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Hello Redshank Riders

Hi Redshank Riders,

At the risk of sounding trite, I have to ask, where did the summer go? In my head it seems like it should still be May, but instead my riding buddies who work as teachers are heading back to the classrooms next week. So many things still need to get done before the days get short again! Remembering my early years helps me to appreciate just how lucky we are here in Southern California, in that we can ride pretty much year round. I don't know the stats on our group about who was born and raised here, but as a transplant from Illinois I am here to tell you that it is quite a different story in most of the rest of our nation. I am the first one to forget that now and complain about the weather.

Enough whining - we had great day last weekend for the Highway Cleanup organized by Cathy Firth. I don't think we got the word out enough as only a small (but mighty) group showed up. The overcast sky made it cool and so much easier. We got a lot done.



The "Anza Days" Parade was a nice day too. Laurie organized us once again and did a wonderful job. After the parade we enjoyed a pot-luck brunch and had a great visit. We even attracted a few new members. It was fun to see many of the Anza residents all come together for a day. I may never get over the embarrassment of being the ONLY one who followed the theme and showed up in a costume. Yes - that was me; "Bat Girl" on Elvis (aka the Bat-Mobile.) Thanks a bunch you guys!

A special "pat on the back" goes out to Allison for her efforts to ensure that Anza becomes a Trail Town. She led a meeting a few weeks ago at the Community Center that was well attended and resulted in some great ideas and discussion on the possibilities. The next meeting will be on August 15th. Anyone who is interested in participating on the committee is welcome to join us! Contact Allison for info: Ali9591@aol.com

Our next General Meeting will be held on August 14th, at the Little Red Schoolhouse. Fingers crossed that we will have member Janet Worts there to give us a report on her Tevis Ride which she will have just (hopefully!) completed a few days prior on August 9th. She has completed this 100 mile 1-day ride 3 times already, so hoping for #4! I will be crewing for her and enjoying myself watching some of the finest horse and rider teams that you could find anywhere. I'm planning to ride it myself next year. Oh wait... that is what I said last year and the year before. We'll see...

Happy Trails & Don't Fence Me In!

Anne

BCHC Redshank Unit Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2014

Call to Order at 7:09pm - 12 members present

2 guests: Maryanne & Ed Pruitt

Reports:

June Minutes Read – Tom Firth Motioned – Greg Bruce seconded – Approved as read

Treasurer Report: Gail McCreight Ending Balance \$4540.51

Membership: Carol Schmuhl: 29 Families / 58 Persons

Individual: 35 Associate: 5 Benefactor: 1

Total memberships-70/99 persons - Total expired this month 3 families / emailed reminders are working well. Allison and Carol distributed membership applications at the parade.

Historian: Carol Schmuhl: June July newsletter placed in archives.

Trail Development & Maintenance: Allison Renck- July 13 Sunday at Tule Peak Trailhead for Beauty Mountain Wilderness 7:30 am till we are to hot to work. Bob Jones will supply generator have power. T-post to string wire. Need to bring post pounder ,chain saw, gloves and long sleeves. Allison will bring EZ-Up, watermelon and water. Mike will bring his truck with first aid kit, gates, concrete and hardhats.

Tom Firth has been playing phone tag with BLM rep. of Cheryl to maybe get signage of Wilderness Rules and no motorized vehicles for Tule Peak Trail Head. The Misty

Meadows Trailhead will be more difficult to construct.

Ribbonwood Equestrian Campout and work party on September 27. We will have free overnight camping on Friday Night and Saturday Night for 10 corrals (20 Horses) in exchange for helping on work party to Cactus Springs. Allison will feed lunch to workers on Saturday afternoon with Gail ,Cathy and Carol helping with lunch. RSVP to Allison Renck Celebrating 50th anniversary of the Wilderness ACT and National Public Lands Day.

Trail Development & Maintenance: Mike Lewis: Mike, Tom and Dan worked at taking a large 5 foot diameter tree off the PCT trail with grip hoists and manual crosscut saw. Took 5 hours to cut thru. Took load into Admin Camp to re build tool shed that burned in fire. Packed supplies into water tower. Fish stocking was actually fish shocking the creek was dry so no fish! Looking toward fall (October) to hopefully pack in for Tamarisk Project in Palm Canyon.

Adopt a Highway: Cathy Firth- July 19 Sat. 8-10 am met at Chevron Station

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Laurie Stanton did an outstanding job organizing the Anza 4th of July Parade for the Redshank Group. Anne York was Bat girl with Elvis the Batmobile, Stacy rode Hobo to two trophies for best mule and also carried the American Flag. Laurie made her truck a float. Every one had a good time and wants a parade committee and budget for candy! Gail will purchase 3 flag boots to carry flags in parade. Motioned Carol 1st Gail 2nd

NEW BUSINESS: August 16, 9 am is the Sole Survivor Gentle Use ride at the Renck's House. (See pg 4 for flyer). Bring your tree mail! Rhonda has had a setback. We are renewing her membership and wishing her to be on the mend.

Sunday Sept 7, Trail Trial Fundraiser at Santa Margarita River Preserve. Need volunteers for judges and scribes. Who wants to help. So far we have Mike L Stacy, Audrey Allison, and Cathy, Contact Stacy to help.

Does anyone want to host and set date for Christmas Party???

Allison Renck spoke at the AVMAC meeting last Wednesday July 9 at Community hall about Trails in the Anza Aguanga area. Looking to form committees and get community involvement to dedicate, maintain and possibly making Anza a Trail Town. Well received and made some good connections with other advocacy groups. Looking for multi-users. Next meeting possibly in August.

Adjourned at 8:32 pm



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The Redshank Rider booth on the side of Hwy 371 brought in several new memberships and several hat sales. Hats made by Starfire Design Studio (Anne York).



Pebbles Lewis, Gail McCreight, Laurie Stanton and Carol Schmuhl enjoying time before the parade.



Johnny Roberts waits for the parade to begin.



Redshank Riders partaking in their post parade brunch.



Redshank Riders proudly starting at the beginning of the parade.

2014 Anza 4th of July Parade

Photos submitted by
Laurie Stanton



“SURVIVOR” GENTLE USE CHALLENGE

Gentle use trail ride

Saturday August 16, 2014

We are a prepared bunch and We Plan and Prepare!!! The Renck's want to remind you that they have decided to host the this season of the “Survivor Challenge”

We have chosen all Redshank/BCHC members to be part of the “Survivor” Gentle Use Challenge (no videos were required to try out)

The Edition of “Survivor” Gentle Use will be held in the beautiful outpost of Aguanga, California at the Renck Compound located at 52090 Elder Creek, Aguanga Calif. It will be live on August 16, 2014 with ride out time at 9:00AM with a potluck lunch after riders return to Renck Compound. The competitors will consist of an unknown number of brave and hardy Redshank/BCHC members that will reflect the “Gentle Use” qualities that BCHC promotes in the back and front country. All Redshank/BCHC members will compete to OUTWIT, OUTLAST AND OUT GENTLE USE and ultimately be crowned lonely “SURVIVER”

Important Credits: You must be a BCHC member to participate; you are welcome to join that day. The ride is rated a 3/4 with areas where horses will go through rocks. The ride will be approx. 2 to 3 hours. There will be stops where riders will be asked to answer questions and demonstrate “Gentle Use/Leave No Trace Principles”. All activities will be in good fun, with an effort to help us all become “Gentle Users” Anyone who can't ride is welcome to participate, but you will need to be at ride before ride out time.

Please RSVP 951-663-5452 OR Ali9591@aol.com.

If you RSVP you will receive a point towards becoming lonely survivor.

All of you that attended the Pack Clinic on May 4, 2014 at the Lewis House should have received a special treat if you “paid attention” at the pack clinic and named something that helps stock users be gentle users.

Tule Peak Trailhead Horse Gate

Horse Gate Installed at Tule Peak Trailhead in Beauty Mountain Wilderness

Story & Photos Submitted by Allison Renck



The heat didn't keep some hardy Redshank Riders Unit members from completing a much needed project at the Tule Peak Trail head on July 13, 2014. Since the Wilderness at Beauty Mountain is relative new, it has been difficult to educate all the motorcycle and quad users that due to its Wilderness status, all of the trails, except the designated dirt roads are now designated as non-motorized use. So to help alleviate this problem, eleven members completed the installation of a horse gate and a fence to stop the encroachment.

Members met at the staging area at 7:30AM and hiked the short distance to the trailhead. Once at the trail head they dug post holes for the horse gate and statically placed telephone poles and then concreted them in. After this they pounded in t-posts and put in anchors into some large boulders to tie off the wire. The fence wire was stretched and the fence was completed. Then some trail work was completed on the trail to eliminate erosion issues.

The work was completed at 11:00 AM and workers hiked back to the staging area where they were treated to a Chinese Chicken Salad made by Audrey Turpin and watermelon and other fruit. I want to thank Thomas Firth, Mike Lewis, Dustin Renck, Ken Renck, Audrey Turpin, Tim Turpin, Greg Bruce, Mary Litch, Bob Jones and Robin Prinzing for taking there Sunday and doing this project. I also want to thank Carol Schmuhl for donating 4 bags of concrete, Mike Lewis for donating 3 bags of concrete and welding up the horse gate, Thomas Firth for donating 5 telephone poles, Ken Renck for donating 5 bags concrete and the T-posts and Stacy Kuhns for donating the fence wire. Without these peoples generosity this project could never have been completed.

For those of you who have never come out to help at a work party, it a great experience. The work is made fun by the fun conversations we have with each other. For example our own storyteller Thomas Firth was telling us "Tall Tales" about when he pulled electrical line in the Congo and the telephone pole holes were dug by the pigmy peoples, because they were small enough to get in the holes after they were started. Another benefit about work parties is that it lets you procrastinate in doing your own work at home, since work parties make you feel so much better than doing chores at home, because you are "giving back".

We have an upcoming trail work party celebrating 50th anniversary of the wilderness in Pinion on September 27, 2014. (Flyer coming soon) So come out and work a half day with us and make a trail a little better.



Celebrating 50 Years of American Wilderness

PALM SPRINGS BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT IS CELEBRATING NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY AND THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN WILDERNESS ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

What: Trail Work Party at Cactus Springs Trail in Pinyon, which is approx. 16 miles SE of Palm Desert off of Hwy 74.

Time: 9am-1pm meet at trail head at 9am

Redshank Riders will provide a late lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, tossed green salad and a Dutch oven desert after the work party for all that worked that day, in appreciation of your volunteer spirit.

Equestrians that are volunteering and members of Redshank Riders Unit will be allowed to camp overnight at Ribbionwood Equestrian Campground on Friday September 26, and Saturday September 27, 2014. If you are interested in volunteering and want to help with the meal please RSVP Allison Renck by email Ali9591@aol.com or by phone 951-663-5452. Also there are only 10 campsites, so RSVP early if you want to camp overnight.

Directions: Going SE on Hwy 74 from Palm Desert a little ways after fire station in Pinyon, turn Left onto South Pinyon Drive and equestrian campground is on Rt and Cactus Springs Trail Head is on Left.

August 2014

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August 16 - 9 am Sole Survivor – LNT Trail Ride at Renck’s Residence

Sept 7 CSHA Trail Trial Fund Raiser for Redshank Riders. Santa Margarita Creek

Sept 27 BLM Work Party at Ribbonwood Equestrian Camp 9am-1pm



At the Little Red Schoolhouse
 ~ Thurs. August 14th ~
General Meeting

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BCHC

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.