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Presidents Message

Any of you that know me well know that writing articles does not come easy to me but after some prodding, here is what I have. I believe this may be the first newsletter this year and by our new newsletter editor, Cindy Hay. Thank you, Cindy, for taking on this task. For the first three months of the year, we were neck deep in preparation for our BCHC Rendezvous at CRC Ranch in Temecula. (Actually, an entire year leading up to the event). With a lot of hard work and



dedication from our volunteers we had a successful event. That's not to say there weren't some hitches along the way, the main one being the incessant rain leading up to the event. But lo and behold, the clouds broke the day before and the weather was perfect for the duration of the event. On the pack support front, we made three pack support trips into Mission Creek to supply a trail crew working on the PCT. Thanks Jack and Gretchen for outriding and Danny and Daniel for joining in with extra pack stock. On the radar is a couple of trips in July into the San Jacinto's for some forest service botanists and two hitches (4 trips) in August to Long Valley, (at the top of the Palm Springs aerial tram), to support Eastern Sierra Conservation crews working with the California State Parks statewide trail crew. We also had a successful chainsaw certification class in May and several BCHC members from RSR and San Diego received certifications. It was not without some drama though. The second day while we were meeting individually meeting with the sawyers, the sky opened up and began to pour. Fortunately we were near Art and Diana's home and they let us finish up there. We also picked up a new family from Temecula whose daughter competed in the youth packing contest at Rendezvous. Having two young daughters, mom has volunteered to help with our developing youth program. Remember, Saturday, July 1st is the Anza Days parade in which RSR will have an entry. Anyone who wants to join in can, we will have a team and wagon. Walk, ride, or ride in the wagon. The theme is "Down Home Country" so come and join us.

Michael Lewis
President – Backcountry Horsemen of California
Redshankriders Unit

Potluck Recipe Corner !!

Applesauce Walnut Cake <https://www.duncanhines.ca/recipes/cakes/dh/applesauce-walnut-cake>

Ingredients

- 1 box Duncan Hines® Moist Deluxe® Golden Yellow Cake Mix
- 3 large eggs
- 1 1/3 cups applesauce
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- Icing sugar

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 °F. Grease and flour 10-inch Bundt® or tube pan.
2. Combine cake mix, eggs, applesauce, melted butter and cinnamon in large bowl. Beat at low speed with electric mixer until moistened. Beat at medium speed for 4 minutes. Stir in walnuts. Pour into pan.
3. Bake at 375 °F for 45 to 55 minutes or until toothpick inserted in centre comes out clean. Cool in pan 25 minutes. Invert cake onto serving plate. Cool completely. Dust with icing sugar.



"All his life he tried to be a good person. Many s, however, he failed. For a all, he was only human. He wasn't a dog."
— Charles Shultz (cartoonist, "Peanuts")



Editor's Note:

Hi I'm the new editor for the newsletter! First I would like to thank Mike Lewis for giving me the opportunity to be the editor! I'd like to thank Rhonda Strickland for providing assistance to me, making some collages, and for the generous offer to help me get off the ground!

I truly hope you all enjoy the newsletter, and find it to be a valuable part of your membership. For this edition, I chose not to include the approved minutes from the past 5 months, because, well...that would be 5 pages of minutes. I have started what I hope to be regular areas of reading excitement, which includes favorite (successful) potluck recipes, an area for recommended books or videos, maybe some humor, and horse campgrounds.

Most importantly, for the future, *please contribute*. Please send content you would like to share...a favorite recipe, movie, a story, jokes.... membership@redshankriders.com

EAGLE ROCK RIDE 2/23

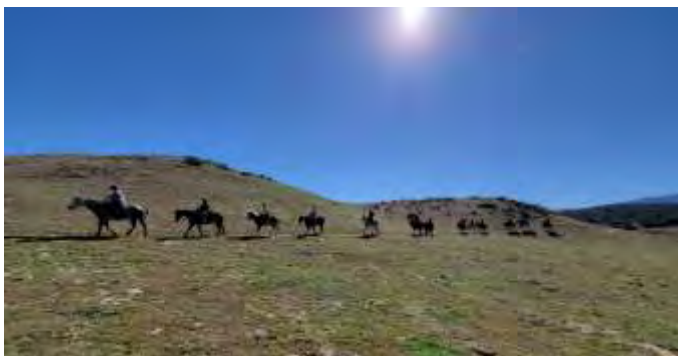


Looks like clouds bringing the rock to life

“What a ride”!! The weather couldn’t have been more perfect. We ended up with 14 riders of which two were renewals. Welcome back Monique Morton and Clair Williams! Also, three new members: Charles (Squeak) Smith, Shauna Williams, and Logan Larson.

It was so nice to lead this ride as everyone was on time and ready to go.

There were a lot of groups and hikers that all very politely moved out of the way for us. Many asked if they could take pictures with us. Some of the folks at the Rock seemed almost more interested in the horses than the rock. It was great to see the stream running, we had one horse that had a mild challenge in crossing and everyone was patient so with a little coaxing we crossed and then it was even a little easier on the way back. Thank you everyone for the great comments on the ride. I’m looking forward to the coming rides this year who knows with all the snow lately I may host a ride to Sloan to enjoy the lake. I’m sure looking forward to the rendezvous. See you all there!



Trail work on the PCT South of Fobes saddle May 26, 2023. Got 20+ trees off the trail along with a lot of brushing with a crew of 6.

Photos by Jack Peckham



Before trail work started



Clearing brush getting ready to saw some fallen trees.



Taking
a
break



MAY 10, 2023

Last pack out at Mission Creek. Trail crew did about four miles of work on the PCT. Photos by Michael Lewis



Horse Camp Spotlight ** "Chihuahua Valley"

Horse Camp of Chihuahua Valley is a wonderful new equestrian campground located at: 31523 Chihuahua Valley Road, Warner Springs 92086 (951) 377-3482
davepierceall@gmail.com

Contact Joy @ 951 377-3482 for reservations. You will need a gate code to get in.

[Horse Camp of Chihuahua Valley | Warner Springs CA | Facebook](#)

Beautiful Facility and beautiful trails, lots of shade and some water crossings.

It has a Day Use area at \$10/horse. 10 campsites with water at each site (more being built) with 2 stalls each for \$40/night. There are 10 extra corrals for \$10/each/night. Groups of 5 or more sites can stay for \$30/night. They have 2 Horseshoe pits & a Volleyball net. Here are some representative photos:



<https://goo.gl/maps/YrCuxEMqap6Qe2Tb7>

"What 3 Words" app location <https://what3words.com/stepped.pavilions.tanning>

Shared by Gretchen & Jack Peckham

**REDSHANK RIDERS 2023 EVENT / ACTIVITY SCHEDULE
(tentative)**

01 - January	01/12 01/21 01/26 01/28	Membership meeting, soup potluck (Mike & Pebbles) Cahuilla Mtn. Trail work party #2 (Jack & Gretchen Peckham / Michael Lewis) contact Jack - jack@greytthreads.com or Mike - stumbli55@gmail.com Officers Training / Budget Meeting 4:30 PM (Mike & Pebbles) "By invitation only" Packing Practice (Mike & Pebbles) 12:00 noon start contact Mike: stumbli55@gmail.com
02 - February	02/04 - 02/05 02/09 02/11 02/25	BCHC State meeting - Visalia Membership meeting, potluck (Stacy Kuhns) contact - Stacy: stacykuhns@aol.com Eagle Rock Ride (Greg Bruce) 10:00 Ride out from Barrel Springs contact Greg: ribbinwoodrider@gmail.com Packing Practice (Mike & Pebbles) 12:00 noon start contact - Mike: stumbli55@gmail.com
03 - March	03/09 03/24 - 03/26	Membership meeting, potluck (Hope Adams) contact Hope - gaitedhorsesrus@gmail.com BCHC Rendezvous - CRC Ranch, Temecula
04 - April	04/06 04/13	PCTA Mission Creek pack-in 6 head of pack stock minimum needed contact - Mike: stumbli55@gmail.com Membership meeting, potluck (Jack & Gretchen Peckham) contact - Gretchen: gretchen@greytthreads.com
05 - May	05/10 05-13	PCTA Mission Creek pack-out pack stock needed TBD contact - Mike: stumbli55@gmail.com Membership meeting, dutch oven (Mike & Pebbles Lewis) Starts at 12:00
06 - June	06-10	Membership Meeting, Ride, & BBQ - Overnight? (Art & Diana's)
07 - July	07/13 07/28 - 07/29	Membership Meeting Hamilton Museum & Ranch Foundation fundraiser (at the Hamilton Museum) Would like to have a booth and do some demonstrations
08 - August	08/10	Membership Meeting
09 - September	09/14	Membership Meeting
10 - October	10/12 TBD	Membership Meeting Treasure Hunt - Members Only The Meadow at Lake Hemet?
11 - November	11/09	Membership Meeting
12 - December	TBD	Membership Meeting, Year End Party, Elections
TBD	TBD	Brown post campsite development Saw certification class

REDSHANK RIDERS



THINGS THAT SEEM FUNNY (to me) !

Alex Robinson, in a June 2023 article for Horse & Hound, shared “9 little white lies all horse riders will tell from time to time”. Here are my top 4:

1. I'll be back from the barn in a couple of hours!
2. I'll clean my tack tomorrow!
3. I needed another horse to keep mine company in the field!
4. I bought it on sale!

EQUINE RELATED BOOKS OR MOVIES THAT YOU MAY ENJOY:

Movies:

Francis the Talking Mule (1950) Oldie but goodie!

La Recua ~ The Mule Pack Train Movie (2021) Haven't seen this yet, but I want to!

Unbranded (2015) We all love this one!

Books:

McDougall, Christopher “Running With Sherman”. 2019. Knopf .

Videos:

Packing 101 – Saddling, by Michael Lewis (a youtube video from 11 years ago!!!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=avXLyxhBVXY>

SOME LOCAL EVENTS TO BROADEN YOUR HORIZONS AND MAY CLUTTER UP THE LOCAL ROADS!

- Anza Days....June 30 – July 1 @ Minor Park & the Community Hall
- Anza Days Parade....July 1 @ HWY 371, Anza
- Anza Community Hall Swap Meet....June 17 & July 15, Anza Community Hall
- Founders Day Country Fair, BBQ & Dance....July 29 @ Hamilton Museum

SOME UPCOMING EQUESTIAN EVENTS

Horse Yoga.....Sanctuary Stables, Anza, June 24, 2023, 0900, \$30.00

Lions Gymkana....Lions Gymkana Field, July 1, sign ups at 3pm, starts at 4pm

CDS-SD Dressage Show.....Galway Downs, June 16-18

California Ranch Company and multiple other venues have numerous events which can be found on their web-sites.



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RSR Meeting Thursday, Feb 9th
@ Stacy's home.
www.RedshankRiders.com



www.bchcalifornia.org

Attn: Members

If you are interested in hosting a trail ride please contact our Ride Coordinator, Gretchen Peckham to discuss it.

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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 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.