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Presidents Message



I hope you are all doing well. This covid thing is really getting old. Hopefully it will soon be a thing of the past, but for now we will have to deal with it.

The Wishon Work Party will run from July 23-30. The Shaver Poker Ride is Aug. 15 and the Diana Sorenson Memorial

Ride is set for Sept.12 with camping available for Thursday to Sunday with the actual ride on Saturday. We are trying to let you know as soon as possible for any date changes. Hope you can make one of the events if possible. I understand some are not able to attend. If you are planning on one of the rides it would be great to see you and bring a friend.

Shaver camp is open and available please contact

Ruth Cramer. Big Meadows is open and going well. There are still a couple of dates open to host, if interested contact Jim Knabke.

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

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Reflective 12" x 4" BCHCSJSU Bumper Sticker
and a

Reflective 12" x 12" BCHCSJSU Trailer Decal

GOOD LUCK!

SHAVER LAKE HORSE CAMP OPENS

Camp Will Open for Memorial Day Weekend



BCHC San Joaquin Sierra Unit again makes the Shaver Lake Horse Camp available for use by members and associate members wishing to enjoy camping and riding at Shaver Lake.

Shaver Lake is situated at elev. 5,300 ft. within the Sierra National Forest on scenic recreational land. There are ample riding destinations, as the camp itself is adjacent to the 12.5 mile Perimeter Trail that surrounds the lake. Also in the vicinity are the Ely Mountain and Balsam Forebay Trails.

The camp is located behind a locked gate, 1 mile East of Highway 168 on Dinkey Creek Road. It is a dry camp, with portable sanitary facilities. There are two tables, a fire pit and 3 stalls. Fire regulations apply; cookstoves can be used on the table top. And, of course, campers must Leave No Trace.

California's Greatest Lakes.com describes Shaver Lake as "one of the most enjoyable vacation lakes in California", with a "balmy, 78-degree average high temperature." This writer has enjoyed many pleasurable hours riding and appreciating a picture-perfect view at every turn. Make your plans and reservations now to enjoy a perfect mountain experience for both you and your horse.

The camp will be open May 24 through October 31, 2019, for SJSU members only.

Cost is per membership—\$10/day for camping, \$5/day for picnic use.

Other units are welcome to use the camp after joining as Associate Members (\$15 additional).

To make reservations, contact:

Ruth Cramer

racramer@outlook.com

559-417-3878

Volunteer opportunity!

Sign up for the opening work party on Friday May 17.



Madison, who is from the Bay Area, came over to meet Eli.

He gave her a great big welcome to the neighborhood,

Ockenden Ranch, Shaver Lake, August 1st, 2020.

2019-20 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

2020

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| Aug 15 | Poker Ride Shaver Lake Fishing Camp access road. |
| Sept 11-13 | Diana Sorensen Memorial Ride |
| Oct | Shaver Ride TBD |
| October 8-12 | Coastal Mounted Unit MDO (non BCHC event) |
| October 21 | General Meeting |
| December 12 | Christmas Dinner |

2021

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| Jan 9 | Ted Fischer Memorial Dave Stamey Dessert Concert |
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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. You may call 559-908-3138 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.bhcalifornia.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

At the end of the day, this is just a fun recipe. It's fun to make, it's fun to eat, and it's a blast to enjoy with friends. Which is why it's perfectly suited for a group camping trip.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 loaf crusty artisan bread
- 5-10 cloves garlic
- 1/2 cup parsley, or other herbs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

- pinch red pepper flakes
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- cup shredded cheese, (anything that will melt well - we used a blend of parmesan & mozzarella)



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.
5. **SERVE & ENJOY!**

SUNSHINE CORNER

To all those dealing with illness,
recovering from injury or surgery, or
shut in during with time our thoughts
and prayers are with you.



The Lighter Side

You are on a horse, galloping at a constant speed. On your right side is a sharp drop off, and on your left side is an elephant traveling at the same speed as you. Directly in front of you is another galloping horse but your horse is unable to overtake it. Behind you is a lion running at the same speed as you and the horse in front of you. What must you do to safely get out of this highly dangerous situation? Get off the merry-go-round or ask the manager to unplug it!

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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!!

C.J. Hargreaves
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POKER RIDE

Hosted By

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San Joaquin Sierra Unit

Shaver Lake, CA

Saturday, August 15, 2020

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



All trails will be marked with a purple ribbon.



\$25 members · \$35 non-members · \$10 youth (no poker hands)

Includes: Coffee · Doughnuts · Lunch · Poker Hand · 1 Raffle Ticket

(Additional Poker Hands can be purchased)

BEST HAND TAKES THE PRIZE · Raffle Prizes

PLENTY OF PARKING AVAILABLE · OPEN TO EVERYONE · INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

No dogs, No stallions, No alcohol on trail. Dry camp, so bring plenty of water.

Directions to Event:

Take Highway 168 to Shaver Lake, CA. Turn East on Dinkey Creek Road, and follow the signs to Fishing Camp Access gate 4.3 miles on the left.

Turn in check in at the gate.

R.S.V.P. before August 7 to reserve your spot:

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

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Jim Laber

We were off to meet up just above the Rancheria Trailhead Thursday July 23rd. Joe and Carol and



their grandson Nathaniel, Jennifer Best, Jim Knabke, and Doug and Jim Laber showed and we got all the stock high-lined and Joe and Carol whipped

up dinner for us. Friday up bright and early stock taken care of we all met for coffee, breakfast and safety and JHA details for the work crews going out. Doug,

Jennifer, and, Jim tacked up stock loaded them in the trailers and headed down to the Crown Valley TH. We were to work the Crown Valley trail and



the Spanish Lake/Statham Meadow trail out to the Wilderness boundary and Spring trail Crown Valley intersection from Rancheria. We cleared 12 trees from the trail 10-20" in diameter with 12 cuts and removed brush and straightened out the



intersection of Crown Valley trail and Spanish Statham Trail also clearing 2 reroutes. Joe, his grandson Nathaniel, and



Jim Knabke went out the Rancheria trailhead and approximately 4 miles of trail was cleared. 5 reroutes were cleared. This resulted in the removal of 8 trees

varying in sizes from 8 to 30 inches. When we all returned Marcee Hansen had arrived and we all settled in for more good fellowship and dinner by Joe and Carol.



Saturday morning after caring for stock getting coffee and a good breakfast, we went over our JHA, safety, and work assignments. Our crew went out from the Rancheria trail-head and cleared it to the intersection of Spring trail and Crown valley trail



down to where we left off the day before and cleared 17 trees making 12 cuts and rolling out the rest. Carol and Marcee loaded up a

string to bring some of our supplies into Crown valley. When we returned on Saturday, we were still awaiting the arrival of Randy Witt and the return of Marcee and Carol. Randy finally showed up with his horse, and two large mules, got them high-lined and we all gathered to catch up on the day while waiting for Marcee and Carols' return. About



6:30pm they returned and we set about getting dinner ready and gathered to eat and hear plans for our trip into Crown Valley Sunday Morning.

Sunday morning, we were up early taking care of the stock and had to get camp broken down and stock loaded for moving to the hill across the creek from the Crown Valley Cabins in Crown Valley. We were all up and loaded about 11am, and headed out in three strings with Jim Knabke, Randy and his two mules heading out first, Marcee, Nathaniel, Joe and carol and their 5 mules, and Jennifer, Doug and Jim Laber and their pack horse bringing up the rear. On the trail in not



far from Crown Valley we ran into the youth group hiking in to Crown Valley for their stay. We got into Crown around 1:30 and proceeded to set

fencing in the meadow for all the stock and got camp set up. Dinner was a welcome rest from the days activities and sleep came early.



Monday morning, we were up at the crack of dawn getting coffee made,

stock down to the meadow, and we gathered for breakfast and had the days work assignments given along with safety and JHA done. Marcee, Doug, and Jim were assigned to Recon the trail out to Scotty's Cabin all the way to the NPS Boundary. Jim Knabke, Jennifer, and Randy were assigned



to recon out to Geraldine lake. Their crew found very few obstacles on that trail and were able to get a good swim at the lake and came back with

good recon. Our crew cleared 6 10" trees, one of which we cut with a silky saw, and rolled them off trail. There are 2 creek crossings going out and after making the first crossing you see a mess of downed trees where the original trail was. You have to work north east and you find a well-worn work-around trail that after 100 yards makes its way back to the trail abreast





of Deer Meadow. We then crossed the 2nd creek and saw Scotty's cabin and then we were faced with another mess of downed trees and another work-around well

worn, that makes its way back onto the trail about the same distance.

A couple of miles up the trail we came across a couple of trees and dismounted to move and roll them off the trail. Marcee was the only one that tied her trusty steed and our pack horse took off with our rides following heading back toward camp with radios and all. Fortunately,



Marcee was able to catch two and returned all three. Lesson learned no more leaving untied and now I was fixing my left rein with some line Marcee fortunately had with her. We continued on toward



the park boundary clearing 2 work arounds, but about ¼ mile from it we came upon some large trees with smaller ones behind them across the trail

which we marked with our navigation tools and headed back toward camp. When we got to Scotty's cabin, we came upon a trail crew of Forest Service (4) personal and we stopped to give them a hand with a leaner they were working on. We found out they would be joining us for dinner. The



rest of the ride back took maybe 15-20 minutes as we started moving out at a good clip.



The rest of the afternoon we rested under the shade of a tree next to the meadow at camp watching all the stock grazing, rolling, and posturing at each other while getting a good nap. We also watched the youth group as they had ascended



crown rock above the meadow and were hooting and hollering in celebration. Dinner was great and we got a lot of good stories from Jon with the Forest

Service as he has been all over the place including Yellowstone. It must be the thin air but sleep comes early for most, but hard with bells on Charlie (Joe and Carols new mule) keeping most from a good night's sleep. He kept hopping out of the corral, and this night I don't think I missed one of his steps. Fortunately, that didn't happen for the rest of the week.



Most were up Tuesday morning by 6am, getting coffee made, and stock out in the meadow. We then gathered for breakfast and discussed the days work. Jim Knabke, Jennifer, and Randy would recon the Spanish lake trail and Marcee, Doug, and Jim Laber would Recon the trail up to Crown Lake. The forest service crew joined us again before their trip out, and we had Biscuits and gravy with all the fixings for a hardy breakfast.

The Spanish Lake Trail recon found need for 44 trees being cut from trail between the Crown trail and



Spanish Meadow. They also found no discernible trail to Little Spanish as well as Spanish Meadow to Spanish Spur Trail not discernible.

They did swim in the lake when they got to Spanish although while they were on their way back, we heard a tree fall from our place in camp. It fell over the causeway on their way back from Spanish so they cleared that and used some of

the perfect size broken branches to fill in the gaps in the causeway. The Crown Lake trail crew found the 2nd creek crossing on the way up



clogged with 3 fallen trees which was also causing a dam behind it. We cut two 15" trees and one 12" tree



and moved them out of the creek which made a very easy crossing. As we worked up the trail we found one 8" leaner, one 24" tree, one 26" tree, one 15" tree, two

36" trees, and two 6" trees across the trail, which we marked in our trail apps for future work by the forest service or us. We made it up to the 2 36" trees about a 1/2 mile or so below Elizabeth Lake and turned back for camp



Wednesday started like the rest but we were on fun day orders and Marcee, Doug and Jim Laber decided to head out to Geraldine for a ride. We made good time up to the lake only

clipping branches from the saddle on our way. I for one swam across the lake and back. We took a nice break with snacks in the shade and headed back about 2:30. Marcee made a great 7+ minute video of the trip back through the rock wall of switch backs. No exhaustion stops for the horses as they crawled their way through there at good speed and we were thankful as the sun was beating on the trail there. Back in the forest canopy shade we made good time back to camp just



in time to see Joe finishing up an introductory class on the buck saw safety in use with application. The youth group, staying at crown, each got to pull the saw and cut some rounds and appreciated learning something new that's actually quite old. Afterward we gathered for dinner and set about breaking as much of camp as we could, to speed packing up and out in the morning.



Thursday morning, we packed up camp and tacked and loaded the stock for the trip out. We went out the same order as we went in although Doug and I caught up

to Marcee, Chris, and Carol's string about half way out and then we all took the chute out and up the road to the trailhead.

We had a great time without injury except a few minor cuts and bruises. A hardy thanks to our awesome cooks and planners, Joe and Carol for their varied menu, treats, and all-around planning and organizing for



the trip and the keeping up of camp at the trailhead and Crown Valley. And to those who took up this work and did it with grace, gusto, and smiles you made this trip one for the books. We are especially thankful to the families of Crown Valley for hosting us on their property and letting us use the shower cabin, and our partnership with the Forest Service and others we share this work with. We hope this informs your trail riding for the area we worked. Enjoy!



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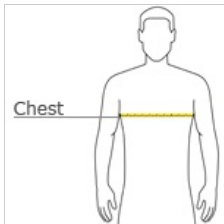
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Chest	34-36	38-40	42-44	46-48	50-52	54-56	58-60	62-64

To my fellow backcountry horsemen and trail riders,

The last few months have proved difficult for various reasons and certainly the closure of some areas have been frustrating. Some of our long time members have let their membership lapse and have not renewed. This is understandable, since many of our usual, fun adventures have been limited or non-existent. HOWEVER, this is the time to show continued support whether we are riding, working in the wilderness or on trails, or staying home for shelter in place. Right now this is the time congress and the forest service continue to consider allowing E-Bikes on our beloved trails, closing of some, and continued infringement on our rights to have open trails and forests as horsemen and horsewomen. Please renew your membership to show support to the BCHC projects and the organization. Help provide them the support and funds needed to continue their plight when in Washington or doing work from the state. Yes, certainly recent events have proved extremely difficult that we have never experienced in our lives. Let us not forget the importance of our BCHC history and our personal heritages as well. We are told we are a dying breed, but through our continued rallying for open trails and preserved wilderness, we want to prove them wrong. Our heritage can be preserved if we support the group that can represent us.

Please renew your membership today. If you are unsure of your membership expiration or if you have any questions at all, please email me:

Be safe and well,

Jan Mikkelson
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The background of the entire poster features a close-up of a horse's face on the left and a woman with a large backpack and a bear in the background on the right. The woman is wearing a light blue shirt and sunglasses. The bear is brown and has its mouth open, showing its teeth. The horse's eye is prominent in the foreground.

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THE
HORSE
SEES**

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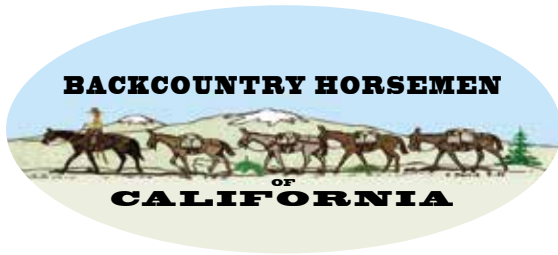
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Objectives & Purpose of the Backcountry Horseman of California *From the BCHC Bylaws*

- 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.