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Message from the President

Presidents Message...

Not much has happened since our last newsletter...

Tom Firth and Cathy Haun hosted the Devils Slide ride, we rode to the end of the Caramba trail in Idyllwild and ate lunch near a beautiful water fall and natural pools. I was so impressed I rode back the following Wednesday and went for a swim.

We didn't participate in the Anza Parade due to a lack of interest by the membership!! Only 3 members participated in highway clean up on the 24th.

San Gorgonio's Treasure Hunt was fun but their attendance was down about 50%. Lack of interest, price of fuel, Wha.. ????????????

Don't forget the Garner Valley ride on August 5th. Any questions call me at (951)541 0460..

See you on the trail!!

Joel



ADELINE YORK...

Wednesday July 5, 2006

Dear Friends-

Ben York III has asked us to pass some unfortunate news along to the horse community.

On July 4th, Adeline York had a bad accident. She was driving a horse in her two wheel buggy, something spooked the horse and when the buggy flipped Adeline hit her head. Nobody saw exactly what happened but the horse returned to the barn dragging the cart on it's side bringing the accident to everyone's attention.

As of 8 am today Adeline is being kept alive on life support until her daughter Vicky arrives from North Carolina at 11:30 this morning to say goodbye. Please keep the York family in your thoughts and prayers. We have provided their home address below. We will send out more information as we receive it.

With love and respect,
Tom and Linda Marshall

PS- Please forward this message as you deem appropriate.

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

Please, Call our Web-master, Rhonda if you need a web page for your home or business !! Rhonda, we hope you will enjoy the Redshank riders for years to come...

Give Rhonda a call
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Be sure to enjoy Tom firths new book A “perplexing addiction!!” Available on Amazon.COM and at Big horse Feed in Temecula!! Don’t forget to pick up his previous book “The horse whistler” if you haven’t read it already.

(951) 763-0405

The oldest law enforcement agency in the United States, the Texas Rangers got their start in 1823 only two years after white settlement in formally began. Following the Mexican War of Independence some 600 to 700 families moved to ; however it had no regular army to protect its new citizens. New Empresario Stephen F. Austin soon began to organize experienced frontiersmen as "rangers" in informal groups to protect the settlers against Indian attacks and other criminal elements.

It was not until November 24, 1835 that lawmakers officially organized the force that has since been known as the Texas Rangers. Beginning with a complement of fifty-six men in three companies, the Rangers grew quickly as their numbers increased to more than 300 by 1837. Though officially sanctioned and their numbers increased, the Rangers served sparingly in their first few years.

During the fight for independence from Mexico, the Rangers sometimes served as scouts and couriers. Other menial tasks were also assigned to them such as retrieving cattle, escorting refugees, and destroying supplies and equipment left behind by the Mexicans.

Once independence was gained and the land became the Republic of , the lawmen continued to see very little duty under President Sam Houston. However, when Mirabeau B. Lamar became President in 1838, he rejected Houston's frontier policies of friendship with the Indians and engaged the Rangers in war against the tribes. Congress allowed him to recruit eight companies of mounted volunteers and maintain a company of fifty-six Rangers. A month later, he then provided for five similar companies in Central and South . Over the next three years the Rangers waged all-out war against the Indians successfully participating in a number of battles including the Council House Fight in San Antonio, the raid on Linnville, and the Battle of Plum Creek. By the time that Lamar's administration was over, the end of the Lamar administration, Texans had severely damaged the strength of the most powerful tribes.



When Sam Houston was reelected to the presidency in December, 1841 he saw the effectiveness of the Rangers and on January 29, 1842 approved a law that officially provided for a company of mounted men to "act as Rangers." As a result, 150 Rangers under Captain John Coffee "Jack" Hays, were assigned to protect the southern and western portions of the Texas frontier. Houston's foresight in this decision proved successful in helping to repel the Mexican invasions of 1842, as well as shielding the white settlers against Indian attacks over the next three years.



Hays was also responsible for improving the quality of recruitments and initiating tough training programs for the new Rangers, as well as initiating an "esprit de corps" within his command. From this group came a number of celebrated ranger captains including W. A. A. "Big Foot" Wallace, Ben and Henry McCulloch, Samuel H. Walker, and Robert Addison "Ad" Gillespie.

Texas officially became part of the United States in 1846, which also started the Mexican War when the U.S. attempting to establish the boundary at the Rio Grande River. During the two year affair, the Texas Rangers were called on to assist the American Army and soon achieved worldwide fame as a fighting force. Superbly mounted with a large assortment of weapons the Rangers were found to be so successful against Mexican guerillas, that they soon earned the name "los diablos Tejanos" or the " Devils."

When the Mexican War ended on February 2, 1848, the United States assumed responsibility for protecting the frontier. Having no official function, the Rangers soon lost a number of its famous captains and frontier defenders. A decade later in the Spring of 1858, they briefly saw combat again when they were sent north to the Red River to settle a band of Comanche Indians.



BCHC - Redshank Riders

Saturday, August 5

Ride the beautiful hills of Garner Valley. Leave at 10:00,
approx. 3 hours

Bring Lunch - We'll eat after ride under shaded trees.

☆ Lemonade and watermelon provided

Horses should be shod (some rocky areas)

No Stallions, No Dogs

"Red Flag" Kickers

Directions: From Temecula - Highway 79 to Highway 371.
Turn left, go through Anza. Turn left on Highway 74. Go
approx. 2 miles, turn right on Devil's Ladder Rd. Follow
around to arena gate.

From Hemet - Highway 74 over the mountain then to
Garner Valley.

Turn left on Devil's Ladder Rd.

Follow around to arena gate.

Watch for BCHC sign at Devil's Ladder turn.

Must be BCHC member

See You there !!



Redshank Riders trail ride Guidelines

I think it's time to print the guide again !! Please follow these trail etiquette guides!!

1. Don't ride nose to tail on the trail. Maintain a reasonably safe distance. The horse or mule in front may decide to kick... If you tailgate and get kicked, it is your fault.
2. If your horse or mule is a kicker please put a red ribbon on tail.
3. Don't run your horse by other riders. If you want further up the line, ask the rider in front of you if they mind if you pass (at a walk).
4. Never ride ahead of the trail boss. If you plan on leaving the ride before completion, please notify the drag rider or trail boss.
5. If we are on designated trails, stay on trail.
6. Do not leave trash on the trail. Practice Gentle Use.
7. Be considerate to fellow riders and their mounts. Everyone has a problem now and then and we need to understand. Let's make sure we do not cause their problem.
8. There will be no smoking on the trail.
9. No dogs and stallions allowed on the trail. The dog may spook some of the horses..
10. If a problem arises please notify the trail boss or drag rider.
11. Do not stop on narrow trails, especially ledge trails. Trail boss will try not to stop unless it is safe for all riders.
12. There will be no drinking of alcohol while on the trail unless it is at a designated stop. Please drink responsibly.
13. Do not race or run your horse past other riders.
14. Try your best to be ready at ride out time. Do not hold everyone up.
15. If a gate is closed when riding through it, make sure it is closed after we pass. If gate was open, leave open.
16. Do not run up hill.
17. BCHC members only ride, unless it is a free day that has been pre-approved. Non-members can join prior to the ride. This is due to our insurance.
18. These guidelines will be enforced by the president or vice president of the unit or trail boss.
19. Observance of county and State Park rules will be mandatory on their premises.
20. All riders must sign in prior to ride.
21. No horses or mules move out until all riders are mounted.
22. Leave a clean trail head or camp, free of all manure and trash.

July 2006

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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- [July 6–9 Heart Bar Campout San Gorgonio](#)
- [Aug 5th Garner Valley Ride See page 4 Redshank Riders](#)
- [Casa Viejo Ride San Gorgonio Pack trip](#)

[July 1 Anza Parade, Redshank Riders](#)

[July 6-9 Heart Bar Camp in Big Bear with San Gorgonio See Page 4](#)

[Aug 5th Garner Valley, RedShank Riders. See Page 4](#)

[Aug 13-20 Casa Viejo Ride, San Gorgonio](#)

[Sept 10th Aguanga, Redshank Riders. Terri 767-0168 for details. \(It's my Birthday Ride!!\)](#)

[Sept 29–Oct 1 Live Oaks Springs with San Gorgonio Great for first time packers](#)

[Oct ?? Wild Wood ride day ride with san Gorgonio, In Yucaipa. Date soon to be announced!!](#)

[Nov 4th Turkey Treasure Hunt Redshank riders. \[Nov 9–12 Borrego Ride and Work Party with San Diego Unit\]\(#\)](#)

[Dec 2 Christmas Party, ride and Elections for Redshank Riders](#)

Call Ladd or the Walkers for Information on the upcoming San Gorgonio rides!
Ladd and Jill Stokes 676-4897
The Walkers 845-6970

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



Carumba [hidden] Truly [hidden] Ride

What a fabulous ride, I had never been on this ride before, and I don't know why... It is less than 1 hour from my house!! That hour transports you into an entirely different world of giant pines and cedars, the canopy in places is so thick it completely shades the rider from the sun, there were even lush meadows. For me the smell of the forest was incredibly relaxing.

Tom and Cathy Firth led this ride, not only were they outstanding hosts and careful trail leaders, they provided us with lots of information about the area including showing us several little places that we would have simply ridden by and never seen like the little stream hidden in the meadow and the camp site for the forestry workers.

I would recommend riding with them anywhere, even though I had never been to this ride, they made me feel relaxed and confident even when a huge log had fallen across the trail, they found a way around it and it was really fun!!

The ride included some rocky areas and difficult trails up and down some fairly steep terrain but it was worth it when we wound up at the end of the trail at an incredible waterfall with several pools that were deep enough to swim in!!! We didn't bring our suits, but Joel went back a few days later with his and took a swim!!

Thanks Cathy and Tom, I enjoyed a great ride!!
Terri



You can Make a Difference Page!!

Please read and get involved even if just by email!!.....the following are important events that need your attention:

Kerry Hunsinger who works for State Parks, Cuyamaca/Anza Borrego, is leading the trail project to install 16 trail markers at the new staging area on Sunrise Hwy and along the trail, 3/4 miles to the south, 4 miles to the north to the CA Riding & Hiking Trail. The more hands the lighter the work. It would be great if BCH could provide a couple of pack animals to pack in the trail markers, and of course, people to install them. Kerry will be at the staging area ready to work at 9am on Saturday, June 17th. This is an opportunity to be the FIRST to officially use these trails!

Contact Kerry at khunsinger@parks.ca.gov if you would like more info or plan to attend. She'd like to have an idea of how many will be there. She and I will be in continued contact regarding other work parties, so if you cannot attend this, there will be plenty of other opportunities.

2) Reminder: **Public Scoping meeting for Los Caballos Equestrian Campground Project, Thursday, June 15, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, at Mission Valley Marriott, 8757 Rio San Diego Dr, San Diego.**

Written comments on Notice of Preparation for Los Caballos Equestrian Campground Project due by June 30, 2006. It is not necessary to attend the scoping meeting to make comments.

This is your opportunity to have input into the process which will select your horse camp. All input must be in writing to be entered into the record that requires examination and consideration in the CEQA process. Written comments will be received at the Public Scoping Meeting and up until June 30. **Send written comments to Department of Parks and Recreation, Southern Service Center, 8885 Rio San Diego Ste 270, San Diego, CA 92108 postmarked by June 30, 2006.**

The NOP contains an error under "Project Description" that Los Caballos was destroyed by the Cedar fire. That is not the reason that the camp is being relocated and comments regarding this would seem in order.

The meeting format will be a workshop with each of the four sites in a separate area and a general comment area. After you sign in you'll be given a packet of information to use for comments on each site and for general comments. In addition there will be offerings of possible camp layouts for your comments at each site.

As members of the Equestrian Advisory Group we have met with Department and Park staff to evaluate 22 possible sites for a Los Caballos replacement horse camp. We considered each possible site for a "quality horse camping experience comparable to Los Caballos", since this is to be a replacement of Los Caballos. The criteria we have used in evaluating the sites are 1) trail access including small loop trails, 2) around 18 sites, 3) safe access for rigs from highway, 4) rustic with trees, 5) water and utilities access, 6) pleasant camping environment, 7) in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park.

Los Vaqueros North: Located on the knoll across from Los Vaqueros Group Equestrian Camp. Excellent trail access and trail options, trees, views, room for 14-18 sites, no major constraints except opposition by Native Americans, comparable to Los Caballos, water and power nearby. Could be constructed in less time (we'd be camping sooner) than the other alternatives. Less expensive than the alternatives. Easier administration of the camp with adjacent horse camp. Impact would be minimal on nearby natural preserve and can be mitigated. The environmental impact of this camp is mitigated by the closure of Los Caballos. Excellent camping and riding experience with fewer environmental issues than other CRSP sites.

Stonewall: Located between Stonewall Mine and Cuyamaca Lake. Comparable site to Los Caballos with major constraints within and outside the department. Major cultural and historical issues.

Arrowmakers Ridge: Located on the west side of Hwy 79 north of Sweetwater crossing. Geological configuration restricts number of sites to less than 10. Major cost for utilities and construction. Excellent trail access. Trees. Center of the park.

Tullock: Located in Anza Borrego Desert State Park north east of intersection of Hwy 79 and Sunrise Hwy. All trees have been burned. Existing trails go to the desert. Connecting trails to Cuyamaca more than 4 miles away. New road access would need to be constructed more than a mile long. Water, no other utilities. Difficult to patrol and manage by park staff. Most costly alternative. Not comparable or similar to Los Caballos.

Please pass on to others and make your comments by June 30.



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 and

Ridin the Web !

Check out these sites

Pacific Crest Trail ongoing Projects; log onto WWW.pcta.org

Free Pat Parelli Video <http://Parelli.parellinet/temp/freevd.php>

This is a fun website provided by jean! <http://www.catsprn.com/cowboys>

Latest info on West Nile in Riverside County To WWW.westnile.ca.gov

Cowboy Quotes

*This month's quotes are by
the Humorist Will Rogers*

Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else.

Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

The American people are very generous people and will forgive almost any weakness, with the possible exception of stupidity.

The minute that you read something that you can't understand you can almost be sure it was drawn up by a lawyer.

Income tax has made liars out of more Americans than golf.

Everyone is ignorant, only on different subjects.

If stupidity got us into this mess, then why can't it get us out?

A man only learns in two ways, one by reading, and the other by association with smarter people.

I never met a man I didn't like.

Good judgment comes from experience and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

We can't all be heroes because someone has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by.

Editors Corner

Check out the upcoming Rides for Redshank, San Geronio and San Diego in this letter, all are gonna be great, so sign up now!!

Remember the newsletter needs yew...

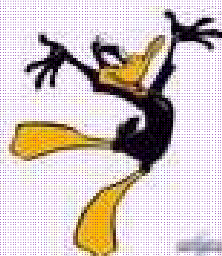
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Thanks

Terri



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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 Geronio 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)

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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 BCHC assessment

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

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Don't Forget about This !!

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- ➔ July 6—9th Heart Bar Camp, Big Bear San Gorgonio (Page 6)
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