

# 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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## April President's Message

Hello fellow Redshank members. Here it is April 21 and it's snowing outside. Just when I start thinking winter is over here comes another cold front and I have to pull my winter woolies out again. At least the weather cooperated with us on all of our events this month so I guess we can't complain. So far we have had the San Diego/ Redshank Ride/Campout, the Cabin Spring Ride/Potluck/Meeting, the Cahuilla Mountain Cleanup, Million Dollar Spring Cleanup, packing in trail crews to the PCT and we still have a week left in April. We had great weather for each and every event. How lucky is that..... Yeah, it's been a very busy month for us and I have lots to report, so I better get to it:

I thought the April 3<sup>rd</sup> San Diego/Redshank Ride was a complete success. We did the Culp Valley Loop which has some challenging spots and all went well. For me though it was when we got back to camp that things got really fun. Of course the jug of moonshine that got passed around may have had something to do with that. With lips loosened we sat around the campfire and really got to know each other. The San Diego Unit members that came are a group of very dedicated trail advocates and I think we all learned a lot from each other as we shared experiences. We talked about different strategies, our own group's goals, and the strength in the unity of the BCHC. More importantly we made some new friends and strengthened the bond between our two groups. Thanks to all who attended. It was great turnout and a hell of a ride.

The following week, April 10<sup>th</sup>, was our Unit Ride/Potluck/Meeting, and again, I thought it was super success too. We rode the newly re-opened Cabin Spring Trail and it was awesome. Robyn has written something about it, but let me say that it looks to me that we must be on the right track, cause all I saw was a lot of happy, smiling faces that day. The food and the company were great and it's really nice seeing all the positive energy we've got going. Our thanks goes to Tom Firth who lead the effort to get this trail opened, and also to Pete Spencer, Mike Lewis, Kathy Haun, Jason Howe, Tim & Audrey Turpin, Val & Jerry Young, Robyn Prinzing, & Josh Jones, who all contributed a lot of sweat to clearing brush to get'r done. It is something that we will enjoy for a long time and I think we all should feel very proud of what we did. Good job everyone!

The following Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> was the much anticipated Cahuilla Mountain Trail cleanup. Once again the Redshank Riders stepped up and got'r done. We used a two pronged approach. Pete Spencer, Teri Baron, and I went up on Wed to get a jump on the brushing and clearing. On Friday the "crew" finished things up working side by side with Forest Service reps Andy Smith and his asst Amanda. In early May the Forest Service will send up their crews who will rebuild the "Steps" area. We will be packing up timbers for them beforehand for that purpose..... A special



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thanks to following people for their hard work on this project; Teri Baron, Pete Spencer, Mike Lewis, Val & Jerry Young, Chuck Streeter, Susan Gonzales, Sandy Korman, Marsha Houle, and Julie Schultz.... Thank you all. You definitely went above and beyond and showed for the Forest Service and all to see that the Redshank Rider commitment to our area is for real. It is the things like this, seeing our group doing something for our community, which makes me proudest to be part of this group.

After the work was done we checked out the spring and headed to the summit to sign the book. It is such a cool ride and now that it's cleared and ready to go I encourage all of you to ride up and enjoy the view. From the trailhead it takes less than an hour to the top and from there another half hour to the summit. It's a fairly gentle grade with a pucker value of about 6, so it's an easy day ride that's really worth the trip.

Next was the Million Dollar Spring cleanup on April 18<sup>th</sup>. The BLM sent in a small crew to cleanup the trash left by the "growers". As you can see in the photos, one of the items was a 6 foot aluminum ladder. I'm still trying to figure that one out... Do you think those plants get that big that they need ladders?? Anyway, accompanied by my son Josh, we lead the crew to the spring hiking up the MDS wash off of Tule Peak Rd. It was a great day for a hike and it felt good helping to get the spring area cleaned up. As of this writing I am waiting for a break in the weather to go in and pack out the gathered trash. I think this has been a good first collaborative effort with BLM in improving the BMW and we have now shown them our commitment to working with them to improve and develop the area.

We are also making good progress on our mapping project of all the existing trails in the BMW and closer to our goal of handing to the BLM a detailed GIS map of the whole area showing all of the available trails and watering holes. I believe that this map is the key to showing not only the BLM, but also the public what the BMW has to offer. The goal being that the more people that are aware of and using the area, the more important it will be to the BLM to maintain and develop it so that it remains accessible for all trail users... Those of you who have been on the trails in the BMW please get the word out that they are there and waiting to be ridden.

Well, that's about all I have for now. Thanks again to all of you who helped make this month's events so fun and so successful. What do you say we do it again in May.....

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Thanks,

Bob Jones

## Million Dollar Spring Cleanup

April 18, 2010

Photos Submitted by Bob Jones



**Treasurer's Report** (Teri Baron):

As of April 15<sup>th</sup>, cash in the bank is \$3,130.09. Expenditures paid out is \$487.60 for our units liability insurance that is paid to the state offices of Backcountry Horsemen. Income received from the state for our portion of membership dues in the amount of \$261. Our expenses and income are in line with our forecast budget.

**Membership** (Teri Baron):

All I can say is WOW! Redshank Riders is obviously doing something that is attracting many more members and Backcountry Horsemen is the beneficiary of that. The funds provided by membership fees go to help keep our trails open all over California and to make sure that equestrian voices are heard in Sacramento.

Last month, we had eight new members and the largest rebate check to our unit that I have ever seen. The best part of all of this is that we have met so many great people from our area. It is really fun to go out on these rides and enjoy our beautiful countryside.

**Trail Building Class****May 9, 2010****Instructor:****Sam Commarto**

Sam Commarto from the PCTA has offered to conduct a trail building class for us before he heads north to continue his work training and leading crews doing work on the Pacific Crest Trail near Tahoe. Sam has extensive training in teaching trail building skills and I for one am sure I could learn a thing or two from him. This will be a great opportunity to learn how to build trails the right way.

The date is Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Location is Sycamore Springs Trailhead. Call me if you need directions.....

See ya on the trail,

Bob Jones - 951-445-3890

*We would like to welcome our New members to Redshank Riders and look forward to meeting them in the coming months*

Tony & Leslie Ingham	Mick Bolander
Cary Miller	Barrie Abbott
Colleen Chase	Ron & Sandy Korman
Susan Uchimura	Ron Lawson

*We would also like to thank our renewing members for their continuing support.*

Paula Bellesi	Sharlene Matthews
Sue Best Janet Burns	Gail McCreight
Vickie DeMenge	Sherrie Rondeau
Bert & Barbara Hayden	Audrey & Tim Turpin

*Due for renewal? Let us know if you have not received your renewal notice.*

Jim & Iris Blaisdell	Dave & Terri Pirillo
Charlotte Diaz	Dave & Pam Potter
Mark & Linda Donahoe	Nancy Robertson
Leonard & Joy Hale	

**BCHC IN THE NEWS**

There was a nice article In the Visalia Times newspaper called: ***Back Country Horsemen provide service . . .***

It reads: The Back Country Horsemen, a service organization, was formed here in Tulare County in 1986 with several volunteer units on the Sequoia National Forest. There are several organizations that are active in the Sequoia National Forest and Giant Sequoia National Monument. They split their service between "on-the-ground" projects and educational outreach efforts focused on the next generation.

If you would like to read more go to:

<http://www.visaliatimesdelta.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20104300321>

Link to this article will be provided at the website:

[www.RedshankRiders.com](http://www.RedshankRiders.com)



## Cahuilla Mountain Trail Cleanup

April 16, 2010

Photos Submitted by Bob Jones



The "Crew" heading up the mountain



Amanda, Andy Smith, Mike Lewis,  
Sandy Korman headin' out to start loppin



Taking in the view at the Summit (Val & Mike)

### From The Trail Ride Coordinator

*Hello Redshank Members*

*There is still over half a year left for you to host a ride.*

*All you have to do is call me and let me know you want to be the person who sets up a trail ride.*

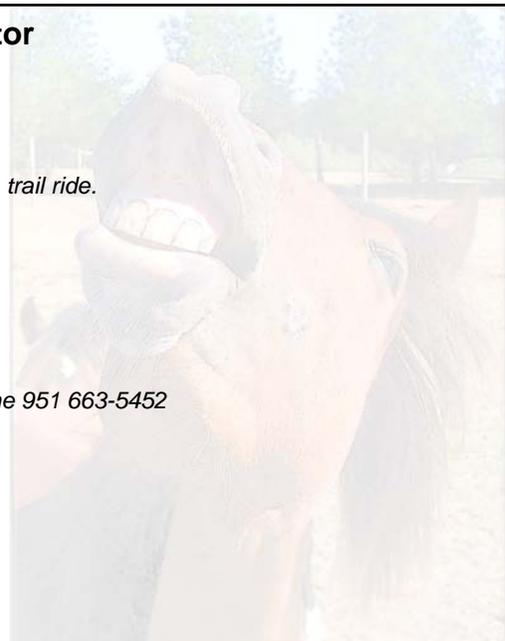
*Its not hard, here is what you need to do.*

1. Pick a date
2. Pick a place
- 3 Check out parking, cost, get directions, and decide if its an easy or a hard ride.
- 4.Contact me with all of #4 information by emailing me at [Ali9591@aol.com](mailto:Ali9591@aol.com) or by phone 951 663-5452
5. And I will put it on the Ride calendar and get it in the newsletter.

*Easy huh.....*

**THANKS**

Allison Renck



## Animal Fun Facts

Most cats in Halifax (Nova Scotia) have six toes.

You thought that only you need sunscreen? Well pigs, walruses and light-colored horses are prone to get sunburned.

Armadillos have four babies of the same sex, at a time. They are perfect identical quadruplets.

Police dogs are trained to react to commands in a foreign language; commonly German but more recently Hungarian or some other Slavic tongue.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear!

How many teeth does a bear have? 42 teeth.

How many rows of whiskers does a cat have? Interesting! Four rows.

Never anger a Tasmanian devil... Its ear turns into a pinkish-red shade.

Put a porcupine in water and watch it float.

There are no vocal chords in a giraffe.

How many vocal chords do cats have? Go ahead and count... 100.

A goat's eyes have got rectangular pupils.

Its been 4,000 years and no new animal-species has been domesticated.

You will never hear of a camel's milk curdling.

Thank you to:

<http://www.factsaboutanimals.net/animal-fun-facts.htm>

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

Let's put it in the newsletter. Your input is always appreciated!!

Email me at [editor@redshankriders.com](mailto:editor@redshankriders.com)

Rhonda - Newsletter Editor & Webmaster

**Backcountry Horsemen of California-San Diego**  
**Unit Los Vaqueros Campout/Service Weekend**  
**May 6-9, 2010 Los Vaqueros Horse Camp/ Cuyamaca**

Backcountry Horsemen of California-San Diego Unit is sponsoring a campout/work party at Los Vaqueros Horse Camp in beautiful Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. We will be camping, compliments of State Parks, from Thursday, May 6th until Sunday, May 9th. You're welcome to arrive anytime after 2pm on Thursday. We must be out of camp by noon on Sunday. We will dedicate Saturday to assisting State Park staff with camp and trail work. Enjoy your own schedule the rest of the time. There will be a catered dinner Saturday night and Sunday morning breakfast included in registration.

There is a \$35 charge per person for the weekend with dinner and breakfast included.

One corral per rider; extra corrals are \$10 as available.

The State Parks and San Diego Unit will provide tools. Please bring your own gloves, eye protection, sunscreen, and a packed snack/lunch for out on the trail Saturday.

You must be a Backcountry Horsemen member to participate. If you're not, please go to [www.bchcsd.com](http://www.bchcsd.com) for membership application and join us!

Contact Info: Cheryl Wegner [chrylwgnr@cox.net](mailto:chrylwgnr@cox.net) 760-788-0354

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Mail registration and payment to BCHC-SD, 236 Oak Street, Ramona 92065

Deadline to register is May 1st, 2009 Name(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Persons@ \$35:\_\_\_\_\_ Extra Corrals @\$10 per  
 corral:\_\_\_\_\_ Donation to Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you would like vegetarian meals.

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

## Packer's Corner

Story & Photos Submitted by Michael Lewis  
 Photos Courtesy of Don Salazar, Bob Jones, and Michael Lewis

If you read the Packer's Corner in the last newsletter, you saw where we were going to pack a PCTA trail crew to the Apache Creek area. But, after hiking into the area a few days before, Associate Regional Representative Sam Commarto decided two feet of snow would make it impossible to do trail work (wonder why). So that trip is for another day.

### "PCTA Trail Crew Pack In"

04/20/2010



PCTA Trail Crew

Bob and I along with friend and newcomer Don Salazar did take a second crew back into the Lost Valley area out of Chihuahua Valley for more trail work. When it was all done, we had made two trips and packed in 1300 pounds of tools and supplies (that is well over half a ton). Thanks to Tom Firth for working with the crew ahead of time and teaching them how to put together their gear for packing. It made building the loads much easier. Don Salazar, the new guy, said he wanted to learn to pack and he got his wish! We brought an extra riding mule and first trip in he helped load mules and rode

drag on the trail. Coming out I handed him the lead to one of my mules and back to trail head we went. That went so well we packed up all the stock again, had some lessons in securing a load and tying a box hitch, and hit the trail once



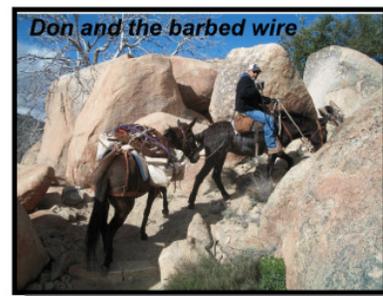
Looking back at Bob

more, Don leading a loaded mule this time. With me in front, Don in the middle, and Bob riding drag with his string, we came upon that dreaded monster, "a **back packer in a floppy hat**"! Add wind and my riding mule decided enough was enough, up the mountain we went with pack mule in tow. After a bit of leaning, pulling, and praying we got stopped about 60 feet above the trail, the minimum distance my mule needed to pass the previously mentioned back packer. We rode past and back down to the trail without further incidence. Don and Bob rode right on past with no problem. Bob asked what the pucker factor was and I gave it an eight. The rest of the



Mike and his Mules

trip went without trouble. On the ride out we came across a roll of old barbed wire on the side of the trail so we stopped, loaded it up on Dons pack mule, and sent him down the trail in the lead. He took it all in stride and scored high marks with Bob and me. He will be a valuable addition to the Red Shank Riders unit of the BCHC.



Don and the barbed wire

As before, the standing offer is anyone interested in helping out is welcome. Learn to pack, help hold animals, or just ride along and see some new country. You are always welcome.



# NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

membership@bchcalifornia.org – (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)

- |                    |                   |                 |                    |                    |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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 Geronio 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) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code 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)

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

Please write additional choices on back.

Please clip form along dashed line.

Application is available also online at:

<http://www.bchcalifornia.org/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/membershipapp.pdf>

# Tentative Event & Ride Schedule 2010

### May 2010

- May 1st Spurs, Spokes and Sneakers\* (RTA even)
- May 6th-9th Los Vaqueros Campout (see pg 5)
- May 9th - Trail Building Class (see pg 4)
- May 22nd Anza Ride @ Sherrie Rondeau's House (951) 763-9580

### June 2010

- Jun 12 ACTHA CTC Trail Ride Challenge
- Jun 13 CSHA Trail Trial

### July 2010

### August 2010

Ride Coordinator: Allison Renck (951) 763-0374

Please note: Items with an ( \* ) by it are not Redshank Riders events and therefore may not be a BCHC affiliated event.



## Backcountry Horsemen of California

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Presents a

### **\*Sanctioned\* CSHA TRAIL TRIAL**

*\*PAC Approved\**

Region 11

**Sunday- June 13, 2010**

At

**Stoneys Ranch in Anza, CA.**

*Come enjoy a 3-4 hour trail ride full of wildflowers, views, rolling hills and 10 obstacles to challenge you and your horse. Go to [www.trailtrials.com](http://www.trailtrials.com)*

*Entry \$40.00*

*Senior Judge- Rick Wagner*

*First rider out at 9:00 am*

**This event will be held in conjunction with a ACTHA CTC to be on Saturday June 12, 2010**

**Must go online to register for ACTHA CTC**

Go to [www.actha.us](http://www.actha.us)

*Three great organizations*

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= **ONE GREAT WEEKEND!!**

*Two fantastic events*

*Camping, Great Food, Photographer available.*

*Also, we will have on Saturday afternoon a BCHC Muleskinners arena style obstacle trail class.*

*(must be a BCHA Member to compete)*



**Contact: Audrey Turpin**

**951-852-1708 951-763-2172**

**[upacreekranch@netzero.com](mailto:upacreekranch@netzero.com)**

**Stacy Kuhns**

**909- 633-1705**

**[stacykuhns@aol.com](mailto:stacykuhns@aol.com)**

**Directions:** From Temecula take I-15 to Hwy 79 South (Indio) left onto Hwy 371 (Anza/Indio) Go through the small town of Anza to Kirby Rd. Make a right onto Kirby Rd.\* It will turn into Terwilliger Rd. Follow it past the dump station and look for signs. Come to the PINK ranch gates and go through and close them. CATTLE are out. Follow the dirt road to camp. From Hemet: Take Hwy 74 up to the mountain to Hwy 371 turn right to\* Kirby make a left and follow Directions from above. From Palm Desert Hwy 74 up the mountain make a left onto Hwy 371\* turn right Kirby Rd and follow direction from above.



## Entry for CSHA TRAIL TRIAL

(Need not be a member to ride)

To qualify for State Finals must be a member of CSHA

To join go to [www.californiastatehorsemen.com](http://www.californiastatehorsemen.com) or join the day of ride

### Divisions

Circle ONE division AND circle ONE age group

Advanced

Intermediate

Novice

\*17 yrs under

18-49 yrs

50 yrs +

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

CSHA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

Horse \_\_\_\_\_ Description \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-entry must be postmark by June 7, 2010 \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Rider \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Rider \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Camping all weekend \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Entries to : Audrey Turpin

Redshank Riders

43820 Scrub Oak

Aguanga, Ca. 92536

Sat Morning -Pastries,Coffee,Juice \$3.00

Sat Nite- Bar-B-Que \$10.00

Sun Morning -Breakfast Burritos \$5.00

Sun Afternoon- Hamburgers \$5.00

Agunga, Ca 92536

P.O. BOX 383

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Redshank Riders



# TRAIL TRIAL SUNDAY JUNE 13, 2010

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