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Hoof Prints

Merry Christmas

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BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN



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

Presidents Message



With this being my last message as president I would like to say many thanks. Thanks to all the members of our unit. Thanks to all who have participated on the rides. Thanks for all who helped with the rides. Thanks to all who have participated in the work parties. And a big Thank you to the

board members and all their support.

Congratulations to Bob Skinner who won the raffle for the Henry rifle. Our holiday dinner. We had great participation and a great time to visit and catch up.

I hope for your continued support of our unit and your new president Jim Laber.

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.

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!

Congratulations to Tami Tellis
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

2024

Jan 2	Board Meeting
Jan 11 - Jan 15	Montana De Oro Campout/Ride
Feb 6	Board Meeting
March 5	Board Meeting
April 2	Board Meeting
May 7	Board Meeting
June 4	Board Meeting
July 2	Board Meeting
Aug 6	Board Meeting
Sept 3	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, 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:

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.

Dutch Oven Pork Chops and Potatoes

This is a throw-it-together, one kettle dish that is delicious and hearty for the campsite. If you want to get “fancy” about 15 minutes before it’s done, sprinkle the top with a few more breadcrumbs to brown at the last.

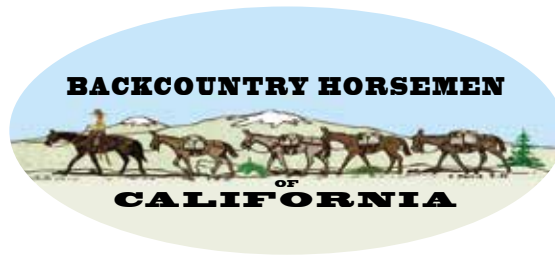
INGREDIENTS:

- 4 Pork Chops
- 2 tbsp Olive Oil
- 2 tbsp butter
- 2 cups seasoned bread crumbs
- 3/4 cup water, divided
- 3 medium potatoes, cubed
- 1 can Cream Of Mushroom soup
- Salt & Pepper to taste



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Heat the Dutch oven on the campfire. Add the olive oil.
2. Season your pork chops with salt and pepper.
3. When the oil is hot, lightly brown the pork chops.
4. Melt the butter in a separate pan. In a bowl mix together butter, bread crumbs, and a 1/4 cup of water.
5. Spoon that mixture over the pork chops and turn them to coat.
6. Place the cubed potatoes on top of your pork chop mixture.
7. Cover the entire thing with the cream of mushroom soup mixed with the remaining 1/2 cup water.
8. Assemble coals under and on top of Dutch oven, then bake for 1 hour at around 350 degrees.



San Joaquin Sierra Unit

Board Meeting Oct.3 , 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, Doug Laber, Sue VanSickle, Jim Laber, Jan Mikkelson, Karen Daughrity, Marcee Hansen

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

Correspondence: Card, thank you note and donation

Committee reports:

Education: See newslettter

Membership: View Jan's membership letter, correction to include 3 horse camps.

Newsletter: Articles due Oct. 20.

Sunshine:

Public lands: Joe objected to letter for grant. Too vague. Sierra sent correction.

Shaver Lake: Camp closed in Oct. Marcee to provide pipe needed for post repair for next season.

Big Meadows: SJSU out for season. Will close on Oct. 21.

OLD BUSINESS. 1. EVENTS for 2023

Oct. 3 Board Meeting • Oct. 5-9 CMA Coast Ride (Non club event) • Oct. 18 Election Meeting 6:30 Elks Lodge, dessert and coffee

Nov. 4 - Holiday Dinner at Sal's Top Hand Award to be given. Dessert auction to be held.

Nov. 7 - Board Meeting • Nov. Gorge work party

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

2. Holiday dinner - Sal's Mexican restaruant. \$25.00 for dinner. Raffle - \$10 tickets for Henry 22 rifle. 100 tickets printed.

We will pay \$290 + tx + transfer fees. Jan has bid sheets and will provide music. Sound system needed. 50/50 tickets needed.

Dessert auction - desserts needed. Plates, forks, and plastic wrap to be provided.

3. Grant report - completed by Ruth.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next meeting: Nov. 3, 2023

Adjorn: 7:25 1st Ruth, 2nd Jim

Back Country Horsemen of California



San Joaquin Sierra Unit



Come and enjoy Horse Camping at the Manzanita/Chamise Horse Camp at

Montana De Oro State Park

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.

Camp is available from 2:00pm Thursday 01/11/2024 until noon Monday 01/15/2024.

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 4 days is \$ 45.00; Additional individuals \$ 3.00

Manzanita/Chamise Camp **has 9 corrals** (5 small 4 Large), pit toilets, water for horses only, no showers, and no hook-ups.

NO CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS AFTER JAN 4, 2024

Contact Information: 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.

NAME:		PHONE:	
ADDRESS:			
Please make check payable to BCHC-SJSU and mail with completed reservation form to: Gary Van Sickle 31831 Road 132 Visalia, CA 93292	EMAIL:		Amount
	Number of Horses with rider		@ \$ 45.00 ea. \$
	Additional individuals		@ \$ 3.00 ea. \$
	TOTAL: \$		

HOLIDAY DINNER & AWARDS

By Jim Laber

Well, it was surely different than years past, but we had good attendance and great fellowship and visiting around the tables along with some good Sal's Mexican food. We had a dessert auction to take home or to have there and quite a few enjoyed those desserts at the dinner. We had a 50/50 raffle, won by Reptile Ron, and Rifle Raffle of a Henry 22, that was won by Bob Skinner. The best of the night was our units Top Hand Awardees. Doug Laber and Cara Peterson were recognized for their volunteerism in our unit behind the scenes and out on the trail. Both have been working on unit events and trail projects all over from the San Joaquin River Gorge, Thomas A Edison Lake, Rancheria Trailhead, Crown, and various projects throughout the sierras giving their all to our mission year in and year out. Joe announced his slide into the Past President slot and introduced Jim Laber as President elect starting 2024. Our unit board has been challenged over the last couple of years to find a place or volunteer cooks that could help make this event better for our unit membership while keeping costs down. If you have any ideas or can help with the work that draws this event together, please reach out to a board member or attend one of our monthly meetings to share your ideas. Thanks to all who helped put this event together and we hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.





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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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MARCH 22nd - 23rd 2024

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This Year's Theme : TRAILS AND TALES

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SUNSHINE CORNER

Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year!

Stay Safe Everyone
and Happy Trails



The Lighter Side

"All I'm saying is that the difference between humans & animals is that animals would never allow the dumbest of the herd to lead them."



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Brian & Kimberly Jones, Visalia

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Horse Protection Act

Proposed Amendments to the Horse Protection Act Can Make Every Horse Owner a Criminal

On August 21, 2023, the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service plans to release a 129-page document with proposed rule changes to amend the Horse Protection Act (HPA). To protect our industry and to keep animal extremist ideologues with no experience in equine animal husbandry from controlling our every move, all horse owners must pay attention to the proposed new language and participate during the comment period.

Laws Protecting Horses Have Been In Place for Decades, But; Animal Extremist Groups Want to Make Owning and Exhibiting Horses Difficult

The Horse Protection Act has been in place for decades. Its original intention was to regulate practices found primarily in the Tennessee Walking Horse industry. Despite the language in the Horse Protection Act making the soring of Tennessee Walking horses illegal, animal extremist groups have been vying to expand their reach to encompass the entire horse industry for years. They aim to use the Horse Protection Act to insert their animal extremist ideology by changing the verbiage. Groups like the HSUS and PETA and supposed equine advocates such as the American Horse Council and the American Association of Equine Practitioners are behind these numerous attempts to push the verbiage change.

For those still in denial about the HSUS and

other animal rights organizations' involvement in working to destroy the horse industry, it is noted in the document that the HSUS filed a lawsuit over the HPA in 2019. The document states, "On August 13, 2019, the Humane Society of the United States and other nongovernmental organizations filed a lawsuit. HSUS argued that the 2017 HPA final rule had been duly promulgated and could not be withdrawn without first providing public notice in the Federal Register and an opportunity for public comment. On July 27, 2020, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia dismissed the suit, holding that a rule becomes final upon publication in the Federal Register." More details about the lawsuit, appeals, etc., can be found in the document on page 23.

Ideology – The Horse Industry is In a Boiling Pot of Water

Understanding the goals and ideology of the people behind the proposed new rule will help horse enthusiasts fully understand the impact of the new proposed language. The fundamental belief of animal extremists is that animals should not be in human care. They believe any use of animals is akin to slavery and, therefore, abuse. Another critical point is that these groups have been patient, incrementally making changes to suit their agenda. The horse industry is in a pot of water on the stove, and animal extremist ideologues are manning the burners.

HPA Summary and Opening

Pay attention to the vague, broad language, which opens the doors to control all activities with horses by unelected "government officials".

The summary states:

"We proposed to amend the horse protection regulations to provide that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service will screen, train, and authorize qualified persons to conduct inspections

at horse shows, horse exhibitions, horse sales, and horse auctions to ensure compliance with the Horse Protection Act (the Act)."

The proposed new language then opens with:

"Under the Horse Protection Act, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to promulgate regulations to prohibit the movement, showing, exhibition, or sale of sore horses. "

Points to consider:

- Who are these "authorized, qualified persons"?
- The summary lists all horse industry activities.
- The summary is NOT breed-specific; it uses the word "horse."
- The definition of a "sore" horse.

Verbiage Applies to All Horse Breeds

Exhibit 4, page 106, states:

"Horse means any member of the species Equus caballus." Further Verbiage Which Encompasses All Horse Breeds

Page 3 of the amended Horse Protection Act once again clearly states that the intention of the new verbiage is expanded to all breeds of horses. It says,

"Soring has been used primarily in the training of Tennessee Walking Horses and racking horses to produce an exaggerated gait in competition. However, the HPA's prohibition against sored horses participating in shows, exhibitions, sales, and auctions applies to all horse breeds.

In addition to declaring that the soring of horses is cruel and inhumane, Congress further found that the movement, showing, exhibition, or sale of sore horses in intrastate commerce adversely affects and burdens interstate and foreign commerce and creates unfair competition."

It further states that every horse owner must comply, and every person involved in any sector of the horse industry must also comply with the new proposed language.

"Under the HPA, it is unlawful for any person to show, exhibit, sell, or transport sore horses, or to use any prohibited equipment, device, paraphernalia, or substance in horse shows, exhibitions, sales, or auctions. The HPA holds horse owners responsible should they allow any such unlawful activities to occur, and requires management of horse shows, exhibitions, sales, and auctions (referred to as "management" or "event management" below) to ensure that sore horses do not compete or otherwise participate in these events."

Exhibit 4, page 106, states, "Horse means any member of the species Equus caballus."

The language on page 112 of the HPA document clearly divides rules that apply to all breeds and rules that apply specifically to Tennessee Walking Horses. It should be noted that most of the rules and regulations listed apply to all horses according to the language.

**TO READ FULL ARTICLE AND
MORE INFO GO TO**

www.WesternJustice.Info

SHAVER HORSE CAMP IS CLOSED FOR WINTER

On November 3, Cara Peterson, Ruth Cramer, and Richard and Tami Telles officially closed the Shaver Horse Camp. This has been a challenging year in the mountains. Just like when the camp was opened, there were more than the usual tasks of taking down the gates and fences and buttoning up the grounds to be accomplished. Readers will recall that, in the spring, there was extensive damage to the first corral fence caused by a large tree falling across it, which required major repairs in order to open the camp. Then, during the summer, the gate to corral 2 failed (see photo). In the end, a new post (a power pole from Tami) was set, and the gate put back in place.

You're invited to put Shaver Horse Camp in your calendar for an enjoyable time camping and riding next season. Thank you to everyone who reserved a spot and stayed this summer. See you next year.

Ruth Cramer, Camp Hostess



BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA

HIGH COUNTRY MANNERS

A COMMON SENSE GUIDE FOR GENTLE USE OF THE BACKCOUNTRY

TRAILHEAD MANNERS

- Leave your vehicle parked with other visitors able to exit, park, load and unload around you.
- Be sure to lock your vehicle doors, camper shells and tool boxes.
- Clean up all food scraps. Bears will break into your vehicle, if they suspect it contains food.
- Do your part in keeping the trailhead clean and accessible to others. Bring a rake and shovel.
- Use proper sanitary facilities at the trailhead.



TRAIL MANNERS

- Be polite and helpful when meeting livestock, backpackers, hikers, and other users of the wilderness.
- Always yield the trail to faster hikers or riders. Move aside as soon as you can and let them go on ahead.
- Common sense and courtesy should prevail in matters of right-of-way on the trail. In most cases, riders and pack animals do have the right-of-way. Those traveling uphill have the right-of-way over those going downhill.
- To ease possible congestion, avoid stopping in the trail at a creek or trail junction. Move to the next available place to pull out and get completely off the trail.
- Loose herded livestock are difficult to control and, in many places, illegal. It is wise to lead all your animals to minimize the chance for trail conflicts.
- Remove obstacles from trails whenever possible rather than riding around them, as this creates a secondary trail.
- Stay on the trail. Cutting switchbacks creates erosion.
- Explain to those not accustomed to stock that a hiker can control his/her movements on and off the trail easier than a rider can control the movements of a string of pack animals.
- Some horses and mules can be skittish while on the trail, therefore, it is wise to give them some room.
- Explain to those not accustomed to stock, that it is safer for you, them and the resource, to step to the downhill side of the trail and to stay in sight. Be sure the person feels safe before you start to pass.

- Explain to hikers that it would be helpful to speak in a calm voice to the animals as they pass, thus assuring the stock that the colorful hiker is not a bear. Remind them not to touch the animals as they go by and to please wait a few seconds before starting along the trail.
- Leaving any equipment in the middle of the trail, near a water crossing or bridge is like leaving your suitcase in the middle of the highway. Your equipment may get run over.
- Dogs can be good companions where permitted on the trail. Dogs not familiar with livestock can be intimidated and scare the stock. Remember to keep dogs under control at all times so they are not a threat to the safety of other visitors or to wildlife.
- An "encounter" session with local llamas and their handlers before you enter the backcountry might be worthwhile.



CAMP MANNERS

- Set up camp on hard ground away from grass and marsh areas where you and your stock will appreciate being away from mosquitoes. Be sure the location is at least 100 feet from any water source.
- Proper sanitation practices are very important. Choose a site at least 100 feet away from any water source or campsite. Use a shovel or trowel to bury human waste.
- Choose a campsite that has plenty of feed or pack in pellets and grain.
- If you need to restrain the stock, tie to a high line located on durable ground, 100 feet away from any water source, and out of sight of other camps and trails.
- The use of a portable electric fence is encouraged as it is an excellent way to control grazing pack and saddle stock. It is important to train them to respect the wire or tape prior to setting up in the backcountry. Move the fence often to avoid excessive impact on the meadow.
- Use only dead and downed firewood for fuel. Conserve wood by using a propane or gas stove for cooking.
- Pack out all garbage and trash. This means food scraps too. Remember foil does not burn.
- Remove, scatter or bury all manure in the campsite and at the trailhead.

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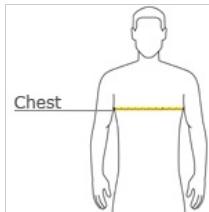
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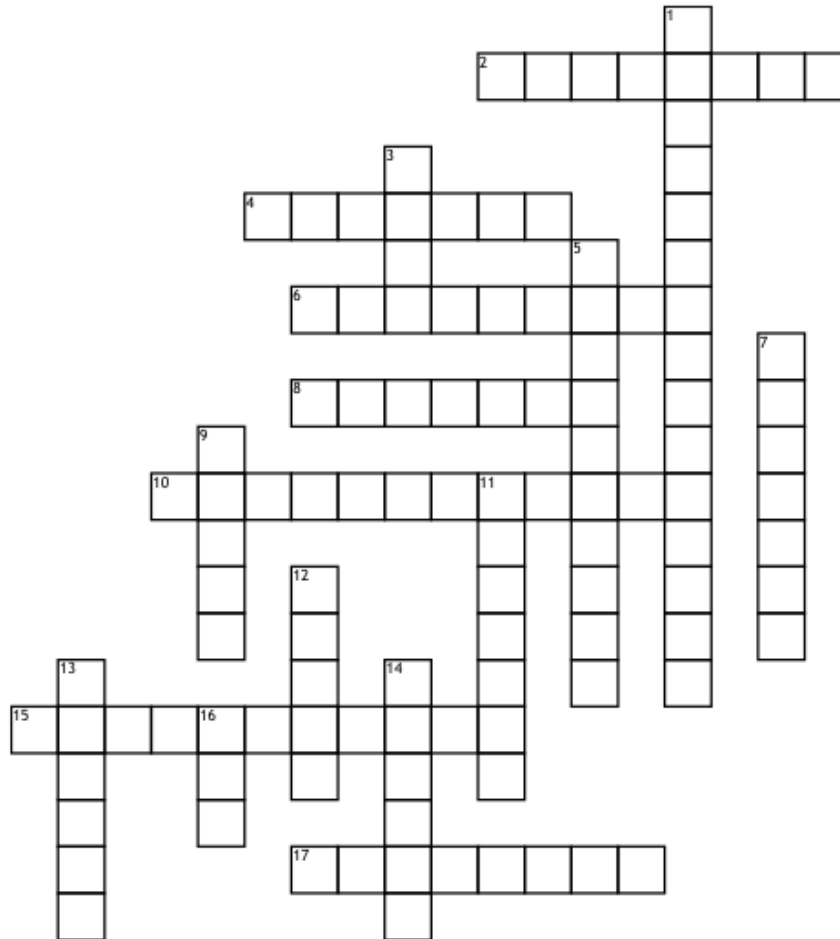
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Horse Crossword Puzzle



Across

2. Golden horse with white mane and tail
4. free-roaming horse of the American west that first descended from horses brought to the Americas by the Spanish
6. American horse breed best known for its colorful spotted coat pattern
8. one of the strongest horses around standing nearly 18 hands tall
10. developed in England for racing and jumping

Word Bank

thoroughbred
connermara
dun
canter

shire
arabian
mustang
step

belgain
shetland
albino

appaloosa
hackney
palomino

americansaddler
gypsy
clydesdale

15. Aka budweiser horse

17. One of the smaller pony breeds

Down

1. This breed is noted for its flashy showiness and several gaits (two words)
3. A parade horse should _____ high and lightly
5. An Irish pony
7. characteristics are its finely chiseled head, dished face, long arching neck and high tail carriage
9. British breed of draught horse

11. There are both horses and ponies in this breed and they are noted for their high action

12. manes are long and flowing, they have beautiful feathering on their lower legs

13. Breed of white horses

14. A slow collected gallop

16. Another name for buckskin color

**Backcountry Horsemen
of California**



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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.
- 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.