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Hi Gang

Well I hope everyone has dug out of the tundra. We got to see icicles on horse eyelashes and that was crazy. We have all been behind the scenes working on the BIG EVENT, The Bunny Treasure Hunt on Sunday April 15th. If you haven't had a chance, give Carol a holler and get registered. Oh man, This is gonna be awesome. Laurie has been running around and gathering up items for the raffle. Oh my. there are over 40 items and they are all very kool stuff. You have done a spectacular job Laurie and have put a lot of effort in this project. Laurie is a new member less than a year) and she jumped right in. Our raffles generate most of our event income. I am very hopeful we will do very well. This is where all members step in. I challenge you to attend the event and bring along a friend to sign up as a new member. We are giving new members \$5.00 in raffle tickets! So tell all your friends what a fun time we have and come join up. All riders will receive a "goody bag" supplied by some of our sponsors. Audrey and I had to "test out" the taco Bar, Oh yum. That was good stuff.

We are doing the raffle in a style that will let you win what you want to. If there is one item you just gotta have, then put a bunch of your tickets in the container, that will improve your odds!! Wow I was looking over the list of items and we have items that are great to get even if you do not have a horse at this time. There are tickets for Palm Springs Tram, Pirates adventure dinner, Oh there are some very cool hand crafted items from the talented ones from our unit; including painting, leather work, clothing, wood working, etc. Wow, there are so many choices to make. There are aluminum stirrups, Tack, Dental float (\$200.00), food items, haircuts and trims. This is a partial list, there are so many choices.

We are very excited to do the treasure hunt event in Garner Valley this year. What a pretty place to hang out at and ride. We will be doing some education on gentle use and livestock restraint on sat afternoon. Chuck will be the chief spaghetti man on sat night. We will be all hanging out around the camp fire at the spaghetti potluck and swapping horse stories and telling lies. Come join us for the weekend.

Mark your calendar, you are now busy riding to Eagle Rock on Sunday May 13th. What a great way to spend Mothers day, doing what YOU want...I will be hosting the ride. If you have ridden the PTC from the fire station on Hwy 79, You are in for a treat, coming from the other side. It is very different terrain from the other side (barrel Springs). This is a good easy ride. It has a water crossing and a step over to negotiate. Well once I rode there and we came across a bazillion grass hoppers that we were apparently in their way, they were everywhere. It turned out ok, we laughed about it later. Flyer is in newsletter.

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The students at Warner Springs FFA made a couple of metal mules. We use them for education on "packing" and we will bring to the Treasure hunt for anyone that wants a refresher from the pack clinic, or just play. The students did mine special!! That's Sherry Freeman. Great job. For those of you that would like to support the FFA dept there is a fundraiser in April. We have the flyer in this newsletter.

Mike has been working on the pack saddle and we will be bringing pics and raffle tickets to all events till drawing on Christmas ride. Whoo Hoo. Awesome, thanks Mike. The next monthly meeting will be at the Little Red Schoolhouse in Anza at 7pm on April 12th. Cya there

**For your convenience, all board members contact information is on the 1st page of each newsletter*

Redshank Riders March 8, 2012

Meeting Minutes

Location: Little Red Schoolhouse

Meeting began at 7:10 pm

16 Attendees , one guest Robert (w/ Susan). Anne read the minutes from February; Gil moved to accept, Chuck 2nd.

Treasurers Report: Mike reported income from raffle/pack saddle, sponsorships and dues rebates. No expenses.

Ending balance \$4,875.54

Membership Report: Carol reported that we lost 8 members last month and 8 more memberships due to expire in April. There will be a membership booth at the Treasure Hunt. Membership checks and Treasure Hunt entry checks must be made out separately.

Trail Development & Maintenance: Mike will hold another Packing Clinic sometime after June.

There will be a Trail Skills College teaching reconstruction and maintenance made available from a grant from REI. Date TBA.

Adopt a Highway: No report

Public Lands: Our contribution was greater than originally calculated. The updated amount is \$42,064.36.

Laurie announced that the local paper (High Country Journal) wants to do an article about RSR.

Education: Tom will be doing a "Leave No Trace" demo at the TH Ride on Saturday.

Newsletter: Not present ~ no report

Historian: Carol is working on the 2012 book and has received photos from Mike, Stacy, Laurie & Rhonda.

Unfinished Business: No report

New Business: Laurie is looking into setting up a CPR class for RSR members. Audrey needs the Round Pen raffle tickets or the monies collected by 3/20 for Rendezvous. Gill is going to pick up the brush saw from Pete's.

Ron announced that the Forest Service has purchased Garner Valley Ranch as well as part of Flemming Ranch.

The Forest Service's budget has been cut so volunteers for trail maintenance are needed.

Rides: Next ride is with Allison on the PCT. Treasure Hunt membership drive will be April 15th. Continental breakfast and Taco Bar Sunday, Saturday evening pot luck and spaghetti. Need volunteers to help coordinate rig parking.

Meeting Adjourned: at 8:25 pm.





Beauty Mountain Ride, Feb. 2012



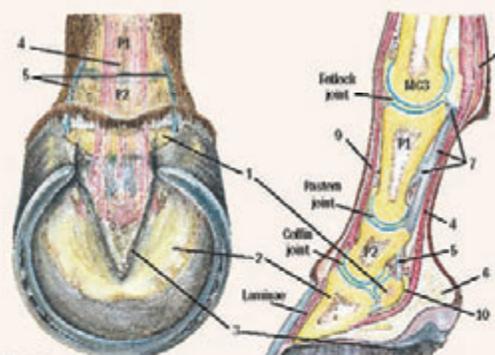
Guided Tour: Horse Hoof Anatomy By Christy West Part I: Basic Anatomy/Physiology Concepts

"I think of the horse's foot as a model, and try to envision the parts fitting together from the inside out (starting with the bones)," says Parks. "Bones support weight and act as levers (soft tissues move them to mobilize the limb and, thus, the entire horse). The animal and its hooves get their basic structure from the bones (bone shapes vary, leading to variable hoof shapes). Then the bones have to articulate (fit together), so you have joints. Joint shape depends on how the bones fit and move together. Ligaments hold bones together at joints and control their range of motion (direction/distance of movement). "But so far we still don't have any way to move those joints, which is where muscles and tendons come in—they are the motors and pulleys of this mechanical system (tendons attach the muscles to bones)," he adds. "The muscles provide force to move joints and stabilize them. "Then we have the nervous system within the foot, which controls its movement and also provides constant feedback to the animal regarding where the foot is, so he can correct its placement as needed," he says. "Lastly, there's the circulatory (blood) system, which delivers nutrients, oxygen, and everything else the tissues need."

From: TheHorse.com/Step_By_Step Part I
Arnd Bronkhorst

January 2010 The Horse TheHorse.com 47 (Submitted by Stacy Kuhns)

THE BONES AND STRUCTURES OF THE FOOT



DR. MARCOFERRARI/ISTOCKPHOTO

REDSHANK RIDERS BCHC TENTATIVE RIDE AND EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2012

- ~~March 31st Saturday-PCT to Coyote Canyon host Alisson RSVP 951 663 5452~~
- April 15th Sunday-We have our Bunny Hunt and membership drive, with camping and fun the night before at Fobes Ranch in Garner Valley. For more info refer to flyer or call Stacy or Audrey
- May 13th Sunday-Mother's Day Eagle Rock host Stacy stacykuhns@aol.com 909-633-1705
- June date TBA-Santa Margarita River host Anne York anne@starfiredesignstudio.com (951) 662-2928
- July TBA-Ramona Trail in Garner Valley host Chuck Streeter
- August TBA
- September TBA
- October TBA-Apple Canyon host Kormans (951) 659-0332
- November 3rd Saturday-Unit Poker ride, location TBA.
- Dec 2nd Sunday-Christmas ride location TBA

As you see, we have two months that we do not have a ride scheduled for, Aug and Sept. If you are interested in showing us your favorite ride, please contact Ron or Sandy Korman.

Next
 General
 Meeting
 Thursday,
 Apr 12th
 @ the
 Little
 Red
 Schoolhouse
 in
 Anza
 @
 7:00 pm

Warner Springs FFA Benefit Trail Ride Series



The Warner Spring's FFA is excited to announce this year's Trail Ride Series. Proceeds raised from the trail-ride fundraisers will be used to send students to the State FFA Leadership Conference in Fresno, CA.

Schedule and Pricing:

April 13-15	Eagle Rock Trail Ride Warner Springs	\$100.00
April 27-29	Lost Valley Trail Ride Lost Valley Boy Scout Camp	\$150.00
May 18-20	Los Coyotes Trail Ride Los Coyotes Indian Reservation	\$100.00

(The Benefit Trail Rides will all include lots of campfire cooking)



RSVP 5 days prior to event- Make Checks Payable to WUSD

Contact: Sherri Freeman
 Address: P.O. Box 8 Warner Springs, Ca 92086
 E-mail: freemans@sdcoc.k12.ca.us
 Phone #: 951-204-8697

Thank you for your support!

FOREST SERVICE DEFIES FEDERAL COURT Will Continue To Charge Recreation Fees Ruled Illegal By 9th Circuit



In a [press release](#) issued March 1, 2012, the US Forest Service said they will continue to charge recreation fees that were recently ruled illegal by a unanimous [decision](#) in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) allows the Forest Service to charge a fee for use of developed recreation sites, but it prohibits charging those who don't actually use the developed facilities. The Forest Service has been evading the prohibitions in the FLREA by charging a fee for all uses within areas they designated as High Impact Recreation Areas, or HIRAs. There are [96](#)

[HIRAs](#) nationwide. The agency claims that within a HIRA they can charge a fee for any use because developed facilities are provided, regardless whether they are used or not.

In a ruling that is binding in nine western states and sets a nationwide legal precedent, the 9th Circuit emphatically disagreed. Writing for the panel, Judge Robert Gettleman likened the Forest Service's HIRA argument to a restaurant patron confronted with an unexpected entry on his bill:

"If told that the fee was for ten bottles of wine that the patron's group neither ordered nor drank, the patron would rightly be outraged. He would not find much solace in a waiter's explanation that the wine cellar contained ten bottles, which the patron could have ordered if he wished."

In their [press release](#), the Forest Service says the ruling will have no effect on their recreation fees. They cite an internal review of HIRAs that has been underway since spring 2011, implying that the review was somehow the result of the court decision despite the contradictory timeframes. The internal review resulted in a recommendation in January to jettison the HIRA terminology, although what changes, if any, would result on the ground was uncertain. The review's findings were to go to regional citizen advisory committees, a process that could take over a year.

"That's absurd," says Western Slope No-Fee Coalition President Kitty Benzar, who contends that the 9th Circuit decision trumps any internal review process. "A federal agency does not need an advisory committee to tell them how to comply with a federal court decision. The Forest Service does have a window of time in which to appeal, but once the decision takes effect compliance must follow immediately."

Benzar speculated that the Forest Service will try to avoid landing back in court by ceasing to issue Violation Notices for failure to pay fees. Instead, they may turn to Notices of Required Fee (NRF). Citing a [2009 internal Forest Service memo](#), Benzar said that NRFs "are nothing more than a request for a voluntary donation to the Forest Service" and can be ignored. They may resemble a Violation Notice, she said, but they carry no fine or other penalty.

"The agency knows it cannot convict people who have not violated any law, but they threaten prosecution anyway. It's important for visitors to the National Forests to be aware of the 9th Circuit decision, so they won't be intimidated into paying fees they do not owe," said Benzar.

According to Judge Gettleman, "Everyone is entitled to enter national forests without paying a cent."

The Western Slope No-Fee Coalition is a broad-based organization consisting of diverse interests including hiking, biking, boating, equestrian and motorized enthusiasts, community groups, local and state elected officials, conservatives and liberals, Republicans and Democrats, and just plain citizens. (Submitted by Stacy Kuhns)

Here is some information on Winter Blanketing that may surprise you.

Reprint from RSR FB Page originally from Big Sky Morgan Horse Association (Submitted by Stacy Kuhns)

This is the result of a multi-year study done by CSU, using state of the art thermal detection equipment. Colorado State University is widely considered to be one of the top three equine veterinary schools in the country:

Blanketing horses is one of the worst things that you can do to a horse in the winter. Horses have the ability to loft and lower their coats to 17 different levels, so it's like exchanging 17 different thermal weights of blankets off and on them all day and night, depending on what they need- except that we don't know what they need as well as they do. Their 'self-blanketing' process works a little like 'chill bumps' do in our own skin. That's why long-haired horses may seem fluffier on some days than on others. Only three things make the 'self-blanketing' process not work: blanketing, clipping, and wind. Not even snow or rain stops their own thermostats from doing the job. Also horses are in 'neutral' (meaning not using energy for either heating or cooling) when the air around them is between 26 and 38 degrees. Otherwise, they're using energy to control their temps. So- since they're cooling their bodies when the temp is over 38 degrees, they're having to use extra energy to cool themselves when blanketed in temperatures over that. Any time a horse that is outside and has a long coat is shivering, it's because the horse has opted to shiver to warm itself, instead of using the option of moving. Moving generates a considerable amount of heat for a horse, but they sometimes stand and shiver while napping, etc. It does not mean that they need to be blanketed. However- a horse **MUST** have a way to get out of the wind in order for their 'self-blanketing' abilities to function fully. It turns out that blanketing is done more for pleasing the human, than to fill a need of the horse. The horse blanket industry has done a great job of making us think that their product is a necessary part of good horse keeping- when it is actually an item that is very seldom needed.

Here are just a few of the more than 30 Raffle Items that will be available at the Treasure Hunt Ride on April 15th

Dinner & Tourment for 2



29" x 32". Artwork



Leather figure 8 hobbles



Special Thanks to Raffle coordinator: Laura Stanton

Various Different Items from



Palm Springs Aerial Tramway



Hornblower Cruises, San Diego



Gift Certificates from



See page 7
for flier
for
this event

Los Caballos Riders has reserved the Cuyamaca Group Camp and has a few reservations available
July 18-23 \$125.00 per horse

Call Mike Downer for reservation and info 951-766-5454

www.RedShankRiders.com

REDSHANK RIDERS



Annual Membership Drive

Treasure Hunt Ride

Sunday, April 15, 2012

First Team Out 9:00am, Last Team Out 11:30am

Fobes Ranch • Garner Valley • Hwy 74



Full Taco Bar!!!

Price includes Early dinner Sunday

• Member Price: \$35 (RSVP) / \$40(door) • Dinner Only: \$15 (RSVP) / \$20(door)

Bring proof of BCHC membership

Bring your own chairs to watch the fun!

New Members will Receive \$5.00 in Raffle Tickets!

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Bring water and feed for your horse.

Continental Breakfast Available Sunday Morning

No Stallions - No Ponying - Riders 18 & under must wear helmet

DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH - NO LOOSE DOGS IN CAMP - NO DOGS ON TRAIL!

Contact Audrey 951-852-1708 or Stacy 909-633-1705

From Temecula: Go to Hwy 371 through Anza to Hwy 74. Left onto 74 past the Fire Station watch for Redshank Riders BCHC signs right onto Fobes Ranch Rd

From Hemet: Take CA 74 up the hill past Lake Hemet then watch for signs to turn left onto Fobes Ranch Rd

From Palm Springs CA 74 up the hill past Hwy 371 past the Fire Station and watch for Redshank Riders BCHC signs right onto Fobes Ranch Rd.

Mail Entry in early **Advanced Registration Form** by Monday, April 9

Name: _____ Team with _____

Address _____ City _____

Phone (____) _____ email _____

Saturday Potluck yes no Circle one Salad Side dish Main dish Appetizer

Ride \$ _____ Membership \$ _____ Dinner only \$ _____ Total Amount enclosed \$ _____

make checks payable to redshank riders Mail entry to : Carol Schmuhl 40682 Ivel Road, Hemet, CA 92544

www.BCHCCalifornia.org

BCHC RIDE Sunday MAY 13 2012



WHERE: EAGLE ROCK ON PACIFIC CREST TRAIL

TIME OF RIDE OUT: 10 am

LENGTH OF RIDE: 4 hours

DIRECTIONS: take highway 79 south Pass Warner Springs to S2 turn left and go to S22 turn left toward Ranchita. Follow S22 to PCT Barrel springs trail head parking on the right side of road. It is past the giant mounds of material from the County and you will see a pull out down the road on the right.

LEVEL OF RIDE LEVEL 2: WATER CROSSING AND A GATE STEP OVER
CONTACT FOR ANY QUESTIONS STACY 909-633-1705 STACYKUHNS@AOL.COM

DESCRIPTIONS: SHOES ARE NOT REQUIRED, WATER CROSSINGS, ETC

MEMBERS ONLY RIDE. Bring your camera, pack your lunch, we will eat on the trail. **CYA THERE!**

Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinic for Dogs on April 20-21

This clinic is a safe, humane and proven way to teach your dog to avoid rattlesnakes.

For more info contact: Elin Motherhead 18575 Vista De Montanas, Murrieta, CA 92562

1-951-677-9849

elinmotherhead1@verizon.net

This Clinic is taught by professional dog and snake handlers.

The Santa Rosa Plateau Riding Club is the event Sponsor

Rattlesnake Vaccines by 'Dr. Bob' on 4/21 on the Santa Rosa Plateau in Murrieta



April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 RSR General Meeting	13	14 Pre-Treasure Hunt Ride Potluck
15 Treasure Hunt Ride	16	17	18	19	20 Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinic for Dogs	21 Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinic for Dogs
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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Unit Meeting
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P.O. BOX 383

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Redshank Riders



***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.