

REDSHANK RIDERS



An Affiliate of Backcountry Horsemen of California

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A group of dedicated men and women working to preserve the historic use of trails with recreational pack and saddle stock.

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Message from the President

Well the time has come again to celebrate fall and pleasant riding weather with Redshank Riders annual Turkey Treasure Hunt and Dinner, to be held Friday night Nov 6 and Sat. Nov 7, 2009. This year is our 11th annual and hopefully the best one yet. Teri Baron has gone to great lengths to insure a good time will be had by all. Come out on Fri. night for some socializing with musical entertainment provided. We'll have a campfire and it should be a good chance to see some old friends or make some new ones.



The Raffle this year is shaping up to be the best ever. Items range from McClintock Leather Goods, \$100.00 Gift Certificates and Quality Outdoor Gear from REI, Great wines from local wineries and Handmade Horse gear. Many more Items to numerous to mention will be available. Please come out and support your club. Remember this is our main Membership drive and Fundraising activity for the year. Bring a friend, or better yet 2 to join and help us keep the trails open for Pack and Saddle Stock. This is your chance to make a difference by contributing The Funds needed to continue our Focus on Education of all trail users. By supporting our goals you tell the agencies who administer the Forest Service, BLM, National Monuments, State and Local Parks, that we are serious about maintaining our right to Access our Public Lands on Horseback. This year's focus will be on raising money for the new 501c3 Education Fund. By contributing to this Fund you get a tax write-off for your charitable contribution. We get to use the money for Educational purposes. This includes a wide range of options. Some possibilities include funding LNT Seminars, Trail Signage, Packing Clinics and whatever you can think of that might come under the heading of Education.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Your President,

Pete Spencer

Unit Minutes For Meeting

October 8, 2009

Location: The Little Red Schoolhouse

Meeting called to order 6:45 pm

by Pete Spencer, President

Board Members in Attendance:

President/Public Lands: Pete Spencer

Vice President: Audrey Turpin

Treasurer: Stacy Kuhns

Education Chair: Allison Renck

Members in Attendance:

Gary Taylor

Tom Firth

Pauline Costi

Previous Minutes Approved as read in Newsletter

REPORTS:

President/Public Lands - Pete Request for funds for State Board Meeting \$300.00 - Motion to Approve Allison Renck Approved

Vice President: Audrey Turpin - No report

Secretary: Paula Bellesi: Not present - no report

Treasurer: Stacy Kuhns: Treasurer information can be obtained at any membership meeting

Membership: Teri Baron: Phone calls to members asking for help for Turkey Treasure Hunt - Membership in Sept.2008 was 75. Current membership is 67

Trail Development/Maintenance: Lawrence Peabody: No Report

Adopt a Highway: Position currently open, Equipment is at Stacy's house. Possibly Gary Taylor to take over?

Education: Allison Renck: San Gorgonio's Education deemed a success

OLD BUSINESS:

Rendezvous in March we will volunteer for raffle again. Also election for State Officers. Pete will vote for us. Do we want to sponsor a Trainer/ Clinician at Rendezvous? Motion not to sponsor. Approved.

Turkey Treasure Hunt ride is on course. Need volunteers. Contact chair person Teri Baron. Motion approved to have the Mc Clintock Tack raffle again. Date is Nov. 07 2009. Will send Flyer to CSHA members via e-mail.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spring Schedule Tom Firth will be heading a Week-end Forest Service Training in April. Possibly near Forbes Ranch Road. Stay tuned!

Tom also working on Beauty Peak Area trail. Wants to flag first of the year.

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Looking to put in a horse gate at Wilson Valley, Staging area somewhere. Will be scouting areas. Learned the difference between Wilderness lands and BLM lands. No hunting or vehicles on Wilderness areas

Ideas for Christmas party and election for new officers. Trail ride and or just food!!

Meeting to adjourn motion made by Tom Firth

Approved

Adjourned at 8:00 pm

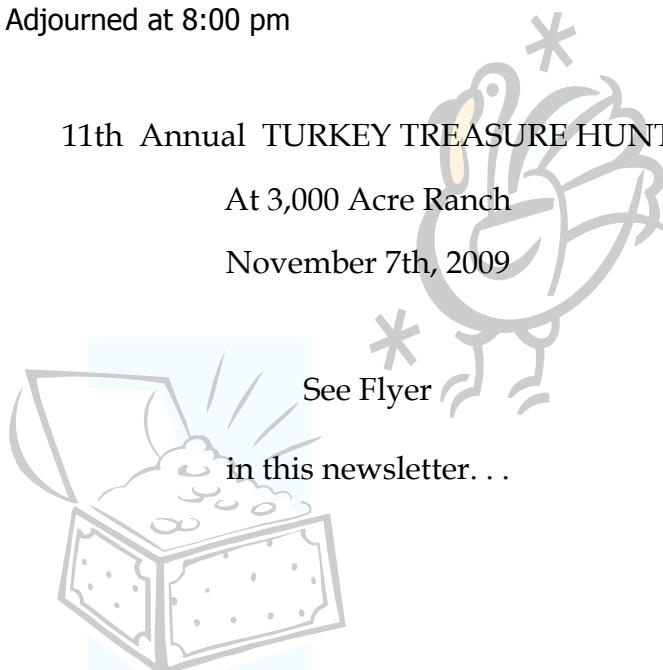
11th Annual TURKEY TREASURE HUNT

At 3,000 Acre Ranch

November 7th, 2009

See Flyer

in this newsletter. . .



Turkey Treasure Hunt Gobbles Around Again

So... Wha' do ya think?

For starters, we have overnight camping so you don't have to get up so darn early to feed and get here. Just be sure and let me know you are coming. Then, when you get here, we are planning a RELAXING evening, sitting by a campfire and listening to live entertainment. And no, the live entertainment is NOT my granddaughter beating on her drums. It is an actual professional group, Skeleton Crew. How appropriate is that, so close to Halloween. Ron and Lenny perform many gigs around the area and can play just about anything you want. Ron is also a local general Contractor and has built many fine houses in the area, including mine. He and Lenny are donating their services. All those who will be riding or joining us for dinner the next day can come out and enjoy the festivities. Friday camping is a BYOBDB...bring your own booze, dinner & breakfast, we will have bbq's to cook with.



OH, you don't know what in the heck I am talking about? Well, get your head out of the sand and listen up. It is that time of the year when all the turkeys look for hidin' places because they are just too tasty and we can't wait until Thanksgiving to eat them. So Redshank Riders, a unit of Backcountry Horsemen, get together, our 11th year, for an early Thanksgiving dinner as an excuse to have a trail ride, as if we needed an excuse for a trail ride..... ha ha. This event is called The Turkey Treasure Hunt, I will explain the "treasure" part later. In addition to an awesome trail ride on a private ranch, you will not want to miss the dinner, it will be a full on Thanksgiving dinner, turkey, stuffin, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole all just like grandma used to make... oh yeah, grandma IS making it along with her daughter, the chef! We would like our existing members to bring a friend or two (and aw heck, we will take people we don't even know) to join Backcountry to support its efforts both locally, state and nationally.

AND, the Raffle! Just too good to be true. Pauline always does a fantastic job going out in the community and acquiring beautiful and useful items donated by our local merchants. The best part is you can put the tickets you buy in for only the items you really want and you don't have to be present to win. For a few measly bucks, you can have the chance to own some of our raffle items, pictures somewhere in this newsletter, what a deal. We have three raffle categories: 1. Garry McClintock, saddle bags, horn bag and 5/8 mecate, tickets are \$5 ea. 2. General raffle items, see listing in this newsletter, tickets are \$1 ea. 3. Outdoor recreation items acquired from REI, funds to go towards the Backcountry Education Fund, tickets are \$1 ea. Raffle funds go towards supporting our units efforts for local trail maintenance, equipment purchase and keeping our heads in the fight for access to OUR public lands. We have quite a few new members because of the Treasure Hunt and we will keep things going with some fresh energy and ideas.

OK, you wanted an explanation of "treasure", well here goes. This is really a multi-faceted explanation because for purposes of this event, it has several definitions. The first most basic is that the trail ride involves stopping every now and then and searching for small plastic items with your groups number on it, hence your "treasure". The group that gets back with all their treasures and the fastest time, wins. Now hold your horses, before you imagine galloping through the redshank at break neck speed, you can ONLY walk and trot. How do we monitor this? We know..... The next explanation for "treasure" is the suckie one, you end up at the end of the day knowing that you have had a wonderful time riding with your friends, enjoying the comraderie, eating a fantastic meal and feeling really satisfied that you are lucky enough to be enjoying such a great experience, the ability to relax and enjoy and forget about your woes for a while is really a treasure.

Well I have droned on enough, just come on out, you won't regret it. If you are going to register the day of the event, just try to let us know ahead of time that you will be coming so we don't run short on food.

2009 Turkey Treasure Hunt Raffle Items:

The first raffle we are having is for Garry McClintock handmade items. Garry is a local saddle maker in Descanso and has wonderful products. Pictures of the some of the items we will have in the raffle are on the next page. Raffle tickets for these items are \$5 per ticket. You need not be present to win.

Contact information to pre-purchase raffle tickets is on the following page.

The second raffle will be for the items listed below. Some we have pictures for. Raffle tickets for these items are \$1 per ticket. You need not be present to win.

1. The Living Desert, Palm Desert, 4 Guest admissions (\$50 value)
2. Headstall, Handmade, RL Saddle, Ron Lawson
3. Hobbles, Handmade, RL Saddle, Ron Lawson
4. Shoeing, Tom Call, full set of normal shoes, current customers only
5. Teeth Floating, Dr. Roberta Zajac, includes ranch call & anesthetic (1 horse, local area, no more than 25 miles from Aguanga)
6. Decorative Gourd, Kay & Diane Klieber (\$125 value)
7. Horseshoe wreaths, Ray & Dena Barmore, Paul Elmore, Weld N Saw
8. Sears Gift Card \$55, anonymous donor
9. Home Depot Gift Card \$25, anonymous donor
10. Home Depot Gift Card \$25, anonymous donor
11. Café Pauma, Casino Pauma Dinner for Two
12. Lithograph "Resting in the Paddock" signed by artist Dana Conklin (\$50 value)
13. Leather painting, two horses, by artist Susan Gonzalez
14. Kristie's Pet Grooming, Anza, \$20 towards a full grooming
15. Laura's Hair Corral, Anza, \$50 towards color service, perm. Etc. one time appt.
16. Lorraine's Pet supply, Anza \$25 gift certificate
17. Ranch Call, Dr. Fred Zadick, M-F, 8-5PM, non emergency, no more than 25 miles from Anza.
18. Drystall product, two bags drystall, two bags cedar
19. Rancho Vet Supply, Hemet, feed scoop & horse bathing items.
20. Cell phone holder, neoprene (4)
21. Denier Hay Bag, Navy (4)
22. Ariat womens Chaparrel Jacket, Red with fur trim, XL
23. Ariat Men's Fleece Pullover, Blue (2) XL
24. TrailMAX Insulated Horn Bag
25. Cordura Cattle Bag (6)
26. Trailer Door Accessory Bag
27. REI \$200 Gift Certificate

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28. Many more items, you will just have to come and see!

The third raffle we are having is to support the new 501c3 Backcountry Horsemen Education Fund. This fund allows donations to be tax deductible for the contributor and still allows the local units to receive funds to do their work on a local level. Raffle items for this category were all obtained and donated from REI. The items are all outdoor equipment of various types too numerous to list, but you will be sorry if you don't get in on this. Tickets are \$1 each and you need not be present to win.



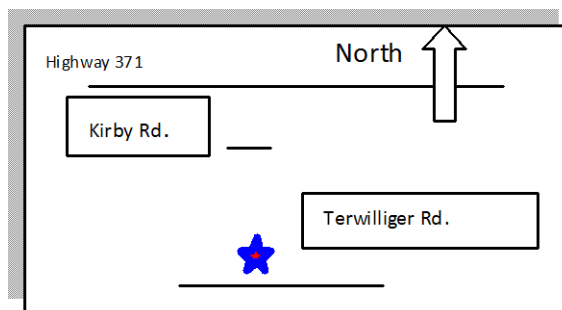
If you are unable to attend and would like to purchase tickets contact Teri Baron at teri@seanconnery.com, or call 408 206-6051, or write to her at

Teri Baron
60477 Devils Ladder Rd.,
Mountain Center, CA 92561

Come on out & support Redshank Riders and BCHC

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2009

3000 ACRE RANCH, ANZA



BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA, REDSHANK RIDERS UNIT PRESENTS:

11TH ANNUAL TURKEY TREASURE HUNT RIDE & FUNDRAISER

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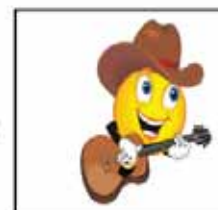


Welcome all Backcountry Horsemen, and if you are not a member yet... (this is a member only event) come on out and join up when you get here, we will make it worth your while! Great trails, great views and really good country cookin! All with your family and friends. Hunt for "treasure" using poetic clues provided for each group. Prizes awarded for best time, most treasures, but the best prize is the amount of fun you will have!!

This ride supports Backcountry Horsemen, Redshank Unit to support trails in our area. We use our funds to maintain local trails and/or other like endeavors in our area. Your entrance fee stays in our local area with a small portion going to support Backcountry Horseman of California in all areas of the state to keep YOUR trails open and usable.

Event Fee Includes:

1. *Approx. 2-3 hour marked trail ride through private ranch*
2. *Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixin's (you really don't want to miss this)*
3. *Overnight camping (No hook ups) on Friday (must pre-arrange with event chair)*
4. *Friday Night Entertainment for campers*



Pre-Register \$30/person, each addt'l family member \$20, by Nov.4

Day of Event \$35/person, each addt'l family member \$22

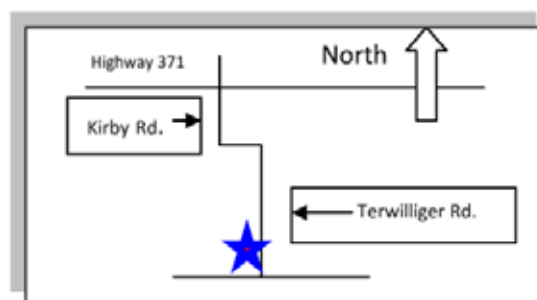
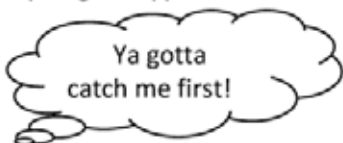
Dinner only \$15/person

DID I MENTION RAFFLE PRIZES!! Yes, Garry McClintock raffle items & gift cards, local merchants, feed, hay and much more. Put your tickets in for only those items you want!

Sign in at 8:45 – First Group Rides out at 9:30 am. Limited to the first 80 riders

Horse water available, BRING A CHAIR OR YOU WILL BE SITTING IN THE DIRT!

DIRECTIONS: From wherever you are, get to the intersection of Hwy. 371 and Kirby Rd. in Anza. Go South on Kirby Rd., It will wind around, and become Terwilliger Rd., go past the dump and continue until you reach the BCHC sign on the right hand side of the road, Black horse trailer and pink gate. Approx. 3 miles.



Questions, comments, helpful hints, contact event chair, Teri Baron 408 206-6051 teri@seanconnery.com

Name(s) _____ BCHC Unit _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email (for confirmation) _____

of Riders _____ X \$30= _____

of Riders _____ X \$20= _____ Dinner Only # _____ X \$15= _____ Total enclosed _____

Make checks payable to Redshank Riders and mail with completed form (or copy of form) to:

Teri Baron, 60477 Devils Ladder Rd., Mountain Center, Ca 92561

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO REFUNDS CAN BE GIVEN AFTER NOVEMBER 4TH DUE TO FOOD PURCHASE



**State Championship Event - Holcomb Valley, Big Bear Lake
September, 26 & 27, 2009
52 Competitors**

Redshank Riders sponsored Buckle for CSHA Trail Trial State Championship in September.

Riding a horse on a trail has always been one big obstacle course. The California State Horsemen's Association has taken this fact one step further and now has a fully recognized sanctioned program where riders are judged on their skills and abilities to guide their horses through a natural obstacle course. This type of course riding is known as "Trail Trials". Sanctioned CSHA Trail Trials are produced throughout the year all over California by equestrian clubs, individuals and the CSHA Regional area programs.

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For more information and 2009 event results go to: <http://www.trailtrials.com/>

Have you got pictures from a ride, an event,

a great animal story or joke that you

would like to share?

Let's put it in the newsletter

REDSHANK RIDERS UNIT GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

Next meeting: December 10th at The Little Red Schoolhouse in Anza - 6:30 PM

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

membership@bchcalifornia.org – (866) 748-2033

MAIL TO: Backcountry Horsemen of California
PO Box 1610
Oakdale, CA 95361-1610**PARENT Unit Affiliation:** (Select and CIRCLE ONE Unit as your Primary Unit Affiliation)

Antelope 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	Sierra Freepackers
High Country	Los Padres	Ohlone Riders	San Joaquin Sierra	Sutter Buttes
High Sierra	Mid Valley	Redshank Riders	Santa Ana River	Top of the State

DCTR (your Membership Number): _____ (For new memberships, will be determined by Membership Coordinator)

MEMBER'S NAME—No Business Names; Print Clearly

SPOUSE / Co-MEMBER'S NAME—MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code (full 9 digits, if known) _____

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Area Code Phone

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Check No.: _____

Parent Unit Membership Types: (CIRCLE ONE)**Individual \$40.00* Family \$50.00* Benefactor \$100.00 Patron \$250.00 Mt Whitney \$500.00**

* = BCHC shares portion of dues with Backcountry Horsemen of America.

Associate Memberships: AN ADDITIONAL \$15.00 PER UNIT IS ADDED TO YOUR PARENT UNIT DUES.
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP UNIT AFFILIATIONS **MAY NOT** BE FOR THE SAME UNIT AS YOUR PARENT UNIT.Associate Membership for: _____ \$15.00/unit
Unit Name (from above list)Associate Membership for: _____ \$15.00/unit
Unit Name (from above list)

Please write additional choices on back.

Please clip form along dashed line.

Application is available also online at:

<http://www.bchcalifornia.org/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/membershipapp.pdf>

Tentative Event & Ride Schedule 09/10

November 2009Nov. 7th 09 Turkey Treasure Hunt
Nov. 12-15th Anza Borrego Lower Willow Creek work party*
Nov. 14th Lakeside Frontier Riders Poker Ride***December 2009**

Dec. 8th Bi-monthly Unit Meeting

January 2010

Work Party information: Call 760 782-3747

Please note: Items with an (*) by it are not Redshank Riders events and therefore may not be a BCHC affiliated event.



Lakeside Frontier Riders

ANNUAL POKER RIDE

Saturday November 14, 2009 –
Ride the “River Bottom”

Staging @ Tumbleweed Arena –
13315 Willow Rd., Lakeside – Rain
or Shine!

[OFFICIALS RELEASE MORE DETAILS ON TEXAS EQUINE PIROPLASMOSIS](#)

by: Erin Ryder, *TheHorse.com* News Editor October 21 2009, Article # 15133

A ranch in Kleberg County, Texas, is under quarantine after a 7-year-old Quarter Horse mare became ill and tested positive for equine piroplasmosis earlier this month. An additional 31 horses on the ranch have also tested positive. An Oct. 20 report issued to the World Organization for Animal Health by John Clifford, DVM, deputy administrator of the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, gives new details on the situation.

Equine piroplasmosis is an infectious disease caused by either of two protozoal parasites that attack the red blood cells. Affected animals can exhibit fever, anemia, weight loss, jaundice, and, in some cases, clinical signs lead to death. The case fatality rate can be up to 20% in naive horses (those that have never been exposed), and some infected equine animals might exhibit few or no signs of disease.

Read more online at: <http://www.thehorse.com/ViewArticle.aspx?ID=15133>

What if my horse keeps yawning, what could it mean?

If your horse seems to be yawning inappropriately it can often be a sign of abdominal pain. Take quick stock of the situation and make sure there are no other signs of colic.

There's Still Time to Enter the 2010 BCHC KowKids Kalendar!

Please submit digital photos of your little kids, grandkids doing their equine thing to: muledaze@yahoo.com by November 1st. We will begin selling them by December 1st in time for holiday gifts!

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SEE YA AT THE 11th Annual Turkey Treasure Hunt

