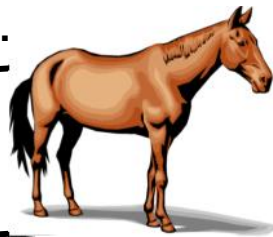


Notes from....



# Serrano Creek Ranch Equestrian Center

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As the final newsletter before the longest election known to any democratic nation, let me offer my congratulations to the winners, and condolences to the losers. (Humm that should be safe). While for half the US the world will end on November 6th, I'm more concerned about December 21st. We all disappear on that date.

As a sign of nearing end times, La Grotte de Boisson will be closing this month (to the unlettered we're talking about the drink refrigerator.) While no doubt the vast majority deposited the requisite money for their favorite whistle-wetter, there was a non-trivial percentage that took but didn't give. It could be folks from outside who were availing themselves of the well-known Serrano generosity, but at times we were losing \$300-400 per month. As a replacement, we'll be looking for a vending company to come in with their 4,000 lb al Qaeda proof machine to stand guard over American values.

*Per the Mayan prophecy, no more than 1 bag per departure .*

## ***We Get Letters . . .***

Editors note: From time to time we receive letters that the editorial board believes would be of particular interest to our readers. Each is faithfully reproduced for your pleasure.

Dear beloved and most revered Serrano Creek Ranch Management,

First, let me begin by writing that nowhere, and in no other time, have I met a more caring and dedicate team. If one was looking for the best of the best, then look no further than 25200 Trabuco Rd. I would carry on but I known you have space limits in your newsletters, and you could abridge this homage.

Lately, I've notice that there are a few stalls at the stable that have very wet horses whose urine drains into the other stalls, or into the walkways. While I thought I enjoyed every aspect of horses, I must say that wading through a flowing river of urine is

not on my bucket list. Is there anything you can do to return Serrano to the paradise I always dreamt of?

Oh by the way, I have always put my money in box for the drinks; so it wasn't me!

Best Regards,  
A Concerned Boarder

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Dear CB,

I understand your perspective and myself have spent many a fitful night's sleep on this issue. To be honest your river image will only add to another morning's scratchy eyes.

Over the years we have tried all manner of solutions. From seepage pits, to french drains, to feed changes. After a rash of complaints in the last few months, we have created a policy (as that is what management does!) Going forward, all urine must be contained within the boundaries of your stall.

Often small changes made to your horse's

diet, its activity level, or resulting boredom can be enough to change the tipping point between the amount of urine produced, and the sun's ability to evaporate it. An alternative would be to place berms of shavings to catch the urine, and remove it daily. If you're stumped for a solution, then visit the office for some suggestions.

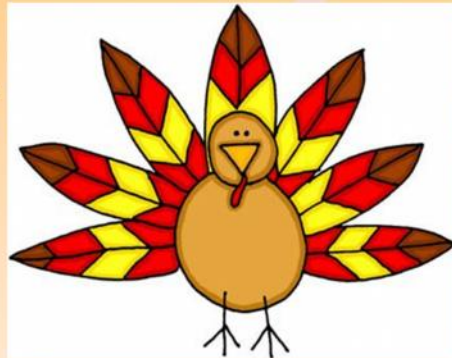
That's all for now— I'm off to do a TED talk.  
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**Serrano Creek Riding Academy**  
invites you to...

# THANKSGIVING POTLUCK & PLAY DAY!

***Saturday,***

***Nov.***  
***17th!***



**1:30– 3:30**  
**Games**

**4:00pm**  
**POTLUCK!**

Come join us for another fun-filled play day!  
Everyone is invited!

**\*We will have games for all levels!!\***

POTLUCK: Please bring something to share— big meals, small bites, desserts, drinks... and create a dish for the *horses*, too! They will be feasting with us!!!

Sign ups for the potluck and games will be available in the office, but signing up is **not** required to participate.

Future Events:

December— Hol-  
iday Party

January—  
MedievalTimes

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