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Message from the President

Howdy fellow members!!

I would like to introduce myself and my husband, *Terri Pirillo*, President and *Dave Pirillo* as Vice President for 2007 of Redshank Riders Unit. We have been members of The Redshank and San Diego BCHC units for about 12 years. And have been married for the most part of 2 decades!! We have 4 horses; 2 Registered Quarters, an Appendix and an Arab who thinks he is a quarter horse!! We also have goats, chickens, and 5 German Shepherds! Although neither of us have ever held an office we both truly believe in what Back Country Horseman of America and California stand for. We look forward to the coming year, working and playing with all the great people that have become our friends and riding partners since joining Redshank.

We will be working together to try and contact each and every member to get their experience, opinions and feelings on what we can do to help the unit become an even more cohesive and exciting group. We would like to see more and more people step up and help the unit with planning and participating in the yearly events and rides and take some of the load off people who have been doing this for a while and need a break. I was very happy to see some of the new and returning names, volunteer for positions in the unit as well as sponsor rides for 2007. Thank you, Thank You!!

And lets not forget, we have a lot to learn from past board members!!

We will also try to cooperate and communicate with our affiliate units to plan rides and fundraisers, that will benefit all of us.

This and every unit of BCHC is only as good as it's members and we are fortunate enough to have a really good group of people. So let Me or Dave know what we can do to help Redshank Riders succeed this year!!! We will do everything that we possibly can to make this another great year for Redshank Riders and it's members. We can't succeed without your help!!

"Live...Live...Live...Life is a banquet and most poor suckers are starving to death."

"Auntie Mame"

See ya out there !! Terri and Dave



REDSHANK RIDERS UNIT GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING.

Meeting on January 11, 2007 Minutes

Meeting was held at the Little Red School House in Anza and was called to order at 6:40pm by newly elected President Terri Pirillo.

Fifteen members in attendance:

New Board Members

Terri Pirillo	President, Newsletter and Membership coordinator
Dave Pirillo	Vice President
Debbie Skinner	Secretary
Chris May	Treasurer
Pete Spencer	PL coordinator and State Rep
Allison Renck	Education Chair
Dawn Kolbo	Co-Chair

Members

Sherri Rondeau	Val young
Gail McCreight	Stacy Kuhns
Heather Pope	Joel Carlisle
Shirley Willits	Ron skinner

December 2, 2006 General Meeting Minutes

read by newly elected Secretary, Debbie Skinner. Pete Spencer moved to accept minutes as read. Gail McCreight seconded the motion. Vote was 15-0 unanimous to accept the minutes as read.

Treasurer Report; Read by outgoing Treasurer, Gail McCreight.

Old Business

Pete Spencer Moves that the Unit requires signatures from two of the three following officers: President, Vice President, and Treasurer to authorize payments from our unit's bank account.

Discussion: Stacy Kuhns suggested that it's not a good idea to include both the President and Vice President as 2 of the 3 signatures required because the president and vice president are husband and wife. Terri Pirillo agrees and this topic was discussed at the recent leadership training she attended on January 6th. Terri suggests removing the president's signature and choosing a different offi-

cer's signature.

Pete Spencer amends his original motion to read: RedShank Unit account require 2 of the 3 following officer signatures to authorize payment:

Dave Pirillo (Vice President), Chris May (Treasurer), and Debbie Skinner (Secretary).

Motion seconded by Pete Spencer Proceed to vote 15-0 unanimous.

Dave Pirillo asked Joel Carlisle for the Volunteer Hours Report. Joel promises to get it to Dave as soon as possible.

Education Report

Dawn Kolbo talks about new 501c new education fund, which allows donations to be tax deductible. The protocol is as follows: the donation is mailed to the State (Back Country Horseman of California) and then the unit asks for funds back from the State for special education events (expenses). For example: any special speakers for their travel expenses, etc. The Unit must keep a separate educational fund account independent from Red Shank Riders main account for these funds. Donations can be made to Back Country Horsemen as a charitable donation. Allison Renck suggest to table discussion until Feb meeting. Discussion was tabled.

Public Lands Reports

Nothing new to report by Pete Spencer.

Pete Spencer's new email address:

muleman2@earthlink.net

Allison talked about mapping trails project. Allison gave a c.d. of map files to Ron Skinner and he will make map copies for the unit free of charge. Allison requested that members map trails we use even if crosses private property then Allison will give these trail maps back to the Multi-species Conservation Division. Current Project encompasses the mapping of trails in Anza and Aguanga region.

Allison updated membership on the Mary Bono's Bill for Beauty Mt area and Cahilla Mt area. She has talked to 2 of the conservationists regarding the bill. Also, talked to BLM official about making a trail that connects Beauty MT from BLM land "a loop". Eventual goal is to connect Pacific Coast Trail.

There will be a Trail Mapping Meeting at Allison Renck's home in Aguanga on Janu-

ary 20, 2007 at 9am. For directions contact Allison at (951) 763 0374.

New Business

Proposed Membership Application Revisions

Debbie Skinner proposed revising the membership application that is downloadable from the RedShank Unit website to make it more user-friendly. 2 perspective new members expressed problems with the application (what fees to pay?, no place to include email addresses?, what is DCTR?). Stacy Kuhns suggests that if a new member has trouble then the old member can explain how to complete it. Debbie Skinner gave ideas on changes for membership application to Pete Spencer. Pete Spencer noticed that the membership application off our web site has a different layout than the application on the Back Country Horseman of California web site.

Chainsaw Safety Certification Classes:

Pete Spencer PCTA (Pacific Cost Trail Association) is offering Chainsaw Safety Certifications for 2007. We need RedShank members certified for work parties. Two 2 day courses for 2007 on the following dates: February 3 and 4, and March 31 & April 1. Pete Spencer submitted details and contact information to Terri Pirillo to be included in the next newsletter.

President Terri Pirillo 2007 Director Appointees

Education:	Dawn Kolbo, Allison Renck
Historian:	Carol Schmuhl
Highway Cleanup:	Laura Bussell
Public Lands:	Pete Spencer
State Director:	Pete Spencer

President opened discussion for 2007 Calendar events and rides.

Dawn Kolbo volunteers to organize a Unit ride on July 4th weekend for her Birthday ride.

Terri Pirillo and Dave Pirillo volunteer to organize a Unit ride in September and also another December Christmas ride in Aguanga

Pete Spencer suggests sending 2007 Unit's Event Calendar return receipt requested to all Units' Presidents.

Terri Pirillo will talk to other Unit Presidents to go over our Unit's Calendar of Events to avoid conflicting event dates in 2007

Pete Spencer suggests getting **calendar dates** together as soon as possible.

General Monthly Meetings – Location Discussion

Ron Skinner proposes having the general monthly meetings at scheduled rides instead of at the Anza Schoolhouse. The Anza Schoolhouse is not a centralized meeting place for the membership.

Pete Spencer suggests having every other meeting before a ride.

Stacy suggests holding meetings in Temecula part of the time.

Terri Pirillo suggests at the Sizzler restaurant in Temecula on Jefferson Street.

Pete Spencer suggests rotating the meeting places.

General Meeting Schedule:

February 8th General Meeting will be held at 6:30pm at the Temecula Sizzler Restaurant on Jefferson Avenue.

March 8th General Meeting will be held at 6:30pm at the Temecula Sizzler Restaurant on Jefferson Avenue.

April 7th General Meeting and Ride – Anza. Will be held in conjunction with Sherry Rondo's organized ride in Anza. Ride out from Sherry's house off Michell. Meeting will be held prior to ride out time TBA.

May 6th General Meeting and Ride – Anza. Will be held in conjunction with Pete Spencer's organized ride in Anza. Meeting will be held prior to ride out time TBA.

June, July, August meetings not scheduled at this time.

September General Meeting and Ride – Aguanga. Will be held in conjunction with Terri and Dave Pirillo's organized ride. Ride out will be from their home, Sage Road, Aguanga. Meeting will be held prior to ride out time.

November meeting not scheduled at this time. TBA.

December General Meeting and Ride – Aguanga. Will be held in conjunction with Terri and Dave Pirillo's organized ride. Ride out will be from their home, Sage Road, Aguanga. Meeting will be held prior to ride out time. Allison Renck volunteers to host a General Meeting in conjunction with an Educational Meeting.

Board of Director Meeting Scheduled for January

January 20, 2007 Board meeting at Allison's house after mapping meeting that starts at 9am January. Chris May, Treasurer cannot attend. Secretary, Debbie Skinner must leave at 11am for prior commitment.

Joel Carlisle The annual rent is due for the Little Red Schoolhouse in Anza. Annual rent is \$100 to reserve the 2nd Thursday evening of each month. This has been the location of past General Meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Tentative Schedule for 2007

January 20th Trail Mapping at Allison's house in Anza Redshank

February 1–4 Equine Affaire contact Chip Herzig if you wish to volunteer for BCHC.

February 8th General Meeting @ Temecula Sizzler Restaurant on Jefferson Redshank

March 23–25 Rendezvous Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Turlock Ca.

April 7th Ride and Meeting at Sherrie Rondeau's House in Anza—Time TBA Redshank

April 21st Saturday; Shirley Allen and Kathy Burlson Santa Rosa Plateau ride. Redshank

May 6th General Meeting and Ride in Anza will be held in conjunction with Pete Spencer's organized ride. Time TBA. Redshank

May: TBA and Mule days Maybe Trail Trials

June: TBA

Possibly the Trail Trial for May or June Please call Stacy Kuhns for more info and Volunteering for this great event!! Redshank

July 1st Anza Parade

July: Dawn Kolbo's Birthday ride!! July 4th Weekend Redshank

July 5–8th: Hart Bar Ride with San Geronio

August: Garner Valley Redshank

September 8th or 9th Dave and Terri's Birthday Ride in Aguanga. Redshank

Oct –TBA Redshank

November 3rd – Turkey Treasure Hunt in Anza Anza Borrego Work Party Vern Whittaker with San

January 2007

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Monthly	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 0900 Trail and Board Mtg
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Chainsaw Certification
Equine Af- faire Febru- ary 1-4	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			

- **January 11**
- **Meeting at Sizzler in Temecula**
[27717 Jefferson Street @ 6:30 pm](#)
[Sizzler Phone \(951\) 676-3630](#)
- **Trail Mapping Jan 20th Anza at Allison's House**
- **February 1-4 Equine Affaire in Pomona See Page 10**
- **Chainsaw Certification Free !**
February 3 -4
Contact Pete Fish (805) 658-6540
Pick-
axepete@sbcglobal.net Pete Spencer has details
- **February 8th General Meeting at Sizzler in Temecula –**
[Jefferson Street 6:30 pm](#)
- **Equine Affaire February 1 -4**
Pomona Fairplex
- **March 8th General Meeting**
General Meeting

Welcome New Members !!

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| ☆ Cherie Marshall | ☆ Georgie Kuechleer |
| ☆ Dick Price | ☆ Roxanne Mishler |
| ☆ Megan Carson | |



Here are a few tips for the paper on education from us.

Hi Redshank Riders.....

Dawn and Allison are your new education chairpersons and our job is to teach people about Gentle Use.

We plan on trying to ED-U-CATE you folks on gentle use skills and ethics.

Some gentle use skills include

- *Plan ahead and prepare
- *Travel and Camp on durable surfaces
- *When going into the wilderness let someone know where you will be
- *Dispose of waste properly
- *Leave what you find and in the same condition
- *Minimize campfire impact
- *Respect Wildfire
- *Be considerate of other users

So this is the start of "you all folks"
ED-U-CATION

Thanks a bunch
Allison and Dawn

I asked Deb to tell us more about the Pooch she had with her on the work party and WOW! Check this out. If yer interested in one of these dogs give Deb a call!! Belgian Malinois is my Belgian import "Dexter".

This is what Dexter does best:



The Power of 3 + 4 horses, 1 mule and a dog

Pete Spencer organized the Cahuilla Mountain work party for Dec 9, 2006. Ron Skinner (my husband) and I met Pete around 10am at the Ranger station at the bottom. We brought along one horse for packing tools. Pete brought his mule and pack rig for the big stuff. The trail has great views and scenery is beautiful. We cut back brush and limbs from the trail and worked on the erosion problem. There are still several areas that need a lot of work due to erosion on the trail and more brush to cut. It was a great opportunity to ride and pack as well as a sense of accomplishment at the end of the day.

By Debbie Skinner



A Little About Our New Board Members !!



Secretary: Debbie Skinner

I have been in Aguanga with my husband Ron for about 15 years. We have the dog kennel and training facility on Wilson Valley Road where I run a boarding kennel as well as breed, train and import working dogs (Beauceron and Belgian Malinois). I am a long time horse enthusiast growing up in Brawley where that's about all there was to do besides off-roading and water skiing. This will be my 3rd year as a member of RedShank Unit. I joined when my husband and I got back into horses three years ago after 20 years away. At that time buying 2 Quarter mares for riding. Now 3 years later we have 10! We raise the Quarter Horses and train some for fun. In the past I've served as President, Secretary, Registrar and Newsletter Editor for National and Regional dog clubs and look forward to my new position as Secretary. Thanks for stepping up Debbie !!

Debbie is riding her Dun AQHA mare Double Pocos Buena "Buena" and ponying her 7 month old daughter "Vista" whose daddy was the #1 racing 3 year old in CA Azyoucansee.



Public Lands/State Director: Pete Spencer

Pete Has been an Active member Of the Red-shank unit for Years. He has supported the unit on the ground and on horse/Mule back! And has served as many board positions. He continues to help us out as our state Rep and public lands. Thanks for hanging on another year Pete !!



Education Co-Chairs: Allison Renck and Dawn Kolbo (left to right)

Allison Renck you are familiar with since she has been in RedShank Riders for a while. My name is Dawn Kolbo pretty new to the group. Allison roped me into the group which I am happy she did. It is a lot of great people and fun. I am trying to get my 4yr old Arabian going like he is 20. HA HA Keep trying, he has a lot of energy. I also have a 20yr old mare my best horse who is retired now. 3 mini horses which are the safest for people over 55. ttys, Dawn Thanks to both of you — Great work on the Trail mapping !!

CHRIS MAY; TREASURER

Chris May has belonged to the Redshank Unit since its inception. She has served as needed in many positions. She again steps up to help the Unit as Treasurer !!

Chris is there for the Unit at meetings as well as events. She is a valued member and her continued help is appreciated !!

Thanks Chris



ED-U-CATE CORNER

“Principles of Leave No Trace”

Found in “Backcountry Horse Use Skills and Ethics” Booklet

Plan Ahead and Prepare:

Unnecessary impact in backcountry areas can be avoided by carefully preparing for your trip. For example, if you do not have adequate equipment for grazing restraints, you may be forced to put horses on short picket, perhaps even utilizing live trees as picket anchor. The potential for overgrazing and girding live trees is extremely high. Impacts resulting from being unprepared may seem minor, but they are not uncommon and over time results in long lasting damage.

Expectations:

Determine the goals and expectations of your trip. Consider your group size, number of horses needed, route length, possible activities, the age and abilities of other group members and their expectations. This will help you choose the best times and places to travel in order to meet your goals.

These two tips for going into the backcountry will help you to be gentle, when going into the backcountry.

Another tip: teach your horse to tie quietly at home. Nothing destroys a beautiful meadow, like a horse that enjoys pawing. If your horse is a nervous Nellie, teach him to hobble. This way his pawing will be kept to a minimum.

Well Dawn and I will have more information next month.

Allison Renck and Dawn Kolbo

Please put **June 2nd, 2007** on your calendars and help spread the word that the BCHC San Diego Unit in conjunction with the County of SD will be hosting a "Bicycle - Horseback Rider" encounter in Penasquitos under the guidance of Monitor/Trainer Kay Cox from Ramona. The event will be structured as a demonstration and will take place in the County Arena in Penasquitos Canyon as part of the yearly Ride, Hike and Bike event/ National Trails Day celebration.

This is a joint effort between the San Diego Mountain Bike Association and Backcountry Horsemen of California, San Diego Unit. The event is hoped to be the first of many such opportunities to explore and improve the relationship between our two trail user groups.

Thank You! Ingrid

Ron and Debbie's Christmas Ride !

Ron and I were so impressed with the trails on Cahuilla Mountain, we had to quickly return. We brought friends, and new Red Shank members, Georgie Kuechler and Scottie Cowan along for a Christmas Day ride. It was a beautiful morning when we struck out from the parking lot of the ranger station on horseback. About half way up the mountain we encountered lingering snow from the last storm. The snow accented the terrain. Riding my 2 year old on the narrow, rocky parts really sunk it home that there needs to be some repairs and widening of the trail soon. It was a great trail that winds up onto the mountain. We made it as far as the spring which is almost to the top. The spring was more of a muddy hole and needs to be dug out some. Then due to the lateness of the day, we turned back. The weather was nice all day. As we returned and evening approached jackets were put on as the temperature drops quickly with the setting sun. Next time, we are determined to make it to the top.



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The Nation's Premiere Equine Exposition & Equestrian Gathering

February 1-4 at the Fairplex, Pomona, CA

www.equineaffaire.com

This is a reproduction of information found on the Equine Affaire web site. Further information on clinics, events, exhibitors can be found there.

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TRIP TO EQUINE AFFAIRE

Because Equine Affaire offers so much to see and do, the event producers offer the following suggestions for making the most of your Equine Affaire experience:

Obtain a schedule of clinics, seminars, and demonstrations.

A detailed list of all clinics, seminars, and demonstrations is available by calling Equine Affaire or consulting this Web site. Because five to eight different sessions are presented simultaneously throughout each event, and there is *no repetition* within the overall Equine Affaire programs, you may have to make important choices about which sessions to attend. The schedule—which is posted [online](#) and available in advance by emailing or calling Equine Affaire—is helpful in developing your own daily "plan of attack," and it is wise to purchase an event program onsite to obtain the most up-to-date information. Plan to come early and stay late—there will be a lot to see each day!

Know where you are going and how to get there.

A map of the area and directions to each facility are available on this Web site and in many event flyers for each expo. For online maps and directions using the left-hand menu, select the Equine Affaire location you will be attending, select "Attend" and then select "Directions." Reviewing this information will give you a picture of where you are going and direct you to the appropriate facility entrances and parking lots. Even if you have been to Equine Affaire before, it is a good idea to check this information because the directions may change from year to year.

Make your hotel reservations well in advance.

Special discounted rates are available at numerous Equine Affaire host hotels. Rooms at many of these hotels sell out early. Also, most host hotel room blocks expire within the month prior to the event; you will need to make reservations before these dates to receive the discounted rates. For an updated list of host hotels—with locations, rates, amenities, current room availability, and approximate room block deadlines for each event—consult the Accommodations information on this Web site or call Equine Affaire. This information can be found using the left-hand menu by selecting the Equine Affaire location you will be attending, selecting "Attend" and then selecting "Accommodations."

Purchase your tickets in advance.

Daily admission tickets can be purchased in a few ways: in advance by using the credit card ordering system on this site (on the left-hand menu, select the Equine Affaire location you will be attending, select Attend, and then select Purchase Tickets Online); by calling Equine Affaire and placing an order using a Visa or MasterCard; or by mailing a check or money order with a ticket order form, which can be found in an event flyer or in





“Preserving our Natural Resources for the Public, instead of From the Public.”

Editors Corner

All Right !! We begin another Year of Redshank Riders, Dave and I have volunteered for President and Vice President of the Unit. I am still doing the newsletter with help from Debbie Skinner who is doing a fabulous job !!! I can't thank you enough Debbie, Thanks to you it's gonna be a lot better!!

We still need lots of help to plan the Trail Trial and Turkey Hunt so Please let us know when you can help!!

Thanks
Terri

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Stay tuned for a New easier to read and fill out membership application in the next issue !!

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail TO: Backcountry Horsemen of California

Membership@bchc.com (866) 748-2033

PO Box 530 Squaw Valley, CA 93675-0530

Primary Unit Affiliation: (Circle ONE of the 26 local units)

Antelope Valley	High Sierra	Mid Valley	Santa Ana River	RedShank Riders
Borrego 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	San Joaquin
Sierra Freepackers	High country	Los Padres	Ohlone riders	
Sierra Sutter Buttes	Top of the State			

DCTR: _____

Name _____ Name _____

(Primary Membership Name—NO BUSINESS NAMES-PRINT CLEARLY)

Secondary Membership Name—MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS)

Address _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Check number: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone: () _____

(Circle one)

Membership Class: Individual \$40.00* Family \$50.00 Benefactor \$100.00 Patron \$250.00 Mt Whitney \$500.00
*Includes \$7.00 surcharge for BCHA assessment

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

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