



SPECIAL ISSUE

10 Years—Retrospect in Photos

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Presidents Message August 2020

Howdy everyone, August is here already with fall just around the corner. I hope that our lives will get back to the “Old Normal” very soon. All of our plans and goals have been on hold, but I’m optimistic that some great times lie ahead for all of us.

This year started off on a high note when our unit, lead by Stacy Kuhns and Tom Firth, hosted the BCHC officers training. Greg Bruce gave us an excellent presentation on Equine Dentistry and the importance of maintaining your horses or mules teeth.

There were some sweet treats at this years Valentines Day candy raffle. We had one of the most successful “Adopt a Highway” events ever - with a huge turnout and 39 bags of trash collected. There was a full slate of activities planned for the year – presentations, rides, and activities. Suddenly, it all came to a screeching halt and our plans were put in limbo.

We conducted May’s meeting as a “Video Meeting” using “online resources”. It was great to see everyone, even if it was on a computer screen, but it’s not quite the same as being in the same room together. Hopefully, the situation will be resolved soon and we can get back to having fun and helping our community. While we’re waiting, our Webmaster Rhonda Strickland has put together a Newsletter that should bring back some wonderful memories and keep us all motivated for the future.

Happy Trails,
Charlie Cheek
President
Redshank Riders



Since we are still on a limited lock-down here in California in many areas of recreation I decided to go through some of my backed up computer files. I realized that I have been doing the RSR newsletter for well over 10 years.

Feeling nostalgic I thought it would be fun to go back, gather and share some of the highlights of past years. In this Special Issue I have put together photos from newsletters from 2010 to 2020. Join me by going back in time with photos and stories from many of the events from the past 10 years.

It's fun to look back and see how much has changed as well as what remains the same. It wasn't easy to limit the pages so I hope you enjoy this trip down memory lane in our Special Edition of Redshank Riders "Tails from the Trails—A Retrospective."

All of the photos along with the stories from them are available in the archived newsletters at the website; Please feel free to view, read and even download them. RedshankRiders.com— Rhonda Strickland ~ Newsletter Editor & Web Tech



2010 President Bob Jones



Stacy Kuhns, President
2011 - 2013



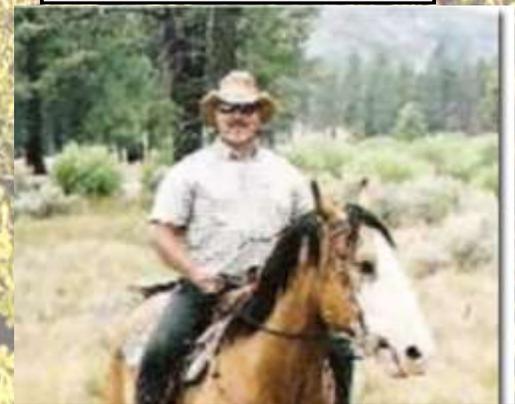
2014 President
Anne York



Mike Lewis, President
2015 & 2018



2016—2017 President,
Greg Bruce



2019 & 2020 President, Charlie Cheek

Looking Back at 2010



Redshank Riders 2010 President was Bob Jones.



**One thing that hasn't changed is
Redshank Riders Adopt-a-Hwy**

HWY 371 Clean Up on Feb. 17th,
2010 with Robyn, Allison & Cathy
doing a fine job of keeping the streets
neat & tidy

**GARNER VALLEY MINE RIDE AND
BBQ May 2nd, 2010**



A beautiful day & happy campers



Jerry and his trusty steed Coffee



Riding thru the pines



Working on a proper switchback



TRAIL BUILDING CLASS

*The Class of 2010
(left to right)*

*Mike Lewis,
Carlos Lajones,
Pete Spencer,
Sam Commarto,
Tom Firth,
(photographer)
Bob Jones*



*Gathered at the
Tule Peak Trailhead*

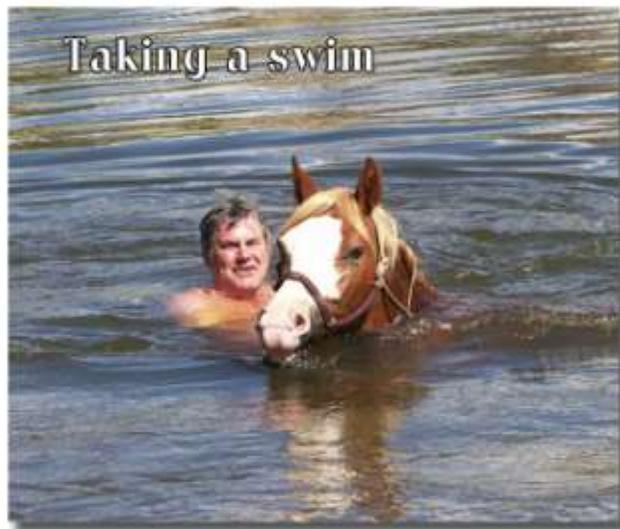
Sloan Lake Overnight Pack Trip September 2010

Looking Back at
2010
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SLOAN LAKE RIDE/PACK CAMP OUT



Gathering before ride at Goff Flats



Taking a swim



Great Turnout



Heading back



Afternoon contemplation

Photos Submitted by Julie Murphy

Stacy Kuhns became unit president in January 2011 and served through December 2013

Some bored members from Riders decided to get active and rode in the snow to the Sacred Pine Tree. Saw some great views of the Anza Valley. Mike Lewis, Stacy Kuhns, Tim & Audrey Turpin

Looking Back at
2011
SNOW
DAY



Photos shared by Audrey Turpin & Mike Lewis ~ Winter 2011



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Attn: Members

If you are interested in hosting a trail ride please contact our Ride Coordinator, Gretchen Peckham to discuss it.

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RIDING WAREHOUSE

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

Ask your Unit Secretary for the discount code!

www.ridingwarehouse.com



Former unit president Bob Jones
telling everyone the news
about the BLM donations at the July
2011 meeting / potluck held at Laura
Stanton's.



*A few of the group that showed up for our highway clean-up day. 14 showed up
and we cleaned from Bautista Rd. to Hill St. in about 2 1/2 hours. Great turn out.
With this many it takes no time at all. Thanks to everyone that helped.*

Looking Back at
2011
continued

ADOPT
- A -
HIGHWAY
2011



In 2011—2012 Stacy was unit president—Photo taken at the December 2011 Xmas meeting/ potluck shared in the
January 2012 "Tails from the Trails" newsletter.

Eagle Rock Ride was a Success

Looking Back at
2012
continued

We had a small group show up to go see this amazing rock formation. We had a few newbies to "the rock", which is exciting. We took some photo ops at the rock. The pics do not give it justice at all. The trail does need a bit of trail cutting back and we will do that when it gets cooler weather. Unfortunately there wasn't enough water so no pretty wildflowers and poppies. We had a couple up from San Diego Unit and they actually enjoyed hanging with us for the day. The weather was great and we had lunch up stream under the trees. My mare decided to lay down with the saddle on. I guess she was going to relax with us too. The day was awesome and a great time had by all! Until next time... Stacy (photos shared by Stacy)



2012 was a good year and these photos were shared in the Tails from the Trails newsletter January 2013 issue. Stacy Kuhns continued on as president for the unit for 2013 with Michael Lewis as VP.

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

2012
December Ride, Potluck & Gift Exchange



A Fun Wagon Ride & Packing in the Toy Drive Goodies



Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Toy Drive!



Photos by Jennifer Forster submitted by Stacy Kuhns

Looking Back at 2013

Backcountry Horseman of California Rendezvous 2013 was held in Norco, CA. The first time this event had been held in SoCal in a very long time. Here are some photos that were shared of the event in the May / June 2013 "Tails from the Trails" newsletter.



Education
Social
&
Service



RENDEZ 2013

Photos by
Laurie Stanton
& Rhonda Strickland



Redshank Riders celebrated National Day of the Cowboy on July 27, 2013 at the Anza Community Arena

National Day of the Cowboy Obstacle Challenge
Anza Lions Club generously donated the community arena



Photos submitted
by Laurie Stanton



Looking Back at 2014

Redshank Riders started 2014 with a new president. Anne York took on this position for the year. Here are some events that highlighted.

(article below from Jun/Jul 2014 issue available to read at our website)

2014 Rendezvous Re-Cap & Photos

by Stacy Kuhns

The southern units had the opportunity to host the Rendezvous again in 2014 and we knocked it out of the park! Redshank, Santa Ana River, San Diego and San Gorgonio units worked their tails off to help make the event one for the record books. Another great thing about this event is seeing folks you don't get to see all year. The Rendezvous lets us get to visit, tell stories and laugh. This event is a huge undertaking for the units and it does your heart good to see the happy folks that come to see what Backcountry Horseman is all about.

We doubled the kid's activity area this year. And wow, there were kids all over the place with big smiles as they got to interact and learn. "Science on the Go" had the kids very involved. There was everything from reptiles to metal mules and much more in between. We all know that these kids are our future.

I'm so glad I was on this committee; it was blood, sweat and a few tears but so pleased to watch it unfold into a fantastic event. Thank you everyone that helped pull this off.

Stacy



Rendezvous
2014 held in
Norco,
California

Looking Back at
2014
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2014 Anza 4th of July Parade



Johnny Roberts waits for the parade to begin.



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



Redshank Riders proudly starting at the beginning of the parade.



Redshank Riders partaking in their post parade brunch.

Photos shared by Laurie Stanton



September 27, 2014

National Public
Lands Day,

“Some Hard Work,
But Still A lot of
Fun”

January 2015 begins with Michael Lewis as unit president.

Looking Back at
2015

PCTA Trail Gorilla Tool School

By: Michael Lewis - Photo's by: Pete Kriger and Michael Lewis



Trail Gorilla you ask. What the heck are those? Well, the "Trail Gorillas" are a group of dedicated volunteers that have adopted the job of maintenance on the PCT's southern 700 miles between the Mexico border and Kennedy Meadows. They have split up this portion of the PCT in to seven sections that correspond with the Wilderness Press PCT guidebook (Sections A-G). Each section is assigned to a volunteer Section Chief. Section Chiefs monitor their sections of trail and hold one or more work projects each year to address the trail maintenance

issues. They hold day, weekend, and week-long projects. Each year they hold what is known as tool school to provide PCT volunteers information and instruction on the use and maintenance of hand and power tools used for trail maintenance.



The last few years I have had the privilege of helping out with this event. This year it was held at Bob Smiths Fobes Ranch. We had a record number of requests with more people than spots available. BCHC was well represented with members from San Diego Unit, Redshank Riders Unit, San Gorgonio Pass Unit, Antelope Valley and beyond. Friday afternoon was dinner, cooked by Pebbles, (chili, cornbread, and dump cake for desert), followed by introductions and orientation around the campfire, (campfire was replaced with a wood

burning stove inside a workshop, on account of the incessant hurricane force winds). Saturday found us once again seeking relief from the wind in the main house where in the morning we went over safe use, care, sharpening of traditional tool such as Pulaski's, McCleods, axes, bars, and loppers. Next up; basic info on the crosscut saw. After lunch we got into the dis-assembly and cleaning of brush saws and chain saws. Then it was outside into the wind to try our hand with the crosscut, brush, and chain saws. Later came dinner along with the ceremonial burning of broken tool handles. These were handles broken during the year by volunteers and, once again in the work shed stove. All but a couple of our tent campers took shelter in one of the buildings for the night.



Sunday morning breakfast then off to the grip-hoist and rigging demonstrations. A group got the chance to rig a grip-hoist to a fallen tree to put it in a better position to cut. Last is what everyone looks forward to; rock demolition with a Poinjar and Magnum Boulder Buster. I was asked to bring a couple of pack mules and did a demonstration on how we pack the equipment needed to make small rocks out of a large boulder. The Poinjar is a Swedish made, gas powered rock drill which we used to bore a small hole in a large piece of granite. The resulting hole was then filled with water, an explosive charge resembling a shotgun shell dropped in and the boulder buster is seated in the hole. Another charge is put in the buster along with a primer. Then everyone

runs for cover, a lanyard is pulled and ka-boom! The charge, along with the hydraulic action of the water reduces the boulder to an array of smaller, manageable pieces. After the oohs and aahs we loaded up the mules and returned to camp thus concluding Tool School. Because of the interest there is talk of a fall tool school. Stay tuned.

Looking Back at
2015
continued

MISSION CREEK PACK-IN



Another pack-in on April 27th had Tom and Cathy Firth, Greg Bruce, and me packing an ACE trail crew into the Mission Creek PCT.



On the return trip at Mission Creek Greg Bruce got to practice his top load tying skills. Stayed in place the whole way back.

Story & photos by Mike Lewis



Tom Firth met with BLM at Beauty Mountain Wilderness to install some signs in the hope to keep motorcycles off the Tule Peak Trail Head. This project was done in August.

Photos submitted by Allison Renck

Brand new year, brand new president: Greg Bruce took over the president position in January 2016 and continued until December 2017

Looking Back at
2016

A New Monument at the Pacific Crest Trail Southern Terminus



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The end of a good morning's work. (From L to R) George Boone, Jim Hawkins, Jan Hawkins, Don Line, Steve Ayers, Michael Lewis, Greg Bruce, Mark Murdock, John Shelton, Molly Cromwell, Ben Barry, Bob Griffis and Barney Mann. Debi Rodriguez is not pictured. All volunteers except for Ben Barry, PCTA technical advisor.



Culmination of weeks of work. The new PCT Southern Terminus Monument installed at the Mexican border.



It was a sight not seen in almost 30 years. For three hours last Saturday, there was no monument marking the southern end of the PCT on the desert rise south of Campo.

The familiar silhouette made by five fir pillars was gone.

Excerpt from article by Barney Scout Mann, PCTA board member

Read the full article at: www.pcta.org/2016/a-new-monument-at-the-southern-terminus-36888/

Looking Back at
2016
continued

A Poker Ride Fundraiser was held on October 23, 2016 and an invitation to come dressed in a costume contest made the day extra fun!!



First Place- Valerie Schmidt,
Second Place- Stoney
Third Place- Scott Lamky.



Many of our participants dressed for the occasion. A fun time was had by all!



What a great day yesterday for backcountry horseman southern units. We had our officers training. Huge turn-out and what a dedicated bunch of folks. 20 of us. We discussed a lot of what our goals are as BCHC, office positions, WR programs, etc. Thanks so much Michael Lewis, Thomas Firth and Terry Jorgensen for helping with break out sessions. Mike Williams, thanks for the band aid, plan and preparation: Allison Renck, Greg Bruce and everyone that came out to participate. Love these type of days. (Stacy Kuhns)

Not a Redshank Riders event, it is something requested by BCHC state officers

Greg Bruce photo

Looking Back at
2017
continued



Instructors and graduates of the very first, combined Leave No Trace, Master/Wilderness Rider, Class of 2017 held at Big Meadows Horse Camp in the Sequoia National Forest.
Sylvia Vizzard Chavez, Lynn Jacobsen Joiner, Stacy Kuhns, Nyna Cheek, Ray Spence, Donna Meler, John Wagoner, Gall Van Velzer, Paul Van Velzer and Ed Puett.
SEPTEMBER 13, 2017



Everyone had a good time at the Redshank Riders Potluck at the Garner Valley Commons on Saturday December 2nd, 2017

Photos shared by Jack Peckham

Looking Back at 2018



Can't thank Mike Lewis enough and Dusty and Dandy for taking us along the Pioneer Trail. We had a great group with us Friday Nov 10, 2017 from YVCH, they restored my faith in the future of the Country!



The Providential Heritage Academy is a Living History Farm and Museum focused on American West heritage and culture in the San Bernardino area. We encourage visitors and students to witness our providential heritage through the medium of "participatory" (or re-enactment) living history.

1. In January 2018 Michael Lewis once again took the reins as the unit president for the year.
2. Cathy Haun-Firth's mule Zane Gray ran for Mayor of Anza
3. Greg Bruce was "captured" on TV taking part in the 2018 Rose Parade.
4. Mule Days 2018
5. Spitler Peak trail work 2018



Zane Gray for MAYOR! At the Lion's Arena. Supposedly the only election that can be bought! \$1.00 per vote.



Greg Bruce walking in the 2018 Rose Parade with the Ramona pageant group.

Photo by ReetLeSs D Graphics

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



Tom Firth & Chip Herzig teaching cross saw at Mule Days 2018
Photo by Cathy Haun-Firth

Fuller Ridge Log Out

We 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.



Looking Back at
2018
continued

Photos & story shared by Michael Lewis



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.

Looking Back at 2019

Charlie Cheek stepped up to take the president position in for 2019 and elected to continue as president for 2020.

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



Anza Days Trail Town June 1st 2019

Riders participating in the event.

Photo shared by Cathy Haun-Firth

2019 BCBC Rendezvous



Pebbles Lewis, Nyna Cheek, and Stacy Kuhn's looking sharp while working the beer and wine tasting

NORCO

Ray Spence asks Gretchen Peckham what kind of beer is that At the beer and wine tasting



Greg Bruce takes a moment to watch the people enjoying themselves at the beer and wine tasting



Photos & captions shared by President Charlie Cheek

2019 BCRC Rendezvous Norco, Ca

Looking Back at
2019
continued



The Marine Corp Mustang Honor Guard at the Rendezvous Opening Ceremony.



Greg Bruce and Jack Peckham were the big winners in the packing competition



Ray Spence gave several instructional clinics on trailer loading and navigating gates

Nyna Cheek performed as the impact monster and entertained

educated on the Leave No Trace principles



Audrey Turpin and Ann York with two friends having a great time at the vendor booth



The Red Shank Rider booth was manned by "Top Hands" Jack and Gretchen Peckham, who did an excellent job.



BCHC REDSHANK RIDERS

GENERAL MEETING JAN. 2020

Last month Redshank hosted the BCHC Southern Region Officers Training at the Little Red School House. Stacy Kuhns did a fantastic job of organizing and running the training. Tom Firth and Mike Lewis provided insight and information for the members in attendance.

Some of the topics discussed included: BCHC history, safety procedures for all sponsored events, saw program, Trail Boss responsibilities, Wilderness Riders – Train the Trainer courses, volunteer hours reporting, and various ways to increase membership.

Photos shared by unit president Charlie Cheek

Looking Back at **2020** thru February

The year started off with good intentions and lots of events to look forward to. Then a virus became a worldwide pandemic causing most countries including the USA to close it's borders. Many states have had lock-down orders for us to stay in our homes with many restrictions becoming the new normal. It's now mid August 2020 and we are still living with questions and uncertainty as to if our lives will ever be the same. As Charlie noted in his president's message, *"Hopefully the situation will be resolved soon and we can get back to having fun and helping our community."*

Trails and Wilderness **RENDEZVOUS**

**The 2020 Rendezvous has been cancelled.
BCHC will be rescheduling for 2021
@ the Tehama District Fairgrounds
in Red Bluff, CA.**



Hosted by Backcountry Horsemen of California

SAVE THE DATE - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Greg Bruce will be the speaker at the next Redshank Riders meeting in March.

He will be speaking about caring for your horses teeth and how it affects their health.

Greg is a third-generation horseman. One side of his family was in the business of raising racing and breeding thoroughbreds. The other side of my family were stock raisers for



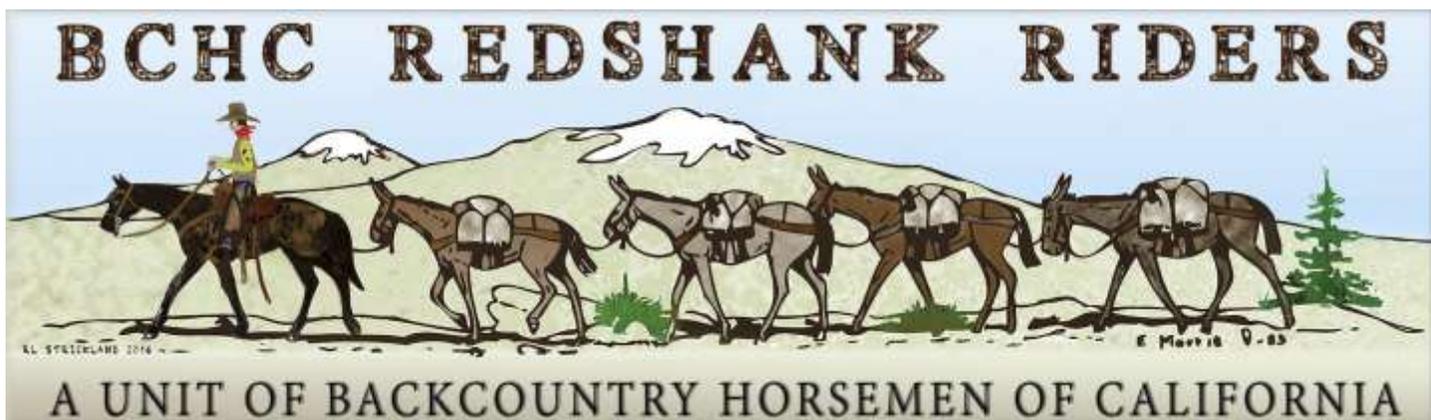
Mixed with my wife's family; his parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and cousins have competed in pretty much every horse show you can imagine. His mom is 82 and is still a very competitive team penner. He is looking forward to sharing all he has learned with all of you at our next general meeting.

Date & Time: March 12 at 7 p.m.
Location: the Little Red School House in Anza



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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.