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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a year 2016 has been. Thanks to all our members who have made this such a successful year. Thanks again to the **Riddle Family** for making the election ride and November Play Day fun and enjoyable. Thanks to all who ran for board positions and for those who will be serving next year. Thanks also to those who have served for the previous years.

In 2017 we will be moving our general meetings to the **Elk's Lodge in Clovis**. For our January 18th meeting we will have the privilege of the **Honorable Ron Goode** speaking on meadow restoration. I hope many will be at this meeting as the meadows impact us as users.

I hope to see you at our annual **Christmas Dinner, December 10**. This will be a time of great food and lots of fun. A big thanks to **Susan Turner** for all she provides for this event.

UNIT ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2016

Board meetings are held once a month and five general meetings were held.

Since the last unit report in 2015 we held our annual election ride in Oct. and sponsored a trail trials in Nov. In Dec, we held our annual Christmas dinner with about 100 in attendance.

Club rides were held in Feb, March, May, July, Aug and Oct.

We had very successful poker rides in March and Sept.

Many of our members attended the Rendezvous in March where we participated in the table display and set up a booth for our unit.

In March we were also able to do a packing clinic for the Fresno Police department.

In April we sponsored a Desensitizing clinic followed by our participation in the Clovis Rodeo Parade where we received a 1st place.

We had great turn out for our work parties in June, July and Aug. Trails were cleared, picnic tables were built and camps were maintained.

At the request of the Sierra Forest we placed bear boxes at the Rancheria Trailhead.

We also took over the Big Meadows horse camp this year in the Sequoia National Forest and provided a camp host from May thru Sept.

SJSU also has a camp that we sponsor in the Sierra National Forest at Chamberlain Camp where we have done many improvements.

To date our unit is growing largely due to the commitment of our board and members.

Respectfully, Joe Kaminski, President

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2016 Calendar

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

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

December 10 Christmas Party Need Co-Chairs Contact Any Board Member

2017 Calendar

January 14 San Joaquin River Gorge Ride, Ted Fischer 559-855-8599 and Randy Witt 559-325-7876

January 18 General Meeting, Elks Lodge 535 Woodworth, Clovis 6:30 pm
Special Speaker the **Honorable Ron Goode**, Tribal Chairman for the North Fork Mono Tribe, speaking about meadow restoration

February 11 Shoot Your Heart Out, John and Jan Mikkelsen, 559-289-4911, jessecowboy@comcast.net

March 15 General Meeting, Elks Lodge 535 Woodworth, Clovis 6:30 pm

March 17-19 Rendezvous, Bishop, CA

April 27-30 Clovis Rodeo

May 17 General Meeting, Elks Lodge 535 Woodworth, Clovis 6:30 pm

June– August Work Parties TBA

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

September TBA Tamarack Poker Ride

October TBA General Meeting and Election

December 9 Christmas Party

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.

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

The year is coming to an end and the Officers/Directors will be reviewing and creating the next year's activity calendar. Please review this year's calendar at 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. You may call 559-908-3138 and I will get back to you.

BCHC San Joaquin Sierra Unit General/Election Meeting October 15, 2016

Another year is almost to the end which means our annual election meeting has passed by on October 15 at the **Riddle Ranch**. It was another year of beautiful weather, a beautiful place to ride and a great place to visit and catch up with other members. Our group was small but several folks came ready to ride, vote and enjoy the Riddle Ranch. Our lunch was prepared by The **Gallopings Gourmets** which included BBQ Tri Tip, Santa Maria beans and homemade BBQ sauce. After lunch we had our meeting and election and thanks to a few "characters" in our group, we had votes for both Trump and Hillary!! Thankfully neither were running for our election but still all votes were counted (please see below for outcome).

For our new members, it's time for a history lesson. Back in 2004 our unit with the Wilson-Dinuba 4H Horse group (all were members of our unit) got together to hold a Halloween Poker Ride and Lunch. It was the idea of **Cindy Mueller** and **Shelly Berry** to help the 4H unit to raise money and to expose our unit to a whole new group of possible members. We had a total of 74 participants of both unit members and non-members. (We still have the RSVP list and it has been fun to see which members joined and who still belongs to the unit.) Not only did we have the poker ride, but we had a costume contest. We had 21 entries in the costume contest which included several new members. I will never forget this year because it created 12 years of events at my "home", my family's ranch. At the next unit meeting, the board decided to make this ride our annual election meeting because we could incorporate a ride and lunch with the election.

Since 2005, **BCHC, San Joaquin Sierra** Unit general/election meeting has been held at the Riddle Ranch. The **Gallopings Gourmets** (**Cathie Walker, Peggy Riddle and Cindy Mueller**) have been preparing our main course ever since. We have enjoyed Peggy's BBQ'd meat and Cathie's wonderful soups and stews. Over the years, we have NEVER been rained out. Yes, there have been foggy, cold days, but we have had some beautiful fall days like this past year.

Every year, our unit has embraced the Riddle family members at our meeting. My grandmother, **Hazel**, was so pleased to see her home being enjoyed by our members. One of my grandparent's enjoyments was sharing their home with friends, and is now a tradition that we all love to continue. Every year while my grandmother was alive, she joined our group for the day. She grew to consider our unit as part of the **Riddle Ranch Family**. Not only has my family enjoyed hosting this event, but the Ranch's extended family, the employees, have taken pride in hosting this event by taking extra time to make sure our area was prepared properly for the group.

As with all things, it's time for a change. 2016 was the last year for the General/Election meeting to be held at the Riddle Ranch. The Unit needs to relocate to generate new membership as it did all those years ago.

As a member I fully support the change and look forward to the new election meeting place. As a member, I love spreading the word of the mission of **Back Country Horseman of America** and encourage new membership because my family has always used and supported the back country long before I knew of **BCHA**. As a Riddle, I say **Thank You** to the San Joaquin Sierra Unit for choosing my family's home to hold the Annual Election Meeting on our ranch for all these years. We have loved hosting this event for the past 12 years and wish only the best for the San Joaquin Sierra Unit.

Sincerely, Riddle Family Farms (written by Cindy Mueller)



San Joaquin-Sierra Backcountry Horsemen

HO..Ho..HO (not WEOA!)



It's that **Time of Year** to gather for our annual **Christmas** Holiday party. You **DON'T** need to be a member to come and join in the festivities.

Saturday December 10, 2016



Cost: \$25.00
Time: 5:00 p.m. Social Hour
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Clovis Elks Lodge
535 Woodworth Avenue
Clovis

Please R.S.V.P. by December 7, 2016 to:
Jim or Debbie Dixon
559-779-3507
or email to: jddixon@netptc.net



Once again! DJ and
Dancing!!!!
YeeHAW!
No Host Bar
Silent Auction
And...As Always
Yummy
Food
Tri Tip or Chicken



Auction Donations? Bring any new item to the party and we'll put 'em on the table!

Prepay and get it out of the way! Tear off and mail **BELOW!**



Backcountry Horsemen Christmas Dinner December 10, 2016

Name _____ Number of Attendees _____

Chicken Dinners# _____ Tri Tip Dinners # _____ Paid amt. _____

Mail to: Jim & Debbie Dixon P.O. Box 319 Shaver Lake, CA 93664



PACHECO STATE PARK

By Duane Peverill

Winter is on its way and the snow is beginning to fall in the mountains. It is time to look for lower places to ride so we can keep our four legged friends in shape and get us out of the house. So **Pete and JC Parkins and Duane and Patricia Peverill** ventured off for a four day stay at **Dinosaur Point Equestrian Camp** in the **Pacheco State Park**.

The camp is located behind San Luis Reservoir off of Highway 152 around 90 miles from Fresno. Since this was our first trip there we were not sure of what we would encounter. The group was impressed with the camping facilities. There was a extremely clean pit toilet for men and women. It was maintained daily by the park service. The camp site had plenty of water spigots for watering the animals. The water was not for human consumption. Six covered campsites are available for use by visitors. The covered sites had picnic tables and a fire ring that was placed between shelters. Twelve 10 by 10 panel corals are available for use. They are located within the old wooden corral that was used by the old ranch. The wooden corral is in need of some serious repair but does add some character to the camp. There are twenty-eight miles of trails that one can pick to ride right out of camp. The trails are in great shape and are at most places wide. Plenty of steep up and down hills. The equine needs to be in shape. Even though the trails are steep there are no cliffs off to the sides to make one nervous. The area is a large cattle grazing area and you will need to navigate gates.

Paula Fatjo donated the property to promote the love of horses and undisturbed land. Primitive horse camping is available at the day use area. You **MUST** make advance reservations of you are planning on camping. You can call (209) 826-1197. I will be placing a link on our web page, **bchcsjsu.org**, which will have maps,pictures and more information on the park. It is a great place and has a relaxing atmosphere. It would be a good place for a group outing. If you have any question, feel free to contact any of the people mentioned. Hope to see you on the trails.





Our Own Champions!

Congratulations to **Patricia and Duane Peverill** on placing in the Top Ten in their division at **California State Horsemen's Association 20th Anniversary State Trail Trials Championship**. This year the Championship was held at Napa Skyline Wilderness Park in Napa California. The 2017 Championship will be held at Santa Cruz County Horseman's Association grounds adjacent to Henry Cowell State Park.

In order to participate at the State Championship you must participate in CSHA Trail Trials held throughout California and be qualified. Those members completing three sanctioned Trail Trials are eligible to participate in the State Championship Event (under the State Rules) regardless of their placing in their individual Region. If you want to add another thing to do on your equine, this is a great program.

Going to the different Trail Trial events gives you an opportunity to meet other people and ride in some beautiful country. Some events are held at private ranches which are not normally open to the general public for riding. These Trail Trials are very well organized and gives you an opportunity to ride your four legged friend through many natural obstacles. The average distance of ride is 7 to 8 miles. No arena obstacles. Your equine needs to be in shape due to the type of trails you may encounter. It is a true representation of you and your equine working as a team. The trials are based on what is the safe way to ride and handle obstacles. Most trials have 10 to 12 obstacles with a judge at each one. Last year was a great experience and we are looking forward to another year of Trail Trials. You can check out next years Trail Trial calendar at <http://trailtrials.com/> Hope to see you on the trails.

Congratulations to Heidi and Pastor Jim Dixon for getting their picture in **Western Mule Magazine October 2016 Issue**.

Thanks to Cara Peterson for the great photo.



First Ride for 2017 San Joaquin River Gorge Ride

Produced by Ted Fischer 559-855-8599 and Randy Witt 559-325-7876

Date: January 14, 2017

Camping Friday and Saturday night, camping and entry fee is \$15

Saturday, Park entry fee \$5.00.

All gorge patrol trail members are free for camping and entrance to park.

Pastry and coffee to warm everyone up.

In the saddle by 10:00

Lunch is 12:30-1:30 cost is \$5.00 for Burger, dogs, salad and drinks.

Rain date will be January 21st. Look for emails for any changes.

RSVP by January 7th

Three possible trails you can ride for one hour to four hours. You can ride in the morning and/or the afternoon. If you know the trail you may volunteer to be trail boss.

Let's get our horses and ourselves ready with an easy ride at the Gorge. Call for directions.



PERSONAL HORSE OWNERS LIABILITY (from BCHC Insurance Company)

Dear BCHC member,

As mentioned at the meeting in Santa Nella, it is important for you to understand that even though your Unit has a liability policy in place it may not cover your horse or mule's behavior, damage it may cause to others or their property EVEN when you are participating in a club event.

The Liability Policy in which is carried by your Unit, provides coverage for occurrences that "the Unit/Club" is liable for. If an occurrence happens such as either of the two examples below, the club policy may not be found liable in a court of law- you will:

Your horse/mule pulls back while tied at your trailer (or anything it may be tied to) at a parade, trail ride, pack trip or camp out and causes injury or damage to someones property- this is NOT a direct result where the unit as a whole is liable and in a court of law, you, as the horse or mule "owner" may be found negligent or at fault in the occurrence and may be solely liable for the damages incurred.

Your horse or mule, is present at a function or club activity and a member of the public asks to pet your horse or mule.... The person is bitten or kicked... This is NOT a direct result of a club activity and YOU may be found liable in a court of law, not the club. Even though the horse or mule was present at a club function, it MAY not be considered a direct occurrence of a club activity.

(What it boils down to is: Just because your horse or mule is "present" and participating in a club event or function does not mean the club's policy will be found liable for "your" horse or mule's behavior or actions.)

The Club Liability Policy provides coverage for the Club as a whole, not for the actions or behavior of a members livestock. And as we all know too well, horse and mules can have a bad day any day it is better to have a personal horse owners liability policy in place EVEN though you are participating with your Unit in activities. AND, the personal horse owners liability policy goes with your horse/mule 24/7 anywhere within the United States.

The personal horse owners liability is just straight out a good coverage to carry when you own horses and mules. It is reasonable as far as price as well:

\$1,000,000 limit of liability which "includes" up to 5 of your personally owned horses or mules is ONLY \$250 PER YEAR. (You should add the BCHC as additional insured on your policy which will cost an additional \$20, so total annual premium for each member who owns up to 5 horses and/or mules will be \$270 per year. (more horses/ mules can be added for \$40 per animal over the first 5.

Horses or mules used for driving are also \$40 additional per driving animal and require a supplement form for driving prior to any coverage being bound.

That's not a big expense considering the exposure you're looking at if your horses are out and about with or without the club.

*Note, some "homeowners" policy may provide coverage for your horses for liability, most do not but check with your homeowners policy first. Oh, and make sure you "get it in writing" that coverage under your homeowners policy DOES INCLUDE liability on your personally owned horses (both ON and OFF premise).

If you would like to apply for the Personal Horse Owners Liability the application and premium (in full) needs to be returned to our office to be bound.

Misty Mize

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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.

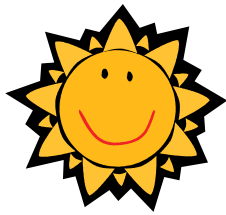
Scarf \$13.00

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.

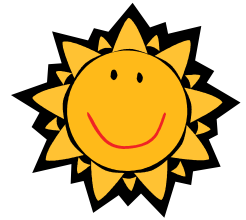
Horse First Aid.....great, informative quick reference \$25.00

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



Sunshine Corral

By
Patricia Peverill



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

Howdy and Welcome to Our New Members

Julie Smith and Mike Congdon
Rhonda Beebe and Jim Harvey
Steve and Linette Elkins
Cathy Hatcher and Bill Weller
Jeff and Mary Bargas

Lisa Schafer
Tracy Knepper
Richard Hall
James Laber
Richard and Tami Telles

Wade and Terri Brill
Tamilla Kelley
Nancy Kanta
Doug Laber

Big THANK YOU for Donations to Big Meadow Horse Camp

John and Jan Mikkelsen Richard and Sheila Roberts Joyce Frazier

Pete and JC Parkins Tracy Knepper (Proceeds from Raffle at her Haunted Trail Trials)

We have a total of 19 Donations. Thanks and let's keep Big Meadows open and free.

Get Well and Speedy Recovery to:

Paul Sorensen John Cunningham Jan Mikkelsen

Calendar Winners so far this year:

Members or family of our members

Jan. 23rd - Alan Fry from Sanger
Mar. 19th - Cara Petersen from Visalia
Apr. 15th - Dawn Pierette from Fresno
Jun. 15th - Catie Mueller from Fresno
Jul. 8th - Linda Sadler from Coarsegold
Sept. 19th - Ken Knabke from Santa Barbara

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





Backcountry Cooks



Pasta Salad Pat Peverill

1 lb pasta cooked....curly or spaghetti
Drained-add 2tbl spoon oil and refrigerate

1 cucumber chopped small
1 bunch green onions chopped
1 cup celery chopped
1/2 basket cherry tomatoes cut 1/4s
1 small can chopped black olives
2 packages good season Italian dressing(make ahead)
1/3 bottle Schillings salad supreme

Mix and Chill

FOR SALE

Tucker Saddle, High Plains Trail GEN II, 15.5 seat, 2 ½ years warranty remaining on tree, in very good condition \$1,500.00 obo. Bridle (Halter Style) with reigns \$ 125.00 obo call Wanda for pics 559 392-3534.



Peter Parkins Pipeline



Winter is Coming and the temperature is dropping. We have the tendency to start to hibernate around the fireplace and not get much exercise. We sometimes forget about our four legged equine. Don't just throw them out to pasture and forget about them until Spring. Make sure you check on them daily if possible and get them out to exercise. Check to make sure their water supply has not frozen over and they are consuming enough water. . Maybe increase their feed on extremely cold days. Have a good hoof care schedule so they are in good shape throughout the wet winter months. Just because you are not riding does not mean you don't have to take care of their hoofs. Don't over blanket them. Remember they are an outdoor animal. Because of the cold many of us don't ride. So remember when you do start riding, DON'T OVER DO IT. Just like you, you need to work gradually back into a exercise riding schedule. Remember BCHCSJSU has equine events throughout the winter months for you and your equine. Check the web page at www.bchcsjsu.org for upcoming events. Don't be a couch potato.

.Get out and ride. You will be Happy. Your equine will be Happy.

Riddle Ranch Play Day and Poker Ride

By Jaedyn Traeger

The **Riddle Ranch Play Day** was a fun relaxing day, with games, a poker ride and a treasure hunt. Breakfast foods were out when we got there so once the riders had eaten and talked for a little while, we were saddled and mounted by nine.

We then rode over to the arena to begin the games. Where **Shelley and Cindy** had set up a variety of games. We began with an egg and spoon race, my grandma's horse listened really well in all of the events, my horse, not so much. Other games that were played were, the flag race, musical ponies, Shelley Says, and spear the grapefruit.

All riders stayed safe and I would say had a good time with their horses. We went back to the trailers around noon with our prize, 5 bunches of carrots. Much to the horse's dismay, they couldn't eat all the carrots right as we got them. After we unsaddled or loosened cinches, we found chairs and sat down to eat. Lunch was deep pit meat, pilaf, coleslaw and a variety of desserts and fruits.

A while after lunch, riders started on the poker ride or the scavenger hunt. The poker ride had five buckets with one card in a poker hand in them. The poker ride was a challenge but it was fun all the same. People who did the treasure hunt seemed to enjoy it as well. Overall this ride was a fun day and I think everyone had a good time.

The Riddles really made and arranged this day so that it would be a fun and successful day for all riders.



Friday night moon



DJ Bryant doing his thing



Grapefruit spear race

Riddle Ranch Play Day

By Cindy Mueller

This year, due to safety issues, the Riddle's changed from holding a trail trials to a play day/poker ride. The drought has taken its toll on the old oak trees on our favorite trails, so with safety in mind, we felt we needed to limit the access to our riding areas which meant we needed to change the trail trials.

The change turned into a nice, relaxing, non- competitive day. Well, maybe a "grandmother, granddaughter" duel going on but fun was the plan for the day.

As with any event, large or small, it takes several people working together to pull things off. Thank you to all that helped: **Cathie Walker, Peggy Riddle, Cindy Mueller, Shelly Berry, Joe and Carol Kaminski and Fredi Chrisman.** To "the men behind the scenes", thanks to **Cal, Kirt, Bryant and Mike.**

Shelly and Cindy found some games out of the "4H days" with our daughters and once again, the adults were in charge. As in years past, the kids always comes in and outrides the adults!!

Joe and Carol once again made a fabulous lunch for all with **Fredi** treating us to chocolate cake.

Peggy made sure the Poker Ride provided a safe trail that still offered a few challenges. I think staying on course might have been one of them.

And of course, every function has a ring leader, **Cathie** always makes sure the event goes off without a hitch. She always starts before the rest and is the last to drive away.



Carol giving instructions



Jim Knabke running barrels



Jaeyden and Susan getting ready

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



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.

www.bchcsjsu.org

BCHC 2017 CALENDARS ARE ON SALE NOW

Now is a great time to get yourself a BCHC 2017, very lucky **CALENDAR!**

If you would like to obtain or help sell these calendars, contact any Board Member or Officer listed in this newsletter. Great Christmas gift plus helping your unit!! Call Peter Parkins, 559-871-4500 or email ktzpaw@yahoo.com

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Dear BCHC Members

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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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BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA



SAN JOAQUIN SIERRA UNIT

September 7, 2016
Elks Club Clovis CA.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll taken: President: Joe Kaminski Vice President: Duane Peverill Secretary: Fredi Chrisman Treasurer: Peter Parkin Director: Carol Kaminski, Ted Fischer, Randy and Carolyn Witt, Jan Mikkelsen, , Cathy Walker, Pat Peverill Guest: Gary and Sue Van Sickle, Jim Knabke, Alan Fry, Wanda Caradonna Absent Debra McFarren

Additions to Agenda: Elections and Calendar were added

Minutes Review and Approve. Minutes were reviewed and approved by Pat P. and seconded by Carolyn

Treasurer Report & Budget: Pete reported

Correspondence: None, monies received for Shaver Poker Run and Big Meadows Horse Camp

Committee Reports: Education: Ted reported chainsaw training approved, first class end of Oct. Sawyers need 1st aide certification. Ted requested that medical forms be printed for all events, he will be looking into that. Stewart environmental impact of Yosemite, we are on record to comment.

Membership: 1 member and 1 family of 3

Newsletter. Carolyn, reports due by September 20th. She asked different members for reports

Public Land. Joe said work parties completed successfully. Big Meadows with host: neat and clean, little to do on maintenance, 4th Sierra Meeting 3 proposal: limit of meadow grazing (we are on the record), bark beetle focus prescribe burning, and air quality people will allow the burns.

Sunshine Corner: Pat sent Thank you notes and sympathy cards.

Shaver Lake: Wanda say still open, bear sighted by last campers. Requested volunteer hours by Dec.

Old Business: 2016 Events

Poker ride/trail trials/elect/Christmas dinner. Alan Fry ok for dinner and no increase in price.

Big Meadows: donations welcome discussion on expenses and repairs. Duane will close memorial weekend. Next year open second week in June and maintenance of camp for the season. Notes: campers were invited to camp there free due to a website in Europe "Cowboys" will protect you. Also no camp fires.

Wrap on cook trailer 3 possible vendors

Poker Ride: discussion on the final details for the event ready to go with Friday setup

Trail trials: Cathy submitted a budget

Elections: Riddle Ranch menu discussed, slate of officers running: Pres. Joe, VP Duane, Sec. Carol, Trea. Pete. Four

Directors open: Jim K. , Gary and Sue Van Sickle, Pat, Freddie, Debbie M

Calendars: 2017 received 116, need to sell

New Business: Hensley trail work: our unit asked to help in building a new trail, will table till next meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM . Motioned Pat Second Duane

BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA



SAN JOAQUIN SIERRA UNIT

October 5, 2016
Elks Club Clovis CA.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Roll taken: President: Joe Kaminski Secretary: Fredi Chrisman Treasurer: Peter Parkin Directors: Debra McFarren, Carol Kaminski, Ted Fischer, Randy and Carolyn Witt, Cathy Walker, Guest: Gary Van Sickle and Sara Barlow, Absent: Pat and Duane Peverill, Jan Mikkelsen

Minutes Review and Approve. Minutes were reviewed and approved by Carol. and seconded by Randy
Treasurer Report & Budget: not available, Joe stated that a \$700 profit from Poker Ride in Sept.

Committee Reports:

Education: Ted reported our unit asked by state to host new officers training in Feb. Sawyers are now 10 instructors certified for training, Millerton Lake: our unit asked to help on maintenance of trails.

Membership: NA

Newsletter. Carolyn, reports are due by Nov. 20th.

Public Land. Joe said state board meeting this Sat. Oct 8th. Shave Lake designated as a monument. Sequoia to Yosemite a monument. Chamberlaine camp closed. Asked for a donation to Ed Fitzpatrick for \$100 on his building the log table at the camp. Ted mentioned and Randy seconded. RAC committee for new member due date was Sept. 30. Sequoia National Forest new director Carol Halley.

Sunshine Corner: Absent

Shaver Lake: Close at end of month

Old Business:

Elections

Christmas Party: Debbie Dixon and Alan Fry need numbers for dinner. Susan Turner raffle prizes.

Shoot Your Heart Out Feb. 11 John and Jan Mikkeleson

Big Meadows: Donations of \$2800. Season is closed. Suggested that in 2017 extend closing until end of Sept. Water tank and equipment picked up, Bear box was set up.

Cook trailer wrap: still checking into a vendor.

Volunteer hours turn into Debbie by end of Oct.


Poker Ride: Thank you \$700 profit; next year move to Tamarack. More overnight parking available additional rides for weekend.

Nov Ride at Riddle Ranch weekend of Nov. 11 Fri to Sat Nov 12 there will be a Poker Ride and play day activities. Sat. breakfast and lunch. Flyer out with details.

New Business: Remove Treasurer Report from web and newsletter, motion made Randy second Debbie

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM . Motioned Debbie Second by Randy

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 (Indicate change)</p>		<p>MAIL TO: BCHC Membership 1280 State Rt 208 Yerington NV 89447</p>																									
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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.

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BCHC Membership is available on the
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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.



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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.