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Presidents Message



It has sure been a fun summer with some fun people. We have had a number of new members come in and join our rides with some new takes on things. Upcoming rides

include no host ride Sept 7 at Big Meadows, bring your own food and ride your favorite trail then join around the camp fire. Come for a few days or just the day. In Oct Cara Peterson will be putting on a ride at Shaver Lake, and in Nov we are planning a ride at Steve Naylons, watch for the date.

No final word yet on SB 415 which would no longer require a class A license for a lot of horse trailers, they would be covered under the RV license that only requires another written test.

Check out our calendar to see the tentative dates for rides and work parties. Some may have to change due to weather

.We are still looking for a historian for our unit. Also if you have a favorite place to ride and would like to host a ride, we would be glad to help with the particulars.

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

Joe Kaminski
President

TAMARACK RIDE

My name is Kylee Traeger and I am 11 years old. I went to Tamarack with Grandpa and Grandma Kaminski for the very first time. I had a great time riding my horse. I rode for 4 hours the first day. It was the longest I had ever ridden. Later that day Jaedyn and Jacob came up to join us for the weekend.

On Saturday Grandpa cooked breakfast for everyone. We had biscuits and gravy and coffee cake. Grandpa is a good cook. After breakfast we saddled our horses and went for another ride. Jacob and I were a little nervous as we haven't ridden alot.

Grandma and Jaedyn took us for a great ride. We crossed bridges and had lots of water crossings. The ride was about two and a half hours and about 5 miles long. It was so much fun.

When we got back Grandpa and Fredi had lunch almost ready. We had deep pit meat, pilaf, cabbage salad, potato salad, chili beans and rolls. For dessert we had sugar cookies and brownies. We weren't hungry after all that.

After lunch we had a raffle. There were lots of raffle prizes to choose from. Richard drew all the tickets for the winners. He drew Grandpa's number first. Muriel won a beautiful belt buckle. I won a gift certificate to Velasco's. It was fun. Paul told us a little about Diana. I wish I could have known her.

When we were all done some people went out for another ride. I didn't go this time. Jaedyn and Jacob went out for a ride by themselves. Momma (Jacob's ride) was good. Jaedyn rode out on Rosebud. Her behavior left something to be desired.

On Sunday we went for another ride. This time it was to pick up all of our trail markers. The four of us all rode together again and all the horses behaved this time. We all had a really good time. Jacob had updated his will before hand. He was glad that it wasn't needed.

We all had a really good time and I hope that I can go again next year.





San Joaquin Sierra Unit

Board Meeting July 10, 2019

Call to order: 6:40

Flag salute

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

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

Past President: Duane Peveril

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

Correspondence:

Committee reports:

Education: Report from Muriel. Two takers on the first beginning mountain riding training. Muriel will write article for newsletter. Jim to republish article in newsletter.

Membership:

Newsletter: Articles due July 20. Jim Laber will now print newsletter. Winter months will be bimonthly print. Joe will acquire addresses for printer.

Public lands: Grant monies are being used around McKinley Grove to clean up. Ruth to provide info on USFS revision.

Sunshine: Up to date. Pete's memorial will be July 14. Desserts needed. Budget needed for Pete's service. \$200.00 Jim L. 1st. Debbie 2nd. Passed. Duane to provide media equipment for service. Duane will also look into gun targets as Pete requested.

Shaver Lake: Camp is open. Some trees still need to be cleared. Cara is willing to clear.

OLD BUSINESS. 1. Big Meadows- toilets have been pumped. Trash bins have been delivered. Jim and Doug have been working to clean up camp. Water is holding up well. Water tanks have been camouflaged. Trail to Weaver has been cleared. Some hosts still needed.

2. Dave Stamey tickets to be printed.

3. Events- Freepackers- Granite Creek trail work July 20-26. Contact Mary O'Dell. CMA flyers came out today. November ride to be held at Steve Naylon's. Fredi to host October election meeting.

4. Christmas dinner- auction items needed.

5. Grants- Stewardship grant is a match grant. Club needs gravity flow water filter, coffee pot, tool sheaths and loppers.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Silver Rose Ranch- discussion on whether to continue paying membership.

Joe will take discussion back to Jan.

Calendar review: Next meeting August 7, 2019

Adjorn: 7:35 Ruth 1st, Jim L. 2nd

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 23 Board Meeting
- 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
- Nov 27 Board Meeting
- Dec 14 Board Meeting
- Dec 25 Christmas Dinner

2020

- Feb 8, 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 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.

5th Wheel for Sale

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

SHEEPHERDER'S BREAKFAST

One-dish casseroles that's a sure hit with the breakfast crowd!

INGREDIENTS:

- 3/4 pound bacon strips, finely chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 package (30 ounces) frozen shredded hash brown potatoes, thawed
- 8 large eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. In a large skillet, cook bacon and onion over medium heat until bacon is crisp. Drain, reserving 1/4 cup drippings in pan.
2. Stir in hash browns. Cook, uncovered, over medium heat until bottom is golden brown, about 10 minutes. Turn potatoes. With the back of a spoon, make eight evenly spaced wells in potato mixture. Break one egg into each well. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.
3. Cook, covered, on low until eggs are set and potatoes are tender, about 10 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese; let stand until cheese is melted.



SUNSHINE CORNER



The Lighter Side

A man was driving into town and he fell in a big ditch in the middle of the road. A farmer came up and said, "My horse Sebastian can pull you out," the man said ok and the farmer got Sebastian. When Sebastian was hooked up, the farmer said, "Pull Ranger! C'mon Benny! Lets go Delilah!!!!" Then the farmer said, "Pull Sebastian, pull!" When the car was out of the ditch, the man said, "I have a question, why did you say the wrong name three times?" And the farmer said, "Because Sebastian is blind, if he knew the other horses weren't pulling, he wouldn't even try..."

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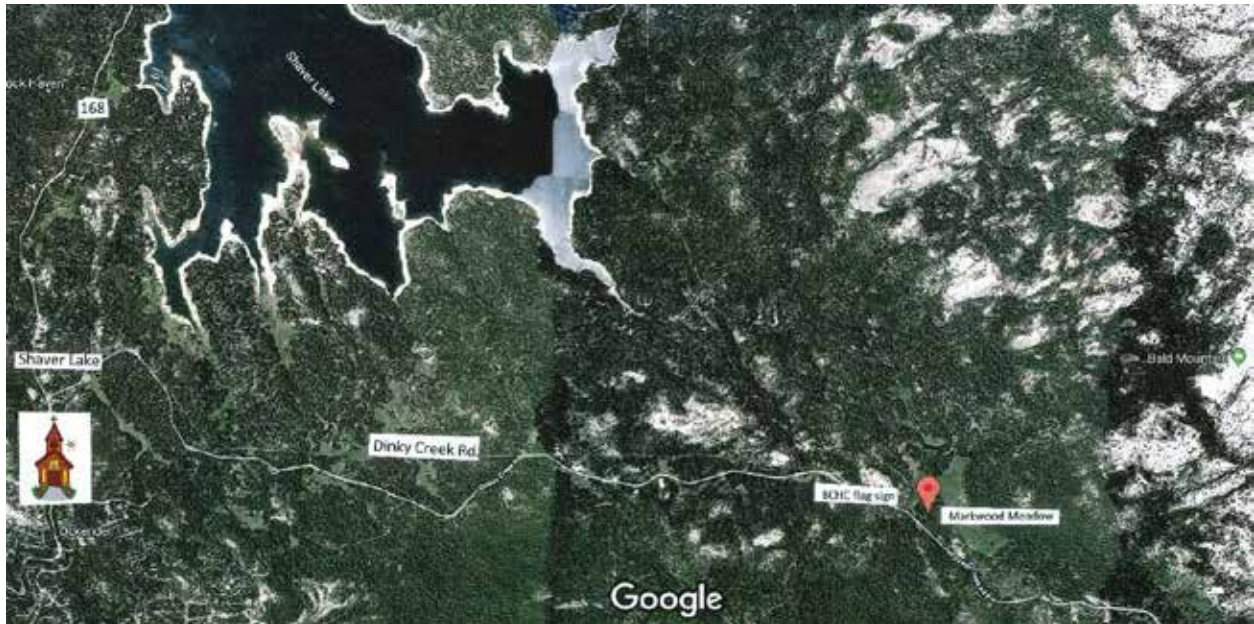
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C.J. Hargreaves
BCHC Editor/Travel Site Coordinator
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Shaver Lake Fall Ride
New Date: Oct. 12th, 2019
Weather Permitting
Dinky Creek Rd.



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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The Rancheria Work Party went in to work the Rancheria Trail on Friday June 29 and came out on Monday July 1. All work was completed on wilderness and non-wilderness trails leading to wilderness.

Approximately 3.1 miles of Rancheria Trail was cleared from the trailhead to Rancheria creek. Approximately 1.75 miles from Duck Lake turn off towards Duck Lake was also cleared. Also on two days trail was cleared of Whitethorn brush to the trail standard of eight foot wide to the landing approximately 500'. This alone took about 20 hours by a three person team. In addition on Monday July 1 four trees were cleared from road to trailhead.

Trail was cleared of a number of trees:

20" X 15' 3cuts 30" X 12' 1cut 3" X 6' 1cut
18" X 12' 3cuts 24" X 4' 1cut 18" X 6' 1cut
8" X 10' 2cuts 36" X 30' 1cut 36" X 10' 3cuts
32" X 14' 1cut 32" X 30' 1cut 24" X 8' 1cut
8" X 20' 1cut 26" cuts 1 12" cut X12' split tree
6" X 10' 1cut 8" X 15' 1cut complex
8" X 40' 3cuts complex wilderness hand saw
8" X 30' 1cut 12" X 20' 1cut 18" X 8' 2cuts

JHA's were gone over prior to start of work and daily tail gates were done. All PPE required gear was used by all volunteers. No accidents or close calls occurred.

Respectfully,

Joe Kaminski
BCHCSJSU



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:

Ruth Cramer

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MOUNTAIN RIDERS GROUP BCHC

June 25th was a beautiful day for riding in our lovely Sierras when Gary and Sue Vansickle were the first two riders to take advantage of the Introduction to Mountain Riding Group being formed and led by BCHC member Muriel Holland. While the Vansickles are long time horse owners, and Gary has extensive back country hiking experience, neither had ridden in the mountains before. At the beginning of the 2 hour ride at Tamarack, above Shaver Lake, safety and what to expect on the trail was discussed. As we rode along sometimes on a smooth open trail and then over and around a variety of natural obstacles the best way to navigate these were talked about as well as how to keep ourselves oriented so we could find our way back to the trailers. And of course what to do if you run into "meat bees". The creek was flowing well and we made several water crossings, talked about how to ride at the edge of meadows to minimize damage, crossed a wooden bridge, rode over large rocks, boggy trails and through the trees and bushes to get around fallen trees. The day was fun for all and the best part was that Sue said she felt more confident riding out and looks forward to the next session. Rides will be scheduled to increase in difficulty each time. Future destinations are Ely Mountain above Shaver Lake, Twin Lakes near Kaiser Peak and the Horse Camp trail out of Courtright Lake. Riding in the back country adds another whole dimension to enjoying your horse. And you might even get the bug to join in the trail work parties with campouts. Several experienced back country riders have volunteered to go along for safety and to share their knowledge. And to have fun! Rides will be scheduled several times a month to fit riders and leaders time available. If you would like to join us to become familiar with mountain riding please call Muriel at 805-440-9289 for more information. Do you know someone who is not a BCHC member but might want to participate? They can join at the first ride they come on.

MONTANO DE ORO 2019

WHOO HOO What A Weekend!!! Hello! I am Pompei. I am a Grandson of the great Padrone Psyche. Many of you don't see horses like me on your trips. Getting in the trailer is always exciting - you never know where you will end up. This time my human told me we were headed to Montano de Oro State Park with the Back Country Horsemen. It turns out that MDO is a great place for trail riding, yet unfortunately it is next to the most water I have ever seen. (Disclaimer: I hate water).

There were about 12 people who showed up for our trip. They were very nice and spent a lot of time talking and eating around a fire. It turns out the Back Country Horsemen were women too. They were probably a little jealous because their horses were not of the superior Arabian breed. I figured this out because I heard many envious comments about my outstanding energy and spirited movement.

We went on several fun rides, but two of them are the most memorable from my perspective. The first was a trip into the hills that lasted for at least 20 hours. We traveled with boss mare (Marcee) and a small human (Audrey) and the quarter horse brothers (Jim and Doug Laber). The small human was quite mischievous. Every time we turned around she managed to redirect the attention to herself. She touched stinging nettle, poison oak, and got stung by a wasp on this ride! She was fine by the end of the ride and wanted to race back to camp. The extreme distance and hill climbing we encountered was not a problem for me, because of my superior Arabian breeding. I liked to lead the way and leave those slow quarter horses in the dust. Every once in a while I was told I had to let someone else lead. I am not a fan of big quarter horse butts. I am also not a fan of the slithery ones that crawl on the ground and rattle. We saw several of those creatures.

The other ride I remember well involved traveling over sand dunes. I loved the dunes - I think I was bred for traveling over sand! I thoroughly enjoyed this experience, but when we reached the final dune and looked down I saw an endless expanse of water! Did I mention that I hate water?? Not only was this water wet, it was undrinkable and it kept attacking me! But I am the bravest horse alive, so I managed to hold myself together and maintain my noble composure. I kept my mind off the terror of the water because it turns

out a beach is a great place to go for a run. I ran so far and so fast and still didn't run out of sand to run on. (Disclaimer: I was much faster than my companions)

Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed my trip to MDO with my new Back Country friends. As long as you stay away from the rattlesnakes, hornets, poison oak and water it is a great place to visit. I can't wait to go back again!







**Backcountry Horsemen
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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.
- 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 backcountry 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.