

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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Message from the President

Hi Guys

Well we have made it through another year. It is almost 2009, wow. Make a list of all the things you want to accomplish in the upcoming year, and get 'em started. I want to thank the 2008 Board for all their hard work. It can't be done without all out all of your help. THANKS. We put on some great events this year. The Trail Trial and the Treasure Hunt ride. People are still talking about 'em.

Gosh the Treasure Hunt at Stoney's place was great. The food was superb, the trail was great.

The riders got to see cattle, some had to arm wrestle them to get their treasure from them at stop one. Wish we had cameras. There were gargoyles, dragon kites and the valley of the scarecrows.... I think Audrey and I laughed the whole time working on the trails for the event. Thank you Audrey for your hard work and long hours to get it to "come off great". The raffle yielded well for the fundraiser event, thanks Pauline. Pete outdid himself with the food. It was great. I think we should hire him out for cooking. The registration and membership was under control with Paulette. The history books are jaw dropping (creative little mind you have Carol, thanks).

We worked on the trail Saturday the 22nd in Anza. The 6 of us worked like a team of 20. GREAT JOB. We cleared up the debris that was left from the abandoned motor home on the CRHT (California Riding and Hiking Trail), off of Burnt Valley Rd. Now we need to go ride that section. Oh there was Laughter, some Cussin' and Blood. What a great day!

Pete went up to Santa Barbara and worked a booth for CRHT at the first annual Trail Blazer Festival. Attendance could have been better. Make sure you make a note for next year; Pete said there was some cool stuff.

Don't forget Sunday December 7th at Carol Schmuhl's Place. Carol always has a great trail for us to explore. Thanks Carol for opening your home to us all. So please come and enjoy the day....If you aren't able to ride, come out and enjoy good food and good people. Ride out at 10 Am. POTLUCK Lunch/quick meeting at 1PM then GIFT EXCHANGE. This is a great time...\$20.00 limit, no less than 15.00 please. This is a Backcountry Horseman Function, so keep it horse and country items.

RSVP by Thursday, December 4th: Carol 951 767 1061 or
email: ifeedemandleadem@aol.com

I am packing my truck (without horses for a quick weekend), family thing up north. See you if I do not get snowed in.

Life is very short so do not put things off, go enjoy the world.

Cya on the trails, Stacy and the red horse "Joe"



REDSHANK RIDERS UNIT GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING.

Unit Minutes For Monthly Meeting
November 12th, 2008
At Los Caballos Vet. Hosp.
Meeting called to order at 6:50 pm
by Stacy Kuhns, President

Roll Call

Board Members in Attendance

President	Stacy Kuns
Vice President	Audrey Turpin
Treasurer	Paulette Johnson
Secretary	Pauline Costi

Members in attendance

Gail McCreight	Shirley Willitts
Carlos Lajones	Paula Belleesi

REPORTS:

President- Stacy:

Vice President- Audrey

Secretary: Pauline Costi: Minutes accepted as published in newsletter.

First: Gail McCreight Second: Shirley Willitts

Treasurer: Paulette Johnson: Information can be obtained at any membership meeting.

Membership: Carol Schmuhl: Not present - Report given by Stacy. Currently 107 members, membership booklets sent 11/10, discussion of qualifications for membership jacket.

Trail Development & Maintenance : Not present - No report 11/22: Pete Spencer to held work party at Burnt Valley Rd. in Anza on CRHT, will take to dump afterwards. **See pictures for this work party in this issue of the newsletter**

Adopt a Highway : Position currently open

Public Lands: Pete Spencer not present - Anza Borrego work party 11/15 w/San Diego

Education - Not present - No report

Newsletter/Website - Rhonda Strickland not present - No report

Historian - Carol Schmuhl - Not present - Sent report: Received more Los Caballos Open House photos, 2007 Trail Trial and Treasure Hunt pictures found. Thank you cards mailed to Treasure Hunt sponsors.

Old Business - None

New Business - Stacy gave Treasure Hunt recap. Holiday ride 12/7 at Carol Schmuhl's, gift exchange discussion

Volunteers & offices available - suggestions of meeting every other month or having meeting after every other ride. Carlos Lajones offered to host ride from his Anza home. Discussion of by-laws and possibly combining with another unit.

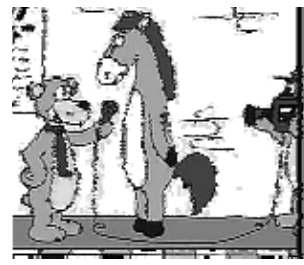
Redshank member Carlos Lajones spoke on product "Sole Guard" an alternative to shoeing, talked about his positive experience & gave demonstration

Meeting adjourned at approx 7:39 pm



THE NEWS ROOM

Read, Discuss, Act



TAPEWORMS UNCOVERED

Why should you care about tapeworms or oribatid mites? Because the former can threaten your horse's life, and he acquires them by eating the latter! Now learn what you can do about it. The oribatid mite is the intermediate host for equine tapeworms, and it's nearly impossible to keep oribatid mites away from horses .

Tapeworms generally are ingested when the horse picks up oribatid mites while grazing, eating hay, or even in bedding. The oribatid mites pick up the tapeworm eggs from equine feces while ingesting organic material. The eggs develop to an infective stage (the larval, or cysticeroid stage) within the body of the oribatid mite in about two to four months.

TheHorse.com is proud to present a **FREE** downloadable special report on tapeworm research. This special report is sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health.

For this booklet go to: <http://www.thehorse.com/pdf/tapeworms/Tapeworm.pdf>

Redshank
Riders
Needs You!



Please step up
to run for a
board position!

Only in Mexico

A Mexican donkey has been freed from jail after doing time for assault and battery. The Televisa network on Wednesday showed "Blacky" gobbling food from a bucket after spending three days in a jail that normally holds people for public drunkenness and other disturbances.

Blacky was jailed for biting and kicking two men near a ranch outside Tuxtla Gutierrez, the capital of Chiapas state. Officials freed the donkey after its owner paid a fine of \$36 and the \$115 hospital bill of the men, who suffered bites to the chest and a broken ankle. Authorities said he also must pay \$480 to each man for missed work days.



Work Party - November 2008

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CRHT in Anza WORK PARTY / CLEAN UP RECAP

"They day was great. Hard workers we are. We thought at first we would not get it done in one time. We conquered the task with flying colors. Now lets go ride it. Thanks to all, Stacy

Pictures submitted by Pete Spencer

California Governor Proposes Tax on Veterinary Services

Article by: Jennifer Walker

November 26 2008, Article # 13167

In an effort to raise funds for the state, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger recently announced his proposal to expand sales tax to include veterinary services. If this proposal passes, the governor estimated \$357 million in increased revenue could be generated over the next two years.

The California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) opposes this action. "Your proposal, if implemented, will serve as a significant disincentive for individuals seeking veterinary care for their animals, particularly during this sizeable economic downturn," said William A. Grant II, DVM, CVMA president, in a letter to the governor.

"Veterinary clients will not be able to afford treatments for their animals, which will be detrimental to animal health and to the health of the public at large. The result will be that many animals won't get the medical care they need and they will be abandoned or euthanized."

Schwarzenegger noted in his press conference that he hopes to pass this proposal before the legislative session ends Nov. 30.

<http://www.thehorse.com/ViewArticle.aspx?ID=13167&eID=91831v>

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

membership@bchcalifornia.net – (866) 748-2033

MAIL TO: Backcountry Horsemen of California
PO Box 1610
Oakdale, CA 95361-1610**PARENT Unit Affiliation: (Select and CIRCLE ONE Unit as your Primary Unit Affiliation)**

Antelope Valley	Kern River Valley	Mojave River	Redwood	Sequoia
Caballeros del Sol	Kern Sierra	Mother Lode	San Diego	Shasta Trinity
Eastern Sierra	Lake-Mendo	North Bay	San Gorgonio Pass	Sierra Freepackers
High Country	Los Padres	Ohlone Riders	San Joaquin Sierra	Sutter Buttes
High Sierra	Mid Valley	Redshank Riders	Santa Ana River	Top of the State

DCTR (your Membership Number): _____ (For new memberships, will be determined by Membership Coordinator)

MEMBER'S NAME—No Business Names; Print Clearly

SPOUSE / Co-MEMBER'S NAME—MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code (full 9 digits, if known) _____

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Area Code Phone

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Check No.: _____

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 Backcountry Horsemen of America.

Associate Memberships: AN ADDITIONAL \$15.00 PER UNIT IS ADDED TO YOUR PARENT UNIT DUES.
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP UNIT AFFILIATIONS **MAY NOT** BE FOR THE SAME UNIT AS YOUR PARENT UNIT.Associate Membership for: _____ \$15.00/unit
Unit Name (from above list)Associate Membership for: _____ \$15.00/unit
Unit Name (from above list)

Please write additional choices on back.

Please clip form along dashed line.

RIDE FLYERS AT OUR WEBSITE:

If anyone wants to download a flyer for an upcoming Redshank Rider ride you can find it on our website at:

www.RedshankRiders.com/rideflyers.html

There is a link at site map at the website for this new page so you may share the events with others.



December
UNIT MEETING
Sunday
~ December 7th ~

Time: 1:00 PM pm - After Ride at 10:00 am

JANUARY MEETING LOCATION
TO BE ANNOUNCED

Here's a real quick way to give a dollar to **Future Farmers of America** Foundation and not to a scam. The Campbell Soup Co. will donate \$1 (up to \$250,000 total) for every click of the red barn on its website to the **FFA** Foundation for its scholarship and education programs. You can only click once. So, please go to the website and click the barn, but more importantly, tell you friends and family.



<http://www.helpgrowyoursoup.com>



Nov. 22nd Work Party Crew

Pauline, Paulette, Carol, Stacy, Pete & Audrey

Have you got some 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 editor@redshankriders.com

Rhonda
Newsletter Editor &
Webmaster

Tentative Event and Ride Schedule 2008 - 09:

December

Dec 7th - Unit Meeting, Holiday Ride - hosted by Carol Schmuhl

March 2009

January 2009

Jan 8h - Unit Meeting - LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

April 2009

February 2009

Xmas Ride, Potluck, Meeting & 2009 Board Elections

WHERE: From Carol Schmuhl's place. **WHEN:** Sunday, December 7th, 2008 / Ride out 10:00 am

BRING: your favorite dish to share for the POTLUCK. We will have quick meeting at 1PM then a GIFT EXCHANGE. This is a great time...\$20.00 limit, no less than 15.00 please. As this is a Backcountry Horseman Function please keep it horse and country items. -- Extra chairs will be appreciated.

Please RSVP by Thursday 12/4 - Call Carol 951 767 1061 or e mail to: ifeedemandleadem@aol.com

From Hemet, take R-3 to East Benton Road. Turn right and stay on this and go another 2-3 miles to Crossover Road, turn left. Go to the Stop Sign under the oak trees (roll through)

From Interstate #15 southbound, exit at Rancho California Road, turn left. Go about 7 miles to Glen Oaks Road, turn right. Go about 3 miles to Mesa Road, turn left. Go about 2 miles to Stop Sign. At this stop sign, the name of the road changes to East Benton Road. Stay on this and go another 2-3 miles to Crossover Road, turn right.

From Anza #371 south to Wilson Valley Road. Turn right and take WVR to Sage Road (R-3), turn right. Stay on Sage Road (R-3) until East Benton Road, turn left.. Take East Benton Road to Crossover Road, turn left.. Follow other directions from CROSSOVER ROAD to location

From Aguanga: #79 South to Pauba Road, turn right Pauba Road to DePortola Road, turn right DePortola Road to Glen Oaks Road, turn left Glen Oaks Road to Mesa Road, turn right. Follow other directions from MESA ROAD to location .

To Location: Go straight up the hill to the Stop Sign at the top of the hill. The blacktop ends here. Street signs will say "Calle Portillo" and Calle Segovia" Turn left at the top of the hill, and go to the next road, EXA ELY. Turn right on Exa Ely Road. After you pass the little log house with the barn on the left, watch for a split in the road at the top of the hill....take the right split, it is only a short bypass. The road is poor, but only for about 100'. Stay on Exa Ely Road for about a mile until you get to ROPE Road. Turn right. (Rope Road is immediately after you see a large ranch opening with a large set of antlers on it on your left side, sign post on the left side of the road. Go to the next road, Paseo Van Scoyck, turn right. Go to the next road, Ivel Road, turn left. Go to the first drive on your right.....look for some Cowboy Silhouettes. 40682. Parking next to arena, or on pad next to Hay Shed.

Carol Schmuhl -House telephone: 951 -767- 1061 - Cellphone: 951 -663 -6763

December 2008

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Ride, Meeting & Elections at Carol Schmuhs	8	9	10	11 Monthly Meeting on the 7th	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



UNIT MEETING

Sunday

Dec. 7th

1:00 PM

**Redshank
Riders
Monthly
Meeting**



January 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Monthly Meeting	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

If you're yearning for the good old days, just turn off the air conditioning.

Griff Niblack

Have you got some pictures
 From a ride or event you would like to
 share in the newsletter or website?
 Email me at editor@redshankriders.com

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Dec. 7th Ride,
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