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Presidents Message

To start with I would like to thank all of our members for staying with BCHC over the last year or so. I know it has been tough and there has not been much to look forward to.

Second, to all those who are no longer members or have decided not to join at all, I apologize for our units inactivity. We should have stayed engaged in some manner. Even to just let everyone know we are still here. I have always contended that a person should be a BCHC member for what they can do for BCHC, which is what BCHC stands for. The preservation of stock use on our public lands. I understand many want to know, what's in it for them. Well, that's where we are trying to get back in gear. With our state restrictions lifting more and more, we will be able to resume the things we used to do. Rides, social gatherings, work parties, etc. The Beauty Mountain Wilderness ride a couple of weeks ago was a step in the right direction along with two in person meetings. Thanks Jack and Gretchen for hosting the ride. Please stick with us as there a lot of good things coming up in the near future. I am open to any suggestions on what you would like to see us do moving forward. Message me personally at stumblin155@gmail.com. We, myself and the board, would also like to invite everyone to our next meeting on May, 13th at the home of Jack and Gretchen Peckham at 6:00 pm. Come on out and lets us know what we can do.



Michael Lewis
 President – Backcountry Horsemen of California
 Redshankriders Unit

REDSHANK RIDERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2021 (Draft)

Lewis residence, Anza CA

7:07 pm – 7:55 pm

Members Present: Mike Lewis, Pebbles Lewis, Stacy Kuhns, Allison Renck, Mary Litch, Charlie Cheek, Nyna Cheek, Tom Firth, Bobbi Harris, Hope Adams, Linda Hogg, Carl Virden, Karen Virden, Gretchen Peckham, Jack Peckham, Doug Hay and Cindy Hay (Secretary)

Next Meeting: May 13, 2021 @ the Peckham Patio - 6

President opened the live meeting at 7:07 pm.

President Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting, and welcomed Hope Adams, Linda Hogg, Carl and Karen Virden (guests).

REPORTS:

Secretary's report: Cindy Hay

- March minutes sent to all members in advance. No corrections made and approved unanimously. (Motion to accept as written by Stacy Kuhns, seconded by Gretchen Peckham.

Treasurer's Report: Stacy Kuhns

- Beginning balance: \$7368.57
- Ending balance: \$7381.57

Membership Report: Diana Wilstermann unable to attend, sent report, presented by Stacy Kuhns:

- Membership total: 41
- Persons: 63
- Family: 18
- Individual: 18
- Associates: 2
- Patron: 0
- Benefactor: 3

Adopt a Highway Report: Stacy Kuhns turned over the reins to Gretchen Peckham.

Public Lands Report: Mike Lewis

No news. The Tahoe area is trying to allow e-bikes on all trails. It hasn't opened up for public comment yet.

Education Report: Stacy Kuhns

- Talking with Andy regarding the Kiosk at Fobes.

Ride Coordinator: Gretchen Peckham (absent) no report

Old Business:

A. BMW Maps:

1. Mike had a sample of a 11x17 map. Printed on waterproof laser paper the price is reasonable at \$68.99 for 50, \$1.38 per sheet.
2. Maps can be found in the file section of the RSR Fb site

B. Committee Positions:

1. Public Lands – Mike asked for a volunteer to take over this committee

C. Reminder of upcoming rides: Stay tuned for more information

1. Beauty Mountain Kiosk Dedication Ride (the Peckham's)
2. Eagle Rock (Stacy)
3. Art and Diana's
4. Sloan Lake
5. Goldshot Mine
6. Baily's Cabin

D. Work Party's (TBA)

1. Cedar Spring trail and PCT North to Fobes Saddle (possibly further) – about the first 2 miles south of Fobes
2. Cahuilla Mountain - trail maintenance
3. Spitler Peak Trail - Scouting by foot
4. A good reference for the trail conditions is the
5. San Jacinto Trail Report by Jon King.

E. Packing practice – later in June

New Business

A. Cahuilla Mtn. Trail - Motorcycle problems

1. The fence was cut, and the walk through was destroyed. Motorcycles have been on the trails. Photos were sent to Andy who has forwarded them to LEO (law enforcement officer).
2. Volunteers can't go in to work on or to repair things without approval.

B. Packing Opportunities

1. Desert Divide - Explosives to blow the face off of the Antsel Rock land/rock slide. This will be in Early June.
2. Deer Spring – Wash out re-alignment. Not a high priority.
3. Mission Creek

C. Stacy made a motion to be reimbursed \$56.56 for the large locking totes purchased for the Adopt-a-Highway gear. Tom Firth seconded it. Approved unanimously.

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Attn: Members

If you are interested in hosting a trail ride please contact our Ride Coordinator, Gretchen Peckham to discuss it.

Email:

ridecoordinator@redshankriders.com

Ph.: 951-763-4249



RIDING WAREHOUSE

BCHC has partnered with Riding Warehouse to give our members a 15% discount!

Ask your Unit Secretary for the discount code!

www.ridingwarehouse.com

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D. Next meeting: May 13. RSVP required. At the Peckham Patio. 6pm.

Motion To Close The Meeting At 7:55pm By Jack Peckham and seconded By Hope Adams



This month's Redshank Riders meeting will be on Thursday May 13 at 6:00 PM.

We will be having a Potluck at Jack & Gretchen's house. We are serving BBQ chicken.

Hosts:

Jack & Gretchen
52135 Saddleback Rd.
Anza, CA 92539

PLEASE RSVP to Gretchen
gretchen@greytthreads.com Let her know the number of people attending & if you are bringing anything for the potluck.

Bishop Mule Days Celebration has a 'green light' to proceed for 2021! We have worked diligently with Public Health officials, as well as the staff and Board of the Tri-County Fair and will be coming back to Bishop May 25-30, 2021. Or as we say around the office, "2020 Vision through the Eyes of a Mule, TAKE 2!".

For More Info go to

[MULE DAYS WEBSITE](#)



Rendezvous 2021 is planned for

October 29-31 in Tulare

With an optimistic attitude, we are moving forward! The theme for the Rendezvous is "Preserving Our Trails for Future Generations."

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Beauty Mountain Wilderness Kiosk Dedication Ride



After several years, the Redshank Riders finally pulled off the dedication ride for the kiosk we placed at the Tule Peak Trailhead of the Beauty Mountain Wilderness (aka BMW).

We had 9 riders show up for the ride including one new member, Renee Swingler-Elliot.

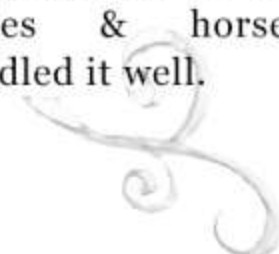
The riders participating were:

Gretchen & Jack Peckham, Mary Litch, Greg Bruce, Art & Diana Inserra, Renee Swingler-Elliot, Pebbles & Mike Lewis.

The weather was lovely as we set out on the trail that wound through redshank, manzanita & an occasional small field of poppies. The wild flowers few & far between due to the drought though.



The trail is steep & rocky in places although, all of the mules & horses handled it well.



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Beauty Mountain Wilderness Kiosk Dedication Ride continued



Our destination was an old hunting camp called Tom's Camp. It's a nice place for lunch & to rest the stock, it has several areas to tie up stock.

It has a table, a fire ring & a few supplies packed away in 55 gal drums. In wetter years there is a spring & a water trough, but it was dry this year.



After our lunch break, we mounted back up & headed back toward the trailhead via a different trail. Doing the ride this way made a nice loop with scenery along the way. The whole ride was 5.6 miles & took 3 hours 45 minutes.

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Beauty Mountain Wilderness Kiosk Dedication Ride continued

Thank you to all the riders and participated on RSR's first ride of the year. Very special thanks to Mike Lewis for building and installing the Kiosk structure; and all the people that did the research for the information on the Kiosk.



Thanks to Anne York for printing the front & back of the board itself. It really is a very nice information board. Also thanks to Tom Firth & the Co-op for setting the poles at the staging area.



Let's keep this trail riding going this year! If anyone has any rides they would like to do, please contact the Trail Coordinator Gretchen Peckham at gretchen@greytthreads.com

Photos and story submitted
by
Jack Peckham

Backcountry Horsemen of California

BCHA – BCHC Report – Submitted by Stacy Kuhns RSR Education Chair

BCHC is a provider for Leave No Trace offering Master Courses specializing in Pack Stock. We have partnered with “*Leave No Trace*” in Colorado (*Center for Outdoor Ethics*).

Our goal is to learn how to minimize impact. We teach folks how to teach others the seven leave no trace principles. Do you know them? The seven principles are as follows:

- 1-Plan ahead and Prepare
- 2-Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- 3-Dispose of Waste Properly
- 4-Leave what you find
- 5-Minimize campfire impact
- 6-Respect Wildlife
- 7- Be Considerate of others

This year due to Covid Thomas Firth and Stacy Kuhns attended the annual providers meeting in Colorado via Zoom. We discussed the safest way to offer Master Courses during this time. Typically, we certify 10 instructors annually; however, Covid has made this extremely difficult. We discussed how to go forward and offer courses. We have one summer course on our list for 2021.

BCHC also offers a Wilderness Riders program in California. It’s a Master Course with a twist that collaborates with the following agencies: BLM, USFS and NPS in California. The volunteer program has specific items that need to be completed annually while involved with this volunteer program.

Please reach out for more information BCH California Education Chairmen

Cya on the Trails!

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When was the San Bernardino Forest Reserve established?

Submitted by Mike Lewis - Copied from the USDA FS website

The San Bernardino Forest Reserve was established on February 25, 1893 by President Benjamin Harrison. The San Jacinto Forest Reserve was established on February 22, 1897.

When did the San Bernardino Forest Preserve become the San Bernardino National Forest?

On March 4, 1907, all Forest Reserves were renamed National Forests. For the San Bernardino, this was short lived. By order of President Theodore Roosevelt, the San Gabriel and San Bernardino National Forests were combined, and named the Angeles National Forest on July 1, 1908.

The newly established San Jacinto National Forest became part of the Cleveland National Forest on July 1, 1908 ending its short stint as a separate National Forest. President Calvin Coolidge reestablished the San Bernardino National Forest on September 30, 1925, combining National Forest lands in San Bernardino County from the Angeles National Forest with the San Jacinto Mountains from the Cleveland National Forest.

The current San Bernardino National Forest encompasses the San Bernardino Mountains, San Jacinto mountains and San Gabriel Mountains (within San Bernardino County).

How did the San Bernardino National Forest get its name?

This forest is named for the San Bernardino Mountains, which are a range at the eastern end of the Sierra Madre chain. The name is Spanish in origin. The traditional founding and naming of San Bernardino is that on May 20, 1810—the feast day of Saint Bernardino of Siena—a party of missionaries, soldiers and Indians led by Padre Dumetz, the last surviving member of Junipero Sierra's band of Franciscans, entered a valley called "Gauchama" by the Indians. Dumetz named it in Sierra's honor. The missionaries built a chapel, which evolved into a town that ultimately became the city of San Bernardino.

Rattlesnake Season Is Here

Most bites typically occur between April and October and only when a rattlesnake is handled or accidentally brushed against by someone walking or climbing. These bites on occasion have caused severe injury and can result in death, officials warn.

Here's how to reduce the likelihood of an encounter with a rattlesnake in California, according to CDFW:

Be alert: Rattlesnakes are sensitive to temperature and will move around accordingly. After a cool night, they will attempt to raise their body temperature by basking in the sun midmorning. To prevent overheating during hot days of spring and summer, they will become more mobile at dawn, dusk or the evening.

Wear sturdy boots and loose-fitting long pants: Wildlife officials warned Californians to never go barefoot or wear sandals when walking through brushy, wild areas. Surprised rattlesnakes may not sound their rattle before striking defensively, officials said..

When hiking, stick to populated and used trails: Avoid tall grass, weeds and heavy vegetation where snakes could remain hidden during the day, officials said.

Do not step or put your hands where you can't see: Step on logs and rocks, never over them, and be especially careful when climbing rocks or gathering firewood. Check out stumps or logs before sitting down, and always shake out sleeping bags before use, officials said.

Never grab sticks or branches while swimming in lakes and rivers: As terrifying as it sounds, rattlesnakes can swim.

Be careful when stepping over doorsteps: Snakes like to crawl along the edge of buildings where they are protected on one side, wildlife officials warn.

Don't hike alone: Always have someone with you who can help you in an emergency.

Do not handle a freshly killed snake: It can still inject venom.

What to do if you've been bitten, according to CDFW:

Stay calm but act quickly.

Remove watches, rings, etc., which could constrict swelling.

Transport yourself or the victim to the nearest medical facility.

For more first aid information, please call the [California Poison Control System](#) at (800) 222-1222. If bitten call 911.

What not to do after being bitten:

Don't apply a tourniquet.

Don't pack the bite area in ice.

Don't cut the wound with a knife or razor.

Don't use your mouth to suck out the venom.

Don't drink alcohol.

[More information on rattlesnakes from state wildlife officials can be found here.](#)

Story shared from THE PATCH Temecula story by Kat Schuster, Patch S



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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.