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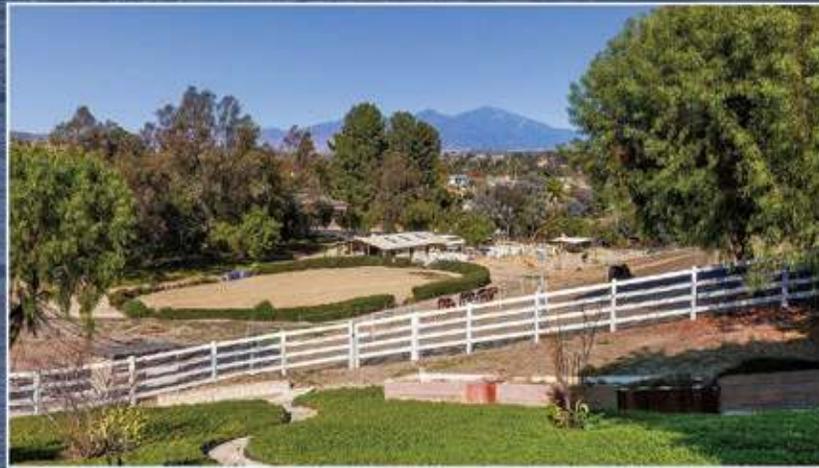


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To take all reasonable and necessary steps to preserve and improve the unique value of living in Nellie Gail Ranch and to enhance the overall sense of community.

Board of Directors Meetings

The February Board Meeting and Homeowner Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18th with the meeting being held in the Association Clubhouse. All agenda and support items must be submitted in writing to the Association Office at least two weeks in advance of the meeting to allow Board Members ample time to review all materials. 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 7:00 pm at the Association Office. 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

Landscape Committee

Security Committee

Trails & Safety Committee

Events Committee

Manager's Message

By Brian Mitchell



Nellie Gail Ranch Members,

One of the great benefits of working at the Nellie Gail Ranch Recreation Center is our proximity to so many hard-working people of all ages. It really is motivating to see so many of our homeowners and

club members participating in their sports of choice.

A typical clubhouse day starts at 6:00 a.m.

with our long time employee Steve Valles opening the gate and welcoming our first wave of swimmers. On our cold winter mornings, you can stand in the parking lot and see the steam from the pool rising up over the Clubhouse building. Our early a.m. swimmers are a cheerful bunch who know each other well after years of arriving together, and they always share the pool for the first laps of the day.

As it gets light out, a few swimmers leave to start their workday, and others arrive from Swim Velocity for group training, some with goals to stay in shape and others training to compete in triathlons. About this time,



our tennis players arrive for some early morning lessons and social play. Pickleball players arrive around 9:00 a.m., and by 10 a.m., our ladies' tennis teams begin competing in league play. By 11:00 a.m., the pool is typically empty, and the tennis and pickleball courts are full.

A quick look down the hill toward the Equestrian Arenas shows lots of activity in the arenas with Mickey Hayden and Lane Clarke actively training horses and their riders for upcoming equestrian competitions. But it's not all training, many of our equestrians are just coming out to care for their horses or take morning and afternoon trail rides.

As the afternoon gives way to evening, the Gators Swim Team arrive at the pool in force for their early evening training at 3:30 p.m., and Junior tennis players fill the tennis

courts, followed by Swim Velocity at 7:00 p.m. By 8:15 p.m., the pool is again nearly empty, the tennis courts are now full of adult evening players, and things gradually wind down again until lights out at 10:00 p.m. The pool is covered, and the parking lot is empty, awaiting the start of the next busy day.

What impresses me is that the seasons and weather may change, but by and large, the people and the schedule are pretty consistent. Just a lot of really nice good people working out and enjoying a sense of camaraderie and shared interests at the Nellie Gail Ranch Recreation Center. It is indeed motivating.

All the best.

Brian Mitchell

General Manager

Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association



Board of Directors Meeting

NELLIE GAIL RANCH OWNERS ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Open Session meeting of the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Mark Fisk
Paul Holland
Alex Presley
Joyce Taylor

DIRECTOR ABSENT

John Park

MANAGEMENT

Brian Mitchell, General Manager
Dennis Moss, Operations Manager, Parks & Recreation Facilities

II. HOMEOWNER FORUM

A. OPEN HOMEOWNER FORUM

Fifteen (15) homeowners signed in for the forum and five (5) addressed the Board regarding the agenda item related to pickleball.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

A. REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING

An Executive Session meeting was held on October 15, 2019.

Actions taken included:

- Approval of the September 24, 2019 Executive Session Minutes.
- Reviewed status of legal and violation enforcement matters.
- Approval for enforcement of unauthorized commercial use of Association arenas.
- Review enforcement of unapproved fence.
- Approve enforcement of unapproved lights within a trail easement.
- Approval of the employee benefits package.

- Approval of contract with Boulder Earthwork to repair trail fence.
- Approval of contract with Shine Illumination to provide holiday lighting services.
- Approval of contract with Boulder Earthwork to pour concrete walkway at Recreation Center.
- Review of tennis club member concerns regarding ongoing clubhouse construction.
- Received and filed the Collection and Delinquency Reports
- Received and filed Violation Report.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Taylor

Second: Fisk

Resolution: To approve Consent Calendar resolutions for agenda items IV-A and IV-B.

The motion carried unanimously.

A. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Resolution: To approve the Open Session Minutes dated October 15, 2019 as presented.

B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To approve the financial statements for the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association dated September 30, 2019, reflecting the following:

The Consolidated Balance Sheet reflects \$3,501,887 in reserve funds, \$1,344,628 in operating funds, \$5,400 in Petty Cash, and \$455,647 in Stall, Trail and Architectural Deposits for a total cash balance of \$5,307,562.

Year to date Assessment Revenue totals \$2,106,107 compared to the budgeted \$2,239,944.

Year to date Total Consolidated Revenue is \$3,718,869 to the budgeted \$3,767,055.

The Consolidated Net Decrease for the month prior to adjustments for depreciation is (\$112,817) compared to the budgeted decrease of (\$152,145). Consolidated Net decrease year to date prior to adjustments for depreciation is

(\$124,992) compared to the budgeted decrease of (\$66). Year to date reserve funding is \$517,733 compared to a budget of \$438,616. The variance is reserve interest income.

End of Consent Calendar

V. REPORTS

The following reports were received and filed by the Board: Architectural Review, Communications, EPC, Equestrian Center, Events, Landscape, Landscape Committee, Solar, Swim Center, Tennis Center and Trails/ Common Area.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO CONVERT TWO TENNIS COURTS INTO EIGHT PICKLEBALL COURTS

Motion: Blough
Second: None

Court Conversion Resolution: To approve moving forward with conversion of Tennis Courts 1 and 2 to eight (8) pickleball courts and purchase of five (5) additional nets.

There was no second to the motion in order to incorporate the hours of play and fee schedule into the discussion prior to approving a resolution related to conversion.

Motion: Fisk
Second: Taylor

Court Conversion Resolution: To approve moving forward with conversion of Tennis Courts 1 and 2 to eight (8) pickleball courts including court resurfacing, dedicated play line conversions, purchase of five (5) additional nets and approval of the recommended fee schedule for membership.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Blough
Second: Taylor

Membership Fee Resolution: To approve the following homeowner and non-homeowner Pickleball Membership fees:

	Non-Resident	Resident
Individual	\$40	\$30
Couple	\$55	\$45
Family	\$75	\$60

The 1st year initiation fee will be waived.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Presley
Second: Blough

Hours of Play Resolution: To approve Pickleball hours of play Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday 9:00 a.m. - dusk.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT NELLIE GAIL RANCH OWNERS ASSOCIATION DONOR GUIDELINES

Motion: Fisk
Second: Taylor

Resolution: To approve the Memorial Donor Guidelines with the following additional items:

- Add trees to the suggested items for donation
- Add guidelines that flowers and such shall not be placed on memorials and will be removed.
- Add on first line alive or deceased and celebrating momentous life moments or accomplishments.

The motion carried unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF MEMORIAL PICNIC TABLE AT GALLUP PARK

Motion: Taylor
Second: Blough

Resolution: To accept donation of a concrete picnic table from friends and neighbors in memorial to long time Nellie Gail Ranch homeowner Ron Larson. The picnic table is to be installed at Gallup Park.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO ADOPT REVISED ELECTION RULES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020 AND SUBMIT THE NEW ELECTION RULES TO THE MEMBERSHIP FOR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF FURTHER REVISION PRIOR TO THE JUNE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

Motion: Blough
Second: Taylor

Resolution: To adopt revised Election Rules consistent with new Senate Bills 323 and 754

effective January 1, 2020 and to concurrently approve submitting the new election rules to the Membership for review and comment. The newly adopted rules will be published in the Pony Express and considered at the January 21, 2020 Board Meeting for possible further revision subject to membership comments for implementing prior to the June 2020 election.

The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

None

IX. NEXT MEETING

The next Open Session Board of Directors meeting is January 21, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.



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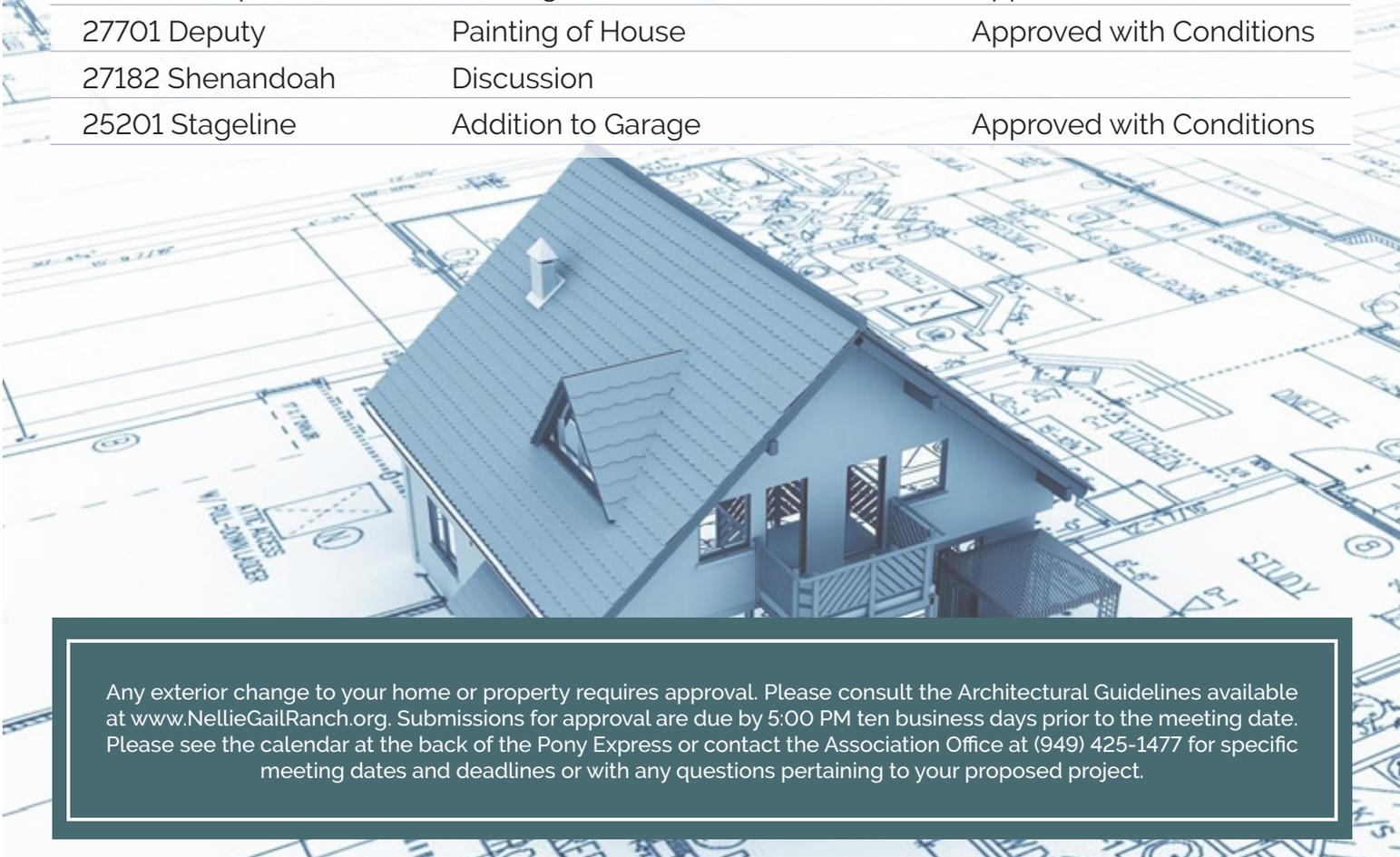
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Architectural Reviews

The following properties submitted plans to be reviewed by the Architectural Review Committee on January 14, 2020.

The Next Deadline for ARC Submittal is February 25, 2020.

ADDRESS	PROJECT	RESULTS
24842 Red Lodge	Landscape/Hardscape	Denied
27566 Deputy	Rain Gutters	Approved
26541 Wildview	Solar	Approved with Conditions
27211 Lost Colt	Painting/Pavers/Wall Extension	Approved with Conditions
26271 Mt. Diablo	Solar	Denied
27692 Deputy	Landscape/Painting/Garage	Approved with Conditions
26262 Glen Canyon	Gazebo	Approved
25201 Derbyhill	Landscape/Hardscape/Pool	Approved with Conditions
25201 Derbyhill	Addition to House	Denied
27205 Stagewood	Hardscape/Structures/Artificial Turf/Fencing	Approved with Conditions
25391 Gallup	Painting/Windows/Roof	Approved with Conditions
27701 Deputy	Painting of House	Approved with Conditions
27182 Shenandoah	Discussion	
25201 Stageline	Addition to Garage	Approved with Conditions



Any exterior change to your home or property requires approval. Please consult the Architectural Guidelines available at www.NellieGailRanch.org. Submissions for approval are due by 5:00 PM ten business days prior to the meeting date. Please see the calendar at the back of the Pony Express or contact the Association Office at (949) 425-1477 for specific meeting dates and deadlines or with any questions pertaining to your proposed project.

Equestrian Center News

Lady and Rose ... A Love Story

The story begins with Lady Lambada; a stunningly beautiful Bay colored registered Rheinlander who was born in Germany on May 20, 1990.

Mickey Hayden arranged for Laura Beale to purchase Lady Lambada in January of 2000. Lady began boarding at Nellie Gail Ranch and was trained in the Mickey Hayden training program. Laura was excited to show Lady in many local shows here, including Ride America and Hummingbird Horse Shows. Lady was Laura's first jumper, and she loved her deeply. Laura was 12 years old at the time, and Lady was eight years old.

Lady arrived at Nellie Gail Ranch on January 6, 2000, and it was the first time Rose Schwary ever saw Lady, and it was love at first sight! She saw her get off the trailer that day and said: "Oh my gosh, that is the most beautiful horse I've

ever seen." Rose would walk by and grab Lady's cheeks and kiss her every day. She watched over that horse like she was her own horse from the first day she arrived at Nellie Gail Ranch.

Rose told Mickey, "... that if that horse ever comes up for sale, I'm going to buy her." Rose knew from the moment Lady stepped off that trailer that she would be hers someday. Rose just knew her and Lady were meant to be together.

In 2002, Laura was going to have to sell Lady. Mickey knew the perfect match to arrange was for Rose to buy Lady. Mickey knew that Rose was going to be beyond thrilled and wanted her to see Lady at the show. Laura has always said, "Lady was always Rose's horse from the beginning, the day those two met. I was so thrilled when Rose bought Lady; I just knew she would have the best horse life!" Rose expressed her loving and special gratitude for Laura making it so she could buy Lady.

Mickey had just met Lane Clarke and his dad at the Ride America Horse show in Carlsbad, California, and was very impressed with this tall 15-year-old lad. He wanted Rose to see Lady in action, so he asked Lane to ride Lady. The very first horse Lane rode in front of Mickey, and it was the beautiful Lady Lambada!! And now 17 years later, they are the Hayden Clarke Sport Show Horse organization.

On August 10, 2002, Lady became a vital part of Rose Schwary's family and life. Rose purchased Lady from Laura. The first time Rose rode Lady, she was surprised how large and smooth Lady was to ride. There are so many fond memories of being trained by Mickey, Lane, and April.

Rose remembers Lane pushing her to always jump a little higher each time. Lane rode Lady at shows, and she was loving to jump all the way up to 1.10 meters !!

Rose laughs and tells stories of how Lane



would always trick her by slowly raising the height of the jumps during their lessons. She recalls Lane standing upright on Lady's back one day, and Lady just kept going!! Lane loved Lady's amazing bounce, ability to do beautiful lead changes, and being the first horse he was on that jumped around at a show without reins!!

Rose also rode and trained with April Branson, and they had many years of laughter and being together. April shared that Rose and Lady were a perfect pair. The relationship they had both inside and outside the ring was so very special — something I have rarely seen between a horse and a rider. Lady would do anything for Rose and vice versa. They were made for each other, and we all could see that from day one — a true love story.

Rose loved keeping Lady at home in Nellie Gail Ranch and training at the barn. They soon became best friends with Linda Meek and her beautiful horse Maebel. The four of them enjoyed riding through the lush trails of Nellie Gail. Rose shares that these were the best times for her and Lady; being outdoors with their best friends and creating all their amazing memories of being together.

She couldn't wait to get to the barn each and every day to tend to Lady. She loved to groom her, clean her stall, and just give her hugs and kisses. They had their daily routines of walking all around the barn. Rose raised the bar on how to nurture and take care of one's horse. Each and every night, you would see Lady's head pop out of her stall when she heard Rose coming to see her. Rose would say, "every day, little hearts come jumping out of my eyes when I saw her!!" Every day I said a little prayer and told her how much I loved her. I would grab her cheeks and kiss her all over her face. She never let me leave until I held her head in my arms 3 or 4 times!! She was the most precious and wonderful gift of my life. My Lady, my love.

Rose shared how her husband, Richard, always supported her love and passion for Lady. After all, she too was family. Lady loved to look out at all the activity in the upper arena; she loved to watch all the horses jump and to hear the laughter from the children running around up at



the pool and volleyball court!!

Lady loved spending her time cruising around the barn with her beloved Miguel Aguilar. Miguel tended to Lady for over ten years. The bond these two had could be seen from far away. Lady loved and trusted Miguel, and the feeling was mutual. You would see the two of them out walking, and Lady always looked like she had a big smile on her face. She just loved her Miguel. All caretakers took such wonderful care of Lady; she just had this magic about her: confident, loving, and so observant of her lovely surroundings.

The annual Horse-O-Ween at Nellie Gail Ranch was always a favorite for Lady and Rose. They competed for many years, and she wanted to share two of her favorite Horse-O-Ween events at Nellie Gail Ranch for this article.

One year Lady was an Italian dining room table that she carried on her back, while Mickey and Rose were the old Italian couple walking by her side. Rose hand-stitched the dried pasta and meatballs to the tablecloth, and Lady proudly displayed her fancy costume to the crowd of people watching!!

Then there was the year Lady was a key part as Queen of Hearts, while Rose was the Mad Hatter when a group of barn friends was all dressed up as characters from Alice in Wonderland. Rose loved these times with her good friends and celebrating the season.

Lady so loved her neighbor Kody. Kody's stall was on the other side of Lady's, and they were the best of friends. Kody would stand by the wall that separated them and wait for Lady to come home from her walks. He would peep through a small space in the wall and whinny upon her return. He loved her dearly.

They say that once a horse touches your soul, they are a part of your soul forever. This could not be more evident than the 17-year love story of "Lady and Rose."

Lady passed away peacefully on December 20, 2019, and she lives on forever through Rose.

Lady's Nellie Gail Ranch family of friends and horses have arranged to plant a tree on the Nellie Gail Ranch Equestrian Ranch in loving memory of the beautiful bay Lady; loved by all, especially her Rose.

This poem is from Kody to his special Lady:

To my love, Lambada..

They say there is a reason,

They say that time will heal.

But neither time nor reason,

will change the way I feel.

For no-one knows the heartache,

that lies behind my heart.

No one knows how many times

I have broken down and cried.

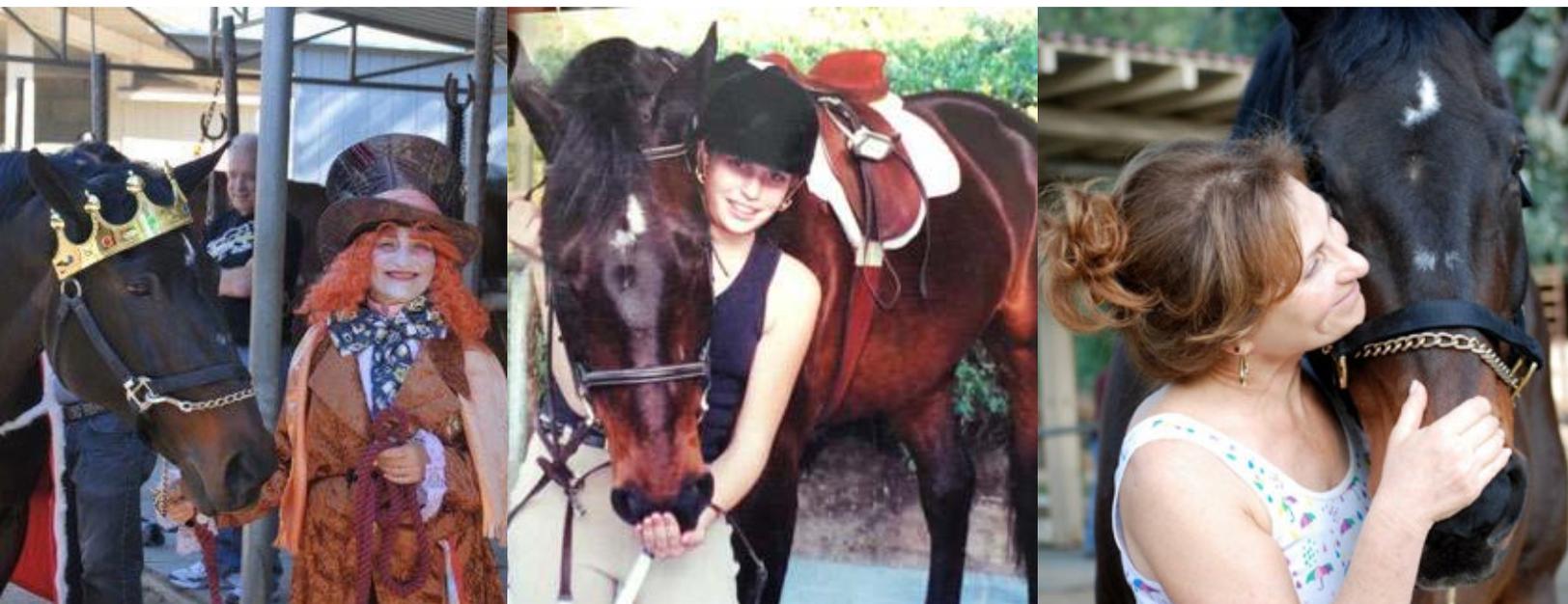
I want to tell you something

so there won't be any doubt,

You are so wonderful to think of,

but so hard to be without.

Love Kody





ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2020

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Tennis Center News

What is Pickleball?

from pickleballcentral.com

Pickleball is a paddle sport played with a whiffle ball on a badminton-sized court and a tennis-style net. A non-volley zone (or kitchen) prevents volleys close to the net, and the serving team cannot volley the return of serve. These unique rules favor players with less mobility and allow senior players to compete successfully with younger competitors.

Pickleball is enjoyed by people of all ages and athletic abilities thanks to its ease of play and straightforward rules. The sport is inexpensive, social and healthy, and has been widely accepted in school gyms, fire stations, community centers, local parks, athletic clubs and thousands of backyard sports courts. In some ways it's a combination of tennis and badminton, and along with sports such as table tennis and racquetball, pickleball has exploded in popularity. Thousands of pickleball courts have been built in recent years.

These areas have benefited from increased comradery amid peers since both doubles and singles can be played. Doubles involve longer rallies, lower physical demands and more opportunities for

court banter. Though easy to learn, pickleball provides endless opportunity for individual improvement and learning subtle techniques. Many players who initially dismiss the sport as simplistic now find it addicting. Like golf, many fans play several hours a day either indoors or outdoors.

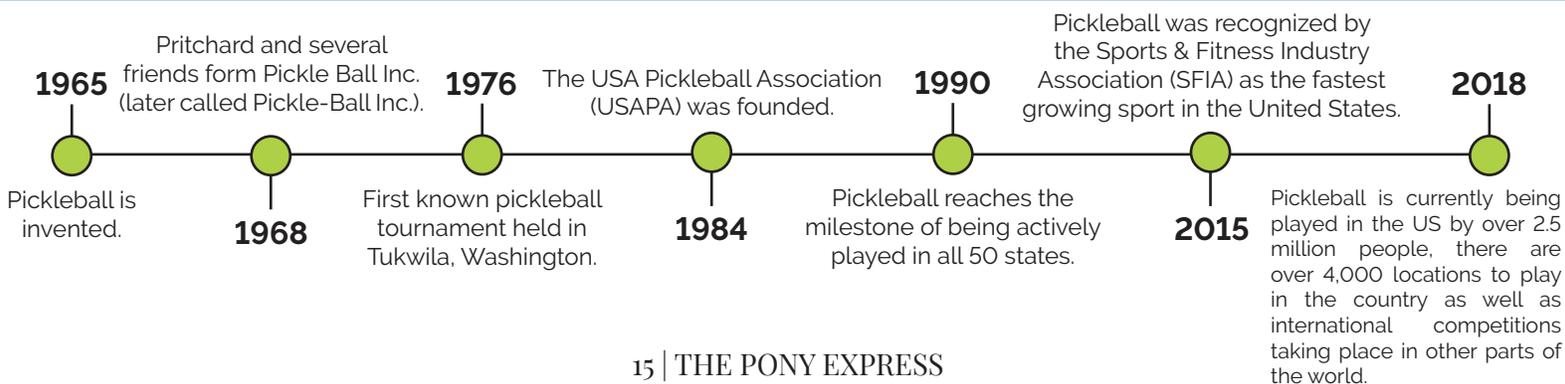
Pickleball's requirements are fairly minimal when it comes to equipment. Paddle faces are made of wood, composites or graphite. Overall, paddles are roughly 8" wide and 15" long with hard, smooth surfaces. Balls are made of hard plastic with holes and are similar in size to baseballs. Nets are 34" high in the center. Courts are 20 feet wide and 40' long. Four pickleball courts can fit in the same area used for a single tennis court.

Pickleball is an inclusive, accessible, non-elitist sport that transcends social and economic barriers. Playing styles vary widely, even at the highest levels. Many top players have no past racquet or paddle sport experience and have limited athletic abilities. Pickleball is easy to begin but difficult to master. Grab a paddle and give it a try!

The History of Pickleball

Pickleball was created during the summer of 1965 on Bainbridge Island - a short ferry ride from Seattle, WA. The original purpose of the game was to provide a sport for the entire family, according to co-inventors U.S. Congressman Joel Pritchard, William Bell, and Barney McCallum.

Legend has it that Pickles was the family dog that would chase after the errant balls and then hide in the bushes, thus Pickle's ball which was later shortened to the namesake of Pickleball. Initially, families played Pickleball in their backyards on a hard surface, on driveways, and on residential dead-end streets. Since the mid-1970's, Pickleball has grown and expanded from a family activity game to a paddle court sport with formalized rules. Now, over 20 years later, Pickleball is played in thousands of school P.E. programs, parks and recreation centers, correctional facilities, camps, YMCAs and retirement communities. This sport is becoming very popular among active senior adults at community centers and is growing in popularity on high school and college campuses.





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TENNIS CLUB

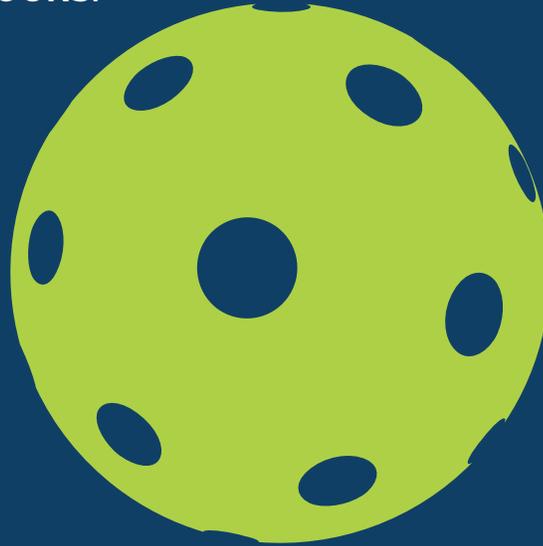
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9:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

9:00 AM TO DUSK



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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

NELLIE GAIL RANCH OWNERS:

FAMILY PICKLEBALL	\$60
COUPLES	\$45
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MEMBER GUEST FEE	\$5 PER DAY

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MEMBER GUEST FEE	\$5 PER DAY

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Median Price Per Square Foot

129

Average Days on Market

2020 FORECAST

Expect a more active seller's market during the spring of 2020 with slowly rising values and homeowners taking advantage of historically low inventory. For the second half of the year, the market will evolve into a slight seller's market, where sellers still get the edge, but home values do not change as much. Pricing will still be very important all year long as buyers do not want to overpay. They will stretch slightly during the spring, but sellers who overprice may miss out on a favorable opportunity.

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Swim Center News

Notes from a Father

I am an advocate for dyslexic children as my daughter Francesca is dyslexic, by diagnosis, along with having inattentive ADHD. It is not an easy road for these kids who are often made to learn through traditional teaching methods. Francesca was reading at three words per minute and having a hard time following the teacher when she was in 1st grade. We were told that through her Individualized Education Program (IEP), she would be pulled out of class so that a sub could use the same teaching program that they were using in the classroom, but that she would go at a slower speed. I liken it to someone speaking to me in mandarin and then speaking slower so that I could understand. To say that this was frustrating was an understatement.

While traditional teaching methods may work for most, there is a growing number of kids with needs that require us to completely change the way that we approach education in this country. These kids require us to modify the way that teachers teach so that education can be a great fit for all. More and more kids are falling into "the box," which means that they are either special

needs or that they have learning disorders. While we treat these kids as the exception, it is my opinion that we need to treat them as part of the rule because as more time passes, more children will be part of a system that simply doesn't work for them.

I am blessed that my wife can stay at home and work with Francesca to make sure that she is always ok. We have incorporated the Susan Barton Bright Solutions program into her academic regimen, and she has excelled. Her confidence has gone up, and she has learned to embrace and educate others on her cause. She is mature beyond her years, confident, and knows that she can do anything that she sets her mind to, even reading. Not everyone has the luxury of staying home for their children, and this article is for those parents that cannot do so. I feel for you, and if we can change the system in any way, we will.

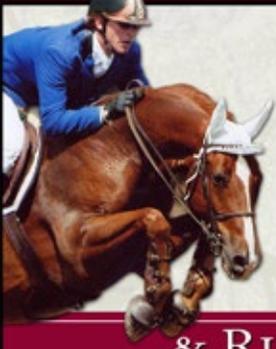
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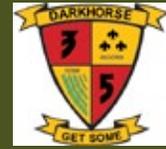
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Team Darkhorse

By: Karen Robbins



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Toy Collection boxes placed around our city were filled by anonymous folks who dropped off puzzles, books, dolls, games, more than we can count for children of all ages. A special thanks to Florence Sylvester Senior Center, Bernie Wolfe, and his customers at Big Bad Wolfe Ironworks, Nellie Gail Ranch Home Owners Association, and Heidelberg Pastry Shop. Thank you to Laguna Hills Community Center and Staff, attendees at Breakfast with Santa who brought gifts for the Marines, and The Car Club, who held their own collection and then dropped it off at the Community Center. GOOD JOB! Thank you to OC Wood Workers Association for their wonderful hand made toys. We also give a huge shout out to Theresa Whittaker and Sgt. Joshua Patterson at Toys For Tots for their tremendous support. Doug Turner and Newport Beach Pack and Crate for lending his truck and as important his driving skills. Doug Tennant's Boy Scouts and Laguna Hills High School students Juliano Cavaricci, Noah Hauptman, and Ethan Sanquist, who unloaded toys off the trucks at the event. Laguna Hills Students Sofia, Anna, Christina Sprague, and their friend Sasha Bruce agreed to dress up as Elves.

The event itself, with more than 2,000

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Ranch Recipe



Raspberry And White Chocolate Shortbread Cookies

Ingredients

1 cup butter, softened
1/2 cup Confectioner's sugar (icing sugar)
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 cups all-purpose flour
1/3 cup white chocolate (optional but recommended)
1/3 cup raspberry jam

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 F
2. Line your baking tray with parchment paper.
3. Using a hand mixer, cream the butter and icing sugar together for a couple of minutes.
4. Add the vanilla and salt and continue to mix until fully incorporated.
5. Add the flour gradually until your mixture has formed a dough.
6. Sprinkle some flour onto your surface and roll out the dough until it is about 1/8 inch thick.
7. Cut out your cookie shapes with a cookie cutter. On half the cookies, cut out a smaller heart shape in the center.
8. Place cookies on baking tray and place tray in the refrigerator to chill while the oven is preheating.
9. Bake the cookies 8 minutes or until edges are slightly browned.
10. On the cut out cookies, sprinkle a layer of icing sugar on top.
11. Once the cookies are cooled, melt the white chocolate. Then spread a layer of melted white chocolate on the full cookies (ones that are not cut out). Let the chocolate set slightly for 5-10 minutes.
12. Spread a layer of raspberry jam on top of the chocolate.
13. Place the cut out cookies on top. Be careful not to smudge the icing sugar.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10	11 ARC Meeting 7:00 PM Association Office	12	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15
16	17	18 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM Association Clubhouse	19	20	21	22
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