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President's Message

As summer quickly approaches, (the weather seems to indicate otherwise), I think of what has happened since the first of the year. A couple of pack support trips into the desert, 2018 Rendezvous in Paso Robles, more pack trips to Snow Creek, Mission Creek, and Tahquitz Creek (Mountain Fire) along with ongoing meetings to prepare for the 2019 BCHC Rendezvous in Norco. Redshank Riders had a big presence at Rendezvous this year from being in charge of vendors to speakers, clinicians, and helping out with the wine and cheese tasting. For a last minute event, it went quite well. A bunch of us even got into the packing contests. It was a blast with first timers Jack Peckham, Stacy Kuhns, and Greg Bruce, along with Mike Williams and myself competing in speed hitches, odd load packing, and a pack scramble. I could not be more proud of the crew. I have some ideas for next year's rendezvous so stay tuned. Stacy once again took care of vendors with help from Mike Williams, Nyna Cheek did leave no trace presentations, Pebbles Lewis, Gretchen Peckham, Nyna Cheek, and Mary Ann Puett worked the wine and cheese tasting along with helping with the hospitality booth. Forgive me if I missed anyone, we were all pretty busy.



Someone even mentioned there were sure a lot of Redshank Riders shirts around. It appears our presence was noticed. I even ran into an old buddy from my mule show days, Carl Perry, also BCHC member. He was there with mules and gear for the packing contests. With this year's Rendezvous over, preparations for next year's Rendezvous is now full throttle. We are looking for suggestions for speakers, presenters, and clinicians along with volunteers to help at the event. March 29 – 31 will be upon us in no time. Things are looking good for our fall treasure hunt "Treasure of the Cahuilla Madre" on October 20th. Jack, Gretchen, and all those involved are working tirelessly on making this an event to remember. You won't want to miss it. We have also picked a date for this year's pack clinic / education day. Last year's last minute event was quite successful and we are looking for better things this time around. Save the date, September 8th at the Historic Veil Ranch Headquarters by Winchester Western Saddlery. We will be looking for help from other So. Cal. BCHC units.

One last note, because nearly all the board members will be unavailable for next month's meeting it was decided to have the next meeting on Wednesday July 11th at 7:00 PM. Why Wednesday you ask? For the next two months, I will be gone every Thursday and Friday (and no one else wanted to run the meeting). Don't forget, June 2nd is National Trails Day so plan to attend an event near you, hopefully Anza's celebration at Minor Park in downtown Anza. Remember, in the words of John Muir, "Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt".

Michael Lewis

REDSHANK RIDERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2018 —Little Red School House- (Draft)

ATTENDANCE: Greg Bruce, Mike Lewis, Stacy Kuhns, Charles and Nyna Cheek, Gail McCreight, Carol Schmuhl, Allison Renck, Mary Litch, Rosie Grindle, Jack and Gretchen Peckham
President Mike Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:07pm and greeted all in attendance.

REPORTS:

SECRETARY'S REPORT: April Meeting Minutes read by Allison Renck, filling in as secretary for Mary Ann Puett who was absent. Motion made by Stacy Kuhns and seconded by Gretchen Peckham to approve the minutes as corrected. Corrections included that Mike Lewis regarding Highway Clean-up had spoken only that no date was set due to Cathy Haun's absence. Motion passed

TREASURER'S REPORT: The online banking forum has been completed. For upcoming fundraiser ride, participants can pay online through PayPal. Redshank is paying a 3% fee to PayPal that has not been added into cost. Going forward in using PayPal on future fundraisers the entry fee needs to include 3% fee. The funds that go into PayPal account will be transferred into club account as they come in and noted in treasure books as monies raised in fundraiser.

April 2018

Beginning Balance -	\$4,374.76
Revenue -(Dues rebate)	\$ 364.50
Expenses -	\$ 0.00
Net Loss -	\$ 0.00
Closing Balance -	\$4,739.27

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: by Carol Schmuhl

Memberships - 74
Total Persons - 111
Families - 37

Individuals - 30

Patron - 1

Benefactor - 1

Associate - 5

There are six memberships expiring during month of April. Expect at least 5 to renew. No new members signed on in month of April

BOOTH COORDINATOR: Rosie Grindle
No report

RIDE REPORT: No Report-absent. Rosie Grindle Confirmed her Lake Riverside Estate Ride on May 12

PUBLIC LANDS REPORT given by Allison Renck

No new news on public lands. Jack Peckham reported on Santa Margarita River possible sale.

EDUCATION REPORT: Tom Firth No Report

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY REPORT: Cathy Haun-Firth absent—no report

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mike Lewis reported on request from last meeting from Hamilton High School parent Susan Grey and Gayle Hilgriss request for funds to send students to educational rope course. There are local funds from Anza Electric Co-op, Thimble Club, etc. committed to program and the club had tabled decision at last meeting. Redshank needs to vote on whether they wish to fund this item.
2. Motion made by Stacy Kuhns and Seconded Greg Bruce to support program financially. Discussion included; Mike explained program in more detail and that all students from high school would attend. Cost is approximately \$37 per student. Group discussed students needing to have skin in game and raise some funds or do community service

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activities. Club discussed that funds only need to be given if school agrees to have Redshank do “Leave No Trace” Education at event and in classed during school year.

1. Motion was made by Stacy Kuhns and seconded by Allison Renck to support program with \$400.00 if the condition of doing “Leave No Trace” outreach at event and school was agreed to. Motioned passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mike Lewis reported on “National Trails Day” Celebration Anza 2018 sponsor form and asked Allison Renck to explain event and sponsorship. Allison Renck reported that it was too late to get all your monies worth for upper sponsorships since banners are already made. The \$100 sponsorship could be done with the sponsorship advertising. Allison agreed to put Redshank Riders Banner at event for \$100 sponsorship. Motion Stacy Kuhns and Greg Bruce seconded to Sponsor Anza Area Trail Town Event for \$100.00 motion passed.
2. Next meeting was discussed. There will be no meeting in June. The next meeting will be Wed July 11 at 7pm at Red School House.

Motioned to adjourn meeting Jack Peckham and seconded by Carol Schmuhl — adjourned at 8:15 pm



Tom Firth and Chip Herzig teaching cross saw at Mule Days 2018 -
Photo by Cathy Haun-Firth

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- June 2 National Trails Days Celebration in Anza
- June 2-3 **CANCELLED** — ~~Leave No Trace Trainer Training Class~~
- June 14 RSR general meeting **CANCELLED** — Next meeting will be Wed., July 11

WELCOME NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Debra Fisher

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

This newsletter is for you, our members. If you would like to share some photos or a story please send them to your newsletter editor, Rhonda at redshank.webmaster@gmail.com

(Please note that items submitted may need to be OK'd for publication by the current unit president and will be used as space allows.)

Packers Corner

By: Michael Lewis

The month of May took us along the PCT to Mission Creek and Tahquitz Creek. Mission Creek Canyon extends from the Mission Creek Preserve, which is accessed off Route 62 just west of Desert Hot Springs, and extends north towards Big Bear. Tahquitz Creek is in the San Jacinto Mountains Wilderness and is within the Mountain Fire closure area.



On May 2, Greg Bruce, Ray Spence, Mike Williams, and I headed to Mission Creek to pack in an ACE (American Conservation Experience) crew along with PCTA technical adviser, Eleanore Hunter, into the back country to do trail work and clear trees from the trail.

May 15th the packers split up. Danny Sullivan, Greg Bruce, Tom Firth, Ray Spence, and Bobbie Harris headed up Devils Slide with five loads of gear to Tahquitz Creek for one of two ACE crews, while Jack and Gretchen Peckham, and I headed back to Mission Creek with two loads of food to re-supply the other crew. Finally, on May 23, Danny, Greg, and I returned to Mission Creek to pack out the crew working there. Aside from a few creek crossing incidents I had with my knot headed riding mule, all went smoothly. I want to thank all who helped. Without packers and the time and effort they put in, much of our trail system would not be worked on. FYI, the Forest Service and PCTA is now making a big push to complete the last section of the PCT that still remains closed from the Mountain Fire.



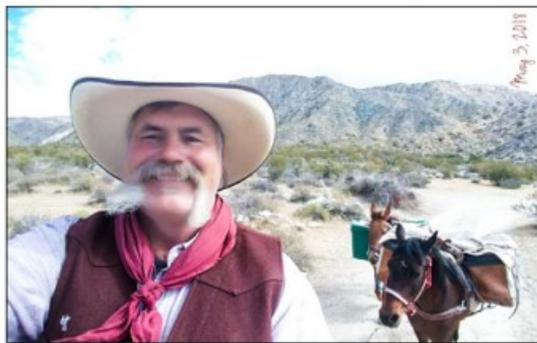
On May 25, a helicopter was mobilized and 8 lifts of water, food, and tools were dropped in the back country for crews working to restore the trail. Keep your fingers crossed.



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May 3rd, 2018

A great trip into Mission Creek with Greg Bruce, Michael Lewis, Ray Spence and Mike Williams



May 3, 2018



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Mission Creek pack in. Pack support for PCTA / ACE trail crew.

Photos by Greg Bruce

Pack-In Continues: May 15th

Mission Creek pack trip for A.C.E. crew working on the PCT



Photos by Jack Peckham



To all who use our trails, whether it be equestrian, foot, or bike. This group of pictures is from a week in the life of an ACE (American Conservation Experience) crew along with a PCTA technical rep, maintaining a section of back country trail. They get packed in with food and tools and a week later get packed out. They pretty much do this all spring, summer, and fall. Mike Lewis

REDSHANK RIDERS



UNIT OF BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA

Presents

TREASURE OF THE CAHUILLA MADRE

The Tragic Tale of Shorty the Miner

OCTOBER 20, 2018

CHECK-IN – 8:30AM FIRST GROUP RIDE OUT – 10:00AM

LAST GROUP WILL RETURN TO CAMP AT APPROX. 3:00PM DINNER IS AT 4:30

37550 Tripp Flats Rd

The ride staging area is right off the pavement on Cary/Tripp Flats Road in Anza and the ride will take you into some beautiful areas of Anza.

Primitive Overnight camping is offered for \$5.00 from Sat to Sun.

Follow the marked trail, then find your team's treasures.
Don't have a team? We'll fix you up! 4-6 Riders per team
All dogs must be on a leash in camp. No dogs on the trail.

\$40 INCLUDES DINNER & 5 RAFFLE TICKETS GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES!

\$20 YOUTH (17 AND UNDER - MUST WEAR A HELMET) COSTUME CONTEST!

Donuts Et Coffee Available Saturday a.m.

Bring your own chairs

All dogs must be on a leash in camp. No dogs on the trail.

3 Categories

▪ Horse ▪

▪ Rider ▪

▪ Horse & Rider ▪

For more information and to register online, go to <http://www.redshankriders.com/treasurehunt.html> or scan the code below



Enter early, only 60 spots available!

To sign up fill out this form and send to: Gretchen Peckham 52135 Saddleback Rd, Anza, CA 92539 gretchen@greythreads.com

name _____ email _____

address _____ phone (____) _____

how many riders _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: BCHC REDSHANK RIDERS

All proceeds of this event help BCHC, Redshank Riders maintain trails and educate horsemen and the public about the "Leave No Trace" outdoor ethics principles.

Backcountry Horsemen of California



MAIL TO: BCHC
MEMBERSHIP
1280 State Rt. 208
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PARENT UNIT AFFILIATION: (Select and CHECK a Unit as your Affiliation)

New Renewal

Change

(indicate change)

Antelope Valley

Eastern Sierra

High Country

High Sierra

Kern River Valley

Kern Sierra

Lake-Mendo

Los Padres

Mid Valley

Mother Lode

North Bay

Pacific Crest

Redshank Riders

Redwood

San Diego

San Joaquin Sierra

Santa Ana River

Sequoia

Shasta Trinity

Sierra Freepackers

Sutter Buttes

Top of the State

DCTR (your Membership)

MEMBER'S NAME – No Business Names, Print Clearly SPOUSE/Co-MEMBER'S NAME – MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS

Street Address/PO Box

City State Zip Code (full 9 digits if known) Area Code Phone number

Email Address: (please print legibly)

Donation to BCHC Education Fund (tax deductible) \$

Total Enclosed: \$ Check No.

Parent Unit Membership Types (Check one)

Individual \$50 Family \$60 2 Year Individual \$90 2 Year Family \$110 3 Year Individual \$125 3 Year Family \$150

Young Adult (18-25 years old) \$15 – Benefactor \$100 – Patron \$250 – Mt. Whitney \$500

Associate Memberships: An Additional \$15 PER UNIT is added to your Parent Unit Dues

Associate Memberships 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)

Add additional choices here

Please clip form along dashed line and keep the below portion for your records

Parent BCHC Membership Types

Individual, Family, (Shared*), Benefactor, Patron, and Mt. Whitney

A Parent Membership is affiliated with a single Local Unit. BCHC members may NOT hold more than ONE active Parent Membership.

*A SHARED Membership is for two adults with differing last names who share a common address.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS

These special Memberships are only available to persons already holding Parent BCHC Membership. No one may sign up for an Associate Membership without 1) having registered one of the Parent Membership types, and 2) having selected Parent Unit affiliation.

Complete information regarding BCHC Membership is available on the MEMBERSHIP TAB at bhcocalifornia.org or call (775) 463-3634

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I submitted an Application Form for a new -

- Individual Membership \$ 50.00
- Family (Shared) Membership \$ 60.00
- Young Adult (18-25 years old) \$ 15.00
- 2 Year Individual \$ 90.00
- 2 Year Family \$ 110.00
- 3 Year Individual \$ 125.00
- 3 Year Family \$ 150.00
- Benefactor Membership \$ 100.00
- Patron Membership \$ 250.00
- Mt. Whitney Membership \$ 500.00

On that form, I also requested:
Associate Memberships \$
My Total Remittance: \$
My Check Number:
Date Mailed:

Verification of

BCHC membership is available via (1) BCHC unit president's reports (2) BCHC membership chair reports (3) a self-addressed stamped envelope submitted with this form or (4) a valid email address

Little Red Schoolhouse, Anza
Wed. July 1, 2018 - 7pm
General Meeting

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Greg Bruce

Objectives and Purpose of the Backcountry Horsemen 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 current information before the Corporation membership and its local Units regarding new legislation 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.