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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are already approaching the end of summer. Much has been accomplished and there is still more ahead. We had a great time at Chamberlain Camp and accomplished all of our goals. With the help of **Fredi, Duane, Jim, Steve, Carol, Joe, Muriel, Randy, Pete, and Ed** from 4wdcf (4 wheel drive club of Fresno) all work was completed. You can now go into Chamberlain camp, tie your stock to hitching posts and set up your hot wire on the t-post (bring insulators) which is installed in the meadow.

We have had a couple of successful rides at **Tamarack** and **Montana de Oro**. Great pot lucks and fantastic weather, what more could you ask for.

Some members of our unit were fortunate to attend a **Jerry Tindell Clinic** in June. What an eye opening experience! His wisdom and wit made great teaching tools. We also had some of our members attend the **Forest Service Ranger Academy** where cross cut saw certificates were obtained.

We have moved our **August General Meeting to Big Meadows** with a potluck. Please join us even if just for the day. Nominations will also be taken for the upcoming elections in October. Be thinking about perspective officers. Remember this is your club and we want everyone to be represented.

As we wind down this summer, do not forget the upcoming **Work Party and Ride at Big Meadows** in August, **Poker Ride** in September, **Trail Trials** in November, and don't forget the **Christmas Party** in December.

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



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# **2014 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.bchc.org***

- August 17-24**      **Big Meadows Work and Ride**    Joe Kaminski, 559-733-9170
- August 23**      **General Meeting** Big Meadows Campground Potluck 6:00    Joe Kaminski, 559-733-9170
- September 13**      **Shaver Lake Poker Ride (see flier page 4)** Wanda Caradonna, 559-392-3534  
Call Wanda if you can help out with Poker Ride.
- October 18**      **General Meeting Riddle Ranch Ride and Elections** Cindy Mueller 559-283-1174
- Oct. 30-31 & Nov. 1** **Draft Horse and Mule Sale, Tulare**
- Nov. 15**      **Trail Trials at the Riddle Ranch** Cindy Mueller 559-283-1174  
Call Cindy if you can help with the Trail Trials.
- December 13**      **Christmas Party** Cindy Mueller 559-283-1174  
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Remember to check for any Unit updates at our Web Site:  
**www.bchcsjsu.org** for the San Joaquin/Sierra Unit,  
**www.bchcalifornia.org** for the State Web Site



**Please contact any Board Member if you would like to host a ride or activity.**

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We are proud to announce our new website. Make sure you check it out for updates on the Home page, Calendar page, and Newsletters. We also have a Photos page of our latest activities. A BIG **THANK YOU** to the creative genius of **Duane Peverill** our new Web Wrangler. If you have any photos send them to Duane at wpeverill@sebastiancorp.net.

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### ***Hoof Print 2014 Deadlines***

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### **Deadline      Publication**

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March 20	April/May
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July 20	August/September
September 20	October/November
November 20	December/January

### ***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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**Directions:** Take Highway 168 east to Shaver Lake. Turn right at Dinkey Creek Road, drive 2.5-miles. Watch for **BCHC Poker Ride** signs. Bring lunch and a chair.

*Reservations are limited, hurry to send your non-refundable \$10 pre-registration fee, per rider, by August 24, 2014.*

Mail your check to:

**BCHC**

**P.O. Box 25693**

**FRESNO CA 93729**

Please include first/last name, contact phone number, mailing address, email and 2 or 3 horse-bumper pull or gooseneck. A confirmation email will be sent out upon receiving registration information and check.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact **Char Meier**, (559) 297-1290/email: [shaverider@aol.com](mailto:shaverider@aol.com) or **Wanda Caradonna** (559) 392-3534/email: [wandacaradonna@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wandacaradonna@sbcglobal.net)



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## Heart of the Horse

By Joe Kaminski

In June some members of our unit were able to partner with **Heart of the Horse** for a day at Shaver Lake. **Al Gould** had built a new saddle for children with special needs and we were privileged to help with the day. **Jim Dixon** and his wife **Debbie** along with **Cara Peterson, Carol** and I helped in hauling horses and giving first time rides to the lake. There were no shortages of smiles from the kids as they got to ride through the trees and down to the lake. Thank you **Guy and Kerri** for allowing our unit to be a part of this. By the way, Guy and Kerri have since joined our unit and have been on a couple of rides. We hope this is the beginning of a long partnership.



This is the special saddle Al Gould made for the kids with special needs.



## The Sunshine Corner

By Becky J. Balistreri  
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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Jason Caudell, Visalia  
Don Dutra, Sanger

We are always excited to welcome our new members.

Remember to invite others you know who enjoy their equine friends and the back country to join us too! New members may join at any ride.

### MEMBER NEWS:

Best of luck to Steve Naylor and his son, Evan, who recently had surgery.

This column is intended to help us all keep up to date with the importance events in the lives of our members. If you have something happening in your family or know of something happening in another member's family, please send the information to me at beckyba@hotmail.com. I will be more than happy to include the news in the next print of the BCHC San Joaquin Sierra unit newsletter. Thank you

## The Shaver Lake Day Use & Campground Facility, call for reservations

The following procedures have been established for the continuity of the facility. When planning a day/camping outing it is necessary to contact one of the members 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 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> 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 porta-potty is on site for our human needs. Fee schedule per membership:  
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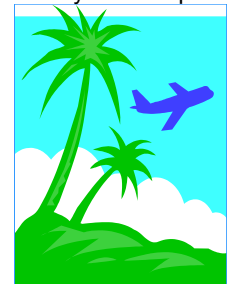
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## USFS Ranger Academy Training June 5-6, 2014

By Randy Witt

Recently on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, a few of our members who participate in BCHC work parties attended the **USFS Ranger Academy Training**. The training was held at Tamarac Ridge to learn crosscut saw skills and associated safety practices. Eager San Joaquin Sierra unit members **included Randy Witt, Ted Fischer, Joe and Carol Kaminski, Peter Parkin, and Fredi Chrisman**. These members were awarded by the U.S. Forest Service a certification as Class "B" crosscut sawyers.

Class "B" crosscut certification gives authorization to lead workgroups of noncertified work party members in trail clearing, including cutting down trees and removing them from trails. This certification included training in proper use of personal protection equipment, safely approaching logs, assessing dangers from above including loose "widow-makers" in trees close by, leaning dead trees or "hangers", conditions of nearby dead trees, or trees showing disease caused by boring bugs or fungus. Safety assessment included how to safely cut the tree without getting the saw caught in the tree at its "bind" point.

In simple terms locating where a cut may be safely, effectively made, includes assessing where the downed tree is resting, causing compression of its fibers, or tension (stretching) of its fibers, or torquing (twisting) of its fibers, or likely a combination of all these factors.

Participants learned how to use a variety of different wedges to keep the saw's "kerf" open so as not to "bind" the saw in the cut, and use different kinds of wedges to prevent the cut log from falling or twisting before the cut is complete.

We also learned how to make compound cuts to easily allow the cut section to be moved from the trail in one direction or the other, and to use a pivot log under the cut piece to change the direction it may be moved.

One must keep in mind that many of these log sections, even after being cut, often are much heavier than one person or even many people can lift and therefore must be rolled or levered to a location away from the trail it may be blocking.

This training academy was very helpful to me and other participants. I now feel more confident that I could safely lead other backcountry work party colleagues in clearing fallen timber from trails.



## Jerry Tindell Horse Safety Clinic for BCHC

June 15-17, 2014

By Carolyn Witt

At the Rendezvous this year, **Ted Fischer** found out that **Jerry Tindell**, a member of BCHC and horse clinician, was offering to the California units a basic horsemanship, backcountry safety clinic. The state organization felt this was an excellent class to offer the units and was willing to help defray the cost. There have been many horse accidents in recent years and Jerry felt this was a way to help riders be more careful in the backcountry and on trail rides.

Ted brought this back to the Board and it was unanimously voted on to take advantage of the offer. We put it out to our membership and a group of us went up to the clinic to learn how to be safe.

A rider needs to know the 6 ways of moving a horse to be safe: stopping, backing, moving hindquarters left and right and moving the forehand left and right. The better you can do this the safer you are. I learned that you need to be able to ask once and the horse should do it immediately. If you have to ask and nag and pick at the horse to do it and then finally they agree, it is **you** not having control but **them** having it. You need to be a rider not a passenger on your horse.

The first thing Jerry taught us was the **one hand stop**, probably the most important thing to know when you're in trouble on a runaway horse. We practiced that until all of us were comfortable with doing it. We learned how to control our stock, horse or mule, while moving them around us in a short circle (12 foot diameter). This will get the horse to move away from us and then we can control the hind quarters as the horse crosses over his hind legs. This is called **disengaging the hind quarters**. The horse loses its momentum when we do this. We need to make sure the horse stays out of our space to prevent accidents.

We also learned how to open gates, how to bring your horse to a rock or stump when you don't have a mounting block, how to go up and down a hill safely and slowly, and high line. We talked about conformation and good hoof care. Jerry even put shoes on one of the horses that was limping, and the


next day the horse was out practicing with us again. We all had questions and Jerry answered all of them. It was a great learning experience for all of us whether we were new or seasoned riders. I think we all learned something and refreshed our skills on how to be safe.

The riders who went with their mounts were **Joe and Carol Kaminski, Randy and Carolyn Witt, Debbie McFarran, Jerry Tindell, Duane and Pat Peverill, Pete Parkin, and Ted Fischer, .**







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## Big Meadow Horse Camp and Work Party, August 17-24th General Meeting and Potluck, Saturday August 23rd, 6:00 pm

### Attention all Big Meadows workers:

The camp will be open exclusively to our unit Aug. 17-24. If you do not plan to work please do not show up until the evening of Wed. August 20th. The remainder of the week will be for riding and fellowship.

As a reminder at this time no campfires or charcoal barbeques will be allowed. Saturday night will be a potluck. (More info will follow in a news blast)

A big thank you to the **Galloping Gourmets** they will be cooking on Friday night, Saturday and Sunday mornings this year. (More information will follow in a news blast) For questions or more information call **Joe Kaminski at 559-7339170**. Don't forget to bring your favorite tools (shovel, rake, clippers, saw etc.) As a reminder, corrals are on a first come first served basis.

**General Meeting Saturday August 23rd** at 6:00 pm followed by a potluck. Members are asked to bring "starters" A-K, side dishes L-R and desserts S-Z. A barbeque will be set up so bring your own meats. Please bring chairs, plates and silverware.

### LUCKY YOU, LUCKY ME, LUCKY CALENDAR

BCHC's **2015 LUCKY CALENDARS** are not just calendars. They can win you **BIG** money again and again. This raffle project is a great fund raiser for our unit. When all raffle tickets/calendars are sold, the profit realized will be just shy of \$40,000. The net proceeds will be split 50/50 between BCHC California and our individual units. "This may be the easiest and best fund raiser we have every had," according to Karen Kimbel, the Idaho BCHC calendar coordinator.

All the San Joaquin Sierra members have to do is to convince friends, relatives and co-workers to make a \$25 donation to help keep America's trails open for equestrian use. When your friend gives the donation they receive this beautiful **Lucky Calendar 2015** and a **raffle ticket**. The raffle ticket stub is put into a hopper with 213 chances to win cash throughout the year. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday of the year the raffle ticket holder may win at least **\$50**. Every Saturday the ticket holder may win at least **\$100**. On the first day of January 2015 the prize is **\$1,000**. On the last day of 2015 the prize is **\$3000**. **BUT!**, each time you win your cash, your ticket is put back into the hopper for another chance to win. So get your calendar from any board member, whose number is in our Newsletter or on our website (bchcsjsu.org) or come to the General Meetings to pick one up. If you want that **LUCKY RAFFLE TICKET** call Randy Witt at 559-325-7876. And he will get it to you!!!

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## To Pack or Not to Pack

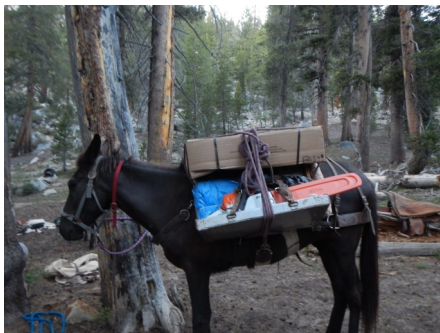
**To pack or not to pack, that is the question.** If you have ever asked yourself is this what I want to do, then I have a place for you to go. Chamberlain is a horse camp that has been setup by the BCHC San Joaquin Sierra Unit. This camp is located 3 miles in from the Maxson Trailhead at Courtright Lake, California. Maxson Trailhead is good 3 hour drive from Fresno, California and offers ample parking for 10 rigs. There are restroom facilities at the trail head and also hitching posts. It is a fairly easy 3 mile trail leading into the camp and is ideal for the beginner. There are water crossings and several long causeways. The landscape surrounding the trail and the camp is just beautiful. The camp is on the boarder of the John Muir Wilderness and allows for day rides to surrounding lakes and into the wilderness.

The camp has a very nice bathroom that has a shower facility included. You can hang a solar shower bag inside and enjoy a warm shower in the privacy of the restroom. We even installed a shower curtain. The camp has 3 hitching posts and 6 tie rings so there is no reason to tie your animal to a tree which is a NO NO. You can tie your animal while putting up high lines if you are planning on spending the night. There is a large picnic table and fire pit to use when fire restrictions are not in force. The meadow has T Posts that go around the meadow and across so you can install your own battery powered electric fence to allow your equines turnout time.

As a newbie I had a great time joining the work party to finish up the camp. We ate like Kings and Queens as our cooks **Joe, Carol, Muriel and Fredi** went above and beyond to keep us fed. We spent most of the day working and enjoyed our evenings sitting around the camp fire sharing many stories from the past. This was a great time and all the participants worked very well together to accomplish the task. There were ten of us that participated in this work party. Besides the cooks mentioned above we had: **Steve, Jim, Randy, Pete, Duane and Ed.** Make sure you make a trip to Chamberlain. It is well worth your time. If you have questions, please ask. Be sure to check out the web page [bchcsjsu.org](http://bchcsjsu.org) to see more pictures.

Get the word out. We want this camp to be used.  
Happy Trails

William Duane Peverill





Equines tied to hitching posts. Pete and Randy setting up hot wire fence in the meadow.



Chow time which everyone enjoyed. Great food everyday!!! The new toilet/shower and hitching post at Chamberlaine.



### SJS Unit Fund Raisers For Sale

"There's a Mule Under My Saddle Cookbook" by Jean Brown of Idaho	\$10.00
<b>Hats</b>	\$15.00
Khaki with a maroon or forest green bill are embroidered with one horse, two mules and says Backcountry Horsemen of California.	
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Scarves are a dark blue and are embroidered with one horse, two mules and says Backcountry Horsemen of California	
<b>Maroon Shirts</b>	\$35.00 (Extra Tall \$38.00). 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.
<b>Horse First Aid.....</b>	
great, informative quick reference	\$25.00

# **Riddle Ranch Ride And Election Meeting**

San Joaquin Sierra Unit  
Elections and General Meeting  
October 18, 2014



Ride as you wish starting at 10:00AM

Lunch served starting at noon.

**Meeting and Elections for the 2014 Officers and Board** will start once everyone has received their lunch.

After the meeting you may enjoy another ride or visit with your friends.

Lunch will be prepared by the **Galloping Gourmets**  
(Cathie Walker, Peggy Riddle, Cindy Mueller and the newest member  
Jessica Pratt, 4 generations of cooks!)

Members are asked to bring “starters” A-K, side dishes L-R  
and desserts S-Z.

If you have any questions on what to bring, call Cathie.

Water will be provided for you and your horses.

Please bring your bucket for you horse.

Please bring your own chairs, tables are optional.

The ride is located at 15056 Johnson Drive, Oroshi CA

Please RSVP by October 15, 2014

Cathie Walker (559) 283-1164

Cindy Mueller (559) 283-1174

(Cindy: e-mail [chipzipnappy@aol.com](mailto:chipzipnappy@aol.com))

Please call or email Cindy for directions.

## Tamarack 2014

By Art Riesgo

Who would have thought that anyone could have two wonderful outings, like our unit had these last two weekends!!! Starting with Montana De Oro, which was really nice to get out of 100+ degree weather in the valley; then this weekend up in the Sierra at Tamarack with **Joe & Carol Kaminski, Debbie McFarren, Pete Parkin, Guy & Carrie, Art & Becky & family** and there were two members that made the ride special: **Katie Horst and Fredi Chrisman**. **Thank you both for your support!**

Riding the trails in the high Sierra gives you such a great feeling of relaxation and peace of mind that you forget about the valley heat. Add the special time when you sit around and have dinner with all your friends and family. And what a feast it was! The only down fall of the event was that we couldn't have a camp fire, but we all made the best of it and had fun around the gas stoves & lanterns playing cards, telling stories, and some great jokes.



**San Joaquin Sierra Unit Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 2, 2014**  
**Clovis Elks Lodge, 535 Woodworth Ave. Clovis, CA**

Call to order: 6:30 by Joe Kaminski

In Attendance:

President: Joe Kaminski

Vice President: Randy Witt

Treasurer: Pete Parkin

Secretary: Cindy Mueller

Directors: Carol Kaminski, Fredi Chrisman, Duane Peverill, Debbie McFarren, Fredi Chrisman, Jan Mikkelson, Art Riesgo, Jim Knabke, Carolyn Witt    Members: Ted Fischer, Becky Balistreri

Review and Approval of Minutes: Minutes for January, February, and March were reviewed. A motion was made by Duane to approve as written, seconded by Art, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Period ending 3/2014    YTD Income: \$ 867.54    General Checking \$ 17191.59  
YTD Expenses: ( 3027.93)    CD's & Savings \$ 11303.15  
YTD Profit/Loss \$( 2160.39)    Petty Cash \$ 50.00

**Committee Reports:**

Education: Ted F. proposed arranging a Jerry Tindal Clinic for our unit. Jerry Tindal has done it for another unit and at this time the State Board is offering to pay 25% of the cost. The fee is \$250.00, with our unit paying for 25% and the member picking up the remaining 50%. The State will limit the number of units that can participate in the deal. After some discussion on dates, and finances, Randy W made a motion for the unit to match the State contribution of 25% and having the member pay the rest. Motion was seconded by Art R., motion passed. For the next General Meeting Ted is going to look into a representative from the CHP regarding trailer safety.

Membership: Jan M. has noticed members are letting their membership expire and waiting for the next event to renew. Jan is adding a note regarding the expiration to members on mailings.

Jan also brought up the subject of the Parade Practice being held every year at the Silver Rose Ranch. She indicated that Carol Patterson and Glenn Richardson are paying members but seldom go on rides, yet they still support the unit. Our unit has never had to pay for using their facility for the practice. She proposed that we do something to thank them for what they do for us. Art R made a motion to offer to pay for their membership and for 2 Christmas dinner totaling \$100.00. Motion seconded by Randy W, motion passed.

Newsletter: Was completed and mailed out. Advertising costs were brought up in the meeting; Carolyn W will research the advertising charge from years past and bring to the board.

Public Lands: The Forest Service meeting for April 7th was canceled; Joe will keep us updated for the next meeting. The Dinky Collaborative which is site specific is working on a quick "need for change" in their area with the closures of some areas. The Indian Tribes in the area are also helping to bring attention to the closure of the meadows and the impact it has on the back country. RAC money is still in question; Joe to keep us updated on the progress.

Sunshine Corner: Becky B will be mailing some card out to Jim Dixon for the loss of Shilo, and a get well card to Toby and Katie.

Shaver Lake: Closed.

**Old Business:**

Rides: Squaw Leap Gorge breakfast ride hosted by Ted F and Randy W has 17 people who have RSVP.  
Tamarack is for July 11th and 12th.

Rendezvous – Calendars: The calendars are available for sale. We have already sold 15 = \$375.00. There was an early drawing at the Rendezvous for those who had already purchased their calendars and attended the Rendezvous. Continued on bottom of previous page.

☐ **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  
Eastern Sierra  
High Country  
High Sierra  
Kern River Valley  
Kern Sierra  
Lake-Mendo  
Los Padres

Mid Valley  
Mother Lode  
North Bay  
Oklone Riders  
Redhawk Riders  
Redwood  
San Diego  
San Geronimo Pass

San Joaquin Sierra  
Santa Ana River  
Sequoia  
Shasta Trinity  
Sierra Freepackers  
Sutter Buttes  
Top of the State

**MAIL TO:**  
**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.

Complete information regarding BCHC Membership is available on the **MEMBERSHIP** page at: <http://www.bchcalifornia.org>

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

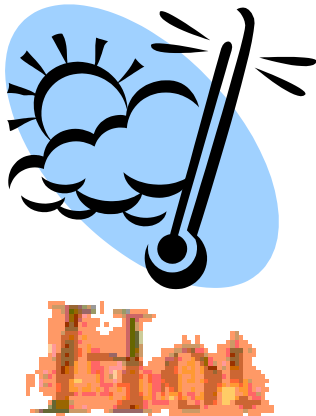
Questions: Contact [membership@bchcalifornia.org](mailto:membership@bchcalifornia.org)



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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.