamber's establishment of an annual Saddleback College scholarship in the name of **Jeffrey Halloran** who recently passed away. Jeff was a member of our recreation center and very active in the business community as well as a father of four daughters and grandfather to four grandchildren. Graduates of Laguna Hills High School will have an opportunity to qualify for the scholarship.

For the penultimate award of the evening, Moulton Museum presented the **2026 Moulton Award** that

"honors not only achievement but a way of life defined by service, generosity and enduring commitment to others." **Nellie Gail Ranch Pickleball Member Patricia Thee was the well-deserved recipient of this year's award.** Patricia is a resident of Laguna Hills since 1969 and a graduate of Laguna Hills High School. In her acceptance address Patricia shared her experience as follows. *"We show up for each other, we volunteer with each other, we share together, we raise our families together, we dream together, we grieve together and we celebrate together. We are not just neighbors, we are connected. One town, one team, I am one very grateful hometown girl."*

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Architectural Review
February 2026
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Minutes
January 2026
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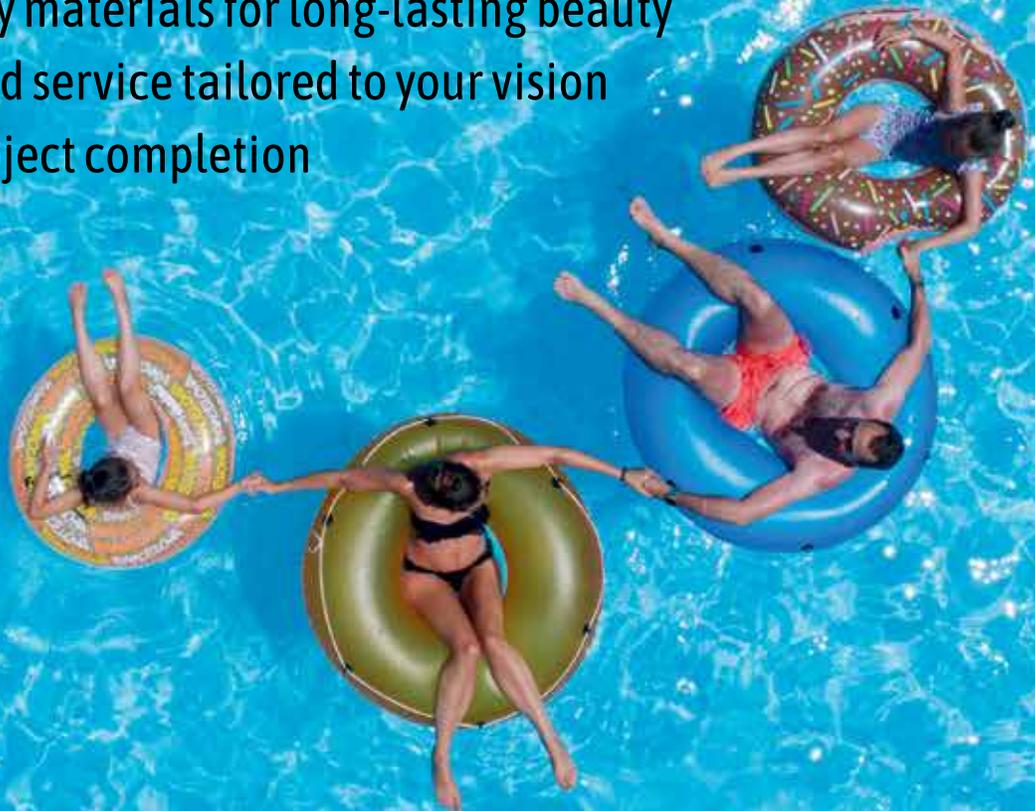
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SPRING SMASH SERVES UP BIG WINS AT NELLIE GAIL

The Nellie Gail Spring Smash Round Robin kicked off the pickleball season in style, drawing an impressive 125 players across two action-packed days of men's, women's, and mixed doubles competition. With strong participation and a lively atmosphere, the club's first event of the year proved to be a standout success—and a great reminder of the energy and community spirit that make these tournaments so special.

Players battled it out on the court while friends and families cheered from the sidelines, creating a festive environment that extended well beyond the final points. Event photos and highlights will soon be shared on the club's Facebook page, giving participants a chance to relive the action and celebrate the weekend's winners.

The event was made possible thanks to the generous support of local sponsors, including The Pickleball First Store in Dana Point, CRBN Pickleball, Bonzai Pickleball, Mad Hippie Skincare, Aliso Viejo Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine (and Pilates), Big Bear Cabin with Pickleball by Gary Champlin, Jewelry by Sabine, and Nellie Gail Ranch. Their donated prizes helped elevate the tournament experience for all involved.

Equally vital to the weekend's success were the dedicated volunteers who kept everything running smoothly—from logistics to photography. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Bev Donat, Sharon Stephens, Lisa Jameson, Danna Kipnis, Paige Sessions, Sabine Battaglia, Olivia Willet, Gretchen Garnes, Brad Albert, Dave Patillo, and Meg Lupin for their time and support.

With the Spring Smash setting the tone for the year ahead, the club is already looking forward to its next pickleball event. Members and players can expect upcoming dates and details soon—and plenty more opportunities to get in the game.

WINNERS - 3.0 Mixed

Gold: Trevor & Theresa Dodson

Silver: Jimmy & Juliana Kao

Bronze: Cesar Medina & Laurie Perry

WINNERS - 3.5 Mixed

Gold: Jeff & Sue Carducci

Silver: Joe Franklin & Vivian Kang

Bronze: Keith Serna & Keri Priolo

WINNERS - 4.0 Mixed

Gold: Ron Kraft & Tia Wood

Silver: Lisa Sigaty & Duane Kamai

Bronze: Tony Wong & Tracey Reeves

WINNERS - 3.5 Men

Gold: Duane Durst & Eric Hansen

Silver: Roger Basa & Dave Patillo

Bronze: Robert Belemonte & Bob Eukovich

WINNERS - 4.0 Men

Gold: Youssef Mogadam & Arian Mowlavi

Silver: Percy Mistry & Paul Svendson

Bronze: Tom Nee & Tony Monge

WINNERS - 3.5 Women

Gold: Vivian Kang & Anita Hsu

Silver: Amy Hayes & Jules Kean

Bronze: Jackie Homrighausen & Kelly Hood

WINNERS - 4.0 Women

Gold: Margaret McGrath & Tracy McGrath

Silver: Lisa Sigaty & Tracy Reeves

Bronze: Maggie Otto & Cathy Carlson



HAYDEN CLARKE SPORTHORSES EARNS TOP HONORS AT DESERT CIRCUIT WEEK 7

Hayden Clarke Sporthorses delivered an outstanding week of competition at Desert Circuit Week 7 in Thermal, California, returning home with an impressive list of top finishes and championship performances. The team showcased depth across divisions, highlighted by major wins, consistent placings, and the successful debut of new horse-and-rider partnerships.

A marquee moment came on Sunday afternoon when Lane Clarke and Venom captured the win in the \$40,000 FarmVet 1.45m Open Classic, securing one of the week's most prestigious titles. In the amateur ranks, Destiny Stewart and Show Bill (*see cover photo*) earned the Leading Amateur Rider Award in the \$20,000 Meadow Grove Farm & Friends 1.20m Classic, a testament to their consistency and strong performances throughout the week.

The 1.20m Open Jumpers saw a standout debut as Kylie Drew and Kahnage claimed first place in their very first show together, marking an exciting start for the new partnership. In the junior jumper divisions, Reagan Mientka enjoyed a banner week with victories aboard both Cality and Cecile Beauty, in addition to steady top placings throughout the competition.

Annie Zhou guided Comanchero M to victory in the 1.05m Junior Jumpers and also collected multiple second-place finishes with her second mount, Eros AS, including an impressive result in Sunday's classic.

The week also marked the official welcome of trainer Madison Stephens to the Hayden Clarke Sporthorses team. Stephens made an immediate impact, producing successful rounds on all of her client

horses and earning top finishes with Paula Capestro's Creative Way in the horse's hunter debut.

With a week full of accomplishments and momentum on their side, Hayden Clarke Sporthorses looks ahead with excitement. Congratulations to all of the riders, horses, and supporters on a fantastic Desert Circuit Week 7 — and onward to Week 8.





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Removal:

- Remove all dead and dying plants within 100 feet of your home
- Identify and remove plants found on OCFA's Undesirable Plant List
- Remove dry leaves, bark and pine needles from the yard, roof, and rain gutters

Reduction:

- Prune and thin plants within 100 feet of your home, including your plants within 100 feet of your neighbor's home
- Provide 6 feet vertical separation between shrub tops and lower tree branches to reduce "ladder fuels"
- Use Horizontal Separation Guidelines for plants over 2 feet in height (15 feet minimum or 3 times the tallest plant)
- Keep all shrubs within 10 feet of your home trimmed to 2 feet or lower
- Prune or remove plants near windows
- Remove all tree branches or plants within 10 feet of chimney outlets
- Move wood piles at least 30 feet from your home, or to the property line
- Keep annual grasses and weeds cut to 4 inches or less

Replacement:

- Replace fire-prone plants with fire-resistant and drought tolerant plants. See the OCFA Planting Guide for recommendations
- When putting in new plants, leave enough space for them to grow to mature size
- Any vegetation over 2 feet cannot be within 15 feet of a tree canopy

Resistant:

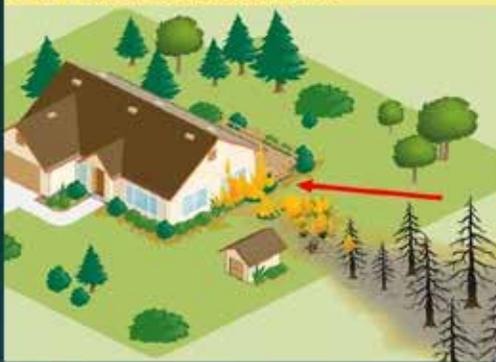
- Use fire-resistant plants whenever possible
- Keep in mind that even plants listed on the Planting Guide must be maintained using Spacing Guidelines for both vertical and horizontal separation. Plant separation is an important part reducing wildfire threat

For more information, please visit the OCFA website or call **(714) 573-6774** to schedule a wildfire home assessment.

CREATING DEFENSIBLE SPACE FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY

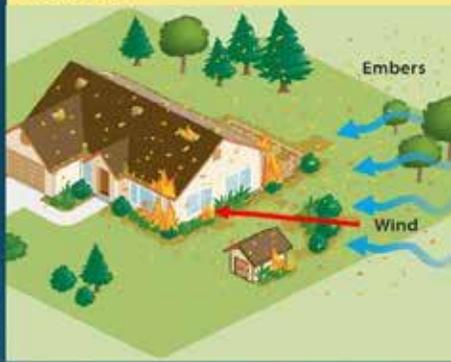
Techniques to reduce exposures

Direct flame contact



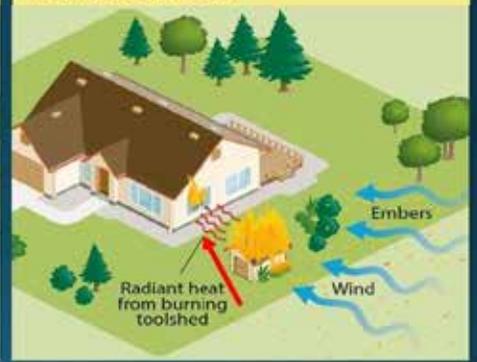
Defensible space implementation interrupts fire pathways and reduces the potential for direct flame contact

Embers



Home hardening with defensible space can help mitigate ember exposure

Radiant heat



Home hardening and fuel reduction can address potential radiant heat exposure



WHAT IS MITIGATION?

- Taking actions to reduce your wildfire ignition risks.
- Cleaning up and maintaining your property.
- Removing ladder fuels, and other combustible objects.
- Neighbors working with neighbors.



**SOLICITATION FOR BOARD CANDIDATES AND
NOTICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION
(NOTICE DATE JANUARY 30, 2026)**

Annual Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Location: 25281 Empty Saddle Drive, Laguna Hills, CA 92653

Registration & Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Solicitation For Board Candidates:

The Association is soliciting candidates for the upcoming 2026 Board of Directors election to be held on **Wednesday, June 3, 2026**. Candidate applications must be received by the Association by 5:00 p.m. Monday, March 23, 2026 to be nominated and listed on the pre-ballot notice that will be posted prior to April 1, 2026. The pre-ballot notice will include all names that will be included on the ballot to be mailed by May 1, 2026.

Candidates whose nominations are received after 5:00 p.m. Monday, March 23, 2026 may still run for election but will not be included on the ballot.

1. Subject to Civil Code §5105, all Candidates for the Board must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. The Candidate must be an Owner. If title to a separate interest is held by a legal entity, such entity may appoint a natural person to serve or vote on such entity's behalf by delivering evidence of an appropriate written appointment to the Association;
 - b. The Candidate must be current in the payment of all regular and special assessments. For the purposes of these election rules, "current" means no regular or special assessment is past due by more than thirty (30) days, or such period of time as is specifically defined in the Association's collection policy;
 - c. The Candidate may not hold a joint ownership interest in the same separate interest as any other candidate or incumbent director; and
 - d. The Candidate is not eligible to run if the Association is aware or becomes aware of a past criminal conviction that would, if the Candidate were elected, either prevent the Association from purchasing the fidelity bond coverage required by Civil Code §5806 or terminate the Association's existing fidelity bond coverage.

Additional information regarding the Associations Election Rules and Procedures is provided in the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association Election Rules adopted March 15, 2022 and are available on-line at nelliegailranch.org or by request to admin@nelliegailranch.org.

Notice of Board of Directors Election

The Annual Meeting of the Members and Election of Board of Directors is set for **Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.** If there are more candidates than positions open (three) the meeting will be held at the Nellie Gail Ranch Clubhouse at 25281 Empty Saddle Drive, Laguna Hills, CA. If the number of candidates are less than or equal to positions open, the counting of ballots will be conducted via Zoom. In order to achieve quorum, at least fifty percent (50%) of the Homeowners (i.e. 703 out of 1405 members) must vote. In the event that less than 50% of the membership participate in the Annual Meeting, either by returning their ballot or appearing in person, then those in attendance may adjourn the meeting to a date not less than 5 nor more than 30 days thereafter, and the quorum at such adjourned meeting shall be lowered to twenty-five percent (25%) (i.e. 351 out of 1405 members). The Reconvened Election meeting date, if necessary, will be **Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.**

This year three (3) seats are up for election. The pre-ballot notice listing candidate names to be included on the ballot will be posted prior to April 1, 2026. Check the May 2026 issue of The Pony Express for candidate bios and information. For any questions regarding the Annual Meeting and Election of Board Directors, please call the Association office at (949) 425-1477.



**2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CANDIDATE RESUMÉ / NOMINATION APPLICATION**

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Property Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____ Homeowner Since: _____ (year)

Current Occupation or Occupation at time of Retirement: _____

Civic Activities – Organizations, Positions, Etc. (50 words or less): _____

Nellie Gail Ranch Activities – Organizations, Positions, Etc. (50 words or less): _____

Biographical Information (100 words or less): _____

Statement – Why do you want to serve on the Board (150 words or less): _____

If elected I pledge to do my best for the benefit of the Association as a whole and will abide by and enforce the Association's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and CC&R's, Architectural Guidelines, published policies and all applicable California and Federal Laws.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF EQUESTRIAN HANDBOOK MARCH 6, 2026

The Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association Equestrian Handbook last adopted June 30, 2003 has been updated and is proposed to be approved for adoption at the April 21, 2026 Board Meeting. The purpose of this notice is to offer Nellie Gail Ranch Members an opportunity to provide comments on the Equestrian Handbook Policies and Procedures and to propose changes as may be desired.

The handbook is divided into the following categories:

1. Common Area Trails
2. Community Arenas
3. Equestrian Center Policies
4. Overall Properties

In accordance with California Civil Code Section 4360, homeowners are provided with a minimum of twenty eight (28) days notice of policies proposed for adoption. The Board invites your comments on the Equestrian Handbook content which will be considered by the Board at its open session meeting set for **Tuesday, April 21, 2026**. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Association Clubhouse.

Comments may be submitted via email to admin@nelliegailranch.org, may be delivered to the meeting, or may be mailed to 25211 Empty Saddle Drive, Laguna Hills, CA 92653.

The Equestrian Handbook

Policies and Procedures Governing Equestrian Activities at Nellie Gail Ranch, Laguna Hills, CA

INTRODUCTION AND APPLICABILITY

The Policies, Procedures and other information contained in this document are intended to provide guidance and govern all equestrian activities conducted in, on or through the properties known as the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association, and the equestrian facilities located within the Nellie Gail Ranch community.

DEFINITIONS

Association - shall mean the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association.

Board of Directors - shall mean the Board of Directors of the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association. The Board of Directors is the governing body of the Association, the Tennis & Swim Club, and the Equestrian Center.

City - shall mean the City of Laguna Hills, California.

Common Area Community Arenas - shall mean the real property owned by the Association, either in fee or easement and dedicated to use as an equestrian arena, not inclusive of the Equestrian Center Arenas. These shall include, but not be limited to, the arenas, round pens, hitching rails, picnic tables and water fountains.

Common Area Trail - shall mean the real property owned by the Association, either in fee or easement and dedicated for use as an equestrian trail.

County - shall mean the County of Orange, California.

Dry Stall - shall mean that period of time during which a reduced Equestrian Center boarding fee is paid while the stall is not occupied by an equine owned by or under the control of a Equestrian Center Boarder.

Employee - shall mean a person who is employed by the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association.

Equestrian - shall be any activity or use requiring an equine or shall be any person engaged in any such activity using an equine.

Equestrian Center - shall mean the real property owned by the Association, either in fee or easement, bounded on the north by Oso Parkway Scenic Corridor, on the west by Nellie Gail Road, on the south by the Tennis and Swim Club and on the east by a section of trail on the hillside below Spotted Pony Drive; and is that area dedicated for use as a center of equestrian activities including, but not limited to, barns, stalls, wash racks, cross ties, arenas, hot walker, clubhouse, hay storage barn and other such related uses.

Equestrian Center Arenas - shall include the three arenas within Tract 9292, Lot 1, along with adjacent equestrian amenities that include but are not limited to the round pens, wash racks and grooming areas.

Equestrian Center Boarder - shall mean a person who boards one or more equines at the Nellie Gail Ranch Equestrian Center under a Equestrian Center Stable Boarding Agreement (Boarding Agreement) granted by the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association.

Equestrian Center Manager - shall mean the Manager of the Nellie Gail Ranch Equestrian Center.

Equestrian Center Sublessee - shall mean that person who is occupying an Equestrian Center stall on a temporary basis under the authority of the Equestrian Center Manager and Equestrian Center boarder.

Equestrian Committee – a committee consisting of homeowners appointed annually by the Board of Directors. The Equestrian Committee works in an advisory capacity to the Board to evaluate and make recommendations regarding equestrian matters within the community and the Equestrian Center.

Equestrian Trails - shall mean those areas owned by the Association in fee simple or controlled by the Association through easements or other assigns, that are used for equestrian trail purposes, irrespective of whether or not such areas are groomed, graded, paved, or otherwise improved.

Equestrian Facilities - shall mean the Equestrian Center or any of the areas within the Equestrian Center; the common area arenas, the common area trails, or any other area used by or designated for use by equestrians or equines and owned or operated by the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association.

General Manager - shall mean the General Manager of the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association.

Professional Service Providers - Permits for Equestrian Center instruction, training and equine care shall be granted for four types of equestrian professionals: Trainer, Instructor, Clinician, and Caregiver. Permits for Trainers and Instructors shall be granted in consultation with the Equestrian Committee at the reasonable discretion of the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association Board of Directors. Permits for Clinicians and Caregivers may be issued directly by the Equestrian Center Manager who shall be responsible for record keeping and scheduling of Equestrian Center facilities as appropriate.

Lot – shall mean and refer to any residential lot within Nellie Gail Ranch.

Manure - shall mean the solid waste by-product of an equine digestive system and unless implied otherwise, includes urine and waste bedding material mixed with, or contaminated by manure.

Member - shall mean a person who is a property owner in the Nellie Gail Ranch community

defined in the Declaration of Restrictions for Nellie Gail Ranch. Membership must be verified by a recorded title interest in a Nellie Gail Ranch lot.

Nellie Gail Ranch - shall mean all lots, streets, parks, trails and all other public and private property located within the community known as the Nellie Gail Ranch.

Non-Member - shall mean a person who is not a property owner in the Nellie Gail Ranch community. Non-Member includes tenants of members who reside in the Nellie Gail Ranch properties.

Private Boarder - shall mean a person who boards one or more equines but does not have an ownership interest in an Lot within the Association.

Properties - shall mean and refer to that certain real property together with all improvements thereon, located in the community known as the Nellie Gail Ranch.

Regional Board - shall mean the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Users - shall mean anyone who uses the Nellie Gail Ranch equestrian facilities, whether an equestrian or not, and whether permitted or authorized to use such facilities or not.

PURPOSES

The Mission Statement: The Equestrian Facilities at Nellie Gail Ranch exist primarily for the benefit and enjoyment of Nellie Gail Ranch Lot owners. The facilities also serve the invited guests of Nellie Gail Ranch Lot owners, tenants, boarders at the Nellie Gail Ranch Equestrian Center, and authorized Professional Service Providers. The Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association is committed to providing outstanding service to all of its equestrian constituents.

The primary purpose of the Equestrian Center is to provide an outstanding equestrian boarding facility, financially self-sustaining, primarily for the benefit and enjoyment of Nellie Gail Ranch Lot owners. The secondary purpose is to provide selected quality trainers to provide an opportunity for homeowners to develop skills for achieving recreational or competitive goals.

The Association is committed to providing outstanding service to all its Nellie Gail Ranch Members, Equestrian Center Boarders and users, as well as prospective boarders and users.

This handbook exists to provide guidance to constituents as well as management and staff of the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association relating to uses of the Equestrian Facilities.

STRUCTURE

This handbook is divided into four chapters, each representing one of the following:

- Nellie Gail Ranch Common Area Trails
- Nellie Gail Ranch Community Arenas
- Nellie Gail Ranch Equestrian Center
- Nellie Gail Ranch Properties

Nellie Gail Ranch Common Area Trails

EQUESTRIAN TRAIL USE POLICY

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Association by virtue of the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association Declaration of Restrictions ("CC&Rs"), the Board of Directors has adopted the following Equestrian Trail Use Policy:

Except as expressly provided in the Association's CC&Rs, use of the Association's Equestrian Trails is restricted to non-motorized equestrian and other, non-motorized purposes, inclusive of e-bikes and bicycles which shall be prohibited at all times. For the safety of all Lot Owners, Members, Private Boarders and guests, the use of any motor vehicle or motorized vehicle of any type or kind upon the Association's equestrian trails is strictly prohibited unless approved by the Association. Similarly, no cart, trailer, sled or other container of any type or kind, whether wheeled or not, may be used, kept, stored, placed or maintained upon any portion of the equestrian trails. The parking of vehicles, except as authorized by Equestrian Trail Use Policy, is prohibited at all times.

The use of the Association's Equestrian Trails for the delivery of materials, supplies or services for any reason whatsoever, or for the maintenance of improvements upon any Lot requires the prior written permission of the Association to the extent that it involves trails or property located upon any other Owner's Lot. Anyone using or driving a motor vehicle or motorized vehicle of any kind upon the Association's trails without such permission, or authorizing, permitting, directing or any other such approval or encouraging another party to do so, is (following notice and hearing) subject to a damage assessment to reimburse any and all expenses incurred by the Association as a result of enforcing this policy and/or repairing damage done to the equestrian trail. Moreover, any member using or driving a motor vehicle or motorized vehicle upon the equestrian trail or authorizing others to use or drive a motorized vehicle on the equestrian trail without the Association's permission assumes any and all liability and risk associated with such activity and shall be held strictly accountable therefore.

Whenever possible, Members should accommodate the delivery of material, supplies and/or other necessary items and/or services from the public streets through the front and side yards of their homes. In the event that an Association Member requires the delivery of materials, supplies and/or any other necessary items and/or services at the rear yard of their home via trails located on property not owned by such Owner, they must coordinate the delivery through management and use a vendor that has obtained or will obtain authorization for the use of the Association's Equestrian Trail from Association management. The Association does not generally allow any of its vendors to drive upon the Association's trails in a truck larger than $\frac{3}{4}$ ton and access is restricted during and following periods of inclement weather.

Violation of this policy may result in a special assessment of costs associated with cost of removal and any repair to the Association's property and/or the assessment of a reasonable assessment against the violating owner's account, in accordance with Article VI of the Association's CC&Rs and Article VIII of the Association's Bylaws.

Each violation of this policy is hereby declared to be a nuisance.

In the case of an Association Member, if multiple or continuing violation(s) of this policy occurs, the Association may take any steps it deems reasonable and/or necessary to end the violation(s) including, but not limited to, bringing an action at law or in equity against all persons the Association believes to be participating in the violation(s) and/or entry onto the Equestrian Trail to remove and/or abate the violation.

In the case of a vendor or other person or entity that is not an Association member, the Association, or any member thereof, may report any violation to the Orange County Sheriff's office as a violation of Section 602(m) of the California Penal Code.

EQUESTRIAN TRAIL USE PERMIT PROCEDURE

The owner or operator of every vehicle entering upon or otherwise using the Association Equestrian Trails for any reason shall be required to obtain a permit from the Association's office authorizing said entry or use before entering upon any Equestrian Trail. The following information shall be required for issuance of a permit.

- Name, address and phone number of the owner of the vehicle
- Name, address, phone number and driver's license number of the operator of the vehicle.
- Full description of the vehicle including make, model, and license number.
- Copy of vehicle registration.
- Copy of proof of liability insurance.
- Destination address
- Duration of use

Applications for permits shall be made on the form provided by the Association

Permits may be issued on a daily, weekly or job basis for vendors and other non-Association members. Permits may be issued for longer periods for Association members, however no permit shall be issued for a period longer than one year, or the expiration of the vehicle registration or insurance certificate, whichever is the shorter.

Permits shall be prominently displayed in the front window of the vehicle at all times while the vehicle is using or otherwise upon the Association's equestrian trails.

Permits are assigned to specific vehicles and are not transferable.

Association management reserves the right to limit or refuse entry to any and all trails for reasons of trail conditions, inclement weather or any other reason in the sole opinion of Association management.

EQUESTRIAN TRAIL USE RULES

Persons Allowed

Common Area Trail use is limited to residents of the Nellie Gail Ranch Community and their

invited guests. Guests also include persons who rent properties in the Nellie Gail Ranch community, rent stalls (Private Boarders) at properties in the Nellie Gail Ranch community, or hold stall Boarding Agreements at the Nellie Gail Ranch Equestrian Center.

Risk Management

All persons who are not residents that use Common Area Trails should have a Release and Indemnification Agreement on file with the Association. Persons using the Common Area Trails acknowledge the inherent risks associated with equestrian-related activities.

Dogs

All dogs must be on leash at all times and under the direct and positive control of a responsible person. Dogs must not be allowed to approach equines, whether mounted or on lead.

Whenever meeting or overtaking an equine the dog should be restrained close to the individual doing the meeting or overtaking.

Homeowners who have dogs on their private Lots should be aware that dogs that bark or charge fencing in proximity to Common Area Trail easements may startle horses causing an unsafe condition. This can also be an issue when the fencing is screened as horses and hikers cannot see the approaching dog. Lot owners should ensure that dogs are properly set back from the trail easements in a manner that allows for safe use of the easement by equestrians.

Vehicles

Vehicles, other than vehicles owned or operated by the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association or its contractors, are not allowed on the Common Area Trails except by permit issued by the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association. Permits may be granted, trail conditions allowing, for the purpose of servicing equestrian activities on properties bordering said trails, including but not limited to, hay and feed delivery, veterinarian, and farrier services. Permits may be issued to construction and delivery vehicles. A damage bond may be required. A Release and Indemnification Agreement shall be on file with the Association.

Safety

Vehicles shall yield to horses at all times, giving the horse, whether mounted or on lead, widest possible passage. Vehicles meeting a horse on the trail shall pull to the edge of the trail, stop their engine, and wait for the horse to safely pass prior to restarting their engine. Landscapers, contractors, and other persons operating machinery or other noise making devices on or near trails shall turn off said machinery or other noise making device whenever approached by a horse, whether mounted or on lead.

EQUESTRIAN EASEMENT USE RESTRICTIONS

Purpose

In order to ensure that the equestrian easements in the Common Area in Nellie Gail Ranch remain available for the use and enjoyment of all the residents and remain safe for equestrian users, it is essential that the equestrian easements remain unobstructed and the surrounding properties non-threatening to equine use. The Board of Directors, by adopting the following rules and regulations, intends to ensure the continued availability and safety of the equestrian easements for the use and enjoyment of the residents, as well as the preservation of the appearance of the community. No Equestrian Trail shall serve as a driveway entrance / exit to a garage or

residential unit on the Lot.

Definitions

As used herein, the terms "Owner(s)" and "Common Area" shall have the meanings given these terms in the Declaration of Restrictions for Nellie Gail Ranch ("Declaration"). The common area includes certain equestrian easements owned by the Association for the use and enjoyment of the owners.

No Encroachment onto Equestrian Easements

No Owner shall cause or permit any plant, bush, tree, structure, irrigation or item of any type to encroach upon or interfere with any portion of the Equestrian Easements in a manner that adversely affects its use for Equestrian Purposes.

No owner shall cause or permit water to drain from such Owner's lot in a manner that damages the Equestrian Easements. An Owner who violates the foregoing shall be subject to reimburse the Association for repair costs or the cost to rebuild the Equestrian Trail and Easement consistent with Article X of the CC&R's and Article VIII of the By-Laws.

Nellie Gail Ranch Community Arenas

COMMUNITY ARENA USE RULES

Persons Allowed

Community Arena use is limited to residents of the Nellie Gail Ranch Community and their invited guests. Guests also include persons who rent Lots in the Nellie Gail Ranch community, Private Boarders who rent stalls on Lots in the Nellie Gail Ranch community, or Equestrian Center Boarders who board at the Nellie Gail Ranch Equestrian Center.

Authorized use of Community Arenas extends from Members to legal tenants of Members to Private Boarders of stalls located on Members Lots. Sublessees of Private Boarders do not have common area guest privileges and are not authorized to use Community Arenas. It is recommended that Members stall boarding agreements with Private Boarders prohibit sublease of stalls.

Risk Management

All guests who use Common Area Arenas should have a Release and Indemnification Agreement on file with the Association. Persons using the Common Area Arenas acknowledge the inherent risks associated with equestrian related activities.

Turnouts

No horse shall be left unattended for any period of time. Turnouts shall be limited to 10 minutes whenever someone else is waiting to use the Common Area Arena.

Safety

Approved helmets are strongly recommended to be worn while riding in the arena. No standing or sitting on the rail. Proper attire should be worn at all times while riding. Proper attire includes boots with heels, no loose clothing or jewelry, and helmets for all persons jumping or under 18 years of age when mounted on a horse in the Common Area Community Arenas.

Dogs

Dogs are not permitted in Common Area Community Arenas. Dogs in the vicinity of Common Area Arenas must be on a leash at all times and under the direct and positive control of a responsible person. Dogs must not be allowed to approach equines, whether mounted or on lead.

Stallions

Stallions will only be permitted in the rings daily between 5:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. and on Monday between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. All stallions must be registered with the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association prior to using the rings. Stallion owners shall provide the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association with proof of liability insurance in the amount of \$1 million, naming the Association, its officers, directors, employees and agents as additional insured under said policy. All persons handling stallions must be at least 18 years of age.

Trainers / Instructors

The Nellie Gail Ranch Community Arenas and trails are meant for the use of the residents as they are built and maintained by Association funds. Although guests of our lot owners may use arenas and trails with the lot owner as their host, they are not to be used by non-owners to run training businesses.

Lot owners who are not Equestrian Center boarders, who take lessons from trainers other than those at the Equestrian Center, may do so utilizing the Nellie Gail Ranch Association Arenas as long as the trainer's certificate of insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 is on file at the Nellie Gail Ranch Association office.

Arena use by trainers / instructors is on a non-exclusive basis and must be shared with, or yield to, arena use for recreational riding.

Non-Resident Trainers / Instructors may only train Nellie Gail Ranch residents and their guests subject to the following conditions. Trainer / Instructor shall provide the Association with a current certificate of insurance, naming the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association as an additional insured, with bodily injury & property damage liability insurance with limits of no less than one million dollars.

Trainers / Instructors may train Nellie Gail Ranch residents, their boarders, and/or their horses in the Community Arenas. Non-residents, boarding horses in Nellie Gail Ranch, may not give riding lessons, in the Community Arenas or on the trails, to other non-residents.

Lessons and Lesson Program

Any lot owner wishing to provide a lesson program (anything more than an occasional lesson) to residents may apply to the Board of Directors with their plan for arena use, their qualifications and their insurance. At the discretion of the Board, such a program will be approved or denied. An instructor must provide insurance, naming Nellie Gail Ranch as the co-insured for any lesson for which payment is exchanged.

Nellie Gail Ranch Equestrian Center and Arenas

STALL BOARDING POLICY

Stall Assignment Priority Classifications

Equestrian Center Stalls are leased solely to individuals or entities for occupancy by equines owned or otherwise controlled by said individuals or entities in the following order of priority:

Contracted Stalls

Contracted Stalls are stalls which are controlled by approved trainers who under the terms of their Agreement have exclusive rights to assign occupancy of a specific number of stalls. Trainers have the right to determine who can occupy their allocated stalls and may evict their boarders.

Association Member Stalls

Association Member Stalls are stalls that are leased to members for use by equines owned or controlled by members of the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association. Any stall leased to a person who ceases to be a member by virtue of sale of lot shall be converted to Non-Member stall upon closing of said sale. A change in classification shall not result in loss of stall lease.

Non-Member Stalls

Non-Member Stalls are stalls that are leased to non-members for use by equines owned or controlled by persons who are not members of the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association.

Association Stalls

Association Stalls are stalls that are licensed to the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association for use by equines of employees or contractors in the management, operations and maintenance of the equestrian facilities of the Association. The Board of Directors may assign one stall each to the Association General Manager, Equestrian Center Manager, and Trails Maintenance Contractor.

EQUESTRIAN CENTER WAITLIST POLICY

A waitlist will be created when all 96 stalls are occupied at the Equestrian Center. Any **stall** openings that become available will be filled in the following order of priority:

	<u>Required Waitlist Fee</u>
1. Trainer's Contractual Obligation	None
2. Resident: Currently Boarding	\$50
3. Resident: Non-Boarding	\$50
4. Non-Resident: Currently Boarding	\$50
5. Non-Resident: Non-Boarding	\$50

A waitlist fee of \$50 will be required for a person to secure a place on the Stall Waitlist. If such person on the Stall Waitlist is contacted regarding an available stall and enters into a Boarding Agreement, the fee is credited to the first month's Stall Boarding Fee. If the person chooses to

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decline a stall, the \$50 fee will be forfeited. If the person withdraws their name prior to being contacted for an open stall the fee is reimbursed. The declining person may re-enter the Waitlist at the bottom by paying an additional Waitlist fee of \$50.

NOTE: If a pipe stall becomes available it will be offered to the first person on the Pipe Stall Transfer List as outlined below.

PIPE STALL TRANSFER LIST

A wait list will be created when all pipe stalls are occupied at the Equestrian Center. Any pipe stall openings which occur will follow this order of priority to be filled:

1. Resident: Currently Boarding
2. Non-Resident: Currently Boarding (Trainers)
3. Resident: Non-Boarding
4. Non-Resident: Non-Boarding

If a person on the Pipe Transfer Waitlist is contacted regarding an available pipe stall and chooses to pass, the person may re-enter the Waitlist at the bottom.

NOTE: Management has the right to award available pipe stalls as deemed necessary depending on individual circumstance and/or due to necessary health requirements of a particular horse as requested by a licensed veterinarian.

TRAILER STORAGE WAITLIST

A waitlist will be created when all seven (7) trailer storage spaces are occupied at the Equestrian Center. Any trailer storage openings that become available will be filled in the following order of priority:

1. Trainer's Contractual Obligation
2. Resident: Currently Boarding
3. Resident: Non-Boarding
4. Non-Resident: Currently Boarding
5. Non-Resident: Non-Boarding

If a person on the Trailer Storage Waitlist is contacted regarding an available trailer space and chooses to pass, the person may re-enter the Waitlist at the bottom.

NOTE: Due to space limitations, the Equestrian Center is only able to accommodate horse trailers under 30' in length. Exceptions may be granted based on a Trainer's contractual agreement and/or Management approval if there is ample space available. Additional storage fees may apply.

SUBLESSEE AVAILABILITY LIST

Association Members

This division shall consist of Association members who are waiting for a stall of any type and would consider a temporary assignment of twelve (12) months or less.

Non-Members

This division shall consist of non-members who are waiting for a stall of any type and would consider a temporary assignment of nine (9) months or less.

NELLIE GAIL RANCH EQUESTRIAN CENTER RULES

Everyone who enjoys the privilege of using the Equestrian Center is expected to conduct themselves with courtesy and good sportsmanship at all times. With that in mind, the following rules are intended to ensure the safe and enjoyable use of the Center for everyone. Please familiarize yourself with the following and observe all the rules, keeping in mind that common sense and concern for the welfare of horses and individuals at the Center should always prevail.

If you have questions or concerns regarding these rules please contact the Equestrian Center Manager at (949) 425-1477 or (949) 371-1595, or by email at equestrian@nelliegailranch.org.

Equestrian Center premises hours are from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. If you need to be on the premises outside of these hours, please obtain prior permission from the Equestrian Center Manager. Riding arenas are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

I. General Rules

1. The Nellie Gail Equestrian Center has a zero-tolerance policy for abuse of any animal. If you witness any abuse, please report it to the Equestrian Center Manager immediately.
2. Anyone using the Equestrian Center facilities must submit a signed Release and Indemnification form to the Equestrian Center Manger prior to such use.
3. If you or your horse is involved in or witness an accident or injury, please report it as soon as possible to the Equestrian Center Manager.
4. Only trainers, instructors, and clinicians approved by the Nellie Gail HOA Board of Directors may provide training services at the Equestrian Center. All Equestrian service providers must adhere to the *Nellie Gail Equestrian Center Professional Service Provider Policy*.
5. No illegal drug use is allowed on Nellie Gail property at any time. No handling of any horse while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs is permitted. In addition, the Nellie Gail Equestrian Center is a smoke free environment, please refrain from smoking while on site.
6. Boarder and visitor parking for the Equestrian Center is available in the lower lot and at the Swim and Tennis Club. Parking beyond the Equestrian Center gate is limited to loading and unloading only. Vehicles in violation of this rule are subject to towing at owner's expense.
7. No dogs are allowed at the Equestrian Center unless stipulated in an approved agreement between the Nellie Gail HOA and a contracted professional service provider.
8. Do not feed, touch, or handle any horse other than your own unless prior permission is granted to you by the owner.
9. The Equestrian Center is not responsible for lost or stolen property. You are

responsible for storing and securing your own equipment, and management recommends that any valuable equipment should be taken home at night and not be stored at the Center.

II. Your Responsibilities as a Boarder

1. It is your responsibility to keep your horse under control at all times. Riders must use tack and equipment that allows them reasonable control of their horses. Horses are required to walk in all areas around the Equestrian Center that are outside of the riding arenas, round pens, and euro-walker. Do not ride through any barn aisles, breezeways, or under any overhangs.
2. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.
3. You and your guests must wear appropriate footwear (i.e. closed shoes) at all times on the premises, even if not riding or handling a horse.
4. Any item that could reasonably spook or scare a horse is not allowed in the stable areas or around the arenas. Such items include, but are not limited to, balloons, firecrackers, and other loud noise-making devices.
5. You must provide a properly fitted halter and lead rope on your stall door.
6. Horses are only allowed to be tied in cross ties or at hitching rails. Horses should not be left unattended when not in their own stall.
7. Modifying stalls is not permitted without prior permission by Management, including the installation of equipment such as fans and cameras. If you notice damage to your horse's stall, please inform Equestrian Center management immediately.
8. Please put away tack, manure forks and all other equipment in designated areas when you are finished using them. When you are done grooming, or washing your horse, please remove all manure, hoof pickings and loose hair and dispose of them in designated areas.
9. Any feed stored on the Equestrian Center premises must be stored in a sealed container that is locked or strapped shut to prevent rodents and insects. All containers must have your name clearly written on them for identification purposes.
10. Do not take any hay or bedding without prior permission from the Equestrian Center Manager. Storing hay is not permitted unless prior permission is granted by Management. Additional feed and bedding requests must be sent to the Equestrian Center Manager for approval.
11. If you are the last person to leave the premises in the evening, please turn off the lights as appropriate, e.g. arena, stalls, cross ties, etc.
12. Stallions are not permitted at the Equestrian Center unless by special arrangement and under the control of an approved Professional Service Provider. Persons under the age of eighteen (18) may not handle stallions without the supervision of an approved Professional Service Provider.
13. The Equestrian Center must always be able to contact a boarder in case of emergency. To that end, please make sure your contact information is up to date and accurate at all times. If you are out of town or unavailable by cell phone it is imperative that you leave the name and number of a responsible party with the manager before leaving town.

14. Lunging is only allowed in the Middle Arena and in round pens. A person wishing to lunge a horse in the arena while someone is riding should obtain the consent of the rider before proceeding.
15. Turnouts are only permitted in the Middle Arena, round pens, and sun pens. Turnout time shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes if another horse is waiting to be turned out. Riding in the Middle Arena takes precedence over turnouts, therefore you must remove your horse promptly if a rider is waiting for use of the arena. Do not turn out more than one horse at a time in the same enclosed area, unless special permission has been granted by the Equestrian Center Manager.
16. If horses are waiting, time on the Euro-Walker is limited to twenty (20) minutes.

III. Your Responsibilities as a Rider

1. The arenas located within the Nellie Gail Equestrian Center are intended for use by Nellie Gail Ranch residents and Equestrian Center boarders only, unless prior approval is obtained from the Equestrian Center Manager. Month to month memberships are available from the Equestrian Center Manager for boarders at private homeowner stables.
2. Nellie Gail Management may deny the use of any arena at Management's sole discretion. Entry is prohibited when an arena is closed due to inclement weather or other conditions deemed unsafe by the management. Arenas will be reopened only when footing and base will not be damaged by equestrian activity and when it is deemed safe.
3. All riders must wear proper attire at all times, including closed-toe footwear with a heel. All riders under the age of 18 must wear a properly fitted riding helmet at all times while on horseback. When jumping, all riders, regardless of age, must wear a properly fitted riding helmet and boots.
4. Riders under the age of 18 are not permitted to jump anywhere at the Center unless they are supervised by an approved Nellie Gail trainer. Jumping is permitted in the Middle Arena without the supervision of an approved Nellie Gail trainer only if the rider is 18 years of age or older. Riders jumping without a trainer may only jump horses they own or lease and the jump height must not exceed two feet six inches (2'6"). Riders jumping without a trainer must also yield to students taking lessons or other riders using the arena concurrently.
5. The Upper Arena is for primary (first right of scheduling) use by Hayden Clarke Sport Horses. Others are welcome to use this arena taking into consideration that lessons and training activities have precedence.
6. Please treat other riders with consideration and observe all customary arena traffic rules, including passing left-shoulder to left-shoulder when riding in opposite directions and passing on the inside when riding in the same direction. Maintain a safe distance between your horse and other horses.

If your horse becomes unmanageable you must leave a busy arena, especially if other green horses or novice riders are present. More experienced riders are expected to yield the right of way to novice riders and/or green horses.

7. Riders bringing additional equipment in the arena, other than what may already be set up, such as barrels or poles must remove equipment from the arena and store it in designated areas after use. If there are riders already in the arena, please ask them before setting up equipment.

Any person violating the Nellie Gail Equestrian Center rules or shirking their responsibilities as a boarder or rider may be subject to a \$50.00 fine. Repeated violations will result in further disciplinary action which may include the loss of privileges at the Equestrian Center or eviction.

NELLIE GAIL RANCH EQUESTRIAN CENTER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER POLICY

Recitals

Whereas, in accordance with Article VIII Section 1(a) of the By-Laws “The Board of Directors shall have the power to adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Area and facilities, and the personal conduct of the Members and their guests thereon...”

Resolution

It is hereby resolved by the Board of Directors for the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association (the Association) that all Equestrian Center Professional Service Providers (Professional Service Providers) as defined herein must be granted a Permit by the Association prior to rendering any services at the Nellie Gail Equestrian Center. Permitted Professional Service Providers must meet all requirements for Professional Service Providers as described below.

Permits shall be granted for four types of equestrian professionals: **Trainer, Instructor, Clinician, and Caregiver**. Permits for Trainers and Instructors shall be granted at the reasonable discretion of the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association Board of Directors, and only after the appropriate application has been completed and submitted to the Equestrian Center Manager for review. Permits for Clinicians and Caregivers may be issued directly by the Equestrian Center Manager who shall be responsible for record keeping and scheduling of Equestrian Center facilities as appropriate.

Any prior License granted to a Professional Service Provider shall automatically convert to a Permit upon adoption of this policy.

Unpermitted Professional Service Providers shall not perform services at the Nellie Gail Equestrian Center (Equestrian Center). This does not preclude homeowner members of the Association from hiring anyone they wish to conduct services at the Nellie Gail community arenas and round pens outside of the Equestrian Center.

Definitions

For the purpose of this policy an Equestrian Center Professional Service Provider (Service Provider) is defined as a **Trainer, Instructor, Clinician, or Caregiver** as follows:

Trainers are defined as equestrian professionals who provide equine training and care services which may include: training of horses, instruction to riders, grooming and care services, and other services related to the management of horse and rider. The scope of services is to be

determined between the Service Provider and the horse owner or student as appropriate. In addition to the above, **Trainers** may be granted exclusivity within their professional discipline unless such approval is in conflict with an existing Permit, License or Contract. Only one **Trainer** within a professional discipline will be granted a Permit at any given time unless the original permitted **Trainer** has given written consent to the addition of other **Trainers** within the same professional discipline.

Instructors are equestrian professionals who provide equine training and care services which may include: instruction of riders, riding of horses, and grooming and care services. The scope of services is to be determined between the Service Provider and the horse owner or student as appropriate. **Instructors** shall not employ assistants to conduct lessons or ride client's horses. **Instructors** shall not be granted exclusivity within their professional discipline. The Association reserves the right to approve multiple **Instructors** within a professional discipline unless such approval is in conflict with an existing License, Permit or Contract.

Clinicians are equestrian professionals who may conduct clinics at the Equestrian Center from time to time, but for no longer than five consecutive days.

Caregivers are providers of equine care which may include various care services such as grooming, tacking, bathing, clipping, blanketing, exercising and other activities intended to meet the basic care needs of a given horse or horses. The scope of care is to be determined between the horse owner and the **Caregiver**, however Equine **Caregivers** shall NOT conduct any training of horses or instruction of riders.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL EQUESTRIAN CENTER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

Compliance with Rules and Regulations

A Permit will be granted based on a need for the services offered and will not be given if in conflict with an existing License, Permit, or other Contract. Service Providers and all Service Providers' assistants, employees, and agents shall at all times comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or lawful orders of the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association, its officers, directors, managers, employees and agents, and any other entity having lawful jurisdiction over the facilities or the activities conducted at the Nellie Gail Ranch Equestrian Center.

Safety and Conduct

All Service Providers and their employees, assistants, and agents must abide by all Equestrian Center safety guidelines and follow standard equestrian safety practices at all times. Service Providers must always hold the welfare of the horse as paramount in the performance of their duties and any animal mistreatment will result in immediate termination of Service Provider's Permit. While at the Equestrian Center all Service Providers are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with prevailing standards of civility and professionalism.

Release of Liability

Service Provider, Service Provider's employees, assistants, agents and clients must sign the Nellie Gail Ranch Equestrian Center Release of Liability consent form prior to any activity involving horses conducted on the property. All signed Release of Liability consent forms must be submitted to the Equestrian Center Manager.

Liability Insurance

With the exception of Caregivers, all Service Providers must maintain a policy or policies of comprehensive general liability insurance covering bodily injury, property damage, personal liability, and complete operation coverage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$1,000,000 in the aggregate to cover all activities of Service Provider, Service Provider's employees, assistants or agents while using the facilities or conducting business. This amount may be adjusted as industry standards change. Except for Caregivers, all Service Providers must provide a Certificate of Insurance naming the Association, its officers, directors, employees and agents as an additional insured to said policy or policies. Service Provider must also provide similar proof of insurance at least annually and immediately upon any change, renewal or replacement of such policy or policies, or at any other time upon demand by the Association.

Workers Compensation Insurance

If needed, Service Provider agrees to provide workers' compensation insurance for all Service Provider's employees in accordance with all State of California Workers' Compensation laws. Service Provider agrees to hold harmless, defend, and indemnify the Association against any and all claims made by Service Provider's employees. When applicable, the Service Provider must provide the Association with written proof of workers' compensation insurance and update this proof as needed upon any change, renewal, or replacement, or at any other time upon demand by the Association. If a Service Provider hires employees the Service Provider must notify the Association in writing and provide proof of workers' compensation insurance, when applicable, prior to the beginning of work.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR EQUESTRIAN CENTER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

Trainers and Instructors

In order to receive a Trainer Permit or Instructor Permit at the Equestrian Center an applicant must possess the appropriate credentials in their professional discipline or demonstrate verifiable and comprehensive knowledge in the field of riding instruction and horse training. A completed application must be submitted to the Equestrian Center Manager for review and shall include the following:

- a. Type of Permit being sought (Trainer or Instructor)
- b. Complete resume of applicant
- c. References from past employers, trainers, show managers in the field, and/or other reputable sources
- d. Copies of any certifications, awards or competition results to be considered
- e. Proof of Liability Insurance coverage and Workers Compensation Insurance (if applicable)
- f. Letter of request from a Nellie Gail Homeowner or current Boarder at the Equestrian Center who wishes to use the services of the applicant

After review, the Equestrian Center Manager shall submit the Permit application and supporting documents to the Association Board of Directors for consideration.

Clinicians

Clinicians will be considered for a permit based on the request of a Trainer, Instructor, Boarder,

Nellie Gail Homeowner or Equestrian Center personnel, as well as the availability of the requested arena or other Equestrian Center facilities. Clinicians do not need to be approved by the Association Board of Directors but must apply directly to the Equestrian Center Manager for a Clinician Permit before a clinic may be conducted at the Equestrian Center. All clinicians must submit to the Equestrian Center Manager a signed Release of Liability, proof of Liability Insurance, and proof of any required workers' compensation insurance before the start date of any clinic. A Clinician Permit will not be granted if it is in conflict with an existing contract or Trainer Permit where exclusivity has been granted unless the written consent of the previously permitted Trainer has been received by the Equestrian Center Manager.

Caregivers

Caregivers engaged by boarders at the Equestrian Center must sign the Nellie Gail Ranch Equestrian Center Release of Liability consent form and apply to the Equestrian Center Manager for a Caregiver Permit prior to any services being performed. Horse owner and/or boarder remain responsible for the conduct of any caregiver they choose to engage. Furthermore, all Caregivers working at the Equestrian Center are strongly encouraged to maintain liability insurance and to discuss issues of risk and liability with the horse owner or boarder who engages the Caregiver.

Fees

The Association reserves the right to set, modify, waive or negotiate specific fees for any Service Provider as it deems necessary and appropriate. All fees are due on the first of each month for the month following. Fees not paid by the 15th of each month shall incur a 10% late fee charged on the outstanding balance every month until paid in full. Non-payment of fees may be cause for termination of the Service Provider's Permit.

NELLIE GAIL RANCH PROPERTIES

Lessons and boarding taking place on a Member's property fall under their insurance and must comply with City and County regulations.

When a horse enters an equestrian crossing on a City street (all Nellie Gail Ranch streets are City streets), please stop your vehicle as you would at a pedestrian crossing. Allow equestrians to complete their crossing before starting up. Do not greet riders by honking horn!

Stallions should be kept in enclosures that are designed and constructed for said purpose. The standard Nellie Gail Ranch trail fencing comprised of 48 inch, 3-rail board fencing IS NOT ADEQUATE TO CONTAIN A STALLION and is not intended for that purpose.



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Membership in the club incorporates enrollment in the Food & Beverage Club. A monthly fee will be allocated to your account and applied as a credit at The Watering Hole. The credit must be used by the end of the month, as it does not carry over.

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Pickleball Courts	9am - 8pm	9am - 7pm

NOTE: Recreation amenities close at dusk on weekends.

Nellie Gail Ranch Membership	HOMEOWNER Monthly Fees	NON-OWNER Monthly Fees	Food & Beverage Monthly Club Fee
Family Tennis	\$127	\$158	+ \$45
Single Tennis	\$107	\$130	+ \$25
Junior Tennis	\$58	\$65	n/a
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Single - Tennis & Swim	n/a	\$166	+ \$25
Swim Member Guest Fee*	n/a	\$5	n/a
Tennis Member Guest Fee*	\$15	\$15	n/a
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By Chantal Wulf

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- Did you know there are doorbells and motion sensors that play the sound of a barking dog when someone approaches your door? A barking dog, even when simulated, is one of the strongest deterrents and often causes someone to walk away immediately. Available at Amazon & other retail stores.
- Did you know there are fake TV devices that create the realistic glow of a television. This gives the strong impression that someone is home, especially when paired with lights and a radio that turns on at varying times rather than a fixed schedule. Available at Amazon & other retail stores.
- Sound matters as much as sight. Radios or TVs turning on in the evening create unpredictability, which is exactly what criminals try to avoid. Timers on TV & lights can be used to create this effect.
- Visibility is critical. Trim landscaping so doors and windows are clearly visible from the street or neighboring homes. Criminals prefer privacy and cover, not exposure.
- Small upgrades make a big difference. Reinforced door hardware, longer screws in door hinges, and window locks can slow forced entry long enough to discourage an attempt entirely.
- Doorbell and exterior cameras work best when they are obvious. Clearly visible cameras and signage act as deterrents, not just recording devices. Fake cameras can be very realistic looking & can supplement your real cameras. Available at Amazon & other retail stores.
- Neighbors are one of the most effective safety tools. When neighbors pick up packages, move trash bins, or occasionally park in a driveway, the home appears occupied even when it is not.
- Be mindful of what you share online. Posting travel plans or extended absences in real time can unintentionally advertise an empty home. Sharing after you return is a safer practice.
- Even though occasionally recommended by law enforcement, living your porch lights on when you are away can be a signal to burglars that see the lights on during the day.
- The takeaway is simple. Homes that look lived in, unpredictable, and cared for are rarely chosen. Consistency, not complexity, is what keeps homes safer.





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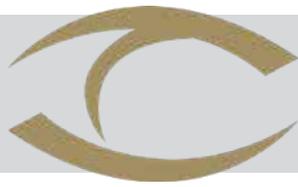
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- by Karen L. Robbins

"A dear friend of mine recently passed whose son served in the Marines. I saw the Team Darkhorse flyer in Pony Express and I wanted to make a donation in honor of my friend and her son," Diane Anderson explained.

I had called Diane to thank her, and her husband Jim, for their generous donation and to invite them to come with us when we delivered the baskets to Camp Pendleton. "You will see firsthand how much the Marines appreciate this community support," I explained.

Nellie Gail resident Diane Anderson's generosity helped the "Baby Brigade" ladies of Team Darkhorse fill 37 baby backpacks to the brim with everything a new mom and baby might need.

Our "Baby Brigade" leader—Team Darkhorse Board member Laura Dickson—turns her living room over for a week, twice a year, to become an assembly line of sorts. First, Laura determines what donations we have and what needs to be ordered. Once all orders and donations have arrived at her house, a team of "Baby Brigade" volunteers spend two or three

days opening and sorting all diapers, baby clothes, blankets, and supplies. On the final day, everything is packed into individual baby backpacks, then wrapped in cellophane and ribbon, to be delivered to HQ of 3/5 at Camp Pendleton.

Not only did Diane and Jim make a donation, they came by on the day the baskets were being assembled and were amazed at the work being done at Laura Dickson's. Both of them pitched in to load the baskets into theirs and others' cars to deliver them to our garage, where they safely await the return of the 3/5 Command Team from sea.

The Marines are currently deep into pre-deployment training aboard naval ships in preparation for their MEU (Marine Expeditionary Unit) deployment in early April. Once they return from that training, we will be able to deliver the baskets, which are always gratefully received by the Marines—many of whom are expecting, or have recently had, babies.

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Nellie Gail Garden Group

By Tina Corso

March is an exciting month for gardeners and all lovers of plants! Even if you don't garden, you will hear the birds singing and watch the hawks soaring overhead. The sound of bees buzzing around tells us all that spring is here. But it's only February first as I write this article. We could still have colder weather ahead, which could send everyone back into hiding again. Blossoms may drop as well. We wait a bit longer to fertilize most of our dormant trees. I have begun to water the avocados deeply again, since our rains have not returned. A taste of warm weather gets us excited for an early spring.

This is a delicate time of the season. We are hoping for an early spring—or at least a more normal one. The last four years have been much colder, and our trees have stayed dormant far longer, causing fruit to mature later into winter. This has affected the Asian pears, cherimoyas, guavas, and bananas. The avocados now ripen into winter, when they once ripened in late fall. Climate change has caused this. It is part of our reality, clearly shown in the garden, and why it is so important to have a large, diverse array of plants.

Not just fruit trees, but flowers are essential for our bees. It's not only the fruit trees that need pollination—the bees need food. Bumblebees, butterflies, and hummingbirds all require specific flowers to survive. Each has its own preferences. I see hummingbirds in the hibiscus, honey bees in the rosemary, and bumblebees searching for their favorite blooms. Yellow flowers are especially important to them. California poppies, ice plants, rosemary, lavender, milkweed, roses, and the flowers of succulents are all essential for pollination.

I am including a lovely poem from one of our members. Happy gardening.

Tina Corso • tlc8386@gmail.com



Nellie Gail Garden Group Garden Sisters

By: Diane Marcus

*In a quiet corner of the neighborhood
We gather hands gently our hearts understood
Neighbors turned to sisters by earth and seed
Tending together both giving and in need*

*We speak of the air, the rain and the bees
Of the poisons that drifts through summer breeze
We study the harm and nurture the cure
In every green leaf, our hopes endure*

*From humble cuttings we pass and share
New roots awaken with love & care
A bush of basil and a rose in bloom
Carry our laughter from room to room*

*Each meeting creates culinary treats
Homemade treasures a table replete
We savor our dishes, our stories and dreams
As sunset dances and gardens gleam.*

*We wander through nurseries side by side
Observing the flowers who lived & who died
On to the next season with gusto & pride
Bushels of flowers and trees by our side*

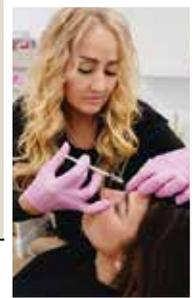
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