



# San Joaquin Sierra

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

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another riding season is well underway and I hope that yours is both fun and safe. Our unit has already had some exciting rides with many more events coming. We just had the **Jose Basin Ride** and prior to that **Desensitizing and Parade Practice** and the **Clovis Rodeo Parade**. Thanks to **Jan and John Mikkelsen** for all they do for the parade.

It is once again time to start for the higher country. This year I ask you to be especially careful as there are a great many dead and dying trees that abound in our mountains. Please be aware of your surroundings as you ride and camp. Don't forget to look up!

We continue to look for a historian, if interested please contact any board member. Also, it is not too late to add more rides to the calendar. If you have a special trail you enjoy riding on and would like to share it with the members just let a board member know and we will be glad to help you organize it.

I hope to see many of you at one of our rides or work parties.

Till then stay in the saddle, the ground is hard.

Joe Kaminski  
President



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## 2016 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](http://www.bchcsjsu.org)*

<b>June 17-24</b>	<b>Edison Work Party</b>	Joe Kaminski 559-733-9170
<b>July 8-10</b>	<b>Montana De Oro</b>	Pete Parkin 559-871-4500 ktzpaw@yahoo.com
<b>July 17-23</b>	<b>Spanish/Geraldine Lake Work Party</b>	Joe Kaminski 559-733-9170
<b>August 12-14</b>	<b>Tamarack Campout/Ride</b>	Cara Peterson carasblueprint@sbcglobal.net 559-901-5364
<b>Aug 21-28</b>	<b>Big Meadow Work Party Aug 21-24 / Fun Ride Aug 25-28</b>	Joe Kaminski 559-733-9170
<b>Aug TBA</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	
<b>September 10</b>	<b>Shaver Poker Ride</b>	Info to Follow
<b>October 15</b>	<b>General Meeting Riddle Ranch Ride and Election</b>	Cathy Walker 559-283-1164
<b>November 12</b>	<b>Trail Trials at the Riddle Ranch</b>	Cathy Walker 559-283-1164
<b>December 10</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>	Need Co-Chairs Contact Any Board Member

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

*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.*

## **FOR SALE**

### **FOR SALE:**

Wade saddle, purchased new from A&A Saddlery, Sanger, CA in Sept., 2004 for \$1654.95

Asking price: \$800

**Ron Jefferson, Dinuba**

**559 859 9693**

I am a past BCHA member of 2 different units.

I have an outstanding youth, women's or smaller man's horse for sale. He is Aprox 14.1 hands. He is very broke and will do anything if ask the correct way. For pictures or info call Lois [559-298-4124](tel:559-298-4124) . Asking \$4,000

Pictures on facebook and website:



## Parade Practice and Desensitization Clinic April 16, 2016

By Jan Mikkelson

This was another fun and successful **Clovis Rodeo Parade Practice and Desensitization Clinic** at the Silver Rose Ranch. **Carol Patterson and Glen Richardson** truly outdid themselves and their ranch was pristine and beautifully groomed, and we felt warmly welcomed.

We also decided to invite the **Fresno County Sheriff's Posse**, who wanted more exposure for their horses in preparation of the upcoming parade. This turned out to be a benefit to our appetites and they rustled up some very tasty grub. The hot dogs were yummy and were topped off with grilled onions and chili.

**Duane Peverill** added even more VERY authentic sound effects to his already interesting collection. The "growling" noises were quite realistic and I couldn't help not looking around for that grizzly bear to show his face at any moment!

We had flags and pennants, balloons, flares, tents, chairs, cones, tarps, clothing, white lines in sand (very intimidating to the horses), whirlybirds, hula hoops, beach balls that never left the corner, and of course, the most prevalent of all scary things, Igor, the flailing man fueled by air. Santa was ever present in his corner and the 'pink rabbit' was peaking out from a slicker.

About 43 people came to enjoy the fun, with **Mary Odell** and some of her **Sierra Freepackers** joining in as well.

Thank you to all who came, joined our unit at the event, and helped in the set up and dismantling of all the obstacles. That was a job! **John Mikkelson, Duane Peverill, Peter Parkin, Jim Knapke, Randy Witt, (Jim Dixon and Ted Kimbler** (unit and posse members), thank you for all your help in making this greater than ever.

**Steve Schultz, Commander of the Fresno County Sheriff's Posse**, thank you so much for the delicious food, and for your help with your crew: **Eddie Knight, Dan Mather, John Hansen, Loren Austin** and for bringing the lady folk, **Denise Austin and Pat Knight**.



Others who came were: **Belinda Domingez**, her neice **Alivia Gamblin**, and mom **Monica Kasel**, **Gene Simone**-he bought a horse!, **Steve Naylor**, **Joe and Carol Kaminski**, **Jaedyn Traeger**, **Katie Horst**, **Sandy and Abigail LaSpada**, **Angela Ausman**, **Linda Knapke**, **Tara Stephenson**, **Bob and Lee Herrick** and their terrific mule string, **Patty Flores**, **Dan Blevins**, **Kristi Parkin**, **Dan Baumgardner**, **Mike and Sue Hoagland** and granddaughter **Amber Prince**, **Linda Sadler**, **Kim and Ellie Knight**.

You were all awesome and made the event a great day.



Mary Odell, Duane Peverill and Santa

(more pictures next page)



# CLOVIS RODEO PRACTICE AND DESENSITIZATION CLINIC APRIL 16, 2016

Dan Baumgardner



Abigail LaSpada



John and Jan Mikkelsen



Jon with a dunce cap?  
Jan's horse in a hula skirt?

Amber, Prince, Mary, Steve Naylor, Linda Sadler



Lee Herrick with string of mules



Sheriff Posse: John Hansen, Ted Kimbler, Steve Schultz, Eddie Knight



Group practicing for the Clovis Rodeo

# Clovis Rodeo Parade 2016

By Jan Mikkelson

Wow!!! We did it!!! We won first place...Again!!!! I have to say, last year, it poured down rain and with less riders in the parade, there was less competition. However, this year, the parade was packed with different groups of riders and we outshined everyone in our '**Working Cowboy**' Division. On the Monday after the Parade, I was standing in line for 2017 rodeo tickets at the Clovis Rodeo Grounds when I got the phone call from the office to pick up the plaque and the \$100.00 check. I didn't have to walk far!

Kudos go to **Sandy LaSpada** for her first time carrying the flag in the parade. She and her horse, **Dakota**, were awesome!!! They acted as though they had done it forever and I was pleased to have a partner. I would especially like to thank **Bob and Lee Herrick** for stepping in the last couple of years with their mule string. After **Toby Horst**, who had done this for so many years, passed away, I was wondering how we would ever have a string all packed up ever again. Bob has graciously provided the pack string and this year his son Lee added more mules. They were all quite impressive. Although Toby will never be replaced, I am thankful we have a person to represent what the **Backcountry Horsemen** does and give us a truly authentic image.

We had 4 young riders this year and I was delighted to have them give our unit a look of the future. It is always wonderful to have young people involved and **Amber Prince, Abigail LaSpada, Jaedyn Traeger, and Alivia Gamblin**, you did us proud! Excellent job and we look forward to having you join us next year as well.

Thank you to the dedicated riders, 16 in all, who try to come every year to make us look awesome: **Tara Stephenson, Kristi Parkin, Peter Parkin, Belinda Dominguez, Melissa Rowles, Steve Naylor, Carol and Joe Kaminski**. And, of course we always appreciate our helpers, **Randy Witt, Monika Kasel, David Gamblin, Mike Hoaglund, and John Mikkelson**.

Kristi Parkin...thanks for the donuts...they were yummy!



Kristi Parkin



Bob and Lee Herrick with mules



Tara Stephenson



Monika Kasel and Belinda Dominguez





Joe and Carol Kaminski



Sandy and Abigail LaSpada, Tara Stephenson



Pete Parkin



Melissa, Alivia and Belinda



John Mikkelson, Randy Witt, Steve Naylon, Amber Prince and Mike Hoaglund



Sandy LaSpada



BCHC-SJSU Award Winning Working Cowboy Group, Clovis Rodeo 2016

# **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR FOR EDUCATION FOR THE SIERRA FOREST SERVICE**

## **By Joe Kaminski and Susan Burkindine, Assistant Recreation Officer**

### **IMPACT**

**Bob Skinner** has been a member of the **Back Country Horsemen of California, San Joaquin Sierra Unit (SJSU)** since 1997. Bob has changed the idea of volunteering significantly.

The SJSU primarily works in the wilderness opening trails using horses and pack mules to take equipment along with them. SJSU has an average of four trips a year to clean water bars, cut out downed trees, and recon the trails to report back to the forest service.

Over the past three years, with Bob taking the lead, the SJSU has partnered with the Four Wheel Drive Club of Fresno (FWDCF) to complete projects near the wilderness boundary.

One project at Chamberlaine Meadows was the construction of a pit toilet near an old cow camp and corral. Wilderness visitors with stock overnight at the location approximately four miles from the trailhead. To reduce impacts to the natural resources, the toilet was constructed near this location. The USFS designed/engineered the toilet to meet accessibility requirements and paid for a portion of the building materials. The building was constructed and painted to weather the elements in three days.

Bob's attention to the planning and implementation of the projects has created a safe environment; there have been no injuries for over six years. He takes the time to work with the volunteers to identify a work location where they will be most effective. He takes into consideration their skills and the skills of their stock. He takes into account the expected weather, terrain and the camping area.

### **PERFORMANCE**

Over the past three years, with Mr. Skinner taking the lead, the SJSU has partnered with the FWDCF to complete projects near the wilderness boundary. The FWDCF used their vehicles to haul needed materials up to the wilderness boundary. The project materials would then be loaded on mules and hauled into the project site. Many of the FWDCF volunteers would walk or be packed into the project site and together they completed the projects. All waste, litter, and old barbed wire would be packed out and loaded into the FWDCF vehicles to be hauled down to the nearest Forest Service dumpster. It is through outside-the-box thinking that leads to higher quality of completed projects.

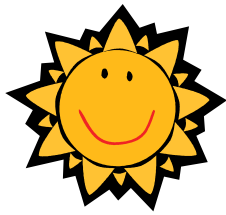
Mr. Skinner has personally volunteered x hours in 2015, with a total of x hours since he began working with the project trips.

### **SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Skinner has been instrumental in training others in using the skills he has developed over the years. He has taught many different volunteers as well as Forest Service staff.

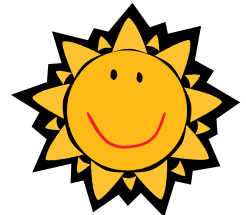
In 2014, Mr. Skinner taught topics relating to stock and volunteers at the Region 5 Wilderness Ranger Academy. Mr. Skinner finds multiple ways to enhance the wilderness character of the Sierra National Forest.





## Sunshine Corral

By  
Patricia Peverill



Greetings from the Sunshine Corral.  
Hoping your rides are plentiful and safe!

Sympathy to Jim and Linda Knabke on the loss of Linda's father.  
Sympathy to Winston and Joleene Kasparian on the loss of their beloved mule, Levi.

Welcome and Happy Trails to our new members:

Monika Kasel, Clovis  
David and Alivia Gamblin, Clovis  
Eddie and Patricia Knight and Ellie Knight, Clovis  
Melissa Rowles, Madera  
Josh Mahan, Visalia

Happy Trails

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## Backcountry Cooks



### Quick Dip

12 oz cream cheese  
1 jar salsa (medium)  
8 oz of Cheddar Jack or Cheddar Cheese

Spread cream cheese evenly on bottom of microwaveable dish. ( I use a quiche dish)  
Pour salsa over the top, just enough to cover cream cheese lightly.  
Spread grated cheese on the top of salsa until covered.  
Heat in microwave until cheese on top is melted..

Serve with tortilla chips.

Served to you by **Pat Peverill**

Send your yummy recipes, to share, to [cawittbchc@hotmail.com](mailto:cawittbchc@hotmail.com)





## The Fresno Police Department Mounted Patrol

### Mule Packing Clinic

By Randy Witt

April 30th the Backcountry Horsemen of the San Joaquin Sierra unit provided an introductory packing clinic for the Fresno Police Department mounted patrol. It was a beautiful sunny day, but not too hot. After seeing an article in our August newsletter about a Clovis East High School /FFA student pack trip, **Sergeant Bill Dooley**, the leader of the Fresno mounted patrol, contacted me about providing a packing clinic for the members of the patrol unit.

After checking with some of our more experienced unit members about their availability, and a delay due to rain, the clinic finally happened. **Debbie McDougald** of the National Forest Service agreed to give an initial demonstration, **Bob Herrick** agreed to bring all of his experienced mule string, as well as his son **Lee Herrick** to help out with individual instruction.

The day began with about 15 participants from the mounted patrol. After coffee and donuts, **Ted Fischer** gave a short lesson on **Leave No Trace** ethics. After that **Debbie McDougald** gave a one hour demonstration on saddling the mule, balancing a load, and throwing a box hitch to keep the load together. The next hour was spent participating with five individual mules and a leader with a maximum of two or three participants for each mule. **John Mikkelsen** led one group, as well as **Ted Kimbler** who showed up unexpectedly from the Sheriff's Search And Rescue unit. The other leaders were Debbie, Bob, and Lee. As usual, in my experience, the most difficult part of the lesson was mastering the actual box hitch. After that hour, the participants all felt relatively comfortable throwing that hitch. By that time, it was almost afternoon, and we broke for a delicious catered lunch of delicious tri tip sandwiches, salads, desserts, and drinks provided by the mounted patrol.

After a relaxed lunch in the shade, I gave a talk on preparing human food and stock management in the backcountry. The human food may be prepared and frozen solid before leaving home, or those famous dehydrated meals may be packed, or one may take all unprepared ingredients and cook everything from scratch at altitude. No matter which type of food you choose, it all has to be at least heated for your own comfort, so that entails a variety of cooking methods including campfire, portable wood stove, or gas stove. Packers also require water, of the chemically purified or pumped filtered variety.

Managing your stock in the wilderness or in the lower country, requires some preparation and experience. We talked about high-lining with tree protectors, tethering to a stake, hobbling, and portable electric fencing. All of these conversations included the idea that one horse is dominant and often a mare. Keeping that one dominant animal close ensures that the rest of the herd won't run off.

Thankfully, all of our animals were extremely well behaved and the participants expressed a great deal of appreciation. There is a possibility that sometime this summer some of the participants may go on a short instructive pack trip. Finally, as a demonstration of their appreciation, the patrol unit presented a \$500 check to our San Joaquin/Sierra unit. Wow, a pretty successful clinic!

Pictures of the event on next page.....





Debbie McDougal instructing Bill Dooley



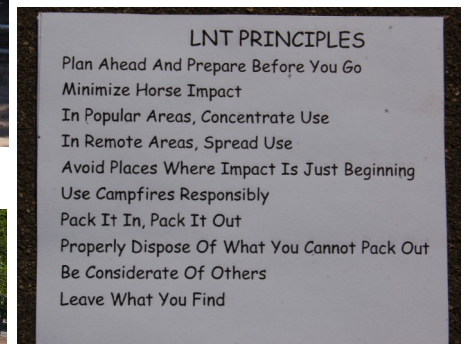
Lee Herrick with officer



Ted Fischer doing LNT



Debbie McDougal on how to begin



John Mikkelson and Randy Witt, food and stock containment



Ted Kimbler helping the ladies



Bob Herrick



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## ***Calling ALL Members!***

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### ***Hoof Print 2016 Deadlines***

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

#### **Deadline**

January 20  
March 20  
May 20  
July 20  
September 20  
November 20

#### **Publication**

February/March  
April/May  
June/July  
August/September  
October/November  
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.



# BIG MEADOWS HORSE CAMP – Open and Still Free Horse Camping

Open 2016 courtesy of Back Country Horsemen of California – San Joaquin Sierra Unit

## BACKGROUND

Big Meadows Horse camp is located in the Sequoia National Forest at about the 7000 foot elevation. The camp is exclusively for horse camping. There are about 16 pipe corrals with campsites with fire rings. This camp has been open to the horsepublic for many years on a no reservation, no fee basis. However, the US Forest Svce (USFS) was scheduled to have a vendor take over this site and have it run as a fee, reservation only horse campground in 2016. Because of the long association of Backcountry Horsemen of California (BCHC) with this site, the USFS agreed to let BCHC run the site. Our club is volunteering to operate the campsite (there will be a camp host). The camp will be run pretty much as it always has no fees, first come – first serve.

## KEEPING THE BIG MEADOWS HORSE CAMP OPEN

If you are a horseman and like to ride in the Sierras and have not been to this camp, this is a great venue. If you are a veteran of the camp and have enjoyed staying, you can keep enjoying the camp. Our club unit is a volunteer organization and the camp will stay open if we can afford the expense of maintaining the camp (we have to pay for trash pickup, lavatory supplies, etc.).

***We cannot solicit or accept donations while in the camp, but*** donations are what will keep the camp open and run as it always been run otherwise it could become a very expensive outing with all the reservations gone on January 1. So if you like the camp, help keep it the way it is!

**Donations can be sent to : BCHC San Joaquin Sierra Unit**

**P.O. Box 25693, Fresno, California 93729-5693**

**Mark Donations for Big Meadow Horse Camp**

## LOCATION

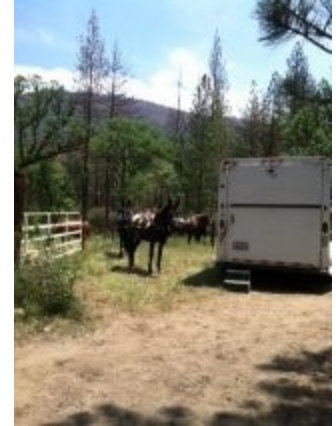
The camp is in Sequoia National Forest on the edge of Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park (you have to enter the park to get here). From Fresno, CA, take highway 180 eastward to the Generals Highway (Highway 198) and turn right onto 198; go about 7 miles to forest road 14S11 and turn left. There is a Big Meadows sign there; road 14S11 is paved; the camp is about 4 miles up the road (camp coordinates are 36°43' 01.76N 118°50'57.71W).

**There is no drinking water at the camp bring your own.** Early season may have some stock water available, but you should plan on the need to have water for your stock.

# JOSE BASIN TUNE-UP RIDE

By Joe Kaminski

Jose Basin is a great tune up ride prior to heading to the hills. It is convenient and with the water we had this year provides some great water crossings. Carol and I arrived Friday night and found **Pete Parkin, Jim Dixon, Cara Peterson, Josh, and Ruth** already in camp. **Fredi Chrisman** was just setting up as we pulled in. The weather was perfect and some even decided to go for a dip in the creek.



What a wonderful surprise Friday evening, when Cara with Pete's assistance made chocolate chip cookies over our evening fire. It was trial with no errors. What a delicious treat!

Saturday morning, after breakfast, we had an uneventful ride with some deep water crossings. Everyone seemed to have a great time. After the ride a few of us went for a swim and later some went out for another ride.

Several people had to depart Saturday, but the rest of us enjoyed another camp fire, hopefully with many more to come this year. After short ride on Sunday then we had to force ourselves back to the valley. If you missed this year plan to attend next.



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## *Peter Parkin's Pipeline*

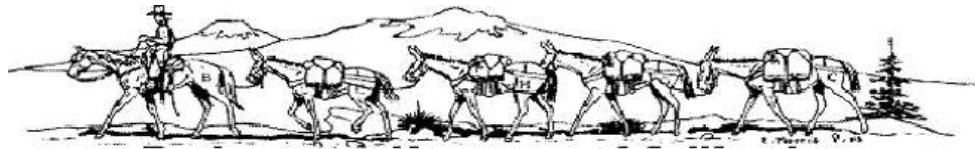
Now that the weather has improved and you are hitting the trails on your equines we want you to have a safe ride. Due to the wet winter and more water than in the past years please be careful where you are riding. It has been reported that there is an increase of Marijuana groves in the area. If you happen to come across something that doesn't look right, just go a different way and report it to the authorities. **Do not investigate.** Also the trails are in need of repair and there are many fallen trees and trees that are unsafe. Please beware of your surroundings at all times and let someone know where you are riding. There is a free app for your smart phones that will allow you to take photos and plot an unsafe situation in our parks. The app is called **Park Watch Report.**

Let's have a Safe Riding Year. Until next time. Happy Trails



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## Backcountry 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 8, 9, 10, 2016**

Camp is available from 2:00pm Friday 7/8 until noon Sunday 7/10

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

**Potluck:** Join us for a potluck dinner Saturday night. Bring an item to share and your own meat item to grill

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

Madrone 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			\$



### 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.

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## "Travel Advantage"

Dear BCHC Members

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

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## BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA



## SAN JOAQUIN SIERRA UNIT

Board Meeting Wednesday April 6, 2016 Location: Elks Lodge, Clovis, California

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Roll taken: President: Joe Kaminski Vice President: Duane Peverill Secretary: Fredi Chrisman Treasurer: Pete Parkin Directors: Debra McFarren, Carol Kaminski, Jan Mikkelsen, Carolyn Witt, Pat Peverill, Cathy Walker  
Guest: Gary & Sue VanSickle

### Additions to Agenda:

### Opening Comments:

**Minutes Review and Approve:** Pat Peverill, seconded by Debbie McFarren

**Correspondence:** None

**Treasurer Report & Budget:** None

**YTD Income: YTD Expense: YTD Profit(loss):**

**General Checking: CD's & Savings:**

### Committee Reports:

**Education:** N/A

**Membership:** Jan

**Newsletter:** Carolyn, Articles in by April 20

**Public Land:** Joe , recap of events on calendar

Edison June 17-24, Crown Valley July 17-23, Big Meadow Aug 21-24 Work Party Aug 25-28 Fun Rides

Chamberlaine Camp– Picnic table and other projects, 3 days

Grants: Gary Van Sickle, because of Rough Fire there is a grant. BCHC will be looking into this grant.

Shaver Lake– N/A

### Sunshine Corral:

**Old Business:** Review of Rendezvous, Awards: Friday night missed from wrong info given, Debbie M was only one there to receive. Auction Sat night, our trays went for \$400 and award for best table decorated. We won thanks to Debbie and her committee. Events, Debbie won buckle for Trail Trials event, Novice. Congrats, she had to wait a long time to compete. BCHC booth was great, again Debbie organized and Cara Peterson provided photo boards. Small but very nice.

Poker Ride: we did very well, netted \$800

Parade Practice: April 16, committee is set-up, Sheriff to provide food, bring your own drinks, arena all clean and ready

Big Meadows for summer: committees are formed, will have more info as the committee organizes this project

**New Business:** Website for Big Meadows page, Xmas party donation for abandoned horses and places that are taking care of them.

Tack/Food and extra. Motion made by Pat P. Second by Pete

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM .**

☐ **NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Backcountry Horsemen of California

☐ **RENEWAL APPLICATION**



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

**DCTR (YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER)** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Mid Valley  
Mother Lode  
North Bay  
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

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**OF CALIFORNIA**  
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Yerington NV 89447  
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**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))

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*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.

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- Associate Memberships must expire concurrently with the Parent Membership, and are renewable only at the time of renewal of the Parent Membership.

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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.