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BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN



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Presidents Message



Well so much for my last message. No official word on rendezvous being rescheduled. Mule days, Clovis parade, clinic at Steves all canceled. Who would of thought in 2020 gas would be down to

\$1.65 and you could trade a case of TP for a new car (just kidding about TP for a car), but gas \$1.65 unbelievable.

Hopefully, all of you are fine. Fortunately, our family is doing well and staying healthy. Carol is still riding 2 or 3 times a week. We

are anxious for this to be over and get back to the new normal. The summer schedule is coming together and will soon be confirmed. Some events are already on the calander.

Regardless of all that has and will go on, spring with all its splendor is upon us, wild flowers are out, and late rains continue to fall. Summer will soon be here as the mountains have already begun their call to come and be refreshed.

Remember to stay in the saddle, the ground is hard,

Joe Kaminski
President

HORSE BRIDGE AT SHAVER LAKE

By Cara Peterson



Colorado Trail Foundation

Some of our BCHC members are working with the Shaver Lake Trail Volunteers (SLTV). Their first calendar meeting was held at Tiffany Pines Heliport turn off, at the Steel Bucket Wheel on Hwy 168. A total of 26 people distanced themselves outdoors and wore masks. Chuck has been the Edison leader of the organization and is highly respected. Some changes are taking place between SCE and SLTV. The trail volunteers will be establishing their own officials and will not have as much direct communication with a SCE representative. The Shaver Lake Trail Volunteers are a wonderful group of people who continually pick up trash around the Lake, each having their own section to take care of. They have made enough money from recycling, to purchase 2 equipment trailers and much needed equipment. Many of them use their own boats to easily access their section of trail and beach. They also put on hiking tours which start by going across the Lake on a Party Barge to their appointed destination, and hiking from there. The Lake parking lots have been closed, however the Point parking lot has recently reopened. The Lake surface will not open until Millerton Lake opens due to boat population.

June 6th will be a work party for putting rails on the new horse bridge! We will meet at 9:00am at Camp Edison and then follow Chuck in vehicles through gates, and then walk or ride in on horses to the bridge. The rails will be packed in ahead of time. BCHC members are encouraged to show support for this work party and for the Perimeter Trail work party on June 20th.



San Joaquin Sierra Unit

Board Meeting Feb. 4, 2020

Call to order: 6:30

Flag salute

Roll Taken: President: Joe Kaminski, Vice President: Ruth Cramer, Secretary: Carol Kaminski, Treasurer: Gary Van Sickle
Directors: Jim Laber, Debbie McDougald, Muriel Holland, Paige Stambach, Steve Naylon, Sue VanSickle, Doug Laber,
Past President-Duane Peverill

Minutes review and approved: 1st Ruth Cramer, 2nd Jim Laber

Correspondence: Thank you from Dave Stamey

Committee reports:

Education: Check on tax ID# that bank has. Compare to BCHC tax ID#. Membership is declining.

Need to work with all groups.

Membership: 1 new member

Newsletter: Articles due Feb 20.

Public lands: E-bikes maybe a done deal. Still in court. NEPA not followed. Call is in to Chris Tuttle for update on trailer bill.

Sunshine:

Shaver Lake: Ruth has signed agreement with San Joaquin River Gorge. Need to wear volunteer shirt or be on work party.

Contact Ruth or Summer. Insurance package received. Shaver Camp to open May 1. Requesting a TEP (Temporary Entrance Permit). Letter to be written for parking. "Thank You" sign for camp outhouse donation. Looking at 2 sites for Poker Ride Possibilities- Fishing Camp or Ely Mountain. Possible dates Aug.1, 15 or 22. Trail work for bridge maybe May or June.

Bicycle Club interested in opening Bear Highway Trail.

OLD BUSINESS. 1. Big Meadows sponsors- to add letterhead on sponsor letter. Page in newsletter to be added for Big Meadows sponsors.

2. Stamey Dessert concert- 90 attended, 10 unsold. Duane to pursue for next year.

3. Christmas 2020 - Board voted to book John Pemberton for entertainment. Ruth 1st, Duane 2nd Passed. Fredi to contact.

4. Ruth Cramer and Gary VanSickle to host MDO July 9-13. Oak Camp ground reserved.

5. Poker Ride- Ruth and Marcee to host. Flyer needed. Need help.

6. Elections - no absentee voting allowed except in family. Will check bylaws for absentee voting.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Budget - Done

2. Audit - Scheduled Mar. 2.

3. Fresno State Pack Team - Alan Fry requesting \$750 to support team for FSU. Ruth 1st, Debbie 2nd. for \$500 for pack team sponsorship. Passed.

Adjourn: 7:55 Jim 1st, Sue 2nd

2019-20 Calendar

Board Meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of the month. All members are welcome to attend. Board meetings start at 6:30 pm at the Clovis Elks Lodge, 535 Woodworth Ave. (Bullard & Woodworth).

Calendar & Ride schedule is on-going, and new events and rides will be published when confirmed.

Note: Dates and events are subject to change or cancellation; calling the contact person is recommended or checking www.bchcsjsu.org

2020



3/27-29	Rendevous Red Bluff (Possible Reschedule)
4/18	Desensitization Clinic
4/25	Clovis Parade
May	Shaver Camp Opening TBD
5/1-3	Jose Basin Ride & Pack
5/16-17	Big Meadows work party (weather permitting)
5/19-25	Bishop Mule Days (non BCHC event)
June	Edison work party TBD
July 23-30	Wishon work party
July 9-13	Coast Ride (Montana De Oro)
9/11-13	Diana Sorensen Memorial Ride
Oct	Shaver Ride TBD
10/8-12	Coastal Mounted Unit (non BCHC event)
12/12	Christmas Dinner

Is there any activity that you would like to sponsor? We are always looking to improve the club and making it fun for all members. Please submit your ideas, wpeverill@sebastiancorp.net. You may call 559-908-3138 and I will get back to you.

Joe Kaminski
President

Remember to check for any Unit updates at our Web Site:
www.bchcsjsu.org for the San Joaquin/Sierra Unit,
www.bchcalifornia.org for the State Web Site

The purpose of this publication is to keep its members informed on important issues that affect all horsemen and to inform the membership on up-coming events within the unit. The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the editor & authors and not necessarily shared by BCHC.

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- 3 cups water
- 1 package (16 ounces) elbow macaroni
- 4 ounces Velveeta, cubed
- 2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper

INSTRUCTIONS:

In a Dutch oven, combine milk, water and macaroni; bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat and simmer until macaroni is tender and almost all the cooking liquid has been absorbed, 12-15 minutes, stirring frequently. Reduce heat to low; stir in cheeses until melted. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper, to taste.

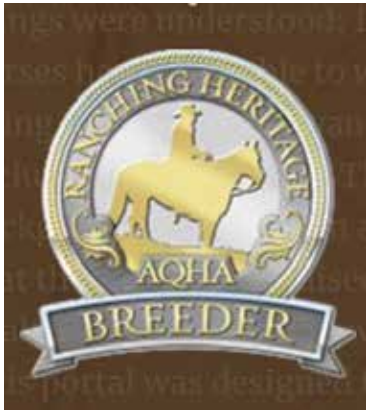


The annual **PICK A COLT** is still taking place!

Lazy K colts are ready for the pickin'!! Due to the current shelter in place conditions, the 37th Annual production sale this year will still take place May 2nd online. Horses can be purchased by visiting www.LazyK ranch.com and viewing videos posted of each horse. Go to the web page to find out more information on purchasing horses from this renowned, respected, three generation ranch.

Date: May 2, 2020

For more information go to www.lazykranch.com



The Lighter Side

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Micro Chip: Whut's in the bottom of the munchie bag

Modem: Whatcha do to the hay fields

Dot Matrix: Ole Dan Matrix's wife

Lap Top: Whar the kitty sleeps

Keyboard: Whar you hang the dang truck keys

Software: Dem dang plastic forks and knives

Mouse: What eats the grain in the barn

Mouse Pad: That's hippie talk fer where the mouse lives

Main Frame: Holds up the barn roof

Port: Fancy flatlander wine

Enter: Notherner talk fer "C'Mon in y'all"

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Attention

Your SJS Unit Board of Directors would like to invite any of our members to attend the monthly Board meetings or General meetings. It is important all directors have the same opportunity to hear the information, concerns or suggestions you wish to share. We are volunteers doing our best to keep our Unit informed and working smoothly. Refer to the newsletter for the information regarding times and location of upcoming meetings.

Respectfully,
Joe Kaminski



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C.J. Hargreaves
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BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA

Hellooo Camp!

A COMMON SENSE GUIDE FOR SELECTING A CAMPSITE AND USE OF FIRE

It's been a long day and you've been in the saddle for most of it.
Now it's time to find a good campsite, take care of your animals, and make camp for the night.
What kind of place will suit your needs and the needs of your livestock?

WHAT MAKES A GOOD CAMPSITE ?

When camping with livestock, one of your primary considerations in selecting a place to camp should naturally be the well-being of your animals. Before leaving on your trip, it is a good idea to make inquiries about the availability of feed, accessibility to water, and potential impact on the resources. You should select an area where your impact will be minimal. All of these things require awareness on your part and prior planning before your trip.

EXISTING CAMPSITES

Many times on public lands, campsites are already established. These sites have been used traditionally many times over the years and should be utilized whenever available. All campsites should be 100 feet from water. Of course, before deciding whether or not to use a particular campsite, you should consider several things — how much use is the area already receiving? What kind of impact will your group have on the area? How fragile is the soil and surrounding vegetation? You also need to consider the impact your livestock will have on the availability of winter feed for local wildlife.

Choose an area that is large enough to comfortably accommodate the number of animals in your party without compromising the resources. In order to recover from grazing pressures, meadows should be left in the best possible condition. The rule of thumb is, when plant height has been removed by 50 percent, it's time to relocate.

Processed and pelletized feed can be used not only to supplement feeding but also to decrease the impact on grazing. Animals should become accustomed to pelletized feed a few days before going into the backcountry, to minimize the possibility of colic.

NEW CAMPSITES

In camping in a pristine area, it is essential that you not only allow adequate time to select an appropriate camping spot, but also try to avoid previously used campsites in order for them to have sufficient time to recover. You should locate your camp at least 100 feet from water. Consider this a minimal guideline, but check for any local regulations in your planned destination for the best information.

As with existing campsites, you should locate areas that will provide feed for your livestock and which is still well-suited for low impact camping. Look for a durable surface when selecting areas to place kitchen and tents. Such areas include exposed bedrock or dry grassy areas. In high desert locations, gravelly areas with minimum vegetation are ideal.

When using a campsite in a pristine area, vary the routes you take to water or to use the bathroom in order to prevent formation of permanent trails. Be aware of any activity that might endanger or harm the existing natural features of the site, especially those that regenerate slowly, such as trees, mosses, or lichens. Impact on the area can many times be avoided if you limit your stay to only one night.

Water for your livestock is another key factor in choosing a good campsite. The banks of small streams and vegetated lakeshores can be relatively fragile, so care should be taken in selecting stock watering areas preferably located at fords or even low gravel banks where damage will be minimal if any.

CAMPFIRES

At one time, campfires in the backcountry were not only nice, but a basic necessity for cooking and warmth. With the advent of modern efficient camp stoves, campfires, in some instances, may not be necessary. Campfires may not be possible in high elevations or high use areas where no or very limited fuel is available. Granted, huddling around a fluorescent lantern at night may not be an image that most people think of when dreaming about a trip to the mountains, but a modern camp stove minimizes the impact you and your party will have on the backcountry.

In established campsites, there are often rock campfire rings that have been used for years. If you feel a campfire is important and there are no restrictions prohibiting a fire, make sure there is plenty of dead, downed wood available and the risk of fire danger is minimal. Use the established campfire ring instead of constructing a new one. Always check with the administrating agency beforehand in order to obtain a campfire permit if necessary.

In a pristine area, it is possible to have a campfire and still have a minimal impact on the area. As always, select a durable site for your fire. Fires can be made utilizing either the mound fire with a fire blanket, or by using fire pans, metal oil pans or roasting pans lined with a few inches of inorganic soil and elevated with rocks. You may consider packing out ashes and disposing of them properly and safely.

By using these simple guidelines and common sense in selecting a campsite, your impact will be minimal and that ideal camping spot will remain a favorite for you and others for years to come.



MY CAMP ... YOUR CAMP

- ✓ Recognize durable surfaces.
- ✓ Concentrate use in popular areas.
- ✓ Use established campsites if possible.
- ✓ Camp away from trails and water sources.
- ✓ Leave a site cleaner than you found it.
- ✓ Disperse use in new areas.
- ✓ Avoid areas where impact is just beginning.



RESPONSIBLE CAMPFIRES

- ✓ Know the regulations and management techniques.
- ✓ Judge the wind, weather, location and wood availability. Decide if it is safe.
- ✓ Use an established fire ring if possible.
- ✓ Where there is no fire ring, bring a fire pan or make a mound fire.
- ✓ Use dead and downed wood.
- ✓ An unattended fire is dangerous.
- ✓ Always have a shovel and bucket for saturating the ashes with water.
- ✓ Restore the appearance of the fire site.



A woman wearing a black cowboy hat and a light-colored button-down shirt is riding a white horse. The background is a hazy, mountainous desert landscape under a clear sky. The entire image is framed by a green border with rounded corners.

Samantha Salomon Horsemanship

Spring 2020 Clinic Schedule

2/22 Clovis, Ca.

3/14 O'neals, Ca.

4/4 Clovis, Ca

4/18 Squaw Valley, Ca

4/19 Squaw Valley, Ca

5/30 Clovis, Ca.

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Back Country Horsemen of California



San Joaquin Sierra Unit



Come and enjoy Horse Camping at the Oak Group Horse Camp at

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The park's name, "Mountain of Gold," comes from the golden wildflowers that bloom in spring. The Park features over 8,000 acres of rugged cliffs, secluded sandy beaches, coastal plains, streams, canyons, and hills, including 1,347-foot Valencia Peak. No dogs are allowed on trails.

July 9, 10, 11, 12, & 13 2020

Camp is available from 2:00pm Thursday 7/9/20 until noon Monday 7/13/20.

There are miles of horse trails along the beach and in the foothills for all levels of riding.

Potluck: Join us for a potluck dinner Saturday night. Bring an item to be shared and your own meat item for our grill.

Cost: Horse and rider for 5 days is \$45.00; Additional individuals \$ 3.00

Oak Group Camp has 16 corrals, pit toilets, water for horses only, no showers, and no hook-ups.

Contact Information: Ruth Cramer (559) 417-3878 or Gary Van Sickle (559) 288-0301

This is a BCHC-SJSU sponsored event and you must be a member of BCHC to attend.

Reservations are limited and will only be taken upon receipt of signed check with reservation form below.

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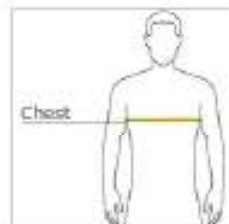
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SIZE CHART

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Chest	34-36	38-40	42-44	46-48	50-52	54-56	58-60	62-64

**Backcountry Horsemen
of California**



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Email Address: (please print legibly)

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Total Enclosed: \$ Check No.

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

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Associate Memberships Unit Affiliations MAY NOT BE FOR THE SAME UNIT AS YOUR PARENT UNIT

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Unit Name (from above list)

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Add additional choices here

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

Parent BCHC Membership Types

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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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family	\$110.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family	\$150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor Membership	\$100.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Whitney Membership	\$500.00

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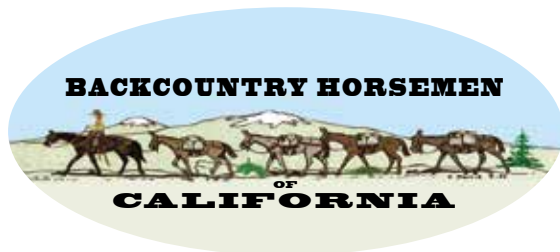
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Objectives & Purpose of the Backcountry Horseman of California *From the BCHC Bylaws*

- 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 the backcountry trails and forage areas open to horseman on all public lands.
- To keep current information before the Corporation membership and its local Units regarding new legis-lation 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.
- To promote public awareness and interest in the historical aspect of horsemen and stock in the back-country and to help educate backcountry users on the ways to use the trail and foraged in a manner that conserves the backcountry resources.
- To assist in keeping the public informed of the vital need for a clean backcountry.
- To promote a working relationship with and keep the work and interests of the Corporation before our local, state and federal officials.
- To assist in the formation and continuation of local Units to carry out these purposes.