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Presidents Message



What a great memorial ride. Rain came down hard the night before, but great weather for the ride. Camp was full as we had about 9 campers from southern California that ride endurance.

Mountain riding is soon coming to an end for this year. Weather is starting to cool signaling the end of summer.

This year we as a board chose to not have a Christmas dinner but rather a holiday dinner in Nov. There will not be the auction but rather a desert auction. Hopefully this will free up more time at Christmas for family and take away one more stress at this time of year.

Elections are fast approaching if you would like to run for office or know of someone who would be interested please let a board member know. 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 and will soon be closing. Thanks to those who hosted this year.

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

Joe 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!

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

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| 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 (Clovis Elks Lodge) |
| November 3 | Board Meeting |
| November 4 | BCHC-SJSU Unit Holiday/Awards Dinner
(Sal's Mexican Restaurant, 7476 N. Fresno St., Fresno, CA) |
| December 5 | Board Meeting |

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, kaminskiclans@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:

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.

PULL APART GARLIC BREAD

Basically the garlic bread equivalent of a Bloomin' Onion, this pull-apart bread is loaded with minced garlic, parsley, and shredded cheese. When it comes to camping appetizers, it doesn't get much better than this.

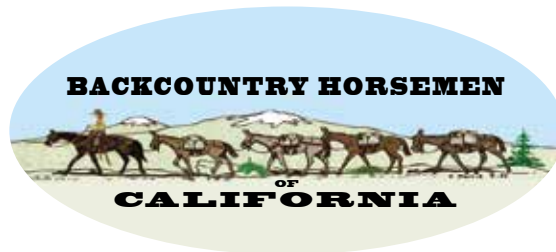
INGREDIENTS:

- 1 loaf crusty artisan bread
- 5-10 cloves garlic
- ½ cup parsley, or other herbs
- ½ teaspoon salt
- pinch red pepper flakes
- ½ cup olive oil
- 1 cup shredded cheese

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **SLICE THE BREAD:** Cut 1/2 - 1 inch slices horizontally and vertically to create squares, making sure not to slice all the way through the bread - you want the pieces to remain attached to the base of the loaf. Place the loaf into your Dutch oven.
2. **PREP THE TOPPINGS:** Mince the garlic and parsley, then mix with the salt, red pepper flakes, and olive oil.
3. **STUFF THE BREAD:** Using a spoon, drizzle the garlic-herb mixture into the cracks, followed by the cheese.
4. **COOK 10-20 MINUTES:** Place the lid onto the Dutch oven and set over 5 prepared coals. Place 15 coals onto the lid. Bake until the bread is warmed through and the cheese is melted.
(If making this at home instead of at your campsite, simply bake in a 350 oven for 10-20 minutes.)
5. **SERVE & ENJOY!**





San Joaquin Sierra Unit

Board Meeting Aug. 1 , 2023

Call to order: 6:30

Flag salute

Roll Taken: President: Joe Kaminski, Vice President: Ruth Cramer Secretary: Carol Kaminski, Treasurer: Gary Van Sickle, absent. Directors: Richard Telles, Tami Telles, Doug Laber, Karen Daughtrity, Past President: Duane Peverill

Minutes review and approved: 1st Ruth, 2nd Doug

Correspondence:

Committee reports:

Education: Great articles in newsletter

Membership:

Newsletter: Articles due Aug. 20. Ruth to write article for Shaver Camp. Joe to write Chamberlain article.

Sunshine:

Public lands: Lots of snow. Many downed trees.

Shaver Lake: Complete

Big Meadows: Open. Thank you hosts. Newsletter sponsors - one more possible sponsor in the works. Discussion.

OLD BUSINESS. 1. EVENTS for 2023

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) • 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.

2. Chamberlain - materials need to be moved to Voyager

3. Holiday dinner - To be held at Sal's. Discussed menu, entertainment, dessert auction, and 50/50 raffle

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Loni Langdon - interested in starting student projects (18+) in summer. Would like projects and packing.

Opportunity to join forces. Grants available and possibly could be credentialed. Possibilities for new memberships.

Joe to follow up.

2. State web page - Ruth would like volunteer hours column. Bring to state meeting.

3. MDO - 2024 - Discussed 2 single sites instead of group camp. Drop dead date needed. Jan. 11-14 possibly.

Next meeting: Sept. 5, 2023

Adjourn: 7:35 1st Doug, 2nd Duane

BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN



San Joaquin Sierra Unit

Holiday Dinner

NOVEMBER 4TH

Save the Date!

Contact Debby Dixon to reserve your spot
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**Unit Awards • Rifle Raffle
50/50 Raffle • Dessert Auction**

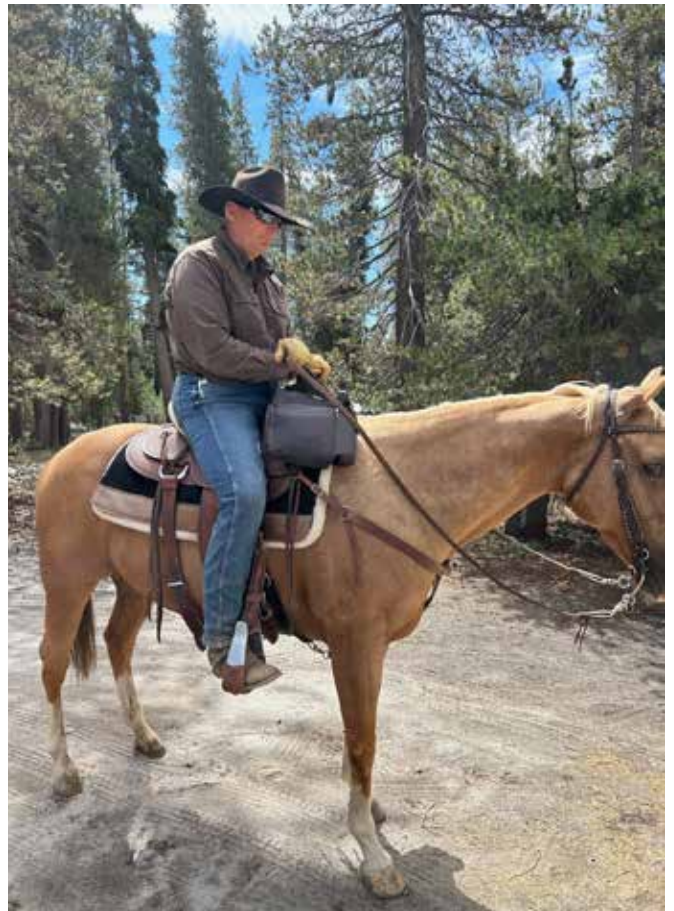
**Sal's Mexican Restaurant
7476 N. Fresno St., Fresno, CA
(time coming soon)**

2023 MEMORIAL RIDE BIG MEADOWS

By Jim Laber

We gathered again at Big Meadows for our annual Memorial Ride, honoring those from our unit who have passed on and who served our unit and its mission honorably. We showed up on Friday and unlike last year the camp was full, with just enough space for us to slide into. We had some 20+ riders show up for the ride on Saturday morning and this year the rain stopped early morning dropping just enough to keep the dust down. We had opportunities to serve as one trailer showed up with a shredded tire, and a Tesla that high centered up by the rest rooms. John Mikkelson and a few four-wheel enthusiasts extricated him from his predicament and the spare was placed on the trailer all in good time. Joe and Carol served up a Tri Tip lunch and from the sounds around the camp everyone had good rides. Some went to Alligator Rock (me for the first time) and others rode the meadow or went up to Weaver Lake. The trails were in good condition and here we were getting some of the last rides of the season in the back country.





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Make sure you check out our website for updates on the Home page, Calendar page, and Newsletters. We also have a Photos page of our latest activities.

If you have any photos send them to Duane at wpeverill@sebastiancorp.net

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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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What's the BUZZ???



So what is that buzz or hum of wings? Is it a bee or wasp? What is it doing? Where is it going?

Could it be a danger to me or my animals?

One thing we know: a small, flying speck of life, can certainly pack a powerful punch!

Bees and wasps can be a serious nuisance problem especially in the late summer when the populations are high and the food source is low. In the balance of nature, however, these insects are beneficial in their activities, particularly as pollinators and predators of pest insects. Bees sustain themselves on nectar or pollen. Wasps develop by feeding primarily on insects, and in the late season are drawn to human food and garbage. There are honey bees, bumble bees, carpenter bees, mining bees, sweat bees, leaf cutter bees and parasite bees. There are hornets, paper wasps, yellow jackets "meat bees", cicada killer wasps, spider wasps, and parasite wasps.

The yellow jacket, commonly known as "meat bee" is attributed to most of the "bee stings" in mountainous areas. According to entomologist George Poinar, "one sting is enough to kill a hypersensitive human and 50 to 75 stings is enough to kill a normal human." Weather is a factor with yellow jacket populations. A mild winter in the mountains allows more queens to survive and set up new nests in the spring. Fall is when the workers become more assertive in their quest to obtain protein to stock the queen's winter nest. Anything that resembles meat or sugar is what the workers want and will be aggressive to take to the nest. They tend to defend their nests vigorously when disturbed. Their mandibles are how they bite and can take a piece of your flesh, but the venom is contained in the stinger and they can sting repeatedly. Their nests are similar to paper wasps, building paper cylinders from chewed organic materials and using sticky saliva to mold the cylinders together in organized cells. Nests can usually be found in the ground or at ground level in fallen logs, tree stumps, rodent tunnels and natural cavities along meadow edges, trails, etc.

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES: Forget the perfume and fragrances while in the wilderness. Wear light or natural colored clothing. Flowers are bright and you don't want to attract bees. Insect repellent may help.

IN CAMP: Keep your camp CLEAN. Minimize your trash/garbage and keep it sealed. Keep all food covered. Traps may help to lure meat bees away from the camp. Meat bees seem to like meat and fruits best. The use of spray is best done in the early morning or at night when it is cooler. Meat bees do not move as fast and your chances of getting stung are reduced. Those mosquito net tents are very nice and light weight to pack.

ON THE TRAIL: Be alert! You must be aware of your surroundings and what is happening at all times. Be certain your group knows the plan of action should you encounter an aggressive hive. Watch for that little flying flicker of activity that is either coming or going from a hole in the ground, rotten wood or natural cavities that you and your animals must go past. Watch the animal in front of you. Does he drop his head to get something off his nose? Aggressively swish his tail and stomp his feet? You had better not miss these warning signs! If you believe you are among the stinging critters: give a loud holler "bees" and have everyone pick up a trot and move through the area. (A lope is a greater danger to everyone and harder to control the situation). Continue to trot until the entire group is at a safe distance from the nest. Check for any stings on both humans and animals. Take appropriate measures for first-aid treatment.

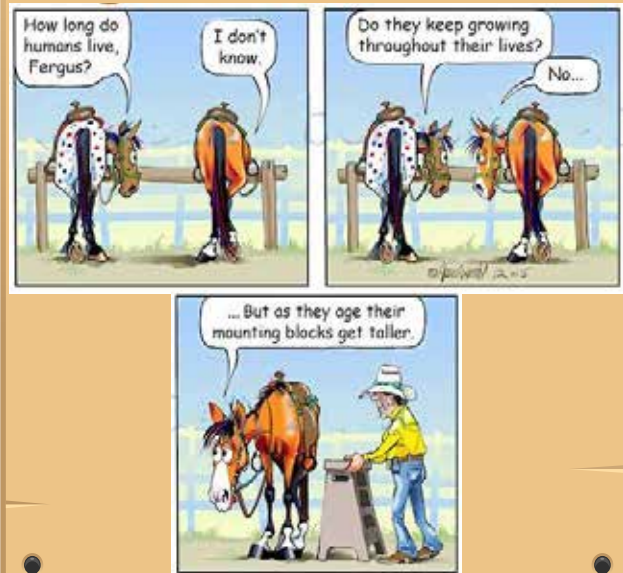


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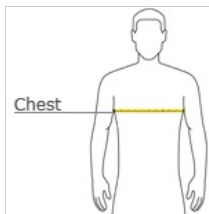
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CHEST
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SIZE CHART

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

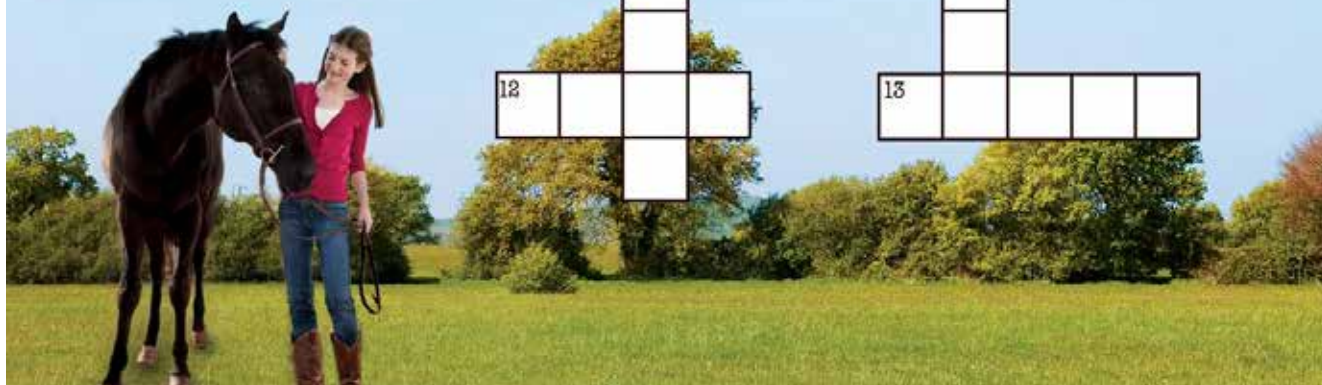
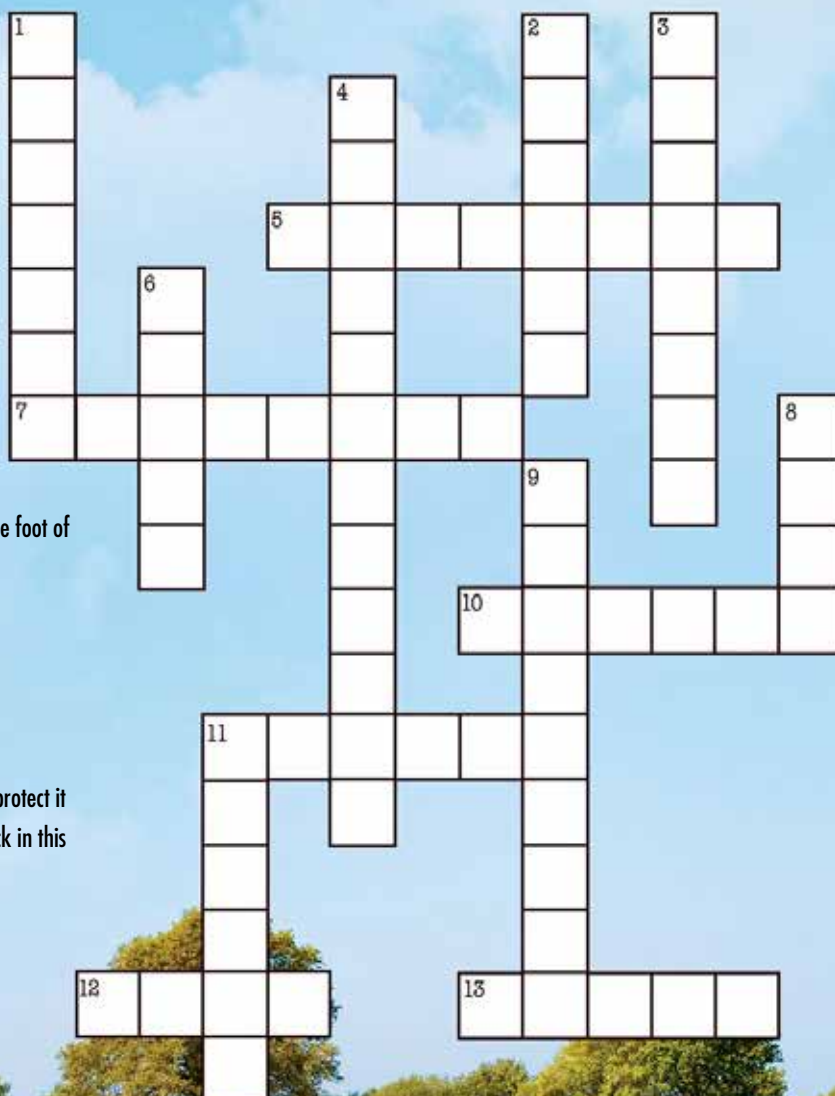
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Across

5. An adult male horse
7. A breed of horse known for its beautiful golden color and white mane and tail
10. Headgear used to direct the horse which carries a bit and reins
11. A building where horses are sheltered and fed
12. A young male horse
13. The high-pitched sound a horse makes

Down

1. Attached to the saddle, this part holds the foot of the rider and is used during mounting
2. The fastest speed at which a horse runs
3. Cleaning and brushing the horse
4. A doctor for horses and other animals
6. A young female horse
8. An adult female horse
9. An iron band fitted to a horse's hoof to protect it
11. The rider usually sits on the horse's back in this seat made of leather



**Backcountry Horsemen
of California**



**MAIL TO: BCHC
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**MEMBERSHIP
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(indicate change)

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Associate Membership for: _____ \$15.00/Unit
Unit Name (from above list)

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

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.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Whitney Membership	\$500.00

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 My Total Remittance: \$ _____
 My Check Number: _____
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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 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.
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- 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.