



# SERRANO CREEK RANCH EQUESTRIAN CENTER

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## SCR Lighting Rehabilitation Project

For those of you who come to the stable in the evening hours, no doubt you've noticed a significant change in the front arena lighting. This past month we replaced the last eight of the old yellow lights, high-pressure sodium fixtures with new LED lighting. These new lights produce more lighting with far less power, while at the same time providing more visually pleasing whiter light.



In the old days, Southern California Edison admonished customers to give their appliances "the afternoon off" during heat spells. For SCR, this was great, as the afternoon was a period of our lowest usage, since the bulk of our electrical bill comes from the evening lighting of the arenas and grounds.

With a large amount of solar coming online, now the critical period is in the evening. Unfortunately, this is the same time our arena lights come on. During this period, we may see rates triple as compared to non-peak times. By changing just these eight lights, we reduced our consumption by more than 180 kWh in a single month! This multi-year effort of upgrading the entire stable's lighting to LED has gone far to offset the annual energy increases we've been seeing, while at the same time providing a much-improved nighttime experience.

## Where's SCR's Waldo, Matt?

"It has been a long time since the topic of the CoastKeeper suit has been discussed. Please rest assured that SCR has expended significant effort and capital to arrive at a scientifically and legally fair resolution. I hope to share much more soon. Given that it has been quite an extensive effort, I will devote a future newsletter to this subject when we are closer to a conclusion." - Matt R.



## AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

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## Barn Safety Bulletin: Car Break- in's



In recent months, there have been multiple break-in's reported both on the property and to cars parked along Serrano Road (the back gate). These types of thefts have not been limited to SCR, we have heard that just about every stable in Orange County has seen this same criminal activity.

We wanted to remind you to please make sure that you lock your vehicle and keep any valuable items either with you or hidden from plain sight.

We've added extra camera's to the property and are asking that if you see suspicious activity, that you please contact the office. Thank you!



## Barn Etiquette Series: Turn outs

We thought it might be a good idea for us to share a refresher on barn etiquette and the SCR rules. All of our rules stem from a need for safety, mixed in with good old-fashioned horsemanship, common courtesy and basic common sense.

### Turning my Horse Out:



We are adding a monthly column to the newsletter to help remind the SCR community about some of the rules that over time might get fuzzy or be forgotten.

Kicking us off is the subject of turnouts. Turned out horses have 15 min per horse or group of horses - it's not a cumulative total. Horses can certainly stay longer in the turnout if no one is waiting. If someone comes along to give a lesson, to ride, or lunge, the horse(s) need to be removed immediately.

Please make sure that you stay near your horse in the turnout. This is not only to make sure that your horse stays safe, but to avoid people needing to track you down if they are looking to use the ring.

Speaking of turned out horses, if you are going to recreationally turn out more than one horse, please make sure you have enough hands or help to remove the horses safely and promptly. That allows others to use the ring in the timely manner.

### Turnouts-at-a-Glance

- No turnouts in front arena unless it's a mini or small pony (under 12 hands)
- Priority use for arenas are Riding > Lunging > Turnout
- Turnouts are limited to 15 minutes per session
- Responsible individual must stay with turned out horse
- Horses must be able to be safely removed all at once if turned out together

### SCR Feed Store

Did you know that the SCR feed store carries a selection of Integrity Feeds and various types of hay pel-

lets? In addition to those items, we also carry fly spray, hair moisturizer, electrolytes, and salt /mineral blocks/bricks. You can either call us or just stop in the office to place your order. You can take it yourself or have it delivered to either your tack shed or stall.

We are running a special on 50lb Orchard hay pellets bags and hair moisturizer, while supplies last.

### Hair Moisturizer Healthy; Hair Care Products

(16 Fl oz) regular price \$16.61

-> SCR sale price only **\$12.46**

(32 Fl oz) Regular price \$25.99

-> SCR sale price only **\$19.50**

### ¼ "Orchard Hay pellets; Star Milling Co

(50lb) Regular price \$23.49

-> SCR sale price only **\$17.62**

## Emergency Contact Information

Help us make it easier for your horse to get proper care in the event of an emergency! We are asking that all borders post an emergency contact sign on your horse's stall(s). It should include your current contact information, alternate contact(s), and preferred veterinarian. To make it easier to complete this request, we have forms in the office that you can fill out and the office staff will create and laminate a sign for you to post.

If you have changed your address or phone number(s), please stop by the office or email us to update your files.



## Cleaning Your Horses Waterers



Nobody likes to drink out of a dirty glass, and neither do the horses! Please make sure that you clean your horse's waterers at least once a week or more if they are dirty. The waterers start to develop a slimy film on them (called Biofilm). If you have extra buckets or tubs used for water, please make sure to clean these too.

We are now offering a monthly waterer cleaning service where the stable employees will maintain your waterers for you. There will be a monthly charge of \$10 for this service. If you are interested, you can sign up by contacting the office.

It's been a bad year for mosquitoes and vector control has been out to visit a few times. During their visits, they are looking at all of the horse waterers. As a mosquito deterrent, the staff will be doing visual inspections of waterers every month. If there are waterers that look like they have been neglected and you are not part of the monthly program, they will be cleaned and the boarder will be charged a \$20 cleaning surcharge.

## Professional Services Directory

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### Leslie Thomson

Western Lessons

& Training

(949) 295-4807

### Silver Stirrup Riding Academy

Beginning English, Western, and Camps

(949) 354-3603

### MKO Performance Horses

Western & Barrel

Training/ Lessons

(949) 351-4706

### Heart & Soul Horse Care

Western Lessons and Horse Care

(949) 246-2466

### Brave Grace

Equine Inspired Growth and Healing

(949) 371-6240

### New Flight Counseling

Equine Assisted EMDR

(949)793-9264

### Simple Horses Sense

Equine Assisted Counseling

(714)468-2512