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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the riding season starts to wind down (actually there is plenty of sunshine for additional great rides), board members of San Joaquin Sierra unit will start planning for next year (2014). Planning starts with the election of new officers and directors. Officers are elected for a one year term and directors are elected for a two year term, of the eight directors 4 are up for re-election. Voting takes place on October 19, 2013 at the Riddle Ranch General meeting (see Election article for more details). All members, your participation in this process is essential to the Unit's success.

Our Poker Ride went off with great success, thanks to all that allowed this to happen (see Poker Ride article for more details). As a reminder, riding by yourself can leave you stranded, since even the best rider or their horse can get into an issue. We did have a mishap at the Poker Ride, and an ambulance was dispatched. Fortunately, the rider was released from hospital later the same evening. It was Char Meir's calmness and knowledge that lead to a positive ending – thanks Char.

As the Public Lands Liaison, Joe Kaminski, has been working feverishly behind the scenes to maintain and keep our back country trails open for all of us to use. He has been attending meetings and keeping the board up to date of what is going on. If you would like to learn more, or if you would like to help out, please feel free to contact Joe, or attend one of our board or general meetings to stay informed.

One Such Issue

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) plans to place the Yellow Legged Frog and the Yosemite Toad, which live in the Sierra Nevada, on the Endangered Species List. The USFWS listed many things that are **possibly** causing these amphibians to die off such as: chytridiomycosis fungus, hiking, horseback riding, livestock grazing, timber management, road construction and maintenance, fire management activities, dams and water diversions, trout and climate change. Once something is listed under the Endangered Species Act as a threatened species it is unlawful to **harass or harm** that species. This would mean anything that supposedly endangers this species, such as the human activities listed above, would be a crime. If the USFWS does list these amphibians it would basically stop many of the human activities within the California Sierra Nevada. This is most definitely a move that places humans at the bottom of the priority list. Continued on page 2

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Membership Dues

I am hoping this reminder in the newsletter is helpful to all of our members. I know everyone has way too much to do, and too much on their minds, so I hope with this reminder, renewing your membership on time is one less thing you have to try to remember! If you have a question about when your membership is due, feel free to give Jan Mikkelsen a call at (559) 289-4911 or email her at jessecowboy@comcast.net. She is always happy to help you. **Please remember an Individual Membership is \$45 and a Family Membership is \$55. When you send your renewal check in, please be sure to make it out to: BCHC Membership and mail it to: P. O. Box 535, Beaumont, CA 92223.**

See you at the General meeting on October 19, 2013, and don't forget the Annual Christmas Party on December 14, 2013.

Greg Caradonna, President



Attention: SJS BackCountry Horsemen Members!!!!!! It's Election Time

It's that time of year to start thinking about electing new officers and board members for the year 2014.

Officers have a term of 1 year and directors have a term of two years (four of the eight director positions are up for re-election), and anyone may run for one of the four officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.)

Your unit is only as strong as the people who volunteer their help.

Please submit nominations to Cindy Mueller at chipzipnappy@aol.com or you can mail it to our P.O. Box 25693, Fresno, 93729 and the name will be placed on the ballot. The Election will take place at the Riddle Ranch Saturday, October 19, 2013. You must be present to vote, but you don't need to be present to be a nominee. You may also write in a nominee's name the day of the voting at the Ranch.

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.

Kim Lemon, Tranquility,
Denise Firpo, Clovis

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Winston Kasparian & Ted Fischer



MEMBER NEWS

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. I will be more than happy to include the news in the next print of the BCHC San Joaquin Sierra unit newsletter.

Thank you

2013 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*

October 19 **Riddle Ranch General Meeting and Ride** Cathie Walker, 559-283-1164

December 14 **Annual Christmas Party** Cindy Mueller, 559-283-117

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 Shaver Lake Day Use & Campground facility Will be available June - 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 port-a-potty is on site for our human needs.

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

For reservations contact:

Wanda Caradonna 559-392-3534 cell

Char Meier 559 297-1290 home 559 905 6948 cell

The Shaver Lake Camp Ground permit expires in October. The camp will be available through October or as long as the weather permits. Rain or snow storms in October will demand the closure. Be sure to call ahead if you plan to use the camp as it could close at any time. Thanks to Wanda C. for covering the camp registrations for me this year.



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

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Nov. 20 Dec./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
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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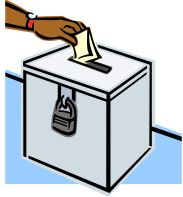


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The purpose of this publication is to keep its members informed on important issues that affect all horsemen and to inform the membership on up-coming events within the unit. The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the editor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

10TH ANNUAL RIDDLE RANCH RIDE



San Joaquin Sierra Unit
Elections and General Meeting
October 19, 2013



Ride as you wish starting at 10:00AM

Lunch served starting at 12:00 PM

Meeting and Elections for the 2013 Officers and Board
will start once everyone has received their lunch.

After the meeting you may enjoy another ride or visit 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, Orosi CA

Please RSVP by October 16, 2013

Cathie Walker (559) 283-1164

Cindy Mueller (559) 283-1174

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

Please call or email Cindy for directions.

Spanish Lake Pack Trip and Ride *By Joe Kaminski and Pictures by Cara Peterson*



The Spanish Lake pack trip was a well anticipated three day two night back country trip. Unfortunately at the last minute a number of people had to back out due to various circumstances. This included our horse TJ who came out of Crown Valley with an abscess and Carol had to stay with him at the trail head for the weekend. Fortunately a number of people were able to make the trip. This included **Debbie McFarren, Steve Naylon, Jim Dixon, Mary O'Dell, Cara Peterson, Bob Hann and myself.**

The weather was fabulous. Food was great and the scenery and fellowship unequaled. Even though fires were not permitted we gathered around a single mantel lantern for warmth and comfort. Mornings were chilly. Daytime was warm enough for some to venture into the lake for a swim while others fished and some just relaxed and took in the ambiance. All the animals did well. An extra burden was to carry in all our feed due to scarce feed in the meadows.

This was a very well received trip and one to look forward to repeating in the future. Hope to see you in the back country.



SHAVER LAKE POKER RIDE

Submitted by Char Meier



Another Successful Poker Ride

Our 2nd annual Shaver Lake Poker Ride was a huge success, attended by 50 riders who were thrilled to be in the cool Shaver Lake climate on September 7th. Our participants started arriving at the Shaver Lake Gun Club parking lot on Dinkey Creek Road about 7:30 AM. With the assistance of our terrific parking crew we were able to get all pre-registered riders parked and out on the trail around 8:30 AM.

With the wonderful donations from our sponsors **A-1 Feed**, **Millerton Lake Marina**, **The Range** and **Tractor Supply** we were able to offer super raffle prizes. The participants were able to select their choice of the raffle item to choose by dropping their ticket in the corresponding marked bag. In addition to the raffle prizes, a cash prize of \$130 was awarded to the person holding the highest poker hand and also to the person with the lowest poker hand.

Wanda and I want to thank the **Southern CA Edison-Shaver Lake Forestry Division** for allowing us to stage the poker ride at the Gun Club. Without their donation we would not have had such a beautiful facility to use. We also want to thank the 15 unit members who so graciously gave their time to help make this event such a success. From Char and Wanda a HUGE thank you to all who participated.



Big Meadows Horse Camp Work Party August 18-25th



Special thanks goes out to **Alan Fry** for driving up for the day to help work on the fencing and **Peter Parkin** who was available all week. Fortunately with the small showing this year we were able to complete the fence work, fill holes in stalls with DG and general camp clean-up. We also ventured to other campsites in the area that were left trashed by others, cleaned them up, and put out their campfires after they had gone.

Saturday night potluck turned into a great feast thanks to the arrival of **Debbie McFarren** and **Jan and John Mikkelsen**.

Later in the week we had an opportunity to ride the trails. The horses seemed to enjoy the outings and the meat-bees were nowhere to be found. The range cattle were roaming and added to the experience. New friends were made.

Hope to see you there next year. Joe and Carol Kaminski

For Next Year 2014

By Joe and Carol Kaminski

A quick trip was made to Chamberlin Camp Sept.19-22. **Joe and Carol Kaminski** and **Pete Parkin** made the ride into Chamberlin to see what we could plan for a work party for next year.



The ride in was great and we found that the causeway had already been repaired. Camp was set up and the electric fence was set out for the horses. Saturday morning we rode out to Hobler Lake and up toward Maxson Meadow. The skies darkened and we headed back to camp. After an early dinner the hail started. We sat and enjoyed it for a while until the rain started with the hail. So being creative we moved into the multi-purpose building (the outhouse). We were warm and dry and enjoyed the time together. Pete's tent rain fly failed so his tent and all the contents were soaked.

By morning when we opened the tent flap, all was white with frozen hail and maybe some snow. Inside our tent the temperature was 34 degrees. The stove had to be defrosted before it would light and then the coffee pot lid was frozen on so we needed to melt the ice so we could make hot coffee to thaw out frozen Pete. We had blanketed the horses, thankfully. The blankets had a layer of ice crystals on them.

We set what we could out to thaw and dry before we could head home. Even at 4 p.m. there was still frozen hail in some places in camp and along the trail.

The trip was great and we look forward to going back in the summer.



Kids Corner

KIDS CORNER QUIZ

1. The name Quarter Horse comes from...

- a The first quarter horse was bought for 25 cents.
- b The horse that started the breed was named "Quarter."
- c The distance of a 1/4 mile.
- d A quart of milk.

2. Quarter horses can be a number of different colors except this one?

- a white
- b sorrel
- c chestnut
- d black

3. White markings on Quarter Horses can be found only on their...

- a face.
- b legs.
- c face and legs.
- d body.

4. America's Horse is well traveled. They can be found on every continent except this one?

- a Europe
- b Australia
- c Asia
- d Antarctica
- e South America

5. An Appendix horse is part Quarter Horse and part...

- a Paint.
- b Appaloosa.
- c Thoroughbred.
- d Morgan.

Answers, but don't peak :Reining,Dressage, Pole Bending, Barrels,Vaulting,Cutting,Racing,Rodeo, (1-c; 2-a; 3-c; 4-d; 5-c.)

Quarter Horses have many talents. Versatile and good tempered, they participate in many different horse sports. Unscramble the letters to name a few.

- NRINEIG _____ Hint: The old man is snoring.
- GSREDSEA _____ Hint: Hat and coat required.
- POEL NGENBID _____ Hint: Bend but don't break.
- RLABRES _____ Hint: Round and round.
- GLNAGUI _____ Hint: Equine gymnastics.
- CTUGITN _____ Hint: Cowboys love cows too.
- IGNARC _____ Hint: And they're off!
- OREDO _____ Hint: No clowning around.

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

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Horse First Aid.....

great, informative quick reference \$25.00

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

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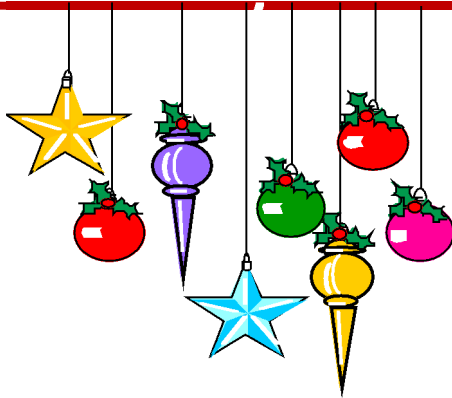


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*San Joaquin Sierra Unit
Backcountry Horseman
Christmas Bash
DECEMBER 14, 2014*



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
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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
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**PREPAY AND GET IT OUT OF THE WAY!
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**Backcountry Horseman Christmas Party R.S.V.P.
By December 6, 2014**

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Mules Rule Over Horses, Donkeys in Spatial Cognition Tests

By Christa Lesté-Lasserre SEPT. 16, 2013, THE HORSE



The gate is on the other side. No, the other side. The other side, horse! The gate is on the other side. If you've ever seen your horse get "stuck" in a pasture because they've "forgotten" where the gate is, you're likely not alone. And when it comes to spatial cognition, the old adage "stubborn as a mule" might better be said, "stubborn as a horse" or "sensible as a mule".

According to recent research by British scientists, mules appear to have a faster capacity to learn about spatial relations—figuring out where things are, or navigating around objects—than horses and donkeys. And when objects get moved and the animals must

find new paths around them, horses stand out as being particularly attached to their old ways. In other words, they tend to stubbornly insist that the old way is still the right way. Yep, stubborn as a mule. Or horse.

"I would say that mules in general are smarter than horses and donkeys, based on our findings so far," said Britta Osthaus, PhD, researcher in the psychology department of Christ Church University in Canterbury, UK. This could be attributable to what she calls "hybrid vigor"—or "the advantageous combination of parental traits," Osthaus said. "In the mule this would mean they are better in the cognitive tasks we have set them to so far".

These cognitive tasks started with a simple design of setting up a fence between the animal and its food, with an open gate at one end of the fence. "The researchers tested 12 horses, 12 donkeys and 12 mules at a fast walk, it was the mules who would find the open gate the fastest, Osthaus said. The horses were the slowest to solve the problem.

The researchers then complicated the task by moving the open gate to the other end of the fence. Mules were slightly better at finding the new gate than the donkeys were, but for the most part, worked at a chance level (50/50 chance of finding the gate). The horses, on the other hand, kept insisting that the gate was still in the same place and seemed to "refuse to believe their eyes," she said.

This isn't as advertisement for mules, however, Osthaus warned. "We want to make people aware of their often unused abilities," she said. "It's also important from a welfare aspect to offer mental stimulation to animals that have the capacity to get bored and, as a consequence, maybe destructive or aggressive."

Faith Burden, PhD, researcher at The Donkey Sanctuary in Sidmouth, UK, and co-author of the study, agreed. "I have a mule, but I would certainly not recommend them for most riders!" she said. "Their intelligence works both for and against them as riding animals. If you are happy to spend ample time building the trust of the mule in you then you will have a partnership like no other. But if you want a safe all-rounder quickly, then they aren't for you".

The mule's advanced intelligence gives it an ability to make decisions "based on logic and safety" that has often been mislabeled as "stubbornness," Burden said. "The expression 'stubborn as a mule' would be better described as 'sensible as a mule'".

Getting mules to ride directly into a battle zone in a cavalry stampede, for example, was a hopeless task during wartimes—as if they knew it was a bad idea. (But they were very useful as pack animals carrying artillery.) "It is extremely difficult to get a mule to do something that it does not want to do," Burden said.

And while mules have much to offer humans through their sturdiness and intelligence, it certainly doesn't mean you've chosen the wrong equid if you're riding a horse instead. "Problem-solving ability is not always necessary in competitive disciplines—in fact, it's often better if the animal is more obedient than clever," Osthaus said.

If you do own or ride a mule, be sure to keep his higher intelligence in mind, for your own safety and for his own welfare, Osthaus added.

This is not a competition between horses, mules and donkeys," she said. "It's about the appreciation that they are different and offer a variety of traits. They also have different needs based on their cognitive abilities.

Leanne Proops, PhD, of the Mammal Vocal Communication and Cognition Research group at the University of Sussex, in the UK, and Ian Hocking, PhD, also of Canterbury Christ Church University, contributed to this research. The study, "[Spatial cognition and perseveration by horses, donkeys, and mules in a simple A--not--B detour task](#)," appeared in March in *Animal Cognition*.

New Listing



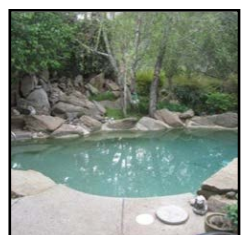
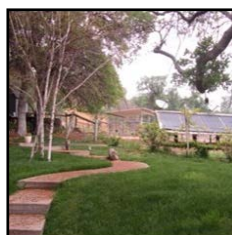
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One of a kind foothill property. Enter thru a solar electric gate with vinyl fencing and follow the cement drive, with trees to the custom home with a 200 year old oak tree in front. The home has an open floor plan with a deck downstairs and long red-wood deck upstairs, accessible by the bedrooms. Energy efficient with dual pane windows, 2 year new 4 ton dual pak and new ducting. Whole house has fans, fire-place insert that is fenced and cross-fenced with pastures, an 80X120 riding arena with lights and sprinklers. Stalls, shop, shelter, sheds, wash rack, greenhouses, pole barn on about 6 acres of gentle rolling terrain.

San Joaquin Sierra Unit Board Meeting Minutes

June 5, 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: Wanda Caradonna, Cathie Walker, Carol Kaminski, Fredi Chrisman, Ted Fischer, and Randy Witt
Advisors: Toby Horst Members: Katie Horst, Carolyn Witt, Becky Balistreiri, and Art Riesgo
Absent: Tara Stephenson

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Ted F. made a motion to approve May minutes, seconded by Joe K, motion passed.

March minutes were reviewed, Randy W made a motion to approve as modified, Joe K seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Period ending 05/2013

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| YTD Income: | \$ 2481.10 | General Checking | \$ 17149.83 |
| YTD Expenses: | <u>(2626.47)</u> | CD's & Savings | \$ 11285.88 |
| YTD Profit/Loss | \$ (145.37) | | |

Committee Reports:

Education: Suggestion was made to have a possible information packet available for members on hot issues.

June 19th @ 6pm meeting. Main Speaker Sheriff Margaret Mimms in Prather. Old Foothill Jr High multi-purpose room. Discussing Yosemite Toad, Sierra Nevada Yellow Toed Frog.

Membership: 217 members to date.

Public Lands: Work Parties, no money yet. Chamberlain may have to cancel first week.

Shaver Lake: Open and available

Old Business:

Ponying: The subset has again been discussed by the Board. There were ideas brought to the table regarding guidelines that need to be put into place with the thought of constantly monitoring them and making the necessary adjustments and improvements as needed. The clinic was also discussed regarding the number the clinicians that should be running the clinics. When the clinic was established it was with the understanding that two people would be chosen to educate and assist the participants.

It was brought up that the original motion has no concrete understanding on who has the final approval for the participants. Joe K made a motion that upon completion of the clinic, the clinicians will present the participants and give their recommendations to the Board at the next meeting. The Board will have the final say on who is approved or not. Seconded by Ted F, motion passed.

New Business

Advertising – Java Valley News allows Non Profit groups to place free ads. Wanda C will place an ad.

Adjournment:

Fredi made a motion to adjourn, Carol seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:44pm



☐ **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

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BEAUMONT, CA 92223
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**Donate to BCHC
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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.