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MID-VALLEY UNIT SET TO APPEAR IN ROSE BOWL PARADE

A love of horses and pack stock, a strong commitment to community service and two years of hard work have earned 15 members of the Mid-Valley Unit of Backcountry Horsemen of California a berth in the 2017 Rose Bowl Parade. Barbara Savery, Carlena Kellogg, Sally Mole, Mary Beth Baglione, Anna Baglione, Barbara Baglione, Dennise Ann Davis, John Marshall, Dennis Serpa, Carl Perry, Julie Perry, Katherine Kellogg, Jerrie Ann Davis, Melissa Hardy and Nina Cash are packing for Pasadena and will leave for the southland shortly after Christmas.

An appearance in the Rose Bowl Parade is by invitation only and requires the filing of an extensive application, which must include a video and photographs of each individual member of the group that is applying. Group members must demonstrate that their horses and stock can handle the crowds, media, bands and floats of the Tournament of Roses Parade by appearing in a large number of parades before the group even files an application. It is not a process for the faint of heart, and only 20 equestrian units were invited to participate in the 2017 Rose Parade.

The Mid-Valley parade unit spent the last two years appearing in dozens of local and regional parades, including the Salinas Rodeo Parade and the State Parade at Chowchilla.

The group first applied for the Rose Bowl Parade last year and were not invited, but received a very encouraging letter, so they decided to apply a second time.

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President's Page

Hello to all fellow BCHC members and friends. My name is Lloyd Erlandson and I have been elected as the next president of our state organization. It is an honor to have been chosen for the position and I hope I can fulfill my duties and keep our BCHC great.

I live in Hilmar, which is almost in the middle of the state. I have been farming our family farm for the past 30 years and flying crop dusters, both airplanes and helicopters, to keep the farm afloat. I must admit that the good Lord has given me a blessed life with lots of memories, hard work, a good wife (Susan), a son and a daughter and two granddaughters.

My backcountry passion started a long time ago when my uncle took me on my first pack trip into the Emigrant Wilderness in 1964. It was a short trip but I still remember my first sight of the backcountry. My next trip was with a close friend and two pack horses (before I knew mules) and Joe Backs book on how to pack. Ten days and 50 miles later we could almost make a pack stay on for part of the day. A couple of years later I was hired on to pack dudes in the Trinity Alps primitive area, as it was then called. I worked there for three summers and have never worked harder or had more fun in all the rest of my life. That's also where I met my wife, and the rest is history.

So much about me; now we need to move forward with all the exciting and fun-filled stuff that our organization does. The most recent is that the Mid Valley Unit represented all of us at the Rose Parade on the 2nd of January. I'm part of that unit but gave up parade riding a few years ago, so I going along as a swamper and truck driver.



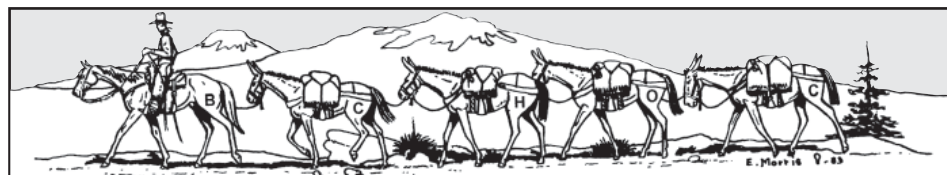
Dan Horn and Chip Herzig have spent many hours getting our sawyer program through the bureaucratic red tape and blessing of the USFS. Thanks for all the time and effort. Also, along with that, are MOUs with the government agencies and the many reams of paper that go with it. Safely working in the backcountry and around horses and mules should always be a priority. We now have on our website lots of forms that can be used and followed to make work safe and meet the government requirements. Use the resources of our website and all the help that it can be. Even old guys like me are starting to remember to use it. Jacque Murphy, in the Redwood unit, manages the website and has done a great job keeping it up and raising her family.

I mentioned a few names in the last paragraph only because they are fresh in my memory, but there are a lot of special people who make up this organization. All of you are special because of what you do for the rest of the horse riding world. From clearing trails to walking the halls of Congress, we have the best people of any recreational type service organization that I know of. Thanks to all of you.

I am going to try visiting our units in the next year or two by going on a unit function or making one of your regular meetings sometime. So, keep me informed about fun outings or when your meetings are and I will do my best to visit both ends of the state. I know a few you already, but would like to get to know more. My contact info follows.

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UNIT NEWS

Sutter Buttes Unit 2016 Year End Report

The year 2016 proved to be challenging for the Sutter Buttes Unit.

At the beginning of the year the unit had six members certified for Chainsaw use while volunteering in the National Forest.

The unit also had two members certified for Cross Cut Saw use while working in the National Forest.

The unit started off the year great, we were able to get one section of the portion of the Pacific Crest Trail that we have adopted, (we adopted approximately 48 miles of the PCT from HWY 70 North to HWY 36 crossings.) Then due to inclement weather, wet and raining early in the year, then hot/dry and some fires locally our efforts to clear the trail were not completed early in the year as in years past. Personal reasons and the fact that two of the six members certified for chainsaw use moved out of the area, one a seasonal move to Wyoming for the summer, and one out of the area permanently.

We also had another member certified for chainsaw use decided to spend time with family instead of working on trails. Another member certified for chainsaw use in the National Forest had back surgery and is recuperating and unable to ride or do trail work. Still another member decided to hike the PCT this year.

That left only one member certified for both chainsaw and cross cut saw use available for trail work on the PCT as a volunteer. By the end of the season we were able to complete all but one short section of our adopted portion of the PCT, due to erosion of the trail in one section making it impassable to equines. The Lassen National Forest and the PCTA have reviewed the situation on this section and are planning either a repair or relocation of the is section sometime in the near future. We had numerous members of the unit pitch in to help clear trails this year and have two members interested in becoming certified for chainsaw use in 2017. We were able to combine some overnight camp trips with trail clearing to instill interest members in helping on the trail work.

A fun ride with a little work bonus the side seemed to get members out on the trail. One trip had 2 men and 7 women, on the trip, many hands make light work!

Many members were surprised at how much fun they had, not to mention a feeling of accomplishment at the end of the day. We should have

very little problem finding volunteers in 2017 to help clearing trail, if we continue our philosophy of a fun ride with a little work on the side!!

We are also planning a CPR/1STaid class for interested members who wish to become certified. The unit is also planning their schedule of events for 2017 currently and should have their 2017 tentative calendar ready by the end of November 2016.

The unit held election of officers for 2017 at their last monthly meeting. The officers for 2017 will be:

SBU President - Bob Gage
SBU Vice President - Bill Colvin
Secretary -Gary Paul
Treasurer- Carolyn Rankin
Directors for the Unit will be Bob Gage & Bill Colvin.

Several members are making plans to attend the upcoming BCHC Rendezvous in Bishop, however many members have indicated it is too far to go to attend.

We have our next regular unit meeting November 20th and a Christmas party planned at a member's house in December.

The BCHC Sutter Buttes Unit is looking forward to 2017 and a successful and fun year.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Gage.
BCHC Sutter Buttes Unit

Who We Are CD

We will have a new run of the CD's at the State meeting in February. The price is the same - \$1.00 each. Bring your wallet!!!!



UNIT NEWS

Sierra Freepackers Unit 2016 Year End Report

Busy year!!

Education: Unit Horsemanship Clinic with Don Douglas in Pacienes Members attended many clinics & classes at the Rendezvous, also unit organized the Art Show and Kids' Stick Horse Races.

Education Booth at Coarsegold Rodeo- visited with over 300 students, teachers and parents with information on LNT and BCHC.

Officers Training: three officers attended training in Fresno.

Saw Certification: Five members completed Cross Cut certification, 1 member was chain saw certified.

Yosemite Stewardship Plan : Members (10) attended and participated in the Plan Workshop held in Oakhurst.

Monthly Meetings: Average of 10 members attended monthly meetings.

Trail Work: San Joaquin River Gorge-down tree removal, trail work
Fine Gold Trail – down tree removal
Kelty Meadows: solar pump installed for summer, trail reconned and cleared of down trees
Ahwahnee Hills Regional Park – trail development.

Started a project with Yosemite High and Seniors (For their senior project) for new signage on the new trails. Students working in metal shop to cut out metal signs, designing trail markers, etc.

French Trail – continued work on reestablishing the historic French Trail through the burn area. Work to continue into the fall after they finish logging the area.

Granite Creek and Clover Meadow. Week long unit work party to clear trails. Over 37 trees cleared, brush cleared and trail improved.

Snow Play/Fish Camp cleanup-annual trash cleanup. We camped this year too!

National Public Lands Day at Hensley Lake-trail improvement: trash removal, trimming, etc. Lots of contacts! Boy Scouts and other groups. Met rangers who have requested our help in developing a new trail on the other side of the lake!

Eastman Lake: new project area. We will be working on trail improvement. Hauling in materials for water bars, clearing and determining re-routes of especially dangerous sections of the trail, removing dead trees and brushing and trimming.

Lake-Mendo Unit 2016 Year End Report

- Lake-Mendo participated in the Grand Opening of the new Lake Berryessa/Snow Mountain by helping feed over 150 VIP's, BLM, and Forest Service Reps. dinner and breakfast.

- Members rode in the Middletown Days Parade.

- Members rode in the Kelseyville Pear Festival (over 10,000 in attendance), manned a booth, did round pen demos with mules, vet checks, and Leave No Trace information was provided.

- Reconned Snow Mountain and Yollo Bolly trails.

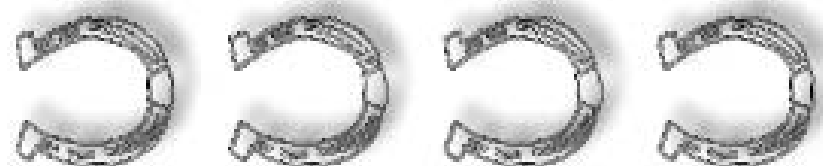
- Cleared trails in Yollo Bollas and Snow Mountain. Wilderness and trails in Jackson State Demonstration Forest (JSDF). Also built spring box for horse water trough and several small dams for wild animals and livestock.

- Members rode in the Kelseyville Christmas in the Country Light Parade.

- Ran the State Booth at Angel's Camp for 2016 Rendezvous.

- Increased our membership by 50%.

Keep an eye on us - we have lots of fun and interesting projects slated for 2017. We are wee but we are MIGHTY!!



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High Sierra Unit Member News

submitted by Katherine O'Neill

The Range of Light: Packing Across the Sierra Nevada

In August 2016, my husband Brian and I packed up our four horses – Elote, Lucky, Tess and Cowboy – and set off on an epic 30-day adventure in the high Sierra. This 250-mile ride looped from the Western to the Eastern slope and back again. We sweated across deserts (constantly worried about lack of water and feed), slipped across high snowy passes, forged rivers and creeks, spent long dusty days on the trail, and longer languid days relaxing with the horses. This was truly a once in a lifetime trip and we're still in awe and humbled by our experience.

Most our ride was in the Golden Trout Wilderness. From our starting point near Camp Nelson, California, we passed Horseshoe Meadow and rode to Kern Flat. Temperatures were in the high nineties, so horses and humans appreciated a few rest days reading and fly fishing. Our next stop – winding through manzanita forests and long meadows – was Jordan Hot Springs. The trail, previously impassable due to the McNally fire, has been cleared (thanks BCHC!) and our time at the hot springs was pure bliss. Great feed for horses, great campsite for humans!

From there we crossed the lush grassy expanse of Casa Vieja, the seemingly endless bone dry and sagebrush choked “meadows” (like Strawberry, Molkey, Siberian Outpost), and spent gorgeous sun-drenched days in Little Whitney. We crossed into the high country and rode along the PCT and John Muir trail – staying at gorgeous stock camps along the way like Rock Creek Meadow, and Wallace Meadow among others. There was no better place to celebrate our first wedding anniversary!

From the high country, we headed back down into the Kern, and then straight back up over Franklin Pass into Mineral King. The last leg of our trip took us out through Farewell Gap and back through Sequoia National Forest. The horses were absolute troopers, and our bonds with them grew so much stronger than I could have imagined.

We wouldn't have been able to do this trip of a lifetime without the Backcountry Horsemen. The trails would have been impassable, we couldn't have gotten our resupply at Mineral King without use of corals that we only had access to because of the BCHC. So -- thank you! You make it possible to access the beautiful, wild places in America. Without your work, we'd lose a special part of our history and the opportunity to inspire the next generation of young packers would slip away. We were inspired by our trip, and your work!



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BCHC Los Padres Unit 2016 Year End Report

Our Board meeting are held the even months, and the general membership meetings are held on the odd months. Membership meetings attendance is about 20-25.

January: our unit had several members attend the USFS Training Indoctrination class at Los Prietos Station in Santa Barbara. Los Padres Unit was represented at the BCHC State Meeting in Santa Nella.

February: Super Bowl Sunday work party with CCCMB (Central Coast Concerned Mountain Bikers) Hikers, bikers and equestrians all work on the trails at Montana de Oro.

March: our unit sponsored the BBQ for the volunteers that worked on the Pismo Preserve. We had a good representation of members that attend the Rendezvous at Angels Camp.

April: Our Spring Camp and Ride was held at the Indians. Great turnout for this activity and we plan on doing it again in 2017. We had a few members attend and participate in the California State Trails and Greenways Conference.

May: a few members were part of over 100 Dutch Oven cooking participants to benefit the Nacitone Fundraiser. What a great event and so much food!

June: our unit again put on a Youth Summer Camp at Lopez Lake. This event had speakers, demonstrations and a mini trail trial.

July: was the Templeton July 4th parade. We had a few members participate.

September: Arroyo Grande Valley Harvest Festival parade - again a few members participated.

October: Paso Robles Pioneer Day Parade. We had two members do the Dutch Oven cooking demonstration, and several members rode in the parade. We have done this activity several years now, and it is enjoyed by all. Fall Camp & Ride was held at Live Oak campground in Santa Barbara. Fun time for all. Our unit again was represented at the BCHC State meeting in Santa Nella.

Los Padres donated \$500 for the instructor of the BCHC/Crosscut Saw Class, \$1000 to Mid Valley Unit for help with expenses for their Rose Parade trip, \$2000 to BCHC Private Land Fund to purchase land for the PCT.

MLU Wilderness Rider Spreads LNT Message Along Pony Express Trail

by Lucy Badenhoop

During September and October 2016, this author played a new role in support of the back country and wilderness trails in UT, NV and CA. This role consisted of providing and driving a support vehicle with supplies for a horse and rider across the desert & mountain sections of the Pony Express Trail between Salt Lake City UT and Sacramento CA.

This volunteer effort was in support of Megan Lewis from Wales UK who was completing the final leg of her around the world ride on horseback...an eight-year effort covering about 13,500 equestrian miles. Megan travels 3 months each spring and 3 months each fall. She has been sporadically accompanied by her cousin, Rowena Gulland, also from the UK.

Megan started her trek on the Asian coast of the Pacific Ocean, followed the Great Wall across China, and then crossed the Gobi Desert, through Central Asia, across Europe, the UK, and Ireland to the Atlantic Ocean.

In 2015, she began the North

American segment in Newfoundland, Canada, and made it as far as St Joseph MO, where the Pony Express Trail begins. In 2016, she finished and Pony Express Trail in Sacramento CA and went on to the Pacific Ocean at Bodega Bay. As the mobile support team for Megan and her horse for about 650 miles across three states, there was ample opportunity to practice and advocate the Leave No Trace (LNT) principles along the Pony Express Trail.

Campsites varied among RV camps, public lands, Indian reservations and private ranches. In each case, once LNT practices were explained, the welcome mat was extended. Additionally, stops at the historical markers for Pony Express Stations, sometimes resulted in exchanges with other travelers. These meetings provided additional opportunities to share LNT principles.

After a few weeks of LNT sharing, Megan took the concept a bit further ... she decided that fertilization of selected desert plants was preferable to the dispersal method of manure disposal.



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MLU Gravel Haul – Devil’s Lake Trail

by Lucy Badenhoop

On 7-8 Sept 2016, the Mother Lode Unit completed the long-planned gravel haul to repair the deep ruts in the Devil’s Lake Trail in the Eldorado National Forest. The USFS had purchased and delivered the gravel to the base of a steep hill ... as close as the dump truck could manage, but the remaining two miles had to be packed in by stock.

In the fall of 2015, a 3-day work party was rained out after the first day, but it did serve as good practice for the next effort. It was discovered that the stock had a difficulty with the steep hill, but a tractor could move the gravel up the hill without much difficulty. With 14.25 tons of gravel at the top of the hill, the pack string could complete more trips in a day.

Since it was a single-track trail, the packers were divided into four teams and multiple turnouts were identified and prepared so the in and out strings could pass each other safely.

TEAMRIDER	MOUNTS	PACK STOCK
#1 Lee Owing (Mid Valley Unit)	1	2
#1 Kelly Rowell	1	1
#2 Dave Moser (Mid Valley Unit)	1	2
#2 Mike Kohlbaker	1	1
#3 Al Kaiser	1	1
#3 Sheryl Kaiser	1	1
#4 Jerry Heitzler	1	1
#4 Carrie Johnan	1	2
TOTAL	8	11

Additionally, there was a strong ground support crew. Jane Lehr of the Mother Lode Unit and Ernie Warzyca of Mid Valley assisted the stock handlers above.

Daryl Shankles brought a water trough which was placed near the gravel pile so returning stock could have a drink between trips. Since this was a dry site, Daryl also brought a 320-gallon tank, pump and hoses in his pickup, which he used to fill the trough from nearby Bear River Reservoir.

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Ranger Evan Topal of the Amador Ranger District provided a crew of 10 non-equestrian helpers to load and unload the gravel so that stock handlers could focus their efforts on the animals. The USFS team was a combination of rangers, interns, trail crew workers and Moke-lumne Wilderness volunteers.

Helper crews were aligned on each side of the stock to maintain a balanced load. Five-gallon buckets were marked with a 50-pound line and the helpers shoveled gravel up to the line, then simultaneously dumped it into the special gravel panniers on each side of the animal.

Nine sets of gravel panniers were purchased with 2016 grant funds provided by the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance (NWSA). Additional panniers were borrowed from the Mid-Valley Unit, which had provided all the panniers for the prior 2015 effort.

At the top of the trail, USFS helpers again stationed themselves on each side of the stock and simultaneously opened the bottom of the panniers to dump the gravel in the rut around the stock’s feet.

The first day, 250 bucket loads were transported and the second day increased to 320 buckets for a total of 28,500 pounds or 14.25 tons of gravel....job completed.

The combined crews of stock handlers and ground help were further supported by another MLU member, Mardi Langdon, who is a professional Dutch oven caterer. She volunteered to set up “Mardi’s Mess Hall” for the larger MLU work parties and charged only for the cost of food which ran about \$15 per day.

Mardi was assisted by Norma Kohlbaker and Randy Hackbarth. Their culinary efforts were highly praised by the 2 dozen ground helpers and stock handlers for the three meals a day plus afternoon snack. It was a welcome treat not to cook after a long day of physical work on the trail.

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Gravel Panniers



Water Tank & Kelly Rowell

If your Annual Unit Report is not in this edition, it is due to it not being submitted electronically to Susie Patton and Lisa Deas.

While we appreciate the hard copies turned in at the October State Board Member Meeting - sorry we are unable to use it as we would have to retype each report.

Please submit to bludog46@gmail.com and muledaze@yahoo.com and we will be more than happy to publish in the Spring Edition.

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The San Diego Unit of Backcountry Horsemen of California had another full year in 2016, providing members with recreational rides, campouts, service projects, educational programs, and trails advocacy.

Our unit has continued to take the lead in negotiations with federal, state, and local land managers and is looked to by the local equestrian community to provide timely, pertinent information on trail and public access issues. We have established a reputation, both with the trails community and with the managers, as fair, impartial negotiators who encourage and develop a positive working relationship with all the parties involved and then use that relationship to implement changes that benefit the equestrian and trail communities. While we do not profess to win every battle, our track record in our area shows that equestrians and the trail community, working together, can protect our trails and our access to our public lands.

Due to the proximity of the San Diego Unit to the more developed areas of Southern California we frequently network with other equestrian and trails organizations and it has become apparent that, with almost all of them, membership is decreasing and it is getting harder for them to find individuals willing to step up and lead. While the membership of the San Diego Unit has gradually decreased over the last several years, we are proud to have a 6% increase in membership over the last year and the number of members taking part in service projects has increased significantly. We hope to maintain this trend and continue to be a valued asset to BCHC and the equestrian and trails communities.

In November, the San Diego Unit holds their annual service weekend at the Vern Whittaker Horse Camp in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park near Borrego Springs, California. (BCHC units have been doing this service event since 1992.) State Parks offers us four

days of camping for free in trade for one day of trail work, and our unit provides catered meals for the volunteers. The volunteers clear the trail through Lower and Middle Willows in Coyote Canyon and do projects around the camp. For the last couple of years, the unit has opened the event to all trail users (not just equestrians) and this has resulted in an increase of attendance and trail awareness. In 2016 we had forty volunteers and were able to field four crews.

Our unit started out 2016 with a New Year's campout at Vern Whittaker Horse Camp in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Several unit members took the opportunity to ride up the Alcoholic Pass Trail, which has recently been reopened to stock after a twenty-year closure. (The reopening was a direct result of BCHC-SD negotiations with the park.) In addition, members rode dirt roads in the park which have recently been opened to use by equestrians. (While both the opening of the roads-over 150 miles- and the Alcoholic Pass Trail are currently under Superintendent's Orders and must be renewed every year, our public lands staff are working with parks staff to insure these routes stay open.) Our officers attended the Southern Units Leadership Training in Riverside and the BCHC State Meeting in Santa Nella.

In February BCHC-SD members held another ride at Vern Whittaker Horse Camp and a campout at Stagecoach Trails RV Park in Shelter Valley. BCHC-SD set up an educational table at the Stagecoach event and past BCHC Vice

President Dan Clifford put on a highlining and stock restraint demonstration. Our public lands staff also met with the City of Santee to clarify policies on a new equestrian trail in the city, hiked a potential right-of-way for the proposed Trans County Trail with county parks staff, and attended a San Diego County trails meeting.

In March, we had a campout at Vallecito County Park in the desert east of San Diego. The ability of equestrians to use this park is the result of direct negotiations between BCHC-SD, San Diego County Parks, the United States Bureau of Land Management, and California State Parks that started about ten years ago and have resulted in the area being opened to equestrians and other trail users. The park now has an equestrian loop with eight sites, sixteen corrals, and extensive riding on adjacent State Parks and BLM land. In addition, our public lands staff met in March with San Diego County Parks and Recreation staff concerning the ongoing revision of the county's Park Lands Dedication Ordinance, which uses developer fees to construct local parks. As it was originally written the ordinance does not allow the fees collected to be used to develop or maintain trails. BCHC-SD considers trails to be linear parks and has requested that as part of the revision PLDO fees be available for the construction and maintenance of trails in the county.

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In April, the unit held a day ride at Rancho Penquitos County Park and BCHC-SD members attended the California Trails and Greenways Conference, assisting San Gorgonio Unit with the live packing demonstration.

In May BCHC-SD held our annual service weekend at Los Vaqueros Equestrian Group Camp in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, another event we have been doing for many years. (As with our Vern Whitaker project in November, Cuyamaca offers attendees four days of camping for free in trade for one day of trail work.) This year we had enough volunteers- 25- to field three crews. The unit provided catered meals for the volunteers and campfire programs in the evenings, and to increase attendance this event has been opened to all trail users, not just equestrians. In addition, unit members attended Bishop Mule Days and assisted BCHC with staffing their booth and a group of riders representing the San Diego Unit won the blue ribbon for Best Mounted Mule Group in the parade. (The riders rode in the parade to honor the life and legacy of Garry McClintock, saddle maker, Mule Days vendor, and long-time BCHC supporter.)

In June, our unit assisted BCHC-Red Shank Unit with the initial haul-in of the State Parks Trail Camp (15 pack loads) into the San Jacinto Wilderness on the Pacific Crest Trail above Idyllwild. (This project involves the insertion of a CCC trail crew under State Parks supervision into the San Jacinto Wilderness to work on the Pacific Crest Trail for the summer.) This project has gone on every summer for the last few years and our members have assisted for the last two. This project continued all summer until the middle of October with packers hauling in supplies every other Monday. Several unit members assisted with the project and had the opportunity to polish their packing skills. It is anticipated this project will continue next year and we are looking forward to being part of it again.

Also in June, our unit public lands staff requested a public hearing with California State Parks concerning proposed regulations affecting reserves and preserves within the parks. (The reserves and preserves were created over the last several years to provide additional protection to natural and cultural resources.) Created to address problems protecting a sensitive plant in the San Jacinto Wilderness, the proposed regulations would have made it illegal to leave the designated trail in these reserves and preserves. Because of the wording of the proposed regulations (and the fact that State Parks staff were unable to tell us how wide the approved trail corridors would be) our public lands staff requested a public hearing in San Diego. The request was granted and, after numerous phone and email conversations with State Parks trails staff, the meeting was held on June 22nd. Over 250 members of the trails and environmental communities showed up for the hearing and all- including biologists, environmentalists, and retired State Parks staff- told them the regulations were a bad idea. State Parks trails staff

reviewed the oral and written comments that were received and have recently submitted an amended regulation that puts the burden of establishing any limitations on the local parks and districts. We are currently requesting another local hearing to allow parks staff to speak and for trail users to provide their input about the proposed regulations.

In July, the San Diego Unit held a ride at the Santa Margarita River near Fallbrook with the Red Shank and San Gorgonio units, and some unit members trailered up to Black Rock Campground in the Southern Sierras and worked with the volunteer rangers at the Casa Vieja Ranger Station to rebuild the catch pen at the public pasture there.

In August, we participated in the All Club Beach Ride at Border Field State Park, and in September we held a Full Moon Night Ride on the Pacific Crest Trail at Boulder Oaks Campground near Lake Morena.

In October, the club did a day ride out of Sweetwater Bridge Trailhead in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park and helped Red Shank Unit pack an Urban Conservation Corp crew into and out of the Palm Canyon area of the San Bernardino National Forest for a week of non-native plant eradication.

In October, our unit had meetings with recreation managers of the Palomar and Descanso Districts of the Cleveland National Forest who are looking to create and improve horse camping facilities in their areas, and we will be working with them to ensure that the needs of the equestrian community are met. (BCHC-SD members taught a stock orientation and packing class to the Palomar District in December.) The State Park Trail Camp in the San Jacinto Wilderness above Idyllwild was shut down for the season in October and our members assisted the Red Shank Unit in hauling the camp and supplies back to the Deer Springs trailhead. (BCHC-SD members put in over 240 hours of packing on the project over the summer.) Our officers attended the BCHC State Meeting in Santa Nella and our unit public lands staff attended two San Diego County trails meetings. We are working with Suzie Patton on the planning of the 2017 BCHC Rendezvous in Bishop, California and our unit will be responsible for the planning and executing of the Dave Stamey concert.

The San Diego Unit has had a great year and we are looking ahead to many more. Despite our proximity to the developed areas of California we have numerous state and federal wilderness areas close by and we are blessed to have year-round riding in desert, mountain, and coastal environments. We would like to encourage members of all the other BCHC units to come down and take part in our service weekends or even just come down and ride with us, and we look forward to seeing you on the trail.

Article by Martin Jorgensen

PUBLIC LANDS

Yosemite National Park – Wilderness Stewardship Plan

Back in November of 2015, Yosemite NP started working on their Wilderness Stewardship Plan/Environmental Impact Statement and conducted a public scoping comment period from November 10th, 2015 to January 29th, 2016. The park held some meetings and Randy Rasmussen, BCHA Director for Public Lands and Recreation, attended one of the meetings in December 2015 in the bay area at which he made some contacts. In January BCHA submitted a lengthy detailed letter commenting to the park service on eight major points of discussion. Also in January of this year, BCHC commented to the park service on their willingness to help the park service in the development of their upcoming wilderness stewardship plan.

The park service in July after reviewing the comments received from the public decided to ask for further comments, the park identified four topics that they feel have substantive effects on wilderness and wilderness management. Those topics are visitor use and capacity, stock use, trail management, and commercial services. In August, the park determined that they would have a number of meetings and webinars to discuss two of these subjects; visitor use and capacity and stock use. I am pleased to inform you that Backcountry Horsemen was among the most involved of all groups at each of these meetings. And in fact, the park in their last webinar discussion stated to all in attendance that Backcountry Horsemen brought up stewardship roles such as LNT and how we might be able to support the park.

The major concerns we had with these meetings were the “Concepts and Ideas” the park had presented regarding Stock Use. The park provided a brochure explaining their thoughts on stock use. The brochure indicated that 42% of stock use was by commercial concessioners, 41% of stock use was by other commercial use, 11% of stock use was by administrative use, and lastly 6% of stock use was by private use. The 83% use by commercial stock was by far the biggest concern of the park. The park proposed three different concepts. Each of the three concepts addressed Private use, commercial use and administrative use. Also, they addressed camp location, trail use and grazing for each of the uses. Following those meetings BCHC submitted a comment letter on the Concepts and Ideas.

The park then informed the public they would be holding a Science Day at Yosemite Valley and invited the public to attend. I must say that I was apprehensive about what the park might present in regard to the science for stock use. So, I decided to attend and I must say that it was enlightening.

Overall, I thought information that the park service shared was very thorough, detailed and professional. They discussed how climate change is effecting the flora and fauna, provided data on visitor use and its impacts on the park, what they have found regarding archaeological

sites and more specific info on species that are endangered within the park. They presented studies on pack stock grazing capacities, science based monitoring of pack stock use in the park, and methods of dealing with the negative aspects of stock use in the park, and a study on pack stock behavior. All of these presentations had a good deal of information that should help guide the planners in coming up with a new Wilderness Stewardship Plan for the park, and hopefully they will have the skill to be able to convert this data into management tools that are positive for stock use.

I was not aware of any other organizations that attended the meeting other than BCH who had five representatives there. A large portion of the attendees were park service employees. There were approximately 80 attendees at a maximum point. BCH was very active in the discussion phases of the meeting in fact I believe that we were way more active than any others there. We heard many positive comments regarding BCH. I want to highlight the effectiveness of our speakers; Randy Rasmussen, Troy Patton and Wendy Brown who brought up good questions, provided supporting information, and at the same time presented BCH to all in the room and on the Webinar (about 8 attendees there). We (BCH) are very fortunate to have Randy working for us. He is very skilled at dealing with people and promoting BCH. He asked pertinent questions and at the same time shared supporting information all the while promoting BCH to all of the important people in the room.

The science based monitoring information provided was supportive of pack stock use and can be used to address those who have negative comments regarding pack stock use. That is not to say there are some aspects of stock use that are negative, but that can be managed and they presented how they can deal with that. We stock users need to understand that the park has a duty (that means they are required by law) to help preserve the wilderness and values the park contains.

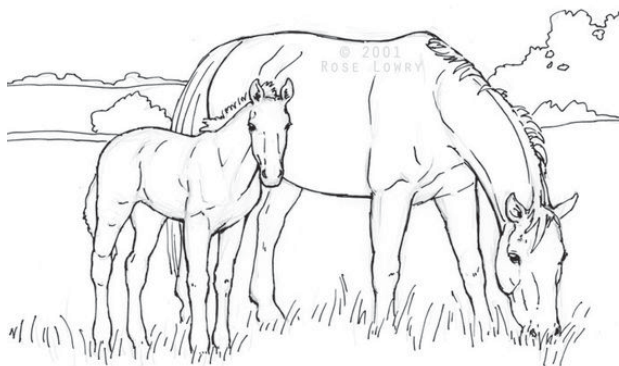
I have a concern that the Wilderness Stewardship Plan needs to be developed to where it is flexible in how the park manages the wilderness in respect to future science that is presented to deal with stock use. For example, the US Geological Survey is currently doing a study on the behavior of pack stock that will not be completed until 2018, probably after the finalized Wilderness Stewardship Plan. This study being conducted on pack stock from the Rock Creek Pack Station in the Sequoia Kings Canyon Park, is on pack stock behavior while foraging loose in a meadow. This study will be able to show what horses and mules prefer to eat, what they will eat first, what they will not eat, exactly where they will eat, and how long they actually eat. The study will provide information on how best to control grazing on meadows.

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UNIT NEWS

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Overall, I think the park service is doing what they can to support pack stock use. They are spending a lot of time and energy developing these scientific studies and coming up with data that is helpful to support the use of pack stock. The park should be publishing their draft Wilderness Stewardship Plan in the coming months, so we will see what they have decided on how they want to deal with stock use in the park.



Bob Magee
Public Lands
Mid Valley Unit

Top of State Unit Annual Report

- Unit cleared approx 200 miles of the pct. in three counties, along with approx 50 to 100 miles of federal trails that lead to the PCT.
- Unit planted 11 wilderness lakes with fingerling fish in cooperation with the California fish and wildlife. All done with in wilderness with pack stock.
- Unit funded and did a youth wilderness program. We took 5 4H youth in the wilderness on a wilderness experience. Show them and taught them LNT, fish planting, pack stock, and other wilderness experiences.
- Unit rode in three local parades in our county.
- Unit had a booth at our local county fair and received a 2nd place.
- Unit had two major social event dinners - St. Paddys dinner and Christmas.
- Some unit members attended first aid and saw recertification. Both chainsaw and crosscut.
- Unit packed supplies into the wilderness to a youth CCC crew in cooperation with the USFS.
- Unit pack supplies and tools into and out of a local state park in cooperation with the USFS
- Unit pack supplies and tools into the wilderness for a volunteer PCT crew
- Unit participated in two youth packing and LNT events at the local sport mans show and ag day.
- Unit attended both state meetings.

San Joaquin Sierra Unit Annual Report

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 held 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 outs 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 Trail head

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



THANK YOU RICHARD

December 2016– Outgoing President’s Message - Richard Waller

This is my last President’s message to the Backcountry Horsemen of California. It has been an honor for me to be the President these last years.

We all have an organization that we can be proud of. We are the primary people in the state working to keeping trails open for equestrians and by extension other users.



In the budget crisis, the Forest Service has suffered under for several decades now, we have been like the Dutch boy with the finger in the dike, our work, our efforts have enabled hundreds of miles of trails to be kept open for all Californians.

The Forest in my area, the Los Padres has essentially, no trail budget, no trail workers, no wilderness rangers for our million acres of wilderness. In 2016, 76% of the Forest budget went to firefighting, 20% of the National Forest burned, the most expensive fire in the history of the Forest Service, the Soberanes, still burns in the Ventana Wilderness.

Without the work of volunteer groups including the Backcountry Horsemen of California, Los Padres unit, no trail maintenance of any significance could have been done. I reckon most of our Forests are in the same position, and it isn’t going to get any better. We are it, we are, as far as I have been able to determine, the only statewide organization dedicated solely to trail access. Thanks to you, thanks to all our members for all the work you have done and will do.

Isaac Newton said, “If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.” BCHC has been able to persevere in its mission because of the giants who have made it possible. Every unit has some giants, if I mention names, I also miss mentioning the names of very important people, my apologies for that. I could not have accomplished my work on behalf of our group without the giants on the Executive Board. We could not exist as an organized group without the hard work and dedication over decades of our Treasurer, Lynn Joiner. Much of the success we have had with Wilderness Riders and education is due to the hard work and dedication of Dan Horn. The organization itself is organized primarily due to the diligence of Chip Herzig. Chip and Dan too were instrumental in the Center for Excellence and the new National Forest Saw policy adoption.

There are so many more, Pete Kriger, Ann Lange, Thor Bodtker, Susie and Troy Patton, our new president, Lloyd Erlandson, all the exec board and so many more in our units.

Folks, we need you also, I have found few things in my life more rewarding than being part of the Backcountry Horsemen, I hope and trust that you feel the same way. If you would, please get more involved, we are only as good as our volunteers!

A major mission now is to increase membership. We need young folk (strong backs!)

For myself, I will continue to work on our public lands issues. The Los Padres Forest has a full schedule of volunteer work projects for which the Los Padres Unit members are the primary stock packers, so I will be packing for projects. I will continue to push and promote the Theodore Solomons Trail, one of the best long distance (or short distance) horse and pack stock trails in the West. I’d like to see it known as the Backcountry Horsemen’s Theodore Solomons Trail.

For now, Happy Trails, and see you out there!



Backcountry Horsemen of California Press Release November 21, 2016

Backcountry Horsemen of California (BCHC) is the first organization to get a *Crosscut and Chainsaw Sawyer Training Program* approved under the new National Saw Policy through the U.S. Forest Service Region 5.

After almost 4 years of planning and creating teaching materials, the BCHC team was ready to submit the BCHC Saw Program a week after the new policy was signed.

This last Wednesday our team got the call. We are approved to teach and certify our sawyers!!

Since last April our team has been working, training instructors in both Chainsaw and Crosscut. These ten individuals have dedicated five days of their time and many miles of travel to make this possible for BCHC.

Our BCHC sawyers will be trained/certified in bucking only. Those that need felling certifications will need to contact their local U.S. Forest Service rangers to obtain the necessary schooling/certifications.

Any BCHC unit that would like to schedule a saw class or a recertification class for this winter or spring, contact the BCHC Education Chair.

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BCHA NEWS



A Message From Randy Rasmussen to BCHA National Board Members and State Leadership

The Senate has passed the National Forest Service Trail Stewardship Act (H.R.845/ S.1110). This follows House passage of the bill earlier this fall. The bill, introduced by Representatives Cynthia Lummis (R-WY), Tim Walz (D-MN) and Senators Mike Enzi (R-WY) and Michael Bennet (D-CO), would direct the Forest Service to take several actions to help address the current trail maintenance backlog that is adversely impacting all trail users on many National Forests, including equestrians.

“The AHC applauds Congressional passage of this important legislation and would like to thank the bill’s sponsors Representatives Lummis and Walz and Senators Enzi and Bennet for their leadership. We would also like to thank Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, Chairman Glenn ‘GT’ Thompson (R-PA) and Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts (R-KS) for their help” said American Horse Council President Julie Broadway. “The AHC has made trails a priority and has been working with Backcountry Horsemen of America, the Wilderness Society and many other recreational groups to advance this bill.”



“Many people have worked to achieve passage of this bill over the last couple of years and this is an important victory for equestrians and everyone who enjoys our national forests” said Ben Pendergrass, AHC, Sr. VP, Policy & Legislative Affairs. “National forest and trails are important to thousands of recreational horseback riders and are a vital component of the \$32 billion recreation segment of the horse industry. This bill will help make certain that equestrians and all trail users are able to have access to and enjoy our national forest.”

“We need to provide more opportunities for Americans to experience their great outdoors, and this bill will help do that. Keeping more trails open is a good thing for anyone who cares about our public

lands. We applaud the Senate for passing this important legislation and thank Representatives Lummis and Walz and Senators Enzi and Bennet for their commitment to keeping America’s trails open,” said Paul Spittler, Director of Wilderness Policy at The Wilderness Society.

“We are overjoyed that Congress recognized the need to improve the condition of trails on our national forests. Public access to public lands provides many benefits, including enhanced tourism and a stronger local and national economy. This bill will encourage more volunteers and partners, like the Back Country Horsemen, to concentrate their energy toward reducing the trail maintenance backlog. We applaud Representatives Lummis and Walz and Senators Enzi and Bennet, ”said Donald Saner, chairman of the Back Country Horsemen of America.

A June 2013, study by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that the Forest Service has deferred trail maintenance needs that exceed half-billion dollars, and only one-quarter of the agency’s 158,000 miles of trails meets agency standards for maintenance. This maintenance backlog is causing access and safety issues for equestrians and all trail users on national forests.

The National Forest Service Trail Stewardship Act would direct the Forest Service to develop a strategy to more effectively utilize volunteers and partners to assist in maintaining national forest trails. It will also provide outfitters and guides the ability to perform trail maintenance activities in lieu of permit fees. Additionally, the bill would address a liability issue that has discouraged some national forests from utilizing volunteers and partner organizations to help perform trail maintenance and would direct the Forest Service to identify and prioritize specific areas with the greatest need for trail maintenance in the national forest system.

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Rose Bowl Parade continued from cover page

Barbara Savery, the parade group's marshall believes that Mid-Valley was invited to the Rose Bowl Parade because of its commitment to volunteer work. "I have been in many horse-related and other organizations, but I love belonging to Backcountry Horsemen of California because they do something of value that makes me proud. They keep trails open, they help the Forest Service run campgrounds, they run summer camps where kids can learn to ride and pack and they don't charge for any of it. Backcountry Horsemen of California volunteers DO something. I love that," says Savery.

Mid-Valley has been a very active chapter of Backcountry Horsemen of California. In 2016, Mid-Valley agreed to host the overnight camp at Clark's Fork, relieving the Forest Service of the need to allocate funds and personnel to that camp and eliminating the need for user fees. This year it also developed overnight campsites at Kennedy Meadows which are open to all users; these campsites include tables, fire rings, high lines and corrals. Mid-Valley is also active at the urban interface: it has been a key partner in the "9-2-99" project in Modesto, which involves the restoration of the Tuolumne River, development of a trail system along the river and the clean-up of Gateway Park.

The 128th Rose Bowl Parade will be held on Monday, January 2nd, 2017. It is a long-standing tradition that the Rose Bowl Parade is never held on Sunday. The night before the Rose Bowl Parade, the equestrian units, including Mid-Valley, will park with their horses and stock on the median of the 210 freeway and try to catch a few hours of sleep before lining up for the parade around 5 a.m. When they take the turn onto Colorado Boulevard, it will be the fulfillment of a dream to spread the word about the valuable work that all of the Backcountry Horsemen of California units perform every day. "We really wanted to give the Backcountry Horsemen of California's organization the national exposure it deserves, to let as many people as possible know about its important work, and to encourage people to get involved in volunteering for this beautiful country of ours," says Barbara Savery.

by Barbara Savery, Parade Marshall



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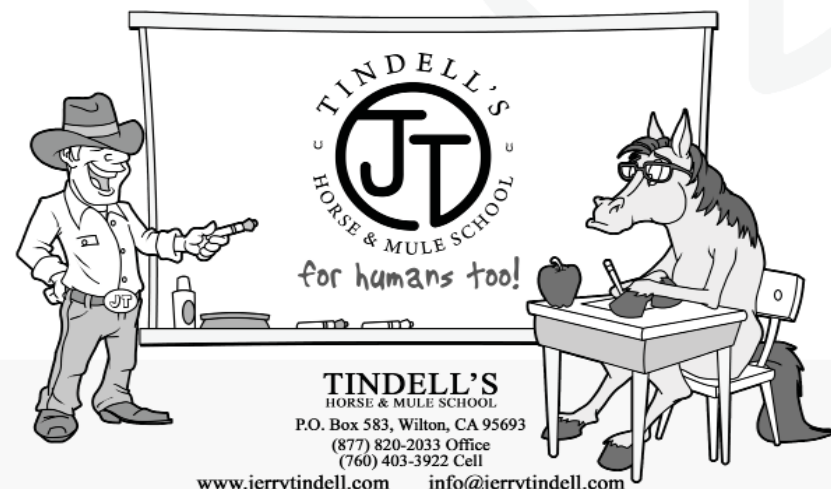
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Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday		
Sub-total Dry Camping		\$



Merchandise: Orders will have to be received by March 7th . **Do not mail after March 4th as orders will not be received in time.** If the order is received prior to March 7th then the pre-sale price applies. All pre-sale orders may be picked up at the Registration Booth at Rendezvous. The T-shirt people will be on site to make t-shirts. Colors, styles and sizes may be limited at venue.



<u>Items</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Color</u> Grey or Sand
T-Shirt short sleeve \$14.00 XX add \$2.00, XXX add \$3.00			
Sweat-Shirt crewneck \$17.00 XX add \$2.00, XXX add \$3.00			
Sub-total Merchandise		\$	



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2017 Rendezvous Packing Contest Rules:

ODD LOAD PACKING: ANIMALS, PACK SADDLES, PACK BOXES, LASH ROPES, MANTIES and LOADS WILL BE PROVIDED. A two packer team will use live mules. The team will load the items provided, tie on securely with a box or diamond hitch. The pack animal will then be lead from the ground around a cone to establish stability. Judging will be based on combination of time 30%, stability 30%, evenness of load 20%, working safely around the animals 10% and teamwork 10%.

BOX HITCH SPEED COMPETITION:

ANIMALS, PACK SADDLES, PACK BOXES, LASH ROPES, MANTEES and LOADS WILL BE PROVIDED. One packer will load and balance boxes with load provided. He/She will put boxes on mule from each side, no throwing box over the animal. He/She will then put mantee on the mule properly, tucking all corners and top, then tie box hitch. Speed and correctness of procedures will be split 50%-50 %

DIAMOND HITCH SPEED COMPETITION:

ANIMALS, PACK SADDLES, PACK BOXES, LASH ROPES, MANTEES and LOADS WILL BE PROVIDED. One packer will load and balance boxes with load provided. He/She will put boxes on mule from each side, no throwing box over the animal. He/She will then put mantee on the mule properly, tucking all corners and top, then tie single diamond hitch of your choice, must throw the tail of the rope. Speed and correctness of procedures will be split 50%-50 %.

2017 RENDEZVOUS PACK SCRAMBLE

RULES: All ages will compete together in the pack scramble. The Pack Scramble will consist of 1 packer and 2 animals with 1 person holding the riding animal or both animals anytime the packer is at the camp station. Packers are to provide their own horses/mules and equipment which includes: saddle, halters, pack saddle, panniers or boxes, mantees and 1 lash rope. The holder is not to help the packer pack or catch the animals. The 2 animals will be let loose in the arena with no halters and no pack equipment on. The packer alone is to catch his/her animals and bring them back to their camp station.

He/She then saddles the animals and packs all the load that is provided by the Rendezvous committee, cover load with a mantee and tie an authentic packer hitch of their choice. When done loading they will be required to get on their mount and take their pack animal around a cone and finish at their camp. Time and the correctness of their load will be judged. Load must be clean (no disqualifications) in order to win. The packer may reload the animal as many times it takes before they cross the finish line. Once the load crosses the finish line the packer or holder must not touch the load. Judges decision will be final!!

Disqualifications are: Incorrect Box or Diamond hitch. Mantee must be spread over top of the animal. Packer does not have to tuck in corners of mantee. Any part of the rope dragging on the ground. The complete load must be tied on and secured on the pack animal at the finish line.

Date and Time March 18, 2017 at 12:PM in East Arena

We need to get commitments early for the scramble in order to bring adequate loads for everyone to pack. There will be no late entries.

Monday, March 11 is the deadline for entry fee money. Entry Fee \$25

No Refunds

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**CONTEST ENTRY FORM
ADULT FEE \$25 EACH**



ODD LOAD PACKING: NAME OF PACKER _____ **FEE** _____

NAME OF PACKER _____ **FEE** _____

ADULT BOX PACK/HITCH (18 YEARS AND OLDER)



BOX HITCH: NAME _____ **FEE** _____

ADULT DIAMOND PACK/HITCH (18 YEARS AND OLDER)



DIAMOND HITCH:NAME _____ **FEE** _____

TOTAL _____

YOUTH PACK/HITCH CONTEST "FREE"



BOX HITCH: NAME _____

DIAMOND HITCH: NAME _____

SCRAMBLE FEE \$25 ALL ENTRANTS



NAME: _____ **FEE** _____

NAME OF ANIMALS _____



Volunteer Form: Help us run the Rendezvous!

Day	Area of Interest	Cell Phone #



Throughout the Rendezvous weekend the folks running the Rendezvous frequently need extra hands for a variety of activities. If you would be willing to help for a few minutes/hours please provide your cell phone number.



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TRAIL TRIALS INFORMATION

Welcome to Bishop Rendezvous committee's first hosting of California State Horsemen Association Trail Trials event. This contest is a non-sanctioned event. The members of the Bishop Rendezvous committee of the Backcountry Horsemen of California are inviting you to join us. This event is being held in the main arena in the Bishop Tri-County Fairgrounds. The scoring, entry categories, judging and obstacles are following the guidelines set by the California State Horsemen Association Trail Trials Manual.

We are adding a pack animal category. This includes a team of one rider and one pack animal that will navigate the course that is judged and scored very similar to the course used in the traditional Trail Trials event.

Prizes will be awarded to first through third places in each rider category. The pack animal element will have only two age groups, Eight to Seventeen and Eighteen and up. The pack event will be judged in the categories of Beginner or Experienced.

Our goal is to make this a great experience for both the seasoned rider and the beginner

A few reminders:

When you arrive, you will pick up your packet. In your packet you will find: *Your "Entry Number" Please display on you and your equine.

Before you begin your Trail Trial ride, be sure you have the following on your horse or on your person:

Hoof Pick, Knife (not required for children) water, Lead rope

*Children must wear approved equestrian helmets

Larry Cigainero Ride Manager (larrybchc@aol.com)

BCHC Rendezvous Arena Trail Obstacle Challenge to follow CSHA Guidelines.

Non-Sanctioned Event (CSHA guidelines at www.trailtrials.com)

Pre-enter by March

**** Registration day of show subject to availability****

Saturday March,

AMATEUR \$45.00 pre-entered \$60.00 Day of Show (Subject to Availability)

OPEN \$45.00 pre-entered \$60.00 Day of Show (Subject to Availability)

Sunday March

YOUTH 17 & under \$30.00 pre-entered, \$45.00 Day of Show (Subject to Availability)

NOVICE \$45.00 pre-entered \$60.00 Day of Show (Subject to Availability)

PACKERS \$45.00 pre-entered \$60.00 Day of Show (Subject to Availability)

1 SADDLE ANIMAL & 1 FULLY PACKED ANIMAL Packers to run Novice Course

Entries limited to 30 per day, each day. Registration day of show subject to availability

Contact : For entries and Info email Larry Cigainero Ride Manager (larrybchc@aol.com) or go to our website, www.BCHCalifornia.org under Rendezvous info link.

Also fill out the below Trail Trials form:

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2017 BCHC RENDEZVOUS TRAIL TRIALS ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____ E-MAIL: _____
 PHONE _____ CSHA Member? _____ Region _____
 CSHA CLUB Member or BCHC member? Club or unit name _____

Please check your category & age division

Trail Trials Rider

Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Equine's name
____ 17 & Under	____ 17 & Under	____ 17 & Under	_____
____ 18-49	____ 18-49	____ 18-49	_____
____ 50 - 59	____ 50 - 59	____ 50 - 59	_____
____ 60 & Over	____ 60 & Over	____ 60 & Over	_____

Rider and Pack Animal

Novice	Advanced	Equine's name
____ 17 & Under	____ 17 & Under	_____
____ 18 & Up	____ 18 & Up	_____

WESTERN ART SHOW

The Western Art Show includes paintings, photos, leatherwork, sewing and knitting, carving, arts-n-crafts and miscellaneous. If your item does not fit into any of these categories, submit it anyway and we will find a place for it.

Prizes will be awarded. The art works will be displayed in the Vendor Building for people to admire. Judging will occur Saturday afternoon, with winners announced during the Wine and Cheese Event, Saturday evening before dinner.

In addition to the judge's selections for prizes, one entry will be selected to win the "People's Choice" award by popular vote.

If you wish, you may sell your work by simply attaching a price tag to it. You may also donate your item to our Saturday night auction. We are not responsible for the sale of your item, but the display will be done in a fashion that will put you in contact with interested parties.

**All art must be picked up
NO LATER THAN 9 AM SUNDAY MORNING**

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Western Art Show CONTEST RULES

1. Item (e.g. painting, photo, etc.) must be created by you and your name must be on the entry form. One entry form per item. Entry number assigned at time of submission.
2. Paintings, photos and drawings must be framed (including wire on the back) for their protection and display.
3. All contest entry forms must have contestant's name and address and phone number should be attached to your display as well.
4. **\$5.00 entry charge per item.**
5. Entries are due no later than Rendezvous Saturday, before noon and must be picked up **no later than 9AM on Sunday.**
6. Prizes will be awarded for each category at the discretion of the Western Art Show judge.
7. Western Art Show judge is not responsible for the sale of items. Interested buyers will need to look up the information on the item tag and track down the artist.

WESTERN ART SHOW

Entry Form

Entry # _____

Artist's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number while at Rendezvous: _____

Alternate phone: _____

Entry Category:

Painting _____ Sewing/Knitting _____

Photo _____ Arts & Crafts _____

Carving _____ Leather _____

Other _____

Brief description of item: _____

Happy New Year!



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EXTRAS

Raffle Tickets	Number of tickets ordered	Total \$ Enclosed
<u>Gun Raffle or 2 Day Stay at Kennedy Meadows</u>	Gun _____ 2-Day _____	
Horse Stalls \$15 per night – 3 or more nights \$40 Indicate how many stalls needed.	How many stalls# _____ Circle Days: Thurs. Fri. Sat. Sun. Mon.	Total \$'s Enclosed
Dave Stamey concert on Friday \$25 At the door, \$30 (if seating is available)	Number of tickets	Total \$'s Enclosed
Wine, cheese and beer tasting Commemorative Glass \$ 15	Number of tickets	Total \$'s Enclosed
Contests	\$	
Trail Trials	\$	
Sub-total Extras	\$	

TOTALS

Donation to BCHC Education Fund	\$
Subtotal of Dinners	\$
Subtotal of Dry Camping	\$
Subtotal of Merchandise	\$
Subtotal of Extras	\$
Grand Total	\$

Questions or need help: Call Linda or Chip Herzig: 775-463-3634

Make checks payable to BCHC Rendezvous 2017

Send completed registrations and payment to:

BCHC Rendezvous 2017

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Rendezvous 2017 Hotel Selections in Bishop March 17, 18 & 19, 2017

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1005 N. Main
760 873-8426

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535 S. Main
760-872-1386

Holiday Inn Express
636 N. Main
760-872-2423

Table Decorations Contest:

Tables will be assigned by the Table Decorations Committee by 10 am on Friday. Units may begin decorating @ 10 am until Friday at 5pm. The judging will take place after 5 pm and awards presented at Friday evening's award presentation. All units that decorate a table will automatically be entered. The BCHC unit name must be clearly visible. Entries over 3' tall will be disqualified. Winner of the Best Overall category is responsible for coordinating and judging next year's table decoration contest. Judge's decisions are final.

ALL DECORATIONS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE TABLES BY NOON ON SATURDAY!!

Please remember that Saturday dinner is open seating with the public present. As BCHC members, we are the hosts and should extend a warm welcome to other members as well as the public to join us at our tables.

OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE

of the

BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN 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 horsemen 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 ways to use the trail and forage 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

GET INVOLVED, DO YOUR PART



DON'T FORGET: The BCHC Executive Committee will no longer send out membership renewal verification "green slips" via regular mail. Instead, each unit president and membership chair will get a personal email from the BCHC Membership Chair (Chip Herzig) with each units' data AND it will be put on the web page in the password protected section.

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The deadline for submissions for the
 SPRNG 2017 EDITION
 of the Backcountry News is:
FEBRUARY 15, 2017

Submissions to:
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*In Memory of
 Ron Arington*

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If there is no unit in your area and you are interested in starting one, contact BCHC Secretary Susie Patton for more information. bludog60@hughes.net



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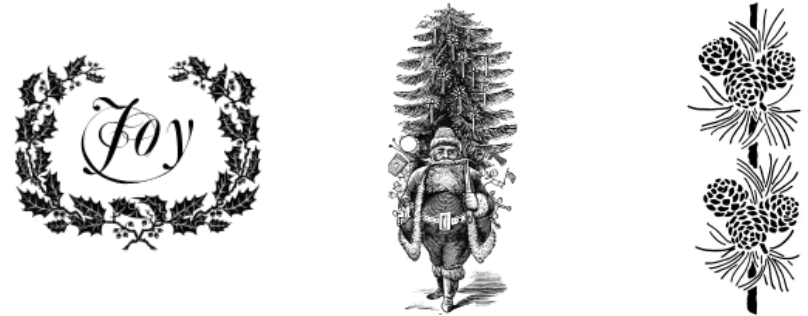
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These new members have joined BCHC
between October and December 2016
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We look forward to meeting you!!



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Questions? Membership Matters

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**MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION**

New Renewal or
 Change

(indicate changes)

PARENT Unit Affiliation: (Select and CHECK a Unit as your Affiliation)

- | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antelope Valley | <input type="checkbox"/> Kern Sierra | <input type="checkbox"/> North Bay | <input type="checkbox"/> San Geronio Pass | <input type="checkbox"/> Sierra Freepackers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Sierra | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake-Mendo | <input type="checkbox"/> Redshank 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 | |

DCTR (your Membership Number): _____ (For new memberships, will be assigned by Membership Chair)

MEMBER'S NAME—No Business Names; Print Clearly

SPOUSE / Co-MEMBER'S NAME—MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS

Street Address / PO Box

City

State

Zip Code (full 9 digits, if known)

Area Code Phone

Email Address: _____ (please print legibly)

Donation to BCHC Education Fund (tax deductible) \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Check No. _____

Parent Unit Membership Types: (CIRCLE ONE)

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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)

Associate Membership for: _____ \$15.00/unit
Unit Name (from above list)

Please write additional choices on back.

Please clip form along dashed lines and keep the below portion 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 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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KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I submitted an Application Form for a new –

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

On that form, I also requested –

_____ Associate Memberships \$ _____

My Total Remittance: \$ _____

My Check Number: _____

Date Mailed: _____

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





**LEAVE NO TRACE
MASTER EDUCATOR STOCK COURSE**

*****(We can make special arrangements to send Two Master nstructors to your organization within the United States)***

April 10th - 15th, 2017

Forest Service Center for Excellence
Trinity Lake, CA - Stock Course Trail Head Camp

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Stock Course Description:

The five-day Leave No Trace Master Educator Course is designed for individuals who will be teaching Leave No Trace Trainer Courses and Leave No Trace Awareness

Workshops. The course focuses on the specifics of running Trainer Courses, i.e. a significant portion of the course is spent covering how to facilitate a Trainer Course – planning, logistics, equipment, running groups in the field, meals, risk management, how to teach, etc. Through classroom discussions, lectures and a four-day outing, this course covers the seven Leave No Trace Principles and outdoor ethics, as well as gives the participants tools and techniques for disseminating low-impact skills to outdoor enthusiasts.

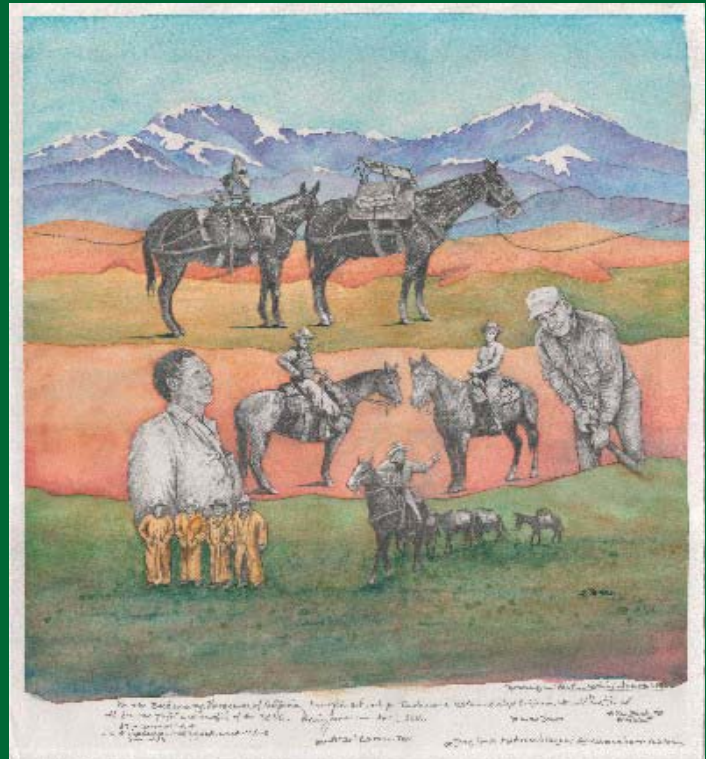
The BCHC Master Educator Stock will be a base camp-style courses that generally involve minimal travel (hiking, etc.) during the day. There will not be any personal stock allowed at this course. All stock for demonstration purposes will be provided by BCHC.

NO DOGS ALLOWED

Price: \$575.00 (price subject to change)

Applications will be accepted January 2017

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