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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

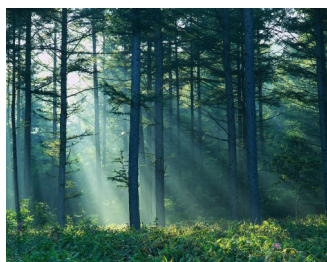
A new riding season is upon us. How I look forward to the new season with all its splendor. I want to thank **Jan** and **John** for once again hosting the **100th Clovis parade** and **Pete** and **Art** for spearheading Jose Basin. What a great time! It is time once again to look ahead to another fabulous riding season.

As we prepare for the season please remember to ready your stock and vehicles for the upcoming season. Some simple tips are check tire pressure, brakes, pack wheel bearings and check to make sure trailer doors are secure. Prepare stock by starting with short trips before taking on hard, long grades.

We have a busy season upon us: Work parties, Montana de Oro, Tamarack and others. It is not too late to host a ride, whether a day ride to your favorite place, a pack trip, or a weekend ride, just let a board member know.

With the new riding season also comes changes. The changes this year are not welcome, but are none the less part of life. Within the past two weeks we have lost two great horsemen, **Gary Chrisman** followed by his good friend **Toby Horst**. This is an enormous loss to our unit as well as their families. Please keep Fredi and Katie in your prayers and thoughts.

Stay in the saddle. The ground is hard.
Joe



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Gary Chrisman

1944-2014

Gary Chrisman was one of the many pillars of our unit and we were privileged to have had a man of his caliber. He had given years to the Four Wheel Drive Club of Fresno in the late 60's and early 70's, taking part in building the trail to Chain Lakes. Then he turned his attention to motorcycles, but his last years were devoted to the San Joaquin Sierra Unit of BCHC. The common thread in all these was the sharing of his love for the outdoors, especially the mountains, which he desired to share with those he knew.

His broad smile and friendly manner welcomed all at Christmas parties, election rides or any club event. He did not know a stranger and loved to tell stories. He went on work party pack trips and trips to Edison to build corrals until his health slowed him down. Even then he continued by going to the Wishon work station to help out. He will be missed getting a pack string ready or welding and making repairs.

I personally have lost a friend and mentor. A man with a work ethic you do not often find today and the knowledge to build or repair most anything, he will be greatly missed.

Joe Kaminski



Charles "Toby" Horst

Charles "Toby" Horst passed away Saturday, May 17, 2014. We lost a great man that day, who graced our world with his multi-faceted interests and talents.

Toby was so smart. He was a technical wiz, a gadget lover, a computer expert, and of course our "sound" man with amplifiers and microphones. He was always ready with a slideshow, a GPS, or had a solution to a computer issue. He had a love of music and a huge collection of many genres and eras.

He loved his tractor. Oh, did he love his tractor and all the tasks it handled. He drove it like a pro and reveled in it's abilities.

He was very cultured and loved to travel the world. He and Katie were quite the square dancing couple and traveled several times a year to different dances to enjoy their great mutual interest. Toby and Katie were so lucky to have each other and share the same love of animals, dancing, traveling, the high country, and nature. Many people had great admiration of their marriage of 27 years. He was a loving and dedicated husband and an honest, deeply caring and forth-right man.

And, of course, Toby was a horseman. Toby could ride for miles and miles, riding out on Dixie, many times pulling his string of mules, all individually named and with unique personalities. He always was the star attraction of the Clovis Rodeo parade, with the mules all packed up hauling tools and our BCHC-SJSU banner.

He was a steward of the backcountry and upheld the values of an American outdoorsman, preserving the mountain trails and meadows for us and generations to come. He worked tirelessly to keep trails open and on the maps, as well as working on grants to ensure the continuance of our rights and freedoms in the high country.

He was a valued member and patron of the backcountry family and deeply respected by the forest service, fellow riders, and packers. He left an impression with everyone he met and each of us learned something valuable from this man. In the past few days, people have been writing and talking about his influence, his teachings, his inspiration and his great stories. He contributed so much to all of us and this huge loss cannot be replaced.

Our thoughts, prayers and love go out to Katie and his family and to all of us, who loved and admired and appreciated this wonderful man.

Jan Mikkelsen



2014 Calendar

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

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

June 17-22 **Chamberlaine Work Party** Joe Kaminski 559-733-9170

We are once again heading to Chamberlain Camp for a work party. From June 17-22 we will build a hitching post, set t-posts, and finish some work on the bathroom we built last year. If you plan to attend all or part of this week, please let Joe or Carol know, 559-733-9170.

July 4-6 **Montana De Oro Ride** Pete Parkin, 559-871-4500

July 12-13 **Tamarack Ride** Art Riesgo, 559-905-3854 and Pete Parkin, 559-871-4500

August 17-24 **Big Meadows Work and Ride** Joe Kaminski, 559-733-9170

August 23 **General Meeting** Big Meadows Campground Potluck 6:00

September 13 **Shaver Lake Poker Ride** Wanda Caradonna, 559-392-3534

October TBA **General Meeting Riddle Ranch Ride and Elections** Cindy Mueller 559-283-1174

Oct. 30-31 & Nov. 1 Draft Horse and Mule Sale, Tulare

Nov. 15 **Trail Trials at the Riddle Ranch** Cindy Mueller 559-283-1174

December 13 **Christmas Party** Cindy Mueller 559-283-1174

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.

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

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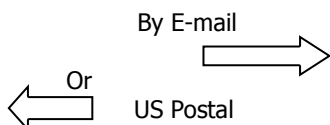
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Attention

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,

John Mikkelsen and Greg Caradonna

Past Presidents

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER GORGE BREAKFAST AND RIDE, APRIL 5TH

By Ted Fischer

What a great time we all had at the SJRG breakfast ride on April 4th and 5th. I can not remember the last time our unit put on a breakfast ride, can you? Our unit was able to camp at the equestrian camp in the "Gorge" for free. We had some members camping Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. It was great, the weather was warm not hot, the trails were not dusty, the foothills were green and beautiful, and there was some water in the river. For Breakfast we had; pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, OJ, and coffee. There was plenty to go around, we all got our bellies full. Breakfast was served from 9:00 to 10:00. I believe we served 15 people, the cost was \$ 5.00 a person, what a deal. **Randy Witt**, thank you sir for being the co- sponsor on the ride with me. I'll cook and ride with you any time. What a fun time we had together.

Thank you all for participating and for your friendship. A special 'thank you' to **John Mikkelson** our trail boss for the day. John lead everyone down the river trail on the Fresno side. All went smoothly except Fernando and his horse took a little stumble. Fernando's horse got a few cuts from the rocks, but in the end all was well. Let's see if I can remember all the riders that beautiful morning. There was John and Jan Mikkelson, Peter Parkin, Art Riesgo, Becky Balistreri, Fernando Fernandez, Mary Odell, Linda Saddler, Sandy La Spada, Cindy Schueler, Maryann Bowen, Gene Anthony and Jim Knabke. Randy and Carolyn Witt were there as well and Mr. and Mrs. President....Joe and Carol Kaminski. I'm sorry if I missed any other names. During Breakfast we were all made to feel very welcome by the Park Staff. **Somer**, you were so friendly and willing to help in every way possible. We SJS Unit, thank you. The normal cost of using the equestrian camp is \$25.00 per night camping and \$ 5.00 for day use. If you want to be a SJRG volunteer, I can get you a volunteer pass, good any time. Randy and I are trying to keep the corrals clean and some of our members have already been patrolling the trails and others are picking up trash. We will be doing more trail maintenance in the future. Thank you to all of you who made this a wonderful weekend.





San Joaquin River Gorge Ride , group heading out on the scenic trail after a delicious breakfast. This may become an annual event. Hope to see you there next year!



Education Corner

Hi everyone from the Education Corner:

I am extremely pleased to announce that there is a **Jerry Tindell Clinic** on **June 14th and 15th** set up specifically for us. That is the General Membership of the San Joaquin Sierra unit. Jerry Tindell is a very well known and respected horse and mule trainer. He is a member of BCHC and has offered his services at a reduced rate to the various BCHC units around the state. Our unit has booked the two days of June 14th and 15th. The 2 days of lessons and training will be at Jerry's home ranch about 15 miles south of Sacramento, just a few miles East of Highway 99. Jerry will help us with control and direction of our saddle horses as well as some work ponying our pack stock. There will be some class room time, but most of the time will be spent in the saddle.

I am so excited. Jerry puts on Clinics all over the western United States and Canada. We are really fortunate to get this individual attention and training. BCHC and Jerry Tindell have organized this instruction to emphasize horse control and safety. NOW the best part, the clinic is being put on at a special reduced cost, \$ 250.00 for the two days. Of that the "State BCHC" is paying 25 % and our local unit is paying 25 %. That means that you and I only pay \$ 125.00 for the two days. Camping is available at Jerry's Ranch Friday to Monday. This is a first come, first served deal with a limit of 12 people. Contact me immediately if you are interested tjfischer3@gmail.com or 855-8599 or 341-3060. We may or may not be able to have a second clinic date. Your \$125.00 must be paid by June 1st. Contact me, Ted Fischer, for details.

The Sunshine Corner

By Becky J. Balistreri
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Charlene Stout, Auberry,
Fernando Fernandez, Folsom
Gene Anthony, Prather,

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.

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Bob Herrick of Reedley,
Paul LaSpada, Coarsegold,

MEMBER NEWS:

Two of our long standing and beloved members passed away this month:

Gary D. Chrisman and Toby Horst.

Many happy memories carry us through this sorrowful time. Our thoughts and prayers are with the loved ones and all their family members.

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 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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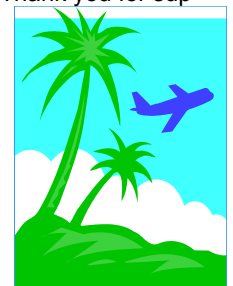
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Dear BCHC Members

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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Jose Basin Ride By Cara Peterson

Camp riders and guests for the Jose Basin Spring Ride were **Debra McFarren, Pete Parkin, Joe and Carol Kaminski, Debbie Davis, Bill Chilson, Sherri Stout, Cara Peterson, John and Jan Nickleson, Jim Knabke, Art Riesgo, Becky Balistreri, Fernando Fernandez, and Jim Dixon.**

Have you ever been driving up the Four Lane and wondered what's over on the north side of the mountain? Well, neither have I. Do you like riding horses in the Oaks, Pines, and Conifers? Well, so do I. Would you really want to miss out on great food, fellowship and camp fire fun? Neither would **Sherri Stout** who rode her new gelding **Austin** all the way to camp from Peterson Road.

Jose Basin is a jewel in the spring, absolutely beautiful, 12 miles past Auberry. Any size rig can make it! So those of us who just wouldn't miss out on spring horse camping, came on out and did what we love to do, camp and ride!

Saturday we headed west for a 2 hour ride enjoying the multiple greens, and yes there was water for the horses to drink with nice sandy crossings!

After the ride **John Mikkelson** gave a map and compass lesson, showing us how to orient the map to the compass, find magnetic north, and locate our position on the map using GPS coordinates (UTM and/or Latitude and Longitude). He also spoke some on finding where we need to go and how to get there using the map and compass and also how to get back. Very interesting! He barely touched a few basics, but certainly got my attention. Thank you John!

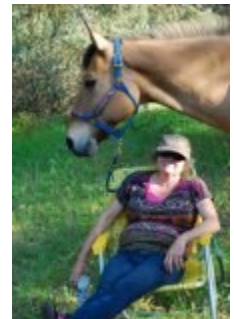
After the meeting **Debbie M.** took **Carol Geo-Cashing**. They hiked even farther than we rode! **Debbie D.** and **Bill** also went for a long hike. The breeze felt so good all weekend it didn't matter what you wanted to do, it was pleasant. Saturday night we had pot luck style dinner. **Pete** brought up the club grill that is about 4' round and sets over the fire, so all could BBQ at the same time! **Joe** and **Jim D.** took care of transporting the club's double greens on wheels. Thanks guys!

With the sun up, on Sunday, came a new day. Even though I would miss church, I opted to stay for one more ride. It was a short 2 hour ride, but sweet, as we headed south on 57 and followed the power lines. We were climbing high when we turned left on 27. We rode only a short distance on this gorgeous trail and turned around. That adventure is on hold for another time.

If you would like to check out the corrals on Google Maps, find where Auberry Rd. meets Hwy 168. Scroll straight up until you see Mathews Mill. Switch to Aerial view. Zoom in and look south of where the road splits. Keep zooming in until you see the corrals. On Google Maps the road the corrals are on, is called Jose Basin / Old Railroad Grade Bed Rd., but the street sign says Music Farm Rd. Google shows Musick Farm Rd. where it connects to Auberry Rd. This is where Sherri turned in and rode straight to us on Friday, and when she left the group ride on Sat. and started home off-road, it took her only 2-1/2 hours to get home. Way to know your way **Sherri!**



John checking his GPS so the group won't get lost. One group led by Joe going for a ride. Pete getting the barbeque ready and Sherri and Austin taking it easy after the days ride. What a great way to begin the riding season!





Christmas in April!!!!!!

Desensitizing Clinic



Fourth Of July in April too!!!!

Well, Santa had to show up at the annual Desensitizing Clinic held at the **Silver Rose Ranch**. It was a great day filled with many challenges for the horse and rider. **Jan and John Mikkelsen** did an outstanding job of putting together this great clinic. The clinic was designed to prepare the horse/rider for the **100th Clovis Rodeo Parade**.

The day was spent riding through, around and over different obstacles; Cowboy Curtain, Car Wash, Tarps, Scary Pink Rabbit, Flashing Lights, Road Flares and people walking around the riders just to mention a few. As one entered the arena they were met by a 12 foot Santa Claus swaying in the breeze. What a strange experience. The unit has purchased a new **Public Address System** that was used to play continuous sound effects to give the participants a true experience of a parade environment.

After everyone had experienced the arena obstacles, we took parade formation on the track and practiced the parade procedures. Over 25 people participated in this event. It is very important that people attend this clinic if they are going to participate in the parade. Actually, even if you don't do the parade, this is a great opportunity to check out how you and your horse will react to some of these situations. To see more pictures, visit our web page www.bchcsjsu.org Hope to see all of you next year at the desensitizing clinic and on the parade route.

Happy Trails.

William and Pat Peverill



100th Clovis Rodeo



To the Clovis rodeo parade participants, all I can say is you guys were just awesome. Our unit came in second in the "working cowboy" category of the parade. The day was cold with threatening rain and a few times during the morning it was a little drizzly. Everyone of you showed up and were true troopers. Since we were in the last group, there was some long waiting before we could start as entry number 408. But when we did, we had a long trail of San Joaquin Backcountry horsemen and women that looked verrrrry impressive. Riders looked so sharp in their matching attire and even when some needed to wear coats due to the cold weather, each of them coincidentally had rugged oil canvas coats that looked great. I felt very proud to be part of this terrific group of people, some who hadn't ridden with us for quite some time. It was great to see **Randell Widner** back on his horse, along with **Garney Meadows, Peter Parkin, Kristi Parkin, John Mikkelson, Sandy LaSpada, Tara Stephenson, Art Riesgo, Becky Balestreri, Cara Peterson, Cindy Schueler**, new member **Fernando Fernandez, William Duane Peverill, Pat Peverill, Steve Naylon, Carol Kaminiski**, and High Sierra member **Barbara Calkins-Faggart**. Thanks also to **Debbie MacDougald** and **Anne Widner** for volunteering to help and take photos. Noticeably missing were, of course, **Toby and Katie Horst**, so **Joe Kaminiski** and **Jim Dixon** took over leading their mules. That completed our line of riders. Our beloved **Gary Chrisman** had his last ride with us that day. When he discovered it was the 100th year of the Clovis Rodeo he wanted to make sure he took part. It was awesome to see him along with **Fredi** on their horses.

Thank you, all of you, for doing such a terrific job representing the BCHC-SJSU. You, as well as all our members, are a special group of people that this area is so lucky to have.

And now, bless you **Gary Chrisman and Toby Horst**, who are riding high in the Sierras once again.

Jan Mikkelson






LUCKY YOU, LUCKY ME, LUCKY CALENDAR


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

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

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IN HONOR OF THE
**50th Anniversary of
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The Shaver Lake Day Use & Campground Facility Is open, call for reservations

The following procedures have been established for the continuity of the facility. When planning a day/camping outing it is necessary to contact one of the members listed below for the gate combination. For security reasons the combination will be changed throughout the season. The camp is available to our Unit members for day use and/or camping with your stock. The camp is set up with three large stock pens and three camp sites offered on a 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

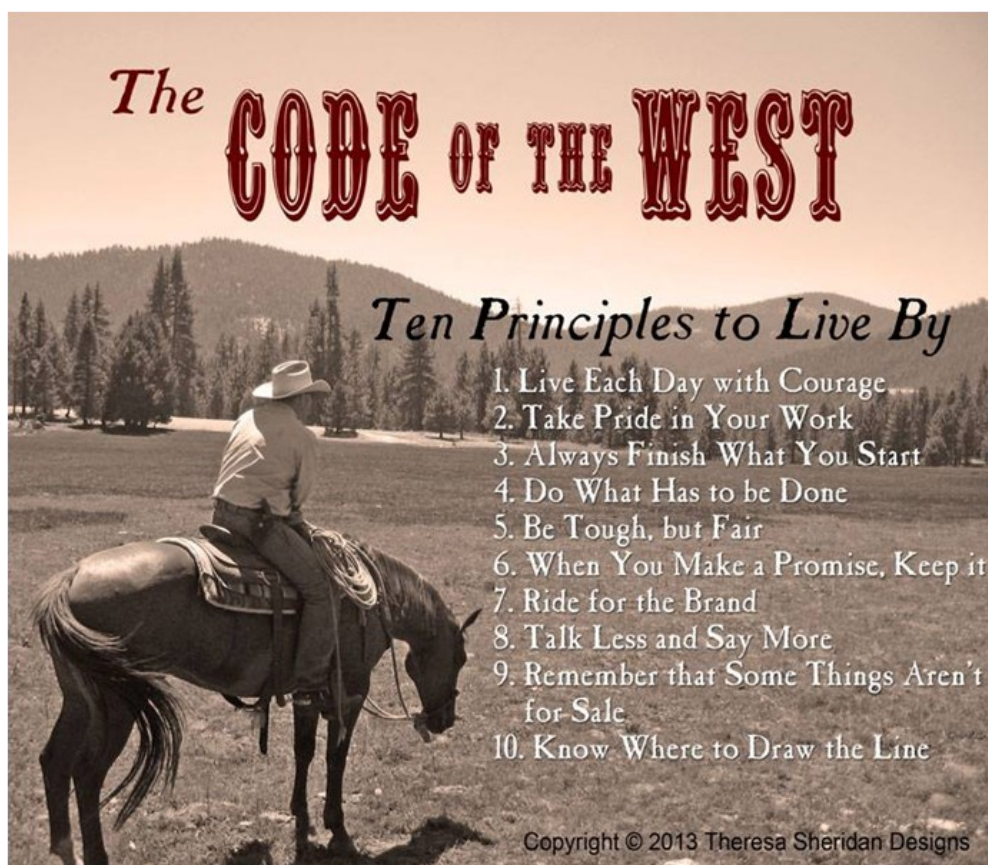
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San Joaquin Sierra Unit

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

Montana De Oro State Park



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

July 4, 5, and 6 2014

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

We will plan to have a potluck dinner Saturday night.

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

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

Contact Information: Peter Parkin (559) 871-4500

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

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

San Joaquin Sierra Unit Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2014

Clovis Elks Lodge, 535 Woodworth Ave. Clovis, CA

Call to order: 6:30 by Joe Kaminski

In Attendance:

President: Joe Kaminski Vice President: Randy Witt
Treasurer: Pete Parkin Secretary: Cindy Mueller Advisor: Cathie Walker Directors: Carol Kaminski, Fredi Chrisman, Art Riesgo, Duane Peverill, Debbie McFarren, Jim Knabke, Jan Mikkelsen
Members: Becky Balistreri, Ted Fischer, Linda Knabke

Review and Approval of Minutes:

December minutes read and Carolyn W made a motion to approve minutes as written, seconded by Duane Peverill. Motion Passed.

Treasurer Report: Period ending 12/2013

YTD Income:	\$7778.84	General Checking	\$ 19356.50
YTD Expenses:	<u>(5705.85)</u>	CD's & Savings	\$ 11297.57
YTD Profit/Loss	\$ 2072.99	Petty Cash	\$ 50.00

Committee Reports:

Education: BLM Orientation will allow BCHC members to work as volunteers with the maintenance of the San Joaquin River Gorge. Next General Meeting will be about safety or getting a local veterinarian.

Newsletter: Deadline is January 20th.

Public Lands: Meeting cancelled with the SNF regarding the Yellow Legged Mountain Frog.

Old Business:

Christmas Party: We had a good report on the finances from the 2013 party. Looking at the date of December 13, 2014. Next year \$25.00 with RSVP and \$30.00 at the door to encourage proper head count for meal planning.

Poker Ride: Char and Wanda are requesting for volunteers and donations for raffle prizes.

New Business

Montana De Oro – Pete P would like to make reservations now for this summer. He asked for \$458.00 for the reservations. A motion was made by Randy W to give the money to Pete P., seconded by Art R., motion passed.

Adjournment: Debbie M. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Fredi C., motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30

SJS Unit Fund Raisers For Sale

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

Hats **\$15.00**

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

Scarf **\$13.00**

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

Maroon Shirts **\$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**

San Joaquin Sierra Unit Board Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2014

Clovis Elks Lodge, 535 Woodworth Ave. Clovis, CA

Call to order: 6:30 by Joe Kaminski

In Attendance:

President: Joe Kaminski Vice President: Randy Witt

Treasurer: Pete Parkin

Directors: Carol Kaminski, Fredi Chrisman, Duane Peverill Debbie McFarren, Fredi Chrisman, Jan Mikkelsen

Members: Ted Fischer, Wanda Caradonna

Absent: Cindy Mueller, Art Riesgo, Jim Knabke, Carolyn Witt

Review and Approval of Minutes:

No minutes to review

Treasurer Report: Period ending 1/2014

YTD Income:	\$ 29.06	General Checking	\$ 18660.90
YTD Expenses:	<u>(720.08)</u>	CD's & Savings	\$ 11303.15
YTD Profit/Loss	\$(691.02)	Petty Cash	\$ 50.00

Committee Reports:

Education: For the next general meeting, Ted is working on Veterinarian or Ferrier. First aide/CPR class is in the works. BLM San Joaquin River Gorge project under way.

Membership: No new members. Cost in postage has increased.

Public Lands: Forest Service meeting coming up Inyo, Sequoia and Kings. Trying to involve parties to head off lawsuits, letter submitted so BCHC can comment. There is still a need to push to put missing trails back on the map. Also talk about us to co-adopt Clear Lake.

Sunshine Corner: Randy Witt is had surgery and Tara Stevenson also had surgery.

Old Business:

Web Page: It is still a work in progress. Duane will help Carolyn, Art and Pete to get it going. The old website will now say "under construction"

Rides: Parade Practice April 19th at 10:00am.

New Business

PA system: It time to for the unit to purchase our own PA system. After discussing the need, Jan moves to research and purchase the system up to \$600.00, seconded by Duane, motion passed.

Rendezvous: March 21-23.

Savings: Pete will be looking for better returns on the CD and Checking account.

Adjournment: 8:25

San Joaquin Sierra Unit Board Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2014

Clovis Elks Lodge, 535 Woodworth Ave. Clovis, CA

Call to order: 6:30 by Joe Kaminski

In Attendance:

President: Joe Kaminski Vice President: Randy Witt
Treasurer: Pete Parkin Secretary: Cindy Mueller
Directors: Carol Kaminski, Fredi Chrisman, Duane Peverill, Debbie McFarren, Fredi Chrisman, Jan Mikkelsen, Art Riesgo
Members: Ted Fischer, Wanda Caradonna, Char Meier. Advisor: Cathie Walker
Absent: Jim Knabke

Review and Approval of Minutes:

No minutes to review

Treasurer Report: Period ending 1/2014

YTD Income:	\$ 456.06	General Checking	\$ 18182.96
YTD Expenses:	<u>(1625.08)</u>	CD's & Savings	\$ 11303.15
YTD Profit/Loss	\$(1169.02)	Petty Cash	\$ 50.00

Committee Reports:

Education: First Aid class was 02/28/14 and 03/01/14 instructed by American Ambulance. The turnout was great.

Membership: 1 new member, several memberships have expired and have not renewed.

Jan is going to purchase sticky name badges for general meetings. Joe K Ok'd out of the President's discretionary fund due to small amount.

Newsletter: Due by March 20th.

Public Lands: There will be RAC money this year for grants. Alan Frye will help on the grants for Chamberlain and any other work parties this year.

April 6th will be a chainsaw clinic in Woodlake. Joe working on getting the details

Sunshine Corner: Becky has fallen and has injured her tail bone. She needs her own card.

Shaver Lake: Closed.

Old Business:

Web page: Is up and running. Looks great.

Rides: Poker ride is coming up on September 13th. Char M. and Wanda C. are looking for donations.

The parade and parade practice in April.

PA system: Jan M. was successful at finding a system within budge. The unit now owns its own PA system.

Rendezvous: Randy W has raffle tickets that the unit needs to help sell.

New Business

Calendars: Ted has received the 2015 raffle tickets to sell which includes a calendar. They will be presents at the general meeting.

Audit 2013: Pete needs two people to volunteer for the 2013 Audit. Debbie M and Duane P have volunteered to help.

Adjournment: 8:23

Continued from April 2 meeting

New Business

Moving the Shed/Inventory: Will be done n 04/23/14, Randy, Ted and Joe will be moving the shed and doing the inventory.

Trail Trials: It has been suggested that our unit holds an open trail trials. Cindy M offered to use the Riddle Ranch for the event. Date in November to be decided.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Randy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Art, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:29.

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

Call to order: 6:30 by Joe Kaminski

In Attendance:

President: Joe Kaminski

Vice President: Randy Witt

Treasurer: Pete Parkin

Secretary: Cindy Mueller

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

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

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

Committee Reports:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Shaver Lake: Closed.

Old Business:

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

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

☐ **NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Backcountry Horsemen of California

☐ **RENEWAL APPLICATION**



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

DCTR (YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER) _____

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

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

Antelope Valley

Mid Valley

San Joaquin Sierra

Eastern Sierra

Mother Lode

Santa Ana River

High Country

North Bay

Sequoia

High Sierra

Ohlone Riders

Shasta Trinity

Kern River Valley

Redhawk Riders

Sierra Freepackers

Kern Sierra

Redwood

Sutter Buttes

Lake-Mendo

San Diego

Top of the State

Los Padres

San Geronimo Pass

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

Donate to BCHC
Education Fund?
Tax Deductible

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

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

SPOUSE/MEMBER'S NAME -MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

Make Checks Payable to: BCHC

CHECK # _____

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

BUSINESS NAME - DONATIONS ONLY:

PARENT UNIT MEMBERSHIP TYPES: (CIRCLE ONE)

Individual \$50.00*

Family \$60.00*

Benefactor \$100.00

Patron \$250.00

Mt Whitney \$500.00

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

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

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

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

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.
- Associate Memberships may also be initiated at any time during the term of your Parent Membership.
- Associate Memberships must expire concurrently with the Parent Membership, and are renewable only at the time of renewal of the Parent Membership.

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

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I SUBMITTED AN Application Form for:

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

Questions: Contact membership@bchcalifornia.org



San Joaquin Sierra Unit

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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.