

E.C.I. A Dream Becomes Reality



E.C.I. is a state of the art facility which was built in January of 1984 in the elite desert community of Rancho Mirage. Among the many attributes that the facility offers, there is something to please everyone.

This reality came to be from a young boy's dream to own his own horse someday and to be the best that he could be. It was at the age of 12 that Michael first asked his parents for a horse. They made a deal with him – he would have to raise the money to purchase the horse and they would assist him with the upkeep and maintenance. At the time, Michael rode at Kenmore Stables in Mission Valley (the old polo grounds that is now a major golf course). Michael bought a half Quarter Horse, half Arabian named Flash with \$300 he had saved from a paper route. Flash, however, was \$500. Michael's grandfather gave him the balance of the money to purchase Flash.

Alan Balch was Michael's first trainer at Kenmore. He soon had Michael showing Flash in the San Diego horse shows, including the annual I Del Mar Horse Show held at the Fairgrounds. Flash was a very special horse and Michael won many equitation and children's jumper championships with him. Soon after that, Michael started doing the entire California circuit. He has fond memories of his mother in the grand stands cheering him on.

When Michael was 16, George Morris invited a few riders to train with him under a scholarship program. It was there that he was first able to ride among what would later become America's champions such as Conrad Homfeld, Ann Kursinski, Joe Fargis and the like.

This turned into an experience of a lifetime and set in

stone the life Cintas wanted for himself as he progressed through life. From his time spent with /George Morris, he grew to rely on the rigid standards which produce results. George Morris insists that his riders present themselves in a workmanlike manner which shows respect for the trainer, yourself and your horse. As Cintas approached age 18 it came time to decide whether he would turn professional or go on to try out for the Olympics.

Morris called him and asked if he would like to ride in the Olympic Trials at Gladstone. Cintas was excited at the opportunity. Gladstone went well, but Cintas did not have an Olympic caliber horse or a sponsor. He returned to California with a tremendous amount of knowledge.

One day, after arriving back to California, Michael's parents took him by a farm just to have a look. They looked at the main residence, barn and the two large arenas. His parents then told him that the farm was a birthday present for him and his sisters to have fun with when they were not in the city. Michael couldn't believe his eyes, and from that day on he knew that this would be his life's dream come true. Green valley Acres was the first of four horse facilities that he would own.

Once Cintas had married, his father thought it was time that he should learn the tuna fishing business. He went on the maiden voyage of the world's largest tuna seiner, "The Apollo", on December 29, 1970. Michael was on his way down to the wet deck when a cable towline caught his left ankle and he was thrown over-board. As a diver went down to cut the line all Michael could think about was whether he would be able to ride his horses again, unaware that his left leg was only attached to the foot by the main artery and that there was no bone, ligaments or tissue left. Twenty-two hours passed before Michael was able to receive medical attention and gangrene had set into the little tissue that was left. There was a slim chance that his leg could be saved his leg, but when he got back to the United States, he leg. For the next 13 years and 37 operations, Michael struggled through each day with extreme pain yet was able to conduct business, ride, show, teach lessons and train horses.

In 1984, a pre green horse slipped and fell on Michael's bad leg, crushing it on impact. It was then that he decided To have the leg amputated. When he awoke from the surgery the doctors told him to wait a month before riding. Two weeks later he was showing over fences at Bonita Valley Farms in San Diego. Soon after, Cintas received his first prosthesis and has been riding ever since. Cintas had many great riders and trainers to help him with his career. It can be seen through his disciplined training to the compassionate instruction and support.



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BOARDING

FULL BOARD

12x12 Box Stall and 12x24 Paddock, 3 meals daily with supplements, full grooming supplies, blanketing, turnouts, lunging trims and clips..... \$1000.00 a month

12x12 Box Stalls only - 3 meals a day \$750.00 a month

Note: All horses in Full Board receive electrolytes, biotin, and on Sunday Bran Mash

CONSIGNMENT BOARD

\$1500 and 20% rep fee on sell of horse. Consignment board is pro-riding preparation and board, horse only in training to sell. (Mandatory fees are in addition to the consignment board) SALES REP FEE of 15% for horses sold not on consignment

MANDATORY MONTHLY FEES

\$55.00 - Joint Flex Muscle Mass Supplements

\$75.00 - Quarterly for routine Vaccinations and deworming.

\$50.00 - Grooming Supplies by ECI

Note: Full Board/Care Contract must be signed when you move into ECI facilities. A 30 Day notice in writing is required if you can no longer stay at ECI. It is part of your board agreement, which must be on file at ECI. Board contracts must be signed and a mandatory 30 day notice be given if you are relocating!

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE BY:

MASTERCARD, VISA, CASH, OR CHECK

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR MOVING TO ECI

1. Health Certificate dated within 90 days
2. Shot and Worming History
3. Coggins Certificate if out of state.
4. All necessary equipment to maintain your horse.
5. Must be full or partial training or lesson program.
6. All shots & West Nile & Booster

TRAINING

FULL TRAINING

\$1000.00 per month

Includes up to 5 lessons per week and/or one Pro ride per week, trims, clips, lunging, turnouts, laundry and full care 7 days a week.

(Applies to everyone that is currently on this program, subject to change)

PARTIAL TRAINING

\$750.00 per month

Includes 3 lessons and/or 1 Pro ride per week, trim, clips, lunging, turnouts, laundry, and full care 7 days a week

Note: if you allow us to use your horse in our lesson program (3-5 times per week) you will be credited \$250 towards your monthly board contract. This only applies to horses stables at the main complex.

YOUNG RIDERS PROGRAM

\$250.00 per month

4 pack of lessons. 5-8 yr old children only!

All bills are due and payable on the first of each service month and past due on the 5th and 18% late fee shoeing and vet bills are paid at the time of service to the horse shoer and/or the veterinarian.

LESSON PACKAGES

- Private lessons \$100.00
Hunters/Jumpers/Equitation
- Semi-Private Lessons \$90.00
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- Pro-Rider (Not in Training) \$100.00
45 Minute Lesson
- Group Lesson (each rider) \$85.00
- All Dressage lessons (each) \$85.00
- 4 Pack - (1) lesson per/wk \$350.00
- 8 Pack - (2) lesson per/wk \$650.00
- 12 Pack - (3) lessons per/wk \$850.00
- 16 Pack - (4) lesson per/wk \$1000.00
- Full Board and Full Training \$2000.00
5 lessons per week (and/or 1-2 pro-rides, and free style jumping chute)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Lesson prices are ONLY for Group Classes.
- All packs must be completed in 30 day cycle. (Preferably from beginning of a month to it's end)
- All packs must be prepaid.
- Please cancel any lessons 24 hours in advance.
- Any "NO SHOWS" will be deducted from your lesson pack
- All ECI accounts are due and payable by the 5th of each month or a \$50 Mandatory fee will be charged.

Those that recently bought your horse, your contract is good for 12 months from the date of purchase, then the above rates will apply. Any past special rates are exhausted at the end of each year.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- \$150.00 - Body Clipping
- \$ TBD \$ - In House Vet - Dr. James Clark

HORSE SHOW FEES

- Day Care/ Staff/ Travel Expenses
- 1 Day - \$150.00
 - 2 Day - \$250.00
 - 3 Day - \$375.00
 - 4 Day - \$550.00
 - 5 Day - \$700.00

All day care charges are per-paid prior to horse/rider departure to any and all shoes, due 5 days in advance of competition.

Your vanning, entries, nomination and stall fees, vet shoer, misc. are your own separate expenses and paid by you at the horse show. Third Party Expenses: Hotels, Meals, Staff, Feed, Grooms, Shavings

JUNIOR RIDER PROGRAM

ECI's Junior Riding Program offers elite caliber training to young riders. Michael takes new riders under his wing and with his structure, disciplined approach to teaching, quickly takes those little to no experience through the fundamentals of good riding to build a strong understanding of riding safety, style and technique. Michael has the highest expectations for all of his riders, younger, older, experienced and inexperienced. His riders strive to meet and exceed these expectations in a supportive, exemplary environment.

NEED TO KNOWS

- ECI hosts many domestic & international riding & pentathlon camps/competitions
- ECI is available for special events & private parties
- ECI accepts students age 5 and older.
- ECI staff is available for clinics.
- ECI has lesson and show horses for lease.