

# SAN JOAQUIN SIERRA

## Hoof Prints

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### BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN



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

## Presidents Message



What a fantastic general meeting we had with Marily Reese telling about her PCT trip with her friend at the age of 20. Neither girl had ever packed prior to this trip. Their adventurous trip started at the Mexico border and ended in Canada. UNBELIEVEABLE

Hopefully our desensatation clinic will not be hampered by the weather. We have been invited to the Fresno P. D. arena near the airport in conjunction with the Fresno Co. Search and Rescue. This should prove to be a great event.

We are so thankful for the rain and snow. With the rain and snow keeping our calendar is a challenge. Please check calendar as events may have to cancel or reschedule.

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](mailto:jim@visaliaidea.com)

**Will Get A Free**

BCHCSJSU Long Sleeve Color T-Shirt

**GOOD LUCK!**

**Congratulations to Paul Sorensen**  
**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](http://www.bchcsjsu.org)

## 2023

Jan 3	Board Meeting
Jan 19-23	<b>CANCELLED</b> MDO Camp Out /Ride
Feb 7	Board Meeting
March 3-5	<b>CANCELLED</b> Laber Brothers Desert Ride
March 7	Board Meeting
March 15	General Meeting
March 24-26	BCHC Rendezvous
March 31	Fresno State Mule Packers First annual Dinner Dance
March 31-April 2	Desert Ride Camp Out
April 4	Board Meeting
April	Desentizing Clinic (TBA)
April 29	Clovis Parade
May 2	Board Meeting
May 5-7	San Joaquin River Gorge Work Party/Camp out/Ride
May 17	General Meeting
June 3	Big Meadows Work Party
June 6	Board Meeting
June 17	Raffle Ride Shaver Lake
June 23-29	Edison Work Party
July 5	Board Meeting
July 13-16	Montana de Oro Campout Click for Flyer/Reservation
August 1	Board Meeting
August 4-7	Chamberlain Work Party
September 5	Board Meeting
September 9	Memorial Ride
October 5-9	Coastal Mounted Unit MDO(non unit event)
October 18	Election/General Meeting (Location TBA)
November 3	Board Meeting
November 4	BCHC-SJU Unit Dinner
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](mailto: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](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.*

## DUTCH OVEN CHICKEN MARBELLA

*Sweet, savory, crispy and saucy, this Dutch oven recipe for Chicken Marbella delivers a “gourmet” campfire experience but without any of the work.*

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup chopped prunes
- 1 cup olives, pitted & halved
- ½ cup dry white wine
- ¼ cup capers
- ¼ cup red wine vinegar
- 6 cloves garlic, roughly chopped
- 2 tablespoons dried oregano
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 chicken thighs, skin on
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 4 teaspoons brown sugar

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. MARINATE THE CHICKEN: Place all ingredients except for the oil and brown sugar in a freezer bag to marinate. Place in your ice chest for at least 6 hours and up to 48 hours.
2. PREP YOUR CAMPFIRE: Prepare 27 coals. You can use wood embers if you must, but you'll have to guesstimate the proper heat ratio (you're aiming for 425F). Once all the coals are ready, knock them into a flat pile and place dutch oven on top of all of them. This will produce the high heat required for browning.
3. BROWN THE CHICKEN: Heat 1 tablespoon of oil in the Dutch oven. The oil is hot and ready when a drop of water instantly sizzles when it hits the pan. Remove the chicken from the marinade, and dust 1 teaspoon brown sugar over the skin side of each thigh. Brown the thighs skin side down over high heat until the skin is crispy and deep golden brown, about 6-8 minutes. Flip to brown the other side, 2 minutes.
4. BAKE: Remove Dutch oven from heat. Add the marinade (liquid, prunes, olive, capers and all!) to the dutch oven and cover. Evenly distribute 18 coals on the lid and set the Dutch oven on a bed of 9 coals. Bake for 30 minutes, until the thighs are cooked through and their juices run clear when pierced with a knife.
5. SERVE & ENJOY: Serve over couscous, rice, or pilaf with some of the sauce spooned over the top.





### *San Joaquin Sierra Unit*

Board Meeting Feb. 7, 2023

Call to order: 6:25

Flag salute

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

Directors: Sue Van Sickle, Richard Telles, Tami Telles, Doug Laber, Jim Laber, Jan Mikkelsen, Past President: Duane Peverill

**Minutes review and approved:** 1st Doug, 2nd Duane

**Correspondence:**

**Committee reports:**

**Education:** Articles for Education are printed in newsletter.

**Membership:** Duane to reach out to possible new members.

**Newsletter:** Articles due Feb. 20.

**Public lands:** Horse poop is new issue. Laurie Wilson author. Hasn't looked at full impact. Push is on again to increase monument - North of Yosemite to South of Sequoia. Biden is listening.

**Sunshine:** cards sent

**Shaver Lake:** Closed Note - Ruth spoke to Lucy at state meeting regarding endowments. Will pursue. Ruth will also apply for support grant as last year. Big Meadows and Shaver Lake

**Big Meadows:** Closed.

**OLD BUSINESS. EVENTS for 2023**

Feb. 16-19 Starlight Ranch

Mar. 7 - Board meeting, Mar. 15 - General Meeting Marily Reese to speak on her travels as a youth on the PCT.

Mar. 24-26 Rendezvous Temecula.

Apr. 4 - Board meeting, Apr. 15 or 22 Desentizing clinic. Location TBD, April 29 - Clovis Rodeo Parade

May 2 - Board meeting., May 5-7 - Gorge Work and Ride Campout, May 17- General Meeting Speaker

June 3 - Big Meadows Open Camp Work Party, June 6- Board meeting, June - Shaver Ride Raffle TBD

June 23-29 Edison Work Party

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), 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

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1. Dinner at Sal's - Motion was made by Doug to hold Holiday Dinner (Christmas Dinner) at Sal's Mexican Restaurant. \$50 deposit to hold. No raffle or auction. Jan to look into entertainment. Come and have fun. Jim 2nd. Passed.

2. Fresno State Pack Team - Presentation made by FSU pack team requesting funds. \$500 was voted on and passed by board to support team.

3. Iron mules - Voted to purchase from Mike Ezra 2 iron mules for learning to pack and tie. \$35 each. Jim 1st, Duane 2.

4. Desert Ride - Moved to Mar. 3-5

**Next meeting:** Mar 7, 2023

**Adjorn:** 8:17 Duane 1st, 2nd Ruth





## Hi BCHC Members!!!!

It is time to get ready for the Desensitization Clinic coming up April 22!!! YES!!! We are back!!! Let's dry off, pull out our tack and enjoy some riding time after this extremely wet and dreary winter!! I know many of us have been doing nothing but mucking mud and going stir crazy!! It is almost April and hardly any riding opportunities have been available!!! So get your horses and yourselves back in to the focus of what's out there beyond the barn!!

Returning will be the infamous pink rabbit, tarps, Scary Santa, Sirens and parade sounds, flares, and other sounds and obstacles to "expose" to our horses. This is an **OPEN EVENT** and anyone may participate, so spread the word! You **DO NOT** have to be a member to participate! All those under 18 must wear a helmet.

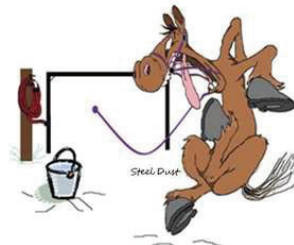
This year we are very fortunate to use the Fresno Police Department Horse training facility and will be a joint effort with the Fresno County Sheriff's Posse and possibly a few Fresno PD mounted officers. There here will be a \$10 charge per person that will go towards fundraising for the police department.

- ~Clinic gates open at 9 am to park and tack up
- ~Clinic begins at 10am
- ~Lunch will be served, but bring chair and water to drink for horse and yourself
- ~Location: 4752 E. Dakota Ave Fresno  
(Park on road that parallels arena)
- ~3 pm is deadline to be out of facility
- ~\$10.00 per person

Please **R.S.V.P.** to Joe Kaminsky by April 19th.  
Text your reply or questions to him at 559-909-0505

As a reminder to those of you planning on riding in the parade, April 29th is parade day. I have sent out information in earlier emails as to attire, and additional information. Please email me if you are planning on riding in the parade or have other questions.

Jan Mikkelson  
Membership coordinator BCHC-San Joaquin Unit  
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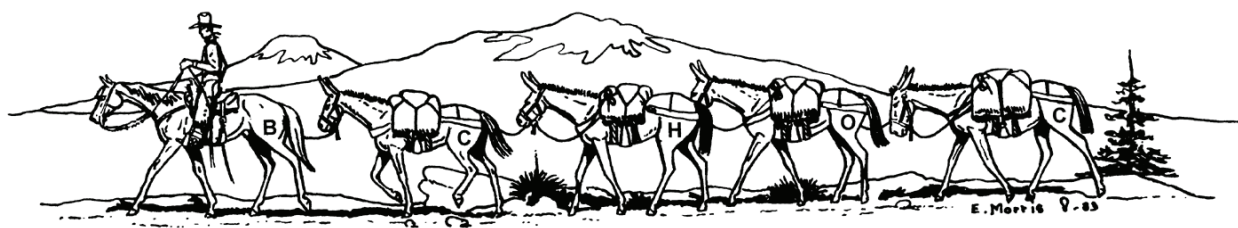


## SPANISH LAKE A TRIP FROM THE PAST

One of our favorite pack trips is to go into Spanish Lake. The trailheads are close to Wishon Village. This is a lake that you can reach by two different trail heads. Spanish lake can be reached from the Rancheria Trailhead then turning off just past Cow Meadow. The other way is to leave from the Crown Valley Trailhead through Statum Meadow. As many times as we have been there we have never gone the same way twice as there are many cow trails in the area. However when we get into the area we just look for the familier bowl and head for it. Usually the lake can be reached in a couple of hours.

The fishing has always been fantastic if you know which rock to fish from. It is usually quiet with little traffic. Settting up a base camp you can also ride out to Geraldine Lake which is a beautiful setting near the ridge. Temperatures are always nice and cool in the summertime. Nights can be especially cool so take proper gear.





# Backcountry Horsemen of California

## Who We Are and What We Do!

Backcountry Horsemen of California (BCHC) is a group of dedicated men and women working to preserve the historic use of trails with recreational pack and saddle stock. BCHC members perform public service activities for numerous land management agencies and are continually working to educate other members and the general public on how to be “Gentle Users.”

The use of livestock has played an important role in the American culture. California and the western states have particularly had a long tradition of using pack and saddle stock. BCHC carries on this tradition in modern times. With this use comes the responsibility and obligation to care for our public lands in order to ensure their use for future generations.

Backcountry Horsemen of California works in cooperation with government agencies to help clear trails, maintain historic sites, construct new facilities, sponsor educational seminars and clinics, and assist with service projects as requested. Members also strive to stay current on relevant issues and to provide input on management plans, access and activities that pertain to trails on public lands with pack and saddle stock.

Membership in Backcountry Horsemen of California is open to any individual or family sharing the concerns of the organization. There are numerous units throughout the state of California. Our organizational structure starts with BCHC, Inc., holding the non-profit status. Each of the local units is a subsidiary of the parent organization. Each unit has its own governing board and conducts activities of its choice, while operating under broad guidelines established by the state BCHC Board of Directors.

BCHC focuses its efforts in three key areas:

- Service Projects
- Education
- Public Lands Issues

Backcountry Horsemen of California has a well-established educational program offering tips and techniques for the backcountry. Our “Gentle Use” Program along with the Center for Outdoor Ethics’ Leave No Trace Program are principles BCHC hopes you will consider following while enjoying your time on the trail.

BCHC officer contact information may be found on both state and local unit web sites.

BCHC web site: <http://www.bchcalifornia.org/>

**[www.bchcsjsu.org](http://www.bchcsjsu.org)**

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](mailto: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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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!!

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## A WET MDO OUTING

Well we signed up for it and said we were going rain or shine. We really wanted to get away and eat some good sea food while also getting a few rides in. We departed Visalia on a wet Friday morning to go over and share camp with Joe and Carol. We got in and settled around 1:30 and Joe and Carol returned from their errands, and we went into town and had lunch at the Flavor Factory and they do honor to their name. The coast was rainy all day with and under cover we spent the day visiting. With the rain not letting up, Doug and I went down to Pismo and played pool the rest of the afternoon. When we returned it was time for dinner and we headed over and ate at The Sea Pines Resort for Halibut and Chips and for the first time for us it was not up to par. We still had a decent meal and enjoyed good conversations. Saturday morning up bright and early not raining yet but that was short lived. We no sooner got breakfast done and we had to set up the pop up to sit under. Camp was in decent shape and we were able to get a fire going but no riding yet. All of us had gift certificates for Sylvesters Burgers. When we returned to camp the weather report said it was not supposed to be raining and yet it was coming down cats and dogs so we made the decision to pack up camp, load the horses and head home. Joe and Carol need to return home anyway and we were feeling defeated for a ride. Well, we got to the top of the road from camp and staring us in the face is nothing but beautiful blue skies. Doug and I went back set camp, tacked up the horses and went for our first ride. It was nice to be riding but the horses had definitely too much pent up energy so we went to the end of sand highway and back and called it a day. Sunday morning we had clouds but no rain so saddled up again and had a nice ride. If you are heading over to MDO pay attention to local knowledge on the trails as they are a lot deeper and many places like bloody nose flooded and dangerous. We returned home Sunday after our ride and enjoyed a scene we may never see again in our lifetime. Snow on the coastal range that even shut down the 41, 46, and 33 in the shalom area on Saturday. The Coastal Mounted Unit has been posting updates on their Facebook page.





# SUNSHINE CORNER

Condolance  
Tracy Knepper for loss of  
Elmer January

Speedy Recover  
Sue Van Sickle for Knee Surgery



## The Lighter Side



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

2022

Brandy, Josiah and Brayden Robison, Toll House

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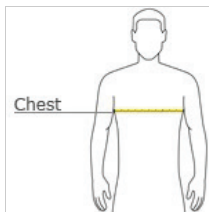
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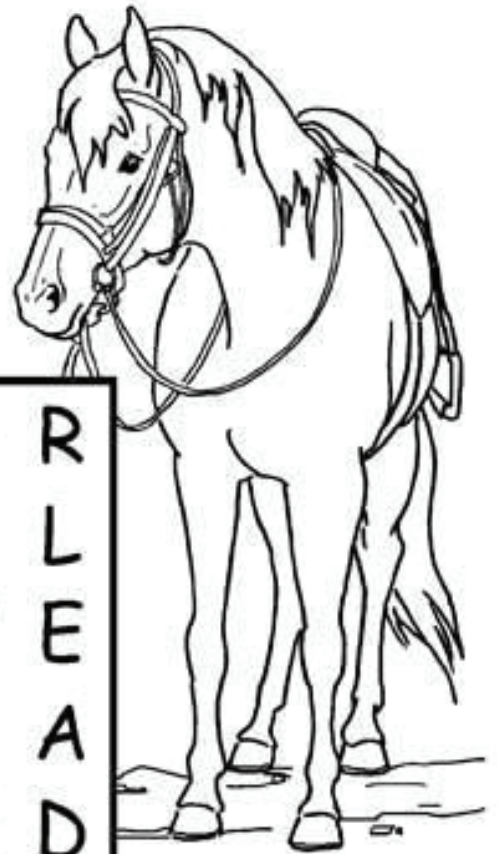
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BCHC members may NOT hold more than ONE active Parent Membership.

\*A SHARED Membership is for two adults with differing last names who share a common address.

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**Complete information regarding BCHC Membership is  
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**KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS**

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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.