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*Concerned Men and Women Dedicated to Gentle Use of California Trails and Backcountry*



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to start out my last presidential message by saying **Thank You** to our current board members, coordinators and the general membership, without you the San Joaquin Sierra Unit could not have accomplished what it did this year – **Thank You One and All!**

As the leaves change in town and in the mountains, our new board has been elected and put into place. The transition will be seamless, since many of the new board members have been groomed to take over their elevated positions. There will be some new faces this year, and with new faces come fresh ideas. There is no doubt this new board will continue to unravel and

thwart the complexities of government regulations as they relate to trails in the back country. To the new board, in advance, thank you for stepping up and donating your time and efforts to this worthy cause.

The board set goals at the beginning of this year which required a multi-prong approach in achieving them. The goals were to reach out to all that enjoy horseback riding and support the main purpose of the BCHC – keeping our trails open for us and our children and their grandchildren. I believe we accomplished this.

To list a few, **Tara Stephenson** reached out to her vast network of friends through Facebook, and put us over the two-hundred mark in membership – Great job Tara. **Wanda Caradonna & Char Meier** coordinated our second annual poker ride, which again drew a diverse group of horseback riders, which helped us to meet budgetary requirements, and the spreading of our unit's name throughout the Valley. Our Vice-President and soon to be President, **Joe Kaminski**, coordinated the adopting of a meadow called Chamberlain, and today there is a bathroom at this meadow, which can be used by Hikers, Bikers, Jeepers and of course Horseback riders – way to go Joe for coordinating this two week long project. (continue next page)news- letter to the

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I could devote a full newsletter to the accomplishments and the dedication of individuals of this unit, and I apologize for not mentioning all of them. I do want to mention that the unit in 2012 received State and National recognition for our hours of volunteer work (see our website) – not many can say that. Lastly, I would be remiss in not mentioning, **Carolyn Witt**, for the outstanding newsletter and email blasts, **Jan Mikkelson** for handling membership, **Ted Fischer** for coordinating Education, **Cindy Muller & Pete Parkin** for corporate responsibilities of secretarial requirements and financial activities respectively, and those directors that helped in the decision making process over course of last year: **Carol Kaminski, Cathie Walker, Randy Witt and Fredi Chrisman**.

The day to day running of this unit is accomplished by enthusiastic and committed individuals that donate their personal time to support the objectives & purpose of the BCHC (see the back page of the newsletter). If you are interested in joining our efforts, I encourage you to attend our board meetings and general meetings, and become a contributor to the accomplishment of our goals. As a reminder, you do not need to be a board member to attend the monthly board meetings. Our event calendar is currently evolving, and if you would like to coordinate an event or a ride of your desire, please contact our new President Joe Kaminski or any other board member (see directors list inside the news letter).

The holidays are upon us, and I give thanks for being allowed to be the President of the San Joaquin Sierra Unit this past year, since it was truly a fulfilling and rewarding experience. As a reminder, the **Christmas party** is on December 15, 2013. So don't forget to RSVP to Cindy Muller at 559-283-1174, or email her at [chipzipnappy@aol.com](mailto:chipzipnappy@aol.com). Guests are welcome but this is a sellout event each year, so please RSVP early.

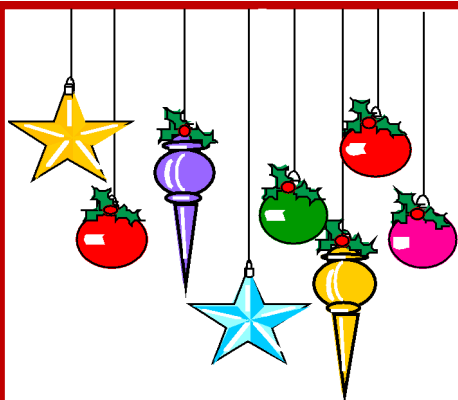
See you on the trails next year, your soon-to-be past President,

**Greg Caradonna.**



*The man with  
many hats and tal-  
ents.  
Thank you for  
your service to our  
unit.*

**SJS-BCHC**



*San Joaquin Sierra Unit  
Backcountry Horseman  
Christmas Bash  
DECEMBER 14, 2014*



**Come One Come all, you don't need to be a member to attend!**

**Cost: \$25.00 per person (pay at the door or prepay)**

**Time: 5 P.M. Social Hour**

**Dinner: 7:00 PM**



**Location: Clovis Elks Lodge  
535 Woodworth Avenue  
Clovis**

**DJ and Dancing!!!!  
YeeHAW!  
No Host Bar  
Silent Auction  
And....Yummy Food**



**Christmas Party Committee:  
Cindy Mueller-Santa**

**Elves:** Cathie Walker Ted Fischer  
Char Meier Carol Kaminski Wanda Carradona

**R.S.V.P By: December 6, 2013**  
Cindy Mueller 559-283-1174  
or [chipzipnappy@aol.com](mailto:chipzipnappy@aol.com)

**PREPAY AND GET IT OUT OF THE WAY!**

**If you have AUCTION Donations please let Cindy know.**

**Tear off and mail BELOW!**

**Backcountry Horseman Christmas Party R.S.V.P.  
By December 6, 2014**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Numbers of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Dinners # \_\_\_\_\_ Tri Tip Dinners # \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2013-14 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](http://www.bchc.org)*

December 14	<b>Annual Christmas Party</b>	Cindy Mueller, 559-283-117
January 15 or 22	<b>General Meeting</b>	
February 8	<b>Annual Shoot Your Heart Out</b>	John & Jan Mikkelsen, 559-289-4911
March 20	<b>General Meeting</b>	
March 21-23, 2013	<b>BCHC Rendezvous, Dave Stamey (Fri) Norco, California (<a href="http://www.bchccalifornia.org">www.bchccalifornia.org</a>)</b>	
April TBA	<b>Parade Practice/Desensitizing Clinic</b>	Jan Mikkelsen 559-289-4911
April 26	<b>Clovis Parade &amp; Rodeo</b>	
May 21	<b>General Meeting</b>	
June TBA	<b>Chamberlaine Work Party</b>	Joe Kaminski 559-733-9170
August 20	<b>General Meeting</b>	
October TBA	<b>General Meeting Riddle Ranch Ride and Elections</b>	Cindy Mueller 559-283-1174
December TBA	<b>Christmas Party</b>	

Remember to check for any Unit updates at our Web Site:  
[www.BCHC.org](http://www.BCHC.org) for the San Joaquin/Sierra Unit,  
[www.bchcalifornia.org](http://www.bchcalifornia.org) for the State Web Site

Tentative Calendar:  
More will be added as weather conditions permit. Such as Work Parties to Chamberlaine, Montana De Oro Ride, San Joaquin River Gorge Rides, Big Meadows Work Party/Ride, Jose Basin, etc.  
Stay Tuned



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



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### Classified Ads

\$.10/word with a 20 word minimum (\$2.00), \$.50 a line after that.

### Display Ad Rate per issue

Business Card Size, \$8.00, 1/2 page, \$35.00,  
1/4 page, \$20.00, Full Page, \$50.00

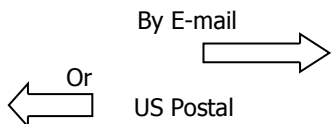
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**All paid Ads include an E-mail Blast to all members with current emails**

## Calling ALL Members!

Remember to please send an email to  
Chip Herzig:  
chipherzig@gmail.com

Let him know how you want your State  
Newsletter:



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.

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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## Hoof Print 2013 Deadlines

Advertising, announcements, pictures and other copy must be received by editor by the deadline listed below.

## Deadline Publication

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Publication</u>
January 20	February/March
March 20	April/May
May 20	June/July
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,

**Toby Horst, Char Meier, and John Mikkelson.**

**Past Presidents**

# **RIDDLE RANCH RIDE AND ELECTIONS**

By Cindy Mueller

Well another year for the Riddle Ranch Ride has passed and again we all had a wonderful time. This year was our 10th year in hosting the ride and our 9th year of including the Election Meeting in our ride. My family, especially my Grandmother, **Hazel Riddle**, has been happy to open our ranch for the unit's enjoyment. Our Ranch holds so many special memories for us all and to be able to include the BCHC ride to those memories are so special to us. We thank you for attending.

This year as in the past nine years, we held our **Election/General Meeting** on the third Saturday in October. We had a beautiful morning when people enjoyed the numerous trails on the mountain or the roads which whined around the property. We are happy to report no accidents or incidents. After the morning of riding, the Galloping Gourmets (**Cathie Walker, Peggy Riddle, Cindy Mueller, Jessica Pratt** and our newest member, our little cowboy, **Brodey**) served hamburgers and hot dogs including the Famous Chuck Wagon chili from Sanger. With the pot luck items furnished by the members, I know that no one went home hungry.

This year we had three new members join at the ride. **Bryant and Shelly Berry** rejoined after being absent for a few years and **Juven Espinosa** also joined. On a side note, our first year of the ride, Shelly and I organized the ride with the 4H horse groups from Fresno and Tulare Co. It just so happened that most of the 4H girls were members of BCHC so it worked out well. That year we had 72 people, Shelly and I are already putting our heads together to see how we can top that next year.

Of course this meeting isn't just about horses and food but it also includes our elections. Your new Executive Board and Board Members for 2014 are:

President: **Joe Kaminski**

Vice President: **Randy Witt**

Treasurer: **Pete Parkin**

Secretary: **Cindy Mueller** (Pratt)

New Board Members: **Duane Peverill, Jim Knabke, Carolyn Witt, and Art Riesgo**. They all have a two year term.

The board would like to say **Thank You** to **Greg and Wanda Caradonna**; Greg for being our President for 2013 and handling some difficult issues that came up and Wanda for being the "woman behind the man."

We look forward to holding the ride next year and hopefully with a bigger attendance. Look for the ride coming up on the new calendar for 2014 and make an effort to come. We want to fill up our picnic area to the maximum!!





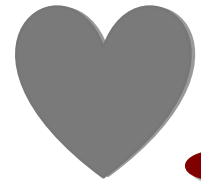
More pictures of the **Riddle Ranch Ride and Elections**. Everyone was enjoying their lunch and talking with friends and new members.





4th Annual  
Shoot Your Heart Out!

February 8, 2014  
11am to 3pm



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Back by popular demand!! February 8, 2014 is BCHC San Joaquin Sierra's "Shoot Your Heart Out day." Bring your favorite **Valentine**, handgun, ammo, and/or shotgun. (No steel rounds please). Guns are also available to shoot from The Range Pistol Club. Ammunition will not be provided but is available for purchase at the Range. Basic handgun safety and cleaning of the weapons will be reviewed and questions will be answered.

*All weapons **MUST** be unloaded and locked in a box or have a trigger lock when brought into The Range.*

The charge will be \$10.00 per person, paid to BCHC-SJSU.

You must be a BCHC member to shoot. You also may become a member the day of the shoot. Applications will be available.

Light sandwiches and drinks will be provided. A 10% discount to the 511 store will be provided to participants.

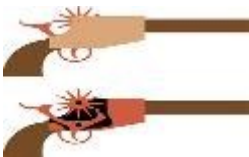
Range Master will be John Mikkelson, Past President SJSU BCHC.

Location:

The Range Pistol Club  
5152 North Gates Avenue  
Fresno, CA.

The Range is behind the west Costco Store near Hwy. 99. north of Shaw.

**R.S.V. P. by Wednesday, Feb. 5,** to Jan by emailing [jessecowboy@comcast.net](mailto:jessecowboy@comcast.net) or by calling 559-289-4911.



See ya thar pardner!



## The Sunshine Corner

By Becky J. Balistreri

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

We are always excited to welcome our new members. Remember to invite others you know who enjoy their equine friends and the backcountry to join us too! New members may join at any ride.

**Nolan Cannon and Albert Albertson, Madera**  
**Shelly and Bryant Berry, Dinuba**  
**Juven Espinosa, Fresno**

### GET WELL WISHES TO:

**Jan Mikkelsen**  
**Toby Horst**

This column is intended to help us all keep up to date with the important 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 [beckybala@hotmail.com](mailto:beckybala@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



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*"I don't horse around when it comes to selling your property"*

### 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 and 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

\$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.

#### Horse First Aid.....

great, informative quick reference

\$25.00

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

## "Travel Advantage"

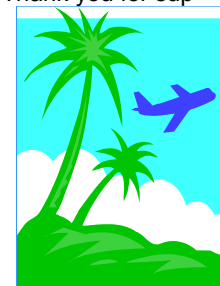
Dear BCHC Members

Check out the latest edition of "Travel Advantage", @ [www.ytbtravel.com/bchc](http://www.ytbtravel.com/bchc) a travel newsletter full of terrific deals from YTB, our BCHC travel partner. The newsletter is chock full of great ideas for anyone's next getaway! You can download an icon to your computer desktop for instant connection to the BCHC Getaway website.

Please forward "Travel Advantage" newsletter to your friends and family and other BCHC supporters. The more we get the word out, the more people will use the BCHC Getaway travel site to take advantage of great rates on hotels, flights, rental cars and other travel-related items, the more BCHC will earn for our Treasury!!

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!!

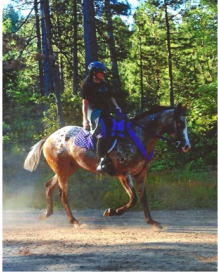
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## Appaloosa Journal Rick Theodore Run for the Gold June 1, 2013 in Mariposa

Article by Mary Odell, Photos by Rene Baylor  
In the Appaloosa Journal, October 2013

Marcee Hansen, Mary Odell and Sandra LaSpada placed in Top Ten out of 23 riders.



Marcee Hansen on Jada Sky Dancer (aka: Jada)



Mary Odell on Ke Quinta Jube Ali (aka: Ali)



Sandra LaSpada on Smokum to the Sky (aka Pokey)

In January 2013, three friends owning registered Appaloosas decided to participate in their first Long Distance Race that was to be held June 1 in Mariposa, California. The **Rich Theodore Run for the Gold** was a memorial ride for Rich and included both 25 and 50 mile distances. Rich Theodore was the president of the Mariposa Mountain Riders and a big organizer of all things endurance and trail riding in the Mariposa area. Since all three are members of the **Backcountry Horsemen of California**, the ladies and their mounts had loads of trail experience but none had ever competed in this type of race.

Training started with 3-5 rides a week of varying distances, terrain and speeds. Mary's mare is a 14 year old, Marcee's filly is a 5 year old and Sandy's filly is a four year old. Marcee and Sandy's fillies are ½ siblings out of the same Appaloosa sire, Heaven's Sky Twister. Interestingly all three Appies are different crosses. Mary's mare has a bit of Arab from her grand sire Ti-Koby Knight and her Appy lines include Keko Prince Bar Reed, Quintas Agustus and Prince Hank Jr. Marcee's mare is a thoroughbred cross and includes Northern Dancer in her thoroughbred lines. Sandy's mare is a quarter cross with Doc Bar, Mr. Gunsmoke and King Fritz on the quarter horse side. Heaven's Sky Twister goes back to Prince Plaudit.

Our goal was to complete the race with our horses in good shape. There were 23 participants in the 25 mile course and 20 riders in the 50 mile course. Little did we know that Marcee would finish in 3rd place, Mary in 4<sup>th</sup> and Sandy in 10<sup>th</sup> out of the 23 riders that day. We were so pleased to all finish in the top ten.

We appreciated the awesome help, education and instruction that all the volunteers and veterinarians provided that day. A special thanks to Jane Smith (who had completed the 2012 Tevis on her Appaloosa, My Anna, a horse related to Mary's Ali through the sire Keko Prince Bar Reed) for getting this event up and going. The raffle to benefit the Mariposa Mountain Riders was an added bonus. The catered dinner by Sal's Taco truck was delicious.



Group Picture by Melissa Odell: Marcee, Mary and Sandy with their prizes.



## KIDS CORNER HORSE BREEDS

D A B Y S S I N I A N C L Y D  
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**Can you find these breeds of horses in the letters above?**

ABSYNIAN	BELGIAN	GELDERLANDER	PINTO
APPALOOSA	BUCKSKIN	HIGHLAND PONY	QUARTER HORSE
ARABIAN	CASPIAN	MINIATURE	SADDLEBREED
ASTURIAN	CLYDESDALE	MUSTANG	SHETLAND PONY
AZTECA	DALES PONY	PALOMINO	

## Severe-Weather Driving Tips

By Rebecca Gimenez, PHD

She is an instructor for Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue. Major in the US Army Reserve and past Logistics Officer for the American Veterinary Medical Assistant Team, which serves as first responders during disasters and emergencies.

Getting to safety can be particularly tricky when you're hauling your horses in severe weather. Here are 10 on-the-road guidelines.

**DUCK.** When things get rough, DUCK: D-go **DOWN** to the lowest level; U-get **UNDER SOMETHING**; C-**COVER** your head; K-**KEEP** in your shelter until the storm passes.

**Pull over.** Rain squalls can be particularly scary. In these conditions it's almost impossible to see the road ahead and the vehicles around you. You can also lose track of the white and yellow lines on the road. Turn on your hazard lights, slow down to an appropriate speed and get off at the next exit or safe pull-off area to wait out the storm.

**Face the wind.** High wind can actually push your trailer over, especially if it's blowing perpendicular to your rig at high speeds (35 miles per hour or more) and on bridges. If the wind kicks up, find a place to park your rig so the front of your truck (or the rear of your trailer) faces the wind until the storm blows over. Keep your rig as straight as possible.

**Avoid bridges and overpasses.** In a tornado, don't get under a bridge or highway overpass (as unfortunately show in the movie, *Man of Steel*). You'll be completely exposed, you'll be higher in the wind shear (where the wind is worse), and there's no place to really hide. You'll be sucked up. Instead, get down.

**Avoid flimsy structures.** Never park your rig under a flimsy gas station overhang or close to similar structures to escape high winds, a blizzard, or a thunderstorm. Lightweight wood-constructed buildings, such as barns, generally aren't designed to withstand the shearing forces of wind at catastrophic velocities of 70 miles per hour or more. The large surface area of roofs and building faces are at risk of being blown off.

**Keep your horse contained.** Never let your horse loose on any highway for any reason. This tactic only increases the chances of him being injured by debris or, worse, hit by a car or responding fire truck, rather than inside a steel or aluminum protective envelope. Also, your horse will be protected from rain, hail, snow, wind and flying debris. Similar to humans, it's when animals are ejected that they're more at risk of becoming injured or killed.

**Get out of the storm's path.** If there's time, get out of the way- left or right- of the approaching storm.

**Abandon your vehicle.** In a real weather emergency (such as a tornado that's bearing down), you'll need to leave your horse inside the trailer. Your safety has to take precedence over that of your horse.

**Seek shelter.** If there's time, try to find a place to park your rig that will take advantage of shelter from a hill, then seek shelter in a home, basement, commercial building or specially built tornado shelter, preferably underground. If there's not time, get down in a ditch, culvert, or low spot.

**Accept the inevitable.** In catastrophic events, wind has picked up horse trailers and flung them hundreds of yards,, pickups have ended up in neighboring properties, and dead horses have been found miles from where the storm vortex picked them up. If the storm is that bad, there's nothing you can do, except save your family, friends and yourself.

# **San Joaquin Sierra Unit Board Meeting Minutes**

## **July 3, 2013**

### **Clovis Elks Lodge, 535 Woodworth Ave. Clovis, CA**

**Call to order:** 6:33 by Joe Kaminski

**In Attendance:**

Vice President: Joe Kaminski    Treasurer: Pete Parkin    Secretary: Cindy Mueller  
Directors: Cathie Walker, Carol Kaminski, Fredi Chrisman, and Randy Witt  
Advisors: Toby Horst    Members: Katie Horst, Carolyn Witt, Becky Balistreiri, Art Riesgo and Kathy Rhode  
Absent: Greg Caradonna, Wanda Caradonna, Ted Fischer

**Review and Approval of Minutes:**

June minutes to be reviewed next meeting

**Treasurer Report: Period ending 06/2013**

YTD Income: \$ 3311.85    General Checking \$ 17866.01  
YTD Expenses: (2741.04)    CD's & Savings \$ 11285.88  
YTD Profit/Loss \$ 570.81

**Committee Reports:**

Newsletter: Next due date July 20th  
Shaver Lake: Open and available

**Old Business:**

Work Parties: One completed and it was a success.  
Ponying: Put off until this fall due to extreme heat.

**New Business**

Poker Ride Donations: Ideas were thrown around but everyone decided to wait until Wanda was in attendance. The ride is September 7th.

**Adjournment:**

Randy W. made a motion to adjourn, Pete P seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:23pm





# **San Joaquin Sierra Unit Board Meeting Minutes**

## **August 7, 2013**

### **Clovis Elks Lodge, 535 Woodworth Ave. Clovis, CA**

**Call to order:** 6:33 by Greg Caradonna

**In Attendance:**

President: Greg Caradonna Vice President: Joe Kaminski Treasurer: Pete Parkin Secretary: Cindy Mueller  
Directors: Cathie Walker, Carol Kaminski, Fredi Chrisman, Ted Fischer  
Advisors: Toby Horst  
Members Absent: Katie Horst Absent: Wanda Caradonna, Tara Stephenson

**Review and Approval of Minutes:**

Ted F made a motion to approve the June minutes as written, seconded by Joe K, motion passed.

Ted F made a motion to approve the July minutes as written, seconded by Fredi C, motion passed.

**Treasurer Report:** Period ending 0730//2013

YTD Income: \$3613.43 General Checking \$ 15561.51

YTD Expenses: (5341.26) CD's & Savings \$ 11285.88

YTD Profit/Loss (\$1727.84) Petty Cash \$ 50.00

**Committee Reports:**

Membership: Our membership is up to 207 memberships

Public Lands: Joe K to attend on August 16th the USFS meeting on upcoming changes. He will report at the next meeting.

Shaver Lake: Open and available

**Old Business:**

Poker Ride – Wanda would like an email blast to go out regarding the Poker Ride. Chamberlain Toilets – the total cost for the building of the toilets was \$1663.11, half of which the unit paid for and half will be paid by the USFS grant if reimbursed.

**New Business**

General Meeting place: The board needs to start calling around for a possible new General Meeting site. Toby will find out more regarding the RAC at a later date. Toby and Katie have decided to retire. More to come.

**Adjournment:**

Fredi C. made a motion to adjourn, Joe K seconded, meeting adjourned at 8pm



# **San Joaquin Sierra Unit Board Meeting Minutes**

## **September 4, 2013**

### **Clovis Elks Lodge, 535 Woodworth Ave. Clovis, CA**

**Call to order:** 6:34 by Greg Caradonna

**In Attendance:**

President: Greg Caradonna Vice President: Joe Kaminski Treasurer: Pete Parkin Secretary: Cindy Mueller

Directors: Fredi Chrisman, Carol Kaminski, Cathie Walker, Wanda Caradonna

Members: Jan Mikkelson

Absent: Randy and Carolyn Witt, Ted Fischer

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** August to be reviewed next meeting

**Treasurer Report:**

YTD Income: \$ 3934.18 Checking: \$15697.88  
YTD Expense: \$ 5525.65 Petty Cash: \$ 50.00  
YTD Profit/loss: \$(1591.47) CD: \$11291.73

**Committee Reports:**

Membership: We are now up to 209 Memberships.

Public Lands: The meeting that Joe attending on USFS changing ended up with some mapping issues. Joe is staying on top of the situation. Big Meadows was a small group but a lot got done. Next year we have been requested to repair the ramps for manure dumping.

Rides: Some ride have been canceled due to meat bees being an issues.

**Old Business:**

General Meeting location: Still waiting on word from the RAC for our meeting place. We still need to be thinking of a new location.

Poker Ride: Had 48 riders and a big success.

**New Business:**

The yearly audit is set to do and close last years books.

The election is October 19, think about nominations. Cindy M will print ballots and accept any nominations as they are submitted.

**Adjournment:** Fredi Chrisman made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Joe K at 8:23pm



# **San Joaquin Sierra Unit Board Meeting Minutes**

## **October 2, 2013**

### **Clovis Elks Lodge, 535 Woodworth Ave. Clovis, CA**

**Call to order:** 6:35 by Greg Caradonna

**In Attendance:**

President: Greg Caradonna Vice President: Joe Kaminski  
Treasurer: Pete Parkin Secretary: Cindy Mueller  
Directors: Cathie Walker, Carol Kaminski, Fredi Chrisman, Ted Fischer, Randy Witt

**Review and Approval of Minutes:**

Cathie W. made a motion to approve the August minutes as modified, seconded by Joe K, motion passed.  
Carol K made a motion to approve the September minutes as written, seconded by Ted F. motion passed.

**Treasurer Report:** Period ending 09/2013

YTD Income:	\$3922.83	General Checking	\$ 18324.69
YTD Expenses:	<u>(2887.49)</u>	CD's & Savings	\$ 11291.73
YTD Profit/Loss	(\$1035.34)	Petty Cash	\$ 50.00

**Committee Reports:**

Education: Next year the speakers might be cut to every other meeting, possible GPS class and a first aid class, being planned for 2014.

Public Lands: Chamberlain is closed. Joe K was able to buy more supplies with the grant money.

Shaver Lake: Will be closed at the end of October

Ride Coordinator: Need some ideas for upcoming rides.

**Old Business:**

Christmas Party: Donations are coming in and more are needed.

Election Meeting: Cathie W requested funds to purchase lunch items, Ted F made a motion for \$200.00 to be reimbursed to buy supplies, seconded by Fredi C, motion passed.

General Meeting Space: One more month is needed before we hear from the RAC and space at the Clovis Veterans Hall.

**New Business**

2012 Audit of books: Pete P and Cathie W will meet at Wanda C.'s house to complete the audit.

Storage: Randy W. may have room to pick up the storage unit and tools from Toby and Katie's.

Shoot Your Heart Out: on the Calendar for February 8, 2014, and it will be hosted by John and Jan Mikkelsen.

**Adjournment:**

Ted F made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wanda C, meeting adjourned at 8:39

☐ **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 CHAIR**

**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  
Ohlone 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  
PO BOX 535  
BEAUMONT, CA 92223  
<http://www.bchcalifornia.org>

**Donate to BCHC  
Education Fund?  
Tax Deductible**

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

**MEMBER'S NAME** - Please Print Clearly: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPOUSE/MEMBER'S NAME** - MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS**

**CITY**

**STATE**

**ZIP**

**PHONE**

**EMAIL ADDRESS**

**Make Check Payable to: BCHC**

**CHECK #** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE SUBMITTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT UNIT MEMBERSHIP TYPES: (CIRCLE ONE)**

**Individual \$45.00\***

**Family \$55.00\***

**Benefactor \$100.00**

**Patron \$250.00**

**Mt Whitney \$500.00**

**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)**

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 \$ 45.00  
☐ Family (Shared) Membership \$ 55.00  
☐ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Verification of BCHC membership is available via (1) BCHC unit president reports (2) BCHC unit membership chair reports (3) provide a stamped self-addressed envelope or (4) provide a valid email address





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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.