

REDSHANK RIDERS



An Affiliate of Backcountry Horsemen of California

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A group of dedicated men and women working to preserve the historic use of trails with recreational pack and saddle stock.

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Message from the President

Hello fellow back country horse men and women. Recently I heard someone make the statement that "we are not a riding club". I agree with that statement, but only to a point. I agree that we are not a club because I believe we are much more than a club. The Back Country Horsemen performs a very necessary role for our communities. Locally and nationally we keep a watch on the government agencies managing our public lands. Making sure they do their jobs and fulfill their obligations. Particularly when it comes to keeping trails open to horses. We also educate the public on how to protect our precious natural resources. We even provide volunteer services to help maintain those resources. Performing these community services can certainly give us a sense of well deserved satisfaction, but you know what, for me that's just not enough.

I think that what brought us together in the first place is our shared passion for riding and to socialize with our friends. We may not be a social club, but who better to socialize with than people who share similar interests. In my short time with this group I have already formed special relationships that frankly had been hard to find in other groups I have belonged to.

It's also important that we not forget that we are supposed to be having fun doing all this community stuff. The work that we do is certainly worthy, but, and I will say this over and over this year, this is a **volunteer organization**. We do what we can, when we can. Nothing more is expected.

We do the work because it makes us feel good, but just as important; we do it to fulfill a very human need to be part of a group. Being part of a social group also gives us opportunities to share experiences and knowledge with each other which is another important aspect for me. This group is loaded with experienced horse men and women and I for one want to learn all I can from each of you.

What I've been getting to is this; I'd like to see us get to know each other better, socialize more, and share more time together doing what we all love to do, ride.... As a start, Teri Baron, our treasurer, has graciously invited us all to her home for this month's meeting. We'll start off with a potluck dinner at 6:00 pm and then we'll have a couple of speakers who will talk to us about volunteering for the Forest Service and the PCTA (Pacific Crest Trail Assoc.) This is a "let's have some fun time", so please come on out and join us for what I know will be a good evening for all.



Unit Minutes For Meeting

Feb . 11th, 2010 in Aguanga Ca. at 6:59 P.M

Meeting called to order, previous months' minutes read, approved by Pete Spencer, seconded by Chuck Streeter.

Board Members in Attendance:

President: Bob Jones

Vice President: Chuck Streeter

Secretary: Robyn Prinzing

Trails: Pete Spencer

Members & guests present:

Audrey Turpin, Stacy Kuhns, Mark Donahoe, Linda Donahoe, Grant Donahoe, Mary Ann Kiger, Susan Uchimera, Cory Miller, Paula Bellish, Cathy Hahn, Rita Rodriguez, Pauline Costi, Don Kledener, Marsha Houle, Julie Schultz, Jules Mawson, Lori Block, David Potter, Susan Gonzalez, Rosie Garcia, Speaker was Jenniefer Taylor, and Marsha Houle.

At least six persons looking into joining the group

Treasurer: Not Present: Treasurers' report read by Bob Jones, additional items detailed via e-mail from Teri Baron, budget is still being worked on. Board members agreed this needs further discussion and changes. Motion by Pete Spencer, seconded by Chuck Streeter.

Possibility of Trail Trial further discussed, goals, needs, profit, etc.

Discussed affiliating with other Equestrian, biking, and hiking groups to have a stronger, organized voice when dealing with the county.

Pointed out that bikes and mechanized vehicles are not allowed in wilderness areas.

Membership: Currently 72 members, but we are adding new members, waiting for apps and checks to clear.

Next meeting bring membership applications, also Bob Jones needs to sign signatory card at Bank of Hemet.

Audrey Turpin and Stacey Kuhns discussed in more detail the trail trials, passed out info, looking for help in all areas, should be a fun, well attended and profitable event. Being held for two days at Stoneys Ranch off of Terwilliger Road.

Robyn to look into food, also see about Mike coming and playing guitar, cowboy poets, etc.

Motion to adjourn board meeting by Pete Spencer, seconded by Chuck Streeter at 7:18 P.M.

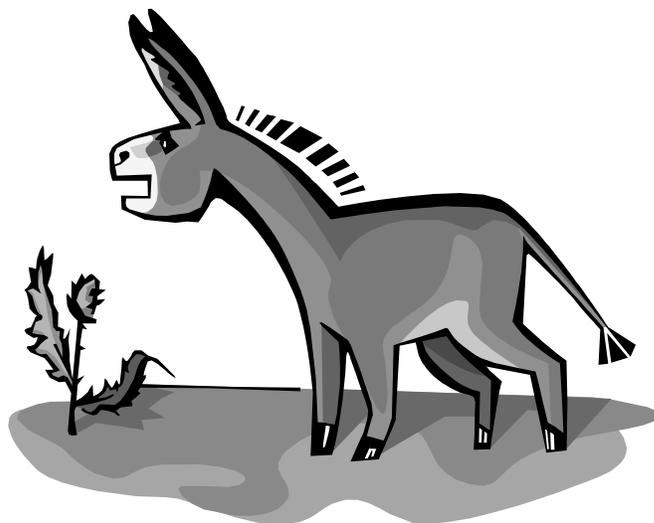
Jennifer Taylor gave a power-point presentation regarding the BLM and also talked about the Beauty Mountain Wilderness in our own immediate area. Bob Jones has a copy of her outline, she also gave him a map showing him the boundaries. Bob Jones lent this to Pete Spencer who wished to make copies. Jennifer also has a map of what the BLM considers existing trails, and explained how GPS coordinates for trash pick up, sign damage, and adding to the trail map will make it much easier for BLM to organize and recognize info provided by everyone.

Jennifer Taylors' phone number is 760-833-7117, Art Tracey, BLM rangers phone # is 760-831-7751.

She also passed out BLM folders, and volunteer service agreements.

Marsha Houle presented a talk and slides with pictures of Cahuilla Mountain with aerial photos that she paid for that show both sides of the mountain. She has ridden from the Tripp Flats side, back to Lake Riverside. She was very knowledgeable, and informative, and we are all looking forward to working more on this trail, cleaning up the spring, and enjoying this area. The forest service is still planning on a trail clean up in April 2010. Marsh plans on presenting this presentation to the Forest Service.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 P.M.





Backcountry Horsemen of California

REDSHANK RIDERS

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Presents a

***Sanctioned* CSHA TRAIL TRIAL**

PAC Approved

Region 11

Sunday- June 13, 2010

At

Stoneys Ranch in Anza, CA.

Come enjoy a 3-4 hour trail ride full of wildflowers, views, rolling hills and 10 obstacles to challenge you and your horse. Go to www.trailtrials.com

Entry \$40.00

Senior Judge- Rick Wagner

First rider out at 9:00 am

This event will be held in conjunction with a ACTHA CTC to be on Saturday June 12, 2010

Must go online to register for ACTHA CTC

Go to www.actha.us

Three great organizations

+

= **ONE GREAT WEEKEND!!**

Two fantastic events

Camping, Great Food, Photographer available.

Also, we will have on Saturday afternoon a BCHC Muleskinners arena style obstacle trail class.

(must be a BCHA Member to compete)



Contact: Audrey Turpin

951-852-1708 951-763-2172

upacreekranch@netzero.com

Stacy Kuhns

909- 633-1705

stacykuhns@aol.com

Directions: From Temecula take I-15 to Hwy 79 South (Indio) left onto Hwy 371 (Anza/Indio) Go through the small town of Anza to Kirby Rd. Make a right onto Kirby Rd.* It will turn into Terwilliger Rd. Follow it past the dump station and look for signs. Come to the PINK ranch gates and go through and close them. CATTLE are out. Follow the dirt road to camp. From Hemet: Take Hwy 74 up to the mountain to Hwy 371 turn right to* Kirby make a left and follow Directions from above. From Palm Desert Hwy 74 up the mountain make a left onto Hwy 371* turn right Kirby Rd and follow direction from above.



Entry for CSHA TRAIL TRIAL

(Need not be a member to ride)

To qualify for State Finals must be a member of CSHA

To join go to www.californiastatehorsemen.com or join the day of ride

Divisions

Circle ONE division AND circle ONE age group

Advanced

Intermediate

Novice

*17 yrs under

18-49 yrs

50 yrs +

*Riders under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. All 17 & Under riders must of written consent of parent or legal guardian. **Helmets must be worn by all Minors.**

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Emergency Contact _____

CSHA Membership # _____ Region _____

Horse _____ Description _____

Pre-entry must be postmark by June 7, 2010 \$35.00 _____

Adult Rider \$40.00 _____

Junior Rider \$25.00 _____

Camping all weekend \$12.00 _____

Total = _____

Mail Entries to : Audrey Turpin
Redshank Riders
43820 Scrub Oak
Aguanga, Ca. 92536

Sat Morning -Pastries,Coffee,Juice \$3.00
Sat Nite- Bar-B-Que \$10.00
Sun Morning -Breakfast Burritos \$5.00
Sun Afternoon- Hamburgers \$5.00

Please circle food choices to help us plan. Tentative Pricing

ACTHA entries for Saturdays ride must be made online at www.ACTHA.us

Packer's Corner

Pack Support for Warner Springs PCT

On Jan 31st the RSR provided the first of many pack supports for the PCTA crews going in to maintain the PCT in 2010. Four mules were provided to carry in tools and supplies for a 7 person crew who worked on the PCT between Warner Springs and Chihuahua Valley. Mike Lewis provided 2 mules and I provided 2 as well. We were supported by my son Josh and a good friend Forest Brueske. Entertainment was provided by my spooky little paint mule who that after carrying her load all the way in, decided she didn't want to be unloaded and headed back to the trailer on her own. I'll leave out the more embarrassing personal details. Suffice it to say that in the end we got the job done, but it was a long day that included some bumps and bruises for yours truly. But hey, I did learn a thing or two, so not a complete loss.

My thanks to Mike Lewis for his extensive packing experience and for bringing his two very well behaved mules. Also to my son, Josh and my buddy Forest. We couldn't have got it done without all you guys.

Next pack support is needed to pack in an even bigger PCTA crew to the same area. Pack-in is on Feb 26 and pack-out on March 7. They are asking for 6-8 pack animals.....

I think I'll leave the paint mule at home for that one :-)

Even if you don't have a pack animal but would like to get involved, please join us. All the help we can get will be appreciated and it's a great opportunity to learn about packing first hand.

Thanks,
Bob J



UPDATE

On Feb 26 the PCTA trail crew was successfully packed in by our RSR Packers to their camp approx. 8 miles ESE of Chihuahua Valley. Equipment and supplies for a crew of 13 for 10 days was packed in by 8 pack animals. Packing crew included Mike Lewis, Tom & Cathy Firth, Sherri Freeman, Robyn Prinzing and yours truly. The trail in had not been maintained for 8 years we were told. The ground was wet and loose and parts of it had a fairly high pucker factor. All went smoothly and we all lived to pack another day. Our hats off to the trail crew. They really had their work cut out for them bringing some 6-8 miles of trail back up to snuff.... Well done to all of you who participated. The work these trail crews do could not get done without our support.

Do you have pictures from a ride, an event, a great animal story or joke that you would like to share?

Let's put it in the newsletter. Your input is always appreciated!!

Email me at editor@redshankriders.com

Rhonda - Newsletter Editor & Webmaster

In this economy, MOST people are not looking or a horse. BUT, if any of you are or if you know someone that is, think about ADOPTING a STANDARDBRED. There are LOTS of these horses sitting in Rescues....waiting for a life.

The MAJORITY of STANDARDBREDS have temperaments much like Labrador dog. The one's that have raced have extremely VALUABLE training that will transform them into wonderful trail horses.

A bonus is, if they raced as a pacer....99% will GAIT under saddle. If you prefer a trotter....look at one that raced as a trotter.

There are several Rescues in the Sacramento area with Adoption fees ranging from \$ 0 to \$800....one rescue just received 12 MORE off the track....ranging in age from 3 to 11 ALL broke to harness, ALL accustomed to the commotion at a harness track. Check TROTR on a Google search for those particular horses.

In a month you will see what I mean.....our new STB "Whisky in a Jar" will be on the trail by March.

Check these horses out....they are VERY nice people :o)

Submitted by Sue Best, Warner Springs



We would like to welcome our New members to Redshank Riders and look forward to meeting them in the coming months

Carol Worrel

We would also like to thank our renewing members for their continuing support.

Pauline Costi

John & Paula Bellesi

Geri Ortega

Stacy Kuhns

Valerie Sexton

Valerie & Jerry Young

Tom Firth/Cathy Haun

Due for renewal? Let us know if you have not received your renewal notice.

Bill & Sue Best

Janet Burns

Angela Clark

Anita & Clint Dennison

Dick Price

2010 BCHC Rendezvous

March 19- 21

Merced County Fairgrounds

Our annual equine extravaganza for horse and mule folks of all persuasions.

www.bchcalifornia.org/id25.html

CHSA Trail Trial

Sunday- June 13, 2010

At

Stoneys Ranch in Anza, CA.

Download the form at

www.RedShankRiders.com

REDSHANK RIDERS UNIT MEETING

Next unit meeting: March 11th

Potluck @ 6:00 PM at

Teri Baron's Home

in Garner Valley

General Meeting

At 7:30 PM



www.BCHCalifornia.org

Redshank Riders HWY 371 Clean Up Feb. 17th, 2010

Wednesday February 17th was our first highway clean up day this year and we were fortunate to have a warm, sunny day. Most people would call this a chore, but the camaraderie of all the people who helped actually made this a fun day. We started at the Mobil station next to the Dairy Queen at noon. Our RSR "chain gang" included Cathy Haun, Allison Renck, Vickie DeMenge, Teri Baron, Bob and myself. We still had supplies from last year including gloves, trash pick up sticks, bags, and safety vests of course which by the way are very stylish!!



We worked from noon till 2:30 P.M. and collected about 20 bags of trash including recyclable items. Our group's stretch of highway extends from Bautista Rd through town to the Cal-Trans storage yard and it certainly needed some cleanup. I was amazed though at how fast the time went. The enthusiasm of everyone who was there made it an enjoyable time. It gave us all a chance to chat about Redshank events and things that were going on in each others lives. Afterwards we stopped and had something cold to drink, and talked a lot more about the upcoming trail trials, which everyone is excited about. I contacted Jody Mueller, our local Cal-Trans rep, who sincerely thanked us for our efforts and the bags were picked up from the highway by Friday. I appreciate all the help from everyone and want you to know how much I enjoyed working with you. It felt good to do this for our community and it made me proud to be member of the RSR.

Submitted by Robyn Prinzing

Directions to Teri Baron's House for the Potluck / Unit Meeting

Thursday - March 11th - 6:00 PM

Address: 60477 Devils Ladder Rd., Mountain Center, CA 92561. Coming from Anza/Aguanga area, turn left at the junction of 74 and 371, towards Idyllwild. Go approx. 2 miles. When you see the "Hidden Springs Ranch" sign on your right, slow down as the next street you come to is Devils Ladder. Turn left on Devils Ladder. It is the 5th house on the left. Stone pillars out front with a gate that will be open. Park anywhere along the length of the driveway. The front door is actually on the back side of the house.

Main meat dish will be supplied. The following should be listed for everything else.

A - I Desert

J- R - Appetizers

S-Z - Side dish, veggies, bread, salad etc

BYOB as well, sodas, coffee and water will be available.

POTLUCK

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

membership@bchcalifornia.org – (866) 748-2033

MAIL TO: Backcountry Horsemen of California
PO Box 1610
Oakdale, CA 95361-1610**PARENT Unit Affiliation:** (Select and CIRCLE ONE Unit as your Primary Unit Affiliation)

Antelope Valley	Kern River Valley	Mojave River	Redwood	Sequoia
Caballeros del Sol	Kern Sierra	Mother Lode	San Diego	Shasta Trinity
Eastern Sierra	Lake-Mendo	North Bay	San Gorgonio Pass	Sierra Freepackers
High Country	Los Padres	Ohlone Riders	San Joaquin Sierra	Sutter Buttes
High Sierra	Mid Valley	Redshank Riders	Santa Ana River	Top of the State

DCTR (your Membership Number): _____ (For new memberships, will be determined by Membership Coordinator)

MEMBER'S NAME—No Business Names; Print Clearly

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

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code (full 9 digits, if known) _____

() _____
Area Code Phone

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Check No.: _____

Parent Unit Membership Types: (CIRCLE ONE)**Individual \$40.00* Family \$50.00* Benefactor \$100.00 Patron \$250.00 Mt Whitney \$500.00**

* = BCHC shares portion of dues with Backcountry Horsemen of America.

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 line.

Application is available also online at:

<http://www.bchcalifornia.org/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/membershipapp.pdf>

Tentative Event & Ride Schedule 2010

March 2010

Mar. 5, 6, 7 Vallecito Days - Ramona*

Mar. 11th Unit Meeting at Teri Baron's House

Mar. 19-21 BCHC Rendezvous 2010 at Merced County Fairgrounds

April 2010

Apr. 2-4 Beauty Mountain Wilderness Overnight with San Diego Unit

Apr. 10th Lake Cahuilla Equestrian Campground workday

Apr. 10-11 Wildflower Rides*

May 2010

Anza Ride date TBA

June 2010

Jun 5th Garner Valley Ride

Jun 12 ACTHA CTC trail ride challenge

Jun 13 CSHA Trail Trial (flyer on page 5)

Ride Coordinator: Allison Renck (951) 763-0374

Please note: Items with an (*) by it are not Redshank Riders events and therefore may not be a BCHC affiliated event.

It's been years since I last rode down into Coyote Canyon to **Bailey's Cabin** and you know, it's nice that some things don't change. What a beautiful canyon and what a gorgeous day it turned out to be. The trail down was in pretty good shape considering all the rain we've had this year. There were plenty of water crossings and Mike Lewis took full advantage of them to teach his 2 year old filly that she wouldn't melt if she walked through. The other horses and mule led the way and she followed with no problem.

The riverbed below was another thing. At some point this winter the water had been flowing from canyon wall to canyon wall and all the trails were completely washed out. Bailey's Cabin is above the Upper Willows and we didn't venture further, but it appeared impassable. It looks like they will be starting from scratch making new trails down to the Vern Whitaker Horse Camp.

Bailey's Cabin and the corrals were in great shape and made an excellent lunch spot. The whole desert was green and when the weather warms I'm sure it will be an awesome bloom this year. Worth a return trip I think....

To my fellow riders, thanks for a great ride and an awesome day... Submitted by Bob Jones



2009 RAFFLE PRIZE DONORS

The Living Desert - Palm Desert

RL Saddle, Ron Lawson - Garner Valley

Tom Call Horseshoer - Anza

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Aguanga

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Elmore's Welding - Anza

Café Pauma at Casino Pauma - Pauma

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Susan Gonzalez, Artist - Garner Valley

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Laura's Hair Corral - Anza

Lorraine's Pet supply - Anza

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REI Outdoor Equipment and Clothing

Outlaw Hay & Grain - Anza

Roadside Café - Anza

Melody O'Driscoll - Coast & Country Real Estate

Tackwest- Temecula

Lydee Scudder Jin Shin Jyutsu Treatments - Garner Valley

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