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

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What an exciting year! It is only March and so much has and is already happening. We just returned from the **2016 Rendezvous in Angels Camp**. Thanks to all who helped to make this event successful as well as those who helped to get our unit noticed with some awards.

How exciting for our unit to receive two awards. The first award was for top unit in the whole state to receive the most volunteer hours. Thank you to **Wanda Caradonna** for keeping tabs on our hours and getting them into the state. The second award was for best table decoration. This was largely due to **Debbie Mcfarren's** efforts in setting up our table to resemble a stream full of gold, complete with pans and lanterns. We also had a great booth display due largely again to **Debbie** and adorned by **Cara Peterson's** many printed photographs.

Just a note, we are still looking for a **Historian** to keep track of awards, events, and pictures. If you are interested please notify any board member.

Once again we have an opportunity for many rides and work parties. We will be having the rescheduled **Poker Ride on April 8<sup>th</sup>**. There will also be many other rides throughout the year. Work parties will happen in the **Spanish Lakes** area and the **Big Meadows campground**. Thank you to all who came out to vote on the Big Meadows campground. We had a very good discussion prior to the vote.

Please check the calendar for events, or if you are interested in hosting a ride to a favorite place, please notify a board member.

Remember, stay in the saddle, the ground is hard.

Joe Kaminski  
President



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

**April 1**      **Clovis Rodeo Parade Practice and Desensitizing Clinic, John and Jan Mikkelson**  
559-289-4911 jessecowboy@comcast.net

**April 8**      **Hensley Lake Poker Ride, Duane Peverill,** 559-908-3138

**April 27-30**      **Clovis Rodeo**

**April 29**      **Clovis Rodeo Parade Jan Mikkelson** 559-289-4911 jessecowboy@comcast.net

**May 5-7**      **Jose Basin Camp/Rideout, Cara Peterson,** carasblueprint@sbcglobal.net, 559-636-2459

**May 13**      **Tack Sale/General Meeting /Packing Clinic Demo by John and Veronica Lewis**  
(see flyer on next page)

**June 4-9**      **Work Party Camp and Ride Big Meadows, Joe Kaminski,** 559-733-9170

**July 7-9**      **Montana De Oro, Pete Parkins,** 559-871-4500

**August 4-6**      **Tamarack Camp-Poker Ride**

**August 16**      **General Meeting, Elks Lodge 535 Woodworth, Clovis 6:30 pm**

**October TBA**      **General Meeting and Election**

**December 9**      **Christmas Party**

The new year is here and the Officers/Directors will be reviewing and creating the year's activities. Please review this year's calendar at [www.bchcsjsu.org](http://www.bchcsjsu.org), and let us know if there are any other activities that you would like added to the calendar. Also, 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](mailto:wpeverill@sebastiancorp.net). You may call 559-908-3138 and I will get back to you.

**William Duane Peverill**  
Vice President  
BCHCSJSU

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.



**TACK SALE AND GENERAL MEETING  
AT BARNYARD FEED AND SUPPLY  
847 N. PLEASANT 559-486-7333**

**MAY 13, 2017**

8:00 AM SET UP OF TABLES AND SALE ITEMS  
3:30 CLOSING OF TACK SALE

4:00 GENERAL MEETING WITH TRI-TIP SANDWICHES/BEANS, AND DRINKS  
JOHN AND VERONICA LEWIS WILL DO A **PACKING FOR TWO** DEMONSTRATION



Clean out your tack room and downsize. Spiff up your tack to sell. Bring a table and chair. If you need an awning you will need to bring one to set up. Set up begins at 8:00. Tack sale ends at 3:30 or till you sell out.

We will have our **BCHCSJSU General Meeting** at 4:00, and we will be serving a light dinner.

**John and Veronica Lewis** will give a demonstration on how to pack for two in the wilderness. They have been packing for many years and have it down to an art form. Come and learn about places to go and what to take and how to pack it in and pack it out. (Leave No Trace).

## Trailer Safety – CHP Officer Chris Tuttle

Trailer safety is something we are all concerned with when we are hauling our horses or even an RV. Your BCHC provided an invaluable service at our **March 15 General Meeting**. We had **CHP Officer Chris Tuttle** review safe (and required) hauling practices. I know I need to check on some of the items he mentioned. If you were unable to attend, I will list some of the most important “take away” messages. Also, I think most of us are legal and properly licensed with our current vehicles if everything is in good working order (but you better read on).



**Driver License:** Most of us have a class C California Driver license (this is the standard issue license you got when you were 16 years old). This allows us to drive a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight (GVWR) that does not exceed 26,000 lb (this is the total of the tow vehicle and the trailer). In addition, the trailer must not exceed a GVWR of 10,000 lb or 40 feet in length. The GVWR is normally listed in your tow vehicle and on your trailer. The foregoing applies if you are not hauling for hire. If you are hiring out your trailer, there are some other rules that apply.

**Definitions :** Officer Tuttle went over this to define what a “pick-up” truck is because certain rules apply to pick-ups. A pick-up has an open box type configuration (the bed with sides) where the “box” does not exceed 9 feet. If you are towing with a flatbed vehicle, that vehicle is not a “pick up” and different rules apply.

**Equipment :**

1. Trailers with power brakes are required to have a breakaway system in working order. Officer Tuttle said the CHP will shut you down if your breakaway system is not working. The breakaway system is the device that has a small cable that extends from your trailer to the tow vehicle. It will pull out a small “plug” from the trailer if the trailer got unhooked from your tow vehicle. When the “plug” comes out, the trailer brakes should lock up. The cable from the trailer to the tow vehicle must not be totally free from any tow safety chain. You can test your breakaway device by removing the plug from your trailer; your trailer brakes should lock up. When you put the plug back in, the brakes will release. If your system is not working, it must be repaired.
2. Safety chains must have a positive locking device. An open-ended “S” hook is not legal. Basically, the safety chain(s) must be attached so that it cannot come off.
3. Brakes and Stopping Distance – This subject seems to be a little hard to enforce (probably because there are so many variables), but if you keep about 4 – 5 seconds behind the vehicle in front of you, and your brakes are working correctly, you will be at a safe stopping distance.
4. Trailer brakes – If you are pulling a trailer with a gross weight greater than 3000 lb. the trailer must have brakes. Most commonly, this would be electric brakes on the trailer with a brake controller in the tow vehicle. However, surge brakes are okay.
5. Officer Tuttle said vehicles greater than 80 inches wide must have a minimum of three red reflectors. I believe this is for the situation where the vehicle (or trailer) becomes disabled and must be parked along the roadside. I think this pertains only to nighttime operation of the vehicle. I am not sure of the type or size of the reflectors. I need a little more research on this.
6. Tire Chains – If chains are required on vehicles and your trailer has brakes, chains are required on the wheels on one axle.

**Inspection:** Officer Tuttle reviewed some of the things that we should all routinely check. This includes lights and reflectors, brakes, fluids, tools, and of course, the all-important breakaway device on the trailer. He also mentioned that the hitch ball should be lubricated to prevent wear to the hitch device.

**Driving rules :**

1. The speed when hauling a trailer is 55 MPH.
2. Your trailer cannot whip to and fro.
3. Decreased truck speed – often there are special speed requirements for downhill truck speeds if the GVWR is over 10,000 lb. I am not sure if the 10,000 lb figure is for the trailer or the combination of tow vehicle + trailer.
4. Proper Lane – On a four lane road (two lanes going each way), you must (when hauling your trailer) stay in the right lane except to pass. If there are three lanes going in your direction, you still must stay in the right lane unless posting says it is alright to travel in the middle lane. You can never travel in the third lane. If there are four lanes going in your direction, you can only travel in the right two lanes.
5. Impeding traffic - If five or more vehicles are behind you, you must pull over to allow the vehicles to pass. You do not need to pull over until a safe place to do so is available.



**THOSE ARE THE RULES. DRIVE SAFELY. THANKS OFFICER TUTTLE**

Submitted By Jim Knabke

\*\*\*\*\*Congratulations to Dorraine Smith who won our Door Prize of two nights at our Shaver Lake Camp.

### **2017 OFFICERS/DIRECTORS**

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### **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

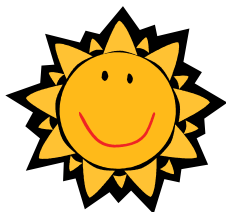
Scarves are a dark blue and are embroidered with one horse, two mules and says Backcountry Horsemen of California

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

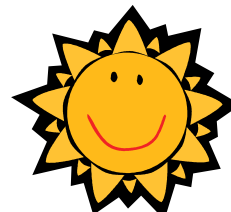
Contact: Pete Parkin 559-871-4500 ktzpaw@yahoo.com &/or look for items at our rides and meetings.





## 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:**

Sara Barlow  
Lois Blough  
Audrey Griva-Nore from Auberry  
Antonina Cardinalli just joined from Fresno

Sincere Condolence to Fredi Chrisman for the loss of her beloved horse.  
Sincere Condolence to Paul Sorensen and Family on the loss of wife, Diana.

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### **CALLING ALL MEMBERS**

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 committee**

**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](mailto:wpeverill@sebastiancorp.net)



## Backcountry Cooks



FROM PAT PEVERILL

### Sunshine Cake

1 box yellow cake mix  
4 eggs  
1/2 cup oil  
1 (8 oz) can crushed pineapple

#### *Icing*

1(8oz) tub Cool Whip  
1 small box instant vanilla pudding  
1 (8 oz) can crushed pineapple

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and spray a 9 by 13 pan with cooking spray.

In a large bowl mix all cake ingredient. Mix well and pour into prepared pan. Bake for 25-30 minutes until toothpick comes out clean. Allow to cool completely.

In a medium sized bowl, mix ingredients together with electric mixer and spread on cooled cake

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### The Lighter Side of the Barn

A city dweller came to a farm and saw a beautiful horse. He decided he had to have the animal. He bargained with the farmer and the farmer finally sold him the horse. The city man jumped on the horse and said, "Giddy up!" The horse didn't budge. The farmer explained, "This is a special kind of horse. He'll only move if you say, 'Praise the Lord.' To stop him, you have to say, 'Amen.'"

Keeping this in mind, the new owner yelled, "Praise the Lord!" whereupon the horse took off with great speed. Soon horse and rider were headed for a cliff. Just in time the rider remembered to say "Amen!" The horse came to a screeching halt right at the edge of the cliff. Relieved, the rider raised his eyes to heaven and exclaimed, "Praise the Lord!"



## Peter Parkin Pipeline



### Rules for Safely Handling Horses:

Be calm and quiet. Sudden moves or loud noises can cause a horse to spook

The safest way to lead a horse is with a halter and lead rope. Don't wrap your fingers through the halter straps, rings or the bit. If the horse pulls away, you could have serious injuries.

Never stand directly behind a horse. If grooming tail, stand to side.

When cleaning a horse's hooves don't squat or kneel. Bend over so that if the horse moves you can get out of the way quickly.

Never loop lead ropes, lunge lines, or reins around your hands or any other body part. If your horse pulls away, you could be dragged. Don't tie yourself to a horse in any way.

It is better to feed treats from buckets or tubs. Don't create bad habits.

Wear sturdy shoes or boots that will protect your feet when working with your equine.

The safest place to stand is beside your horse's shoulder where you can see each other, or about 10 or more feet away unless you are grooming, tacking up or otherwise interacting with your horse.

When grooming, saddling up, or cleaning your horse's stall, tie your horse up.

Remember your equine is a lot bigger and stronger than you. They are a animal and have animal instinct and can react without notice. Be safe. Have a great riding adventure.

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## 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.

**559-871-4500** or [ktzpaw@yahoo.com](mailto:ktzpaw@yahoo.com)





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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](mailto: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

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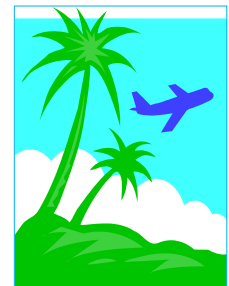
Dear BCHC Members

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**San Joaquin Sierra Unit Board Meeting  
Minutes January 4, 2017  
Clovis Elks Lodge, 535 Woodworth Ave. Clovis, CA**

Call to order: 6:30

Roll Taken: President: Joe Kaminski, Vice President: Duane Peverill, Secretary: Carol Kaminski, Treasurer: Pete Parkin Directors: Fredi Chrisman, Jim Knabke, Randy Witt, Gary VanSickle, Sue VanSickle Absent: Cathie Walker, Carolyn Witt, Ted Fischer

**Minutes review and approved:** Duane P. 1st, Gary V. 2nd

**Correspondence:** Renewal notice for domain page. Pete to pursue billing address change and billing for 3 years.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Education:** Mar.15 general meeting ---Duane P. to book CHP

**Membership:** No new members

**Newsletter:** Articles by Jan. 20. Blast for general meeting to go out.

**Public lands:** Dinkey Coll. to put on grant symposium. Joe to follow up.

**Sunshine corner:** Sympathy to Pat Peverill for the loss of her dad. Duane P. to purchase

\$100 gift card for Susan Turner for her donations for Christmas party. Pete P. 1st, Randy 2nd passed

**Shaver Lake:** Closed

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2016 events and Christmas party:** 2017 Christmas Party Dec. 9, discussion on no DJ next year, maybe entertainers instead. Start looking into donations for next year.

**Big Meadows--** in the black for 2016. 2017 need host from June to Sept. Signage needed. Review meeting needed with Forest Service for 2016.

**Cook trailer** wrap needs follow up.

**By laws review:** Randy and Carolyn to help Ted. Notice in newsletter for anyone interested.

**2017 Events:** Jan. Gorge Ride hosted by Ted, Jan.18 General Meeting with the Honorable Ron Goode, Feb 11 Shoot your Heart Out hosted by John Mikkelson, Mar. 15 general meeting with CHP, Mar 17-19 Rendezvous Mar. 25 Hensley Lake Poker Ride hosted by Duane and Pat Peverill, April ? Desentizing Clinic hosted by Jan Mikkelson, April 25 Clovis Rodeo Parade hosted by Jan Mikkelson May 5-7 Jose' Basin need host, June 4-9 Big Meadows WP see Joe K., June 18-25 Edison Lake WP see Joe K., Aug 4-5 Tamarak Poker Ride see Joe K.,(\$700 for budget, Fredi 1st, Sue 2nd) passed, Elections Oct. ?, Elections and general meeting, Dec .9 Christmas Party

**Calendars** received 154, donate 10 to Riddle Ranch to reimburse Trail Trials donation,Fredi 1st, Randy 2nd, passed

**NEW BUSINESS**

Grants from Dinkey Coll meeting. Elisa Brown to host. Gary and Randy willing to be on committee.

Need representative for Feb. 11 state meeting

Redezvous Mar. 17-19

General meeting Jan.18, refreshments covered. need laptop,screen for projector. Flyer to go out

Proposed projects: Outhouse needed at Rancheria Trail head. Need grants for trails, water and fire.

BCHC grant available. Tax # needed.

Meeting adjourned: 8:33 Fredi 1st, Randy 2nd

Addendum: 2017 Board members: President: Joe Kaminski, Vice President: Duane Peverill, Secretary: Carol Kaminski, Treasurer: Pete Parkin, Directors: Ted Fischer, Cathie Walker, Carolyn Witt, Randy Witt, Fredi Chrisman, Jim Knabke, Gary Van Sickle, Susan Van Sickle.



## **Board Meeting Feb. 1, 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: Jim Knabke, Randy Witt, Gary VanSickle, Sue VanSickle, Carolyn Witt, Ted Fischer

Absent: Cathie Walker, Fredi Chrisman

**Minutes review and approved:** Gary V.S. 1st, Carolyn W. 2nd

**Correspondence:** Late Christmas bills

**Treasurer report & Budget:**

Gary V. motioned to update bank signature cards with new directors/officers. Randy 2nd. Passed

Gary motioned to add to Jan. minutes. Duane 2nd.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Education:** 1st aide needed for chainsaw. Check with FS to cert for our District. State meeting this month. Check on calendar sales and getting DUNS #.

**Membership:** No new members

**Newsletter:** Articles by Mar. 20. a) Mike Long pack clinic flyer. b) No charges for charities or facebook

**Public lands:** Joe had thank you dinner with Ron Goode.

**Sunshine corner:** Susan Turner thank you done by Duane P. and thank yous sent out for Big Meadow.

\$100 gift card for Susan Turner for her donations for Christmas party. Pete P. 1st, Randy 2nd passed

**Shaver Lake:** Closed

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**2016 events and Christmas party:** 2017 Christmas Party Dec. 9, discussion on no DJ next year, maybe entertainers instead. Tabled till next month. Start looking into donations for next year.

**Big Meadows:** Trish, Duane and Jim to meet.

**Cook trailer wrap** needs follow up. Ted

**By laws review:** Randy and Carolyn, Ted to head up. Notice in newsletter for interested.

### **2017 Events:**

RSVP for Shoot Your Heart Out Mar. 15 general meeting with CHP,

Mar 17-19 Rendezvous Mar. 25 Hensley Lake Poker Ride hosted by Duane and Pat Peverill, check on water levels before ride

April 1 Desensitizing Clinic hosted by Jan Mikkelson, \$200 budget for lunch. Duane 1st, Jim 2nd passed.

General Meeting--John and Veronica to host pack demo at their store May 13. Tack sale also for BCH members. Budget \$150.

Pete 1st., Randy 2nd. passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Redezvous Mar. 17-19 RSVP

Pomona Horse Expo this weekend

Duane to check on business cards

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 Joe 1st. Jim 2nd.

Minutes not approved yet.



# BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA



## RIDERS WANTED

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AND MORE,  
WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US!**

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<p><b>Backcountry Horsemen of California</b></p> <p><b>MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal or <input type="checkbox"/> Change (Indicate change)</p>	 <p><b>PARENT Unit Affiliation: (Select and CHECK a Unit as your Affiliation)</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Antelope Valley</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Kern Sierra</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> North Bay</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> San Geronimo Pass</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Sierra Freepackers</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Sierra</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Lake-Mendo</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Redbank Riders</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin Sierra</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Sutter Buttes</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> High Country</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Los Padres</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Redwood</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Santa Ana River</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Top of the State</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> High Sierra</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Mid Valley</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> San Diego</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Sequoia</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Kern River Valley</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Mother Lode</td> <td></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Shasta Trinity</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<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><b>MAIL TO:</b> BCHC Membership 1280 State Rt 208 Yerington NV 89447</p>
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<p><b>Parent Unit Membership Types: (CIRCLE ONE)</b></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><b>Associate Memberships: AN ADDITIONAL \$15.00 PER UNIT IS ADDED TO YOUR PARENT UNIT DUES.</b> ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP UNIT AFFILIATIONS MAY NOT BE FOR THE SAME UNIT AS YOUR PARENT UNIT.</p> <p>Associate Membership for: _____ \$15.00/unit Unit Name (from above list) _____</p> <p>Associate Membership for: _____ \$15.00/unit Unit Name (from above list) _____</p> <p>Please write additional choices on back.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please clip form along dashed lines and keep the below portion for your records</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](http://BCHCalifornia.org)  
or call (775) 463-3634

**KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS**

I submitted an Application Form for a new –

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

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

P.O. Box 25693

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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.