

# SAN JOAQUIN SIERRA

## Hoof Prints

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### BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN



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## Presidents Message



Our calendar is starting to fill quickly. A big thank you to Cara Petersen for having such a fantastic ride at Jose Basin. They have been working on reopening an old trail and it was a nice ride. We had a great time, good rides, good food, and good fellowship. Thanks again.

It's not too late. If you haven't signed up to host at Big Meadows, we still have a couple of openings. Just let Jim Knabke know, his e-mail is [jjknabke@comcast.net](mailto:jjknabke@comcast.net). We will also be having a work party at Big Meadows June 3&4th, just let me know if you are interested.

Just a heads up we have a poker ride scheduled in June on the 11th, see flyer for info. Also in June we will have a work party at Edison Lake June 24-30th. Please notify me if interested my email is [kaminskiclan@gmail.com](mailto:kaminskiclan@gmail.com).

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

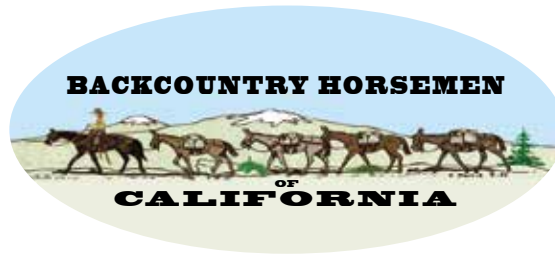
## CONTEST TIME

*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!**



### *San Joaquin Sierra Unit*

Board Meeting Apr. 5, 2022

Call to order: 6:30

Flag salute

Roll Taken: President: Joe Kaminski,(absent), Vice President: Ruth Cramer Secretary: Carol Kaminski,

Treasurer: Gary Van Sickle

Directors: Doug Laber, Tami Telles, Richard Telles, Jan Mikkelson, Past President Duane Peverill

**Minutes review and approved:** 1st Jan, Ruth 2nd.

**Correspondence:**

**Committee reports:**

**Education:**

**Membership:** 1 new member

**Newsletter:** Articles due Apr. 20.

**Public lands:**

**Sunshine:** Shelly McCarthy - accident

**Shaver Lake:** Closed, opening May 1

**Big Meadows:** closed - Meeting with Kyle. Big Meadows work party after Memorial Day. Kyle (USFS) has offered skid steer and dump trailer for hauling DG. 2 signs to be made for host corral. Lock needed for donation box. Non-equestrian use prohibited. Safety issue.

**OLD BUSINESS.** 1. EVENTS for 2022

April 5 - Board meeting • April 16 - Desensitizing - Steve Naylor CANCELED • Apr 23 - Parade - Jan Mikkelson

May 3 - Board meeting • May 20-22 - Jose` Basin

June 4-5 - Big Meadows work day and ride • June 7 - Board meeting • June 18 - Poker ride Shaver Lake

June 24-30 - Edison work party

July 5 - Board meeting • July 21-25 - Montana de Oro

August 2 - Board meeting • August 19-21 - Trail Trials

Sept. 6 - Board meeting • Sept 10 - Memorial Ride - Big Meadows

Oct. 4 - Board meeting • Oct. 6-10 - Coastal Mounted Unit - (non BCHC-SJSU Event) • Oct. - Election Ride

Nov.1 - Board meeting

Dec.6 - Board meeting • Dec. 10 - Christmas dinner

2. Inventory - Joe to follow up on. Duane to supply serial #s

3. Budget - passed (Ammended) Carol 1st, Ruth 2nd

4. Audit - Done

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1. Terms for officers. Duane to start bylaws ammendment. Present next month.

2. Christmas entertainment - Sue to contact Gilly Girls.

**Next meeting:** May 3, 2022

**Adjorn:** 7:00 Doug 1st, Jan 2nd



## JOSE BASIN CAMP AND RIDE



Jose Basin Camp and Ride shook out as planned. The Riders seemed to enjoy each other's company, the trails, and the food! The horses and mules were peaceful and it was very quiet at night. Riders: Joe and Carol Kaminski, Richard and Tami Telles, Cara Peterson, Ruth Cramer, Jim Dixon, Jim and Doug Laber. Swimmers: Tami and Cara. The swim hole is a favorite and not far from camp. Eli, Jolena, and Breezy stopped to play in both creek crossings. Tami heard a snake but didn't see it. Joe and Carol found the new loop trail that is being groomed for next year. Ruth is back in the saddle on Luke! Jim Dixon rode Morgan, one of his two new SAR horses. The Laber brothers came back in good time from their ride and went out again with Cara. We had very few motor vehicles drive through camp this year. Joe gave a pack demonstration on how to tie a Box Hitch. Cara is looking forward to hosting next year's Jose Basin Camp and Ride. She is thankful for those who were able to participate.







JUNE 11, 2022

# *POKER RIDE*

- OPEN TO EVERYONE
- INVITE YOUR FRIENDS
- PLENTY OF PARKING
- \$25 members
- \$35 non-members
- \$10 youth (no poker hands)

**Includes:** Coffee • Doughnuts  
• Lunch • Poker Hand  
• 1 Raffle Ticket

Gate opens at 8:00 am, saddle up at 9:00 am, on the trail by 10:30 am

(Additional Poker Hands can be purchased)

## BEST HAND TAKES THE PRIZE

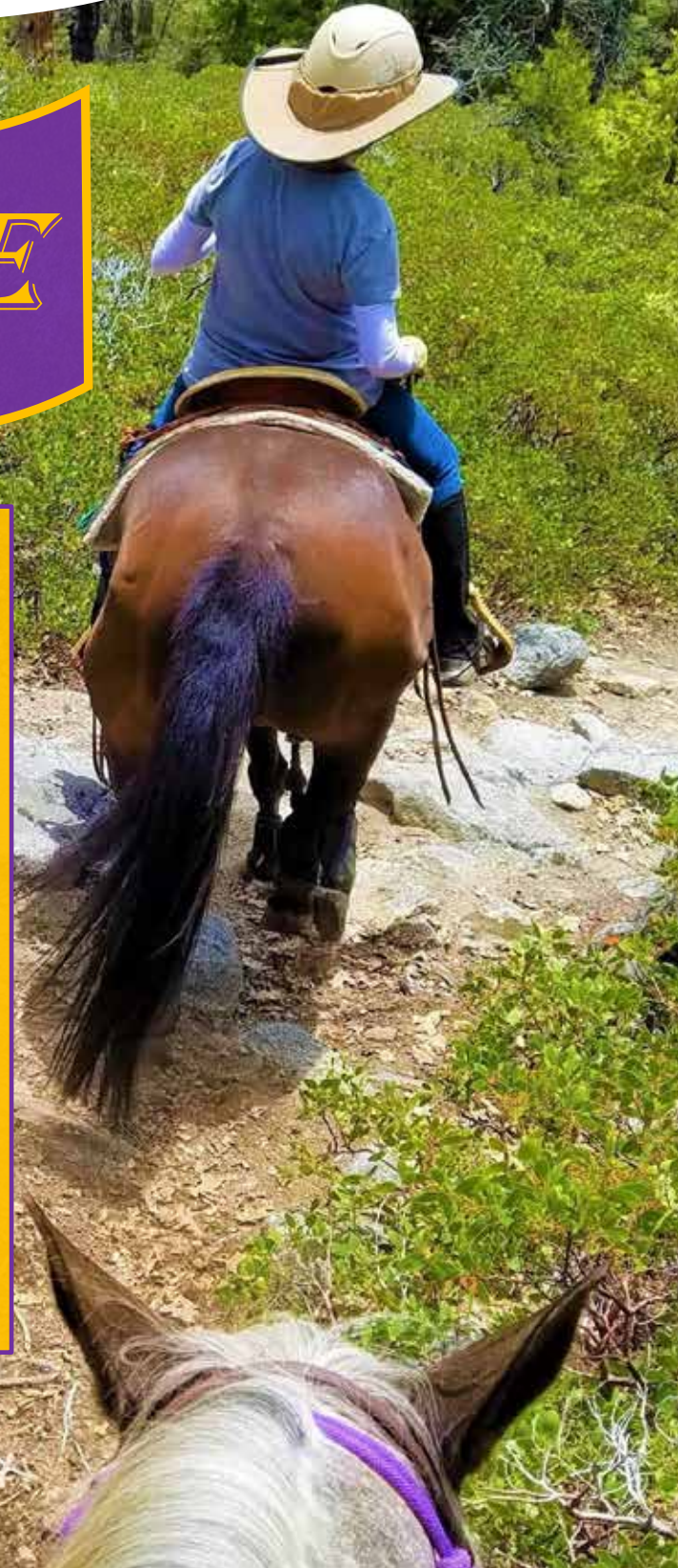
- Raffle (If you would like to donate an item, bring it along.)
- Bring water for your Horse
- Bring a chair
- Directions to Event:

Highway 168 to Shaver Lake, CA. Turn East on Dinkey Creek Road. Follow the signs to Fishing Camp 4.3 miles on the left. Follow dirt road on the left to the parking area at the Trail Head.

R.S.V.P. before June 4 to reserve your spot:

Marcee Hansen: 559-977-9472  
or Ruth Cramer: 559-417-3878

Please be advised: no Stallions, no Dogs, & no Alcohol on trail.





# 2021-2022 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)

## 2022

May 3	Board Meeting
May 20-22	General Meeting Ride Jose Basin
June 4-5	<b>Big Meadows Work Party and Day Ride</b>
June 7	Board Meeting
June 11	<b>Poker Ride Shaver Lake</b>
June 24-30	<b>Edison Work Party</b>
July 5	Board Meeting
July 21-25	Montana de Oro Campout
Aug 2	Board Meeting
Aug 20-21	Trail Trial Info to follow
Sept 6	Board Meeting
Sept 10	Memorial Ride Big Meadows Horse Camp
Oct 4	Board Meeting
Oct	General Meeting/Elections and Ride
Oct 6-10	Coastal Mounted Unit MDO (non BCHCSJSU Event)
Nov 1	Board Meeting
Dec 6	Board Meeting
Dec 10	Christmas Dinner

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:

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## **CAMPFIRE SKILLET BREAKFAST**

*This recipe is always great for camping, it's easy and very filling.*

### **INGREDIENTS:**

- ½ pound sliced bacon
- 4 cups potatoes, peeled and cubed
- ½ onion, chopped (Optional)
- 6 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese



### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Cook bacon to desired doneness in a cast iron skillet over the slow burning coals of a campfire. Remove bacon from the skillet and set aside. Stir the potatoes and onion into the hot bacon fat. Cover, and cook until the potatoes are soft, about 10 to 12 minutes.
2. Crumble the bacon into the potatoes. Stir in the eggs, cover, and cook until set through, about 2 minutes. Sprinkle with the cheese, and allow to melt before serving.

# SUNSHINE CORNER

Stay Safe Everyone  
and Happy Trails



## The Lighter Side



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

March, 2022  
Sue Buckley

April, 2022  
Jani & Boyd Goins, Auberry

Charity Doherty, Creston

Melinda Fierro, Clovis

May, 2022  
Brandy, Josiah and Brayden Robison, Toll House

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# Hellooo Camp!

A COMMON SENSE GUIDE FOR SELECTING  
A CAMPSITE AND USE OF FIRE

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.



## CAMPFIRES

At one time, campfires in the backcountry were not only nice, but a basic necessity for cooking and warmth. With the advent of modern efficient camp stoves, campfires, in some instances, may not be necessary. Campfires may not be possible in high elevations or high use areas where no or very limited fuel is available. Granted, huddling around a fluorescent lantern at night may not be an image that most people think of when dreaming about a trip to the mountains, but a modern camp stove minimizes the impact you and your party will have on the backcountry.

In established campsites, there are often rock campfire rings that have been used for years. If you feel a campfire is important and there are no restrictions prohibiting a fire, make sure there is plenty of dead, downed wood available and the risk of fire danger is minimal. Use the established campfire ring instead of constructing a new one. Always check with the administering agency beforehand in order to obtain a campfire permit if necessary.

In a pristine area, it is possible to have a campfire and still have a minimal impact on the area. As always, select a durable site for your fire. Fires can be made utilizing either the mound fire with a fire blanket, or by using fire pans, metal oil pans or roasting pans lined with a few inches of inorganic soil and elevated with rocks. You may consider packing out ashes and disposing of them properly and safely.

By using these simple guidelines and common sense in selecting a campsite, your impact will be minimal and that ideal camping spot will remain a favorite for you and others for years to come.



### MY CAMP .... YOUR CAMP

- ✓ Recognize durable surfaces.
- ✓ Concentrate use in popular areas.
- ✓ Use established campsites if possible.
- ✓ Camp away from trails and water sources.
- ✓ Leave a site cleaner than you found it.
- ✓ Disperse use in new areas.
- ✓ Avoid areas where impact is just beginning.



### RESPONSIBLE CAMPFIRES

- ✓ Know the regulations and management techniques.
- ✓ Judge the wind, weather, location and wood availability. Decide if it is safe.
- ✓ Use an established fire ring if possible.
- ✓ Where there is no fire ring, bring a fire pan or make a mound fire.
- ✓ Use dead and downed wood.
- ✓ An unattended fire is dangerous.
- ✓ Always have a shovel and bucket for saturating the ashes with water.
- ✓ Restore the appearance of the fire site.



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Respectfully,  
Joe Kaminski



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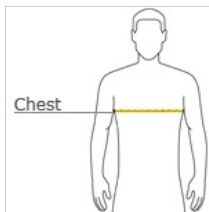
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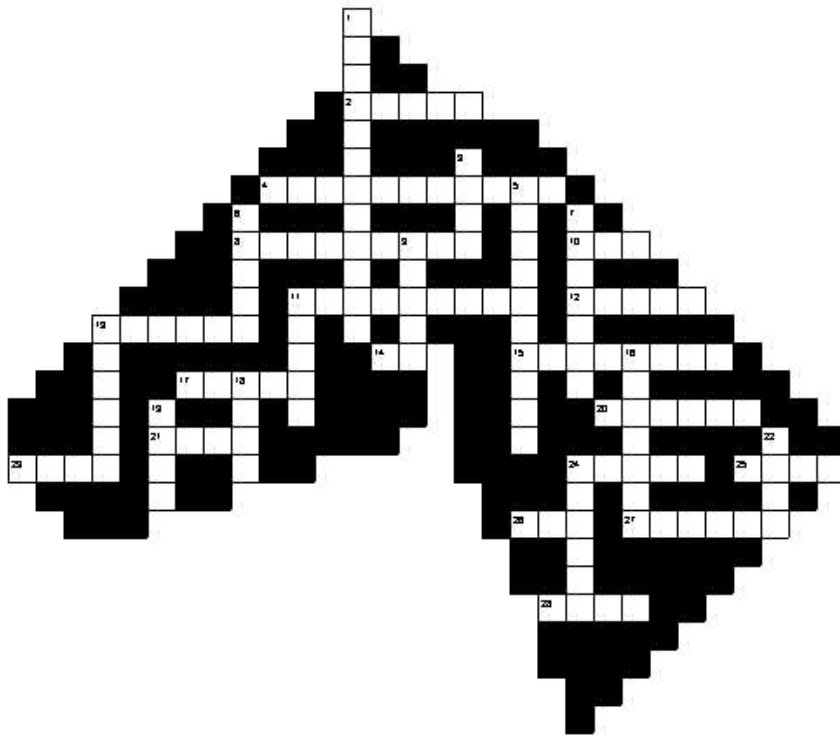
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Chest	34-36	38-40	42-44	46-48	50-52	54-56	58-60	62-64



# KIDS CORNER

## Horsing About



### Down

1. Jumping against time across natural obstacles
3. Most racehorses get fed these
5. Once used to pull ploughs and carts
6. Large white mark on head of Horse
7. The person that does your horses feet
9. Require a check at least once a year
11. Which association does Monbulk-Clematis ARC belong to
13. Three beat movement
16. You stick your foot in it
18. Small yellow eggs on Horse legs in Autumn
19. A place where they breed horses
22. What is the highest point on the horse
24. Stops the saddle from sliding sideways

### Across

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 2. Can be put into horse shoes for extra grip         | 20. To trot on the spot                       |
| 4. Part of bridle that is done up behind the jaw      | 21. 2 Beat movement                           |
| 8. A disease that can be caused by founder            | 23. An artificial aid used to back up the leg |
| 10. What can you tell by looking at your horses teeth | 24. Every 6 to 8 weeks you treat for this     |
| 11. Brings good luck                                  | 25. A small horse                             |
| 12. Something used to steer a horse                   | 26. It goes in the Horse's mouth              |
| 13. Back of saddle                                    | 27. Front of saddle                           |
| 14. Short for hands                                   | 28. Soft part on bottom of horses foot        |
| 15. Also known as flat work                           |   |
| 17. A striped relative of the horse                   |   |

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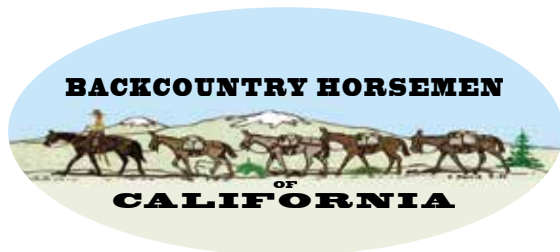
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## **Objectives & Purpose of the Backcountry Horseman of California**

***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.