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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here it is the first day of spring and we have already broken records with some of the highest temperatures we've had in many years. Trees have already bloomed and once again riding season is upon us.

Thanks to **Pat, Duane, Pete**, and the others who helped to make our first **Spring Poker Ride** a success. With the many hands it made for less work for all. There were new people out to ride and a good time seemed to be had by all.

We have just come off **Rendezvous** at which our unit was well represented. Angels Camp was a great venue with clinics, vendors and a variety of activities. I personally enjoyed watching **Pat and Duane** in the trail trials, representing our unit. It was nice to see old friends from other units and spend some time with many of our unit members who were present.

We have a lot of great opportunities coming up again this year. We will have everything from day rides to pack trips, work parties to riding at the beach. I truly hope our board has sparked an interest for you in some of our rides. Again, if **YOU** would like to host a ride to somewhere special, just make one of our board members aware and we will work with you to make it happen.

Thanks to all of you who truly make our unit a great one.

Remember to stay in the saddle, the ground is hard.

Joe Kaminski, President



The red masked wonder, our president.

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2015 Calendar

Board Meetings are on the **1st Wednesday** of the month. All members are welcome to attend. Board meetings start at 6:30 pm at the Clovis Elks Lodge, 535 Woodworth Ave. (Bullard & Woodworth).

Calendar & Ride schedule is on-going, and new events and rides will be published when confirmed. *Note: dates and events are subject to change or cancellation; calling the contact person is recommended or checking www.bchcsjsu.org*

April 11	Shaver Lake Work Party/Ride (clean up our horse camp) Wanda Caradonna, 559-392-3534	
April 18	Parade Practice/Desensitizing Clinic at the Silver Rose Jan Mikkelson 559-289-4911	
April 25	Clovis Parade & Rodeo	Jan Mikkelson 559-289-4911
May 2	Jose Basin Breakfast-Ride and Potluck Dinner, map reading orienteering by Jon Mikkelson Contact: Ted Fischer 559-855-8599 or Randy Witt 559-325-7876 Peter Parkin, 559-871-4500	
May 20	General Meeting 6:30 pm Clovis Veteran's Memorial Building 453 Hughes, Clovis	
May 19-24	Bishop Mule Days	
June 19-26	Edison Work Party	Joe Kaminski 559-733-9170
July 2-5	Montana De Oro Ride	Peter Parkin, 559-871-4500
July 10-14	Chamberlaine Work Party	
July 16-19	Chamberlaine Beginning Packing	Joe Kaminski, 559-733-9170
July 27-August 2	Spanish Lake Trail Work Party	Joe Kaminski 559-733-9170
August 16-19 20-23	Big Meadows Work Party Big Meadows Ride	Joe Kaminski 559-733-9170
August 19	General Meeting 6:30 pm	Clovis Veteran's Memorial Building 453 Hughes, Clovis
September TBA	Shaver Lake Poker Ride	
October 17	General Meeting Riddle Ranch Ride and Elections Cindy Mueller 559-283-1174	
December 12	Christmas Party	

Please contact any Board Member or Ted Fischer (559-855-8599), if you would like to host a ride or activity.



Our Shaver Lake Day Use & Campground

Will be available

April – October 2015

The following procedures have been established for the continuity of the facility. When planning a day/camping outing it is necessary to contact the member listed below for the gate combination. For security reasons the combination will be changed throughout the season. The camp is available to our Unit members for day use and/or camping with your stock. The camp is set up with three large stock pens and three camp sites offered on a 1st come 1st served basis. The three picnic tables and fire pit are located in a shared area. It is necessary for you to furnish water for personal use and stock use. **The pens must be cleaned of hay/manure after each use or a fee will be assessed for clean up**; remember our “Leave No Trace” policy. There is no potable water on site; however a port-a-potty is on site for our human needs.



Fee schedule per membership:
Day Fee \$5 **or** Camping Fee \$10 per night

For reservations contact:

Wanda Caradonna 559 392-3534 cell

Shaver Lake Work Party/Ride

Saturday, April 11, 2015

Howdy Members,

As part of our agreement with Edison we need to spruce up the Shaver Lake Camp Site before the riding season begins. We will be stringing the corrals and cleaning up the site. This should take about half a day, and then we plan to have lunch before we go on a ride.

Please bring the following tools: gloves, shovels, rakes, pruners and handsaws and don't forget your chair.

Date: 4/11/2015
Start Time: 09:00 a.m.
Lunch Time: 11:30 a.m.
Ride (anticipated): 12:00 p.m.

Members, if you would like to participate on this work party/ride please RSVP to Wanda Caradonna at wandacaradonna@sbcglobal.net or by calling (559) 392-3534. We will need everyone to RSVP by April 6, 2015, since we have not received our entry permit and because possible weather conditions. To participate on the ride and lunch you must help out on the work party (this is fun light-weight work). See you there!!!





Clovis Rodeo Practice and Desensitization Clinic
April 18, 2015



So...you thought **SANTA** finally headed back to the North Pole, only to discover, back by popular demand, he will be present at the upcoming annual **Desensitization clinic and Parade Practice** April 18th, 2015! He is bringing his pal, the "pink rabbit"!



This year we are planning the format a bit differently. For those of you who are riding in the **Clovis Rodeo Parade**, we will be 'desensitizing' in the large arena from 10:00 a.m. sharp, until 11:30 am. This way, parade participants will be certain to expose their horses to scary objects and noises. Also, anyone who plans on riding in the parade, must attend the clinic.

Non-parade participants, who just want to come and expose their horses to the mayhem, may then begin desensitization "fun" at 11:30 while parade riders will be practicing parade formation on the track. Members from any unit may ride in the parade and also attend the clinic.

Those of you planning on riding in the parade, April 25, 2015 we wear a "uniformed" attire that includes burgundy shirts, blue jeans, light colored cowboy hats, or helmets, and a BCHC scarf that features our logo. Peter Parkin is taking orders now for the shirts, if anyone needs to order them. We will also have scarves available at the practice for purchase. Please contact him at:

ktzpaw@yahoo.com or call him at 559-871-4500. It is important to order these shirts as soon as possible as it takes time for the orders to be filled. We must have 10 orders to submit. He has a few on hand now, but you need to check with him to see if he has your size.





If any of you have something in your garage or barn, i.e. goats, llamas, sirens, squirt guns, mystery items, umbrellas, or police car, please bring them to the clinic. The more objects the better the clinic.

Date: April 18, 2015 10:00 a.m.

Location: Silver Rose Ranch (directions below)

Bring a bite to eat...your growling stomach might scare the horses!!!



You must be a member, but may join the day of the event if you are not.

Directions to Silver Rose Ranch 11233 N. Newmark Avenue, Clovis

From Shaver, Prather, Auberry area:

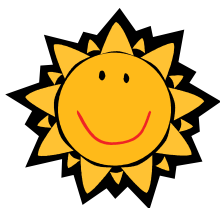
Head on down 168 and when you get near the "blink of an eye" town of Academy, look for Newmark Rd. Turn right and the address is 11233 N. Newmark, Clovis. Go to parking area on left.

From Clovis, Fresno: take HWY 168 a couple of miles past Academy Avenue and turn left on Newmark. Go to parking area on left.



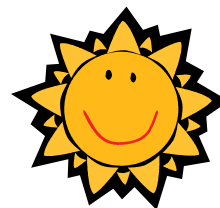
Contact:

Jan Mikkelson 559-289-4911 jessecowboy@comcast.net



Sunshine Corral

By
Patricia Peverill



Welcome to our new member Beth Pflieger from Palmdale.

Welcome to Rick and Patty Peeren for joining our unit.

A big THANK YOU to Linda Sadler for her donation of time in creating the Poker Ride Flyer.
GREAT JOB!!!!

The *purpose of this publication* is to keep its members informed on important issues that affect all horsemen and to inform the membership on up-coming events within the unit. The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the editor & authors and not necessarily shared by BCHC.



"Back Country Cooks Corner"

7-up Cobbler



Frozen berries, dry cake mix, and 1 can of sprite, yummy cobbler. It sounds so easy - and it is good and weight watcher friendly! Ingredients Two 12-oz bags frozen mixed berries 1 box white cake mix (no pudding), 1 can of diet 7-up or sierra mist (clear soda)

Instructions: Place frozen fruit in a 9x13 baking dish. Add dry cake mix over the top. Pour soda slowly over cake mix. DO NOT stir the cake mix and the pop - this will give you a 'crust'. If you stir the two, you will have a cake-like topping. Bake 350 for 45-50 min.

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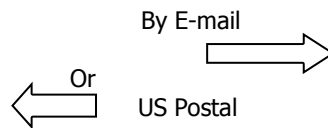
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Let him know how you want your State
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January 20	February/March	March 20	April/May
May 20	June/July	July 20	August/September
September 20	October/November	November 20	December/January

SJS Unit Fund Raisers For Sale

"There's a Mule Under My Saddle Cookbook" by Jean Brown of Idaho \$10.00

Hats \$15.00

Khaki with a maroon or forest green bill are embroidered with one horse, two mules and says Backcountry Horsemen of California.

Scarf \$13.00

Scarves are a dark blue and are embroidered with one horse, two mules and says Backcountry Horsemen of California

Maroon Shirts \$37.00 (Extra Tall \$40.00). The shirts must be prepaid before the order. The logo on the left is BCHC with San Joaquin Sierra Unit under the BCHC. Names added for \$5.00 in a group.

Horse First Aid.....great, informative quick reference \$25.00

Contact: Pete Parkin 559-871-4500 ktzpaw@yahoo.com &/or look for items at our rides and meetings.

Hensley Poker Ride



A great time was had by all that attended the first **Winter Poker Ride** held by our unit. You could not ask for better weather and a beautiful landscape. The event started with overnight camping below the dam in a very nice equestrian campground. Ten people participated in the overnight camping. They had the pleasure of listening to **Ron Jefferson** sing around the camp fire for about 2 hours. They all appreciated Ron making the trip to entertain them .



The breakfast crew had to make an early rise in order to have breakfast ready at the Buck Ridge Boat Ramp on the other side of the lake. We all broke camp about 5:30 and headed to the other side of the lake. **Ted Fischer** and **Randy Witt** fired up the grills and were ready for the early arrivals with delicious pancakes, sausage and hot coffee. The day started off great.

We had plenty of outstanding raffle gifts and ended up with a great pot for the High and Low Poker Hand. The ride hosted about 30 riders, many from other units and a lot of non members. The riders covered a 6 and a half mile trail through the beautiful **Hensley Lake** terrain– plenty of green grass and a bunch of wildflowers. The ride took a little under 3 hours.



Upon returning to base camp the lunch crew had already arrived and was preparing a fantastic lunch. BBQ hamburgers, hot dogs, homemade chile, potato salad, macaroni salad, homemade cookies and cold drinks. Everyone had an opportunity to sit around and socialize for several hours as they ate, bought raffle tickets and waited for the final poker hands to be played. It was a great time and all participants could not say enough about the great event. We are looking forward to another Poker Ride next year.

We still have our **Shaver Lake Poker Ride** coming up at the end of the summer. A big shout out to the committee that put this event together, **Ted Fischer, Pete Parkins, Pat Peverill and Duane Peverill**. We can not forget our volunteer helpers that cooked, sold tickets, set up the raffle tables and signed participants up for the ride. **Joe and Carol Kaminski, Randy and Carolyn Witt, Fredi Chrisman, Pete and JC Parkins, Ted Fischer and Pat and Duane Peverill**. For more pictures check out the web page. Bchcsjsu.org Hope to see you at another event. Thanks to all that participated. Happy Trails. Duane Peverill



SHOOT YOUR HEART OUT



On February 7 about 20 members of the BCHC San Joaquin Sierra Unit had a great time at our annual event, "Shoot Your Heart Out". The event was held at **The Range** and had been arranged by **John and Jan Mikkelson**. John had arranged a special deal for our members to shoot for four hours for only \$10. Before anyone shot their guns, John gave instructions on the safe use and handling of their weapons, particularly semi automatic pistols. Sandwiches and drinks and other treats were available to members to keep them alert for straight shooting.

Randy Witt

RENDEZVOUS 2015

Hello there from Frog Town USA. Yes, that is correct **Rendezvous 2015** was held at the **Calaveras County Fairgrounds, Angels Camp California**....Frog Town USA. March 13th through the 15th were the dates of this year's event. The Calaveras Fairgrounds was a great location for our gathering. The weather was wonderful and the surrounding foothills were green and gorgeous. Many wildflowers were in bloom including beautiful purple lupine and the California Golden Poppy. Clinics and classes started on Friday morning, at 9am and ran all day. Some of the classes were: Packing 101, Odd load packing, packing with a decker saddle, Tandy leather make and take, Cross cut saw, High line Demo, essential oils for wellness, Dutch oven cooking, arts and crafts for kids, and many many more.



Clinics were given by **Jerry Tindell** on "Using the Past to Build the Future", and **JoDe Collins** on "Training for a Better Rein". One of the highlights of Friday was the **Dave Stamey** concert after a great dinner, and there was plenty of it. Dinner and the concert were in the Mark Twain Hall. Saturday events started at 9 am as well with more training clinics, classes, and activities. For many BCHC members the highlight Saturday



was the trail trial. We had two members entered in the novice competition, and **Pat Peverill** took 2nd place in Amateur, **Dorraine Smith** took third in open division and **Duane Peverill** took 8th place in Amateur, WAY TO GO!

Saturday had **Randy Witt** and **Ted Fischer** teaching LNT classes. Randy taught "Leave What You Find", and Ted taught "Gentle Use With Waste". Saturday evening was another great dinner, and then the silent and live auctions. Everyone had a great time and for the first time in a couple of years SJS unit had a table decoration. Well done girls, **JC Parkin** and **Pat Peverill**. There was a big group of members for dinner Saturday. I'll try to mention them: **Joe and Carol Kaminski** and their granddaughter, **Duane and Pat Peverill**, **John and Jan Mikkelsen**, **Randy Witt**, **Ted Fischer**, **Katie Horst**, **Dee Douglas** a friend of Katie's, **Peter and JC Parkin**, **Debbie McDougald**, **Bob Skinner**, and **Ron and Peggy Jefferson**. If I missed you I apologize.

Sunday started off with Cowboy Church at 8am and continued with classes and clinics. Classes included Equine Management and Nutrition, Pain relief and motion restoration, and a kids corral. There was even a class on packing a riding saddle. I am happy that I attended Rendezvous this year and plan on going to FROG TOWN again in 2016. My favorite parts of Rendezvous were: 1. seeing and spending time with friends 2. Dave Stamey concert 3. Jerry Tindell clinic on controlling your horse on the ground and while in the saddle.

Hope to see YOU'ALL at next years Rendezvous.

Ted Fischer





John and Jan were winners as guests of the Pt. Reyes Bed, Breakfast and Stables auction. Lucky them it is a beautiful place to take your own horse and spend a few days riding the trails and spending quiet time.



Muriel Holland honored our unit with the **Top Hand Award** this year. She loves to go to the backcountry with our work parties and help.

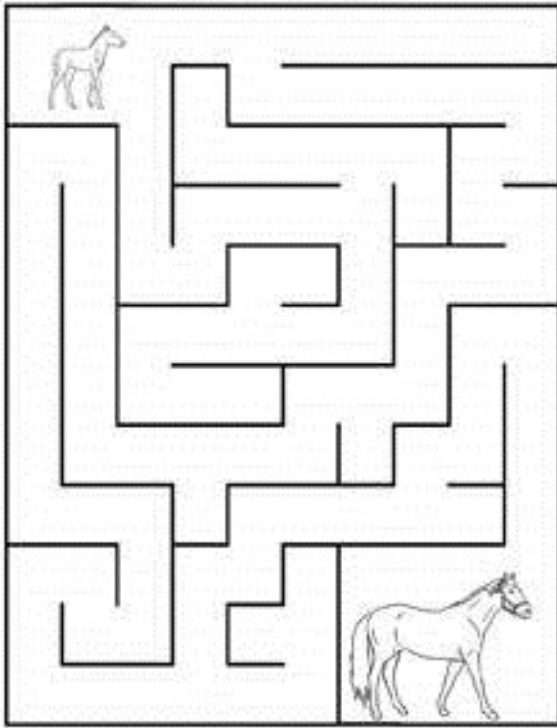


Patricia Peverill received second place in Amateur Division Trail Trials.

Kids Corner

A-MAZE-ING ANIMALS

Can you help the foal find his mother?



This is the season that many foals are being born. So see if you can help this little guy find his mother.



Vaccination

All horses should receive core vaccinations at least annually according to the American Association of Equine Practitioners, while risk-based vaccinations are recommended for horses with particular risk profiles depending on age, geography, housing or function.¹ With annual vaccination, the risk of your horse contracting [West Nile virus](#) (WNV) can be up to 30 times lower.²⁻⁴ For this reason, it's important to vaccinate your horse before mosquitoes, which transmit the virus, are at their peak. The WEST NILE-INNOVATOR® line of vaccines help deliver demonstrated protection against this mosquito-transferred disease and others.

Some horses might be at risk for equine influenza, too. As one of the most common infectious diseases of the respiratory tract, it can spread quickly among groups of horses.⁵ The most commonly affected horses are ages 1 to 5.5 Older horses that may have weakened [immune systems](#) are susceptible, as well.⁵ Help provide your horse with demonstrated protection against equine influenza virus and other viruses that may lead to disease with the FLUVAC INNOVATOR® line of vaccines.

This is the time of year most horses will get their shots so make sure you keep your horse healthy.

Attention

Your SJS Unit Board of Directors would like to invite any of our members to attend the monthly Board meetings or General meetings. It is important all directors have the same opportunity to hear the information, concerns or suggestions you wish to share. We are volunteers doing our best to keep our Unit informed and working smoothly. Refer to the newsletter for the information regarding times and location of upcoming meetings.

Respectfully,

John Mikkelsen and Greg Caradonna

Past Presidents



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Make sure you check out our website for updates on the Home page, Calendar page, and Newsletters. We also have a Photos page of our latest activities.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the travel site, how it works or what BCHC earns by participating in this great opportunity. Thank you for supporting and promoting BCHC Getaway!!

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Back Country Horsemen of California



San Joaquin Sierra Unit



Come and enjoy Horse Camping at the Oak Group Horse Camp at

Montana De Oro State Park

The park's name, "Mountain of Gold," comes from the golden wildflowers that bloom in spring. The Park features over 8,000 acres of rugged cliffs, secluded sandy beaches, coastal plains, streams, canyons, and hills, including 1,347-foot Valencia Peak. No dogs are allowed on trails.

July 2, 3, & 4, 2015

Camp is available from 2:00pm Thursday 7/2/15 until noon Sunday 7/5/15

There are miles of horse trails along the beach and in the foothills for all levels of riding.

We will plan to have a potluck dinner Saturday night.

Cost: Horse and rider for 3 days is \$ 45.00; Additional individuals \$ 3.00

Oak Group Camp has 15 corrals, pit toilets, water for horses only, no showers, and no hook-ups.

Contact Information: Peter Parkin (559) 871-4500

This is a BCHC-SJSU sponsored event and you must be a member of BCHC to attend.
Reservations are limited and will only be taken upon receipt of signed check with reservation form below.

Name		Phone:		
Address			Amount	
Please make checks payable to BCHC-SJS and mail with completed reservation form to : Pete Parkin 17794 Rodeo Dr. Madera, CA 93638	Number of horses with Rider		@ \$45.00 each	\$
	Additional Person		@ \$3.00	\$
	TOTAL			\$



San Joaquin Sierra Unit Board Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2015

The Range Pistol Club 5151 N. Gates Ave. Fresno, CA

Meeting called to order at 1:30 PM

Roll taken: Randy Witt, Duane Peverill, Pat Peverill, Carol Kaminski, Joe Kaminski, Jan Mikkelson, Fredi Chrisman, Debra McFarren, Peter Parkin, Ted Fischer. Guest: John Mikkelson

Additions to Agenda: None

Review and Approve: None

Correspondance: Jan handed out mail that was addressed to various Officers/Directors. Also Paid RSVP for Poker ride from Ted Fischer (1 Rider), Char Meir (1 Rider), Rickards (2 riders). Payment given to Pete Parkin.

Treasurer Report & Budget. Report was not available at this time due to Computer and Printer issue. Pete did give the checking balance of \$13,645.36 and CD Balance \$11,321.27 Petty Cash \$50.00.

Committee Reports:

Education: Ted Fischer stated that he had nothing schedule for upcoming meetings due to the fact that education had been scheduled at next General meeting at Barnyard Feed and Supply with John Lewis doing a packing Demo.

Ted stated that the San Joaquin River Gorge Volunteer unit is going great. Stacy is very pleased with our work. Ted turned in paper work for the volunteer work with Millerton State Park due to the fact they are neighbors to the BLM Land.

Classes at the Rendezvous are scheduled on Leave No Trace.

Ted will be attending California Green ways Conference in April as BCHC Representative.

Membership: Jan ask if they any new members join at the Breakfast Ride at the San Joaquin Gorge. Bud and Jerry Stambach had rejoined.

Discussion continued ways to help increase membership in our unit. Some possibilities where: Booths at local events. Facebook posting on all of our events. Getting BCHCSJSU Name out there. Have flags made with our unit on it for members that participate in events such as Trail Trials, Shows and parades. Joe talked about the banner and getting repaired so members can use it. Shirts where mentioned so members can where them at different events to promote our unit. Pat was asked to check into the getting the shirts and get back to he board. Pete mentioned the CD that the state has and we should look into the use of it. It very useful for the youth groups at Mule Days.

Newsletter. Carolyn was not present. Randy stated that the newsletter was put out even though there were a few articles missing.

Public Lands: Joe stated that no trails are being affected at this time. Joe looked into the the rumor that Redwood Canyon was off limits to equestrian. This is not true. They prefer no equines but actually it is only to stay out of the meadows. No grazing.

Sunshine Corner: Pat let everyone know that she sent out a sympathy card to Sharon and Ted Fischer on the loss of Sharons mother. Also we had a new member Ruth Cramer.

Shaver Lake. Shaver Camp is still closed.

(Continued on next page)

Old Business

Calendars. Pete said about forty unsold calendars are still out and about. Also it was mention that they needed some to handle all aspects of the the calendar sales for next year so they is better accountability. Fredi Chrisman volunteered to be in charge of the calendar sales next year.

Rides and Events. Poker Ride: Duane stated that Poker Ride is on its way, Flyers have been distributed by Pete, Ted, Duane and Pat. Camping will be on the 6th at the BCHC Camp below the dam and Ron Jefferson will be singing around the campfire. Breakfast will be served at the Buck Ridge Boat Ramp by Ted and Randy. Lunch will be prepared by KFC (The Ladies) Pat and Duane to bring extra stove and also have release forms. Randy has secured the insurance day for the ride. Ted has several raffle items. Leather Day Planner and Head Stall made by Al Gould with other items.

Tack Sale: Will be held at the Barnyard Feed and Supply store. Tack sale open to anyone (need to bring your own tables) and the public. Cook Wagon will be delivered by Debra McFarren. Which is good for PR. Lunch will be Tri Tip sandwich prepared by the Barnyard. Others are ask to bring potluck. Salads and dessert please. Joe is to ask about bathrooms. Tack sale is from 9:00-3:00. General meeting to follow with packing Demo By John Lewis. Randy was requested to get and Insurance Day for this event.

Parade Practice. Jan stated that the practice will be April 18, 2015 at Silver Rose Ranch. Hosted by John and Jan with help of others. Carrying of the flags in the parade will be Ted Fischer and Jan Mikkelson.

Carol ask about the Riddle Ranch Ride but no one had any information.

Christmas Dinner. Allen Fry will be the new Elks Member and San Joaquin Sierra Unit will pay his membership. DJ will be Fran and Joe will contact her.
Joe stated that Fredi Chrisman has been appointed as Interim Director to finish out Art Riegso term.

Reimbursable expenses (hotel cap mileage)

Hotel Cap. Three events. Expense for hotel needs to be approved by Board or President. Prior approval in advance. Motioned by Randy Witt and Second by Pat Peverill. Motioned Passed

Mileage. Joe had suggested to reduce mileage to 35 Randy Witt made a proposal on mileage reimbursement be 29 cents a mile. Joe ask for second and was seconded by Duane. Randy explained his rationale for the the mileage cost. Jan thought it should be 40 cents so she ask for the proposal to be amended to 40 cents. Randy accepted the amendment to his proposal. Ted seconded it and the motion was passed.

Proposed changes to by-law so a person had to be a member for 18 months before becoming and officer or board member. Ted stated that any changes to by-laws had to go to state BCHC for approval prior to be submitted to the members for a vote. Fredi, Ted and Duane opposed the change and therefore it was tabled.

Survey. Joe stated that the survey had been covered and a lot of the items are being done and are being planned for the near future. Survey will come back to board after the sub-committee meets. Grandkids are now included on on family membership.

Jim Dixon will host Shaver Poker Ride. Fredi would like to do a Sands Flats ride, but road is bad.

Joe will talk to Richard at State Meeting on Education and hosting of the training.

Wanda will continue to handle Work Hours Logs for our Unit.

New Business:

Bank Contact. Pete ordered checks. 2 weeks later the Prather Bank contact Greg. Pete did not't know why. Account had been moved to River Park.

Work Party dates;

June 19-26 Edison Work Party

July 10-14 Chamberlain Work Party. Bear Box and clean up. No grant money.

July 16-19 Chamberlain Beginning Packing hosted by Joe Kaminski

Aug 2-9 Spanish Lake Work pending approval

Aug 16-20 (Pending) Big Meadow Work Days

☐ **NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Backcountry Horsemen of California

☐ **RENEWAL APPLICATION**



☐ **CHANGE - () PARENT UNIT () ADDRESS/PHONE/EMAIL () MEMBERSHIP TYPE**

DCTR (YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER) _____

****NEW MEMBERS WILL BE ASSIGNED NUMBER BY MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR**

PARENT Unit Affiliation: (Select and **CIRCLE ONE** Unit as your Primary Unit Affiliation)

Antelope Valley

Mid Valley

San Joaquin Sierra

Eastern Sierra

Mother Lode

Santa Ana River

High Country

North Bay

Sequoia

High Sierra

Ohlone Riders

Shasta Trinity

Kern River Valley

Redhawk Riders

Sierra Freepackers

Kern Sierra

Redwood

Sutter Buttes

Lake-Mendo

San Diego

Top of the State

Los Padres

San Geronimo Pass

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BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN
OF CALIFORNIA
1280 State Rte 208
Yerington NV 89447
<http://www.bchcalifornia.org>

Donate to BCHC
Education Fund?
Tax Deductible

Packer \$10.00
Mule Skinner \$25.00
Other (Write in) \$_____

MEMBER'S NAME -No Business Names; Please Print Clearly

SPOUSE/MEMBER'S NAME -MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

Make Checks Payable to: BCHC

CHECK # _____

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

BUSINESS NAME - DONATIONS ONLY:

PARENT UNIT MEMBERSHIP TYPES: (CIRCLE ONE)

Individual \$50.00*

Family \$60.00*

Benefactor \$100.00

Patron \$250.00

Mt Whitney \$500.00

*=BCHC shares portion of dues with Backcountry Horsemen of America

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS: AN ADDITIONAL \$15.00 PER UNIT IS ADDED TO YOUR PARENT UNIT DUES.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP UNIT AFFILIATIONS MAY NOT BE FOR THE SAME UNIT AS YOUR PARENT UNIT.

Associate Membership for: _____ \$15.00/unit (Unit Name (from above list))

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Please write additional choices on back

Please clip form along dashed line - **KEEP BELOW INFORMATION FOR YOUR RECORDS**

PARENT BCHC MEMBERSHIP TYPES

Individual, Family (Shared*), Benefactor, Patron, and Mt Whitney. A Parent Membership is affiliated with a single Local Unit. BCHC members may NOT hold more than one active Parent Membership.

A SHARED Membership is for two adults with differing last names, each sharing a common address.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS

These special Memberships are only available to persons already holding Parent BCHC Membership. No one may sign up for an Associate Membership without 1) having registered one of the Parent Membership types, and 2) having selected Parent Unit affiliation.

- You may sign-up for as many Associate Memberships as you like.
- Associate Memberships may also be initiated at any time during the term of your Parent Membership.
- Associate Memberships must expire concurrently with the Parent Membership, and are renewable only at the time of renewal of the Parent Membership.

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KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I SUBMITTED AN Application Form for:

☐ Individual Membership \$ 50.00
☐ Family (Shared) Membership \$ 60.00
☐ Benefactor Membership \$100.00
☐ Patron Membership \$250.00
☐ Mt Whitney Membership \$500.00
☐ Donation - Packer \$10.00
☐ Mule Skinner \$25.00
☐ Other (Write in) \$ _____
☐ Associate Membership \$ _____
Total Remittance \$ _____
Check Number _____
Date Mailed _____

Questions: Contact membership@bchcalifornia.org



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Objectives & Purpose of the Backcountry Horseman of California

From the BCHC Bylaws

- To improve and promote the use, care and development of California backcountry trails, campsites, streams and meadows; to advocate good trail manners.
- To promote the conservation and utilization of our backcountry resources in concert with livestock transportation.
- To keep the backcountry trails and forage areas open to horseman on all public lands.
- To keep current information before the Corporation membership and its local Units regarding new legislation or management plans related to government regulations of the backcountry.
- To support or oppose new proposals, plans and restrictions as related to the interest of horsemen and those persons interested in recreational stock use and enjoying the backcountry.
- To promote the interest of people who, due to health or physical factors, need transportation other than by foot on backcountry trails.
- To promote public awareness and interest in the historical aspect of horsemen and stock in the backcountry and to help educate backcountry users on the ways to use the trail and foraged in a manner that conserves the backcountry resources.
- To assist in keeping the public informed of the vital need for a clean backcountry.
- To promote a working relationship with and keep the work and interests of the Corporation before our local, state and federal officials.
- To assist in the formation and continuation of local Units to carry out these purposes.