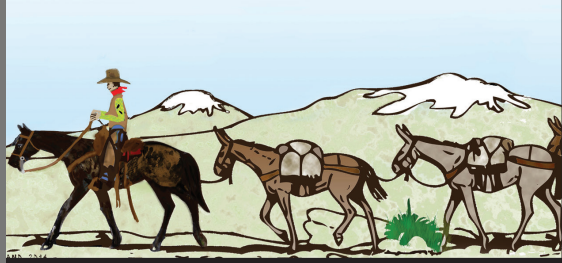


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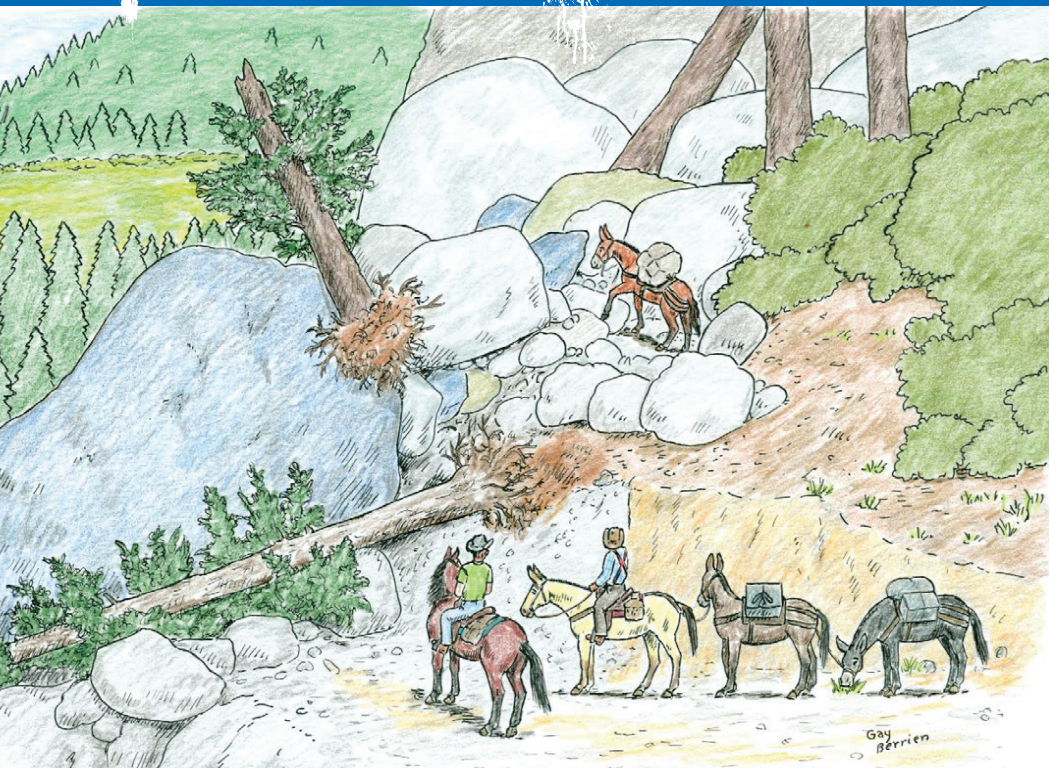
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Rendezvous

March 27 - 29, 2020

Tehama Fairgrounds

650 Antelope Blvd.

Red Bluff, CA 96080

Gates Open at 9:00 a.m. ~ Close at 5:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday

Classes start at 10:00 a.m.

Registration Booth Open 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Rendezvous 2020 is Coming Your Way - Red Bluff or Bust!

By Michael King

It's time to start making your travel plans and reservations in order to attend the 32nd annual BCHC Rendezvous. Red Bluff, CA is the venue, and what a venue it is!

Situated in the Northern Sacramento Valley, the rolling oak studded hills, beautiful mountains, fruit & nut tree orchards, cattle pastures and green grass combine to make this an ideal location for our annual state get-together. Red Bluff is one of those magical places that makes you feel all is right with the world.

Having hosted previous very successful Rendezvous, the Shasta Trinity and other Northern BCH units are working very hard to put on an event for us all to enjoy and remember. But with all their planning and preparation, they can't add the one final necessary ingredient that will make this gathering a success. That ingredient is YOU, and we need YOU to make that part happen!! Plan on attending, we are counting on that.

The annual Rendezvous is the primary fundraising event for the state BCHC organization, and we should all support it by attending if at all possible. No organization operates in a vacuum, and BCHC is no exception. There are annual operating expenses that need to be serviced, and this is our main source of meeting those needs.

More importantly though, it's a time of comradery and friendship. We are always pleased to have the opportunity to meet up with old friends, and to make new ones too. Being such a large and loooong state, it's sometimes hard to connect up with friends from far away units. This is the perfect opportunity, at least once a year, to shorten those miles of separation.

Sharing of ideas is a great benefit of these gatherings. With such an

expansive area as California, there are bound to be regional differences in techniques. In addition, there will be folks attending from all over Oregon with their own ways of packing. Since their own version of Rendezvous in Klamath Falls has been shut down, these Oregon folks will be looking for someplace to go. Come and meet fellow members from another state. They want to meet you, and we want to show them our hospitality.

Rendezvous is a time to refresh some of our past skills and tricks of the trade. Maybe you need to iron out some kinks in your techniques. There are always new ones to learn and put in your bag of tricks too. It's a time to possibly gain new knowledge of livestock husbandry practices for your pack and riding stock.

You can spend some time coaching new members who are learning at Packing 101. They are in need of your experience. New members are the life blood of any organization, and you can very well be the one to instill the passion and confidence in them to start a lifetime of packing fun. Invite others who share a similar passion for this wonderful activity to come with you. They will really get their eyes opened! Imaging the possibilities.

I won't even get into the subject of the fantastic meals being planned. I'm getting hungry just thinking about it. Did I mention the vendors?

In this special edition of the Backcountry News, you will find all of the necessary forms and information that you will need to get your stay set up. Please look through it and use it to plan your 2020 Rendezvous adventure.

I so look forward to seeing a huge turnout of our membership. Let's show Red Bluff and California what a tremendous group we are!

See you all in Red Bluff!

Registration

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Unit: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: COMPLETE AND MAIL IN PAGES 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 & 10

Mail to: BCHC Rendezvous, 1280 State Rte. 208, Yerington, NV 89447

KEEP PAGES 1, 7, 11 & 12 FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Dinners (menus on next page)

Friday Dinner @ \$32	How Many Dinners	Cost
Beef		
Chicken		
Vegetarian		
Saturday Dinner @\$32		
Beef		
Chicken		
Vegetarian		

*Total for dinners \$ _____ Place this total on **Page 10**

Camping - Check days you will be camping – No horses allowed in camp area.

- EAST LOT camping is FREE
- With Electrical Hook-up only - \$ 40 per night -- \$120 for entire event.
- On-Site CAMPING AREA -\$ 30 per night -- \$85 for entire event
 - Thursday
 - Friday
 - Saturday
 - Sunday

*Camping Total \$ _____ Place this total on **Page 10**

Stalls - for event – Please bring a small picture of your animal for security. All animals need current health & vaccination information.

Circle Days Needed: Thurs Fri Sat Sun # _____ Stalls x \$50.00

*Total for Stalls \$ _____ Place this total on **Page 10**

Friday Dinner

Garden Green Salad with Assorted Dressing

Choice of:

- Salisbury Steak
- Chicken Marsala
- Vegetarian – Garlic Cream Fettuccini
- Rice Pilaf
- Herb Vegetable
- Sourdough Rolls and Butter

Saturday Dinner

Garden Greens with assorted Dressing

Choice of:

- 8oz. New York Steak
- Chicken Picatta
- Vegetarian – Pasta Primavera
- Creamy Mashed Potato
- Vegetable Medley
- Sourdough Rolls & Butter

Merchandise: Orders will have to be received by **MARCH 5TH**. Pre-sale orders may be picked up at the Registration Booth at Rendezvous. **Add \$4 for XX or XXX sizes**

	Number	Size	Colors White, Beige, Dark Brown or Black
T-Shirt - short sleeve	\$20.00		
T-Shirt - long sleeve	\$25.00		
Sweat-Shirt crewneck	\$30.00		
Henley T-shirt	\$25.00		
Hoodie Sweatshirt	\$40.00		
Baseball Caps	\$18.00		
*Total for Merchandise	\$		

Place this total on **Page 10**

Raffle Tickets

3 Day/2 Night Catered Packtrip into Trinity Alps by Diamond G Outfitters (Jun 15th - August 1st) # Of Tickets _____ @ \$5/ea. Total \$ _____

Formfitter Pack Saddle # of Tickets _____ @ \$5/ea. Total \$ _____

Total for Raffle \$ _____

Place Total on page 10

The Formfitter is unquestionably a phenomenal pack saddle. It doesn't have a rigid tree. Instead the left and right side of the pack saddle move independently with the movement of the animal at all times. That allows the tree to fit just about any animal. The tree bases are 23 inches long and made out of a unique polyurethane blend. It makes them durable with some flexibility, even in cold weather conditions. The tree bases have full leather sheath and fleece on the bottom. The tree bars are made out of a 60/61 aluminum and powder coated. The saddle comes complete with the half breed and a cinch (please specify size when you order). You can order the Formfitter Pack Saddle with a single or double rigging. The britchen spider utilizes four straps instead of two. The 4 straps coming off the britchen have buckle covers, so the tail hair won't catch in the buckles. The saddle can be rigged with a single or double cinch. The britchen and breast collar are 2.5 inches wide and fully lined with soft chap leather. All straps are made out of high quality 12 - 14 oz. oiled harness leather. This Pack Saddle comes with stainless steel hardware."

FREE - Wine, Cheese, & Beer Tasting - with Donation for Glass-Saturday 3pm to 5pm Vendor Area.

Commemorative Glass # of Glasses _____ @ \$20.00/ea. ***Total \$** _____

\$20.00 Donation

Must be 21 to attend wine/beer tasting.

Place Total on page 10

Volunteers: Help us run the Rendezvous! **Return this page with your registration**

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.

Name _____

Unit _____

Day(s)/Time(s) Available _____

Area of Interest _____

Cell # _____

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 will be assigned at time of submission.
- 2) Paintings, photos and drawings must be framed (including wire for hanging) for their protection and display.
- 3) All entry forms must have contestant's name, address and phone number. It is a good idea to put this on your item also, if possible.
- 4) \$5.00 Entry fee for each item
- 5) Entries are due at the Rendezvous Art Show Booth no later than 10:00 am on Saturday. Items must be picked up no later than 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.
- 6) Prizes will be awarded for each category at the discretion of the Western Art Show judge.
- 7) Western Art Show judges are not responsible for the sale of items. Interested buyers will need to look up the information on the item tag and speak directly with the artist. Artwork can be donated to BCHC and Auctioned off on Saturday night.

WESTERN ART SHOW ENTRY FORM

ENTRY # _____
To be assigned at show

Artist's Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Phone where you can be reached during Rendezvous _____

Alternate phone # _____

Entry Category (Check): Painting Fiber Art (Sewing/Knitting, etc.)
 Arts & Crafts Carving Leatherwork
 Photography Mantee Art
 Other (Describe) _____

Trails Challenge Entry Form

Contact: Gail Bloxham, CCEC at (530) 347-0212 or cottonwoodcreekequest@gmail.com

[Larry Shuman 530-526-0590](mailto:LShuman62@gmail.com) or LShuman62@gmail.com

Check Payable to Back Country Horsemen and return with registration package

Enter on line at: www.BCHCalifornia.org

checks will be processed as they come in, No refunds without a Doctor or Vet notice

ONE HORSE/MULE PER ENTRY FORM

CSHA MEMBER No. # _____ Region _____ Obstacle Challenge Program Region # _____

Horse/Mule Name: _____

Rider: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

I acknowledge I am attending and/or participating in an event which carries inherent risks of injury and/or damage to myself, my horse, and/or my property. I knowingly assume all risks, whether known or unknown of these activities.

I hereby agree I will indemnify and hold harmless Cottonwood Creek Equestrian Center CCEC) and Back Country Horsemen's (BCHC) or any of its agents and the land and business owners/controllers on whose property I participate from all liability for any act of negligence or want of ordinary care on the part of CCEC or BCHC or any of its agents; to include actual attorney fees arising from any proceedings or lawsuits brought by or prosecuted on my behalf.

In consideration of my participation in events organized or sponsored by CCEC and BCHC, I waive, release and discharge, their directors, officers, agents, and members, their representatives, heirs, executors and assigns from any and all claims of liability for injury or damage to myself, my animals, or my property arising out of participation; this is binding upon my executors, heirs and assigns.

I acknowledge that I have read this Release of Liability, know and understand its contents and the rules and requirements for this event.

I, undersigned parent or guardian of the above participant in consideration of my minor's attendance/participation in the event, agree that the terms and conditions of this Release of Liability and understand the rules and requirements for this event. This shall be binding as to damage or injury that my minor, his/her animals or property arising out of his/her attendance/participation in events.

NAME: _____ PHONE# _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Divisions: Novice, Intermediate, Advanced Youth* (Helmets required & parent or legal guardian must be present) & Pack Animal*

*Go Saturday

Division Entering: _____

Preferred Day of Go: Friday or Saturday

Pre-Entry \$45.00 \$ _____

Friday Entry + \$5.00 \$ _____

Saturday Entry + \$10.00 \$ _____

Drug Fee \$8.00 \$ _____

Total Entry \$ _____

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AWARDS SPONSORED BY:



ENTRY# _____

Cash \$ _____ Check # _____

AMOUNT \$ _____

Include entry fee and this form with your registration. *

Place total on page 10

2019 RENDEZVOUS PACKING ACTIVITIES

PACKING 101:

This is a hands -on, basic packing class with live mules that will involve pack saddle fit, use of panniers, load balancing, mantees, and different hitches to secure loads. Classes are free but size is limited. Check schedule at Rendezvous for class times and location. There will also be “iron mules” set up with experienced packers to help you perfect your hitches from Friday to Sunday.

PACKING COMPETITIONS

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 %. Faults will incur a time penalty.

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 %. Faults will incur time penalty.

PACKING CONTEST (ODD LOAD):

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%.

PLEASE INCLUDE THE ENTRY FORM IN YOUR REGISTRATION PACKET. PLACE THE TOTAL FEES DUE ON **PAGE 10 OF THE REGISTRATION FORM. RETAIN THE RULES FOR YOUR INFORMATION.**

2019 PACKING CONTEST ENTRY FORM

ADULT BOX HITCH (18 YEARS AND OLDER)

BOX HITCH: NAME _____ FEE \$20

ADULT DIAMOND HITCH (18 YEARS AND OLDER)

DIAMOND HITCH: NAME _____ FEE \$20

PACKING CONTEST (ODD LOAD) (18 YEARS AND OLDER)

NAME OF PACKER _____ FEE \$20

NAME OF PACKER _____ FEE \$20

YOUTH HITCH COMPETITION – “FREE”

BOX HITCH: NAME _____ No Fee

DIAMOND HITCH: NAME _____ No Fee

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FEES DUE \$ _____

Place this amount of Page 10 of the Registration Form – (Send this form in)

RENDEZVOUS DUTCH OVEN COMPETITION SUNDAY

Rules for the Competition

- 1) Contestants will provide their own ingredients to prepare their recipe.
- 2) Contestants will provide their own cooking gear: Dutch oven, briquettes, cans for briquettes, fire starters, utensils, prep table, and cooking tables or equivalent set-up, as there will be no cooking on the ground.
- 3) If you need it you bring it.
- 4) Contestants will have their choice to cook a breakfast, dinner, or dessert.
- 5) All cooking will be done on site starting at 1pm.
- 6) Judging starts at 4pm, with samples of your cooking given to spectators.
- 7) Spectators will vote (using tickets) for their favorite breakfast, dinner and dessert.
- 8) Entry fee \$20
- 9) Note there will be DO demos throughout the day...check the schedule



This is a fun competition with prizes and certificates issued to the winners!

DUTCH OVEN CONTEST ENTRY

NAME _____ UNIT _____

FEE - \$20 per day *

Circle Day: Friday Saturday - *You can enter both days.*

Include entry fee and this form with your registration. * **Place total on page 10**

Backcountry Horsemen of California
Rendezvous 2019

TOTAL PAGE - Place all totals here
Return this page with your check made payable to BCHC

Name _____ Unit _____

Donation to BCHC Education Fund		\$
Meals	Pg. 2	\$
Camping Total	Pg. 2	\$
Stalls Total	Pg. 2	\$
Merchandise Total	Pg. 4	\$
Raffle Tickets Total	Pg. 4	\$
Wine, Beer & Cheese Tasting	Pg. 4	\$
Western Art Contest	Pg. 6	\$
Trails Challenge Contest	Pg. 7	\$
Packing Contests	Pg. 8	
Dutch Oven Contest	Pg. 9	\$
GRAND TOTAL – Check enclosed		\$

Make checks payable to BCHC
Send completed registrations and payment to:
BCHC Rendezvous 2020
1280 State Rte. 208
Yerington NV 89447

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. We would like to sell these at the dinner if you do not want your decoration sold please remove after Judging or put a sign Do Not Sell. At our dinners we will have the public attending. 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.

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

Rendezvous 2019 Hotel Selections in Red Bluff Area

Hampton Inn & Suites

Address: 520 Adobe Road, Red Bluff, CA 96080-9623

Phone: (530)529-4178

Hotel class: 3-star hotel

\$119/Suite \$129. They have saved a block of 20 rooms

Comfort Inn

Address: 90 Sale Lane, Red Bluff CA 96080

Phone: (530)529-7060

\$90/Night King or 2 Queens. They have saved a block of 20 rooms



Red Bluff RV Park

10% off if Mention BCHC – A Good Sam RV Park

Address: 80 Chestnut Ave. Red Bluff CA 96080

Phone: (530)366-3187

Rivers Edge RV Park
25 Gilmore
Red Bluff, CA 96080
530-527-4434

Idlewheels RV Park
25 Gilmore Rd
Red Bluff, Ca
530-366-3424

O'Nite RV Park
130 Gilmore
Red Bluff, Ca
530-527-5868

Other RED BLUFF MOTELS/HOTELS

Holiday Inn Express 2180 Main St 530-528-1600	Best Western/Antelope Inn 203 Antelope Blvd 530-527-8882
M Star Hotel 210 S. Main St. 530-527-1150	Days Inn & Suites 5 John Sutter Square 530-527-6130
Terrace Motel 99 Main St. 530-527-4145	Crystal Motel 333 S. Main St 530-527-1021
Motel 6 20 Williams St. 530-527-9200	Riverbank Inn (Formally Travel Lodge) 38 Antelope Blvd 530-690-2770
Super 8 Motel 30 Gilmore Road 530-529-2028	Triangle Motel 1175 Montgomery Rd. 530-527-4542
American Inn Express 250 S. Main 888-858-1828	