

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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President's Message

Hi Guys,

Hope you all had a great New Year. Can you believe it is 2011? So what are your personal goals for 2011? Many have commented to ride more. A vital part of that is helping keep our trails open. We will be continuing the work that Bob Jones started in 2010. I tip my hat to Bob for getting an awesome working relationship with the BLM, and Forestry to mention a few agencies. I have been involved with this group and it has never had such a great interaction. Great forward motion baby... THANKS Bob

We have been working for many years with the County of Riverside. It is all about building relationships. I remember hearing a couple of years ago "no way, they won't do anything". HA. We finally get to see what we have been working toward. We have been approved for two horse gates leading into the Wilderness, a third gate is pending a study and we also got approval with sign markers in the Beauty Mountain Range. Victory and Yahoo for us! This is what we do with the money raised at our events in addition to building and maintaining trails. Other comments are also looking at building Staging areas, corrals, water tanks. If you want to ride somewhere, besides your own property I hope you can come help us keep the trails open. It will not be a year of only hard labor, bustin' rocks and blisters, but we do need to do a few things and would invite you all to help. The more we have helping makes the work go easier and faster. It is a lot of pride to ride a trail that you helped build or helped maintained. Oh and there will always be laughter and building friendships.

BCHC Rendezvous "Building Wilderness Skills" April 1-3, 2011 Red Bluff at Tehama County Fairgrounds. Mark your calendar, if you have never attended it will be a lot of fun. Did someone say "road trip?" There will be more info as I get it. This year it is at the top of the state.

I want to welcome the new faces to our new board. This is going to be an exciting year. We have new blood (new ideas) and working with the wise ones from the unit that has got us this far with our success. Great combination!!

Equine affair in Pomona is right around the corner. We will need volunteers for the BCHC booth. [If you are able to help at the booth please let me know ASAP.](#) The dates for the Equine Affaire are Feb 3-6 2011.

If you would like to host a ride (share your favorite riding spots with others) please let us know, so we can put the month you'd like on the calendar.

I would like to see what your desires for YOUR unit are for 2011. Feel free to give me a call, come to a meeting, or drop me an email with your suggestions.

I would like to help make this unit successful in 2011. The board will be meeting in Jan. to discuss a schedule of events, fundraisers, etc. We will have the budget ready to go by the Feb. meeting for approval. Meetings are the second Thursday of the month unless specified differently.

The Feb. 10th meeting will be at my new digs in Lake Riverside. It will be a potluck. look for more info in this newsletter.

C-ya on the trail, Stacy

December 6th, 2010 Ride/ Meeting Redshank Riders

- 20 Riders, 32 Attendees
- Presentation of cups donated by Bob and Robyn
 - Trail bosses – Stacey Kuhns and Audrey Turpin
 - Pathfinder-Tom Firth
 - Anchor-man-Pete Spencer
 - Top Hand-Mike Lewis
- Mentioned how we have just about tripled our bank account this year
- Membership has grown
- Group has great enthusiasm
- Put trails in the BMW on the map, 12 to 15 miles
- Volunteer hours, thousands donated to the various groups
- Looking forward to next years events, put out your ideas
- Election of new officers:
 - President-Stacy Kuhns
 - Vice President-Audrey Turpin
 - Secretary-Anne York

- Treasurer-Mike Lewis
- Public Lands-Pete Spencer
- Education-Allison Renck
- Trail Committee-Allison Renck
- Membership-Carol Schmul
- **Ride Committee:**
 - ⇒ Cathy Firth
 - ⇒ Sandi Korman
 - ⇒ Robyn Prinzing
 - ⇒ Teri Pirillo
- Rhonda-Newsletter



**January 2011 Meeting Thursday,
Jan. 13th**

**Board Meeting at 6:00 pm General
Meeting at 7:00 pm**

**At The Little Red Schoolhouse in Anza
on Hwy 371 & Contreras Road**



FEBRUARY Unit/Potluck Meeting Thursday, Feb. 10th at Stacy's house 6:30PM
Address: 42405 Indian Hill Trail Aguanga (Lake Riverside)

Directions: From the north gate (where guard shack was) pull into Lake Riverside and the first street is Indian Hill trail, turn left and follow road. I am the first driveway on the right after the storm channel.

A - I	Appetizers
J - R	Side dish, veggies, bread
S - Z	Desert
Main Dish will be provided by Stacy	

Coffee, Tea and water will also be available. Please RSVP at least 1 week before (by Feb 4th) to Stacy at (909) 633-1705 or via email at Stacykuhns@aol.com

Berms, Boulders, and Bomb Craters

Many of you have heard Bob Jones talk about the Sloan Property, up Morris Ranch Road above Garner Valley. Some of you may have ridden the steep road that leads to the upper lake on the property and cross' the PCT. Well, if you are planning a ride up there, things have changed. On December 5th I took a drive up to the property. I had heard that the Forest Service was removing the old structures, and I wanted to see what the area looked like.

The FS did a great job at removing all the structures, cisterns, piping, fencing, and litter. If I had not been familiar with the property, I would have had a tough time figuring out where the houses once stood, and where the cisterns had been. The old gateway was removed, and there is now a turn-around and parking area just beyond the old gate. The parking is limited, and you cannot pull a trailer into the site. No road improvements have been made. You still need to park at Goff Flats and ride from there.

The FS also de-motorized the old roads on this property. They dug craters and berms, and moved humongous boulders into the old roadways. At the present time, it may be impossible to ride a horse up to the upper lake and access the PCT. I only walked up to the lower pond, which is about 150 to 200 yards beyond the parking area. It was a tough walk negotiating the obstacles and the climb just to the first pond was a work out. I don't know how far they went up the road digging holes and such; but, they did go beyond the lower pond. At the present time, I would caution against anyone planning on taking a leisurely ride up to the area. It just didn't appear safe for horses.

Submitted by Ron Lawson

Member, Redshank Riders

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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MAIL TO: Backcountry Horsemen of California
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Oakdale, CA 95361-1610

PARENT Unit Affiliation: (Select and CIRCLE ONE Unit as your Primary Unit Affiliation)

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|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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)

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Unit Name (from above list)

Please write additional choices on back.

Please clip form along dashed line.



2011 Board

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| Stacy Kuhns
President | Pete Spencer
Public Lands | Anne York
Secretary | Audrey Turpin
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2010 Christmas Ride/Meeting

I don't know of a better way to start the holidays early than by taking a ride with your friends. Terry Pirillo was kind enough to volunteer her home and hospitality to host our Redshank Riders Christmas party. Audrey and Stacey donated and cooked the wonderful pulled pork and barbecued beef, and all the members brought a variety of side dishes including cookies, shrimp, snacks, salads, too many yummy items to name them all!!



We had twenty riders, mounted and dressed up in their holiday finery. There were lots of red sweaters, Santa hats and items draped on the horses including bells made if fun and festive. Of course with any ride we had some early excitement to start the ride, including my Katie mule deciding that she had to go everywhere that Bob's horse went!! I could almost forgive her in that she had spent two weeks on the PCT following Bob and his horse on a 160 mile ride from our place to his daughters' house in Lake Arrowhead.



Anne York's handsome three year old Arabian gelding decided that he could do "airs above the ground" and tip toed around on his back legs to let everyone know he could not wait to go!! The trail was well marked by Terry, and had some good climbs, amazing vistas and proved to be fun with a bit of challenge thrown in to keep it interesting. The surprise of the ride was a young rattlesnake right next to the trail that had forgotten to hibernate; he did not even rattle, and did not cause anyone to have any issues with their horses!!



After a fun two hours which included crossing a horse gate, and going in and out of a few private properties where Terry had gotten permission to cross, we got back, tied up and got ready to get down to the important business at hand, eating and opening presents!!!Wow the food was good!! Lots of everything, no one went away hungry, and most of us were officially stuffed. After the feast, the serious business of the actual meeting took place.

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Bob surprised a lot of the members by the mug presentation. He presented mugs to Stacey and Audrey as the official trail bosses for their hard work putting together the very successful trail trials where the RSR had a fun, well attended event that definitely put our group ahead financially. Cathy Firth took home the Pathfinder mug to give to Tom Firth for his hard work and dedication to helping get a lot of the local BMW trails on the map that is now officially recognized by the BLM.

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Pete Spencer received the Anchor Man mug for his continued dedication to all of the political dealings with the state and national boards, and for being our spokesman at Rendezvous and the State Meetings, he excels in keeping the group up to date with so many things, hence he is our anchor! Lastly Mike Lewis rightly deserved the Top Hand award. He along with others volunteered and packed for all three of the agencies including the PCT, FSVA, and the BLM. His string of mules logged a lot of miles, and on top of that he contributed some well written and enjoyable articles for the newsletter.



We all want to thank Rhonda Strickland for her continued dedication to making the newsletter interesting, creative and fun to read. She spends hours every month not only on the newsletter, but also updating the web-site with all the information that everyone needs to know about. She literally sends out hundreds of e-mails to keep us updated between newsletters, we would not be successful without her. It makes me proud to be associated with a group of dedicated, involved and enthusiastic members.

The ice cream on the cake so to speak was the exchange of the secret gifts. There were a lot of people who definitely over spent their budget and put in some great gifts!!

Everyone enjoyed the gift exchange, and that is why we all continue to do it, enjoy it, and want this tradition to continue. Just as we were done and starting to pack up, we actually had a few little sprinkles fall, but no one got wet. I raise my cup to our group for the completion of another successful year, I am so glad I am part of this group, and look forward to next year helping us all get out there and ride the trails!!!

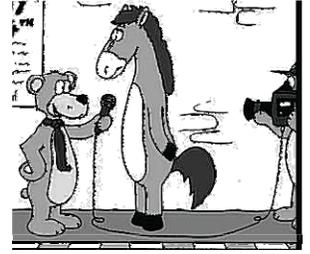
Story submitted by Robyn Prinzing, Secretary 2010 - Photos submitted by Anne York, Sandy Chesswin, & Rhonda Strickland - To see more pictures from this event go to www.RedshankRiders.com



THE NEWS ROOM

Read, Discuss, Act

New Hitching Post installed at Keyways Winery



Backcountry Horsemen,

The Lake-Mendo unit is interested in having several day rides into the Ishi Wilderness Area as a fund raiser for us, prior to our 2011 Rendezvous on Wednesday 3/30 or Thursday 3/31/2011. We would trailer to a trailhead about 1/2 hour from the Rendezvous to begin the ride which would last about 4 hours. We have several different trail options. The price will be \$20.00 and would include a lunch. The chosen area is a beautiful riparian, canyons, meadows and mixed forest cover, that is full of wildflowers at this time of year. This would be a weather permitted ride.

This is a unique area and full of beauty and mystery. Ishi was the last wild Indian in North America, and he stepped into our world in 1911, and out of his stone-age existence. There are several books about Ishi, and if you want to ride with us, it would be even more interesting to look into his life here in Northern California.

The fairgrounds have indicated to us that there will be no charge for horses high-lined or tied at the trailers, and we have also confirmed this with Larry Shuman. The price of a stall will be \$20 per day, and a pen will be \$6. These options are up to the individual. We will not make these reservations for stalls/pens for you! There is also a ride for life going on during Rendezvous so the number of spaces that will be available is currently unknown. At this time we are asking anyone who is interested to email or call us with a note of interest so we can proceed with planning. Time is limited, so your prompt reply will be appreciated. We need to hear from folks no later than 1/25/11.

Please email littlebigdogs04@yahoo.com or call (707) 275-2536. The Knispel's.

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

Your input is always appreciated!!

Email me at redshank.webmaster@gmail.com

Rhonda

Newsletter Editor

& Webmaster



Donations for Turkey/Poker Ride

Turkeys:

Allison Reneck
Kim Snow
Chuck Streeter

Raffle Donations:

Pebbles & Mike Lewis
Audrey Turpin
Ron Lawson
Susan Gonzalez
Anne York
Dairy Queen
Ace Hardware
Outlaw Hay & Grain

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Greg Bruce - Equine Dentistry
Empire Farrier
Inland Vet Supply
National Horse Blankets
Roadside Café
Round Up Feed
Star Milling



Tentative Event & Ride Schedule 2011

Jan 13- Redshank Unit meeting 6:30 pm - Little Red Schoolhouse

Feb 10- Redshank Unit meeting 6:30 pm - at Stacy Kuhns - (see pg 2)

Feb 3-6- Equine affair in Pomona

Apr 1-3rd, 2011- Rendezvous in Red Bluff, CA

2011 RIDE COMMITTEE:

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- o Robyn Prinzing
- o Teri Pirillo

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Jan. Unit Meeting Thurs. 1/13
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