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Message from the President

Hi Guys

Well another year has past and I hope you all enjoyed the holidays with family and loved ones. Well I must of fallen and bumped my head to do this position again. Oh yeah I did over the summer. No, I do enjoy working with all of you very much. I have a great time and I have made great friendships in this unit. The best way to have a successful unit is the participation of many members. So come out and ride, play, work, laugh with others. Oh we do laugh a lot!

I would like to thank all the folks that stepped up to offices, either willingly or by knifepoint. We have a great group, and I feel it will be a successful year for us all.

Do you still have your new years resolutions on your desk. Mine is to ride more, finish my mustang and help keep our trails open. Keeping the trails open is a huge issue. In 2007 there has been a few of us working with the County of Riverside. We have been working mapping current trails we are using, new trails we would like to use. We are working on connecting trails from the east side of Anza to Temecula. Ken Graff from the County has been awesome to work with. I really feel we are getting somewhere this time with the high-ups, I think we finally found the guy. We are looking at building Staging areas, corrals, water tanks, and maintaining trails. If you want to ride somewhere, besides your own property I hope you can come help us keep the trails open. There are so many trails being closed off to us. It will not be a year of only hard labor and bustin' rocks and blisters, but we do need to do a few things and would invite you all to help. The more we have helping makes the work go easier and faster. If you had not listed your trails on the map please contact Alisson Renck as soon as possible. We are looking at doing multiple fundraisers, group rides and other events.

We will be working on gathering information vital for us all regarding fire danger. There will be more to come on that later in the year. Easter weekend will be the BCHC Rendezvous so mark your calendar, if you have never attended it will be a lot of fun. Grab a singing friend and run up the I-5 freeway. You know you will need someone in the truck to keep you awake. Did someone say "road trip?" There will be more info as I get it.

Equine affair in Pomona is right around the corner. We will need volunteers for the BCHC booth. If you are able to help at the booth please let me know ASAP. The dates for Equine Affaire are Jan 31-Feb 3.

We will be doing a membership drive this year. We are going backwards with our membership numbers. Gather all you can, preferably some that are willing to help our cause. There will be a BCHC jacket for whoever gathers the most members... There will be more information regarding this in the next few months.

I would like to see what your desires for YOUR unit are for 2008. Feel free to give me a call, come to a meeting, drop me an email with your suggestions. I would like your input regarding meeting locations to get the best bang out of attendance.

I would like to help make this unit successful in '08. The board will be meeting in Jan. to discuss a schedule of events. We will have the budget ready to go by the Feb. meeting. The Feb. meeting will be at the Little Red Schoolhouse in Anza. The meeting are always the second Thursday of the month unless specified.

C-ya on the trail, Stacy



REDSHANK RIDERS UNIT GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING.

Unit Minutes For Monthly Meeting
December 9, 2007,
Terri & Dave Pirillo's house
Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm
by Terri Pirillo, President

Roll Call

Board Members in Attendance

President	Terri Pirillo
Vice President	Dave Pirillo
Public Lands	Pete Spencer
Treasurer	Gail McCreight
Secretary	Debbie Skinner

21 Members in attendance

Sandy Gesswein	Doug Gesswein
Audrey Turpin	Tim Turpin
Jean Long	Stacy Kuhns
Pamela Tano	Rhonda Strickland
Ron Skinner	Laura Bussell
Claire Williams	Carol Larimer
Larry Larimer	Sharlene Matthews—(new)
Scottie Cowan	Paulette Johnson

Approval of Minutes as published

Old Business:

None

Turkey Treasure Hunt Discussion:

Pauline Costi gave report on upcoming Turkey Treasure Hunt Raffle Congress. Pete asks members to send a fax (preferred). Pete will use unit email list to send further information to our membership and also put the information in the newsletter.

Elections for 2008 Slate of Officers

President	Stacy Kuhns
Vice President	Audrey Turpin
Public Lands	Pete Spencer
Treasurer	Paulette Johnson
Secretary	Pauline Costi
Education Chair	Allison Renck
Membership	Carol Schmul
Newsletter Editor	Rhonda Strickland

New Business:

Public Lands Reports:

Pete Spencer Public Lands: Diane Jacob, County of San Diego wants to adopt the California Riding and Hiking Trail. Pete suggested to go to the Riverside County Supervisor, Jeff Stone

and suggested adopting the same. Jennifer, writer for Western Horsemen, suggests writing to her about the California Riding and Hiking Trail that it is the rarest trail choice. Members should contact Pete for more details.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm



Allison Renck
Education chair

Xmas Ride



At Dave & Terri's

Redshank Riders - BCHC
Funds Request Form

Fill this form out for Items and projects not presented and approved in the yearly budget.
This form must be filled out and presented at a scheduled monthly meeting. It will be printed in the next consecutive newsletter and then voted on at the next scheduled meeting.

Name of person/s initiating this project or expenditure: _____

What is the request for? _____

Location of Project: _____

Materials List and projected cost for items: _____

Where do you plan on purchasing items? _____

Estimated total cost of Project: _____

Who is the contact source for project location: (Yourself, and i.e., City County rep etc..) _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Meet Your New Board Members 2008



President: Stacy Kuhns

My name is Stacy Kuhns. I have been involved with Redshank Riders for a number of years in multiple offices. My passion is riding and playing with horses and my two dogs. I have been employed by Star Milling Co. (Ace HI Feed and Kelley Feeds) for 15 years. I like walking

the beach and drinking wine... That is not even close, It is mountains and dark beer. I have been working "slowly" on a BLM mustang which has tested my horsemanship skills multiple times....cya on the trail this year!!!

Secretary: Pauline Costi

My name is Pauline Costi and I'm the new secretary of our unit. I've been a member of Redshank Riders since moving to Garner Valley 10 years ago. This will be my second stint as secretary and I've been treasurer, as well. I've also been raffle chairman for our "famous" Turkey Treasure Hunt for a number of years.

I have two horses - my daughter's old jumper and an Azteca (Andalusian/Quarter). She's an incredible trail horse and we've put on a lot of miles in our 11 years together. My best ride ever was from Tucson to Tombstone. Having never been there before, it was way too cool riding into town on horseback - we even got to be in the parade that weekend.

Newsletter Editor: Rhonda Strickland

Rhonda decided to step in & take over the designing of the newsletter from Terri for 2008. With the help of Stacy who will do the printing part they hope to keep the information coming to the members each month. Rhonda will still be the "Mistress" of the Web for Redshank Riders.



Education Chair: Allison Renck



Allison is continuing in this position for 2008. Thanks to her for all the great work she did in 07 & we look forward to "learning" more from her this year.

Vice President: Audrey Turpin

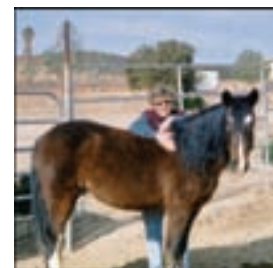


My name is Audrey Turpin. My husband Tim and I are looking forward to an exciting year at Redshank. We have 2 adult children, a daughter Corie and son Kyle. We have 4 paint horses that are used for trail, penning and eating machines. I love to do trail trials and would love to host a few with Redshank. Love to trail ride and have goals to do the Sierras and vacation across the United States with the horses. Been in the Wildomar valley for over 25 years and are looking to move to high country of Aguanga soon.

Treasurer:

Paulette Johnson

Welcome to Paulette as 2008 Treasurer. We appreciate her choosing to tackle this position.



And those who continued for 2008

Public Lands/State Director: Pete Spencer

Pete has been an active member of this unit for many years. He has supported the unit on the ground as well as on horse & mule back! He has also served on many of the board positions. He continues to help us in this capacity as he has for quite some time. Thanks for handling this position for Redshank Riders for another year Pete!



Membership & Historian: Carol Schmuhl



Carol is continuing in these positions for 2008. Thanks to her for everything she did in 07, we appreciate all of her hard work in these positions.

Next Meeting on January 10th at the Little Red School House

Redshank Riders Unit Monthly Meeting Agenda

Location: Little Red School House Time: Board Members 6:30 pm General Meeting 7:00

Are you mountain lion lunch?

The **mountain lion**, also known as the puma, panther or cougar, is the largest carnivore (meat eater) of California. The generally secretive and solitary nature of lions makes it possible for humans to live in mountain lion country without ever seeing a mountain lion. The chance of being attacked is quite low compared to many other natural hazards. Attacks to humans are rare. A dozen people have been killed in the U.S. since 1890-though over half have occurred in the last fifteen years, indicating they are on the rise.

Generally, mountain lions are calm, quiet and elusive. They are usually found in areas that have adequate cover for ambushing and plentiful prey. These conditions exist in mountain subdivisions, urban fringes and open spaces, from deserts to coastal areas and to 10,000 foot elevations in the mountains. About half of California is prime mountain lion country!

The coloration of these lions is usually a tawny-yellowish but may also be a gray-brown to red-brown with black tipped ears and tail. The kittens, or cubs, are covered with blackish-brown spots and have dark rings around their tails. Adult males may be more than eight feet long from nose to end of tail and an average weight between 130 and 150 pounds. Adult females can be seven feet long and average between 65 and 90 pounds.

Think how quick, athletic and strong these animals are! They must be in excellent physical condition to survive. Lions are very powerful and normally prey upon large animals, such as deer, bighorn sheep and elk. However, they will prey on smaller animals as well, such as coyotes, skunks, raccoons and opossum. Domestic animals are also acceptable to their pallet, such as sheep, goats, cattle, horses, llamas, dogs, cats, ducks, and chickens. Mountain lions have excellent night vision and depth perception, prefer to stalk and ambush their prey, often from behind. The usual attack is with a powerful bite below the base of the skull, breaking the neck, or by suffocation. The carcass is often covered with dirt, leaves or snow and the lion comes back to feed on it over a course of a few days.

A lion's home range will often span over 100 square miles with many adults occupying the same area. Lion populations appear to be regulated not by social interactions but by the density of their principal prey. Competition for habitat is intense, especially in the western Sierra-Nevada where as many as 10 adult lions per 100 square miles has been recorded. The lion population has grown from an estimate of 600 in 1920 to a better field study of 2,000 in 1970. The 1990's show a population estimate ranging from 4,000 to 6,000.

Despite differences in opinions about mountain lions there is a common desire for proper scientific management of this magnificent animal. We must consider the regional diversity of the animals habitat, prey availability and human populations. Conflicts between mountain lions and humans vary regionally for different reasons. Minimizing your risk of becoming a mountain lion lunch is the main objective.

Following are some helpful hints to remember while visiting the forests and parks or maybe your own backyard.

- You Must Be Alert
- Remember Wild Animals Can Be Dangerous
- Each Situation is Different
- Hiking Alone Can Be Dangerous. Statistics show that nearly all recorded attacks in California involved lone trail runners and children.
- Keep Children Close To You. Mountain lions seem especially drawn to children. Keep children within your sight at all times.
- Avoid Confrontations. Most lions will try to avoid you approaching them. Give them a way to escape. Never corner a wild animal.
- If You Smell A Dead Carcass, be extremely alert and get out of the area. Animals will protect their food supply.
- Please Do Not Crouch or Bend Over. A person squatting or bending over looks a lot like a four-legged prey animal. If you must bend over, get quickly back to an up-right position.
- Please Do Not Run. Running stimulates the lion's instinct to chase. Stand still and face the animal. Maintain constant eye contact. If you have children with you, pick them up if possible so they do not panic and run.
- Try To Look Big. Raise your arms and speak firmly in a loud voice. Throw rocks or branches without crouching or turning your back.
- Fight Back If Attacked. Protect your head and neck area. Remain standing and face the animal.

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SPECIAL MENTION

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The Living Desert Zoo & Gardens - Palm Desert	T Rafter T Tack & Treasures - Anza
Boot Barn - Temecula	The Tack Stop - Temecula

January 2008

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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



JANUARY
10TH ~ First
MEETING of
the Year



Happy
New
Year

February 2008						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Equine Affaire	2 Equine Affaire
3 Equine Affaire	4	5	6	7	8	9
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	

New Photos at the Website
See them at
www.RedshankRiders.com



BCHC Website

www.BCHCCalifornia.net



Cahuilla Mountain Trail Work Party

Cahuilla Mountain Work Party date has been postponed until a later date because of forest closures from the fires.

Any riders that ride the trail between now and the work party date, please note and take photos of key areas that are in need of repairs. Contact: Debbie Skinner, 951-767-9163, beauce1@earthlink.net

Remember, there is something for everyone at a work party. We need people with cooking skills (we all got to eat!), erosion control, those that can help organize, pack in equipment, work with tools (power and hand trimmers), some people may be able to supply equipment or food, but not able to stay (that's great too).



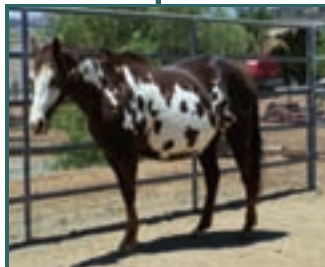
Welcome New Members !!

Sharlene Matthews

Peggy Reiderich has a Polaris Ranger for sale 2001, 4 wheel drive, 34 hours is all its got on it. It's Green and in Great condition. Asking \$8500.00 [Cell 310 213 8121](tel:3102138121) or Home [951 926 0220](tel:9519260220) Call for more info

Peggy also has 5 horses for sale at Pegasus spirit Ranch 2 Yearlings

1. Filly yearlings Is classic spirit who is the daughter of mighty mick and nighthawks pride n joy Asking \$2500 She is 1/2 Tennessee walker, 1/2 APHA
2. Yearly Stud colt Pawnee brave impressive line \$2500.00 Mighty Brave spirit colts name, Registered APHA 3. Mighty Mick Stallion goes back to Top line goes back to man-o-war and war admiral standing at stud for \$600.00 APHA
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Xmas Party 2007



Pete



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Dave



Pam



Debbie



Paulette



Rhonda



Claire



Carol S.



Terri



Stacy



Tim



Laura



Audrey



Carol Sharlene



Jean



Hello all. I would like to introduce myself. I am Rhonda Strickland (the one in the middle on Elvis). I am your webmaster and now I am the newsletter editor for 2008.

Terri has done a wonderful job these last 3 years

so I hope I can follow in those footsteps. With the help of Stacy Kuhns, Debbie Skinner and all of you I will do my best to get the newsletter edited so it can be emailed, get printed and out to you by the 1st of each month. Please feel free to send me anything that you would like to be put into *YOUR* unit's newsletter.

My email is: editor@redshankriders.com

Thank You Terri

With the new year comes change. Terri Pirillo has been Newsletter Editor for 3 years and has now "retired". Redshank Riders would like to thank her for all of her hard work.



NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail TO: Backcountry Horsemen of California

Membership@bchcalifornia.net

(866) 748-2033

PO Box 1610, Oakdale CA 95361-1610

Primary Unit Affiliation: (Circle ONE units) as your primary

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Redshank Riders

DCTR: _____ (For current members only. Don't worry about this if you are new!).

Email Address

Name _____ Name _____

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(Individual)

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Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Check number: _____

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(Circle one)

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*Includes \$7.00 surcharge for BCHA assessment

Associate Member of Unit(s) _____ \$15.00/X Units

See website (above) for explanations of membership classes. Only renewal members have DCTR numbers new members will be given a number with their new member card. Membersip@bchc.com or WWW.Redshankriders.com to download new forms

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