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### BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN



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

## Presidents Message



We recently had a state BCHC meeting and it was discussed to come up with a business plan as it would open us up to more grant possibilities. A big thankyou goes out to Debbie McDougald for

securing a grant for last year which helped to off set cost and purchase tools. We are currently looking at grants for the next year.

Good news Bad news. Due to weather we are currently experiencing much needed rain and snow. Due to weather we have had to reschedule a couple of rides including a day at Steve Naylons. Stay tuned for updates. In March we will have Dr. Troy Ford speaking and taking questions at our general meeting as he had to reschedule from January due to illness. Don't forget top put the rendevouz on your calendars

from March 29-31. This year to be held in Norco where they always put on a great event.

We are currently looking for someone to fill the position of tracking hours. If interested please let me or another board member know.

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.

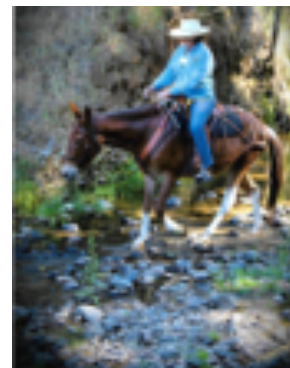
Remember to stay in the saddle, the ground is hard,

Joe Kaminski  
President

## Trail Trials

Looking for something else to do with your equine friend. How about trying Trail Trials. Even though you are a good rider, these events put you and your mount to the test. It helps you realize just how well you both work together. Getting involved with CSHA Trail Trial Program allows you to ride in many places that are not normally open to the general riding public. You ride with sometimes around 50 participants and have an opportunity to learn different things. Of course not all fifty go out together. Groups of four are started on the course in fifteen minute intervals. You don't have to be a member to do a trail trial but you do if you want to be invited to the State Championship event. For the 2019 year they already have 10 events scheduled. Actually most of the events are two days and each day is considered a separate trail trial. So one event is two trail trial rides. The events are weekends. For you local Fresno area riders the events are usually within 3 to 4 hour drive.

CSHA Trail Trial Program is a sanctioned program where riders are judged on their skills and abilities to guide their horse/mule through a natural course. All obstacles are those that might naturally occur on a trail. Each Trail Trial is an individual day with 10 to 12 obstacles covering a 4 to 8 mile trail. Most of the trails are in mountain type terrain. None of the obstacles are designed to scare your animal. Each obstacle has a judge that is looking at your ability to maneuver the obstacle in a safe and correct manner. Not only is your ability being judged but also the ability of your mount. Everyone enters an obstacle with a zero and loses points for your or your mount mistakes. A typical trail course the maximum points one can lose is between 240 to 250 points on a 10 obstacle course. You must participate in at least three trail trial events, work an event and be a member in order to be invited to the State Championship. There are three BCHCSJSU members that are members of CSHA Trail Trial Program. Patricia Peverill, William Peverill and Debbie McFarren. If you are interested in getting more information you can contact one of them. Also you can check out the trail trial web page [trailtrials.com](http://trailtrials.com)





*San Joaquin Sierra Unit*

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Board Meeting Feb. 6, 2019

Call to order: 6:30

Flag salute

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

Directors: Muriel Holland, Sue Van Sickle, Debbie McDougald, Paige Stambach, Duane Peverill -Past President, Guest: Cindy Golarte, Rick Pereen, Fredi Chrisman, Jan Mickelson

**Minutes review and approved:** 1st Carol, 2nd. Debbie McDougald

**Correspondence**

**Treasurer Report:**

**Committee reports:**

**Education:** Muriel Holland has stepped up as coordinator. Discussion on how to move forward. Possible clinics, demos, 4-H, sheriffs posse, vet groups.

**Membership:** One new member. Process: new member names are sent

to Jan so a welcome letter can be sent. Expired memberships are also sent to Jan by state. Renewal reminders are sent out by state.

Jan will send a note or call to encourage renewals. Fredi volunteered to send with paper mail or call to also encourage renewals.

**Newsletter:** Articles due Feb. 20. Will ask Jim or Doug Laber for article on desert ride.

**Public lands:**

**Sunshine:** Katie Horst had surgery. Card to be sent.

# 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](http://www.bchcsjsu.org)

## 2019

January 19	Cancelled San Joaquin River Gorge Ride Ruth Click for Flyer
January 23	General Meeting Guest Speaker.....Joe Kaminski Packing demo
February 6	Board Meeting
Feb 15-18	Desert Ride Starlite Ranch
February 23	CANCELLED....Obstacle Ride Fun Day. Contact Steve Naylon
March 2	CANCELLED Obstacle Ride Fun Day. Contact Steve Naylon If weather permits.
March 6	Board Meeting
March 9	CANCELLED San Joaquin River Gorge Clean up
March 20	General Meeting Guest Speaker Dr. Troy Ford DVM
March 23	San Joaquin River Gorge Ride Ruth
March 29-31	Rendezvous
April 3	Board Meeting
April 6-7	Mule Clinic (Non Club)
April 27	Clovis Parade
April 26-28	Clovis Rodeo (Non Unit)
May 1	Board Meeting
May 3-5	Jose Basin Camp Out ...Joe Kaminski 559 733-9170
May 10-12	Western States Horse Expo Sac (Non-Club)
May 15	General Meeting
May 19-21	Big meadow Work Party
June 5	Board Meeting
June 17-23	Edison Work Party .....Joe Kaminski 559 733-9170
July 3	Board Meeting
July 18-21	Montana De Oro Camp Out Gary Van Sickle
August 7	Board Meeting
August (TBA)	Diana Sorensen Memorial Tamarack Camp Out/Ride Joe Kaminski 559 733-9170
August	Cancelled General Meeting
Sept 4	Board Meeting
Oct 2	Board Meeting
Oct(TBA)	Eagle Point Ride Shaver Lake (members Only) Cara (559) 901-3936 <a href="mailto:carasblueprint@sbcglobal.net">carasblueprint@sbcglobal.net</a>

## 2019-20 Calendar (continued)

Oct 10-14	CCMA Poker Ride/Camp out MDO (Non Unit)
Oct 16	Elections/General Meeting
Nov 6	Board Meeting
Dec 4	Board Meeting
Dec 14	Christmas Dinner
Work Parties	TBA

## 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](mailto:wpeverill@sebastiancorp.net). You may call 559-908-3138 and I will get back to you.

William Duane Peverill  
President

Remember to check for any Unit updates at our Web Site:  
[www.bchcsjsu.org](http://www.bchcsjsu.org) for the San Joaquin/Sierra Unit,  
[www.bchcalifornia.org](http://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.*

### BEEF STEW DUTCH OVEN RECIPE

This Dutch Oven Beef Stew is so easy and yummy.

#### INGREDIENTS:

Per person:	1 carrot
1/2 cup water	1 potato
1/4lb beef cubes	1/4 onion

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Pour 1/2 cup of water into dutch oven.  
Heat to 350 degrees for Frying.  
Add beef cubes and cook covered for 20 minutes, stirring every few minutes.  
Add rest of water and heat to boiling.  
Cut carrots, potatoes, and onion into cubes and add to beef.  
Add salt and pepper.  
Cook for 20 minutes or until potatoes are soft.





# SUNSHINE CORNER

A Big HOWDY and WELCOME  
Brent Patton a new member from Prather,  
California.

Janet Hamilton Associate member.  
Hope to see you on the trail and at  
other events.

A get Well to Katie Horst. Wishing a  
speedy recovery from surgery.



## CHAINSAW CERTIFICATION COURSE



**March 30th, 2019**

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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@sebastioncorp.net](mailto:wpeverill@sebastioncorp.net).

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### Classified Ads

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\$.50 a line after that.

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Prices are subject to change without notice. All prices are for one month, due the 10th of the month. Editor reserves the right to refuse inappropriate ads.

***All paid Ads include an E-mail Blast to all members with current emails***

## 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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## "Travel Advantage"

Dear BCHC Members

Check out the latest edition of "Travel Advantage", @ [www.ytbtravel.com/bchc](http://www.ytbtravel.com/bchc) a travel newsletter full of terrific deals from YTB, our BCHC travel partner. The newsletter is chock full of great ideas for anyone's next getaway! You can download an icon to your computer desktop for instant connection to the BCHC Getaway website.

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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# WHERE DO YOU WANT TO RIDE?

By: Cara Peterson

To ride or not to ride, we reason.

It's hard to tell, in this wet season.

If adventure is what we dare,

Then the question, becomes where?

Riding the Gorge is the thing to do,

But sometimes we need a change or two.

Aunt Pyllis is the one to call,

Ask to ride the road is all.

Her reply is just so grand,

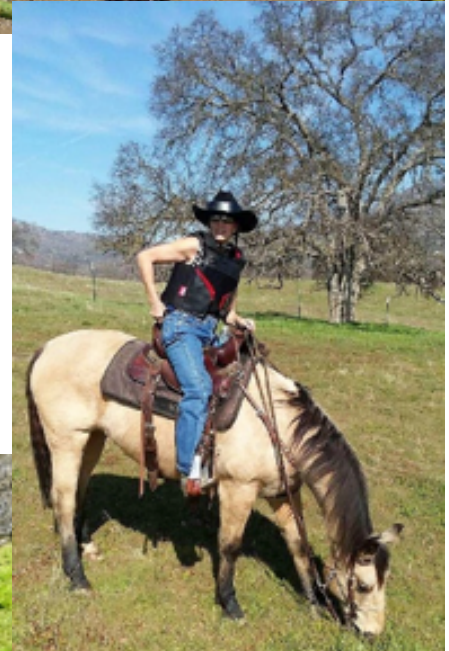
Park at the house and ride our land.

No cattle are running, the gates are open,

We get to ride, where I'd been hopin'.

She hangs a banner, as a welcome touch,

The ranch invite, just means so much!





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## **SJS Unit Fund Raisers For Sale**

**"There's a Mule Under My Saddle Cookbook"** by Jean Brown of Idaho \$10.00

**Hats** \$15.00

*Khaki with a maroon or forest green bill are embroidered with one horse, two mules and says Backcountry Horsemen of California.*

**Scarf** \$13.00

*Scarves are a dark blue and are embroidered with one horse, two mules and says Backcountry Horsemen of California*

**Maroon Shirts** \$37.00 (Extra Tall \$40.00). The shirts must be prepaid before the order. The logo on the left is BCHC with San Joaquin Sierra Unit under the BCHC. Names added for \$5.00 in a group.

**Horse First Aid.....great, informative quick reference** \$25.00

Contact: Pete Parkin 559-871-4500 ktzpaw@yahoo.com &/or look for items at our rides and meetings.

**Backcountry Horsemen  
of California**



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**MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATION**

**PARENT UNIT AFFILIATION: (Select and CHECK a Unit as your Affiliation)**

☐ New ☐ Renewal  
☐ Change

(indicate change)

<input type="checkbox"/> Antelope Valley	<input type="checkbox"/> Kern Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/> North Bay	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Ana River
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<input type="checkbox"/> High Country	<input type="checkbox"/> Los Padres	<input type="checkbox"/> Redshank Riders	<input type="checkbox"/> Shasta Trinity
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		<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/> Top of the State

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MEMBER'S NAME – No Business Names, Print Clearly SPOUSE/Co-MEMBER'S NAME – MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS

Street Address/PO Box

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Email Address: (please print legibly)

Donation to BCHC Education Fund (tax deductible) \$

Total Enclosed: \$ Check No.

**Parent Unit Membership Types (Check one)**

☐ Individual \$50 ☐ Family \$60 ☐ 2 Year Individual \$90 ☐ 2 Year Family \$110 ☐ 3 Year Individual \$125 ☐ 3 Year Family \$150

Young Adult (18-25 years old) \$15 – Benefactor \$100 – Patron \$250 – Mt. Whitney \$500

Associate Memberships: An Additional \$15 PER UNIT is added to your Parent Unit Dues

**Associate Memberships Unit Affiliations MAY NOT BE FOR THE SAME UNIT AS YOUR PARENT UNIT**

Associate Membership for: \$15.00/Unit

Unit Name (from above list)

Associate Membership for: \$15.00/Unit

Unit Name (from above list)

Add additional choices here

**Please clip form along dashed line and keep the below portion for your records**

**Parent BCHC Membership Types**

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.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS**

These special Memberships are only available to persons already holding Parent BCHC Membership. No one may sign up for an Associate Membership without 1) having registered one of the Parent Membership types, and 2) having selected Parent Unit affiliation.

**Complete information regarding BCHC Membership is  
available on the MEMBERSHIP TAB at  
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or call (775) 463-3634**

**KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS**

I submitted an Application Form for a new -

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Family (Shared) Membership	<b>\$ 60.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old)	<b>\$ 15.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual	<b>\$ 90.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family	<b>\$110.00</b>
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<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family	<b>\$150.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor Membership	<b>\$100.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Membership	<b>\$250.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Whitney Membership	<b>\$500.00</b>

On that form, I also requested:

Associate Memberships \$

My Total Remittance: \$

My Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 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 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.