

# REDSHANK RIDERS



An Affiliate of Backcountry Horsemen of California

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A group of dedicated men and women working to preserve the historic use of trails with recreational pack and saddle stock.

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## Message from the President

Hi fellow Members,

This will be my last message as President. I look forward to next year working in a different capacity, probably promotions. This will require someone to step forward and fill the President's office. I stand ready to help whoever takes this job on. Looking back on the year serves a useful purpose and helps us to evaluate whether we have met our goals, and what goals to set for next year.

This year we were able to clear much of the CRHT through our area. In addition, with the help of Hamilton High Shop students we put signage on a significant stretch of the Trail. Special thanks to Mr. Peabody for his long term efforts on this. Those of you who came out and helped deserve all our thanks. There is still work to be done in the Hwy 371/74 area. Hopefully we can accomplish that in 2010.

We did not manage to clear the Cahuilla Mtn. Trail this year. Hopefully we can get permission from the USFS to use mechanical means to work on this. The trail is fast getting overgrown due to the fire 4-5 years ago. Since the Wilderness Designation this may be a problem. Let's keep it in mind for after it rains.

Some other members concentrated on building trails in other areas, which included Riverside Co. Habitat Conservation areas to the south of Lake Riverside and the new Beauty Mtn. Wilderness Area. We also funded the building and installation of a horse/ Pedestrian entry to keep out motorized vehicles, i.e. motorcycles. We need to maintain this relationship with Riverside Co. and expand our focus on getting trails mapped and on the ground in the Anza/ Aguanga / Sage Corridors. This will insure connectivity to surrounding areas and Trail Networks. If you have a trail systems in your neighborhood please get it on a map. We can coordinate with Riverside Co Trails Advisory Committee to see that it doesn't get developed over. However, this Must be done prior to finalization of Developers Plans. Actually, the sooner we intercede in the process the better. So much for the County processes.



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In the case of the Federal Agencies I suggest you go to the Website for the Forest you ride in, and get on the email list for the S.O.P.A.s . This stands for Schedule of Proposed Actions. We must keep abreast of the continuing Travel Management Plans for our Particular Forests. The One Vehicle Length Rule is of prime importance to our ability to camp in any meaningful way on National Forest Lands, when not in a Campground. This rule could spell the end of horse camping as we know it. If we are forced into N.F. Campgrounds we can all plan on becoming Arena Riders, not Backcountry Horsemen. If you don't know already, there aren't many campgrounds that have facilities for Equestrians. There is a timeline for filing lawsuits which must be adhered to. This requires vigilance by all of us. We must ACT on the information in a timely manner. YOU must write a comment on the Proposal by the Agency and send it in before the comment period ends.

Some of our Members also belong to Rancho California Horsemen's Association. They have rallied to the call and met with the Winery owners and County Representatives in their area. This has been a win/win for both groups. We get to ride and they get increased business. Good work Kathy Burlison and Friends. You are an inspiration to all of us.

Finally, I thank all of you who have joined BCHC Redshank Riders Unit, for your interest in seeing this Club succeed. Your energy has been invaluable to me in the last year in keeping me focused. Stay informed and be diligent in your local area.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Dec. Meeting/ Christmas Party Ride at Allison Renck's House on Sunday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss it, it is a great place to ride and the party is a blast. See you there.

Last and most important; if you did ANY, and I emphasize Any, Trail, Education or Public Lands Advocacy work, I need you to email me an accounting of the time you spent. Include the mileage you drove RT. Your Hours include stock use whether it was packing or trail surveying. Public Speaking or meeting with any type of group to keep or open Trails. This is vitally important to BCHA. It Establishes our Credibility as a Serious Entity in the Trails Community. It gives us a place at the table when such issues as the Trail Classification System, Travel Management Plans and Purity Policy in the Forest service Manual are negotiated.

Sincerely,

Pete Spencer

President 2009

ADDENDUM: Bruce Demott, BCHC VP of Public Lands is coming to So. CA on the 9th of Jan. 2010 to meet with all Presidents and PL Liasons. A new approach to PL issues will be discussed. If you are one of the above officers please plan to attend. Any other interested members will also be welcome. The meeting will be held in Hemet, starting at 9am. (for more info see page 9)

## Congressional Committee Will Call for Moratorium on Gathers Save Our Wild Horses

Update Nov. 2, 2009: A Congressional staff member has confirmed to Animal Law Coalition that the House Natural Resources Committee is calling on BLM to stop all gathers or removals of wild horses and burros until Congress takes action on the controversial issues surrounding the wild horses and burros. A Congressional staff member told Animal Law Coalition, "It is my understanding that BLM has 11 more roundups planned for 2009 and is expecting to remove more than 6,000 horses. This is unacceptable especially in light of the fact that these roundups are not based on science."

To read more information go to this link:

<http://www.animallawcoalition.com/horse-slaughter/article/1083>

Submitted by Pete Spencer. (there is also a link on the Redshank Riders main page at the website)

## Turkey Treasure Hunt 2009 a Great Success

It was a typically beautiful fall day in Southern California. Weather just could not have been better. We circled the wagons (actually RV's and horse trailers) on Friday afternoon. Proceeded to set up for the event and then relaxed that evening to the melodious sounds of Skeleton Crew, our entertainment for the evening. Hot dogs were generously provided by some new members, Chuck and Vicky Streeter who when asked by the event chair for help, wholeheartedly jumped in with both feet. They could not have been more gracious. Several of us stayed the evening on site as we watched the embers of our campfire burn out.



Susie Bergstrom and Francine Curtis  
just starting out on the ride

The next morning we awoke and hit the ground running.

Participants started arriving around 7 am. Registration, manned by Vicky Streeter, was at once off to get everybody checked in.

The starter, Geri Ortega, fired off the first group around 9:30 AM. And they were off and trotting after that. Can't say running because running isn't allowed! Each group was given a bag for their "treasures" with the clues and instructions sheet. There were six clues. The first place group consisted of Barbara & Chuck Fredy, Tracy Sahagun and Sue Gieling and came in with a time just under 2 hours. If you were to walk the course, it took 4 hours so you can see that this group was really moving!

All groups had returned shortly before 2 pm with one group taking almost 5 hours to complete the course, whew, tired horses. While everyone was waiting for dinner, Pete, with spontaneous help from Audrey, held an impromptu auction for the REI items that he had obtained. This was really great as it broke up the time a little and generated \$479 for our new education Fund. Way to go Pete. Dinner was then served around 2 and boy what a feast. If you have not had a BBQ'd turkey in a Weber kettle, I highly recommend it. Did not hear much talking going on after that. Dinner was finished off with apple, pecan and pumpkin pies.

The raffle was then conducted with lots of laughter, yips and cries of anguish. Thanks again to Pauline Costi for her efforts in putting the raffle together.

Overall, I think everyone would agree the event was outstanding. Good people, good horses, good food and good weather. We had 9 groups for a total of 37 riders and 50 for dinner. Best of all, it generated over \$1,300 in income for our trail activities and 15 new memberships, 13 for our unit and 2 for the San Gorgonio unit.

Many people to thank for their help in a successful event; Dick Price for helping set up, Don and Helen Kleckner for the use of their RV, Chuck and Vicky Streeter for too many things to mention here, Ron Van der Linden and Lenny for their entertainment, James Baron for his putting up with my proclivities, Reuben Ortega for not disappointing, Katie Marty for her culinary skills, Pete Spencer for his guidance and all of our donors who make our raffle successful year after year. I especially want to thank Geri Ortega for helping me with the event. I could not have done it without her. She jumped in and helped with whatever I asked of her which was a lot. I really enjoyed putting this event on and hope everyone is looking forward to attending next year, it only gets better!

# A Great Time was Had by All Turkey Treasure Hunt 2009 Photos

Redshank Riders Turkey Treasure Hunt 2009



Susie Bergstrom and Francine Curtis  
just starting out on the ride

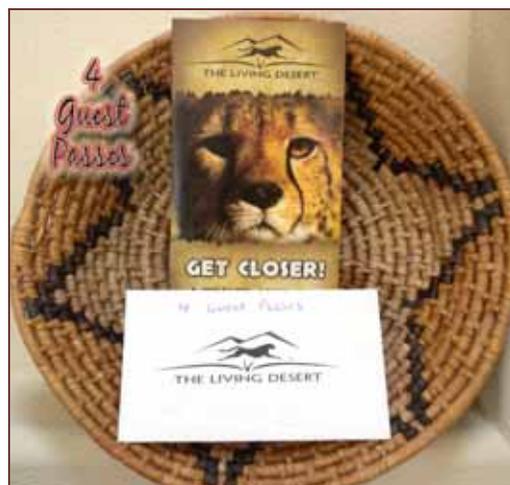
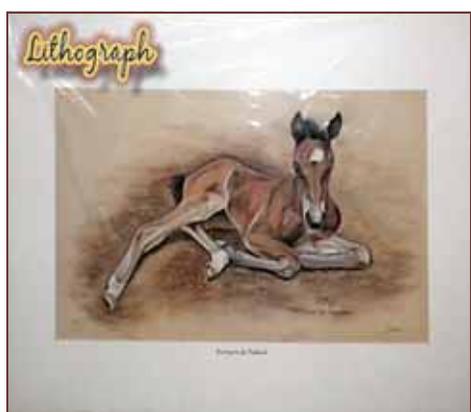


## 2009 Turkey Treasure Hunt Raffle Items:

Raffle items included handmade items by Garry McClintock .

4 Guest admissions to the Living Desert, handmade Headstall , Hobbles, Handmade by Ron Lawson from RL Saddle, Shoeing, from Tom Call, Teeth Floating, from Dr. Roberta Zajac, Decorative Gourd from Kay & Diane Klieber, Horseshoe wreaths from Ray & Dena Barmore, Paul Elmore of Weld N Saw, Sears Gift Card for \$55 from an anonymous donor, 2 Home Depot Gift Cards for \$25 from anonymous donor s. Casino Pauma Dinner for Two at Café Pauma, Lithograph "Resting in the Paddock" signed by artist Dana Conklin , Leather painting, two horses, by artist Susan Gonzalez, Kristie's Pet Grooming, Anza, \$20 towards a full grooming, Laura's Hair Corral, Anza, \$50 towards service, Lorraine's Pet supply, Anza \$25 gift certificate , Ranch Call, Dr. Fred Zadick, M-F, 8-5PM, non emergency, no more than 25 miles from Anza, two bags Drystall, two bags cedar, Rancho Vet Supply, Hemet, feed scoop & horse bathing items, 4 Cell phone holders, 4 Denier Hay Bags, Ariat womens Chaparrel Jacket, 2 Ariat Men's Fleece Pullovers, TrailMAX Insulated Horn Bag, 6 Cordura Cattle Bags, Trailer Door Accessory Bag, REI \$200 Gift Certificate.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE SPONSORS AND FOR THE DONATIONS THAT HELPED  
MAKE THIS EVENT SUCCESSFUL!



**Redshank Riders Unit  
Holiday Potluck Party/Ride and Year End Elections**

**DATE:** Sunday December 6, 2009

**TIME:** Ride out is 10:00 AM  
Party starts at 1:00 PM

**PLACE:** Allison Renck's House  
52090 Elder Creek Rd.  
Aguanga, Ca. 92536  
951 763-0374



Please bring a dish to share and a horse related gift for the gift exchange. Sodas, water will be provided- if you want anything else bring it.

Please keep the gifts between \$5.00-\$10.00.

Directions: From Temecula- Take 79 south to 371 go towards Anza, Turn right on Bradford Rd , Bradford will curve to right and become Tule Peak, Pavement will end at Hernely, Turn Left on Hernely (Dirt Rd) go 1 3/4 miles Look for signs on Left. From Anza Take 371 towards Temecula, turn Lt on Bradford and follow the same directions above.

## Mundane as it Sounds, Manure Management

*This is part of an article received from another horse organization in Northern California and I thought it was well worth mentioning here. As many of us travel to trails around the state or country, we all should take heed. It appears that most agencies, whether they be city, county, state or federal lands are trying their best to obstruct use by the public and particularly horsemen. We need to make sure that we don't give them any additional excuse to do this. General plans come up constantly for re-evaluating uses and we need to keep this in mind.*

I will spare you the detail, save to tell you that if we as responsible equestrians do not;

- 1) Clean up after our horses in parking and staging areas shared with others
- 2) Consider providing manure bunkers in appropriate places which means continuously servicing of those bunkers (hiring people to cleaning them out, loading the manure onto trucks, trucking the manure to disposal sites and paying for same)
- 3) Taking the manure away in our trailers if necessary and disposing of the manure at our host barns
- 4) At least spreading the manure in areas which are reserved for horse trailer parking if we continue to ignore these issues, then we are bound for trouble, not bound for glory.

This subject comes up repeatedly, including a past Tuesday evening at the GGNRA Open House at Fort Barry, SF. I am pleading with you to get the word out through your newsletters, word of mouth, notices on barn bulletin boards, through you email blasts, and any other way you can imagine, that we need to address this now. If you or I come to a horse staging area and the manure is where the last rider left it, at least get the rake out and spread it. This is no longer an acceptable signature.

Also, as a closer, the complaints are not coming from metropolitan areas only. We have all parked in rural and back country staging areas only to find the place(s) covered with abandoned manure. This practice has to stop. The arbitrary reactions are soon to pose greater problems than we care to address if we do not police ourselves.

With all the warmest greetings I can send for a Happy Holiday Season.....

*Written by Sandy Greenblat / Submitted by Teri Baron*

Have you got pictures from a ride, an event,  
a great animal story or joke that you  
would like to share?  
Let's put it in the newsletter

## REDSHANK RIDERS UNIT DECEMBER MEETING

Next meeting: December 10th at Allison Renck's house - see enclosed flyer on page 6

**NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

membership@bchcalifornia.org – (866) 748-2033

**MAIL TO:** Backcountry Horsemen of California  
PO Box 1610  
Oakdale, CA 95361-1610**PARENT Unit Affiliation:** (Select and CIRCLE ONE Unit as your Primary Unit Affiliation)

Antelope Valley	Kern River Valley	Mojave River	Redwood	Sequoia
Caballeros del Sol	Kern Sierra	Mother Lode	San Diego	Shasta Trinity
Eastern Sierra	Lake-Mendo	North Bay	San Gorgonio Pass	Sierra Freepackers
High Country	Los Padres	Ohlone Riders	San Joaquin Sierra	Sutter Buttes
High Sierra	Mid Valley	Redshank Riders	Santa Ana River	Top of the State

DCTR (your Membership Number): \_\_\_\_\_ (For new memberships, will be determined by Membership Coordinator)

MEMBER'S NAME—No Business Names; Print Clearly

SPOUSE / Co-MEMBER'S NAME—MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code (full 9 digits, if known) \_\_\_\_\_

( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code Phone

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Unit Membership Types: (CIRCLE ONE)****Individual \$40.00\*    Family \$50.00\*    Benefactor \$100.00    Patron \$250.00    Mt Whitney \$500.00**

\* = BCHC shares portion of dues with Backcountry Horsemen of America.

**Associate Memberships: AN ADDITIONAL \$15.00 PER UNIT IS ADDED TO YOUR PARENT UNIT DUES.**  
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP UNIT AFFILIATIONS **MAY NOT** BE FOR THE SAME UNIT AS YOUR PARENT UNIT.Associate Membership for: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00/unit  
Unit Name (from above list)Associate Membership for: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00/unit  
Unit Name (from above list)

Please write additional choices on back.

Please clip form along dashed line.

Application is available also online at:

<http://www.bchcalifornia.org/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/membershipapp.pdf>

# Tentative Event & Ride Schedule 09/10

**December 2009**

Dec. 6th Unit Meeting / Ride / Potluck at Allison's place (see flyer on page 6)

Dec. 12th San Gorgonio Unit Xmas Party (see info on page 9)

**January 2010**

Jan. 9th Unit presidents and public lands meeting in Hemet (see info on page 9)

Jan. 14th Unit Meeting at the Little Red Schoolhouse

**February 2010**

Feb.. 11th Unit Meeting at the Little Red Schoolhouse

Work Party information: Call 760 782-3747

Please note: Items with an ( \* ) by it are not Redshank Riders events and therefore may not be a BCHC affiliated event.

**INVITATION**

With the excitement of the holidays in mind I picked Jan 9th, 2010 to cordially invite the Unit presidents and public lands chairs to meet together on Jan 9th, 2010 in Hemet. Jeannette and I selected Hemet as a central location for the Southern BCHC units. We will travel to Hemet in our RV to the Mountain Valley RV Resort at 235 S Lyon Avenue, Hemet, CA, 92543 just for this meeting. I have a meeting room reserved, 9AM-1PM at the RV park for the occasion. To reduce travel time and time away from home we selected a location as central as possible for you southern units folks. We will be doing the same for the central and northern units.

I have been integrally involved in developing a tool that can serve Backcountry Horsemen. This tool can change our relationship with federal agencies in a dramatically positive and lasting way. I, sincerely, believe it is something we have been looking for and need.

This material will give you a necessary opportunity to think about the possibilities that have been developed prior to the March rendezvous.

I promise to not disappoint you or waste your time. My expectation is to place a working model in your hands that can be a guide to follow in your interagency actions with how to start discussion.

Thanks for your vote and confidence in electing me as co-chair for BCHC public lands. Folks like you are worth the time and effort and I appreciate the opportunity very much.

Please let me us know who will attend so we can have things set up.

Happy Thanksgiving

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Ruth Gerson and Bruce, Public Lands Co-Chairs

The 2010 BCHC KowKids Kalendar is now finished and ready for purchase.

Please go to our state website: <http://www.bchcalifornia.org> and CLICK ON THE LULU link (see below)

<http://www.lulu.com/content/7838822>

**Please share this information with all your BCHC friends and family. All proceeds will go to the BCHC Education Fund.**

You are all very appreciated and I hope you have a wonderful holiday season!

See you all in Merced for the 2010 Rendezvous!

(there is a link on the main page at RedshankRiders.com)

On December 12<sup>th</sup> the Back Country Horsemen of California will be hosting this year's Christmas Party at Mandy and Juergen's place. This year they are hosting a ride along with the party that will start at 11am and dinner will be served around 3pm. Bring a side dish and a \$15 gift for the exchange.

Please RSVP Mandy at (951) 767-0986 for the event.

Overnight camping is available



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Potluck - Meeting

