

REDSHANK RIDERS



An Affiliate of Backcountry Horsemen of California

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A group of dedicated men and women working to preserve the historic use of trails with recreational pack and saddle stock.

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President's Message

It's hard to believe the year is almost over and I am down to writing this one last message. Don't worry I'm not going to write a long farewell speech. First because I don't want to bore you to death, second because I'm not going anywhere. Robyn and I plan to stay involved in the group and enjoy just being members. What is important though is all that our group has accomplished this year. It's been a great year for the Redshank Riders and I think it's important for us to reflect on our successes.

Let's start with all the great rides we have had... We have enjoyed a variety of different rides every month this year. Our first one in Jan was down into Anza Borrego to Bailey's Cabin where it was just Allison, Mike and I. Through the year we had several rides into the BMW, up to the top of Cahuilla Mountain, Garner Valley, Sloan Lake, and May Valley, each one attended by more and more people. Our last one in Nov, near the BMW, was attended by over 40 riders with over 60 enjoying the turkey dinner that came after. The enthusiasm of our old and new members grew through the year and next year can only be better.

Financially we started off the year in good shape, but through the efforts of Stacy Kuhns and Audrey Turpin (and a host of others), who hosted and organized our Trail Trials event, our groups account has almost doubled. This will allow our group to do even more work on improving our local trails, provide local community services, or whatever else we may want to do. Even in these difficult financial times we have managed to not only maintain our finances but have been able to make them grow. I think that's pretty amazing.

Our membership also grew this year with many members renewing, old members rejoining and lots of new members coming in too. Our numbers grew by an estimated 30-35%. That's pretty amazing too considering that all of us are watching our pocketbooks closer than ever lately. The new blood will be a welcome shot in our group's arm. New ideas and new energy is what keeps groups like ours alive and thriving. I again welcome all of our new members and encourage them to get involved and to bring their new ideas with them.

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The Beauty Mountain Wilderness has been one of our units' main projects this year and we've made tremendous progress on it. We have created, re-opened, and made rideable an estimated 12-15 miles of trails. All GPS'd and mapped. A trailhead with parking was created at the base of Tule Peak. New trailheads and trails are being explored and signage for the existing trails is in the works. The work we've done in the BMW will reap benefits for years and generations to come and I'm proud of what we've accomplished in such a short time



Our group has always been there to provide volunteer services for the different agencies we work with such as the BLM, Forest Service, PCTA, etc., but this year we went all out. The PCTA made a big push in upgrading and maintaining the PCT and we were there to provide the much needed pack support to help make it happen. We provided an estimated 300 man hours to this project and we had fun doing it to boot.....

Many of our members are also members of the Forest Service Volunteers Association (FSVA) which provides vital volunteer services to our local Forest District. This association is unique and is a model for other districts. No where else is a volunteer organization so active and involved. This year members from our group provided a reported 3300 volunteer hours to helping the Forest Service maintain and monitor our local forests..... When it comes to doing our share I'd say that we can hold our heads high and be proud that we have done our part in keeping trails open.

Through our volunteer efforts our unit has earned the praise, appreciation, and respect of all the agencies we've worked with and we now enjoy great working relationships with all of them. In this regard I believe we have fulfilled the BCHC mission with flying colors.

I also want to note the terrific attendance we've had at our monthly meetings. The mix of ride/meetings and potluck/meetings seemed to get people interested in attending. Also we had some speakers come out and that made it more interesting too. I especially enjoyed our last meeting at the Little Red Schoolhouse where we moved all the chairs in a circle and had a great current event discussion that everybody participated in. I could feel the energy and enthusiasm of the group and it was good to be part of it.

2010 has been a great year for the Redshank Riders and with all the positive energy in our group 2011 looks to be even better. It's been a pleasure and an honor being president this year. Robyn and I are proud to have been part of this group and we look forward to participating next year. Thanks for all your support and enthusiasm. Have a wonderful holiday and a great new year.

Best Regards and Happy Trails,

Bob

PS: I hope everyone had a great Turkey Day

Redshank Riders November 11th Meeting Minutes

Location: Little Red School House

November 11th 2010 BCHC Redshank Riders

13 attendees

- County approved horse gait near Chimney area, open for further discussion, other proposed areas for a horse gait off of Winchester, Tule Peak, and JCR
- Add pics of gate in newsletters.
- Discussed trail committee meeting with county of Riverside. Members discussed adding sign at staging area, conservation easement ?
- Pam and Monique non members attended meeting, they are associated with the Southern California Horsemen's Directory online.
- Treasurer Stacey Kuhns discussed issue of right of way through Anza for equestrians, Tom Firths Trail Area.
- Four new members joined at Turkey Ride, four members renewed. Current Account balance is \$ 6065.56. Event profit at Turkey/Poker ride \$ 517.53. Approximately 40 riders and 60 for dinner.
- Provide Rhonda with list of contributors for the raffle. Ask her to post them on the website with a thank you, and e-mail list to Julie Murphy to add to facebook page.
- FSVA-Forest Service Volunteer Association-Sloan Ranch buildings have been torn down, no stopping this. RSR to pursue some kind of cover near lake.
- PCTA may get involved in Sloan Ranch area.
- Many RSR members are also part of FSVA, looking to change the members of the board of directors. Need members to attend this meeting, will announce date when known.
- Pete Spencer attended Board meeting for BCHC. 22 new members this year, total of 128. RSR needs to apply for education fund money from the BCHC. Use of funds to put up Kiosk at Devils Slide area.
- Bob Jones asked attending members to put together a RSR wish list of things they would like to do, have worked on, etc.
- Discussed Boys/Girls club event in May 2011 that the RSR will help with and hopefully do an event for.
- Meeting adjourned..

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

membership@bchcalifornia.net – (866) 748-2033

MAIL TO: Backcountry Horsemen of California
PO Box 1610
Oakdale, CA 95361-1610

PARENT Unit Affiliation: (Select and CIRCLE ONE Unit as your Primary Unit Affiliation)

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|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Antelope Valley | Kern River Valley | Mojave River | Redwood | Sequoia |
| Caballeros del Sol | Kern Sierra | Mother Lode | San Diego | Shasta Trinity |
| Eastern Sierra | Lake-Mendo | North Bay | San Gorgonio Pass | Sierra Freepackers |
| High Country | Los Padres | Ohlone Riders | San Joaquin Sierra | Sutter Buttes |
| High Sierra | Mid Valley | Redshank Riders | Santa Ana River | Top of the State |

DCTR (your Membership Number): _____ (For new memberships, will be determined by Membership Coordinator)

MEMBER'S NAME—No Business Names; Print Clearly _____ SPOUSE / Co-MEMBER'S NAME—MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code (full 9 digits, if known) _____ () _____ Phone _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Check No.: _____

Parent Unit Membership Types: (CIRCLE ONE)

Individual \$40.00* Family \$50.00* Benefactor \$100.00 Patron \$250.00 Mt Whitney \$500.00

* = BCHC shares portion of dues with Backcountry Horsemen of America.

Associate Memberships: AN ADDITIONAL \$15.00 PER UNIT IS ADDED TO YOUR PARENT UNIT DUES.
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP UNIT AFFILIATIONS **MAY NOT** BE FOR THE SAME UNIT AS YOUR PARENT UNIT.

Associate Membership for: _____ \$15.00/unit
Unit Name (from above list)

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Unit Name (from above list)

Please write additional choices on back.

Please clip form along dashed line.

I received this lovely email message from Kathleen Hayden and she gave me permission to share it with you; Rhonda, Newsletter Editor

I remember when Doc York, Nola and I made the trip to Allison's house for the meeting when Redshank Riders decided to join BCHC, and later when the unit donated precious funds to keep our Heritage Herd in feed. Again when they built the horse camp...all the trail work days, and most recently the opposition to the new Wilderness which would diminish historic access. I have watched Pete Spencer study the seminal laws that supersede agency regulations. He has represented the unit well at BCHC Public lands meetings. I believe this unit has proved they can wear the black hat to hold agencies accountable while wearing the "volunteer" white hat as early BCHC founders envisioned.

While we can no longer attend meetings and participate in most activities, we are happy to contribute our dues and networking.

Most fond regards,

Kat

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Packers Corner

Written by Michael Lewis

Summer's over, fall is here, and winter is just around the corner. All the packers stayed very busy this year and we are all looking forward to next spring. All the crews are done for the year so there is no packing to write about so here are some of my personal feelings. We have seen a lot of new trails, re-ridden some old, both easy and difficult (even hair raising), made a lot of new friends and got some hooked on packing. Seen a lot of new country too. From the desert to the mountains, all with it's own beauty. Years ago I moved here from Wyoming and never thought I'd have the opportunity to ride and pack like I did there. Well, I was wrong. This spring my family and I joined the Redshank Riders and a whole new world opened up, one that is in my own back yard. Thank you Bob Jones for giving me a call any time there was gear to pack or a new trail to ride. I have seen a lot of different packing methods and had the chance to haul things I have never packed before. It has also given me a chance to work two young pack mules in different situations and on all types of trails and also break a new lead horse. From Lost Valley to Fuller ridge and points in between we are hoping to return next year with some new recruits. Already on the agenda for next spring are trips deep into the Anza / Borrego Desert for the Pacific Crest Trail Association that may involve an overnight stay. To see all the packing pics I have for this year go to www.stumblinranch.com and click on the Pack-ins link.



First trip to Lost Valley



One of my favorite places in Lost Valley



Redshank Riders Lost Valley Pack Crew



San Jacinto Mountains / Fuller Ridge project

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Part of the Fuller Ridge Pack Crew

Saddle up and join us next year.



San Jacinto Mountains / Devils Slide

Turkey/Poker Ride November 7th, 2010

What do you get when you have a warm, sunny fall day, a great staging location, a ride with lots of views, and great food and raffle prizes? Have a RedShank Riders Turkey/Poker Ride!

Despite a slow start to getting this event off the ground, everyone jumped in with great enthusiasm. Pebbles and Mike Lewis graciously offered their ranch as the staging area and the place to start the ride. Audrey, Tim and Mike pre-rode the trails and determined where the "Poker" part of the ride would come in. Rhonda Strickland made sure that everyone got their e-mail fliers, and then came the gathering of the prizes for the raffle and planning of the food. Dave Potter and Doug Bruce took over the barbecuing duties of four beautiful turkeys that weighed between 15 and 25 pounds. Three out of the four were donated by members of the group, and friends. They ended up golden brown, juicy, and were just plain picture perfect. I made sure that I closely observed these masters at work, and now have the secrets of how to cook the perfect bird on a Weber barbecue.



Mike & Pebbles' Home

Pebbles and company did a great set up job with the Easy-Up covers, tables and chairs, decorations, lots of drinks and water, and registration and ride booth. Pebbles and Marsha sold lots of raffle tickets and we signed up at least four new members, with lots of old members renewing too. We ended up with about forty riders in the saddle, and just about sixty for dinner. The ride format was changed from the timed Treasure Hunt to the Poker ride. We had lots of riders say they enjoyed it just as much as the hunt, but we are open to whatever the group wants to do next year!!

Besides the wonderful turkeys cooked by "The Boys", we fixed green bean casserole, oven roasted potatoes, rolls, and a non-traditional pumpkin bake. The pumpkin dessert fooled a lot of people who kept asking me, what is that? But once the word got around, and the tasting began including whipped cream on top, it went fast with lots of compliments as to the whole meal. Thanks everyone, you made all the cooking worth the effort! I especially loved everyone who came back for seconds.

A special thanks to everyone who contributed raffle prizes. Pebbles via Bedrock Hair and Nails put in a lot of wonderful items. Stacey as always, had a lot of great gift certificates from Star Milling which everyone loves to win. We had a lot of certificates from Equine service providers including Dr. Fred Zadick, Greg Bruce, Tom Call, and even horse chiropractors and massage therapists. The feed, tack and farrier stores in Temecula and Anza supported us again this year. Our local businesses including the Dairy Queen, Ace Hardware, and Outlaw Hay and Grain gave generous certificates too.

Most important of all was the chance to get together with our friends and members, have a great ride exploring more trails, and just spending time with one another especially as we enter into the busy year end holidays. It never hurts to have gatherings like these where fun and

On the Trail



laughter are the main reason to be there. It was exciting to me to see such a great turn out of members, and to put the icing on the cake, have it turn out to be another successful membership drive and fund raiser for the group.

Thanks for a great year with all of you, I look forward to 2011.

Your Secretary, Robyn Prinzing



The Group

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Christmas Ride - Potluck - Gift exchange
Meeting & Officer Elections for 2011

Sunday- Dec 05,
2010

Hosted by
Terri Pirillo
42451 Sage Rd, Aguanga



Terri's phone 951-970-9046
teampener@aol.com

Ride out at 10am

Decorate you or your horse!

Gift exchange \$10.00 - \$20.00

Potluck...

The following should be brought according to your last name:

- A - I Side dish, veggie, bread, salad*
 - J - R Appetizers*
 - S - Z Desserts*
- RSR will be supplying the main course*

RSVP - Please call and let us know if you will attend...
Contact: Robyn Prinzing 949-293-6602 Robynp555@hotmail.com

Directions: 79S to Sage road only 1 way to turn that's towards Hemet. Go 3 1/2 miles. House is on the left unless you go down Wilson valley road from Anza then it's on the right.

**Riders under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. All riders 17 & under must have written consent of a parent or legal guardian. Helmets must be worn by all Minors.*

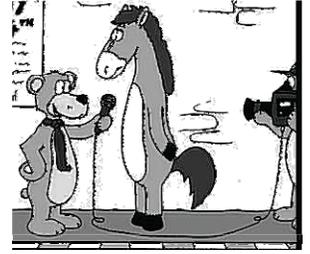
Must be a BCHC member to ride

No Dogs or Stallions... No Ponying Horses except for Pack animals

THE NEWS ROOM

Read, Discuss, Act

New Hitching Post installed at Keyways Winery



Thanks to several of you who noticed an unsafe hitching post at Keyways (special thanks to Juanita's horse, Skywalker, who rubbed on it to be sure his human noticed it!!), we have installed a new, safe post. Tim Jones and Dennis Hibberts were out in the drizzle this morning tearing the remains of 2 posts out (the broken one and its neighbor, which was also ailing), and installing a new one. We kept the semi-circle configuration, so we can add more in the future, when the existing wooden ones start to fail. Thanks to Tim and Dennis, but also major thanks to Gil Pankonin, Ken Leach, Brent Lance and Juanita Koth. who pulled the old one out the other day, and to Juanita for alerting Keyways and putting "do not use" signs" up until we could complete the repairs.

Hope I haven't missed anyone. Once again, it took a village....

p.s. while Tim, Dennis and I were there this morning, we cleaned up 7 piles of poop, so decided we needed to install bigger "Clean up!" signs at Keyways, as we're doing at Wilson Creek. Both these wineries make it so easy for us: wheel barrow at Keyways, empty field for tossing at Wilson, but still people seem to forget. We'll keep Anne York busy making big signs, but I guess the rest of us will need to be super observant and "pay it forward" - one day someone will do all OUR poop-scoopin' for us!! Thanks, everyone!

Lorraine Harrington

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Submitted by Carol Schmuhl

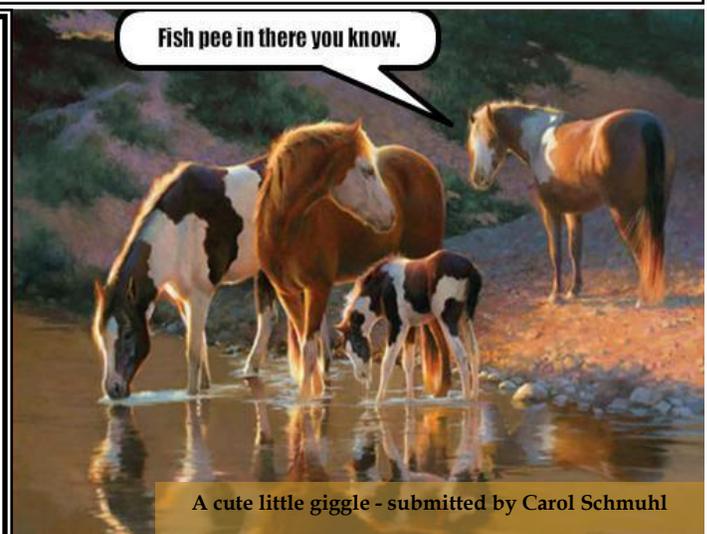
Do you have pictures from a ride, an upcoming event, a great animal story or joke that you would like to share in the newsletter or website?

Your input is always appreciated!!

Email me at redshank.webmaster@gmail.com

Rhonda

Newsletter Editor & Webmaster



A cute little giggle - submitted by Carol Schmuhl

Donations for Turkey/Poker Ride

Turkeys:

Allison Reneck
Kim Snow
Chuck Streeter

Raffle Donations:

Pebbles & Mike Lewis
Audrey Turpin
Ron Lawson
Susan Gonzalez
Anne York
Dairy Queen
Ace Hardware
Outlaw Hay & Grain

Dan's Feed & Seed
Tack West
InCahoots
Dr. Fred Zadick DVM
Equilibrium - Tracy Kuchen - DMM
Don Moore-Horse Chiropractor
Tom Call Horseshoeing
Greg Bruce - Equine Dentistry
Empire Farrier
Inland Vet Supply
National Horse Blankets
Roadside Café
Round Up Feed
Star Milling



Tentative Event & Ride Schedule 2010

December 2010

Dec 5th Redshank Riders Ride, Potluck, Meeting & Elections (see pg 7)

Dec 11th SGPU's Christmas Party Call (951)767-0986 for info

April 1-3rd, 2011 Rendezvous in Red Bluff, CA

Ride Coordinator: Allison Renck (951) 763-0374

Welcome to Our Newest Members

Lynn Baker
Frank Matthews
Ilona Serrao
Curtis & Cindy Merritt
John & Susan Moore
Michael O'Connor / Kerry Barham
Diane Lawera
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XMAS RIDE - POTLUCK

Sunday, Dec 5th
See inside for Info

