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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring Is Here

Based on the Old Farmers Almanac, Spring starts on March 20th. The season brings increasing daylight, warming temperatures and a rebirth of flora and fauna. All I can tell you is the trees in my neighbors yard seemed to blossom three weeks early this year, and our rainfall is 3 inches below normal, which may lead to an early summer and a shortage of water in the high country.

My wife (Wanda) said I have not been riding Dixie enough, and Wanda was concerned that Dixie would not be in condition for our summer rides. So, the week of March 12th I started riding Dixie in the evening (6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.) and I was only wearing a light shirt – Spring is here! As a reminder, conditioning does not start the day before a major ride, be fair to your animal and yourself, and get yourself in the saddle. Until the trails open in the high country, Tara will have lowland tune-up rides available for all. As a reminder, our events change sometimes, so please look at our “calendar of events” on the web-site (BCHC.org) and remember to contact the ride host regarding the event.

Because of the equine issues over the last couple of years, be fair to other equine riders and their animals by making sure your springtime shots are administered to your animals. It is also time to inspect your equipment. Many trailers have been sitting all winter. A non-BCHC member, at the ranch where I board, hooked up their trailer and started to drive away. I ran over and stopped them, they had a flat tire, and there was noise coming from one of the wheels. I showed them the flat tire, and then explained the bearings on the front axle were loose (I could actually wriggle the two front wheels and they made a knock noise). They said thanks re-parked their trailer and said they would be back on the weekend to make the needed repairs. One more thing, it was 8:30 at night and several of the lights on the trailer were flickering. As a reminder, your equipment also may need some conditioning before it is used.

As part of our comment in keeping the Backcountry open, we have several work parties and events planned for this up coming summer. **Joe Kaminski**, our Public Lands coordinator, is regularly developing relationships with local forest officials and is attending meetings on a regular basis – Thanks Joe. Believing there is strengthen in numbers we are recruiting new members and maintaining our core members. In August 2012, we had 196 members and today we have roughly 225 members, as long as some of our core members pay their February renewal notices by the end of March – thanks **Tara Stephenson** and **Jan Mikkelson**.

Two final notes, the unit is taking action to educate riders by allowing ponying of stock on regular rides (there will be new guidelines to follow). For a number of years we have required minors (those under the age of 18) to ride with helmets, our insurance is now mandating this policy.

Your President, Greg Caradonna.

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Hensley Lake/Buck Ridge Ride – February 16th By Tara Stephenson

Wow, couldn't of asked for a nicer day and an even nicer turnout for our ride that day! 21 riders in all, including two new members signed up that day, **Bonnie Martin** and **Brenda Morgan**, along with some great Freepackers that delighted us that day with their attendance as well. Along with myself, our riders that day were **JoAnn Caufield**, **Cindy Schueler**, **William and Pat Peverill**, **Randy and Tammy Weaver**, **Mary Odell**, **Jody Vial**, **Tom and Debra Winegarden**, **Jim Crawford**, **Ron Jefferson**, **Rick Evans**, **Debbie Trenberth**, **Terry Arner**, **Jeanne Bryson**, **Bonnie Pierce** and **Tom Burnett**. What a GREAT group! After my "first" official talk (I was Ted Fischer less that day, boo hoo), I tried my best to do Ted proud so after some history and our **Leave No Trace** talk, we divided up into three groups and off we went!

Tom lead the first group up to the monument of Major James Savage. Major Savage was a pioneer, miner, trader and credited with the discovery of Yosemite Valley. Then after Tom's group left, Mary's group visited the monument as the rest of us waited in the parking lot until we saw Mary's group start to head off as well. My group headed up to the monument, got to read the markers left there, quite interesting! And then we headed off to the trail.

Quite a nice two hour trek that gave us very scenic views of the lake. The trail was mostly single track with some ascents as well as descents, great conditioning ride! At one point on the trail, all three groups met up and that was quite a nice surprise, was great to take a break and talk to the other riders. Then we took off in one direction, they took off in the other direction with the promise that we'd see them soon at the trailers for lunch. Back at the trailers, we all gathered around in our chairs and enjoyed the sunshine and conversation. Even in the winter months, when we can't get back into the back country due to the snow, we can still all enjoy a nice day together, that's what I love about this club, no matter where we are riding, we all have a really good time!



Our little waif.



Pictures by William Peverill



Coffman Ranch Ride Part I

by Sue Lehman

The Coffman Ranch ride took place on February 23, 2013. The weather wasn't exactly perfect but it wasn't freezing either like some of the others have been early in the year! The wind was a factor though throughout most of the day. Still at times the sun was out and the weather didn't affect anyone's fun!

This ranch is open to the public for a \$10 trailering in fee. For this we get use of all of their facilities for the day. Trails, arenas and the cement wash racks with warm water is a big plus! This is one of the best places I know to start conditioning your horse for the summer riding in the mountains. It is not fair to the horse if you do not do some conditioning rides during the spring months before asking them to haul you up and down the strenuous mountains!

Tara gave her usual, well informed speech about safety and **Leave No Trace** before the ride started. We stayed on this ride together as one group as it was a smaller number at 14.

After the lunch break though some riders went back out on their own and rode the same ride basically only in reverse. So you could ride as long as you wanted. And like I said you could spend the entire day out there if you so wished.

This nice group of riders today consisted of: **Tara Stephenson**, trail boss, **Cindy Schueler**, **Jerry and Sherry Smith**, **Suzanne Ward**, **Cara Peterson**, **Janis Barbosa**, **Char Meier**, **Sue Lehman**, **Wanda Caradonna**, **Nina Balbach**, **Debbie McFarren**, **Jody Vial**, and **Jan Doyle**.



If you missed this ride and would like to participate in our next one, come to the Coffman Ranch ride, Part 2 on **April 6 at 11 a.m.!**



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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
Past Presidents**

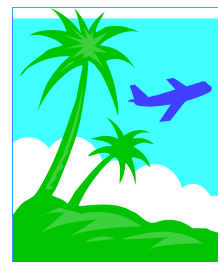
"Travel Advantage"

Dear BCHC Members

Check out the latest edition of "Travel Advantage", @ 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!!

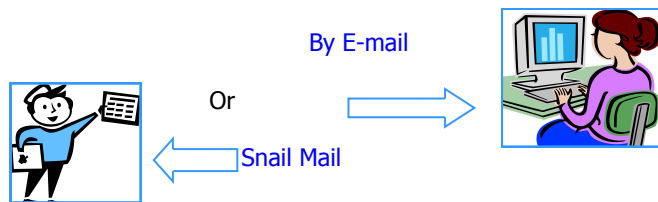
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Calling ALL Members!

Remember to please send an email to
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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.

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2013 Calendar

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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*

April 6	Coffman Ranch Ride, Part 2	Tara Stephennson, 559-977-2766
April 13	Parade Practice/Desensitizing Clinic	Peter Parkin, 559-673-1700
April 13	Shaver Lake Campground Work Day	Char Meier, 559-297-1290
April 20	Revis Mountain/YLP Ride	Sandy La Spada, 559-760-7875
April 27	Clovis Parade & Rodeo	Jan and John Mikkelson, 559-289-4911
May 11-12	Jose Basin Campout & Packing Practice	Toby & Katie Horst, 559-855-7765
May 22	General Meeting Clovis Memorial, Freedom Room, 6:30pm	Any Board Member
June 17-23	Chamberlain Meadow Horse Camp Work Party	Joe and Carol Kaminski 559-733-9170 Toby and Katy Horst, 559-855-7765
July 7-13	Chamberlain Meadow Horse Camp Work Party	Joe and Carol Kaminski, 559-733-9471 Toby and Katy Horst, 559-855-7765
July 19-21`	Tamarack Ride	Toby and Katie Horst , 559-855-7765
August 9, 10, 11	Spanish Lake Campout and Ride Limit of 15 riders	Joe and Carol Kaminski 559-733-9170
August 14	General Meeting Clovis Memorial, Freedom Room, 6:30pm	Any Board Member
August 18	Big Meadows Horse Camp Work Party	Joe and Carol Kaminski, 559-733-9471
September 7	Shaver Lake Poker Ride Ride is open to the public	Char Meier 559-297-1290 and Wanda Caradonna 559-351-5190
October 19	Riddle Ranch General Meeting and Ride	Cathie Walker, 559-439-8940
December 14	Annual Christmas Party	Put the date on your calendar and join us for fun, camaraderie and music

Remember to check for any Unit updates at our Web Site:

www.BCHC.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.

The Sunshine Corner

By Becky J. Balistreri

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Nathalie Agnew, Fresno
Steve and Sandy Trueblood, Sanger
Deborah Trenberth, Fresno
Brenda Morgan, Auberry
Bonnie Martin, Auberry



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

From everyone in the BCHC, San Joaquin Sierra unit, we want to extend our deepest condolences to:

John and Jan Mikkelsen. Jan's mother passed away March 15th.

Cathy Walker, lost her equine companion, King.

Todd White, will be greatly missed. He was a long time member of BCHC. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

We know this is a very difficult time and our prayers and thoughts are with you.

I am the new Sunshine Corner person as well as a new member and look forward to meeting, working and riding with everyone.

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 becky-bala@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



"Old, not so old & new Tack Yard Sale"

Saturday April 20th, 2013 on the grounds at
Country Hearts Ranch
5880 N. Leonard Ave., Clovis
From 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

If you have items you want to sell, there will be a \$15.00 fee for sellers. If you only have a few items you want to sell, pair up with a friend and take a spot together. Space is limited so we need to know by April 15th.

We will also place an ad on Craig's list to help get the word out about the sale.

Call/text or email: Linda Fitzgerald cell 289-8322, email linda@championbs.com

Wanda Caradonna cell 392-3534, email wandacaradonna@sbcglobal.net

If you don't have anything to sell, maybe there will be something you will find that you just need to buy.



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 \$10.00

Scarves are a light or 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 right has the person's first name and on the left is BCHC with San Joaquin Sierra Unit under the BCHC.

Horse First Aid....

great, informative quick reference \$25.00!

Contacts: **Wanda Caradonna** at 559 392-3534,

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&/or look for items at our rides and meetings.



Desensitize!!!



This year the Clovis Rodeo Parade is April 27th. We will again have the privilege to use the beautiful Silver Rose Ranch. Take advantage of exposing your horses to new and/or “unusual” experiences, getting them more prepared for the rest of the year, whether it is for the trail or the parade. Remember, participants **don't have to ride in the parade** to participate in the clinic. Just come out and join us for a little ‘desensitizing’ by walking around balloons, umbrellas, mystery items, flares and any other items that may “pop” up! We will also practice for the parade by riding a few laps around the track as well.

Date: April 13, 2013 10:00 a.m.

Bring a bite to eat, as this lasts approximately 3 hours.

Directions to Silver Rose Ranch 11233 N. Newmark 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 and turn left on Newmark. Go to parking area on left.

Contact:

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

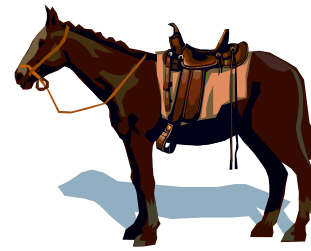
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Boo!





Rides by Tara April - May



April 6th, Coffman Ranch Ride, Part 2 11 AM

(Be in the saddle by 11 am) Another favorite, let's ride this puppy one more time before we head up into the high country! Always a nice ride at the Coffman Ranch! Ten dollar haul in fee which includes use of their arenas, round pens; heck, we can even give our horse a warm water bath if we are so inclined after the ride. The ride will be about 2-3+ hours including a lunch break. The Coffman Ranch has some nice single track trails to follow or we can just amble about if we are in the mood to do so. Located in the foothills so there will be little bits of climbing along the trails as well as cattle roaming around. Please RSVP to **Tara Stephenson** by April 3rd at either Tara1Stephenson@aol.com or call her at 559-977-2766, at that time, she can give you directions and answer any questions.

April 20th, Revis Mountain Ride, 11 am

(Be in the saddle by 11 am). Woo hoo, finally we get a chance to ride up here, we've been trying to get a ride going up here but kept getting rained out so let's cross our fingers for this one! We welcome you to join us for a 3 to 4 hour trail ride in the hills of Yosemite Lakes Park. We will park at the Equestrian Center parking lot at Yosemite Springs Parkway and Longhollow Drive. Overflow parking is available at the Recreation Center a bit further down Longhollow. We will be ascending Revis Mountain. The trail is mostly dirt road footing with some asphalt street crossings and rock step-overs. The ride is very challenging for the horses due to climbing the mountain. There are a few steep areas. This ride is suited for intermediate riders and horses that are in good shape. We will see mountain views and one or two small creek crossings. There are occasional hikers with dogs on leashes and very seldom we see a bicyclist. Bring your lunch, we will be tying up and eating on the trail and a bucket to water your horse after the ride. Water is available at the Equestrian Center. For future reference, visitors are allowed to ride in YLP only if a resident of YLP accompanies them. For directions and to RSVP, please call Sandy La Spada at (559) 760-7875 or e-mail at sandynpaul@sti.net. Also, please RSVP to **Tara Stephenson as well** by or before April 17th at either Tara1Stephenson@aol.com or call her at 559-977-2766, so that she can get the paperwork done and have a head count. **Attention! This ride has limited trailer space (we have room for hopefully 13 rigs at the barn and 5 rigs at the Recreation Center) so please RSVP right away so you secure your place on this ride!**



**2013 SHAVER LAKE
CAMPGROUND WORK DAY**
Saturday April 13th - 10 AM
WEATHER PERMITTING

It is time to set up our Shaver Lake campground for another season. Work day is scheduled for **Saturday April 13th** (**weather permitting-call me to verify**). Volunteers are needed for general clean up, and set up our wire pens. The FUN will start at 10 AM so bring your favorite tools (gloves, rakes, loppers, shovels, pliers, hammers) **and your favorite equine**. As soon as the work is completed, everybody is welcome to take a ride, so bring a snack/ lunch and let's take off exploring the trails.

Directions: Hwy 168 to Shaver Lake. Turn right on the Dinkey Creek Road. Our camp is about one mile on the left hand side of the road. Watch for a BCHC sign at the camp entrance.

Must be a member or may join at the work day.

Char Meier
(559) 297-1290 home



**The Shaver Lake Day Use & Campground facility
will be available April – October 2013**

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 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 porta-potty is on site for our human needs.

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

For reservations contact:

Char Meier 559 297-1290 home
559 905 6948 cell

or Wanda Caradonna 559 392-3534

KIDS CORNER

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GENERAL MEETING MARCH 20, 2013

By Carolyn Witt



We really welcome our BCHC members to these General Meetings to help the Board Members with ideas about the direction you want to see the unit going. We discussed the activities that are going to be happening and many questions were clarified for our members.

This evening we discussed the upcoming Rendezvous being held in Norco this year. Several of our board members will be attending. **Ted Fischer**, Education Coordinator, discussed the Reorganization of Yosemite-Merced River Plan and urged everyone to write a letter (email Ted for address tjfischer3@gmail.com) to prevent eliminating commercial rafting, bicycle rentals, horse rentals, ice rink, stock on trails, and taking out a bridge over the Merced River.

Joe Kaminski, Public Lands Coordinator, has 3 work parties on the calendar. Chamberlaine, out of Cartwright, will be offered twice in June. There will be a work party and ride at Big Meadows in August. There will also be a pack and ride to Spanish Lake in August.

We want to thank **Beck Balistreri** for volunteering for the Sunshine Corner. We are still looking for several people to help out with the Christmas Party. Please email Wanda Caradonna (wandacaradonna@sbcglobal.net) if you are crafty, like to party and organize, and like to have fun with a great bunch of people.

Ponying on rides was discussed. A clinic is being arranged for those who would like to pony an animal. This clinic must be attended before you can pony on one of the rides. Check the calendar schedule for dates. Our insurance has also written that anyone under 18 must wear a helmet on all rides.

What a wonderful guest performance we had this evening. Ted Fischer introduced his friend, **Grant Kennington**. Originally from Wyoming now living in Prather. Grant entertained us with cowboy poetry and stories. It was a delightful and hilarious ending to a productive meeting. Please join us next time.



BCHC Member



Grant Kennington, Storyteller

30th ANNUAL PICK A COLT PRODUCTION SALE



Saturday May 4th, 2013
Chowchilla, CA
Ranch Gates open at 8:30



Catalogs are now available for your review at
www.LazyKRanch.com

We are offering a **HORSE TRAINING CLINIC** here at Lazy K Ranch on April 6th, 2013 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Learn how to establish a life long bond with your horse while going about your everyday activities. Whether you are catching, leading, lunging or loading your horse into a trailer, you are asking your horse to extend themselves beyond their comfort zone. This is not only teachable moments for the task at hand but also an opportunity to give your horse guidance and reassurance, both of which are essential to build a true partnership with your horse.

If we have peaked your interest, there are two ways you can take part in this one day clinic. For those of you who purchased a yearling at our Annual Pick A Colt Day Productions Sale in 2011 or 2012, you are eligible to bring your Lazy K yearling or 2 year old and train together. It will be necessary to limit the number of horses, so send an email to horses4sale@LazyKRanch.com with your name and phone number and the best time to reach you. There is a \$50 charge to participate with your Lazy K horse and we can accept visa, MC & Discover.

If you have not purchase a yearling from our sale in the last two years but have a desire to learn more about Lazy K Ranch and the horse handling techniques we promote, we would like to encourage you to participating as a spectator. There will be a central round pen set up where Larry Knapp will personally work with each participant and their horse, providing everyone a unique opportunity to see first hand the training methods we use here on the ranch every day. The cost for spectators is \$20 for adults \$10 for children and we ask that you preregister via email. Lunch will be provided for all participants.

From all of us here at Lazy K Ranch, we look forward to having you as our guest.



JOSE BASIN SPRING RIDE 2013

DATE: May 10, 11 & 12

PLACE: JOSE BASIN CORRAL/CAMP SITE AREA

Submitted by Katy Horst

We will ride Saturday and Sunday and if we get the area set up we will probably ride Friday afternoon. This is a conditioning ride for pack & riding stock for the summer. It is also a pleasure ride for those with riding stock only and we usually divide into two groups. If you can make it just for one day be sure and come, as it is a great place to ride. Be in the saddle at 10:00 am. We will have the toilets available and a Barbeque for Saturday night. Bring your own meat and a potluck dish, utensils, etc. The campfire time has been great fun in the past so please plan to join us. The rest of the meals will be on your own.

Please RSVP by May 8 to Toby/Katie Horst @ 855-7765. If you only ride on Saturday, try and stay over for the potluck, as it is great fun and sharing time. We sure hope all of you that enjoy this area will come up and join us this year. If you need to work your mules or pack stock, this is a good area as it isn't too difficult but is enough for the stock to get in better shape.

Directions:

Hwy 168 to Auberry Turn Off. Go thru Auberry-take the right Y at the grammar school to top of grade. Take first left turn (follow Mono Wind signs), go past Mono Wind and continue on old railroad grade road. Stay right at intersections or Y's. At T intersection after crossing bridge turn right and continue on with a right turn which goes around where you can see the corrals where we will be parked. Small signs with BCHC will be placed on the roads where you should turn. It is a long drive into the T intersection so don't give up. See you there.

RENDEZVOUS 2013

NORCO, CA.

By Carolyn Witt

Horse city of the United States, that's Norco. Drive down 6th street and you'll see hitching rails at Boot Barn, Thrifty Horse, supermarkets, fast food restaurants, everywhere! There are trails all through the neighborhoods. In fact as we drove through the residential area in the backyard of pretty much every house were stables, pastures, arenas, everything horsey. Amazing!

When we reached the George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center there were two huge covered arenas where the events for Rendezvous were held. We watched **Jerry Tindell** and **Robin Bond** demonstrate how to train horses. There were a variety of classes to attend from Dutch Oven cooking, "Your Compass when it lies", Backcountry Medicine, Equine Dentistry, A Woman Alone on the PCT, and many activities for kids. There was a trail trial course that would really test your horse. Mule packing by the forest service. Many vendors from pizza to leather goods and in between from beef jerkey to jewelry. Something for everyone. Great place and a great time.



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HORSE CAMPING JULY 3-8 at
Jack Brook Horse Camp, Sam McDonald Park.



Jack Brook Horse Camp has flush toilets, hot showers, two refrigerators, a microwave, outdoor cooking area with sink, fire pit, a pay phone and miles of redwood forest trails with ridge views.

There are 48 pipe corrals and 6 tie posts available on a first-come basis. Water hoses available but bring your own water buckets. Wheelbarrows and forks are provided.

NO SMOKING and NO DOGS in camp or in the park.

BCHC requires helmets for all riders. Ride at your own risk.

\$200 for 5 nights of camping with 10 meals: Wed. dinner through Mon. breakfast.

OR \$150 for 2 nights with 6 meals

OR \$75 per day with 3 meals.

\$50 for children under 12 for 5 nights.

For more information, contact Kathy Woods at (650) 678-8070, ksmithwoods@yahoo.com.

A confirmation email will be sent upon receiving registration form and check.

DIRECTIONS: Access to the horse camp is only on a one lane road.

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If you arrive early, wait at the turn out west of the gate. Do not wait in front of the gate.

From Hwy. 101:

Take Hwy. 84 (Woodside/La Honda/San Gregorio Road) west to La Honda. 1/2 mile passed village center turn left on Pescadero Road. Horse camp gate is 7 miles from the turn-off and 1 mile past the Sam McDonald Park entrance.

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Space is limited so book early!

Jack Brook Horse Camp ~ July 3-8, 2013 BCHC Member? Yes No

Please make checks payable to Ohlone Riders and mail to: Kathy Woods P.O. BOX 5262, CA 95150.

Deadline is June 25th.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

in your group _____ # horses in your group _____

\$200 per person for 5 days/nights = \$ _____

OR \$150 per person for 2 days/nights = \$ _____

Children under 12, \$50 for 5 days/nights = \$ _____



San Joaquin Sierra Unit Board Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2013

Clovis Elks Lodge, 535 Woodworth Ave. Clovis, CA

Call to order: 6:37 by Greg Caradonna

In Attendance: President: Greg Caradonna Vice President: Joe Kaminski Treasurer: Pete Parkin Secretary: Cindy Mueller
Board Members: Wanda Caradonna, Cathie Walker, Tara Stephenson, Randy Witt, Carolyn Kaminski, Fredi Chrisman, Ted Fischer
Advisors: Toby Horst, Carolyn Witt Members: Katie Horst

Additions to agenda: Toby Horst asked to have the unit website to be added to new business.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

September 2012 minutes we submitted by email. Reviewed again by the members, a motion was made by Randy Witt to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Joe Kaminski, motion passed, minutes approved.

November 2012 minutes we submitted by email. Reviewed again by the members, changes were made to the financial totals. A motion to pass the minutes as corrected was made by Ted Fischer, seconded by Fredi Chrisman, motion passed, minutes approved as corrected.

December 2012 minutes to be emailed prior to next board meeting.

Correspondence:

California Horseman's Associate letter presented by Cindy Mueller, they were updating their magazine, no changes for our unit.

Treasurer Report: Period ending 12/2012

YTD Income: \$ 9746.48 General Checking \$ 17356.11

YTD Expenses: (7101.83) CD's & Savings \$ 11274.21*

YTD Profit/Loss \$ 2644.65

*This total doesn't include the 2012 year end interest.

Committee Reports:

Education: Ted working on getting the speaker for the January general meeting. Flat tire presentation.

Newsletter: Next deadline is January 20, 2012. Welcome Carolyn Witt!!

Public Lands: Joe Kaminski is working on Big Meadows.

Sunshine Corner: We need to recruit a member to be the committee chair.

Rides: Tara has a full calendar and has recruited several more members.

Old Business:

Christmas Party 2012: Wanda reported that there were 90 attendees. After all receipts received and paid, the final total is \$1824.87. There was discussion on the support our unit has received from Susan Young with our auction items. A motion was presented by Ted to send Susan a thank you from the unit for all her help including a \$60.00 gift certificate. The motion was seconded by Randy, all in favor, motion passed. Cindy offered take care of gift.

2013 Ride Planning:

Face book page: Tara is working with Mary to take over Face book page.

New Business:

Website: Toby wanted to let the board know that the unit website, www.bchc.org is not owned by the unit. He passed the information onto Greg so the new president can pursue ownership.

Adjournment: Wanda offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Fredi all in favor, meeting adjourned 8:30pm.

San Joaquin Sierra Unit Board Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2013

Clovis Elks Lodge 535 Woodworth Ave. Clovis CA

Call to order: 6:37 by Greg Caradonna

In Attendance:

President: Greg Caradonna Vice President: Joe Kaminki

Treasurer: Pete Parkin Secretary: Cindy Mueller

Directors: Wanda Caradonna, Cathie Walker, Tara Stephenson, Carolyn Kaminski, Fredi Chrisman,

Advisors: Toby Horst Guests: Katie Horst, Janis Barbosa, Kathy Rhode, and Sue Lehman

Not in Attendance: Directors: Randy Witt, Ted Fischer

Review and Approval of Minutes: Minutes were reviewed and corrected, Carol made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Tara, motion passed.

Correspondence: The unit received a request from the High Sierra Unit for donated funds. No decision will be made until Greg contacts their Unit President requesting more information.

Treasurer Report: Period ending 01/2013

YTD Income: \$ 320.50

General Checking \$ 17627.37

YTD Expenses: (0.00)

CD's & Savings \$ 11274.21

YTD Profit/Loss \$ 320.50

Pete also presented a bill from Ted Fischer for snacks at last General Meeting. Greg asked for approval of reimbursement, all approved.

Committee Reports:

Education: Kathy Rhode found a place to hold a saddle fitting clinic with Al Gould. Kathy will work with Ted to arrange event.

Newsletter: Carolyn emailed a few questions to Greg for the board, concerning advertisement. The board agreed to follow the rules which were established previously.

Public Lands: Big Meadows is set for August 18th-24th. Check the calendar for planned Back Country work parties.

Rides: Once the snow melts, weekly rides will be scheduled for the Kings Canyon area. Keep watching the website. Pete made a payment to reserve a space at Montana De Oro; Wanda made a motion to have our unit sponsor the ride, seconded by Fredi, motion passed.

Old Business:

Website: Toby had brought up the concern of our webpage domain. The research was completed and with review the board agreed to purchase a new domain and move the webpage in the future. Wanda made a motion to purchase the new domain for three years, seconded by Joe, motion passed.

Sunshine Corner: Cindy will contact a couple of interested members to explain the position and hopefully recruit.

Parade and Practice: Jan wants to be a part of both events but needs assistance to get everything done. Cindy volunteered to make the flyers for both events; Pete will help with both and assist with parade organization.

New Business:

2012 Audit: Fredi and Tara volunteered to help with the audit.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Joe to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Fredi, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

☐ **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
Ohlone Riders
Redhawk Riders
Redwood
San Diego
San Geronimo Pass

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

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BEAUMONT, CA 92223
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**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 \$45.00* Family \$55.00* 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))

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

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.
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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 _____

Questions: Contact memberships@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.