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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After no rain for most of the winter, it has been nice to see some storms make it to our area. Hopefully they will continue and give us enough water for the summer. El Nino would be fine and welcome. If you are on a well, I hope your water will hold out until it is replenished.

Once again **John and Jan Mikkelson** did another fantastic job in putting the **Desensitizing Clinic** on. It was great to see so many riders, both old and new. A great time was had by all. This was the precursor to the **Clovis Rodeo Parade**. As we pulled up to get ready to ride the rain was coming down and not letting up. Jan and some of the hearty riders decided to go ahead and give the crowd something to see. Thanks to all that made the ride.

Although not a big crowd, we did have a number of people turn out to **Jose Basin** for some great riding and fellowship. The cool nights made great ambiance as we sat around the fire and visited. Thanks to **Pete Parkin** and all who made this possible.

Even though we do not have grant money for this year we are still planning work parties. We will have to pay our own way, but have some great projects coming up. Please notify us ASAP if you would like to attend, so we can plan accordingly. We also have a beginning pack trip planned for July, if you have ever wanted to pack, this is the trip for you. As always if you are interested in hosting a ride just let a board member know.

As always stay in the saddle, the ground is hard,

Joe Kaminski, President

Joe and Pete Parkin trying to stay dry at this year's Clovis Rodeo. Rainy day but it was very successful.



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2015 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).

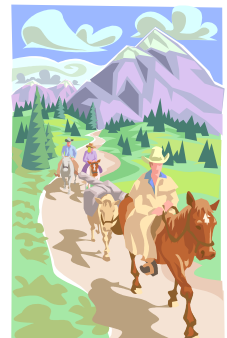
Calendar & Ride schedule is on-going, and new events and rides will be published when confirmed. *Note: dates and events are subject to change or cancellation; calling the contact person is recommended or checking www.bchcsjsu.org*

June 19-26	Edison Work Party	Joe Kaminski 559-733-9170
July 2-5	Montana De Oro Ride	Peter Parkin, 559-871-4500
July 10-14	Chamberlaine Work Party	Joe Kaminski, 559-733-9170
July 16-19	Chamberlaine Beginning Packing	Joe Kaminski, 559-733-9170
July 27-August 2	Spanish Lake Trail Work Party	Joe Kaminski 559-733-9170
August 23-30 TBA	Big Meadows Work Party Big Meadows Ride	Joe Kaminski 559-733-9170 This event is on hold for the time being.
August 19	General Meeting 6:30 pm	Clovis Veteran's Memorial Building 453 Hughes, Clovis
September TBA	Shaver Lake Poker Ride	
October 17	General Meeting Riddle Ranch Ride and Elections Cathy Walker 559-283-1164	
November 14	Trail Trials	Cathy Walker and Peggy Riddle 559-283-1164 walker1486@comacast.net
December 12	Christmas Party	Any Board Member

Please contact any Board Member or Ted Fischer (559-855-8599), if you would like to host a ride or activity.

BCHC 2016 CALENDARS ARE ON SALE NOW

Now is a great time to get yourself a BCHC 2016, very lucky CALENDAR! If you would like to obtain or help sell these calendars, contact any Board Member or Officer listed in this newsletter.



Our Shaver Lake Day Use & Campground Will be available June– October 2015

The following procedures have been established for the continuity of the facility. When planning a day/camping outing it is necessary to contact the member 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

BIG MEADOWS ALERT!!

A recent Sequoia Forest Service announcement put the public on notice that Big Meadows is to be turned over to a concessionaire. BCHC units built and have maintained this camp since about 1995. There was an agreement with forest service that fees collected from the park service would be used for the camp. Now they say there is not enough money to cover cost.

The concessionaire will now only allow camping with costly reservations and fees that we will have no input with. The Forest service expects that we will continue to maintain the camp at our expense. This camp season will be the last for business as usual. We hope to have a good showing for this last harrah!

At this time I am seeking options that may be available.
I will keep you in the loop with email blasts as appropriate.

Thanks,
Joe Kaminski
Public Lands Chair

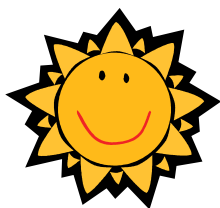




Tack Swap Meet and General Meeting

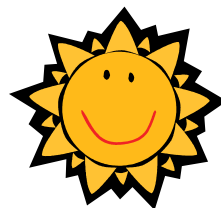
As suggested in the survey the club has started another way to bring in new members and give members something to do beside ride the trails. On March 28 we held a tack swap at Barnyard Feed and Supply in Fresno, California. We were hoping for a better turn out but unfortunately there was a lot going on that day in the equine world throughout the local area. The people who did attend, did walk away with many bargains in the tack area. Also John and Veronica Lewis, owners of the feed store, offered many discounts that day. The club is looking to continue these types of activities. Following the Tack Swap we held our General Meeting. The highlight of the meeting was a packing demo by John and Veronica. The main focus of the demo was the Do's and Dont's of packing just for two. They covered the stuff that you need to take when you are packing in for five days with just two people and three animals. After years of doing this they have it down to a science. A checkoff list was handed out at the meeting. The list should be posted on the web page in the near future. People who attended who have packing experience, walked away with new information. The new people to packing were in awe of everything that was presented. The session was well worth the time and needs to be presented again later in the year. John and Veronica said that if anyone had questions, please give them a call. Better yet, stop by their store at 847 N. Pleasant Ave, Fresno California. Participants also enjoyed a Tri Tip Potluck Dinner after the meeting. People had an opportunity to eat and socialize. It was an outstanding day for those who participated. If you have any suggestions for future activities, please contact an officer/director and let them know. We are always looking for things to get our members involved. There are many upcoming events that you won't want to miss. Check the Calendar of Events on the web page bchcsjsu.org. Hope to see you at another event. Happy Trails.





Sunshine Corral

By
Patricia Peverill



Sympathy to Jo Ann Scholl on loss of her husband.
Sympathy to Pat Lemon and Family on loss of son.

Welcome and Happy Trails to our new members:
Gary and Susan Van Sickle Visalia, California
Gabrielle Kant, Auberry, California

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.



"Back Country Cooks Corner"



A camping recipe from Mike Pierce. This quick and easy recipe will satisfy any sweet-tooth. My favorite is apples, white cake mix, and 7-UP. Want something really different? Try apples, spice cake mix, and one can of AW Root Beer

Ingredients

- 1 18-ounce box cake mix (any flavor)
- 2 16-ounce cans of pie filling or other fruit
- 1 12-ounce can of 7-UP
- 2 tablespoons butter
- **Prep Time:** 5 minutes
- **Cook Time:** 60 minutes

Total Time: 65 minutes

Preparation

In a 12-quart Dutch oven, spread evenly butter on bottom. Drain the fruit, pour it into the Dutch oven, and sprinkle the cake mix evenly over the top. With your finger, make a swirl in the mix. Pour in a can of 7-UP. Cover with lid. Put 8-10 charcoal briquettes on bottom, 16-18 on top. Cook for 50 minutes to 1 hour, or to a golden brown.

Servings: 10 - 12

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May 20	June/July	July 20	August/September
September 20	October/November	November 20	December/January

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 \$37.00 (Extra Tall \$40.00). The shirts must be prepaid before the order. The logo on the left is BCHC with San Joaquin Sierra Unit under the BCHC. Names added for \$5.00 in a group.

Horse First Aid.....great, informative quick reference \$25.00

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

Building Connections at the 2015 California Trails & Greenways Conference

Submitted by Ted Fischer, SJSU Education Chairman

Hi everyone from the beautiful Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite. On April 22 - 24, 2015, **Denise Robinson**, a member of The Sierra Freepackers and State Co-VP of Education, and I, Education Chairman of SJSU of BCHC, volunteered to represent BCHC at the 2015 California Trails & Greenways Conference. We had no idea what a big deal this conference was, and this year was the conference's 30th anniversary. This year's theme was: **"Building Connections: Enhancing the Links Between Communities and Trails,"** which gave us all the opportunity to reflect on the value of trails to all our communities and all of California.

Most participants were hikers, a few bikers and mountain bikers. It was very interesting to hear all of the plans and work accomplished by the many clubs and organizations that attended. Most trails were within our state parks and local front country all over the state. Some of the SPONSORS were: Cliff Bar, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, California State Parks Foundation, BCHC, California Coastal Communities, California Conservation Corps, East Bay Regional Parks and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (Bob of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy volunteered to help us write and perhaps get grant money for our trail work projects for 2016.) The supporting agencies were: United States Department of Transportation, California State Parks, BLM and United States Forest Service. **YES FOLKS THIS WAS A BIG DEAL!** On Wednesday Denise, her husband Robby, and I set up our BCHC booth. Our booth space was in the grand ballroom next to the bar, so we had a lot of people come by and see us. Thank you to those who helped at the booth: **Sharon Fischer, Randy Witt, Joyce Granger, John** and his wife from the Sierra Freepackers. There were a couple others who helped whom I can't remember right now. I apologize for that.

On Thursday from 3 to 4:30 Denise, Robby, and I gave a packing and informational demonstration. We were allowed to have live animals, so we had our presentation outdoors more or less in the beautiful rain and lightning storm. We actually were outside but under a balcony to stay out of the rain. Denise and Robby packed their mule, while I discussed what they were doing and why. The overall topic was: **"What Backcountry Horsemen Can Do For You"** with a stock packing demonstration. Our discussion centered on who we are, our mission, the types of trail work the animals do, the organizations we work with, and specifically how we can help others do trail maintenance and keep all trails open. We had a great turnout for the presentation with lots of participation and questions. We felt it was very successful.

Denise and I feel that this was time well spent. We had the opportunity to discuss our mission: to improve and promote the use, care and development of California backcountry trails, campsites, streams and meadows; to advocate good trail manners; and to promote the conservation and utilization of our backcountry resources in concert with livestock utilization.



Desensitizing Clinic

The BCHC desensitizing clinic/parade practice held at the **Silver Rose** was apparently an enormous success. I say apparently because there were no incidents at the parade. All horses and mules performed beautifully. 25 to 30 participants showed up for the desensitizing clinic. All of the scary obstacles that both horse and rider had to deal with included enormous umbrellas, small umbrellas, balloons fluttering in the air and skittering along the ground, a motorized moving Christmas deer, a 10 foot inflated Santa Claus figure blowing around in the wind, very scary chalk lines to be crossed as well as blue tarps to cross and noodle tunnels to go through all in the midst of recorded Halloween sounds and cap guns. In short, one could readily say there was more chaos at the practice than could be expected at the parade. The biggest difference between the parade practice and the actual parade was of course that at the practice the horse and rider had plenty of time to work their way through the problem. All of this was of course "controlled" chaos because admittance into the arena was controlled at the gate by our very own **Debbie McFarran**.



This year's parade practice was more controlled than in years before. Those riders participating in the parade were scheduled to be in the "arena of chaos" between 10 and 11 AM. Those individual riders wishing to desensitize their horses to all of the scary things in the arena but not wishing to participate in the parade, were scheduled to participate after 11 AM. While the non-parade riders were in the arena, those participating in the parade were out practicing the formations for the parade in the adjoining oval track. This arrangement allowed for both participants and non-parade participants to have adequate time with the obstacles in the arena. Both **Jim Dixon** and an associate member, **Bob Herrick**, practiced with their mule strings for the parade during this event. Similar to years past, we utilized a considerable amount of our club equipment this year, including the portable toilets, our gas driven

electric generator, and a brand-new public address system, we purchased last year. All in all we had another great successful practice for our annual Rodeo Parade.

A big thank you to Jan and John Mikkelson, Pat and Duane Peverill, Pete Parkin and all our members for coming out and having fun.

Stay Safe by Randy Witt





April 25, 2015 Clovis Rodeo Parade



Well, it rained on our parade!!! BUT that didn't stop the hardy souls who "cowboyed up" and headed to Clovis at 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning!!!! Everyone who committed to riding, showed up to debate whether or not we wanted to "weather" the storm and get on our horses. John hooked up his heater and some of us huddled in our trailer with coffee, and along with the warmth of my horse, we visited, shivered and pondered. Many decided it wasn't safe to ride in the stormy conditions on wet, slick asphalt and so they headed to a nice warm place to sit out the rain. **Bob Herrick** showed up with 6 of his mules and **Jim Dixon** showed up with 2 of his. They both decided to go for the trip down the streets of Clovis. **Peter and Kristi Parkin** were not to be stopped, nor was **Cara Peterson** and **Barbara Calkins-Faggart**. So, at literally the last minute, we hopped on our trusty steeds and headed for Railroad Avenue to greet the drenched onlookers.

John Mikkelson and **Randy Witt** came along to walk beside the mules to ensure all was going smoothly. To my amazement, there were many more spectators than I expected! Most were huddled under umbrellas, E-Z Up's, camper shells, and some just stood in the rain to watch us go by, clapping and nodding in appreciation that SOMEONE was actually participating in the parade! We, too, were equally satisfied that we had an audience to enjoy our strings, creating mutual appreciation. About half way through, it poured hard and all of us were thoroughly soaked when we got back to our trailers. All in all, we were quite satisfied with the fact we endured the weather and the slippery streets.

Thank you so very much to ALL OF YOU who came out and showed your support for the unit and who planned to represent us in the parade.

Tara Stephenson, Jennifer Fleming, Colton Fleming, Sue Hogeland and her granddaughter Amber, Sandy LaSpada, Peter and Kristi Parkin, Gary and Sue VanSickle, Skyla Yates, Joe and Carol Kaminiski and granddaughter Jaedyn, Pat and Duane Peverill, Cara Peterson, Jim Dixon, Bob Herrick, Randy Witt, and John Mikkelson, you did us proud.

Enduring the cold, bleak, wet, chilly weather paid off. We came in **First in the Working Cowboy Division**, AND, won the **Non-Theme Sweepstakes** (a first for us) for this year's **Clovis Rodeo Parade** with 2 plaques and a check for \$250!!!!

Congratulations and good work guys, you are all the best!!!

Jan Mikkelson





Jose Basin Ride

By Carol Kaminski

Once again it was time for **Jose Basin**. What a wonderful place to go for an early season ride. The weather was great and the moon was full. Cool at night and very pleasant during the day. We were about 11 in number. **Debbie McFarren, Cara Peterson, Jim Dixon, Ruth, Ted Fischer, Randy Witt, Pete Parkin, Joe** and myself. On Saturday **Sue Van Sickle** and granddaughter **Skyla** joined us.

The riding was great. The grass was green and tall. Snakes chose not to make an appearance this year. Mud from previous rains made for plentiful puddle practice. There were water crossings that proved challenging for some. Some of us ponied new animals for the first time. We had contact with razor vehicles which proved to be very interesting. Our animals just couldn't understand what in the world these strange creatures were. The drivers were very courteous to us and usually shut off the motors and spoke to us as we passed.

We really enjoyed ourselves and the time to visit with others and socialize. We arrived Thursday afternoon so we could settle our stock and pick up the bathrooms. Friday morning we heard a banging outside. Cara had gotten up early and cooked breakfast for us. Then she even served it to us in bed. What a surprise!

Saturday morning Ted and Randy cooked breakfast. It was enjoyed by all. Saturday evening even though there were just a few of us, we had a potluck. The food is always good and it is always fun to sit around the campfire. Yes, it was cool enough that a fire felt good in the evenings.

It was a great weekend with no incidents of injury and a number of great rides. The animals (new and experienced) all did great and we were pleased with their behavior. Ted ponied a wonderful new mule. He is a keeper. Randy ponied two animals and we ponied one of our three year old mules. This is the time we as a club set aside to pony or learn to pony if you want to.

If we missed you this year, keep it in mind for next year. It is a great conditioning ride and there are lots of roads and trail to ride on.

Foothill Elementary School Pioneer Day Activity and Celebration

On Friday the 22nd of May 2015, the 5th graders at **Foothill Elementary School** had an outdoor activity that culminated their week long study of their pioneer heritage. The SJSU was invited to participate in this activity by **Tracy Rowland**, the park superintendent at the San Joaquin River Gorge. The Gorge property is under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior and operated by the Bureau of Land Management....BLM. It was the US Department of Interior that gave free land to those who wanted to help settle the West.

All 5th graders were first invited to go to the first of five stations; The General Land Office, which was announced by a few adults running into their classes yelling FREE LAND! FREE LAND! They followed me to the Land Office. Once at the land office each student was given a certificate to 160 acres out West. The students claimed their land by posting their certificate on a stake placed in the ground. There were five stations for the students to visit and learn about the Old West. **San Joaquin Sierra Unit** hosted station number three. We had a saddle horse and pack mule that we used to discuss and demonstrate how the pioneers moved themselves, their food, tools, and household goods. We started with a discussion and skit on **Leave No Trace**. We talked of 1. Leave what you find. 2. Pack it in, pack it out. 3. Disposal of waste. 4. Plan ahead and prepare.

The students, then, were asked to look over the tools, pots and pans, bedding supplies, and were asked how they would pack them for movement to their new homestead. Next the students were allowed to approach the animals, look over the saddles and packs they were carrying and to pet and or brush the animals. For most of the students, the interaction with the horse [Hank] and mule [John] was the highlight of their day.

We talked a little about how the **Mission of the Back Country Horseman of California** is to keep the trails in the high country open to hikers and equestrians. This was a wonderful day with the youth of the foothill area. These young people will be the leaders of tomorrow. We were asked to participate in the **Pioneer Celebration of 2016**, and we gladly accepted. Thank you to **Angie Ausman**, and **Mary Odell** for help on this project. Thank you for your time, sharing of your experiences, for working with the animals, and most of all for helping to keep all the Pioneers Safe.

Submitted by
Ted Fischer SJSU Education Chairman
Wilderness Rider



KIDS CORNER

TACK AND BARN EQUIPMENT Q&A

Hackamores, twitches and western reins explained.

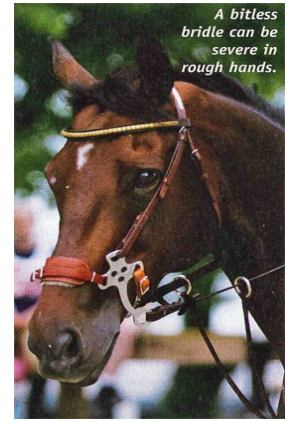
Q: What is the difference between a hackamore bridle and a bridle with a bit?

— Heather C., Texas

A: Simply put, a bit helps to control a horse by putting pressure on the bars of his mouth while a hackamore helps to control a horse by putting pressure on his nose.

The bit sits in the toothless part of the mouth, over his tongue. Your hands put pressure on the reins, which puts pressure on the bit which then presses on the horse's mouth.

Most people consider a hackamore to be a bitless bridle with long side shanks. It is a leverage-type bridle, which means it can exert a lot of pressure on a horse's nose and jaw. Even though it has no bit, a hackamore can be quite severe in rough hands.



Q: What is a twitch and how do you use it?

— Kinley S., Tennessee

A: A twitch is a tool used to subdue (calm) a horse, especially during veterinary work; for instance when a shot is being given or a wound is being treated.

Most twitches are made of a chain or rope loop fastened to a wooden handle. You apply a twitch by putting the chain or rope loop over a horse's nose and top lip and then turn the wooden handle to tighten the loop. When the loop is tight enough to stay in place on the horse's nose, slide your hand down and hold both the wooden handle and the horse's lead rope in your hand.

When the twitch is tightened, it causes endorphins (natural painkillers) to be released into the horse's bloodstream which calms him down.

If you've never put a twitch on a horse before, practice it a few times when your horse is calm—don't try it for the first time during an emergency!

If you feel nervous about using a twitch on your horse, ask an experienced horse person to apply it for you.



Q: I've noticed that most western riders have one hand on the reins and one by their side. Is there a reason for this?

— Aidan M.

A: Working western riders, for example cowboys on a ranch, need to have one hand free for tasks such as opening and shutting gates and holding onto sick calves in front of them on the saddle. This is why, years ago, horses were taught how to neck rein. Neck reining is cue that tells a horse which direction to head. The rider holds the reins in one hand and when she wants to go left she moves her hand slightly to the left so that the right rein touches the horse on the right side of his neck. The horse responds to the light rein pressure on his neck and moves away from it.

If you see a western rider riding with two hands, she is probably using a snaffle bit and is training a young horse.

Riding with one hand is really a tradition that started many years ago, but it remains a popular way of western riding today.

This article originally appeared in the November/December 2008 issue of Young Rider magazine.

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 Mikkelson and Greg Caradonna

Past Presidents



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Make sure you check out our website for updates on the Home page, Calendar page, and Newsletters. We also have a Photos page of our latest activities.

If you have any photos send them to Duane at wpeverill@sebastioncorp.net.

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SJSU HISTORIAN WANTED

We are looking for someone interested in taking a position of HISTORIAN. We have a lot of awards and pictures that we would like to share with our members. We need someone to gather these and place them in some kind of order for us. Please contact Randy Witt, Vice President at 559-325-7876 if you can help us out.

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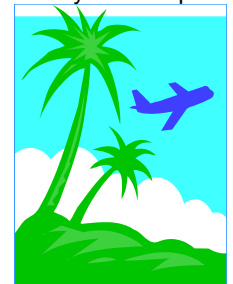
Dear BCHC Members

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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Back Country Horsemen of California



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 2, 3, & 4, 2015

Camp is available from 2:00pm Thursday 7/2/15 until noon Sunday 7/5/15

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 to attend.
Reservations are limited and will only be taken upon receipt of signed check with reservation form below.

Name		Phone:		
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			\$



Board Meeting Wednesday April 1, 2015

Location: Elks Lodge, Clovis, California

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Roll taken:

President: Joe Kaminski Vice President: Randy Witt Treasurer: Peter Parkin

Directors: Carolyn Witt, Duane Peverill, Pat Peverill, Carol Kaminski, Jan Mikkelsen, Fredi Chrisman, Debra McFarren

Education: Ted Fischer

Adviser: Cathie Walker

Wanda Caradonna

Additions to Agenda: None

Opening Comments: Joe announced that Cindy Mueller had step down as Secretary and Pat Peverill would be holding that position until Oct elections.

Minutes Review and Approve. The March 4, 2015 minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion by Carol K -Second by Carolyn W.

Correspondence: Jan handed out mail to secretary.

Treasurer Report & Budget. Yearly income \$2076.08 YTD Expenses: \$3,111.67 Checking balance of \$14,067.97 and CD Balance \$11,317.09. YTD Loss \$1,037.59 Petty Cash \$50.00. Adopt last years budget numbers for this year. Approved.

Committee Reports:

Education:

Ted will be attending California Green Ways Conference in April as BCHC Representative. Unit members ask to help volunteer at the San Joaquin Gorge in Finding

Sasquatch Event (Actually Leave No Trace) April 11, 2015

Ted F/Denise R. Rep at California Green Ways Conference at Tenya Lodge. Ted F will have 2016 Calendars for sale at table.

Rendezvous will be in Angels camp in March 2016. Send any comments on 2015 Rendezvous to Ted F of Likes and Dislikes.

Contact info on web page. bchcsjsu.org

Randy W and Allen F working on grant to get FFA kids up to high country to pack. Making them family members for insurance purpose because of age.

Membership: No new members. Ted stated he has contacted the prior new members several times and had long conversations. Pete mentioned a new member from the poker ride and also picked up new member Trish Selsor from tack sale.

Newsletter. It has been sent out.

Public Land. Joe mentioned CPR Training April 22, May 21, June 26. Contact Joe K for info. 8:30-5:00 Supervisor Office Prather, Calif. There is no grant money this year. No grazing in meadows this year due to drought. Fuel-Feed-Food. Chamberlain should be Ok. Shall see.

Sunshine Corner: Pat said no new activity.

Shaver Lake. Wanda C stated it is open. Set up crew on April 11, 2015. \$75.00 budget approved for crew. Motioned Randy W. Second Duane P. Start 9:00 am. Tree down on trail just below pen 3. Fee \$10.00 a night or \$5.00 day ride. BCHCSJSU members only. Cost just covers the Porta Potty.

Old Business

Calendars. Pete said about thirty three unsold calendars. Club decided just to take a loss on the cost of old calendars. Motioned by Pat P Second by Carolyn W. Fredi C is totally in charge of the distribution of the 2016 Calendars. We received 126 new calendars for 2016. Contact Fredi to get your 2016 Calendar to sell. 559 876-2416 Contact info on the web page bchcsjsu.org

Rides and Events.

Kathy Walker two rides: Election Ride October 17, 2015. Trail Trial on November 14, 2015

Poker Ride: All Done. Very well attended event. \$300. Income. Additions to all public riding events: No Ponying. No riding double. Having evaluation form for participants. Pete submitted a form for event coordinators to fill out to help improve events. Will be added to Event Binder.

Tack Sale: Very good event. Wished there were more participants, but a lot of equine activities happening that day. Great Packing for Two demo presented by John and Veronica Lewis. General meeting with Tri Tip Dinner Potluck.

Parade Practice. Joe to bring Porta Potty's. Pete pick up pottys on April 11 and leave at Fredi's. Debra M. To be gate monitor for entry to arena. Jan to give Debra list. Limited water so participants should bring their own. Duane Pa System and arena enhancements. Randy W club generator. Arena setup 7:30 am. 10:00 am parade participants. 11:30 all others may enter arena.

Parade. Looking into the rumor that all equine units need a Pooper Scooper behind their unit. We are in need of a volunteer. Arrive 0700 hrs. Duane check on pack mule covers. Randy to bring blankets

Shaver Lake Poker Ride September 12, 2015. Contact person and info to follow.

Jose Basin. May 1-3. Breakfast \$5.00 8:30-9:30 am. Potluck Sat night. Bring meat. Purpose is Ponying and Packing. Pete putting flyer together.

Flags and Signs. Banner needs repair. Having flags and signs printed. Duane will research.

Work Party Dates:

Spanish Work party date is now July 27 -August 2. No grant money. Individual must pay for fuel-food-feed. No grazing

Chamberlain July 10-14 work party. 16-19 Beginning Packing. Bob Heirick volunteered to pack Bear Boxes into Chamberlain on his mule team.

New Business:

Sign-in sheets/ Volunteer Hours. Wanda C was there to collect.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM . Motioned Debra M Second Duane P

☐ **NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Backcountry Horsemen of California

☐ **RENEWAL APPLICATION**



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

DCTR (YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER) _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

Donate to BCHC
Education Fund?
Tax Deductible

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

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

SPOUSE/MEMBER'S NAME -MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

Make Checks Payable to: BCHC

CHECK # _____

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

BUSINESS NAME - DONATIONS ONLY:

PARENT UNIT MEMBERSHIP TYPES: (CIRCLE ONE)

Individual \$50.00* Family \$60.00* Benefactor \$100.00 Patron \$250.00 Mt Whitney \$500.00

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

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

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

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

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:

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	\$ 50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family (Shared) Membership	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor Membership	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Membership	\$250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mt Whitney Membership	\$500.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Donation - Packer	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mule Skinner	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Write in)	\$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Membership	\$_____
Total Remittance	\$_____
Check Number	_____
Date Mailed	_____

Questions: Contact membership@bchcalifornia.org



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Objectives & Purpose of the Backcountry Horseman of California

From the BCHC Bylaws

- To improve and promote the use, care and development of California backcountry trails, campsites, streams and meadows; to advocate good trail manners.
- To promote the conservation and utilization of our backcountry resources in concert with livestock transportation.
- To keep the backcountry trails and forage areas open to horseman on all public lands.
- To keep current information before the Corporation membership and its local Units regarding new legislation or management plans related to government regulations of the backcountry.
- To support or oppose new proposals, plans and restrictions as related to the interest of horsemen and those persons interested in recreational stock use and enjoying the backcountry.
- To promote the interest of people who, due to health or physical factors, need transportation other than by foot on backcountry trails.
- To promote public awareness and interest in the historical aspect of horsemen and stock in the backcountry and to help educate backcountry users on the ways to use the trail and foraged in a manner that conserves the backcountry resources.
- To assist in keeping the public informed of the vital need for a clean backcountry.
- To promote a working relationship with and keep the work and interests of the Corporation before our local, state and federal officials.
- To assist in the formation and continuation of local Units to carry out these purposes.