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Presidents Message



What a whirl wind summer. Late snows made for a short pack season. But with the short summer our unit still managed to pack in a lot of activity from work parties to fun rides. If you haven't been to an event lately you would be surprised to see all of the new faces that have appeared. We have had new young people on our work parties and the most sawyers we have ever had in this unit since I have been involved. This year's Tamarack ride was one of the largest yet with some staying just for the day and others took advantage of the whole weekend.

We are having our election meeting again in October. If you or someone you know would like to be considered for a position just let any

board member know. This year's meeting will be held Oct. 16 at Fredi Chrisman's ranch. This will be a potluck with meat provided. Details to follow. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Dec. 14 Christmas dinner with music provided by John Pemberton. At the dinner tickets will be on sale for the Dave Stamey concert which will be held in January. Plan on coming out and having a good time.

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

Joe Kaminski
President

CHAMBERLAIN WORK PARTY

Personally it was a rough start for the Chamberlain work party and beginning pack trip. After spending time chasing one of our horses, which was a first, we finally had all six loaded and we were on the road. Even with the late start we were still set to meet on time at the Maxom Meadow trailhead. Of course we still didn't know what lay ahead. We were to experience a tire blowout on our trailer prior to going thru Prather. Not deterred we continued on and made the trailhead on time thinking everything was behind us. Ha! Ha! Ha!

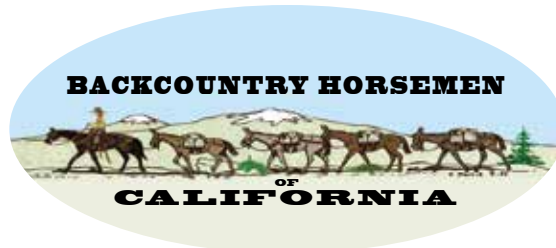
Jim Dixon, Cara Peterson and Melanie were the first to be ready and headed on down the trail. Next was Carol, Fredi and myself to be followed by Marcee, Raeann and Jim and Doug Laber. The ride was uneventful till about a half mile from camp as a stampede of three horses and two mules came at us. Unable to slow or corral the herd Carol and Fredi continued on to camp while I turned and followed the escaping stock. Shortly I came across the other group coming in and was joined by Jim and Raeann while Marcee and Doug continued on to camp. As we arrived back at the trailhead there was no sign of the escaped stock. Raeann continued on and talked with people who had seen the escapees down the road. Shortly Jim and Cara came walking out hoping to see their stock at the trailhead. This has a strange resemblance to an incident that happen several years ago. Jim and Cara left in their trucks and trailers and located their animals in almost the same spot as those were years ago.

In the mean time Carol and Marcee returned to the trailhead. We regrouped and headed back in arriving a little while after dark. Thanks to Fredi, Doug and Melanie who had camp basically set up, kitchen and all. A quick dinner was put together, clean up and an early bedtime.

Friday morning was the start of a new day. After breakfast work was started on our newest picnic table to compliment our camp. Approximately 1.2 miles of trail with 6 down trees was cleared which made for a very efficient work party. On Sunday morning after breakfast packs were put together, weighed and loaded and those who wanted were able to take turns at learning and practicing the box hitch.

After a rough start, we ended up with a great trip and great weather.





San Joaquin Sierra Unit

Board Meeting Aug.7, 2019

Call to order: 6:30

Flag salute

Roll Taken: President: Joe Kaminski, Vice President: Ruth Cramer, Secretary: Carol Kaminski,

Treasurer: Gary VanSickle, absent

Directors: Sue Van Sickle, Jim Knabke, Steve Naylon, Jim Laber, Debbie McDougald, Muriel Holland

Past President: Duane Peverill

Minutes review and approved: 1st Jim L., 2nd. Duane

Correspondence:

Committee reports:

Education: 2 more rides have been scheduled.

Membership:

Newsletter: Articles due Aug. 20. Need clarification for non-member website availability. Joe and Carol will write Tamarack and Marcee and Audrey will write MDO. Duane shares newsletter with others on their sites.

Public lands: No fires in parks so far this year. Electric bikes in parks gaining momentum. BCHC-SJSU against this.

Sunshine: John and Jenise Cunningham-sympathy card sent with loss of her father.

Shaver Lake: Nice letter received from state BCHC thanking for use of Shaver camp for state meeting. Chuck (SCE) willing to fell trees to improve area for parking and camping. Will also level. Permission was given to drive to Eagle Point campground for a ride. He is willing to ride with Cara & Ruth to mark trails for ride. Bridges need work. Sept. 7 is a work day for Shaver trails. If interested see Ruth. Marcee and Karen rode trails. Marcee to ride with Ruth to check trails.

OLD BUSINESS. 1. Big Meadows- hosts in place. Donation envelopes to be taken up. Water is good.

2. Dave Stamey-new date. Jan. 18,2020. Conflict on Dave's part. Doors to open at 6:45. Concert to start 7:30. Tickets available in Oct.

3. Events-Tamarack was successful. Ride will continue. Discussed colored T-shirts for rides. Safety issue. Doug will check on. Big Meadows ride will be Sept. 7. Chamberlain work party/beginner pack trip moved to Sept. 12-15.

4. Christmas dinner- auction items needed.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Muriel discussed ride safety.

2. Web page- lap top and projector needed for next meeting. (password).

3. Board meeting- Jim L. is asking for meetings to be changed to

4th Wed. of month. Ruth motioned. Steve and Muriel 2nd. Passed.

Calendar review: Next meeting Sept.25, 2019

Adjourn: 7:40 Jim 1st , Duane. 2nd

Next meeting to discuss Chamberlain pack trip for raffle at Christmas.

Marcee to discuss for education a meritt badge.

2019-20 Calendar

Board Meetings are on the 1st Wednesday 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

2019

August 2-4	Diana Sorensen Memorial Tamarack Camp Out/Ride Joe Kaminski 559 733-9170
August 7	Board Meeting
August	Cancelled General Meeting
Sept 25	Board Meeting
Sept 7	Big Meadow Ride (members only) In saddle 10:00 No Host Joe Kaminski 559 733-9170
Sept 12-15	Chamberlain Camp work party and beginning pack trip. Joe Kaminski 559 733-9170
Oct 5	Eagle Point Ride Shaver Lake (members Only) Cara 559-901-5364. carasblueprint@sbcglobal.net
Oct 10-14	CCMA Poker Ride/Camp out MDO (Non Unit)
Oct 16	Elections/General Meeting Fredi Chrismans Info to follow
Oct 23	Board Meeting
Nov 5	Board Meeting
Nov. 9	Play Day Obstacles Luck of the Irish Ranch Steve Naylor Info to follow
Nov 27	Board Meeting
Dec 14	Christmas Dinner
Dec 3	Board Meeting

Work Parties TBA

2020

Jan 18, 2020 Ted Fischer Memorial Dave Stamey Dessert Concert.

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 in- formed 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.

5th Wheel for Sale

Jere and Carol Bartz are selling a 5th Wheel trailer.
Call 559 924-8989 and leave message. \$6500.00

EASY DUTCH OVEN SLOPPY JOES

This is a terrific, tame recipe for making sloppy joes over the campfire.. If you want to spice it up a bit you can add chili powder, cayenne or any of a variety of other peppers or hot sauces.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 pounds ground turkey or beef
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 2 celery ribs with leaves, chopped
- ¼ cup chopped green pepper
- 1-2/3 cups canned crushed tomatoes
- ¼ cup ketchup
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon white vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon steak sauce
- ½ teaspoon garlic salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground mustard
- ¼ teaspoon paprika
- 8 to 10 hamburger buns, split

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. In a Dutch oven over medium heat, cook the beef, onion, celery and green pepper until meat is no longer pink and the vegetables are tender; drain.
2. Stir in the next nine ingredients. Simmer, uncovered, for 35-40 minutes or until heated through, stirring occasionally. Spoon about ½ cup meat mixture onto each bun.



SUNSHINE CORNER



The Lighter Side

Once upon a time there was a rich man that was driving past a farm, he looked over and saw a beautiful stallion standing in the field. The rich man thought, 'Wow I gotta have him' so he pulled into the farm's entrance. He found the owner and said, "I want that horse out yonder in that field. How much do you want for him?" The farmer said, "He don't look to good." "Nonsense" said the rich man "I'll pay you \$1000 for him." "But he don't look to good," said the farmer. The rich man sighed and said, "\$2000 dollars is my final offer." The farmer sold the beautiful horse to the rich man. One week later the rich man came back angry as ever and said, "Darn you, you sold me a blind horse!" Then the farmer smiled and said, "I TOLD YOU HE DIDN'T LOOK TOO GOOD!!!!"

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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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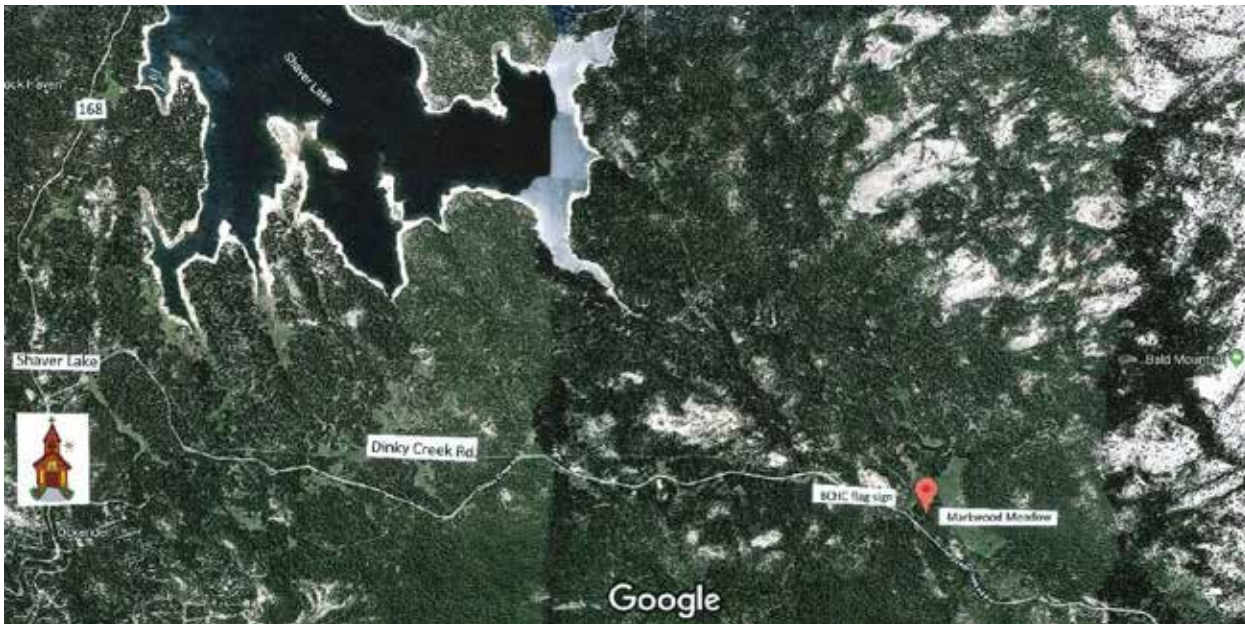
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Please forward "Travel Advantage" newsletter to your friends and family and other BCHC supporters. The more we get the word out, the more people will use the BCHC Getaway travel site to take advantage of great rates on hotels, flights, rental cars and other travel-related items, the more BCHC will earn for our Treasury!!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the travel site, how it works or what BCHC earns by participating in this great opportunity. Thank you for supporting and promoting BCHC Getaway!!

C.J. Hargreaves
BCHC Editor/Travel Site Coordinator
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Shaver Lake Fall Ride
New Date: Oct. 12th, 2019
Weather Permitting
Dinky Creek Rd.



In the saddle by 10:30 am
Bring a sack lunch and a jacket!
New members are welcome to join.
Dog gone, no dogs.

Take 168 East, Dinky Creek Rd. East, Approx. 6 miles
Look for BCHC sign with flags, on the left.
Sign up with Cara Peterson (559) 901-5364

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2ND NEW MT RIDERS

On the beautiful morning of August 31st the second group of New Mountain Riders headed around Balsam Forebay above Shaver Lake on their way up to the top of Ely Mountain. Teresa Beshwate, new member Renee Badertacher and guide Muriel Holland followed an easy trail through bushes of ripe bitter cherry and on to the lakeside meadow. We took this opportunity to talk about how to cross a meadow or wet ground safely and with as least damage as possible and how to tell by the look of grass where the ground might be boggy. After choosing a safe place to put the horses into the lake to drink we continued up the newly worked dirt roads to a overlook of Shaver Lake. Then on to a horse trail through rocks, talking about following trail marking duks and takeing turns leading where each thought the trail led. A sharp dropoff over Ely Meadow gave a spectacular view to our right and as we approached the summit Shaver Lake lay below to our left. All the horses and riders negotiated the loose and slanting rocks calmly and safely. The return ride was partially down another horse trail which gave practice in different terrain. All parties enjoyed a good time and the next Mountain Riders date is set for Sept.22 around the back of Shaver Lake with Teresa, Renee, a third new rider and Muriel. If you are interested in joining these small group rides and have an area they would like to investigate or perhaps you have childeren who are new to trail riding and just want to have another adult along when venturing out into the woods please contact Muriel @ 805-440-9289. Times and places will be arranged for everyones convenience. All riders must be BCHC members and can join at the ride.

SHAVER LAKE HORSE CAMP

Camp is Open

BCHC San Joaquin Sierra Unit again makes the Shaver Lake Horse Camp available for use by members and associate members wishing to enjoy camping and riding at Shaver Lake.

Shaver Lake is situated at elev. 5,300 ft. within the Sierra National Forest on scenic recreational land. There are ample riding destinations, as the camp itself is adjacent to the 12.5 mile Perimeter Trail that surrounds the lake. Also in the vicinity are the Ely Mountain and Balsam Forebay Trails.

The camp is located behind a locked gate, 1 mile East of Highway 168 on Dinkey Creek Road. It is a dry camp, with portable sanitary facilities. There are two tables, a fire pit and 3 stalls. Fire regulations apply; cookstoves can be used on the table top. And, of course, campers must Leave No Trace.

California's Greatest Lakes.com describes Shaver Lake as "one of the most enjoyable vacation lakes in California", with a "balmy, 78-degree average high temperature." This writer has enjoyed many pleasurable hours riding and appreciating a picture-perfect view at every turn. Make your plans and reservations now to enjoy a perfect mountain experience for both you and your horse.

The camp will be open May 24 through October 31, 2019, for SJSU members only.

Cost is per membership—\$10/day for camping, \$5/day for picnic use.

Other units are welcome to use the camp after joining as Associate Members (\$15 additional).

To make reservations, contact:
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3RD NEW MT RIDERS

Submitted by Muriel Holland

The perimeter trail around Shaver Lake to the horse crossing of Stevenson Creek was the site for the third ride by the New Mountain Riders. On Sunday September 22, 2019 Teresa Bushwate and Rene Badertacher joined Muriel Holland for a 5 hour ride. We started from the parking area outside the transfer station on Dinky Creek Road. This has an easy pull through for up to 6 trailers and is seldom full. Since it was the second day of deer season all the riders wore bright colored shirts and discussed the possibility of gunshots spooking the horses. By leaving the trailers about 10am the only hunters we encountered were leaving the woods as we entered and were all very polite. The focus of this ride was finding and following trail signs and markers. Riders took turns leading the way and we all talked about any markers missed as well as other old blazes on trees, which trail had recent horse use, blocked trails that had been re-routed and keeping track of where we were in relation to the sun in case the trail was lost. Even though the Perimeter trail is well marked now these skills need practice in case of travel in wilderness or less used areas. The weather was great, horses well behaved and a good time was had by all. More small group rides will be planned to encourage riding in the mountains. If you are interested in seeing new areas to ride or gaining mountain horse skills please call Muriel Holland 805-440-9289

BIG MEADOWS RIDE

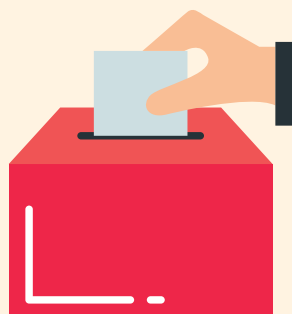
September 7th

We picked a great weekend for the ride as we had some light rain before Saturday that knocked the dust down. Horse camp was all but full with about 18 participants camping with some of them who came up on Saturday to day ride. Not all went together but instead I think we covered every trail in the area with rides to Buck Rock, the Meadows, Weaver Lake, Jenni Lake, and of course the Starlight Trail. This was a no host ride and all seemed to enjoy their time riding and socializing with each other and camp hosts Joe and Carol Kaminski.





ELECTIONS / GENERAL MEETING



To be held at:
Fred Chrismans
3593 N. Bethel Ave • Sanger, CA 93657
October 16th, 2019 • 6:30 pm

POTLUCK DINNER
(Meat provided)

BCHC Intern Julia will also be speaking.

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

A Parent Membership is affiliated with a single Local Unit.
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*A SHARED Membership is for two adults with differing last names who share a common address.

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**San Joaquin-Sierra Backcountry
Horsemen**

HO..Ho..HO (not WHOA!)

It's that **Time of Year** to gather for our annual **Christmas** Holiday party. You **DON'T** need to be a member to come and join in the festivities.

Saturday, December 14, 2019

Cost: \$25.00
Time: 5:00 p.m. Social Hour
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Clovis Elks Lodge
535 Woodworth Ave
Clovis



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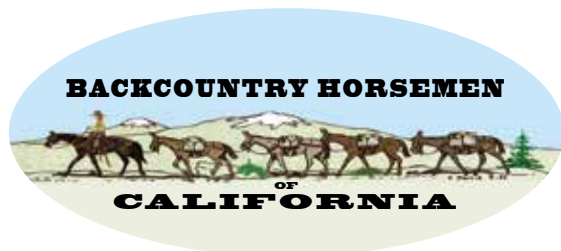
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Back country Horsemen Christmas Dinner December 14th, 2019

Name _____ Number of Attendees _____

Chicken Dinners# _____ Tri Tip Dinners # _____ Paid amt. _____

Mail to: Jim & Debbie Dixon P.O. Box 319 Shaver Lake, CA
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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 legislation or management plans related to government regulations of the backcountry.
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- 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.