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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi all, I would like to thank every member of the BCHC San Joaquin-Sierra unit. Every member is critical to our unit. Whether you ride the back country, front country, run cattle, no longer ride, if you are a member I appreciate each and every one of you.

I realize there are some who are unable to participate, but continue to support our unit and I say a big Thank You. For those who will be participating this year I hope to have something for everyone. I am excited with our new board which will bring some new and some seasoned

riders together. Already people are stepping up to host rides at Jose Basin, Tamarack, Clovis Parade, Montana de Oro, Shaver Poker ride and our work party and ride at Big Meadows. If you are interested in hosting a ride please let someone on the board know.

Once again this year our Christmas dinner was a huge success. This is a great time to catch up with friends, have a fantastic meal and just have a good time. **Alan Fry** and his crew once again put on a fabulous meal. **Cindy, Cathy, Peggy** and all the others who put in their time and talents made a truly festive occasion. A special thank you to **Susan Turner** and all who provided raffle and auction items.

We are hoping once again to have a work party at Chamberlain camp in June and a fun pack trip for novice and experienced this year. If you have never hosted a ride and are a little apprehensive, let us know and we will pair you with someone to help you out.

Stay in the saddle, the ground is hard,

Joe Kaminski



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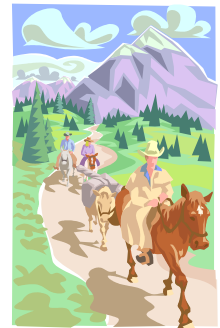
2014 Calendar

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

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

- February 8** **Annual Shoot Your Heart Out** John & Jan Mikkelson, 559-289-4911
- March 1** **San Joaquin River Gorge Breakfast Ride** Ted Fischer, 559-855-8599
- March 8** **50th Birthday Party Ride** Cindy Mueller, 559-283-1174
- March 19** **General Meeting** Clovis Veteran's Memorial Building 453 Hughes, Clovis
- March 21-23, 2013** **BCHC Rendezvous, Dave Stamey (Fri) Norco, California(www.bchccalifornia.org)**
- April TBA** **Parade Practice/Desensitizing Clinic** Jan Mikkelson 559-289-4911
- April 26** **Clovis Parade & Rodeo**
- May 2-4** **Jose Basin Ride** Pete Parkin, 559-871-4500 and Art Riesgo, 559-905-3854
- May 21** **General Meeting** Clovis Veteran's Memorial Building 453 Hughes, Clovis
- May 20-25** **Bishop Mule Days**
- June 17-22** **Chamberlaine Work Party** Joe Kaminski 559-733-9170
- July 4-6** **Montana De Oro Ride** Pete Parkin, 559-871-4500
- July 12-13** **Tamarack Ride** Art Riesgo, 559-905-3854 and Pete Parkin, 559-871-4500
- August 17-24** **Big Meadows Work and Ride** Joe Kaminski, 559-733-9170
- August TBA** **General Meeting** Clovis Veteran's Memorial Building 453 Hughes, Clovis
- September 13** **Shaver Lake Poker Ride** Wanda Caradonna, 559-392-3534
- October TBA** **General Meeting Riddle Ranch Ride and Elections** Cindy Mueller 559-283-1174
- Oct. 30-31 & Nov. 1** **Draft Horse and Mule Sale, Tulare**
- December 13** **Christmas Party**

Remember to check for any Unit updates at our Web Site:
www.BCHC.org for the San Joaquin/Sierra Unit,
www.bchccalifornia.org for the State Web Site



Please contact any Board Member if you would like to host a ride or activity.

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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

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Hoof Print 2014 Deadlines

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

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

Attention

Your SJS Unit Board of Directors would like to invite any of our members to attend the monthly Board meetings or General meetings. It is important all directors have the same opportunity to hear the information, concerns or suggestions you wish to share. We are volunteers doing our best to keep our Unit informed and working smoothly. Refer to the newsletter for the information regarding times and location of upcoming meetings.

Respectfully,

John Mikkelsen and Greg Caradonna

Past Presidents

Christmas Party 2013

By Cindy Mueller

Once again we all met on a cold December evening at the Elk's Lodge in Clovis to come together as a group to celebrate Christmas. This year was again a successful evening of great food, company, and our live and silent auctions with cute little Christmas trees decorating our tables.

This year we were 68 members strong. It's always nice to see those members you may miss at the rides or general meetings. This is one night we can enjoy each other's company and not worry about who's horse is getting too close to the others or who might have that knowing red ribbon in their tail (the horse that is). We had a new DJ this year that really set the mood for a wintery country night. We already are looking forward to inviting her next year. Some of our members still have it in them to get on that dance floor for a turn or two.

Have you ever wonder what it takes to make this night so wonderful? Well, let me tell you the story of Santa and her helpers. As always, Santa contacted **Alan Fry** to prepare the wonderful food. Alan and his crew of chefs, **Freddie Chrisman and Diane Williamson** start by planning their menu and wondering how many cowboys and cowgirls will come out and eat. Thankfully they know what we all like to eat and prepare it perfectly. They also got some help in the kitchen from **Ted Fischer, Gerd Winheim**



Then Santa calls his band of Merry Elves together to get help with all the different activities for the party. Several of the Elves help go and talk to our horse neighbors in gathering presents for us to compete over in our silent auction and live auction. We have two special helpers, **Susan Turner** who gathers so many neat items that when **Dan Baumgardener** starts talking so fast, many of us spend more money than we realize. This year we received some nice items from **A1 Feed** in Sanger, **Al Gould**, and **Evans Feed** in Madera, **Boot Barn**, and some of our members themselves. Santa herself gathered some raffle items from Corporate Sponsors such as **Cowboy Magic, Select Equine Supplements** and **Mane and Tail**.

Once all our goodies are gathered, the Elf in charge of decorations gathered a few of the helper elves who didn't realize they were lured into the cold snow to dig up little trees. Once we all got cold outside, we were treated to homemade soup which made the snow not so hard to deal with after all.



Art Riesgo figuring out which tree to dig up.



Becky Balisteri, cold!



Peggy Riddle and **Cathie Walker**, the Galloping Gourmets.

The decorations were then prepared by many elves on the morning of our party. We all set up the tables, added candy and decorated all the little trees. After that we all went home to get ready for the evening.

It does take some planning to make this Christmas Party our "**Event of the Season**" but at the end of the evening, we are thankful it was a success, we are so happy in seeing our friends we know we won't see for awhile and we know it's worth the time and effort. Then we all go home and Thank the Lord that it's only once a year.

Thank you all for attending and making this night so great: **Santa, Cindy Mueller** and all the helper Elves such as **Cathie Walker, Ted Fisher, Fredi Chrisman, Mary Ann Bowen, Becky Balistreri, Art Resigo, Peter Parkin, Joe and Carol Kaminski, Peggy Riddle, Doug Stevens** and many more.



Santa's helpers busy decorating the Elk's Lodge for the evenings festivities.



....and the festivities begin with great food and great people.

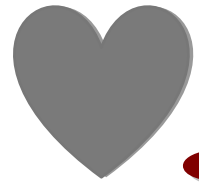
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4th Annual
Shoot Your Heart Out!

February 8, 2014
11am to 3pm



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Back by popular demand!! February 8, 2014 is BCHC San Joaquin Sierra's "Shoot Your Heart Out day." Bring your favorite **Valentine**, handgun, ammo, and/or shotgun. (No steel rounds please). Guns are also available to shoot from The Range Pistol Club. Ammunition will not be provided but is available for purchase at the Range. Basic handgun safety and cleaning of the weapons will be reviewed and questions will be answered.

*All weapons **MUST** be unloaded and locked in a box or have a trigger lock when brought into The Range.*

The charge will be \$10.00 per person, paid to BCHC-SJSU.

You must be a BCHC member to shoot. You also may become a member the day of the shoot. Applications will be available.

Light sandwiches and drinks will be provided. A 10% discount to the 511 store will be provided to participants.

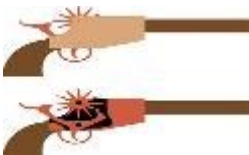
Range Master will be John Mikkelson, Past President SJSU BCHC.

Location:

The Range Pistol Club
5152 North Gates Avenue
Fresno, CA.

The Range is behind the west Costco Store near Hwy. 99. north of Shaw.

R.S.V. P. by Wednesday, Feb. 5, to Jan by emailing jessecowboy@comcast.net or by calling 559-289-4911.



See ya thar pardner!



The Sunshine Corner

By Becky J. Balistreri

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

We are always excited to welcome our new members. Remember to invite others you know who enjoy their equine friends and the backcountry to join us too! New members may join at any ride.

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Toby Horst

THANK YOU

Fredi Chrisman, Al Gould, A-I Feed, Evans Feed, Susan Turner, Debbie McFarren, and Clovis Boot Barn for their support of the Backcountry Horsemen during our Christmas Party

SYMPATHY

Jim Hamilton a gentleman, cowboy, farrier, father and husband passed away this month. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

This column is intended to help us all keep up to date with the important events in the lives of our members. If you have something happening in your family or know of something happening in another member's family, please send the information to me at beckybala@hotmail.com. I will be more than happy to include the news in the next print of the BCHC San Joaquin Sierra unit newsletter.

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.

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\$13.00

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

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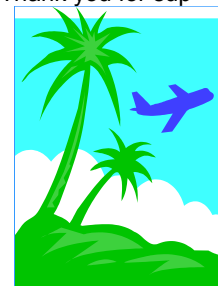
Dear BCHC Members

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

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

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

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March 21, 2014

at the Backcountry Horsemen of California's 2014 Rendezvous

8:00 pm at the

George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center
in Norco, CA

Tickets:

Advance Purchase: \$22 - At the Door: \$25

Available online: <http://www.bchcalifornia.org/rendezvous.htm>

For more information, visit: <http://www.bchcalifornia.org/rendezvous.htm> or contact:
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SAN JOAQUIN RIVER GORGE BREAKFAST RIDE



EAT

and



RIDE

MARCH 1ST, SATURDAY

Come join us for breakfast at 9:00 and in the saddle to ride by 10:30.

Delicious, hot food will be served by the "T-R Cookers".

Cost will be \$5.00.

Contact **Ted Fischer, 559-341-3060 or 559-855-8599 for reservations and directions.**

You can come up the night before to set up camp and relax. Call Ted to find out the particulars of the camp ground facilities.



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A CELEBRATION
IN HONOR OF THE
**50th Anniversary of
the Wilderness Act**



October 10 - 12, 2014
Tehama District Fairgrounds
Red Bluff, Calif.

Participating partners include: U.S. Forest Service; Bureau of Land Management; National Park Service; Backcountry Horsemen of California; Pacific Crest Trail Association; and more to come...

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SAN JOAQUIN RIVER GORGE ORIENTATION WORKSHOP, JANUARY 11TH

By Cara Peterson

The San Joaquin River Gorge (SJRG) – Sierra National Forest Volunteer Trail Patrol Orientation Rangers, Officers, and Dispatch welcomed all recruiting volunteers, which consisted of 8 BCHC members, and 6 CORC (Central Off Road Cyclist) members. BCHC participants were **John Devere**, **Rick Peeren**, **Duane Peverill**, **Ted Fischer**, **Cathy Miller**, **Pete Parkin**, **Debbie McFarren**, and **Cara Peterson**. Park Ranger **Tracy Rowland** started off the meeting by telling us that volunteers have an important role, by being a “Presence”, volunteer hours provide match funds, and goals to expand the trail, loop the trail, and bring it closer to the river. We met Park Ranger **Summer Shaw**, who started out as a volunteer, now is a coordinator and works the Visitor Center where you can get trail information and maybe some chocolate! All of the staff workers are friendly and sincerely care about the public interests, actively addressing any visitor’s questions or concerns.

The SJRG Visitor Center is located at 40060 Smalley Road Auberry, CA 93602 and can be reached at 559-855-3492. Do stop by. Bring the kids and grandkids. Find out about educational activities in the great outdoors of the San Joaquin River Gorge, which maps an area over 6,700 acres of public lands and 22 miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails. There is also a very rare granite (hard rock) water carved cave, requiring an ethical standard of use, going only with a qualified cave organization, a minimal of 3 persons, and the wearing of helmets. There are several unmarked entrances and rescue efforts in the cave are very challenging. Volunteers should never enter this cave in a rescue attempt but radio for help. ECO, Emergency Contact Service Representative **Ken Thompson**, Captain 64, of Sierra Dispatch, trained us in when and how to make an emergency call, and the procedure for checking in and most important, don’t forget to check out.

Ranger **Dan Gun** was happy to see the tables full at the orientation. He chimed in with bits of information during the day and gave us large Sierra National Forest maps. **Brien Chartier** BLM Law Enforcement Ranger from the Bakersfield Office gave us a brief verbal list of do’s and don’ts. Riding off of the trail is not prohibited however staying on the trail is always encouraged thus limiting trail erosion. Dogs must be on a 6’ foot leash, and are not to be tied unattended. Target shooting and Paint Ball are prohibited. Mining is limited to using not much more than a pick and a pan. Artifacts are not to be taken. Fire Arms may be carried by visitors who have a hunting license and / or tags and stamps required by Federal and / or California State laws and regulations. Volunteers are prohibited from carrying fire arms while on Patrol. Wood is not to be cut and hauled away. Native wood only is encouraged to be brought in. You must obtain proper access to public lands through public roads. Crossing private lands to access public lands is not permitted unless you first obtain permission from the private land owner.

Law Officer **John Brinley** gave us instructions on “Making a Contact” with a visitor, when to walk away, collecting needed information in the cases of injury or being lost, protecting the scene, and how to be a good witness. He also gave us hands on radio instruction and what frequencies work in the Gorge. Each volunteer has a Patrol Log to fill out and turn in. This helps raise money for the SJRG. Recently, funds were used to build a Sweet Smelling Toilet Building near Fishing Access Trail. The design of the ventilation process is to leave the toilet seat up. Our next meeting will be on First Aid and CPR. Whether it is handing out a water bottle or facing a suspicious situation, being a Trail Patrol Volunteer on Horseback will have challenges, but may also be very rewarding.

The views and opinions expressed in this article are solely those of **Cara Peterson**, and do not represent the views of any Federal or State Agency/ Employees mentioned in this article.





San Joaquin River Gorge Work Party By Ted Fischer

On January 17th, members from the San Joaquin Sierra Unit and the Sierra Freepackers got together to cut a large Bull Pine tree that had gone down across the Pa'san Ridge Trail at the Gorge. The Pa'san trail is also called the Ridge Trail and/or the Loop Trail. Perhaps before describing the joint work party a little history is in order. For quite some time Wilderness Riders, **Mary O'dell**, **Randy Witt**, and I have been working with **Tracy Rowland** the San Joaquin River Gorge park manager to put a Volunteer program in place at the Gorge.

After months of planning, a volunteer training and orientation meeting was held at the High Sierra Ranger District Office in Prather. This was a joint meeting with people representing BLM, "The Gorge" Sierra National Forest, and "CCORC" Central California Off Road Cyclists. The purpose was to train and orient BCHC, and CCORC, members in the areas of 1. Riding Patrols, 2. Using Radios, 3. Basic Law Enforcement, 4. Contacting Visitors, 5. History of the Gorge, 6. and a Basic Overview of the San Joaquin River Gorge. This was a very interesting and informative meeting. There were nine BCHC members and six CCORC members present. If Anyone is interested in working at the Gorge in the future please contact me, so I can get your name on my list of people to call.

Now back to the tree cutting on Friday, it started out to be a ride of 3 or 4 people out to cut a tree, and blossomed into a full on work party. A work party of 11 riders, **Tara Thor Stephenson**, **Pat Lemon**, **Denise Howse Robinson**, **Robby Robinson**, **Linda Sadler**, **Marcee Hansen**, **Cathy Miller**, **Denise Firpo**, **Suzanna Williams**, **Mary Odell** and **Ted Fischer**, with chain saws, hard hats, pruning shears, gloves, and pack mules. We met at the equestrian area at the Gorge at 10:00, saddled up, had a tool box meeting, which is a safety meeting and explanation of the day's work and goals. We all rode off toward the beautiful green suspension bridge that crosses the San Joaquin River just downstream from the power house. Once across the bridge, (oh did I mention that not any of us had to dismount to get or horse across the bridge?) we traveled up the Pa' san trail to the right to get to the downed Bull Pine. It took about an hour to cut the tree away from the trail and clean up the slash. We all had lunch, gave a few treats to our animals and headed back to the trucks. Eight of us took the same trail back the way we came, while three folks continued around the loop trail.

Thanks to all that participated, and a special thanks to our photographer **Linda Sadler**, and I believe there was one other, Thanks. Also thanks to **Mary Odell** for here write up on Facebook, and to **Randy** who was there in spirit, actually at home taking care of a bad back. May he heal quickly. Again **THANKS** to the magnificent eleven, to all those who came to work, had fun, and served others. We all will have many opportunities to work and ride at the Gorge.

Hope you all will make **THE BREAKFAST RIDE** at the Gorge on March 1st. Ted Fischer

BCHC-Wilderness Riders Judged FFA Natural Resource Management Contest

By Randy Witt and Pictures by Mary Odell

On January 11, three Backcountry Horsemen of California members, **Randy Witt, Mary Odell, and Denise Robinson**, judged a Future Farmers of America Natural Resources Management Contest in Coalinga. The event was held at the West Hills Junior College Farm of the Future Facility. **Kay Lee Anthony**, a Coalinga High School senior and student chairman of the event, invited Backcountry Horsemen of California to provide judges for the mule packing portion of the contest. Each Packing team was judged on safety and handling of the animal, team communication, balance of the load including a shovel, folding chair, and a 50 pound bag of grain, security and tightness of the lash rope box hitch, and a 12 minute time limit. Besides packing, the contest included sections on natural resource management, plant and animal identification, California knowledge test, map reading and GPS, and an oral presentation on natural resource range management.

There were about 30 students from as far away as the Grass Valley area, making up 13 competing teams. I feel compelled to commend these young adults on their absolute courtesy and fine manners during these events.

The Future Farmers of America State Finals contest was held at Reedley Junior College, January 25th 2014.





APRIL's Desensitization Clinic.

BCHC-SJSU will again have the privilege to use the beautiful Silver Rose Ranch. Take advantage of exposing your horses to new and/or "unusual" experiences, in-



cluding the **-DREADED PINK RABBIT!!!** Come have fun with your horses, and take part in this opportunity whether it be for the trail or the parade. Remember, participants **don't have to ride in the parade** to ride in the clinic. Just come out and join us for a little 'desensitizing' by walking around balloons, umbrellas, mystery items, sirens, flares and any other items that may "pop" up! We will also practice for the parade by riding a few laps around the track as well.

Date: To BE Determined, however April 19, 2012 10:00 a.m. is most likely.
Back up date is April 12th. An E~blast will be sent out with actual date as soon as we know.

Bring a bite to eat, as this lasts approximately 3 hours.
You must be a member, but may join the day of the event if you are not.



Directions to Silver Rose Ranch 11233 N. Newmark Clovis below:

From Shaver, Prather, Auberry area:

Head on down 168 and when you get near the "blink of an eye" town of Academy, look for Newmark Rd. Turn right and the address is 11233 N. Newmark, Clovis. Go to parking area on left.

From Clovis, Fresno: take HWY 168 a couple of miles past Academy and turn left on Newmark. Go to parking area on left.

Contact:

Jan Mikkelson 289-4911

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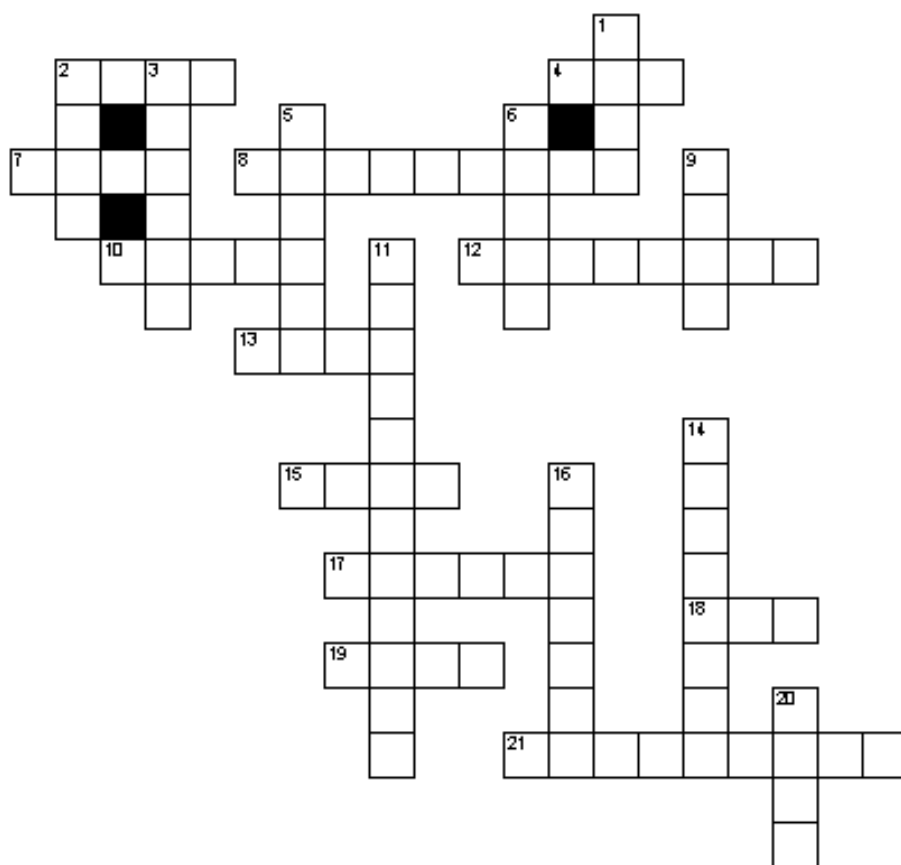
CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF THE CLOVIS RODEO!!!!!!

It's Parade time again! To those who plan on riding (or walking!) in the parade or have questions, please call Jan Mikkelsen at 289-4911 or email at jesscowboy@comcast.net. An approximate head count is needed before April 26th. Last year we had 25 riders!

BCHC-SJSU has continuously come in first or second place in our category of the parade, so let's keep up the good work and look as good as we do each year. Every rider must wear denim jeans, a burgundy, button-down collared, long sleeved shirt (preferably our BCH shirt with our logo) or our light denim shirt, a BCHC logo scarf, and a straw or light colored cowboy hat. Each animal will have a matching saddle blanket that our unit provides the day of the parade. Our placement in the parade and parking instructions will be posted as soon as we are notified. This info will be sent out to each member via email. Please let me know if you need a shirt or scarf as soon as possible so they can be ordered and picked up, preferably at the Desensitization clinic.



Kids Corner: Horse Crossword Puzzle



Across

2. A newborn horse of any sex
4. The mother of a foal
7. Technically means a male horse under the age of four but is often used for any young horse
8. When a sire from one breed is bred with a dam from another breed
10. A healthy horse that has no breathing or lameness problems.
12. A one year old horse.
13. The long straps attached to the bit used by the rider to control the horse.
15. A female horse.
17. A simple piece of headgear for leading and tying up.
18. The part of the bridle that goes in the horse's mouth to give the rider more control
19. The father of a foal.
21. A female horse used for breeding

Down

1. The unit used to measure horses, from the ground to the withers.
2. Rubbery V-shaped structure in the center of the sole, under the hoof.
3. How a horse moves
5. The combination of straps that fit around a horse's head and are used to control it for riding
6. A horse that is untrained or inexperienced.
9. Any forward movement of the horse such as walking or galloping.
11. The shape of a horse, or the way it is put together.
14. Bred from horses of the same breed (full blood).
16. A specialist in equine hoof care.
20. All the items of saddlery used for riding.



San Joaquin Sierra Unit

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

Montana De Oro State Park



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

July 4, 5, and 6 2013

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

We will plan to have a potluck dinner Saturday night.

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

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

Contact Information: Peter Parkin (559) 871-4500

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

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

San Joaquin Sierra Unit Board Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2013

Clovis Elks Lodge, 535 Woodworth Ave. Clovis, CA

Call to order: 6:30 by Greg Caradonna

In Attendance:

President: Greg Caradonna Vice President: Joe Kaminski
Secretary: Cindy Mueller Advisor: Carolyn Witt
Directors: Cathie Walker, Carol Kaminski, Fredi Chrisman Wanda Caradonna, Members: Becky Balistreri, Art Resiego, Duane Peverill, Jan Mikkelsen Absent: Pete Parkin, Ted Fisher, Randy Witt

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Joe K made a motion to accept the October minutes, seconded by Fredi C, motion passed

Treasurer Report: Period ending 10/2013

YTD Income:	\$ 3423.84	General Checking	\$ 17558.58
YTD Expenses:	<u>(3148.77)</u>	CD's & Savings	\$ 11347.57
YTD Profit/Loss	\$ 275.07	Petty Cash	\$ 50.00

Committee Reports:

Membership: As of now, there are 203 members
Newsletter: Deadline 20th of November

Old Business:

General Meeting Space: Toby has been able to secure the Clovis Veterans Hall for 2014. Dates will be posted on the calendar as they are planned.

Christmas Party: Cathie W is working with Char M. on the decorations. Cindy M is working on donations to cut expenses. Cowboy Magic has a package with a retail pricing of \$179.00 but the club would have to pay \$50.00 for shipping and handling. Joe K made a motion to spend the \$50.00 for the package, Cathie W seconded, motion passed.

Facebook: Carolyn W will send an email blast out looking for someone to take over the Facebook page.

New Business

Top Hand: Cindy M never has received her top hand award for 2007 which was budgeted previously. Wanda C was able to find a jacket for her and ordered.

Calendars: Greg C brought up the fundraiser put on by the State that all units must participate. We will be selling calendars assembled by the State, more info to come.

Adjournment: Wanda C made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Carol K, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:52



☐ **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 CHAIR**

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
Ohlone Riders
Redhawk Riders
Redwood
San Diego
San Geronimo Pass

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

MAIL TO:
BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN
OF CALIFORNIA
PO BOX 535
BEAUMONT, CA 92223
<http://www.bchcalifornia.org>

**Donate to BCHC
Education Fund?
Tax Deductible**

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

MEMBER'S NAME - Please Print Clearly: _____

SPOUSE/MEMBER'S NAME - MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

Make Check Payable to: BCHC

CHECK # _____

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

PARENT UNIT MEMBERSHIP TYPES: (CIRCLE ONE)

Individual \$45.00*

Family \$55.00*

Benefactor \$100.00

Patron \$250.00

Mt Whitney \$500.00

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)

Please clip form along dashed line -

KEEP BELOW INFORMATION FOR YOUR RECORDS

PARENT BCHC MEMBERSHIP TYPES

Individual, Family (Shared*), Benefactor, Patron, and Mt Whitney. A Parent Membership is affiliated with a single Local Unit. BCHC members may NOT hold more than one active Parent Membership.

A SHARED Membership is for two adults with differing last names, each sharing a common address.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS

These special Memberships are only available to persons already holding Parent BCHC Membership. No one may sign up for an Associate Membership without 1) having registered one of the Parent Membership types, and 2) having selected Parent Unit affiliation.

- You may sign-up for as many Associate Memberships as you like.
- Associate Memberships may also be initiated at any time during the term of your Parent Membership.
- Associate Memberships must expire concurrently with the Parent Membership, and are renewable only at the time of renewal of the Parent Membership.

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

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I SUBMITTED AN Application Form for:

☐ Individual Membership \$ 45.00
☐ Family (Shared) Membership \$ 55.00
☐ 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 _____

Verification of BCHC membership is available via (1) BCHC unit president reports (2) BCHC unit membership chair reports (3) provide a stamped self-addressed envelope or (4) provide a valid email address



San Joaquin Sierra Unit

P.O. Box 25693

Fresno, CA 93729-5693



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.