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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Recently at a Redshank Rider meeting, the question was asked, "*What can BCHC do for me?*" I thought this was a great question and one that every member should be able to answer. Our parent organization tells us that our purpose is to promote, improve, and develop the public's awareness of the California backcountry, its trails and campsites. To conserve and make available the backcountry resources for horsemen and packers. To help educate the public on the history of the California backcountry and the vital need of keeping public lands pristine. Lastly, to support or oppose any legislation as related to those individuals interested in recreational stock use and the enjoyment of the backcountry. This is a brief overview of what we do but it doesn't answer the question "*what's in it for me?*"



Abraham Lincoln once said "*Folks are usually about as happy as they make up their minds to be*". Or more simply stated "*You get out of something, what you put in to it*". The more involved you become in any organization or endeavor - the more self-satisfaction you receive. I've heard that RSR is not a social club and yet I have met the most amazing people and have acquired lifelong friendships. It's also been said that RSR is not a riding club and yet our membership has participated in numerous rides throughout the Anza Valley and Pacific Crest Trail. We have ridden in Poker Rides and Treasure Hunts and even in Parades. We are not a school or college but our education presentations are top notch. With saw classes, Leave No Trace seminars, packing demonstrations, and safety instruction we provide critical information to both members and the general public.

So...what exactly do you get from being a member of the BCHC Redshank Riders? You get Opportunity! The opportunity to make friends with people that share the same interests and goals that you do. You get the opportunity to be a part of a service organization that is working to preserve the natural resources of California for future generations. You get the opportunity to learn new skills and possibly teach those skills to others. Moreover, most importantly, you have the opportunity to have fun with some of the nicest people you will ever meet. I'm glad I joined and I hope you are too.

Happy Trails, Charlie Cheek

REDSHANK RIDERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2019

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Little Red School House, Anza CA
7:00pm – 8:14pm

Next Month: February 14, 2019

Members present: Michael Lewis, Pebbles Lewis, Carol Schmuhl, Charlie Cheek, Nyna Cheek, Cathy Firth, Tom Firth, Cindy Hay, Mary Litch, Ron Lawson, Jack Peckham, Gretchen Peckham, Bobbi Harris, Greg Bruce, Susan Kontoff

President Charlie Cheek opened the meeting at 7pm.**Reports:**

- Secretaries report: Minutes from December 2018 read by Cindy Hay, Motion to accept with one correction/addition (*Facebook page*): IT Report, item #4... "Anyone can post to the *Facebook page*".
- Treasures Report: Nyna Cheek (No activity in December)
 - **November 2018**
 - Beginning Balance - \$8,227.73
 - Revenue - \$2,089.48
 - Expenses - \$388.60
 - Net Gain -
 - Closing Balance - \$9,928.61
- Membership Report: Carol Schmuhl
 - Total Memberships – 73, # of persons - 107
 - Families - 34
 - Individuals – 33
 - Associates - 4
 - Patron - 1
 - Benefactor – 0
 - Other – 1, M: Whitney
 - No new Memberships during December
- Education Report: by Tom Firth & Stacy Kuhns.
 - Volunteer hours due February 1st. Stacy needs your hours ASAP, so they can be compiled. Time spent at meetings, creating and presenting data for meetings (such as the agenda, lecture...) can be claimed.
 - First draft of BCHC hang tag with principals for stock is done.
 - Leave no trace:
 - Providers meeting in Boulder coming up at the end of the month.
 - The Education Steering committee, with Stacy and Tom, is looking at a point system for permits to present to the Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA).
- Public Lands Report: Allison Renck
 - No report
 - Packing/access trails need work
- Adopt a Highway Report: Cathy Haun-Firth
 - Clean up was last Saturday, January, 2019. 3 people participated (Jack, Gretchen, Mike...plus Cathy)
 - Cardboard from the Anza Community Center blows around the hwy, needs to be addressed.
 - Next clean up potentially in April
- Ride Coordinator Report: Gretchen Peckham
 - No scheduled rides at this time
 - Charlie C. noted that we still need the Beauty Mt:n Dedication ride.
- Booth Coordinator Report: Rosie Grindle (absent)
 - No report

Old Business

- Volunteer hours previously mentioned, send to Stacy ASAP
- Officers training this Saturday, January 12, 2019 at the Little Red School House in Anza, Ca. 9:00am – 4:00pm
- Beauty Mt dedication ride needed, previously mentioned

New Business

- Unit by laws: RSR unit needs to go through the By Laws, and submit any desired changes to the state. Consider a committee to review. Readings by the state are in October (twice) and February.
- Rendezvous: 2 planning meetings expected, TBA
 - Volunteers can sign-up for assignments: RSR Booth, Vendor Caretakers, Speaker Caretakers, Beer and Wine Pourers....
 - Beer and Wine tasting Saturday, March 30, 3-5 pm. Each unit should bring 6/12 pack and 2 bottles of wine.
 - A table will be reserved for RSR workers
 - Registration packet available on line by Monday
 - Members please share rendezvous fb site and individual events

- Please let Mike L. know of trainers, speakers...pertinent to BCHC who may be interested in participating.
- Stacy asked if the RSR would like to have a booth, cost of \$110.00. Discussion about what to sell...ex: BCHC logo on steins. Stacy to talk to Anne York for logo. Consider items with no date, or location so future sales can be made. The "What a Horse Sees" logo won't be released by Idaho, it must be changed by 30% in order to use.
- Stacy made a motion to donate \$300.00 to sponsor a venue, Nyna seconded. Unanimously agreed.
- Kristyanne Morrison, the BCHC intern, has agreed to attend the Rendezvous. Stacy has suggested paying for a portion of her wilderness rider fee. Mike Lewis made a motion to pay \$200.00 for her trip down to the Rendezvous and camping fee. Seconded by Pebbles. Discussion ensued regarding the purpose of and benefit of paying for her trip and stay. Topics included encouraging young adults to be involved in the BCHC, promoting the success of the intern program within the BCHC, and encouraging, mentoring and sponsoring local young people. Motion amended to increase sponsoring to \$300.00. Seconded by Nyna. Unanimously approved. Rendezvous program will state Kristyanne Morrison sponsored by RSR.
- Future activities: potential pack clinics and a Poker Ride in fall
 - Charlie C. called for breaking down and itemizing of costs, using data to determine activities.
- Raffle Tickets: available now. \$500.00 @ Bass Pro Shop, or Pack Saddle and Leather Ends, or a Horse Quilt.
- Gordon Feldler Gift: a 2x raffle winner gifted RSR \$200.00. Mike L. read card from Gordon. Thank you card sent around for signing.
- Saw Class: CPR/First Aid class must be successfully completed prior to taking the saw class. Can't be an online class.
- Working with Youth: Must have clear fingerprint results to work with youth. Who pays for the fingerprinting may be resolved by rendezvous time at the BCHC executive level. Will not be paid by state, may be by unit, probably by individual.
- BCHC Enrollment Down: People leaving California. San Diego Unit is having a fun day at Vern Whitaker Horse Camp. No Work. 3 days, \$100.00. Money returns to the kitty.
- Mou's: Mike L. reported that the MOU, stating that the Santa Ana River Unit and Red Shank Riders will work with the Riverside County Parks Dept. on repairs to various County Parks, is nearing the final draft.
 - Discussion ensued regarding having Mike L. being in charge of MOU's. Motion made by Jack Peckham and seconded by Ron Lawson to create the role of "Agency Representative". Unanimous agreed.
- Pomona Horse Expo is in November.
- Motion To Close The Meeting At 8:514 By Mike Lewis and seconded By Jack Peckham



Public Lands Notes

Submitted by Allison Renck, Redshank Public Lands

Hello Members,

I just finished a book “Life and Death in Shanghai by Nien Cheng. This book is about a 51-year-old Chinese woman that lived through the China Cultural Revolution that began in 1966. She was a target that was falsely imprisoned for 7 years due to her employment in an international oil company’s Shanghai Office.

During her imprisonment, she suffered greatly and when she was finally released, she discovered that her only daughter had been killed, although the China government kept to the script that her daughter had committed suicide until just before Nien Cheng left China for good and became a US Citizen.

You might wonder why I bring up this book.

Well it’s because I feel fortunate that I have the opportunity to petition, protest and voice my view to my elected officials. I can express these views and not risk imprisonment, which is not true in many countries around the world.

Why am I bringing this up to the BCHC Redshank Membership?

It’s because I wonder how many of you actually take advantage of this opportunity, to have a voice and speak out?

As your Redshanks’ Public Lands Chairperson, I often give information on upcoming bills that are in the process of moving through congress and the senate to become law. I often ask members to please email, write, or phone your elected official and express your views either in support of or against a particular bill. However, I never know if you do. I hope you do and I hope you pat yourself on the back for making your voices heard!

Please don’t take for granted the opportunity given to us by American Democracy. It’s really something we should never take for granted or we might find ourselves living a very different life.

So, let’s start 2019 off with a kick, let those elected officials know what’s on your mind.

A sample letter response I received from an elected government official is on the next page.

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3605

January 7, 2019
Mrs. Allison L. Renck
52090 Elder Creek Road
Aguanga, CA 92536-9105
Dear Mrs. Renck,

Thank you for contacting me to express your support for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). I appreciate the opportunity to hear about the issues important to the individuals that I serve. It is an essential part of our democratic process, and I am grateful for your input.

Our district has a wealth of public land that has been conserved and maintained through the LWCF including the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. Last Congress, I am proud to have cosponsored the LWCF Reauthorization Act, and I will continue to support maintaining this fund to ensure our national treasures are preserved for generations to come.

Our nation is truly enriched by its natural beauty and as stewards of public land; Congress has a duty to carefully consider all legislation that would impact the ability of future generations to enjoy these national treasures. Please rest assured that I will keep your thoughts in mind should similar legislation come before the House for a vote.

Once again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me. As your Representative, serving my constituents is my top priority. Thank you again for contacting me. Please keep in touch by liking my [Facebook](#) page, following me on [Twitter](#), signing up for my [e-newsletter](#), or by visiting my website at www.ruiz.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raul Ruiz".

Raul Ruiz, M.D.
Member of Congress



Meet Your Board Members:

Cindy Hay: Unit Secretary

Meet Cindy Hay, the new Secretary for the Redshank Riders in 2019. Mary Ann Puett will be helping her learn the ropes in her new position until her and Ed's escrow closes on their home and they move to Montana. Cindy has been a member of the Redshank Riders since 2014, and served as the Trail Ride Coordinator from 2015 – 2018.

Cindy expressed thoughts on how she felt about the objectives of the Backcountry Horsemen of California. The one that stands out most for her is *"to promote the interest of people who, due to health or physical factors, need transportation other than by foot on backcountry trails. Horses, mules and donkeys certainly give us all access to the backcountry, as well as reflect our strengths and limitations."*

She has volunteered at Pegasus Therapeutic Riding Academy, and has seen first-hand the effect the equines have on those who need a leg-up. She says, *"I am proud to work with the RSR, people who volunteer their time and energies to keep the backcountry trails open and accessible, while encouraging solid backcountry manners."*

Please join me in thanking Cindy for taking on the very important position of unit secretary.

Hi RSR members,

I am your new trail ride coordinator for the year and it's high time that we get some trail rides scheduled. If you would like to host a ride, please let me know so that we can get it on the calendar.

If you are interested in hosting a ride, I would highly suggest that you pre-ride any trail that you have in mind. This will be to make sure that it's safe. I have attached the Ride Guidelines so you can check them and will be able to properly rate your trail.

Please contact me with a destination, length of ride, rating and trailhead with the date and place where you want to ride. Let's have some fun and go see some of your favorite trails. Let's ride!

I will get the process started! I would like to host a ride that follows the Treasure Hunt route for those folks that didn't get to ride it last October. I think that April would be a good month as the weather should be cool and dry.

Ride level will be rated two (2) in difficulty and the length will be 5 1/2 miles. The trail is rocky so I suggest shoes or boots on your horses and that your horses be in relatively good shape.

We will ride out of Iron Horse Ranch on Tripp Flats Rd. I will post the actual date and address of the ride when we get closer to April. Anyone interested??? Maybe we can have lunch afterward!

Contact Gretchen at ridecoordinator@redshankriders.com

Ph: (951) 763 - 4249

Download the Host Ride Guideline Booklet at
www.RedshankRiders.com



www.bchcalifornia.org

BCHC has partnered with Riding Warehouse to give our members a 15% discount!



RIDING WAREHOUSE

www.ridingwarehouse.com



Officers Training Class January 12, 2019 Held at the Little Red Schoolhouse



Stacy Kuhns is with Thomas Firth and Michael Lewis.

I'm so proud of us hosting the officers training again . We rocked it. Thanks so much for the help with presenting, Mike, Tom and Carol. Thanks everyone for the great interaction. Great group made a great success ! Group pics and officer break out sessions.



Shout out to Troy, Susie and Pete for leading break out sessions.



Info & photos shared by Stacy Kuhns on our Facebook page

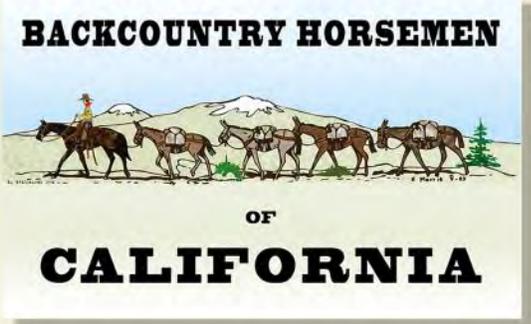
WILDERNESS RIDER PROGRAM

SIGN UP NOW - INTERVIEWS HELD AT RENDEZVOUS, NORCO

**Contact Thomas Firth
or Stacy Kuhns**

**(951) 551 - 9711
(909) 633 - 1705**

The Wilderness Rider program is a partnership between Backcountry Horsemen of California, the National Park Service, the USDA Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. Wilderness Riders are trained stock users who have made a commitment to educating others about the value of wild lands and the importance of Gentle Use / Leave No Trace Skills.



2019 RENDEZVOUS ~ NORCO, CA MARCH 29 ~ 31, 2019

BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN



George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center
3737 Crestview Avenue, Norco, CA, 92860

Due to some unforeseen issues, we are unable to offer electrical hook-ups for RV's at Rendezvous. We will still have a few electrical hook-ups for medical equipment for people who show proof they need it, however, they are next to the animal shelter, same place as before (dogs barking). We want to be transparent about this so you can make the best decision and be prepared. If you have already mailed in your registration and paid for electrical hook-ups your excess payment will be refunded at Rendezvous. The Norco Rendezvous Committee sincerely apologizes for this inconvenience.

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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**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)

<input type="checkbox"/> Antelope Valley	<input type="checkbox"/> Kern Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/> North Bay	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Ana River
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake-Mendo	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Crest	<input type="checkbox"/> Sequoia
<input type="checkbox"/> High Country	<input type="checkbox"/> Los Padres	<input type="checkbox"/> Redshank Riders	<input type="checkbox"/> Shasta Trinity
<input type="checkbox"/> High Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/> Mid Valley	<input type="checkbox"/> Redwood	<input type="checkbox"/> Sierra Freepackers
<input type="checkbox"/> Kern River Valley	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother Lode	<input type="checkbox"/> San Diego	<input type="checkbox"/> Sutter Buttes
		<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 -

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	\$ 50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family (Shared) Membership	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old)	\$ 15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual	\$ 90.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family	\$110.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual	\$125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family	\$150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor Membership	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Membership	\$250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 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

February General Meeting
Thurs. Feb 14, 2019 - 7:00pm
@ The Little Red Schoolhouse

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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.