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## Message from the President

Looking back its been a great year, the unit has sponsored many enjoyable rides.

The Turkey Treasure Ride was a great success with over 70 participants. Stacy and all the members that helped make this such a big success deserve a big thank you. As usual Tom's Dutch oven cobbler was enjoyed by all. The raffle was a big success with the McClintok leather goods causing lots of excitement not to mention the autographed picture of Sean Connery that went for \$55 at auction. We added several new members to our unit that day. I would like to express a heart felt thank you to all of our sponsors for their raffle donations.

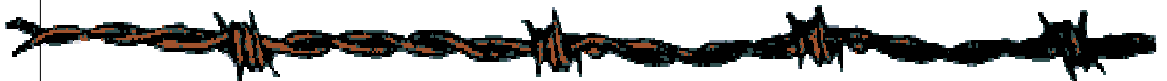
*Kudos to Stacy for all the hard work over the past 2 years.*

The board members will be meeting early in 06 to plan our calendar of events. If you would like to sponsor a ride or have suggestions on an interesting ride contact me or a board member. I would like to schedule a Trail Trials event in early May... Any suggestions? We have to remember we are special interest service organization. Our hours of work in this area have decreased this past year due to weather, prior commitments and lack of interest. I have been in contact with the Riverside Co. Trails reprehensive and would like to commit this unit to mapping our local trail and get them on the County Trails Map to preserve them for the next generation. This project is something we can be proud of as well as increasing our service hours.

Many thanks to Terri for her work on the News Letter and web site. I believe we have the best ones in the State! Go to [www.redshankriders.com](http://www.redshankriders.com) and check it out. Board members past and present will be participating in officers training on January 14th in Banning. I hope to get a ride scheduled for late January, check the calendar.

**See you on the trail!**

Joel



FEBRUARY 9TH, THURSDAY 2006 MINUTES  
REDSHANK UNIT BCHC BOARD MEETING

- If you would like to see the minutes from December and January Please contact Chris May.

### Redshank Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:42 pm

#### Board members attending were;

President Joel Carlisle, Vice-President Stacy Kuhns, Secretary Chris May, and Treasurer Gail McCreight.

General members were Shirley, Pete, Paulette, and Heather.

Guest Marine Lance Corporal Sarah Brooks (one of Chris Mays awesome daughters).

Joel read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as is.

Treasurers report was an estimate. The checkbook does not balance so is currently being audited.

Our new Treasurer Gail had attended the Officers training in Beaumont and discussed noteworthy things she had learned.

Suggestion to add extra correspondence duties to the secretary, which was agreeable.

The next Highway clean-up is February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Our website is great!

Check it out frequently to get ride updates and the latest news. Thanks Rhonda!!

There will be a password in the site that will qualify members for a drawing at the monthly meetings held at the little red schoolhouse in Anza!

Public Lands report. State Parks has decided to permanently close Los Caballos horse camp. Their suggested alternative may be the area of "Lucky Five" horse ranch which currently has about 10 sites.

It is very important for horse people to support the "right to ride" legislation. Find out who your congressmen are and write them letters! It is best to fax them so they get it immediately and are more likely to be read. Suggestion to write your letter as if making a personal statement. Example: "I support the ..."  
In a review of our insurance, it was learned that we have three free riding days, whereas previously we thought we only had two. These are days that our insurance would cover us even with non-member attendance, such as a fundraiser or membership drive.

Because of our current tax status, donations can be tax deductible. Checks must be made out to BCHC education fund. Confirm this if there are any questions prior to making

a donation.

A motion was made to reimburse board members and general members for expenses in accordance with the membership approved budget and past practices. The motion was seconded and opened for discussion; afterwards a vote was called and passed unanimously.

#### New Business

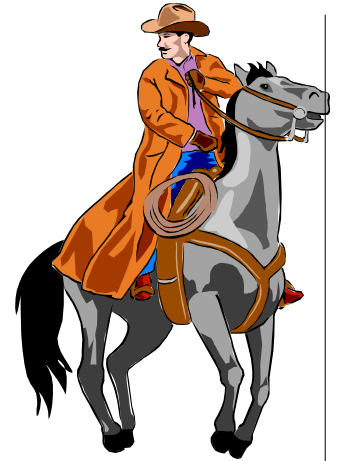
The 2006 budget was presented. A motion was made to pass the proposed budget. The motion was seconded and opened for discussion; Motion was then voted on and passed.

Discussion on dinner table decorations at Rendezvous. Also, we intend to be in charge of the raffle again this year.

The new Trail Trials date is May 6<sup>th</sup>. Rain date will be the following weekend.

Upcoming rides. Saturday there will be a ride from Joel's house. See the website for details. San Gorgonio unit will be doing a ride at Fish Creek February 25<sup>th</sup>. Then our next Redshank ride will be a camp-out weekend at Pioneer Town March 10 - 12th

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm



*"Preserving our Natural Resources for the Public, instead of From the Public."*

**Thank You Rhonda,** for being such a wonderful Webmaster !!!  
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## Christmas party !!

Although the Christmas party was a fabulous success with lots of fun enjoyed by all, there are some serious issues that were decided need to be discussed by the outgoing officers. Discussion oriented around certain happenings that occurred at the 2004 and 2005 Party. Apparently we are not all acting like adults....

The guidelines of the party are to bring a gift costing, not more than \$20.00, and most of us bring fabulous gifts to the party and the tricking and trading to finagle them away from our friends gets pretty animated and that what our exchange is all about!!

Sadly, however, some people have been bringing gifts that have nothing to do with horses or mules or riding or fun and are downright disappointing.... Maybe the people who brought these items thought they would be funny "gag gifts" but can you please, tell me what is funny about a "gag" gifter taking home the gift that someone else brought who does not have a lot of time or money, but went out anyway and spent that \$20.00 after taking an hour to find a really nice gift?? That's not a "gag gift" that's just plain mean and lazy.

Just so you all know, I got a really nice gift for the exchange and received one also, so I am not tooting my own horn here. However, I saw 2 people that really took the time and money to buy nice gifts for the party that wound up with really chintzy, thoughtless items and I did not think it was funny AT ALL! In fact as you can probably tell, it has really chapped my hide!!

The year before someone brought an old spoon, last year someone brought something to do with baking (who bakes!?) and yet another brought a jump rope!? Don't we get enough exercise mucking pens!! Another member at the last party didn't even bring a gift but still participated in the exchange leaving us short gifts at the end.

Come on people.... The gift exchange is a BACK COUNTRY HORSEMAN function. Something we are all suppose to be proud of, something that we can brag about being the best at !!

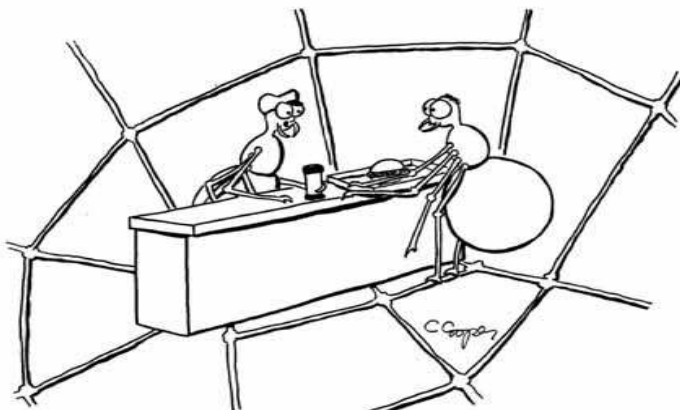
Some of the changes discussed to help keep our gift exchange the fun event it has been in the past are:

1. A gift exchange sign in sheet. That way we can keep track of who is actually participating. When you bring your gift you sign in on a gift exchange participation sheet. When you sign in, a label with the number corresponding to your name is placed on the gift, that way we know who brought what, but still have anonymity during the exchange!
2. Price of gift between \$15.00 - \$20.00
3. Gift must be oriented to equestrian's. Think of what horse and mule people might like, I can tell you they don't like jump ropes, anything to do with baking, (Unless it is already baked and ready to eat!) or old eating utensils. Think of something you would really like to get! (Things like Food, Alcohol, Horse or Mule oriented home décor or useful items, anything livestock can eat, wear, play with etc..)
4. Publishing the guidelines in the newsletter announcing the event and at the sign up table so everybody is aware of the intent of the exchange.

The gift exchange is not required, as it turns out some are simply uncomfortable with the gift exchange so, just come and watch all the silliness as others plot their strategies!

Lets get this back to what it was intended to be, a thoughtful, fun experience for EVERYBODY!!

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**GOOD Stuff**

**Lets support our fellow members!!**

# March 2006

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- March 9th Monthly Meeting at the little Red Schoolhouse in Anza
- March 10-12 Pioneer Town, Redshank riders
- March 25, 26 Rendezvous

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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					Redshank Monthly meeting, Ride and Potluck !!	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				Monthly Meeting in Anza 6:30 pm	Pioneer Town RedShank Riders 10-12	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Pioneer Town						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
						Rendezvous
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Rendezvous						

March 10 -12 Pioneer Town Redshank riders  
March 24-26 Rendezvous

Aug 13-20 Casa Viejo Ride, San Gorgonio  
Aug ?? Garner Valley, RedShank Riders

April 29th Work Party, Cahuilla Mtn, Redshank Riders  
April ?? Warner Springs Ride with San Gorgonio Unit

Sept ?? Casper Park, Redshank Riders  
Sept 29-Oct 1 Live Oaks Springs with San Gorgonio

May 6th Trail Trials Redshank Riders  
May 24-28 Mule Days, Bishop Ca

Oct ?? Wild Wood ride with san Gorgonio

June 10-11th Treasure Hunt San Gorgonio Unit  
June 24th Devils Slide, Redshank rid-

Nov 4th Turkey Treasure Hunt Redshank riders  
Nov 9-12 Borrego Ride and Work Party with San Diego Unit

July 1 Anza Parade, Redshank Riders  
July 6-9 Heart Bar Camp in Big Bear with San Gorgonio

Dec 2 Christmas Party, ride and Elections for Redshank Riders

**Any body who would like to Sponsor a Ride, Just let Joel know..**



# Welcome New Members !!



## About Our Members !!

We have a new feature starting this month called **"About our members"** where we will profile new and current members throughout the year, If you would like to see someone you know profiled send a picture and a short bio to [Redshanknews@aol.com](mailto:Redshanknews@aol.com)



This month , we welcome new member Claire Williams. You can't miss her because of her pretty red hair. She was born in Anza and has lived here for all her 11 years! She is a sixth grader at Cottonwood School in Sage.

Claire has always had a love of horses and has been especially encouraged by her aunt who is an animal lover, Chiropractor and past endurance rider.

She will be working with her new horse "Tahoe" a 7 year old paint horse out of Utah. Claire hopes to become a Vet and work with horses. She is very excited about putting her trail training to the test while a BCHC member and meeting lots of new friends.

**Welcome aboard Claire !!**

We couldn't have picked a better day for a ride. The weather was clear and mild.

The Anza VFW proved to be a great rest stop for burgers and a cold beer.

We have a ride planned for March 10, 11 & 12 at Pioneer Town. Hope to see you there.

Go to our web site [Redshankriders.com](http://Redshankriders.com) for more info. I've been working on our web site event calendar and have it completed thru June. I hope to finish the rest of the year soon. Rendezvous is just around the corner and several members have indicated they will be attending.

We will be selling raffle tickets again this year and no doubt will do another great job.

See you on the trail. Joel

Pauline, Jenny, Joel and Heather



# “RIGHT TO RIDE LEGISLATION IS STALLED !!

Act of 2005" has stalled in the Senate because of low support from the horse world.

The American Horse Council, led by the American Quarter Horse Association, have launched a campaign to GET ANYONE WHO RIDES, especially if they already ride in national parks or wilderness areas-or think they might someday to get on the bandwagon to send off an already prepared letter of support. Some details...

Last March, Rep. George Radanovich (R-CA) introduced the "Right-To-Ride Livestock on Federal Lands Act of 2005" into the US House of Representatives, and a month later Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID) introduced an identical bill into the US Senate.

But nothing has happened since March, when the bill was referred to half a dozen committees. This is due partly because congressmen and their staffs are disappointed by the low level of support their efforts have received from the horse world. The easiest way to contact your senator or representative is to click on

<http://capwiz.com/aqha/issues/alert/?alertid=7749306&type=CO>

which takes you to an AQHA Action Alert. Once there, you enter your zip code, fill in your name and address for verification as a constituent, and a prepared letter of support goes to the congressional representatives you designate. Of

course, if you'd prefer to write your own letter, this link also provides the bill's complete text.

The bill says in part: "The Secretary of the Interior shall provide for the management of National Park System lands to preserve and facilitate the continued use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on such lands, including wilderness areas, national monuments, and other specifically designated areas, where there is a historical tradition of such use. As a general rule, all trails, routes and areas used by pack and saddle stock shall remain open and accessible for such use."



## Meetings

Remember to join us at the Little Red School house in downtown Anza, Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month. The business meeting is from 6:30 to 7:15pm

followed by the general meeting including any speaker

**Please, Help yourself by doing this, you cannot possibly imagine what we will lose if we fail in this, it will simply be only the tip of the iceberg of what we stand to lose in respect to preserving riding areas!! !! You gotta help us help you, contact your senator TODAY!!**

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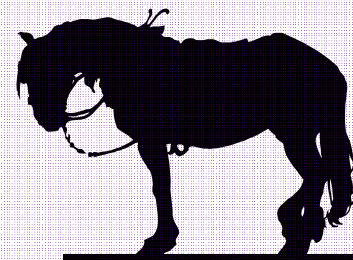
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Editors Corner

My Brother passed away on January 13th and it has been a very difficult time for our family. I would like to thank Everybody from the bottom of my heart for all the cards, support, phone calls and understanding during the past few months.

Terri

Richard Leonard Sprague 1955-2006  
I sure am going to miss my Riding Buddy....



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	<b>RedShank Riders</b>
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 Whit-  
ney \$500.00 \*Includes \$7.00 surcharge for BCHA assessment

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

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## Don't Forget about This !!

- ➔ March 10th—12th **Pioneer Town — Redshank Riders**
- ➔ March 24th 25th **Rendezvous**
- ➔ April 29 **Work Party Cahuilla Mtn — Redshank Riders**  
TBO in April **Warner Springs Ride with San Geronio**

