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Message from the President

Hi Guys and Gals,

So we all survived another year. Did you accomplish everything you wanted to? Well... guess what? I sure didn't! There are still trails I have not ridden. I like to keep my goals obtainable and fun.

I'm so happy how this year with BCHC Redshank turned out. As a whole it was awesome. On the 'need to improve' list We really should be doing more trail-work projects as a unit. We don't fully understand the importance of this task folks. We need to take charge of our destiny, and to keep trails open so we can ride them. I hope to challenge all of you to try to achieve the goal of helping keep our trails open in 2006. All-right... enough lecturing for today.

The treasure hunt was awesome. It went off Soooo well. We are a small unit but with a great core of people. THANK YOU.. Gosh, the food was way yummy, the trail was very cool. It was great after the ride that we all could get together and talk about trails and stories of the year. Some of our highlights for the ride were: FUN, LAUGHS and yes, More FUN!!.

We had a pony that trotted away, guess he was done waiting for the team to find their treasures, I'm glad to see that someone on their team was able to ride double!

The trail was well marked and there were a few cows out there for your pleasure. We now have a perpetual trophy as such... for the last place team to hold in high esteem until they pass it off next year, Kids, enjoy the Indian and we hope you will not receive him again next year.

It is not a bad thing to be on the ground crew. The ground crew had fun getting ready for the event. How many times was the trail ridden you ask?? A Bazillion. Each time we went out there it was an adventure. Ya know your stock will get great training while working the trails, hanging stuff on them, ie; Gas cans, Wooden crosses. It looked like Joel and I were going out hunting vampires or something. Joel and Cathy cut the NEW trail this year. Great job! Fun trail. Well, I think Tom and Cathy do this Dutch Oven Cooking and planning very professionally and with much enthusiasm, Super job and didn't they look cute.

Pauline did a fine job again this year coordinating the raffle items. Thanks to all the people that donated items for the raffle. This is what helps us get operating expenses for the year. Thanks for all the food preparation done before the ride. Hey Shirley and Gail are you tired of cutting up potatoes yet. I tip my hat to all that participated in the event. You helped make it a success. Thanks Terri for heading off the chinks sales for the Laredo fund. The money helped so much. Made me get a little misty. There are good people in the world and I think a lot of them are in Redshank Riders.

Thanks to all of you on our board. You all have been great! What a good team. Hey Terri the newsletters are great.

Well this is my last president message and I want to let you all know I hope you all have enjoyed the last 2 years while I was president, Cuz I sure did. It was a hoot. I'm looking forward to 2006 with anticipation as to what the world has in store for all of us. 2005 was difficult for many. Enjoy each day like it is your last. Life is too short. Stay close to your friends and families.

As for me, I'm working on Billy's Resume. C-Ya Stacy



NOVEMBER 10, THURSDAY 2005 MINUTES
REDSHANK UNIT BCHC BOARD MEETING



Redshank Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM

Present were board members

Stacy Kuhns, Jean Long and Chris May. General members present were Shirley Willits, Gail McCreight, John Rugg, and Terri Pirillo. Minutes from last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given. No Historian or Education reports.

Membership report that we currently have 114 members, which is going to change soon. We got a lot of new members at the Turkey Trot Treasure Hunt. Suggestion to submit an article to state regarding our successful membership boost. A special effort will be made to try to get holiday ride information to the new people.

No Public Lands report. Discussion on the frustration over the Los Caballos closure and cancellation of the public meeting. Updates will be provided as they become available.

Highway clean-ups are done for the year.

Website update by Terri. Results are great! Newsletter online is a PDF file that can be pulled up in a few seconds. The site has an events calendar, and will eventually include "MapQuest". And directions to most popular riding areas.

We are: RedShankriders.com, RedShankriders.net, and RedShankriders.org (all three!)

The last newsletter was fantastic and should be turned in with a set of three required to enter the state newsletter contest. In regards to state,

volunteer hours for the year need to be compiled.

High Country journal needs

an article about our treasure hunt ride. Suggestion to use the same article as what's going to state.

New Business:

The Turkey Treasure Hunt Ride. was extremely successful. Several people want the ride done more than once a year. Suggestion to also include a poker ride in our events next year. Lengthy discussion on what improvements to make for next years treasure hunt. Planning will start earlier this time.

Board nominations for next year so far are: Joel Carlisle for President and Stacy Kuhns for Vice President. Current positions of Public Lands, Education, Secretary, Newsletter, and Membership are willing to remain the same. Open positions are Treasurer, Historian and Ride Coordinator.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm

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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everybody. Thanks for making this another great year for Back Country Horseman Redshank Riders!!

Turkey Treasure Hunt Ride

Needless to say the Turkey Treasure hunt was an amazing success!! I had a wonderful time.

I arrived a little early, since I had a few newbie's meeting me, for the day, I brought all 4 of my horses, so everybody in my group could ride and I think "the boys" enjoyed the day as much as their riders! I also brought chairs and tables, good thing since the turnout for the day was awesome!

After saddling, signing, and then mounting up, We all headed out to get started. Joel gave us instructions and the clues to the location of each treasure spot, and we were off on a Treasure Hunt. We spent the next 3 hours laughing and giggling as well as second guessing ourselves on the trail and what the next clue would bring! Luckily Randy turned out to be a real Scout on the trail, He was able to lead us on the right path every time and was able to get us back on the right trail when we lost sight of the "little pink ribbons"

Rhonda and Cathy turned out to be Treasure Hunters extraordinaire They were able to find the treasures I had walked past 3 times! As it turned out the trail was clearly marked and the clues were great, the stops were easy to see and the weather was tailor made for a ride in the hills of Anza, 76 degrees, sunny and clear...

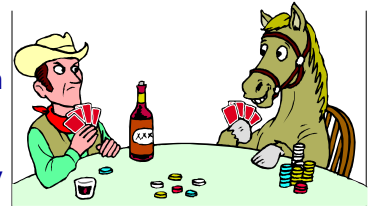
We encountered some bones on the trail many of which were the bones of long gone cattle, after all, this place is a cattle ranch. We also encountered the bones of horse. Cathy's little girl Heather was with us and was upset about the horse, so we took a moment to explain about the circle of life. She came away from the experience a little wiser, and vowed to extra special care of her horse!

We finished the ride, happy, tired and hungry!! We had found all our treasures and were sure we had won, but that title went to the Silkoch group. (Didn't they win last year?)

Did I mention that we were also hungry? Well let me tell you Tom and Cathy put on one heck of a spread!! They brought their Dutch ovens and cooked up a culinary delight !! They put out Pork, Turkey and beef, as well as potatoes au gratin, there was salad, and snacks and sooo... many desserts!! Many of us went back for seconds, ohhh... I was so full. (I sure would like the recipe for those potatoes au gratin) There were several prizes given away during dinner including free raffle tickets and Star bucks cards!! Mini Med kits were included in the sign up packs!

After the buffet, We had the Raffle!! And what a raffle it was... Leather items from Gary McClintok saddlery were raffled, they were gorgeous, leather carved canteens and saddle bags and Custom Chinks by Doug Moore, Oh Wow! There were tables of really neat pick what you want items. Including Cowboy magic gift buckets, a live 5 foot tree, a metal artesian wine rack, and too many others to mention. And in case you didn't win a prize or a raffle, every body who came to the Treasure Hunt went away with a goody bag!! In it were samples from several companies including a radio with ear phones!! What a day, I can hardly wait till next year!!

The Editors group; All my horsey's as well as Carol Larimer, Rhonda Strickland, Stacy Ballard and the Felber Family, Gail is on foot!



Meetings

December's Meeting will be held during the December 3rd Ride and Potluck, Monthly Meeting, Officer Election and Gift Exchange at Carol Shmuhl's house see page - 6 This is always a really fun time !!

Announcements !!



The fund raiser for the Laredo fund raised \$300.00 !! Thanks for all the support everybody!!

The money went for a great cause and a Great Person.

Thanks for all your hard work for the past 2 years Stacy!!

Business Corner

We need some new advertisers It's only \$25.00 per year !! Mention this at your local feed stores or how bout your home business's etc.. We will be putting in advertisement for all of our donors starting in the next issue!! Please let these people know that we appreciate their generosity by giving them our business and letting them know you saw their card in our letter !! Thanks

Welcome New Members !!



We had an unbelievable and unprecedented membership response at the Turkey Treasure hunt !! 20 New Members including 3 for the San Diego Unit!! Thanks Everybody What a fabulous thing for our unit!! Now here are our new members!! And... Thanks to the gals at the Treasure Hunt who did all the paper work and collected the money!

Jody Davis

Lisa Duty

Terri Castellano

Stacy Ballard

Rhonda Strickland

Rocco Lanzisera

Bob Jones

Debby Smith

Julie Kidder

James Fredette

Char Crissy Family

Susan Moore

Cheri Lanzisera

Robyn Jones

Judy Mizell

Dorena Johnson

Forest Brueske

Carolyn Truskowski

Randy Felber

Carol Larimer

Leon Perralt

Jessica Brueske

John Moore

Cathy Felber

RIGHT TO RIDE UPDATE !!

I PUT THIS IN AGAIN BECAUSE IT IS SOOO... IMPORTANT !!!

This is important - Right to Ride.

Please act quickly

It was noted at the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington meeting Saturday that the recent request to contact our legislators about the Right to Ride bill fell short of being persuasive. Of the some 3100 members of BCHW only a handful responded. Other federal lands users are working

hard to exclude the horseman from our mountain trails.

If you want to ride a horse on federal lands in the future (or you want your grandkids to) send an email to Maria Cantwell, etc.... today.

Patty Murray will not sign on unless Maria does. Maria has only received 45-60 emails and says "If the horse folks don't care why should I?"

It's as easy as clicking on this link below and entering your zip code, etc. It only takes a mo-

ment to do.

Go to this address; <http://capwiz.com/aqha/issues/alert/?alertid=7749306>
<http://capwiz.com/aqha/issues/alert/?alertid=7749306&type=CO>

PLEASE! DON'T DELAY DO IT TODAY.
Please pass this on to as many other equestrians or persons that would be just as interested in this matter as possible.
Thank you!
Mary Ann Schmidt

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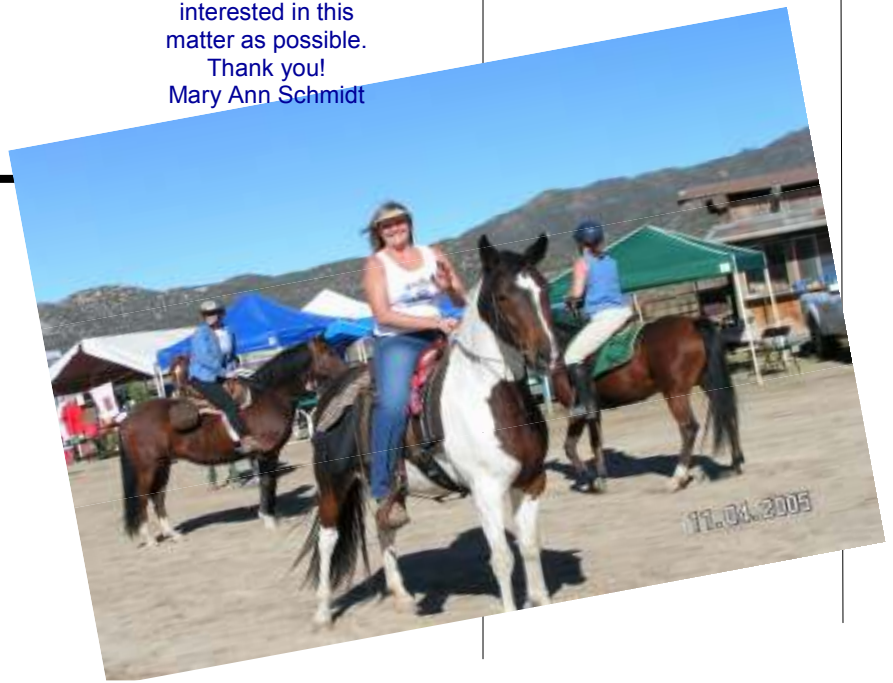
Everybody !!

Thanks for making the Turkey Treasure

Hunt such a

super success!!

Grins and Giggles



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Redshank Monthly meeting, Ride and Potluck !!

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• Dec 3rd the
our Monthly Meeting, Ride, Potluck & Officer Elections !!
Be there!!
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"Caroling" !!



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December 3rd

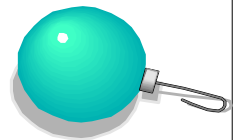
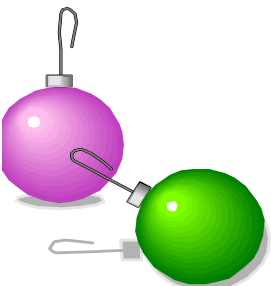
Holiday Potluck Ride
At Carol's house.
40682 Ivel Road in
Hemet.

Any body who would like to sponsor a ride just give Stacy a call !

Marshall Davey !!



**Lets start getting ideas for 2006 !
Next Years Tentive Schedule to be announced soon!!**





Boulder Oaks Ride

San Geronio Unit

January 21 & 22, 2006

Hey Folks, a new year is coming fast, and we plan on doing a lot of rides this year. Some in new areas, and some the same as last year, so dust off yer saddles and load up the ponies and come join us!!!! Fun is the theme!!!!

Our first planned ride is for the weekend of Jan. 21 & 22 at the Boulder Oaks Campground in San Diego County near Lake Morena. It's a pretty area and the riding is easy. This campground has piped water, bathrooms, picnic tables, corrals for the horses, and fire rings for warmth and dutch oven cooking!! Yippie!!!

I realize that this is quite a drive, but if you can make it you'll see that it's worth it. To get there: take 15 south to 8 and go east, this is a good grade, so take it easy. Once up the grade continue east till you get to Buckman Springs Road, exit to the right and make a left on Boulder Oaks Road. The campground is 1 or 2 miles up the road on the right. There is plenty of space to turn around, or pull through to pick out a site. This is a self registration campground so once settled in please register and pay the fees (not sure of fees yet, but I think it's \$12 per space per night).

The PLAN — Try to get there Friday afternoon, if possible, get set up and settled in. Friday night we'll drive the short distance to La Posta Cafe for dinner. This is a great little out of the way reasturant with good food and nice folks. Later we'll come back to camp and listen to us all tell lies and jokes around the fire!

SATURDAY — We'll have breakfast in camp and see who has the best breakfast burrito, competition, haaa, to be eaten by all who can stomach them. Hopefully this will give the others time to get there. We plan on loading up the horses about 9 for the short shuttle over to Lake Morena Park where we'll unload and saddle up. There is a nice Horse trailhead there with plenty of space to turn and park. Then we'll start the 6-mile ride to Boulder Oaks. Once again, this is an easy ride so bring the family and friends. The ride takes us along the lake for a while then up into the chaparral and over the rolling hills and then down into a huge pasture with grass and lots of big trees, finally crossing a small stream and over the hill back to camp. Once back we'll shuttle people back to get the rigs.

SATURDAY night we'll have a pot luck dinner around the fire, so bring your best recipes and impress your fellow riders, or watch them gag on that fire hot chili you made, haa.

SUNDAY — we'll leave that open to be decided by all on where to go, either back to the meadow to enjoy the scenery or up the PCT across the road for a few miles. This is a slow climb but it has a beatiful view of the valley.

Note: There is no store close by so bring what you need, feed, food, drinks etc.

Call Ladd at (951) 676-4897 or Ken at (951) 306-5125 by January 14 if you're coming so we know how many people to expect. OK, that's it!! Hope to see you all there!!

Christmas Trivia

Americas official national Christmas tree is located in Kings Canyon National Park in California. The Tree, a giant sequoia called The General Grant Tree is over 300 feet high. It was made the official Christmas tree in 1925!

Animal Crackers are not really crackers but cookies that were imported to the United States from England in the late 1800 Barnums circus-like boxes were designed with a string handle so that they could be hung on a Christmas tree!

Before settling on the name of Tiny Tim for his character in A Christmas Carol, three other

alliterative names were considered by Charles Dickens. They were Little Larry, Puny Pete and Small Sam.

Christmas was once a movable feast celebrated at many different times during the year. The choice of December 25, was made by Pope Julius in the 4th century A.D. Because this coincided with the pagan rituals of Winter Solstice, or Return of the sun. The intent was to replace the pagan celebration with the Christian one...

Editors Corner

Well Folks

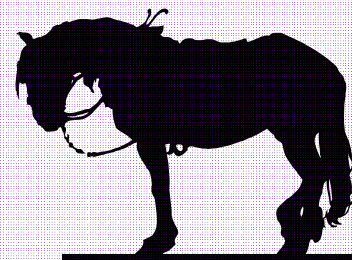
Another Fantastic Year has gone by for Redshank Riders. I know I really had the time of my life. Lots of really Beautiful and Fun rides.

I Met new people and got reacquainted with some old Friends... We got thru some bumps and bruises together, I think that's what makes our unit so unique. We may be a small group in numbers, we make up for that however in our enthusiasm and hard work, I have delighted in working with the passionate people of RedShank Riders over this past year and greatly look forward to another year of adventure in and out of the saddle !!!

Your Humble Editor

Terri

P.S Please Get me those Ride pictures.
for the new Folks – Please, Send in those pictures,
Of your Favorite ride, Cat, Dog



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| Caballeros Del Sol | Kern Sierra | Mother Lode | San Diego | Shasta Trinity |
| Eastern Sierra | Lake-Mendo | North Bay | San Gorgonio Pass | San Joaquin |
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Don't Forget about This !!

➔ December 3rd

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