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Rosie Grindle

President's Message

It has been a couple of months since my last president's message and I apologize. Good intentions do not get things done. My goal was to get every presidents out on time and I have failed in that effort. Sometimes what appears easy in the beginning of the year becomes more difficult later on. As usual, much has happened since our last newsletter. We have made 4 trips to Fuller Ridge for the State Park trail project at Deer Spring, worked with the Trail Gorillas to do a log out around Black Mountain, worked with Andy Smith, FS, and ACE crew to do a log out on the Spitler Peak trail. The top of my list so far this year would be the R5 Wilderness Ranger Academy near Big Bear. Jack Peckham and myself had the opportunity to instruct and certify a number of crosscut saw students including the BCHC FS packing intern, Kristiann Morrison. It looks like she was a good choice and hope she does well. She also agreed to speak at next years Rendezvous about her experience with the Forest Service. There were around 35 students in all and the weather was perfect. Jack and Gretchen Peckham got the opportunity to work with the Trail Gorillas on a PCT project near Hwy 74 the other day. Way to go guys and keep up the good work. Speaking of the PCT, they will be having a number of one and two day Trail Skills Colleges in our area this fall that include:



Sept. 29-30: Crew leader training, Whitewater Preserve

Oct. 27: 201 or 203 course, near Hwy 74

Oct. 28: Scout/Steward training, Paradise Chapter area (This is our area)

Nov. 10: 201 or 203 course, LA Gateway Chapter area

Nov. 18: Scout/Steward training, Cajon pass

If interested, go to pcta.org, click on the volunteer tab, trail skills colleges, southern California trail skills college, to see which ones are available. We are also working on putting together a First aid / CPR class in the next few months. Minimum class size is 10. We will also once again be having a packing clinic / education day September 8 at the Old Veil Ranch Headquarters by Winchester West Saddlery. Specifics at next meeting which will be a potluck at Stacy Kuhns home in Lake Riverside Estates (see flyer on pg. 2) . Hope to see everyone there.

Michael Lewis

Due to work conflicts and member vacations there were no meeting minutes for June (no meeting) or July.



**REDSHANK RIDERS
POTLUCK MEETING**
Thursday Aug. 9, 2018 - 6:15 pm



WHERE: Stacy Kuhns @ 42405 Indian Hill Trail, Aguanga in LRE

CONTACT: 909-633-1705 - stacykuhns@aol.com

The meeting will be after dinner. The meat and tortillas will be provided for tacos. Please bring Mexican dishes & sides, taco fixings, and your favorite beverage.

After meeting, we will have a few Leave No Trace Principles to share with you, so come on out and have some fun

Cya there, Stacy

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

This newsletter is for you, our members. If you would like to share some photos or a story please send them to your newsletter editor, Rhonda at redshank.webmaster@gmail.com

(Please note that items submitted may need to be OK'd for publication by the current unit president and will be used as space allows.)

The Land and Water Conservation Fund

As Backcountry Horsemen of California Members, it is imperative that you remember this fund and remember if your US congressmen and senators support this fund.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund is a federal program that was established by congress in 1965 to provide funds and matching grants to federal, state and local government for the acquisition of land and easements on land and water for the benefit of all Americans. The funds main objective is to fund monies to protect recreational areas and national treasures. Currently many of the grants are funding nature areas in urban areas to increase access to recreational opportunities for inner city residents.

The money allocated by congress comes from fees paid to Bureau of Ocean Ecology Management, Regulation and Enforcement. The citizens of the United States pay no taxes to fund this program. In the past congress has often diverted the LWCF funds to other purposes, leaving a smaller amount for grants, but it has never stopped the fund.

There is intense competition for this funding for projects. Each year the monies are awarded unusually to those projects with presidential recommendation and universal both parties congressional support. The fund was only authorized for a 25 year program in 1965, I assume because they believed a better program might be developed to fund obtainment of recreational lands, but so far no other funding avenue has been developed. This year Congressman Briggs from Utah started a bill to stop this fund but it failed and the fund is once again supported for a year.

Backcountry Horsemen of California and America report that it is imperative that this fund stay in place, for without it many easements and trails will not exist.

Respectfully submitted
Allison Renck
Redshank Riders Public Lands Chairperson

Spitler Peak trail log out I worked with Andy Smith, FS, and ACE crew to do a log out on the Spitler Peak trail.

Mike Lewis



ANZA 4TH OF JULY PARADE 2018



Bobbi won the trophy for Grand Champion Equine.
Cathy & Zane won trophy for the Best Equine.



His Honor Zane - Deputy Mayor of Anza once again!



Bobbi Harris and Cathy Haun-Firth

**The only two diehard BCHC
REDSHANK RIDERS
to participate in the parade!**



R5 Wilderness Ranger Academy Saw Class

Photos & story shared
by Michael Lewis

Photos from the the R5 Wilderness Ranger Academy near Big Bear. Jack Peckham and myself had the opportunity to instruct and certify a number of crosscut saw students including the BCHC FS packing intern, Kristiann Morrison (*top right photo*). It looks like she was a good choice and hope she does well. She has agreed to speak at next years Rendezvous about her experience with the Forest Service.

Fuller Ridge Log Out

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Photos & story shared by
Michael Lewis

HEART BAR EQUESTRIAN CAMPOUT

Photos shared by Cathy Haun Firth



Stacy and Cezanne did a great job organizing a week long campout. We enjoyed the riding, campfires and delicious dutch oven cooking!



DID YOU KNOW? Pyrocumulus clouds form when wildfires burn hot enough to generate very strong upward motion, which are called updrafts, they are literally, a puffy cumulus cloud formed by the hot air and smoke released into the sky during wildfires and volcanic eruptions.

Your newsletter editor saw one of these on the day the Cranston fire started and was sure it was a thunderhead. Learning something new each day.

To read more about this phenomenon go to
<https://www.livescience.com/61167-what-are-pyrocumulus-clouds.html>



WANTED

A Host for a Trail Ride! Any Time....Any Place!

If you have local trails you would like to share with Redshank Rider members let us know. We are always looking for good places to ride.

Give our ride coordinator a call or e-mail to set up our next trail ride.
 Cindy Hay 760-831-9106 - E-mail ridecoordinator@redshankriders.com



Most rides are for BCHC members only.

You can become a member of the Red Shank Riders Unit (Back Country Horsemen of California) by sending in the membership application prior to the ride. You can find one at

<http://bchcalifornia.org/docs/MembershipApplication.pdf>
 Membership applications will also be available at the ride.

REDSHANK RIDERS



UNIT OF BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA

Presents

TREASURE OF THE CAHUILLA MADRE

The Tragic Tale of Shorty the Miner

OCTOBER 20, 2018

CHECK-IN – 8:30AM FIRST GROUP RIDE OUT – 10:00AM

LAST GROUP WILL RETURN TO CAMP AT APPROX. 3:00PM DINNER IS AT 4:30

37550 Tripp Flats Rd

The ride staging area is right off the pavement on Cary/Tripp Flats Road in Anza and the ride will take you into some beautiful areas of Anza.

Primitive Overnight camping is offered for \$5.00 from Sat to Sun.

Follow the marked trail, then find your team's treasures.
Don't have a team? We'll fix you up! 4-6 Riders per team
All dogs must be on a leash in camp. No dogs on the trail.

\$40 INCLUDES DINNER & 5 RAFFLE TICKETS GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES!

\$20 YOUTH (17 AND UNDER - MUST WEAR A HELMET) COSTUME CONTEST!

Donuts & Coffee Available Saturday a.m.

Bring your own chairs

All dogs must be on a leash in camp. No dogs on the trail.

3 Categories

▪ Horse ▪

▪ Rider ▪

▪ Horse & Rider ▪

For more information and to register online, go to
<http://www.redshankriders.com/treasurehunt.html>
or scan the code below



Enter early, only 60 spots available!

To sign up fill out this form and send to: Gretchen Peckham 52135 Saddleback Rd, Anza, CA 92539 gretchen@greythreads.com

name _____

email _____

address _____

phone (____) _____

how many riders _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: BCHC REDSHANK RIDERS

All proceeds of this event help BCHC, Redshank Riders maintain trails and educate horsemen and the public about the "Leave No Trace" outdoor ethics principles.

8 Tips for Giving Horses Oral Medications

Horses aren't always the best patients. And, when it comes to getting necessary medications into their mouths, even the shortest pony can turn into an equine version of a giraffe. Still others will eat around medications, leaving a pill-powder pile at the bottom of their troughs. Delivering oral medications often requires experimentation to see what works for each individual. Here are some tips to help you out.



MICHELLE ANDERSON

1 Powder-form medications are easy to pour over a horse's feed ration, and many come flavored to make them more appetizing to horses. Some horses will eat these without much fuss, while others need more persuasion.

2 If using pills rather than powders, you might need to crush them first. Use a clean mortar and pestle or a coffee grinder dedicated to medications. Note that some coated pills should not be crushed—consult your veterinarian for instructions.



THE HORSES SHOP

3 Is your horse not convinced? Try adding a liquid, such as water, apple juice, or molasses, to make a mash in which to mix the medication. Caution: Avoid adding sugary substances when medicating horses with metabolic issues, such as equine metabolic syndrome (EMS) or insulin resistance. For example, if your horse is suffering an EMS-related laminitic episode, don't use sugar to administer medications.

4 Experiment by adding some of your horse's favorite treats, such as alfalfa pellets, beet pulp, and/or carrot or apple slices, to the mix.

5 While one horse might find his medication-laced ration unappealing, a companion might be happy to clean up all the treats and goodies in his bucket, along with his medication dose. Make sure to feed the horse by himself.

6 Some horses can cleverly eat around the medication in their feed buckets. Check their bucket to make sure they haven't left any of their dose behind.

7 Is your horse unwilling to eat his meds in his feed, no matter what tasty treats you add? Then you might need to use a syringe to dispense them directly into his mouth. Try mixing the medication powder into no-sugar-added applesauce, then draw the mixture into a syringe. The applesauce helps cover the medication taste—which is usually bitter. Horses are quick to learn that the syringe contents don't taste good, so mixing with applesauce can make your job easier over the course of treatment.



MICHELLE ANDERSON PHOTOS

8 You don't have applesauce on hand? Some pills will dissolve in water (ask your vet which ones!). For these, you can load the appropriate dose into a syringe (2-ounces is a good size) and dissolve it. Just remove the plunger, plug the open end with your finger, add water, replace the plunger, and shake until well-mixed. Be careful that the plunger—and the meds—don't fly out while you're shaking it.



Backcountry Horsemen of California



MAIL TO: BCHC
MEMBERSHIP
1280 State Rt. 208
Yerington NV 89447

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PARENT UNIT AFFILIATION: (Select and CHECK a Unit as your Affiliation)

New Renewal

Change

(indicate change)

Antelope Valley

Eastern Sierra

High Country

High Sierra

Kern River Valley

Kern Sierra

Lake-Mendo

Los Padres

Mid Valley

Mother Lode

North Bay

Pacific Crest

Redshank Riders

Redwood

San Diego

San Joaquin Sierra

Santa Ana River

Sequoia

Shasta Trinity

Sierra Freepackers

Sutter Buttes

Top of the State

DCTR (your Membership)

MEMBER'S NAME - No Business Names, Print Clearly SPOUSE/Co-MEMBER'S NAME - MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS

Street Address/PO Box

City State Zip Code (full 9 digits if known) Area Code Phone number

Email Address: (please print legibly)

Donation to BCHC Education Fund (tax deductible) \$

Total Enclosed: \$ Check No.

Parent Unit Membership Types (Check one)

Individual \$50 Family \$60 2 Year Individual \$90 2 Year Family \$110 3 Year Individual \$125 3 Year Family \$150

Young Adult (18-25 years old) \$15 - Benefactor \$100 - Patron \$250 - Mt. Whitney \$500

Associate Memberships: An Additional \$15 PER UNIT is added to your Parent Unit Dues

Associate Memberships 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)

Add additional choices here

Please clip form along dashed line and keep the below portion for your records

Parent BCHC Membership Types

Individual, Family, (Shared*), Benefactor, Patron, and Mt. Whitney

A Parent Membership is affiliated with a single Local Unit. BCHC members may NOT hold more than ONE active Parent Membership.

*A SHARED Membership is for two adults with differing last names who share a common address.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS

These special Memberships are only available to persons already holding Parent BCHC Membership. No one may sign up for an Associate Membership without 1) having registered one of the Parent Membership types, and 2) having selected Parent/Unit affiliation.

Complete information regarding BCHC Membership is available on the MEMBERSHIP TAB at bhcocalifornia.org or call (775) 463-3634

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I submitted an Application Form for a new -

- Individual Membership \$ 50.00
- Family (Shared) Membership \$ 60.00
- Young Adult (18-25 years old) \$ 15.00
- 2 Year Individual \$ 90.00
- 2 Year Family \$110.00
- 3 Year Individual \$125.00
- 3 Year Family \$150.00
- Benefactor Membership \$100.00
- Patron Membership \$250.00
- Mt. Whitney Membership \$500.00

On that form, I also requested:
Associate Memberships \$
My Total Remittance: \$
My Check Number: _____
Date Mailed: _____

Verification of

BCHC membership is available via (1) BCHC unit president's reports (2) BCHC membership chair reports (3) a self-addressed stamped envelope submitted with this form or (4) a valid email address

General Meeting & Potluck!
 Thurs. Aug. 9, 2018 - 6:15pm
 @ STACY'S HOUSE
 See flyer on page 2 for details

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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.