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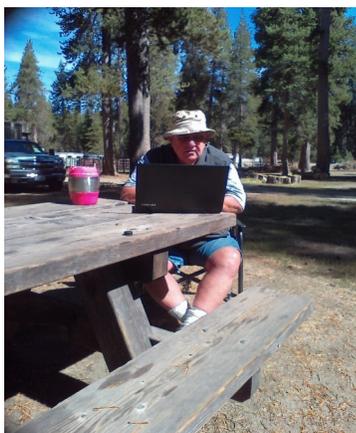
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How soon summer is coming to a close. As I write this article here at Big Meadows, I am reminded we are so fortunate to have all this wonderful country in our back yard. This past summer we have made trips to Edison, Chamberlaine Camp, a ride at Tamarack and of course, Big Meadows. Thanks to all who continue to support our efforts to keep trails open for all to ride. We have picked up new members this year and I say welcome to you and thank you for choosing to be a part of this unit as well as those who continue to be a part year after year.

I hope to see many of you at our **October 18th General Meeting**. We will have elections as well as a special speaker. I also hope to see you at our **Christmas dinner** where we will gather to celebrate the year as well as catch up with old friends and meet some new ones.

I would like to say a Big Thanks to two special groups of people who keep your unit going, your board of directors and the Big Meadow Committee. These two groups make my job so much easier.

Remember to stay in the saddle, the ground is hard,
Joe Kaminski
President



Working hard wherever he goes!

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2017 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*

October 7 Shaver Club Ride Sierra Marina, Upper Parking lot. RSVP to Cara Peterson, 559-901-5364 for directions and reservations.

October 21 General Meeting and Election at Yosemite Falls, Dakota and Cedar (see flyer)

December TBA Christmas Party, Looking for a group to help plan the dinner. Please contact Board members or Officers to help.

Mark your calendar for this event:

February 2, 2018 Dave Stamey Concert, Elks Lodge Clovis, contact Ted Fischer 559-855-8599
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Is there any activity that you would like to **sponsor?** We are always looking to improve the club and making it fun for all members. Please submit your ideas, wpeverill@sebastiancorp.net. You may call 559-908-3138 and I will get back to you.

William Duane Peverill

Vice President

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www.bchcsjsu.org for the San Joaquin/Sierra Unit,

www.bchcalifornia.org for the State Web Site

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.

**GENERAL ELECTION MEETING
6:00-8:00 PM
OCTOBER 21, 2017**

**YOSEMITE FALLS RESTAURANT
4020 N. CEDAR, FRESNO**

Come one and all to the Annual Election Meeting for the San Joaquin Sierra Unit on October 18th from 6-8 PM at Yosemite Falls Care on Cedar Avenue in the Granite Creek Center near Dakota Avenue in Fresno. This will be a dinner meeting and annual election of our executive committee and board of directors. We will be electing a new President, Vice Presiden , Secretary and Treasurer. We will also elect 4 new board of directors. If you are interested in filling any of these positions or nominating someone, please contacr any of the current leadership, and they will get the name added to the ballot.

You can also nominate someone or volunteer yourself at the meering if you would like. Please come and vote for your leadership team for 2018.

This year we are inviting all our adult voting members to a \$15 dinner at Yosemite Falls. There are no cash refunds for a dinner that is less than \$15.00, and **each** member is responsible to leave a tip and pay the remainder of any bill over \$15.

Our guest speaker for the evening will be **Veterinarian Dr. Mike Stabbe**. Mike has been in Clovis for many years and is always happy to support BCHC.

PLEASE COME.....LEARN FROM
DR. STABBE.....VOTE!

Ted Fischer
Education Chairman.



Chamberlaine Back in the Saddle Again

By: Melanie Mackenzie
Sept. 14, 2017



The air was crisp, new made and cool. Traces of alfalfa with hints of manure for spice mingled with the clean scent of the pines and rain-wet ground. Closing my eyes I filled my lungs deeply, reveling in the moment. It had been so long... Grabbing up the reins, I placed my left foot in the stirrup and pulling on the horn I stepped up and swung my leg over the cantle and planted my other boot firmly in the stirrup. Heels down...check; reins in left hand...check. Annie “my” paint horse for the trip, stood stone still. “Good girl”, I told her as I leaned over and stroked her shoulder. Her brown ears flicked back to listen, then swung forward again intent on the other horses. I looked around at the tall pines, fleecy clouds and blue sky as the others mounted. I grinned at the sheer joy of being here on horseback again after more than two decades. Smiling to myself, I remembered how I got here...

It was September of last year when I walked into Cara Peterson’s Blueprint Express to get a few prints for a job I was designing. After the printing was done, I turned to leave, and she said,

“Hey, Melanie...”. I turned back. “yea?”. “I just got back from the Shaver Lake Poker Run Ride organized by the BCHC San Joaquin Sierra Unit. I nodded... “Well”, she continued, “I won the raffle for a pack trip for four to Chamberlain BCHC Camp up in the high sierras. Joe and Carol Kaminski will be the hosts – three days and two nights, meals and everything!... you want to go with me?”

I was speechless, overwhelmed by the offer, but only for a moment. “YEA!” I shouted, elated! “Really...me? you want to take me?” “Of course”, she replied, as her face cracked with a grin. I shook my head with disbelief and hugged her. “I’m *totally* blown away and so excited! When do we go?” I asked. “Oh,” she said, “we have plenty of time to plan; it’s not until next September 7-9th.” “OK! I’m so on that, thank you, thank you, thank you!” Then I remembered, deflated, “but Cara, I don’t have a horse anymore!” “Don’t worry, I’ll find you one.” She reassured me. We hugged and both beamed at each other as I left.

So that was how, a year later in the pre-dawn, I found myself catching, grooming and helping to load up the horses, mules and tack needed for our trip. It was here, in the cool hour before dawn that I met Cara’s other guests, Jim Dixon and Warner Dozier and Jim’s excellent stock we were using for the trip. I listened intently and did my best to follow Jim and Warner’s lead and instructions. It may have been 25 years, but it was all coming back to me. Maybe you never really forget if you grow up ranching. We all stood around a moment savoring our coffee and watched as Cara put her big dun, Eli on the lunge line for a few circles around the bull pen - just to get the kinks out. Soon, all the stock was groomed and loaded. Time to head out, but first we bent our heads in prayer.



Jim and Warner led the way as Cara and I hopped in her truck. Grinning at each other, she fired up the rig and we threaded our way through the dusty pot holes of John and Pat’s ranch road, hit the highway and headed up the mountain.

We drove slowly up through incense cedar, pine, dogwood and Spruce. We broke out of the trees and entered a clearing floating across the low ground fog. A small grove of Sequoias greeted us briefly as we wound our way up the mountain.

At the trail head, Joe and Carol Kaminski were waiting for us with big smiles and open arms. They had camped there overnight. We unloaded our stock, and set out feed. I found myself standing around and went and introduced myself to Joe and Carol and helped them groom and water their stock. We saddled the horses and packed the mules with care. Now were all mounted and ready to set forth on our adventure. Jim set the order. Warner straddled the creamello, Luke, to lead; next Cara on Eli; than me on my sweet paint, Annie. Bringing up the rear was Jim on Lagsi, the Icelandic, towing the mules - Heidi and Toby - laden with our gear.

The line started forward and the silent forest engulfed us. Behind us the trail head and civilization disappeared.

Rocks, logs and creeks we crossed without a hitch. Annie was a dream to ride, light mouthed and sure footed, we got along just fine. But, when we met a few four-wheelers and hikers along the trail, it was those distractions that quickly taught me (the nube) the importance of keeping our stock going forward in order, the proper distance apart and what teamwork it takes to keep the line properly spaced and moving together so as not scatter off in all directions. This was totally new to me – REAL mountain trail riding within a pack train. And I reveled in the challenge. To soon I got my first glimpse of Chamberlain camp (complete with a 100 year old log cabin) home for the next few days.



I've backpacked and primitive camped my whole life so setting up camp is routine. But this was my first pack trip and I had a whole new skill set to master: how to un-pack the mules; highlines: nose bags; the order to feed the stock; hauling water; wire wall pasture fencing; getting all the stock to the pasture without a ruckus; etc. , challenging work but oh so rewarding. Watching the herd interact loose in the pasture was fascinating and hilarious, as the herd hierarchy established itself. Once all the livestock had been pastured, watered, groomed, grained and set up on the highline for the night, we all realized just how hungry we were! Fortunately, Joe and Carol and taken care of that and a warm fire and delicious dinner awaited us. I do believe those were the tastiest scalloped potatoes I ever eaten. Bless you Carol!

And the stories, oh the stories around the campfire! These old friends had a new face with whom share their stories – some funny, some sad along with some amazing stories of search and rescues that Jim and Warner had participated in over the long years of their friendship. What a bond they share! I felt honored and blessed to be included in the telling of it all.

All too soon my eyes were drooping, I said my good nights and thank yous, and I wandered over to my tent and hunkered down in my bag. Sleep was slow to come as my mind kept rolling over the events of the day and the ride to come in the morning. And even though I could never find the sleep number dial on that sleeping pad I somehow drifted off to sleep whispering my gratitude for the blessings I was enjoying.

I awoke to the nickering of the stock. Pulled on my frosty jeans and scrambled out of my tent. Jim, Cara and Warner had already started last night's routine with the stock all over again. But now, I knew the drill. That done, we saddled all the horses and set up the mules. The mules had no gear to bear this time, but they would be heartbroken at being left behind. Everybody went back on the highline.

Now it was our turn. At the camp table, we bowed our heads and asked for the Lord's blessing today and sat down to a feast. We all stuffed ourselves with bacon, eggs and biscuits and gravy, and lots of cowboy coffee. Prayers, food and coffee - a most excellent start for our foray up the mountain.

Warner and Jim rolled out the 1 mile quadrangle maps across the rustic log table and we all went over possible trail options and destinations. Jim had his GPS radio to maintain contact with Joe and Carol at the base camp. He showed us how to use it and reviewed safety precautions and "what ifs" and what to do. I was confident I was in good hands. Although I'm not so sure that they felt that way about me and my mad skills!

We mounted our horses, same order as yesterday, and Jim grabbed the tow line for the mules. Joe and Carol smiled and waved as we wound our way out of camp and up the trail.

Today was the Big Ride up the mountain. And UP we went. The horses and mules faltered not as we clattered and climbed up the steep rock steps. Their hooves unerringly found their way through loose cobbles, across slippery glacier polished rock faces and creeks with no hesitation. What heart! Jim, behind me on Lagsi, reminded me, "easy now, hold up". "OK Jim, I got it." I'd reply, or "sorry!" when I got too far ahead. He was patiently teaching me to pay attention to forward and back so as to maintain the balance and perfect distance between Eli, Anne and Lagsi . What a horseman! We were all a team, and in spite of the novice (me!) it was working well.

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After scaling the steps we wound our way through the breathtaking forest and meadows of the high country, my head on a swivel to take it all in. We met a few startled back packers, who courteously stepped to the side of the trail. One hiker and his friend watched us pass and called out to Jim, “Hey, why doesn’t that last mule carry anything?” “Well,” Jim replied, “We’re saving him to bring back anyone we find hurt!” I smiled, shook my head and wondered what that young man must have been scratching his head about *that* response.

At the top of the first grade we headed North west at the “Y” onto trail but deadfall stopped us. Warner drew rein and raised his hand and called out, ”Stop – Hold” as the trail was blocked. When the line stopped and the animals settled, Jim called “can you find a way around it?” “I’ll go ahead and look” Warner yelled back, “Wait here” . He and Luke broke brush to see if he could find an open path back to the trail. He returned shortly shaking his head. “Deadfall all over up here, Jim, we gotta turn back. Let’s head back to the Y and see if that trail is clear.” Jim nodded. Warner and Luke led the line in a U-turn, he found the “Y” and we headed on to that trail. It was clear. Jim called base to update them as to our location and new route. And we continued on thorough the forest.

We watered the horses at a creek crossing and soon found a perfect meadow for lunch. For everybody! We hobbled Annie, the matriarch of the herd and let the stock loose to graze. Lunch was dug out from our saddlebags. Bacon, apples, trail bars, even a bit of Tri Tip! - all good things. We caught the horses and mules – they hadn’t wandered far as that meadow was far too tasty to leave. We mounted and headed out. A few more miles breathtaking splendor and it was time to turn for home. The horses picked up the pace (funny how they ALWAYS know when you’re heading home). As we back tracked along the trail we sang songs the whole way back.

As we headed toward camp I pondered my childhood and adolescence growing up on the horse ranch. It was all about breeding, training, horse shows along with trailering Mom’s race horses to tracks up and down the state of California. But even then, what I most enjoyed was the simple pleasure of climbing up on my big black gelding, Bo Jangles, with my friend Brooke on her strawberry roan mare, July, whistling up the dogs and hitting the trails on the surrounding cattle ranches . It was wonderful and I am deeply grateful for that time and the gift my parents gave me. But I got to tell you that this experience of mountain trail riding has totally eclipsed those past experiences. Words are a poor substitute for the sheer JOY I felt within this community of amazing people and incredible animals while surrounded by some of the most scenic mountain terrain in the world. It is an unbeatable combination and one I will not soon forget.



Toby's Meadow Eli and Me

By Cara Peterson
9'8'17

Toby's Meadow is the place to be,
Just hanging out, Eli and Me.
In the Sierra's,
That's where we'll meet,
With squishy sand soil, just under our feet.
Before and after a six mile stretch,
The horses graze heartily,
then comes time to fetch.
Back to the highline for one more night,
I'll sneak to the creek, just out of sight.
He gets a blanket, a bucket, a treat,
I get a meal that can't be beat.
And from the table, I look at him,
He's staring back at me again.
A log for a chair at a place to inspire,
As friends draw near to a warming camp fire.
Mule pads for a bed, is just what I need,
All that comfort, not to exceed.
As I lie awake at night,
I ponder, no mosquito bite.
I know of Jesus, and the armies of heaven,
All riding horses and dressed in fine linen.
Only this rider, is faithful and true.
He wages war and judges too.
I will give thanks for the woods and such,
Prayers for safety are never too much.
It's hard to sleep but that's O.K.,
Just thinking about my ride today.
With singing and joy on that stair stepping trail,
We took some good pictures to send them email.
Toby's Meadow, my favorite of course,
Eli and Me,
The most beautiful horse!



Chamberlain Beginning Pack Trip

Hey cool, fun time: a little work and a little packing instruction. Submitted by Randy Witt

I am always amused when we call these things work parties when we are sitting around a campfire eating delicious food at the end of the day. When we have done a little bit of work in a beautiful setting it's hard to think of it as work. On August 24, Pete Perkins, Carol and Joe Kaminski, Fredi Chrisman, and Randy Witt headed in to Chamberlain Meadows camp behind Courtright Reservoir. After somewhat setting up camp, setting up the electric fence in the meadow and putting the stock out for feeding, we were relaxing just a little bit and thinking about getting dinner ready. Thankfully, Joe heard a disturbance down in the meadow and went to check it out. He immediately discovered the horses had gotten jammed up and gone through the fence and down the trail. All the stock. He called for help and he and Carol immediately follow the tracks. I was changing my shoes into something so I could walk all night if necessary. As I headed down the trail, Joe and Carol had come upon the stock A quarter or half mile away and had sent them back up the trail. The entire herd came running back up towards me, my horse came directly to me and stopped, along with his mules. The rest of the stock headed up towards camp and Fredi and Pete collected most of them with the feed bag. After my worst imaginable nightmare of searching for stock all night long in the dark, I settled in, had a drink and Carol and Fredi finished cooking up dinner for us. I was thanking my lucky stars.

The next morning as Carol, Fredi and I went out to pick up Jim and Doug and their gear at the trailhead, Joe got to work finishing up a huge Paul Bunyan-sized picnic table, Fashioned from downed logs in the area. At the trailhead, Doug and Jim Lamer were waiting for us with all their gear spread out, ready to be packed up. Since these guys wanted to learn the basics of mule packing, I set out having them balance the loads into soft panniers, weighing them, loading them up and lashing it down. As I modeled each step of the process, each of them tried their hand at each part of The loading process. Of course lashing the load is always the trickiest part to learn. With little delay, we headed out for Chamberlain camp which is only about a one hour, easy ride. After unloading and detacking the stock, it was very convenient to just tie the stock to one of the 12 or 14 rings our club has attached to an enormous log, for that very purpose, on the edge of camp. While we were out picking up Jim and Doug, Joe had rearranged the electric fence in the meadow to better contain the stock. Jim and Doug set out for Courtright reservoir to try their luck fishing. They came back a few hours later with a couple of good-sized trout. Another great dinner in the mountains wrapped up the day.

Saturday, after some delicious breakfast burritos, I started packing Fredi's and my stuff up, as we both had to be back to town Saturday. Pete and Joe completed the work on the picnic table, and Jim and Doug went out for more successful fishing. The rest of the crew came out on Sunday and headed for home after a very pleasant, and successful "work party".

In conclusion, I would like to thank Carol and Joe for all the work they put into shopping and preparing all the meals. As well, I would like to remind everyone of the fine and very comfortable pit toilet and solar shower the club built over the last couple of years. That building makes your stay very comfortable. I recommend to all of our members that they can even make Chamberlain Meadows an easy day ride destination for a picnic or light camping.





Valentine Surprise
Dave Stamey Concert
February 2, 2018
Clovis Elks Lodge



Photo by Colleen Andrus

We wanted to let you in on a little **Valentine Secret** early so you can plan to take your sweetheart to a delightful evening concert. So mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details.

Music Lover's Delight, San Joaquin Sierra Unit will be a sponsor for a **Dave Stamey Concert** on the **2nd of February 2018**. Come one come all to the Clovis Elks Lodge to be entertained by Dave Stamey, a nationally known and recognized singer and songwriter. We are thrilled to have Dave sing and play for us that evening. More details will follow but plan to buy your tickets early as we plan to sell out. For details contact Ted Fischer SJSU Education Chair. 559-855-8599 tjfischer3@gmail.com

P.S. Hey guys this is a way to stay out of trouble at least once next year. Hint.....hint.....



Shaver Club Ride

Saturday, October 7, 2017

Fall Ride at Shaver Lake, weather permitting

It will be a 4.5 hour ride, includes lunch break.

Bring your own lunch and drinks.

Dress warm

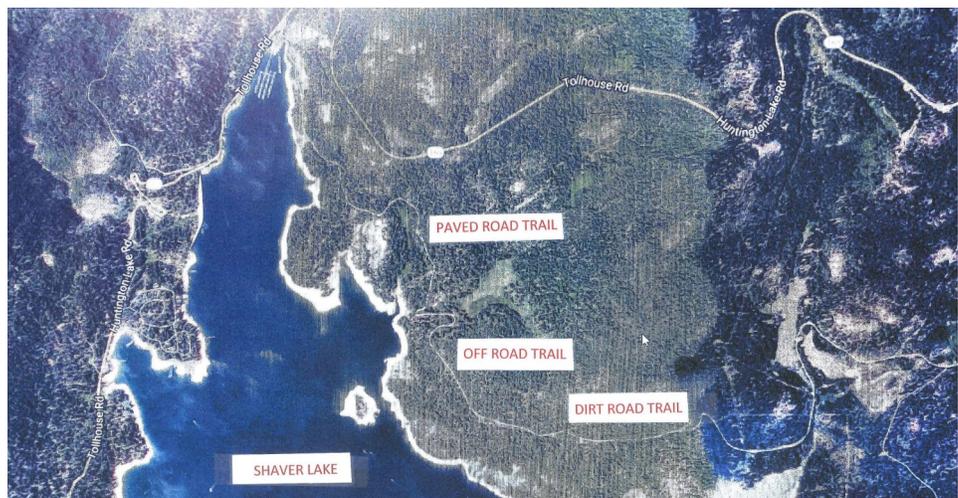
Be in the Saddle at 11:00am

RSVP Cara Peterson 559) 901-5364 Club Event

Call to reserve a spot and for directions

Non Members are welcome to join BCHC-SJSU in the parking lot

This may be the last ride of the year. Call and let Cara know if you are interested and give her your phone number, so if she has to cancel she can notify you.



August General Meeting

Horse Shoes, Horse Shoes, Horse Shoes: Hi there everyone!

If you attended the last SJS Unit General Meeting on August 16th at the Clovis Elks Club, you now know what a great meeting it was. If you missed it, you missed a **FANTASTIC GENERAL MEETING**. What is so fantastic about a general meeting you ask? Well I'll tell you. Horse Shoes!!!

We learned all about Horse Shoes, Hoof Care, Horse Shoeing Tools, and how to react to a hoof problem in the backcountry. We also learned what to do and what not to do with your horse prior to going to the mountains. We were all taught and entertained by **Jerry Jones**, MASTER HORSE SHOER. We also learned the difference between a Farrier and a horse shoer.



There were about 25 of us at the meeting, and we all felt Jerry presented a lot of valuable information. Jerry is a local guy, having grown up here in the Valley, and now lives in Auberry. He is an experienced rider and packer. In fact, he is a past World Champion Packer at Bishop Mule Days. He currently is one of the judges at Mule Days. We had many good discussions about horses and hoof care, usually as a result of a question by one of the group.

Thank you Jerry! Welcome to the new members who were at the meeting. At this moment I am not able to recall their names but think they were the Castaneda, Lopez and Flores families. During a break, we had some great tasting desserts provided by the Unit. I think desserts and/or coffee and soft drinks will be a regular thing as long as our general meetings are at the Elks Club.

Ted Fischer
Education Chairman



Diana Sorensen Ride

Tamarack Snow Park Area

Saturday, August 5, 2017

Special Unit Ride

Our unit had our first annual **Dianna Sorensen Memorial** ride at Tamarack Ridge on August 4th and 5th. The weather was beautiful, the trails were not too dusty, the scenery was gorgeous, the food was terrific, and sleeping under the stars was out of this world. Various people did various rides: some rode to the meadow; some to the top of Bald Mountain; some to the creek; and some rode their easy chair in camp all weekend. We all had a relaxing time. Thanks to the board of directors for organizing this fantastic and meaningful event. The early birds started arriving on Wednesday and Thursday. I believe they wanted to get out of the Valley heat. Randy Witt and I thought we would be early and arrive Friday at noon. Actually, Randy wanted to put some miles on his pack train of mules, so he and I stopped and saddled up before arriving at the group camp. This was not a specified "ponying ride" so Randy and the mules stayed out of the camp area and put some miles on the mules in the creek, across the creek, across the meadow, between the trees and down the trail. After our training ride, Randy went home, and I went to set up camp.

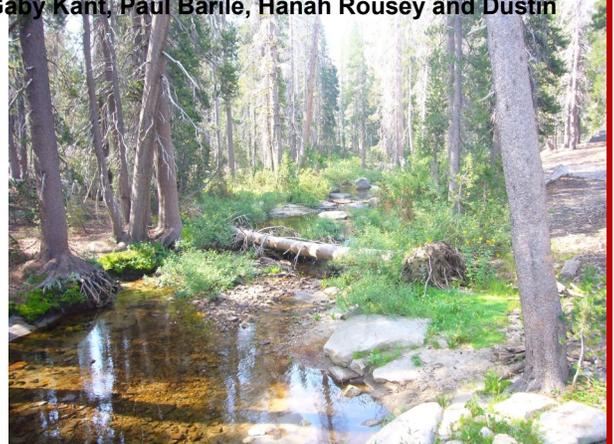
Once camp was set up, it was time for another ride to the meadow...this time with Duane and Peter. Friday night dinner was every one on their own. Saturday breakfast was kind of good, so I had three helpings to decide just how good it was...it was **very, very** good!! Thank you cookies! During the day, different people took different rides, but to me the highlight of the day was the ride to the top of Bald Mountain. There was a large group of us on the ride, but the dust at the back of the group was minimal. Once at the top of Bald Mountain the view was spectacular. We were met by 3 different jeeps and their occupants. Some of us choose to climb up into the look out tower while a fellow rider held our pony. The ride back to camp was really a special one for me. I got to relax and have a long conversation with a friend and fellow rider.

Saturday evening's meal was special, yes, the group food was great, as usual, but there was a very special feeling in the air, and the whole group could feel it. It was the real reason we were there...Dianna and her memorial ride. A drawing was held and a Dianna Sorensen Memorial Ride belt buckle was given to the raffle winner, **Glenda Jacobsen**. She lives in Prather. **Paul Sorensen** was also given an identical buckle, for which he was so humble and thankful. Paul you are the man! I so admire you. You conducted yourself with such grace and dignity throughout the entire weekend. What a privilege to call you friend and a fellow member of the unit. This ride was a huge success in many ways, one of which was the attendance. There were about 25 members there. Here is my attempt to list those that were there. Please excuse the misspellings and anyone I forgot: **Joe & Carol Kamin-ski, Paul Sorensen, Peter Parkin, Pat & Duane Peverill, James & Doug Laber, Ted Fischer, Katie Horst, Fredi Chrisman, Jaedyn Traeger, Andrea & Chris Castaneda, Abel & Esmeralda Lopez, Eli & Johnny Flores, Al Castaneda, Al & Cynthia Castaneda, Glenda Jacobsen, Diana & Nicholas Meigs, Richard Hall, Gaby Kant, Paul Barile, Hanah Rousey and Dustin McMurry.**

Thank you to all who attended.... YOU made this a ride to remember.

Ted Fischer

Education Chairman



Glenda Jacobsen, was the winner of the belt buckle raffle.



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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.

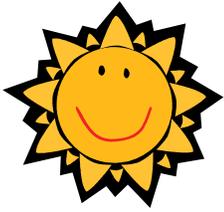
Scarf \$13.00

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

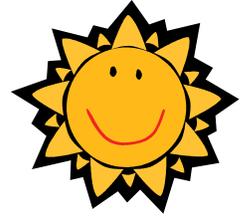
Maroon Shirts \$37.00 (Extra Tall \$40.00). The shirts must be prepaid before the order. The logo on the left is BCHC
with San Joaquin Sierra Unit under the BCHC. Names added for \$5.00 in a group.

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.



Sunshine Corral



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

We would like to welcome our newest members to our Unit:

Paul Barile, Clovis

Nicholas and Diana Meigs, Clovis

CALLING ALL MEMBERS

PLEASE!!!!

We are in need of **MORE HELP** from our membership to volunteer for different positions. Our unit will not be successful without our members joining in to share the load. Sign-up to help out for any number of things. This way you can meet other members, contribute to the betterment of your unit, not depend on a small group of the members to carry the weight and have a positive voice in the direction you would like to see the unit going.

There are soooo many things you can volunteer to help with just to name a few:

- Historian (keeping track of what our unit does)
- Christmas table decoration commitee
- Take Reservations for Christmas
- Send in recipes to newsletter
- Help on work parties
- Be a Director for the unit
- Need Advisors for the unit
- Volunteer to help out at events, get your name on a list

- Send in Articles for Newsletter
- Help with Poker Rides
- Organize rides
- Purchase 2017 calendars
- Volunteer to help out at Big Meadows
- Need a new Newsletter Editor
- Find donations for the unit events

This is what the officers and Board Members do for the unit and we need some help!

Please email or call Duane Peverill if you are willing to help out.

Duane Peverill, 559-908-3138 wpeverill@sebastiancorp.net



Backcountry Cooks



FROM PAT PEVERILL

Oven Baked Sweet Potato Fries

Makes Four Servings

1/2 teaspoon ground cumin

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

2 large (about 1-1/2 lbs) sweet potatoes

1. Prepare the sweet potatoes: In a small bowl combine cumin, salt and pepper. Set aside. Pre-heat oven to 400 degrees F. Peel potatoes, cut each in half lengthwise and cut each half into 6 wedges. In a large bowl, combine the cut potatoes, oil and spice mixture. Toss until potatoes are evenly coated. 2. Bake the fries: On a baking sheet, arrange potatoes in a single layer and place on the middle shelf of the oven. Bake until edges are crisp and potatoes are cooked.

The Lighter Side of the Barn

A man has a racehorse who never won a race. In disgust the man says, "Horse, you win today or you will be pulling a milk wagon tomorrow morning."

The starting gate opens, the horses take-off, they move the gate away and there lays his horse asleep on the track.

He kicks the horse and asks, "Why on earth are you sleeping?", The horse, half asleep says, "I have to get up at three in the morning."



Peter Parkin Pipeline



Things to think about this winter. Winter is coming and sometimes we forget about our “fur kids” that are outside. Just like you, you need to take care of them as you would take care of yourself. Here are just a few thoughts:

1. Don't let their water freeze over. They must stay hydrated.
2. Increase their feed rations when temperatures drop. But do not overfeed.
3. Make some time to exercise them. Just like you. You and they need to be active.
4. Don't override a horse that is not in shape just because the weather is good outside.
5. Horse/Mules are outdoor animals and will stay healthier if let outside. But you do need to try and protect them from severe weather.
6. Don't over blanket
7. Just because you're not riding, don't forget proper Hoof Care.
8. Don't just throw your horse out to pasture and forget about him until the sun warms up. Don't forget your daily chores and connection with your horse.
9. Don't forget about your health. Have a great winter and hope to see you on the trails.

2017 BCHC CALENDARS

We still have a number of **2017 BCHC Calendars** for sale from our state BCHC to sell. If every member buys just **ONE** calendar, we will be able to fulfill our obligation to the state.

Please call **Peter Parkin** or email him if you can help.

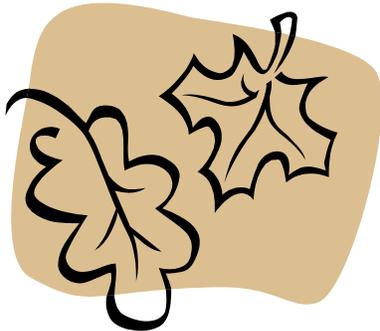
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www.bchcsjsu.org

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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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

"Travel Advantage"

Dear BCHC Members

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

Please forward "Travel Advantage" newsletter to your friends and family and other BCHC supporters. The more we get the word out, the more people will use the BCHC Getaway travel site to take advantage of great rates on hotels, flights, rental cars and other travel-related items, the more BCHC will earn for our Treasury!!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the travel site, how it works or what BCHC earns by participating in this great opportunity. Thank you for supporting and promoting BCHC Getaway!!

C.J. Hargreaves
BCHC Editor/Travel Site
Coordinator
cjohargreaves@verizon.net





Board Meeting July 5, 2017
Elks Lodge, Clovis, Ca.

Call to order: 6:30

Roll Taken: President: Joe Kaminski, Vice President: Duane Peverill, Secretary: Carol Kaminski,
Treasurer: Pete Parkin

Directors: Gary VanSickle, Sue VanSickle, Randy Witt, Ted Fischer, Jim Knapke
Fredri Chrisman

Minutes review and approved: Fredi C. 1st, Gary VS. 2nd

Correspondence: Letter for comments on Halstead Meadows between Lodgepole and Dorst campground.
Monterey Bay Equestrian Group- nice letter and \$1,000 donation for Big Meadows.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education: Ted to set up Jerry Jones for August 16 General Meeting. Election Meeting to be held at Yosemite Falls
on Cedar and Dakota Wed. October 18. Speaker for meeting to be Stabie/Ford. We will host a Dave Stamey
Concert Jan 20. 80/20 split with Stamey. Rent for Elks Lodge for event \$300.00, no host bar. Cost \$30.00 per per-
son.

Time 7-9. Duane 1st, Randy 2nd. Saw training-need to clear with Mike Nolan for cards to be issued. No 1st aide/
CPR
available. Ted to check with Peggy Riddle.

Membership: 2 new members and renewals. Club will pay for Carol Patterson-Silver Rose Ranch membership. Randy 1st, Fredi
2nd.

Newsletter: Articles by July 20. Ted to write Montana de Oro, Jim and Doug to write Edison with Joe, Big Meadows- Joe,
Dave Stamey-Ted.

Public lands: Congress wants to allow bikes into wilderness. BCHC will oppose.

Sushine: Randy's mom had a stroke.

Shaver Lake: Still flooded.

OLD BUSINESS:

Big Meadows toilet to be pumped this week. Randy to bring tractor to haul gravel at Big Meadows, trailer to be
rented.

Master's class to be held at Big Meadow Sept. 6.

NEW BUSINESS

2017 Events Aug.25-27 Beginner Pack Trip-members only-SJSU. Mini work party before beginner packing Aug.
22-24.

Tamarak Poker Ride Aug. 4-6. Buckles ordered. 2 courses to be offered. \$500 budget. Fredi 1st, Randy 2nd. Some
raffle items to
be purchased for ride.
Christmas Dinner Dec. Alan on for food.

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 Fredi 1st., Gary 2nd.



Board Meeting Aug. 2, 2017
Elks Lodge, Clovis, Ca.

Call to order: 6:30

Roll Taken: President: Joe Kaminski, Vice President: Duane Peverill- absent, Secretary: Carol Kaminski,
Treasurer: Pete Parkin

Directors: Gary VanSickle, Sue VanSickle, Randy Witt, Ted Fischer, Jim Knapke, Carolyn Witt, Fredi Chrisman

Minutes review and approved: Gary VS. 1st, Jim K. 2nd

Correspondence: Three donations for Big Meadows, one for Diana Sorenson. Big Meadows donation \$2,070+ \$3,299=\$5,369,.
\$1,800 bill for pumping Big Meadows.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education: Aug. 16 General meeting Jerry Jones, farrier to speak. Ted to check on meeting at Elks Lodge.

Oct. 18 election meeting will be held at Yosemite Falls. Speaker to be Dr. Stabie vet. Dinner @ 6:00 pm. Meeting at
6:30 pm.

Ted motions for club to buy dinner for attendees. Randy 2nd. Discussion. Randy tabled. Sierra National Forest-
Fresno, Madera County

RAC proposals due for 2018 by 11/17.

Membership: One new member.

Newsletter

Public lands: Closing comments on Halstead Meadows. Jeff at Sequoias would like to work with us. RAC- Sequoias is part of
Fresno County. RAC monies
could apply to Sequoia NP.

Sunshine:

Shaver Lake: Open

NEW BUSINESS: Wanda: All hours related to the club need to be reported. Can be used for membership, education or public
relations.

OLD BUSINESS: Host for Big Meadows set thru Aug. Need host for Sept.

Tamarack Poker Ride to become memorial ride. No money will be collected.

Mini work party -Aug.22-24. Beginner pack trip Aug. 25-27.

Adourn@ 7:30 Fredi 1st, Sue 2nd

You can go to BCHCalifornia.org to become a member or fill out this form and send it in.

<p>Backcountry Horsemen of California</p> <p>MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal or <input type="checkbox"/> Change <small>(indicate changes)</small></p>	 <p>PARENT Unit Affiliation: (Select and CHECK a Unit as your Affiliation)</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Antelope Valley <input type="checkbox"/> Kern Sierra <input type="checkbox"/> North Bay <input type="checkbox"/> San Geronimo Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Sierra Freepackers <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Sierra <input type="checkbox"/> Lake-Mendo <input type="checkbox"/> Redbank Riders <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin Sierra <input type="checkbox"/> Sutter Buttes <input type="checkbox"/> High Country <input type="checkbox"/> Los Padres <input type="checkbox"/> Redwood <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Ana River <input type="checkbox"/> Top of the State <input type="checkbox"/> High Sierra <input type="checkbox"/> Mid Valley <input type="checkbox"/> San Diego <input type="checkbox"/> Sequoia <input type="checkbox"/> Kern River Valley <input type="checkbox"/> Mother Lode <input type="checkbox"/> Shasta Trinity </p>	<p>MAIL TO: BCHC Membership 1280 State Rt 208 Yerington NV 89447</p>
<p>DCTR (your Membership Number): _____ (For new memberships, will be assigned by Membership Chair)</p>		
<p>MEMBER'S NAME—No Business Names; Print Clearly _____ SPOUSE / Co-MEMBER'S NAME—MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS _____</p>		
<p>Street Address / PO Box _____</p>		
<p>City _____ State _____ Zip Code (full 9 digits, if known) _____ Area Code _____ Phone _____</p>		
<p>Email Address: _____ (please print legibly)</p>		
<p>Donation to BCHC Education Fund (tax deductible) \$ _____</p>		
<p>Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Check No. _____</p>		
<p>Parent Unit Membership Types: (CIRCLE ONE)</p> <p>Individual \$50 Family \$60 - 2 Year Individual \$90 - 2 Year Family \$110 - 3 Year Individual \$125 - 3 Year Family \$150 Young Adult (18-25 years old) \$15 - Benefactor \$100 - Patron \$250 - Mt Whitney \$500</p> <p>Associate Memberships: AN ADDITIONAL \$15.00 PER UNIT IS ADDED TO YOUR PARENT UNIT DUES. <small>ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP UNIT AFFILIATIONS MAY NOT BE FOR THE SAME UNIT AS YOUR PARENT UNIT.</small></p> <p>Associate Membership for: _____ \$15.00/unit <small>Unit Name (from above list)</small></p> <p>Associate Membership for: _____ \$15.00/unit <small>Unit Name (from above list)</small></p> <p><small>Please write additional choices on back.</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Please clip form along dashed lines and keep the below portion for your records</small></p>		

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 who share 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 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 pages at BCHCalifornia.org
 or call (775) 463-3634

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I submitted an Application Form for a new –

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	\$ 50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family (Shared) Membership	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old)	\$ 15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual	\$ 90.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family	\$ 110.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual	\$ 125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family	\$ 150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor Membership	\$ 100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Membership	\$ 250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mt Whitney Membership	\$ 500.00

On that form, I also requested –

_____ Associate Memberships **\$** _____

My Total Remittance: **\$** _____

My Check Number: _____

Date Mailed: _____

Verification of BCHC membership is available via (1) BCHC unit president's reports (2) BCHC membership chair reports (3) a self addressed stamped envelope submitted with this form or (4) a valid email address.



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.