

## **Canyon Lake Equestrian Committee Year End Review (2007-2008)**

This turned out to be another good year for the maintenance and improvement of the Canyon Lake Equestrian facility. The Operations department was once again able to complete projects that were on our wish list. The committee was able to partner with operations and the POA board to continue to improve the facilities while keeping costs down during these challenging financial times. The completion of these projects and planning for the future will be rewarding not only to those frequenting the facility, but to the entire community.

The completed projects include:

- Information plates were installed on all of the horse stalls. These plates house changeable information cards that allow each horse owner to list emergency contact information and feeding instructions. They also list the horse's name so that visitors can call the horses by name.
- Hot water was run from the barn to the horse wash rack. New mats were installed that cover the entire wash rack area to provide better footing.
- During damp weather the lights in the upper stalls would not work. The ballasts were replaced and now we can see in any weather condition.
- In the summer the barn would get very hot and stagnant. The solution was to install four thermostatically controlled fans to move the air when it gets hot.
- This is the first full season for the Fly Predator trial. Fly Predators are an environmentally friendly approach to the fly problem at the stables. "Fly Predators" are released monthly during the fly season. They are small and don't bother people or animals but do feed on fly larvae, attacking the problem before it begins. Since fly populations vary year to year the effect is subjective but most people agree that they are providing some relief. The Operations staff is especially satisfied with the results in their office area.
- The mobile home for the manager, that was replaced last year, is continuing its completion. This year the front patio was completed and landscaping has been improved.

The members of the equestrian community, and I'm sure the entire community, appreciate the efforts of everyone involved in providing these upgrades and maintenance of our community equestrian facilities.

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