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Concerned Men and Women Dedicated to Gentle Use of California Trails and Backcountry

Presidents Message



Montana de Oro for the costal poker ride. One went to Marci Hansen, but we have no idea who the second winner was. If you are the winner or know who it was please notify me.

Help! At the raffle ride we gave away two rides to

As usual, the coast trip was fantastic. It was great with the cool weather, fire at night, new and old friends getting

together.

Finally Big Meadows is open. Make your plans to enjoy cool weather and a great riding area. Hopefully we will soon open Shaver.

If you are planning on coming on the Chamberlain work party, Aug 4-7, please let me know so we can plan food.

Our calendar is available both on our website and in our newsletter. Keep an eye on the calendar and hope to see you at one of the events. Thanks to all who continue to

participate and those of you who continue to be part of our unit. Don't forget, if you would like to sponsor a ride, we would be glad to have your input.

Big Meadows opened late this year, but there are still a couple of openings for host. If interested check with Jim Knabke for dates.

Remember to stay in the saddle. The ground is hard.

Ioe Kaminski President

CONTEST TIME Find the Hidden Hoof Print!

First person to find the hidden hoof print in this newsletter and email Jim Laber @ jim@visaliaidea.com

> Will Get A Free **BCHCSJSU Long Sleeve Color T-Shirt**

GOOD LUCK!

Congratulations to Linda Fitzgerald for being the first one to find the hoof print last issue!

2023 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

2023

August 1	Board Meeting
August 3-7	Chamberlain Work Party
September 5	Board Meeting
September 9.	Memorial Ride Big Meadows
October 5-9	Coastal Mounted Unit MDO We are now a sponsor
October 18	Election/General Meeting (Location TBA)
November 3	Board Meeting
November 4	BCHC-SJSU Unit Holiday Dinner Sal's/Information
December 5	Board Meeting
December	Christmas Dinner Will NOT BE HELD THIS YEAR

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, kaminskiclan@gmail.com. You may call 559.909 0505 and I will get back to you.

Joe Kaminski President

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

CAMPFIRE BEAN 'N' HAM SOUP

These are the best beans and ham you'll ever taste—bar none! For easy cleanup, consider covering the outside of your Dutch oven with heavy-duty foil first.

INGREDIENTS:

- 21 pound dried navy beans
- 2 small onions
- 8 cups water
- 4 cups cubed fully cooked lean ham
- (1-1/2 pounds)

- 2 smoked ham hocks
- 2 cups chopped celery
- 1 cup chopped carrots
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Place beans in an ovenproof Dutch oven; add enough water to cover by 2 in. Bring to a boil; boil for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat; cover and let stand for 1-4 hours or until beans are softened.

2. Chop 1 onion; slice second onion and separate into rings. Set onions aside. Drain and rinse beans, discarding liquid. Return beans to the pan. Add reserved onions; stir in the remaining ingredients. Cover pan and place on the grill rack over indirect medium heat.

3. Cover grill; cook for 1 hour or until beans are almost tender. Uncover Dutch oven; cover grill and cook 30 minutes longer or until beans are tender. Discard ham hocks.



San Joaquin Sierra Unit

Board Meeting June 6, 2023

Call to order: 6:30

Flag salute

Roll Taken: President: Joe Kaminski, Vice President: Ruth Cramer Secretary: Carol Kaminski, Treasurer: Gary Van Sickle Directors: Richard Telles, Tami Telles, Jim Laber, Marcee Hansen, Sue VanSickle, Past President: Duane Peverill absent Minutes review and approved: 1st Jim, 2nd Sue

Correspondence:

Committee reports:

Education: Articles on snakes and bears in newsletter. Discussed mailing costs.

Membership:

Newsletter: Articles due June 20. Discussed adding a donation thank you corner in newsletter.

Public lands: Sierra and Sequoia finalized forest plan. Read on website.

Sunshine:

Shaver Lake: Needs repairs. Tree down on corral. Trail and pens need to be cleared of debris. Lilly Trail needs work. Winter ruts.

Big Meadows: Closed. Possible opening late June early July.

OLD BUSINESS. EVENTS for 2023

June 6- Board meeting • June17 - Shaver Ride Raffle. Donations needed. \$25 members. \$35 non members.

June 23-29 Edison Work Party CANCELED

July 5 (Wed.) Board meeting • July 13-17 - MDO

Aug.1 - Board Meeting • Aug. 3-7 Chamberlain Work Party

Sept. 5 Board Meeting • Sept. 9 - Memorial Ride (Big Meadows)

Oct. 3 - Board Meeting • Oct. 5-9 CMA Coast Ride (Non club event)(SJSU co-sponsor)

Oct. 18 - Election Meeting 6:30 Location TBD

Nov. 4 - Holiday Dinner at Sal's • Nov. 7 - Board Meeting • Nov. Jose' Basin

Dec. 5 - Board Meeting • December Christmas Dinner - to be held in November.

1. Reedley Pack team - Won at Bishop. FSU placed. Reedley to speak at Oct meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. July board meeting - Location TBD. WEDNESDAY July 5

2. Grants - American Trail Association Grant \$8,000. To be used for Chamberlain and Edison. Chamberlain possible

Aug. 4-7. BCHC Grant - To be used for Gorge. \$1,000. Is there a Wilderness Grant? See Debbie McDougald

3. TV Show - Trail Dogs. American Trail Grant - Super Genius Production. Joe to contact.

Next meeting: July 5, 2023

Adjorn: 7:55 Marcee 1st, 2nd Ruth

CHAMBERLAIN MAXSON MEADOWS WORK PARTY

San Joaquin Sierra Unit was awarded a grant from the Legacy Trail Program first year awardees. We will be Conducting a work party to remove the old, rotted causeways and clear the trails from the trail head to Chamberlain camp. If you are interested in helping out, we will be meeting up at the trailhead across the dam at Courtright reservoir starting work on Friday August 4th and departing Monday August 7th. Most will be going up on the 3rd of August and overnighting. Breakfast and dinner will be supplied so please contact Joe Kaminski (559-909-0505) and let him know if you are going.

2023 LEGACY TRAIL PROGRAM AWARDEES ANNOUNCED

We are excited to announce the winners of our 2023 Legacy Trail Program grants. In the first year of this program, we funded a total of \$1.35 million to 33 organizations.

Maxon Meadows Trail to Chamberlain Meadows Camp

Amount Awarded: \$7,500.00

This work helps the Forest Service with much-needed maintenance in the Ansel Adams and John Muir Wilderness areas. As a result, the improved trails and safety measures will benefit the user and the commercial interests in the area. On the Maxon Meadow Trail, the existing causeway is dangerously damaged and failing; as a result, users are reluctant to cross it, so multiple trails have been created to avoid using the causeway. Removing the causeway and locating the trail to a more durable surface will mitigate this adverse impact by preventing multiple trails through the wetland and confining use to that more durable surface, preventing further damage.



BIG MEADOWS HORSE CAMP OPENING

By: Jim Laber Photos submitted by all listed in article. June 29 - July 2

As most of our members know our unit in cooperation with the US Forest Service, take care of and host the equestrian camp at Big Meadows – Sequoia National Forest, to keep it a first come first serve no fee camp available to all equestrians. We accomplish this through donations and volunteers to clean and pump the restrooms, pay for trash, and manure pickup, and host the camp 24/7 during the season. In normal years and drought years the camp is open by Memorial Day weekend but this year due to snow levels we just opened.

Finally on the 29th of June Joe & Carol Kaminski and Jim & Doug Laber headed up to Sequoia National Forest Big Meadows Equestrian Camp. In tow we had the seasonal water tanks (1200 Gallons) and the Camp Host water tank (250 gallons). Upon arrival we assessed our work for the day. We would be cutting a rather large tree that dropped in camp up by the front corrals blocking access to the manure dumpster, Placing the water tanks, and getting all the supplies for the camp host stocked and fixing some signage. By the time we had our plans Cathy Caskey and Phil Myrise from the High Sierra Unit showed up to help with the work.

Doug and I Got the chain saws going and started cutting up the tree to at least clear access to the Manure dumpster for campers and the refuse company that empties it. Phil and Joe Started cutting and brush the bottom end of the trunk which had quite a bit of rot in the center. Everyone else pitched in on brushing and cutting this 30-40" (part was a Double Trunk) and we cut 14" rounds until we got about a third of it cleared. The rounds were then rolled up onto a trailer to get them out of the way and out of camp. Not to worry, the wood was still chirping so leaving it in camp would have led to many frustrations starting campfires. Most of the corrals were in good shape other than they sunk a bit due to the amount of snow this winter but didn't need to be filled in except in the front corrals but that will be another work party.

Friday Afternoon Doug and I returned to camp with our horses and tools for some more work on the fallen tree and some sign rework for the host camp. Camp was about ½ full and the first camp host for the season was in camp. After we got our stock and ourselves settled in, we decided to recon the trail out of camp that goes over to the Jenny Lakes Wilderness trailhead. We found 5 areas that had fallen trees across the trail including where the trail starts across from camp. That area had 2 small fallen trees and a lot of brush and small trees that were completely blocking access. It was getting late, so we settled around the fire for the night and planned our work for the morning.

Saturday morning, we were up and running at the crack of dawn so took care of horses got all the coffee we needed and set out of camp to work the trail. We spent until noon clearing five areas of fallen trees from 8" – 40" from the trail. The 40" out of the center of the trail took all our power to turn and roll out of the trail. The rest were easy after we walked into them and spent till noon again on the work. The rest of the day we tacked up the horses and rode the trail we cleared and made it all the way to the trailhead with no issues. We went on past the trailhead and we headed for Weaver Lake. We made it to the first creek crossing without obstruction and the trail as it enters the creek was washed out, so you enter the creek coming off the slope of the hill. We then headed up to the second creek crossing and without obstruction made it almost there before we were facing 2-3 feet of snow. Not wanting to risk breakthrough we turned around at this point.

Sunday morning, we worked on the tamarack trunk cutting back about another 12' of 14" rounds. We were very thankful to have the 36" saw with us. We rested a bit, tacked up the horses, and rode the perimeter trail around the meadows. It was wet all around the back side with snow in the shadows and under the trees. We made it all the way around without being blocked but it will be much better in a couple of weeks. We heard from hikers that there were quite a few trees across the trail above the second creek crossing to Weaver Lake so that may still be challenging after the snow melts off.





PLAN AND PREPARE

Depending on where you are riding or packing, in the event of an equine emergency, it may take several hours or longer for your stock to be treated by a veterinarian. You should plan and prepare to be on your own in caring for your injured stock for several hours or longer.

If you are traveling away from home, create and take with you a list of several local large animal veterinary hospitals that could treat your stock, in the event of a medical emergency. Include the hospital name, address, phone numbers and directions (if you do not have GPS).

Prepare a complete equine first aid kit for your trailer or packing, and a smaller one to take on the trail in your saddlebags. You will need the supplies necessary to stabilize your stock in the event of an emergency, until a veterinarian is available to take over your animal's care.

EQUINE FIRST AID

- Trail Kit
- Betadine solution
- Betadine scrub
- Electrolytes
- Neosporin
- Nolvasan
- Saline solution
- *Ace (acetylpromazine)
- *Banamine
- *Bute (phenylbutazone)
- *Dex (dexamethasone)
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Topical eye ointment
- Emergency blanket
- Paper and waterproof
- Flashlight/light sticks
- Stethoscope
- Bandage scissors
- Standing wraps
- Rolls of sheet cotton

- Easy Boot
- Vetwrap or Elastikon
- Hoof pick
- Duct tape
- Sharp knife
- Sterile gauze pads (4" x 4")
- Gauze rolls
- Latex gloves
- Cell phone (realize it quite possibly will not work)
- ³/₄" 1" hose (to keep nostrils open in a snake bite)
- Equine rectal thermometer
- Sanitary napkins (to stop bleeding)
- Fly repellent

NORMAL HORSE VITAL SIGNS

- **Temperature:** 99 101 F
- **Pulse:** 30 42 beats per minute
- **Respiration:** 12 20 breaths per minute
- Capillary Refill (gums): 2 seconds or less
- Skin pinch test (hydration): should snap back immediately
- **Mucous membranes of gums:** should be pink (not pale/white or blue/purple)

Learn the "normal" vital signs for each of your stock. Record the normal vital signs for each of your stock animals at rest and include this list in each first aid kit. Learn how to take your horse's vital signs.

IF AN EQUINE EMERGENCY OCCURS

- Stay calm and do not panic.
- Gather your animal's vital signs and other information to give to the vet.
- Call the veterinarian or send someone to seek help.
- Keep the horse as quiet and still as possible.
- Enlist help from others before evaluating or treating a sick or injured animal.
- Evaluate the location and severity of the illness or injury.



*These prescription medications should be obtained from your veterinarian, along with specific instructions on how and when to administer each.

Colic

Colic is a general term for pain in the gut of a horse or mule. Colic is the number one cause of death in the equine world. It has many causes and its symptoms range from mild to fatal. You cannot look at a horse at the beginning of a colic episode and accurately assess the severity of the situation.

If you observe the symptoms of colic in your stock:

- 1. Note and write down the time initial symptoms were observed.
- 2. Contain the horse in an area free of manure for observation.
- 3. Remove all feed, but leave water available.
- 4. Take and record your horse's vital signs.
- 5. Consult with a vet by telephone, if possible.
- 6. Be prepared to immediately transport your stock to veterinary care, if necessary.



TYING UP OR AZOTURIA

Symptoms of "tying up" may include: sudden reluctance or inability to move; excessive sweating; resting heart rate over 60 BPM; resting respiration rate over 30 BPM; hard, tense hindquarter muscles; a painful and stiff gait and swishing tail. "Tying up" is exercise-related muscle degeneration due to the build-up of lactic acid in the blood, resulting in severe cramping and pain. If you notice these signs, stop and dismount immediately. To continue moving your horse may cause further muscle damage. Do not attempt to walk your horse out of it. Prescription medications may be administered under the orders of a vet. Horses that have tied up once are prone to do so again. Consult with your vet about conditioning and diet factors that may help to prevent tying up.

Electrolyte Imbalance or Dehydration

Tying up that occurs well into a ride may be associated with electrolyte imbalance or dehydration. This condition needs to be addressed differently than azoturia. Keep the horse moving to avoid cramping and attempt to correct any imbalances that have occurred.

CUTS, LACERATIONS, ABRASIONS, PUNCTURES, ROPE BURNS

First, evaluate the wound or injury carefully. If there is enough loss of blood, a horse may go into shock. Stopping profuse bleeding is extremely important. To stop profuse bleeding:

- 1. Start with an inch-thick wad of clean gauze, a whole role of gauze or a sanitary napkin and press that on the wound.
- 2. Wrap a roll of gauze to keep the initial wad in place.
- 3. Then add a layer of padding (sheet cotton, standing wrap or a towel).
- 4. Hold that in place with Vetwrap or Elastikon.
- If the wound bleeds through, DO NOT remove the bandage! Instead, add more pressure with another layer of gauze pads and another snug layer of Elastikon or Vetwrap.

If your stock suffered a puncture wound, flush the wound with dilute Betadine solution and consult with your vet as soon as possible. If an animal's eye is injured, seek veterinary care immediately.



Lameness And Hoof Injuries

If your horse or mule suddenly becomes lame, you must assess the degree of lameness to see if the stock can continue on. Any equine, unable to bear it's own weight, should be evaluated by a veterinarian as soon as possible. All other

lameness should be evaluated to see if you can identify the source of the problem. Always carry an Easy Boot or other shoe replacement, in the event of a shoe lost on the trail.

- Carefully evaluate your animal's lame leg, looking for heat, swelling and obvious wounds.
- Check the foot for rocks or debris and remove any you find.
- If you find a nail, call your vet before removing it. The vet may want to evaluate the injury before removing the nail.
- If you find heat or swelling and you feel qualified to put on a correct wrap, apply a support bandage. You can cause more damage with an incorrectly applied wrap.
- If your horse refuses to bear weight on the limb, keep him still and send someone for help. Continued exercise on a severe injury can cause permanent damage.

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MONTANA DE ORO

The Montana de Oro coast ride was a great weekend of fun, cool weather, good food and fellowship. The mornings and evenings were foggy and cool but the midday hours were sunny and beautiful riding weather. There were some new washouts from the rainy winter but everyone who rode out seemed to have a great time on whichever trail they chose that day. Hikers were very courteous and one group stopped to ask proper hiking etiquette when coming across on the trails.

The Laber brothers, Duane and Pat Peverill, and Joe Kaminski did a great job with dinner and breakfast as always. The potluck on Saturday night had plenty of shrimp, macaroni salad, Italian sausage, cabbage salad and dessert to go around. Katie Horst, her son Fred, and Paul Sorenson both dropped by for a quick visit on Friday and Saturday which made for a great time of catching up with old friends. Steve Naylon even went for a quick ride on Saturday afternoon before having to head back to the valley Sunday morning! It was a great weekend out of the valley heat and enjoying each others company around the campfire!



























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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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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.



Stay Safe Everyone

and Happy Trails





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2022

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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.