



2023 Board Members	Newsletter	December 2022 / January 2023
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## Presidents Message

As we ring in the New Year, we find that some things change and some remain the same. There are new officers, those changing positions, and some that remain the same.

First, Cindy Hay, our secretary for the last few years has taken on the membership role. She is replacing Diana Wilstermann. Thanks to Diana for your hard work in that position.

Next is our new secretary, Debbi Vesey, who is a new member and has stepped up to fill this position. Thank you Debbi.



### Board positions that remain unchanged:

President - Michael Lewis  
Vice President - Jack Peckham  
Treasurer - Stacy Kuhns  
Education - Stacy Kuhns  
Public Lands - Hope Adams  
Past President - Greg Bruce

### Committees include:

Education Co Chair - Nyna Cheek  
Ride Coordinator and Adopt A Highway - Gretchen Peckham  
Youth Engagement - Cindy Hay  
Web Master and Newsletter Editor - Rhonda Strickland  
State Director - Michael Lewis

Good luck to all and thank you for volunteering your time for these positions. It takes a lot of commitment and hard work and it's what makes the unit cohesive and successful. Last year we put together a great schedule of events but as it happens sometimes, the best laid plans. We did hold a very successful obstacle event at the Lions Arena that was a lot of fun and well attended. Thank you Audrey, Jack, and Gretchen and all those members that helped. We also had a few packing clinics and we did a trail maintenance project.

What's the solution? Keep trying. If we don't plan it, it will never happen. We will once again be putting together a schedule of events and meeting places. This will be a living document that will be constantly updated.

I ask that all the members try their best to find something they would like to do and try to put together an event. If it's a ride, contact Gretchen for help, trail work you can talk to me.

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**REDSHANK RIDERS GENERAL MEETING  
MINUTES**

December 17, 2022 Next Month: January 12  
2:17 pm – 3:43 pm  
Anza Community Hall

**Members present:** Hope Adams, Greg Bruce, Charlie Cheek, Nyna Cheek, Brenda Cowan, Darrell Cowan, Audrey DeCosta, Hiromi Dellario, Cindy Hay, Cathy Haun, Stacy Kuhns, Gail McCreight, Mike Lewis, Pebbles Lewis, Jack Peckham, Gretchen Peckham, Debbi Vesey, Annalisa Vesey, and James DeJohn **Guests:** Justin Hood, Heather LaBathe, Carol Kelly, Daniel Martinez

**Guests:** none

President opened the meeting at 2:47pm. President Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting, the Holiday Party and elections!

**Reports:**

**Secretary's report:** Cindy Hay briefly reported on the on the prior meetings minutes

- o November minutes sent to members by email prior to the meeting.
- o Motion to accept minutes as corrected by Stacy Kuhns, seconded by Nyna Cheek.
- o Approved unanimously.

**Treasures Report:** Stacy Kuhns

- o Beginning balance: \$5954.34
- o Ending balance: \$5954.34

**Membership Report:** Diana Wilstermann

- o 61 Memberships Total
- o 92 Persons
- o 27 Family
- o 23 Individual
- o 6 Associate
- o 0 Patron (N/C)
- o 2 Benefactor
- o 1 Mt. Whitney N/C)
- o 2 Youth

**Adopt a Highway Report:** Gretchen Peckham

- o January date for cleanup will be the 15th, weather dependent. Meet at 0900, at Sinclair Gas. Dress warm!.

**Public Lands Report:** Hope Adams - No new information. Hope said it's been a great year!

**Education Report:** Stacy Kuhns:

- o The trifold will be presented in draft form at the January meeting.

**Ride Coordinator:** Audrey Turpin: (absent) - No

Report

**Youth Engagement Committee:** Cindy

Mike reported that Cindy and Mike met with two of the youth, Annalisa and Audrey, today, just prior to the holiday meeting. Audrey volunteered to be the youth representative and will contact the other youth, and begin to organize.

**Old Business**

- A. Live Scan – If you wish to work with Youth, you must have completed the live scan. The link to the Two-hour video will be sent out to the people who are currently active, as needed. The plan is for them to view the video prior to the end of the year.
- B. Anza Trail Town – Allison said that they are still working on funding. .
- C. C. Kiosk – on standby (Andy is on leave).
- D. D. Cahuilla Mtn trail work party on November 26. Got lots done, but more work is needed.
- E. E. National Public Lands day was November 19. HWY 74 & Palm Canyon. It was a good day.
- F. Rendezvous 2023
  - a. Will need help with the event. It will come up fast after the New Year.
  - b. We need speakers, presenters, sponsors, vendors, clinicians, etc.
  - c. the RSR committee will meet soon, in January
  - e. vendor app, sponsor packet and other information available at BCHCalifornia.org
  - f. Raffle tickets via Stacy

**New Business:** per Mike Lewis

- A. Thank you card is circulating for Linda and Gordon Fidler for donating \$200.00.
- B. Greg Bruce has offered to host a ride to Eagle Rock, February 11. More information to follow.
- C. Allison stated that there might be funds available for communities in need; it may take a phone call to the supervisor's office to get started, and to get direction. Allison will pass the contact information on to Hope.



**Election Results:**

President: Mike Lewis

VP: Jack Peckham

Secretary: Debbi Vesey

Treasurer: Stacy Kuhns

Past President: Greg Bruce

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We plan to continue our work on the Cahuilla Mountain Trail as well as sections of the PCT that our unit has adopted.

The next few months are going to be quite busy for all of us as we prepare to host this year's BCHC Rendezvous at the CRC Ranch in Temecula. It is shaping up to be a great event. Our meetings are going to continue to be moving events with members volunteering their homes to host meetings. It seems to be working and keeps everyone interested. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

Michael Lewis

President – Backcountry Horsemen of California

Redshankriders Unit

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### **Committee Appointments:**

Membership: Cindy Hay

Adopt a Highway: Gretchen Peckham

Ride Coordinator: Gretchen Peckham

Youth: Cindy Hay

Education: Stacy Kuhns and Nyna Cheek

Web Tech & Newsletter Editor: Rhonda Strickland

*Next meeting –January 12, 2023, at the Lewis residence. 6pm.*

*Motion To Close The Meeting At 3:03 pm By Jack Peckham and seconded by Stacy Kuhns*



34<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Backcountry Horsemen of California  
**RENDEZVOUS**

Keeping Trails Open  
for Over 35 Years  
**March 24-26, 2023**  
at the  
**California Ranch Co.**  
in Temecula, CA



Hosted by Backcountry Horsemen of California  
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- \* Horse & Mule Training Clinicians
- \* Stock Packing Seminars
- \* Youth Classes
- \* Gentle Use/Leave No Trace Classes
- \* Trail Trials

Entertainer at Backcountry Horsemen  
of California Rendezvous on  
Friday, March 24, 2023 at  
California Ranch Company



*Kristyn Harris*

- \* Dutch Oven Cook-off
- \* Western Art Show
- \* Beer & Wine Tasting
- \* Cowboy Church
- \* Lots of Vendors

Texas-bred musical powerhouse, Kristyn Harris, is noted for her powerful vocals, solid swing rhythm guitar style, unique songwriting, award winning yodel, and captivating stage presence.

# BCHC REDSHANK RIDERS



## EAGLE ROCK RIDE

February 11 2023

MEMBERS ONLY

We will meet at the "Pacific crest trail Barrel Spring trailhead". (on google maps)

Meet at trailhead at 9am ride out at 10am

The trail would be a level 2 plus. Minimum intermediate rider and horse. Moderate fitness.

Approximately 10 miles, 5 hr round trip including lunch stop. BYOL

### Directions

From the Aguanga post office go S.E. on hwy 79 for 24 miles to San Felipe rd, turn left and go 4.7 miles to Montezuma rd and turn left the Barrel springs trail head is on the right 1 mile up.

Rsvp with Greg Bruce 951-514-9999

Member packets will be available at trailhead \$50 per person \$60 per family.



Barrel Springs to Eagle



Link to Barrel Springs: <https://goo.gl/maps/dB4nPSwUs36Hf6cG6>



## In Memory of Barbara Harris (Bobbi) Born 2-11-1944 ~ Left us on 10-11-2022

Bobbi was born 150 years after her time. She was one tough cookie, stubborn, self sufficient and a McGyver of sorts. I was amazed at her ability to fix just about anything.

Bobbi was my riding partner for eight years. We shared many hours riding, trimming trails, laughing and enjoying our mules. Bobbi's first love was her mule, Scooter. I know Scooter misses her as I do.

Happy trails dear friend, love Cathy.



*Pictures & memorial  
provided by  
Cathy Haun-Firth*



[www.bchcalifornia.org](http://www.bchcalifornia.org)

### 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](mailto:ridecoordinator@redshankriders.com)

Ph.: 951-763-4249



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

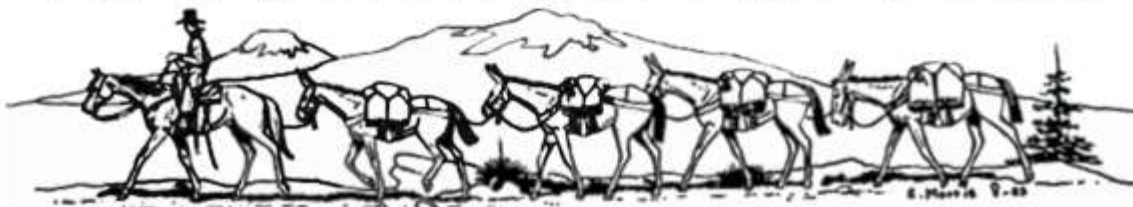
Ask your Unit Secretary for the discount code!

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## REDSHANK RIDERS 2023 EVENT / ACTIVITY SCHEDULE ( tentative )

01 - January	01/12	Membership meeting, soup potluck (Mike & Pebbles)
	01/21	Cahuilla Mtn. Trail work party #2 (Jack & Gretchen Peckham / Michael Lewis) contact Jack - <a href="mailto:jack@greytthreads.com">jack@greytthreads.com</a> or Mike - <a href="mailto:stumblin155@gmail.com">stumblin155@gmail.com</a>
	01/26	Officers Training / Budget Meeting 4:30 PM (Mike & Pebbles) "By invitation only"
	01/28	Packing Practice ( Mike & Pebbles) 12:00 noon start contact Mike: <a href="mailto:stumblin155@gmail.com">stumblin155@gmail.com</a>
02 - February	02/04 - 02/05	BCHC State meeting - Visalia
	02/09	Membership meeting, potluck (Stacy Kuhns) contact - Stacy: <a href="mailto:stacykuhns@aol.com">stacykuhns@aol.com</a>
	02/11	Eagle Rock Ride (Greg Bruce) 10:00 Ride out from Barrel Springs contact Greg: <a href="mailto:ribbinwoodrider@gmail.com">ribbinwoodrider@gmail.com</a>
	02/25	Packing Practice ( Mike & Pebbles) 12:00 noon start contact - Mike: <a href="mailto:stumblin155@gmail.com">stumblin155@gmail.com</a>
03 - March	03/09	Membership meeting, potluck (Hope Adams) contact Hope - <a href="mailto:gaitedhorsesrus@gmail.com">gaitedhorsesrus@gmail.com</a>
	03/24 - 03/26	BCHC Rendezvous - CRC Ranch, Temecula
04 - April	04/06	PCTA Mission Creek pack-in 6 head of pack stock minimum needed contact - Mike: <a href="mailto:stumblin155@gmail.com">stumblin155@gmail.com</a>
	04/13	Membership meeting, potluck ( Jack & Gretchen Peckham) contact - Gretchen: <a href="mailto:gretchen@greytthreads.com">gretchen@greytthreads.com</a>
05 - May	05/10	PCTA Mission Creek pack-out pack stock needed TBD contact - Mike: <a href="mailto:stumblin155@gmail.com">stumblin155@gmail.com</a>
	05-13	Membership meeting, dutch oven ( Mike & Pebbles Lewis) Starts at 12:00
06 - June	06-10	Membership Meeting, Ride, & BBQ - Overnight? ( Art & Diana's)
07 - July	07/13	Membership Meeting
	07/28 - 07/29	Hamilton Museum & Ranch Foundation fundraiser ( at the Hamilton Museum) Would like to have a booth and do some demonstrations
08 - August	08/10	Membership Meeting
09 - September	09/14	Membership Meeting
10 - October	10/12	Membership Meeting
	TBD	Treasure Hunt - Members Only The Meadow at Lake Hemet?
11 - November	11/09	Membership Meeting
12 - December	TBD	Membership Meeting, Year End Party, Elections
TBD	TBD	Brown post campsite development Saw certification class

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## PCTA Crosscut Saw Class in Apple Canyon, October 2022



Photos shared  
on Facebook  
by  
Michael Lewis  
&  
Jack Peckham



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RSR Meeting Thursday, Feb 9th  
@ Stacy's home.

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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.