

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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Hi Guys

WOW. Trail Work has already started on the trails. Million Dollar Springs Trail needed moving part of this trail out of the creek bed. Tim, Audrey, Mike and I headed out and ran into Johnny Garcia that works for Riverside County. He is very supportive and has agreed to attend one of our trail committee meeting. We then headed out winding thru the trails toward the part of the trail we need to change. Once we hit the creek, we decided to go further on foot. Well, that Mike is a trail slasher. He said "This might work over here" and then all the commotion started. He was smashing thru the brush. Stuff flying, Tim jumped in with him and it was crazy. He's Wild! We did get that part of the trail moved, the hardest part is done and it just needs a touch up now. Still on foot we went farther up the creek to look for easier access for another spot. Audrey found "cat tracks". Ooh now we needed to pay more attention. After awhile longer we decided to call it an afternoon and we started back on foot toward the horses. We had left the 4 of them tied back to what were the largest branches we could find, which were more like little twigs. We were gone a long time and we commented "Hope the horses are still there", which they were. Yeah! This will get 'em broke. They didn't even dig holes. We think we have it figured and just need a few more hands and another couple of days complete the project.

A work party started scouting and cutting new trail up at Sloan Ranch. The group was gathered up within a week and the turnout was great. We will get the latest regarding how much more work to access the PCT, cutting the loop trail and when another work party scheduled for this area.

Make sure if you do any work on any trails please log them. This is also for Highway Clean Up hours. We will be putting on our website a spreadsheet to help you keep track. These hours are important. They are used by BCHC to show the amount of trail work donated hours by our unit. There is a formula for dollar value per hour of work and also vehicle dollar value by hour. This information can also be used on your taxes. Now, that got your attention. Log 'em folks!!

Whoever would like to help on any Riverside County properties needs to do a bit of paperwork first. I can email to you or mail it to you. It will need to be completed if you want to help put in the horse gates and trailheads or anything else we are doing on those properties.

The ride committee is working on the calendar. To start off the year there is a Valentine's Day Ride on Sat Feb 12th. Ride details in newsletter. Fun Times!

The board met to discuss a schedule of events, fundraisers, yearly budget, etc. We will be asking for assistance for the events- We are a team and many hands make for easier work. The Board worked into the night on the budget. Before we realized it we had been going over things for almost 4 hours. Great ideas, exciting conversations and you could feel the excitement. It's going to be a fun year. It is amazing when you really talk to someone what you learn about them.

You will have a chance to win \$\$\$\$\$. Each time you attend Highway clean up or Our Unit Trail Work, your name will be put in a hat and could be picked at the December meeting. We will pull two names and give out hard cold cash...It just makes it a little more interesting, competition is fun... The more times you help the more chances you have.

We discussed having a membership booth during the "Battle of the Bands on April 30th at the Anza community building 10am-4pm.

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We would promote our calendar of events, what Backcountry Horseman does and how we help keep trails open. We will keep you posted regarding more details.

We discussed ideas to bring in funds. We will start selling ad space in the newsletters. A business card ad is \$50.00 for 12 months. Just contact Anne or myself and we will get it started. What an inexpensive way to advertise your business.

Next meeting is Feb 10th. We will be reviewing the proposed unit budget. We will have a slideshow type presentation on Phantom Ranch, Grand Canyon Mule Ride adventure. We will show you how awesome of a trip it is. Hope you can make it out.

C-ya on the trail, Stacy

Redshank Riders January 13th, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Location: Little Red School House

- 19 Attendees
- Introduction of 2011 BOD
 - o o Stacy Kuhns - President,
 - o o Audrey Turpin-Vice President,
 - o o Anne York - Secretary,
 - o o Pete Spencer -Public Lands & State Board ,
 - o o Alison Renck and Tom Firth - Education
 - o o Rhonda Strickland- Newsletter Editor,
 - o o Michael Lewis - Treasurer.
- **Treasurers Report:** Stacey explained rebate from BCHC
- Newsletter expenses are down as we only mail out 27 hard copies
- **Membership:** 152 members - 106 single/46 spouse
- **Historian:** All newsletters printed and in binder. Photos received form December Potluck & Election Meeting.
- **Gates:** Allison reported that in order to work on future gates/projects you will need to fill out forms from the county. Stacy will provide paperwork.
- **Sloan Ranch:** Tom reported that all structures have been removed. He will visit soon and provide us with further details.
- A motion was made to approve the minutes from Dec meeting by Tom and 2nd by Susan Gonzales.

- Stacy read the changes for the checking account resolution.
- **Ride Committee:** Robyn, Cathy - Valentine Ride Feb 13th (@ Robyn & Bob's), also mentioned as possibilities by members: Poker Ride again early this year.
- Membership drive/ride in November, Parade, Trail Trials and a Clinic w/the Trail Trials
- BCHC Rendezvous: April 1 - 3, Tehema Country Fairgrounds, Red Bluff (see page 3)
- Equine Affaire: Stacy is not sure of the status of the BCHC booth but will find out.
- **Trails Committee:** One area identified to work on mapping is the back side of Cahuilla toward Reed Valley

New Business:

Volunteer Hours - we need to get the hours from 2010 to the state level for recording, Tom Firth is collecting them now. Need them ASAP. There was a discussion about presenting an award annually, and about getting a form created to post on our website. Ron has written a letter to the Forest Service about what has happened at Sloan Ranch. Robyn read the letter. Tom plans to also write a letter and it was a suggested that a letter also be sent from the RSR expressing our concerns.

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

Unit Meeting / Potluck
Thursday, Feb. 10th 6:30PM
at Stacy's house

See pg. 4 for details & directions



Packers Corner

By: Michael Lewis

I want to apologize for not keeping up with the Packers Corner these last few months but during the winter there is not much going on. With spring is just around the corner projects are already being planned. News from the PCTA is they are scheduling trail projects in Snow Creek, Chihuahua Valley Road, Deep Creek pack in from the Mojave Forks Dam, and Fobes Ranch to name a few. We will also have another pack in for the San Diego Natural History Museum to Little Paradise in Palm Canyon.

We are also working on having a packing clinic in March or April. Anyone interested in attending contact me at mike@stumblinranch.com.

With no pack trips the last few months I have included a few pics of some pack equipment. With the exception of the slings and pack pad, all the gear and the pack saddle were made at home.



Sawbuck pack saddle w/ felt & canvas pad



Lash cinch, rope, and mantle



Wood pack boxes



Soft pack bags with inserts



Slings – (Good for coolers and duffle)



V- Boards – (Good for long items & Salt blocks)

PENROD THANKS

Thanks to all those brave souls who turned out to do some brush work on the Penrod Trail on Saturday, Jan.22nd. For the record, we brushed a little over 1 mile of trail, including the Sacatone Flat shortcut.

Special thanks to Ruth Roman for helping to flag and brush. BCHC Redshank members that showed up were; Bob Jones, Robyn Prinzing, Ron and Sandy Korman, Susan Gonzoles, Chuck Streeter, Tim Turpin, Mike Lewis, Don Salazar, Ron Lawson, Cathy Firth and myself. If I missed anyone, please accept my apologies.

Cathy and I rode the Penrod Trail on Saturday, 1/29 over to the PCT and



did a bit of dead-fall clearing of some pine trees south of Sloane's. We then looped around through Sloane's off the PCT, ate lunch at the pond, then had the pleasure of traversing the Forest Service created mine field back to the Penrod Trail, then back to Goff Flats.

Thank-you all so much for your time, efforts, and dedication, and for those

who couldn't make it, you missed out on a great day of beautiful weather with a group of terrific folks.



More photos
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FEBRUARY Unit/Potluck Meeting Thursday, Feb. 10th at Stacy's house 6:30PM
Address: 42405 Indian Hill Trail Aguanga (Lake Riverside)

Directions: From the north gate (where guard shack was) pull into Lake Riverside and the first street is Indian Hill trail, turn left and follow road. I am the first driveway on the right after the storm channel.

A - I	Appetizers
J - R	Side dish, veggies, bread
S - Z	Desert
Main Dish will be provided by Stacy	

Coffee, Tea and water will also be available. Please RSVP at least 1 week before (by Feb 4th) to Stacy at (909) 633-1705 or via email at Stacykuhns@aol.com

PENROD THANKS (cont'd)



Story & Photos Submitted By
Tom Firth

Feeding Horses When Temperatures Drop

by: University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Winter presents a challenge to horse owners when it comes to feeding their horses. Low temperatures, harsh winds and rain, snow, and ice all contribute to the increasing nutrient requirements a horse has to keep themselves warm and maintain their body weight.

Here are a few feeding tips to help horse owners keep their horses happy and healthy this winter:

Winter tends to be a time when horses lose weight, and a heavy winter coat can hide a thin horse. Make sure to check your horse's body condition every 30 days. If your horse loses weight during the winter, try increasing his body weight prior to the winter months so that he can lose some weight during the winter without becoming thin.

- Horses *require* additional energy from the diet to maintain body weight when temperatures drop below 45½°F. Remember that pasture grasses do not grow during the colder months. Providing good quality hay at 2% of the horse's body weight should meet his nutrient requirements for maintenance. Feeding hay also generates heat during digestion by gut microbes, and that helps horses stay warm.
- If hay availability is limited, beet pulp can also be a beneficial source of fiber. Also, investigate "complete feeds" that have the fiber already in the bag.
- Use hay feeders during the winter. Up to 20% of hay is wasted by horses when fed on the ground.
- Horses in work or pregnant mares might require grain along with hay to maintain body weight. Avoid feeding more than 4-5 lbs of grain in one meal feeding in order to reduce the horse's risk of colic.
- Consider adding fat to the diet in the form of oil or bran in order to increase the amount of energy in the diet. Fat packs more energy in each pound than carbohydrates.
- Improve how your horse utilizes the feed you give him during winter by having their teeth checked and floated if necessary and by deworming the horse prior to the winter months.
- Horses might decrease their consumption of cold or freezing water during the winter leading to an increased risk of colic. Make sure your horse is consuming at least 10 gallons of fresh clean water each day. Use tub and/or bucket heaters to help reduce ice formation and to keep the water lukewarm. Check all water sources and remove ice daily.
- Provide salt blocks in fields and stalls. Although salt intake is more important during the hot summer months to replace sodium and chloride lost in sweat, horses do not meet their daily salt requirements by consuming forage alone.

Keep in mind that older horses have additional needs during the winter. Feeding a diet based on beet pulp prior to and during winter can help them maintain their weight during the winter.

To read the rest of this article go to <http://www.thehorse.com/viewarticle.aspx?ID=1783>

Submitted by Stacy Kuhns

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Valentine's Day Ride

DATE:
FEBRUARY 12, SATURDAY
RIDE OUT AT 10:00 A.M.

RIDE:
MEADOW LOOP TRAIL
in the Beauty Mtn. Wilderness

WE'LL PROVIDE A
SNACK STOP
AT CULP VALLEY WATER HOLE
(About half hour)

WE'LL PROVIDE THE BIRD
(TURKEY)
& LEMONADE

CALL ROBYN 949-293-6602 TO CONFIRM YOU ARE COMING & WHAT TO BRING
Suggestions: snacks, salads, rolls, cookies, ice, favorite beverage & favorite "red or chocolate food"

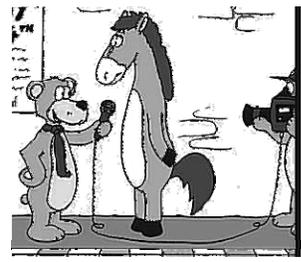
PLEASE BRING CHAIRS FOR BRUNCH AFTER THE RIDE,
NEED A FEW PEOPLE TO BRING FOLDING TABLES (thanks)

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE!!!

THE NEWS ROOM

Read, Discuss, Act

New Hitching Post installed at Keyways Winery



The Californian covers Local Legends

Happy trails to them. Three legendary members of the Rancho California Horsemen Association were honored recently for decades of work in preserving the equestrian lifestyle of Southwest County.

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Allen, 83, is a lifelong area resident and current president of the association. Mattocks, 76, a cowboy in the area since the 1970s, is a former professional bull rider and serves on the Riverside County Trails Commission. Ommert, 82, a founding member of the association, is a former rodeo queen and trick rider who has been nominated to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame.



Each had a segment of a riding trail named in their honor. Signs now mark the "Slim Allen Loop," the "Pat Ommert Valley to Vail Trail," and the "Lynn Mattocks South Winery Loop."

There will be no riding off into the sunset for any of these horse country pioneers, who are still very active riders and supporters of preserving and maintaining trails in the area.

Our own Anne York mad the beautiful trophies presented to the honorees.

LINK TO ARTICLE:

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/columnists/hunneman/article_33c4fdac-45a0-5569-8e7d-ecfa057682b9.html

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



PARTNERSHIP

"You give me half the fish, and I'll tell my mom to let you live."

A little giggle - submitted by Carol Schmuhl

- NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
- RENEWAL APPLICATION
- CHANGE - () PARENT UNIT () ADDRESS/PHONE/EMAIL () MEMBERSHIP TYPE

Backcountry Horsemen of California



MAIL TO:
 BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN
 OF CALIFORNIA
 PO Box 535
 Beaumont CA 92223

DCTR (YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER) _____

***NEW MEMBERS WILL BE ASSIGNED NUMBER BY MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR*

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

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| Eastern Sierra | Mother Lode | Santa Ana River |
| High Country | North Bay | Sequoia |
| High Sierra | Ohlone Riders | Shasta Trinity |
| Kern River Valley | Redshank Riders | Sierra Freepackers |
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Mule Skinner	\$25.00
You're the Greatest	\$50.00

MEMBER'S NAME –No Business Names; Please Print Clearly	SPOUSE/MEMBER'S NAME –MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS
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TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____ **CHECK #** _____ **DATE SUBMITTED:** _____

BUSINESS NAME – DONATIONS ONLY:

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 Back Country Horsemen of America*

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Please write additional choices on back

Tentative Event & Ride Schedule 2011

Feb 3-6- Equine affair in Pomona

Feb 10- Redshank Unit meeting 6:30 pm - at Stacy's - (see pg 4)

Feb 14 - Valentines Ride (see pg 7)

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

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Valentine's Ride Feb. 12th
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