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Presidents Message

The last two months have been incredible. To follow up our Wildfire Recovery Ride we had the Poker Ride/ membership drive. It was a lot of work but at the same time a lot of fun. With the help of Jack, Gretchen, Art, Greg, and Audrey. We scouted, broke trails, and flagged in the month leading up to the ride.

The ride was well attended and we met our goal: to bring in new members, six to be exact. In addition, we brought back old members that have not been involved in a while. Everyone had a great time. The “Meadow” by Lake Hemet ended up being a great venue and we look forward to more events there.

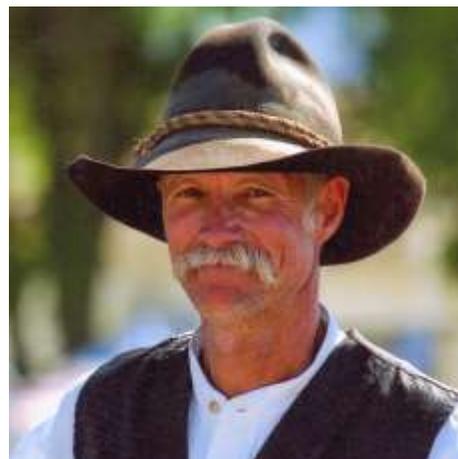
Next up will be a member’s only ride hosted by Audrey and Allison; the Aguanga Trail Ride. The ride will start from Allison’s house on Elder Creek Road and should be a lot of fun. (See details on page 4)

Last weekend Stacy Kuhns, Terry Jorgenson (from the San Diego unit) and myself made the trek to Santa Nella for the fall BCHC state meeting. We got a lot accomplished and have brought back a lots of good information which will be shared at the next meeting.

Last but not least, after two years on Monday we finally made a pack support trip back into Palm Canyon. With the help of Greg Bruce, Hope Adams and Cassidy Bean, we made the 12 mile round trip into Palm Canyon via Potrero Canyon. The purpose was to take food, water, and tools in for a UCC crew along with the Forest Service botanist and a private contractor doing tamarisk abatement. We will be going back Friday to bring them out along with two more trips the following week.

With the year-end meeting coming up, we are looking for nominations for all our board positions. If you are new to the unit, consider joining one of the committees and get your feet wet. There will always be someone to help. Hope to see everyone at our next meeting at Stacy Kuhn’s home on the 14th. One more thing, check out the flyer for our local National Public Lands Day in Pinyon.

Michael Lewis
 President – Backcountry Horsemen of California
 Redshankriders Unit



REDSHANK RIDERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Sept. 9, 2021 (Draft)

Mike & Pebbles home

6:56 pm – 8:41 pm

Members present: Mike Lewis, Pebbles Lewis, Stacy Kuhns, Gretchen Peckham, Jack Peckham, Greg Bruce, Art Inserra, Diana Wilstermann, Gail McCreight, Jackie Grana, Brenda Cowan, Nyna Cheek, Charlie Cheek, Audrey Turpin, Shirley Willits, Hope Adams, Susan Gonzalez, Doug Hay and Cindy Hay (Secretary)

Guests: None

Next Meeting: June 27th—packing practice, Dutch oven lunch, and general meeting.

President opened the meeting at 7:10pm. President Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Reports:

Secretary's report: Cindy Hay

- o Cindy reviewed the minutes from August.
- o August minutes emailed to all members in advance; no corrections made, approved unanimously. Motion to accept as written by Stacy Kuhns, seconded by Audrey Turpin.

Treasures Report: Stacy Kuhns

- o Beginning balance: \$7533.33
- o Ending balance: \$7399.33

Membership Report: Diana Wilstermann

- o Membership total: 44
- o Persons: 63
- o Family: 14
- o Individual: 21
- o Associates: 3
- o Patron: 0
- o Benefactor: 3
- o ** New members (3): Cathy Jones, Claire Williams, Tina Frey.

- o **Adopt a Highway Report:** Gretchen Peckham: waiting for cooler weather.

Public Lands Report: Mike Lewis

- o Allison drafted a letter concerning the issue of communities that have county dirt roads with easements, and property owners putting up fences and blocking access for others. Everyone's name was put on the draft who were at the last meeting (unanimously approved vote).

o Anitra also sent a letter

- o National Public Lands Day -The traditional Volunteer clean up opportunity for National Public Lands Day is scheduled for October 23 from 0800-1200. The site will be at Pinyon Flats Campground. Space for the BBQ is limited to 45 as we have four spots reserved. Do we want to do this? We will think about it.

Education Report: Stacy Kuhns

- ◆ Raffle Tickets/Rendezvous – Stacy has raffle tickets for

sale.

- ◆ Susan Gonzalez will donate new cowhide chinks to the raffle
- ◆ Stacy will be sending out six documents by email concerning state policies, for the group to vote on. The Policies include an election policy, how to start a new unit policy (x2), unit asset policy, partnership policy, and moving monies from CD's policy. Please vote. Ride Coordinator: Gretchen Peckham

o Poker Ride, 9/11, in 2 days!

- ★ 28 signed up. We will have three groups to ride out.

Audrey's ride, October 9, may change from the Santa Rosa Plateau to a ride out from Allison's house. There is a \$10.00 parking fee at the Plateau, which may be prohibitive. Watch for the flyer.

Old Business:

a. Bylaws:

- b. Stacy reported that the state said our Bylaws **were the "best bylaws ever turned in"!**
- c. They are ours now. Any changes must go through the same process.
- d. Rhonda will put them on the cloud and the web.

e. Rides:

- f. Rides will need to be flexible because of all of the activities
- g. Poker ride/membership— 0830 sign up, lunch is \$5.00, people can do the raffle without the ride, lots of great raffle items
- h. Creating the route has been challenging. Cutting through sage.... Then the Forest Service closed, so about 4 miles of the route had to change.
- i. Volunteers will be at three checkpoints. Gail, Cindy and the ride leaders will manage the checkpoints.

A. Livescan

- a. **Three members can now work with youth!**
- b. Rendezvous

Last month we approved the following:

"The Red Shank Riders will sponsor packing awards at two classes at Rendezvous, One adult and one youth box hitch for \$250.00 total."

- b. Upon further review, it has become difficult to sponsor this award. Red Bluff had ordered buckles. They will give us buckles with new names for \$140.00 apiece.

Stacy proposed an amendment to the motion: The Redshank Riders will keep the \$250.00 for the packing contest, which can be used as needed. Seconded by Jack P. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

New Business per Mike Lewis

- A. President Biden has proclaimed September 25 as

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National Public Lands Day.

B. Chainsaw and cross cut class- looking for a new person to offer certification.

C. First aid/CPR certification - looking for someone to offer certification.

D. Park clean up - **the park is not ready, it's not a priority** related to the recent break-in and vandalism according to Tabitha.

E. Packing opportunities are coming up in October (October 4-8 possibly others)

F. Tote purchase - Mike bought totes for a total of \$184.90. They are black with yellow tops. He also bought bungies for \$16.50.

G. Greg B made a motion to reimburse Mike for expenses related to the totes and bungies. Audrey seconded the motion. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

H. The Red Shank trailer. - **It looks "atrocious"**. A quote for painting is for \$2300, per Johnny Montiel. We need it and have the money. A motion was made by Stacy to have the trailer painted. Seconded by Nyna. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

I. Tables - Our old tables are bad. We need new tables. Something to consider.

J. Rendezvous - They are looking for volunteers - Need **help in the kids' coral for activities like ropes and knot tying/lead rope tying.** LNT class for kids.

The state booth will be centralized with tickets and clothing sales available.

Motion To Close The Meeting At 8:13pm By Jack Peckham and seconded By Stacy Kuhns.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, October 14 at 6pm at Stacy's house. Details below.



RSR October General Meeting & Potluck

↔ Thursday, October 14 and will be held at Stacy's place ↔

Meal @ 6:00 with meeting to follow.

She will be serving an Italian main dish so please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

42405 Indian Hill Trail, Aguanga, CA 92536

RSVP appreciated.

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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



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Trail ride Oct. 9 - Hosted By Allison Renck and Audrey Turpin

- o **DATE:** Saturday, October 9, 2021
- o **WHERE:** Allison Renck's House, 52070 Elder Creek Road, Aguanga, Ca 92536
- o **TIME OF RIDE OUT:** Saddled and ready to ride out at 10:0 am
- o **LENGTH OF RIDE:** Approx. 2 to 3 hours / Easy ride
- o **LEVEL OF RIDE:** Level 1 - Good for experienced riders/ horses. The terrain will be relatively level with no obstacles. Good exercise for out of shape horses and becoming familiar with riding in a group. Easy pace.
- o **DESCRIPTION:** Allison is providing the main dish, please bring a side dish, a chair and BYOD
- o **DIRECTIONS:** <https://goo.gl/maps/UaoqBF4ZhkQGDhYN7>
- o **RSVP APPRECIATED:** Call Audrey 951-852-1708 or Allison 951-663-5452



This ride is for Members Only

You can join Redshank Riders;

Applications can be found at www.redshankriders.com/joinrsr.html

Greg Bruce will be doing a presentation at the next RSR general meeting. He is a long-time member, former Redshank Riders president and an experienced equine dentist. You can't really know who Greg Bruce is unless you know where he came from; Here is a brief history. He comes from a long line of equestrians, at least three generations on each side of his family. He was raised in the small Hamlet of Millarville in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains of Alberta. It was here his grandfather started a racing stable. Greg grew up on this thoroughbred ranch immersed in the horse industry. His other grandfather raised bucking stock and provided stock for the rodeos in central Alberta. Many a world champion cowboy started their career in his grandfather's rodeo arena.



Throughout his life as horseman, Greg has participated in rodeo, mounted shooting, team penning as well as sorting and moving herds of cattle to and from the backcountry and most recently enjoys packing with his horses and mules into the backcountry. Greg is also a proud member of the Sam Steeles Scouts, a group that commemorates a wild time in Canadian history. Greg is not the only member of the family that has equine in his blood. His family boasts world champion bronc riders, barrel racers and team penning.

Greg's 83-year-old Mom is his hero; she still rides 3 to 4 times a week and is a very active team penner. She still wins in most penning events, enough to pay for her addiction.

Greg currently lives in Aguanga where he makes a living in the horse industry floating and teaching about the importance of taking care of your equines teeth. The next RSR general meeting is being held on Thursday, October 14 at Stacy's place: 42405 Indian Hill Trail, Aguanga, CA 92536.

This meeting is also a potluck; we hope to see you all there.



NEEF  National Public
Lands Day

10.23.2021

**Join over 200,000 volunteers
nationwide to help celebrate
the public lands that you love.**



Local Event Information

**In Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains
National Monument**, make a difference with
campground and wildland improvements. **8AM-noon**
Pinyon Flats Campground on Pinon Pines Rd at
Hwy 74, Pinyon, CA. Space is limited. **Must RSVP**
to Tracy, 760/833-7127 or email talbrech@blm.gov
Wear sturdy shoes, long pants and sun protection.



Backcountry Horsemen of California RENDEZVOUS

The theme for the Rendezvous is "Preserving Our Trails for Future Generations." We plan to have several clinicians including JoDe Collins and Sarah Muzquiz. Wilderness Riders will present Leave No Trace classes. There will be packing contests, pack saddle fitting classes, Dutch oven contests, Kids' Corral, an art show, Trail Trials, Pack 'n Trail and lots of vendors. San Joaquin Sierra Unit will prepare the meals and a bluegrass band will provide entertainment. We will hold raffles; a gun raffle and a Lee Roeser pack saddle raffle. Rendezvous is a good time to reconnect with old friends and make some new ones.

RENDEZVOUS
October 29-31, 2021
in Tulare, CA



Hosted by Backcountry Horsemen of California



Beautiful artwork for the Rendezvous at Tulare October 29-31 2021
This artwork will be in auction sat night!!!

Go Here for Event Documents & Information
www.bchcalifornia.org/rendezvous.htm



Submitted by Education Chairman BCH California Stacy Kuhns

Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics for Stock Use

Plan Ahead and Prepare

- Educate yourself on the area you plan to visit. Scout the area before an extended trip and locate appropriate grazing areas. Talk with local land managers to learn about available feed and water, bear issues, high-use areas to avoid, and current restrictions.
- Choose appropriate grazing restraints to minimize impact. Loose grazing, hobbles, high-lines, electric fencing, and pickets minimize impact.
- Repackage food to minimize waste and the load on pack animals. Take only animals necessary for your trip.
- Train and practice backcountry activities with your animals at home so they are used to restraints, loads, and other techniques you'll be using. Take the most experienced, calmest animals.

Getting lost can cause damage to land and risk for rescuers. Carry and use a map and cell phone, know your route and stay on it.

Travel Durable Surfaces

- **Water horses 200' from water source, carry water in bucket to animals. If watering in a stream or lake, choose a location with low rocky bank or established ford. Avoid soft ground covered with vegetation.**
- Stay in center of trail, single file, and avoid trailside areas.
- Use trails designed for heavy use. Follow regulations and avoid non-horse trails.
- Take rest breaks well off trail, on durable surfaces including dry grass, sand, or dirt.
- When traveling cross-country, each rider should pick his or her own route to disperse hoofprints, staying on durable surfaces.
- Avoid steep slopes. Ride across slopes rather than straight up or down to minimize impact.
- In undeveloped areas, stay only one night at each site to lessen the trampling of the site, which may cause an impacted site to be formed.

To help disperse your campsite impact, setup kitchen area in the most durable location as it

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gets the most traffic. Place tents on the most durable surface available.

Dispose of Waste Properly

- Pack it in, Pack it out. This includes all garbage. Do not burn or bury trash.
- Disperse manure piles away from camp daily, and after rest breaks along the trail.
- If there are no bathroom facilities, deposit solid human waste in cat holes by digging 6-8" deep, 200' from water sources, camps, and trails.

When breaking camp, visually sweep the entire area for any items left.

Leave What You Find

- Use weed-free feed to prevent spread of invasive plants. Start feeding your animals three or more days prior to entering areas with weed restrictions to allow their digestive systems to clear.
- Fill in areas the animals have pawed to help regrowth.
- Do not break limbs, cut trees, build structures, or tie horses to trees without a tree saver to avoid leaving scars.

Don't flag or blaze trails when going cross-country. If you mark a trail with temporary markers, retrieve and remove on the way out.

Minimize Campfire Impacts

- Make sure fires are allowed and obtain fire permit as required.
- Only have fire if weather is safe, there is a source of wood, and time to prepare and maintain the fire. Keep the fires small and responsible.
- Use only down and dead wood that is smaller than wrist. Gather wood away from camp; do not strip camp areas bare.
- Use portable liquid fuel or wood-burning stove rather than an open campfire for cooking.
- Burn fires to ash; do not leave half-burned logs.

If there is no established fire ring, use a firepan.

Respect Wildlife

- Control your dog; consider electronic collars; teach your dog voice and hand commands.
- Always store feed, food, and trash in secured containers to prevent wildlife from accessing. If your presence changes wildlife behavior, you are too close.

Be Considerate of Other Visitors

- Use pack animals to remove trash left by others.

When encountering other trail users greet them and ask them to please move to the safest side of trail. Be polite.



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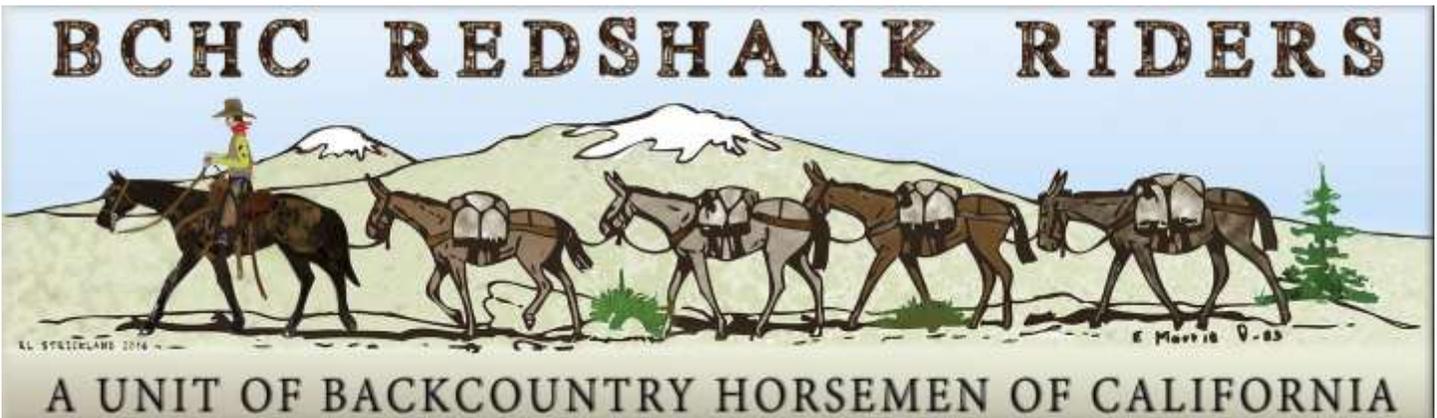
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Objectives and Purpose of the Backcountry Horsemen of California

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.