

REDSHANK RIDERS



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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

Next Month marks the 11th year of our annual Turkey Treasure Hunt. It is this Fundraiser which allows us to operate for the following year and do the important work you expect of us. This year it will be held as usual on Nov. 7 , and is being chaired by our Membership coordinator Teri Baron. She will be sending out a letter requesting your assistance on this worthwhile endeavor. Please answer the call when she asks for your help. The same people have been putting this event on for years. It is time some of them got a chance to ride the Treasure Hunt instead of working it. I know that times are tough, but so are we, and now is as good a time as any to do some volunteering. Please call Teri at 408 206-6051, and offer your time. It is the most valuable thing you have and we greatly appreciate your willingness and generosity.



As I was reflecting on our accomplishments of 2009 in preparation for the State Board Meeting and Unit Reports, I noted the following projects .

These included, maintaining local portions of trails including the CRHT, PCT, and the Cahuilla Mtn. trail as well as other associated Projects.. This year we also contributed a horse gate to the Riverside Co Habitat conservation area to help restrict unauthorized Trail usage by off road Vehicles. Some of our members have also worked on building trails in the new Beauty Mtn. Wilderness Area. In addition, we were able to acquire and erect some 11 signs throughout Anza delineating the CA Riding and Hiking Trail.

A large portion of our budget goes to mailing the Newsletter to those who cannot receive it electronically. Kudos to those of you who have signed on to receive it by email. Over half of the membership now does so. If you can, please contact Rhonda our webmaster and Newsletter Editor and sign on to do so. Also as the weather cools off we will be commencing our trail work efforts again with a work party on the Cahuilla Mtn. Trail. It is in need of brushing, so look for a proposed date after the first rains. Next Redshank Meeting is at the Little Red Schoolhouse, Thursday Oct 8, 2009 at 7pm. I look forward to seeing you there.

Your President,

Pete Spencer

Unit Minutes For Meeting

August 13, 2009

Location: The Little Red Schoolhouse

Meeting called to order 8:07 pm

by Pete Spencer, President

Board Members in Attendance:

President/Public Lands: Pete Spencer

Vice President: Audrey Turpin

Treasurer: Stacy Kuhns

Secretary: Paula Bellesi

Members in Attendance:

Pauline Costi

REPORTS:

President/Public Lands - Pete Spencer: Repeated his August Newsletter message, stressing the importance of writing Congressman Issa to oppose the expansion of Beauty Mountain wilderness area in San Diego County

Vice President: Audrey Turpin - No report

Secretary: Paula Bellesi: No minutes to approve

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

Membership: Teri Baron: Not Present - No Report

Trail Development/Maintenance: Lawrence Peabody: Not Present - No Report

Adopt a Highway: Position currently open

Education: Allison Renck: Not Present/ Report by Pete Spencer that San Gorgonio's Education Day in Yucaipa is September 26th, Currently Redshank Riders are not being represented. Possible to have Terri Baron/

Allison Renck to have someone do a Leave no Trace/Wilderness demo?

OLD BUSINESS:


Volunteers needed for Treasure Hunt 1st weekend in November. We need people to cook & serve the food.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pete Spencer Submitted tractor maintenance bills from Lawrence Peabody. Motion made by Pauline to pay 1/2 of the bills, Pete Spencer 2nd. Motion was passed to reimburse Lawrence Peabody for 1/2 of bills submitted.

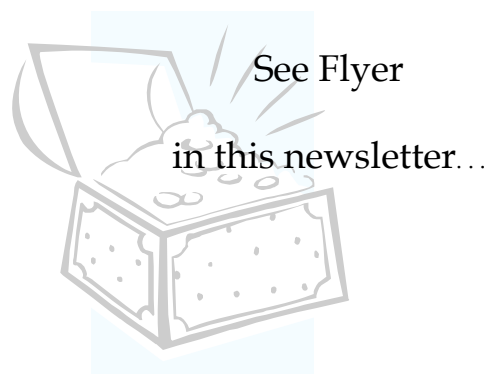
Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm

11th
Annual
TURKEY
TREASURE
HUNT



At 3,000 Acre Ranch

November 7th, 2009



Turkey Treasure Hunt Gobbles Around Again

It is that time of the year again, when we combine our favorite activity with our favorite food, horseback riding and a turkey dinner. What a great combination. When I first joined Redshank and received the flyer for this event, I thought what a great idea. I LOVE a great turkey dinner and a ride to go along with it? It was just too much to hope for.

This event, which will be our 11th year, consists of a curious trail ride in that while we are having a good time riding, we have to also use our skills of observation to locate “treasures”. These treasures are located not only by observation but by “clues” given to us at the start of the ride. Now these clues are quite clever. I have found that it is a great idea to have people in your group that are really good at crossword puzzles. I am terrible, so I will enlist a member in my group that has this sort of intellect. So you navigate the trail course as it is marked, stopping every so often to find your groups treasure. The first group to get back with all their treasures wins. There is also a timing issue involved. The quickest time to find all the treasures is also taken into account. But before you imagine yourself galloping the course, participants are only allowed to walk and trot.

One of the things I really like about this event, is that you can go out with your friends and family as a group. When you register, just let us know whom you would like to ride with. If you do not have a preference, that is OK as well. We will just match you up with another great fun seeker. The site for the event this year is the same as last year. Really nice riding with great views. It is a private ranch, so it is not someplace you can ride on normally which makes it even more interesting.

This event is our only fundraiser this year. I know many of you have had a tough year, so hopefully you will be able to put your troubles aside and just come out and have fun for a day. With the fundraiser concept in mind, we will be having the traditional raffle. We have many great items that have been donated. What is really great about our raffle is that you can put in your raffle tickets for only the items you really want. You won't go home with something you don't have any use for or goes into the re-gifter stash (yes, I know you have one!).

If you are coming from some distance, we will have overnight camping available at the event site on Friday night. It will be primitive camping only. Horse water is available. You must make arrangements with me to reserve a spot however.

The flyer for the event is on the next page of this newsletter. Please come and support your club and have a great time doing so. And if you can't ride, perhaps you can donate your time.

Teri Baron

Event Chair

REDSHANK RIDERS UNIT GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

Next meeting: October 8th at The Little Red Schoolhouse in Anza - 6:30 PM

BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA, REDSHANK RIDERS UNIT PRESENT:

11TH ANNUAL TURKEY TREASURE HUNT RIDE & FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2009

3000 ACRE RANCH, ANZA



Welcome all Backcountry Horsemen, and if you are not a member yet... 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 on Friday (must pre-arrange with event chair)

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

Day of Event \$35/person, each additional family member \$22

Dinner only \$15/person

Pre registration really helps us plan for food on this event. Please try to pre-register or at least let the event chair know that you will be there prior to Nov. 4th.

DID I MENTION RAFFLE PRIZES!! - Yes, that's right; we have a great array of raffles prizes. The best part is you can put your tickets towards only the prizes you really want. How great is that! Lots of local merchants participating.

Sign in at 8:45 – First Group Rides out at 9:30 am -

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 \$35= _____ 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

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 online at:

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

Tentative Event & Ride Schedule 09/10

October 2009

Oct 4 -20th Annual Prize Ride Norco - info: 951-905-0006*

Oct 8h -Bi-monthly meeting at Little Red School House

Oct 10 - Santa Rosa Plateau picnic - info: 800-369-4620*

Oct 10 - Bogart Park, Riverside County Ride - 951-242-2182*

Oct 24-25 McCall Park Ride & Barbecue - 951-955-6998*

November 2009

Oct Nov. 7th 09 Turkey Treasure Hunt

December 2009**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.



BLM - Wild Horse & Burro Adoption

http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/wild_horse_and_burro.html

Providing a home for a wild horse or burro is a challenging and rewarding experience. For qualified individuals, this is a unique opportunity to care for, and eventually own, a "Living Legend" -- a symbol of American history -- a wild horse or burro. This document answers the most frequently asked questions about adopting a wild horse or burro. Additional information will be provided to adopters of a wild horse or burro at the adoption site.

NWH Adoption day (endorsed by congress) was September 26th but you can still adopt throughout the year.

<http://www.nationalwildhorseadoptionday.org/about-adoption.html>

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Hitching Posts are In!

Tim and Linda Jones, Steve Steik. Dave Henneman and Jason Roney installed 5 fantastic, safe and sturdy hitching posts at the following wineries:

- ⇒ On the north side of Rancho California - Wilson Creek Winery and Baily's Winery
- ⇒ On the south side - South Coast Winery
- ⇒ On De Portola - Leonesse Cellars and Filsinger Winery.

Thank you, guys, for putting the muscle in to do this for all the area riders! Tim will need more volunteers on the next work day, so let him know if you are willing to lend a hand, at tjhorses@msn.com.



Finally, a word of true thanks to all of you who have already donated to help us with the hitching posts and trail markers project. Your generosity has really made a difference. We are still accepting donations since we have so many more to install, but our treasury is not bleeding, thanks to:

- Moe Brett
- Kathy and Roy Burseson
- Lorraine Harrington
- Tim and Linda Jones
- Juanita and Scott Koth
- Santa Rosa Plateau Riders Club and Elin Motherhead
- Stevie Somes
- Steve Steiks

Group Riding Etiquette *By [Dennis Brouse](#) - From American Horse Daily*

Learn how to keep you and your horse safe while riding with a group.

1. **Manners** are just as important — maybe even more important — while group riding as they are at the dinner table. There is nothing more aggravating or unsafe than someone who does not follow the rules of etiquette while **riding the trails**.
2. Here are the top 10 rules for being a courteous, safe and considerate trail rider:
3. The cardinal rule of group riding: Ride at the ability level of the least experienced rider or horse. If you have a new rider or a young, green horse in your group, do not ride too quickly or take trails that are too challenging for their comfort level and experience.



4. Keep at least one to two horse lengths between you and the horse in front of you. This will allow you to view the trail ahead and prevent your horse from being kicked.
5. If your horse is a **known kicker**, tie a red ribbon in his tail. This will alert any rider who comes up from behind that your horse may kick; however, never assume that all riders know what the red ribbon means. If an oncoming rider moves too close, let him or her know immediately that your horse may kick.
6. If you are the leader of the group, be watchful for trail hazards and relay them to those following you. Be specific when describing the hazard, such as: "Deep hole on the left side of the trail; stay to the right," or "Watch out, there's a low hanging limb ahead. Duck!"
7. Since many trails are designated as multi-use and are also enjoyed by those who hike, bike or ride ATVs, it is important to understand who yields to whom. As a general rule, all users should yield to horses. Be prepared for any reaction your horse may have to others. Always speak to those you meet with a simple "hello, there" or "good morning/afternoon" with the hope that they will return the greeting and your horse will recognize them as human and not be particularly **alarmed** by their backpacks, bicycles, etc! It is not discourteous to ask those you encounter to yield; however, it may be in everyone's best interest if you move off of the trail to allow them to pass if they choose not to.
8. When encountering others **on a hill**, the uphill group has the right of way and those going downhill should yield. Do not begin your descent if you see a group coming up. If you are already on the trail, safely move your horse off the trail with his hindquarters away from approaching traffic.
9. Always yield to oncoming groups that include children riders. Move off the trail and angle the hindquarters of your horse away from the trail.
10. When **watering horses** from a creek or other watering source, take turns and do not ride off until every horse has had an opportunity to drink. A thirsty horse will not drink if he is left behind.
11. If someone needs to dismount during the ride, everyone should stop and wait for the rider to remount before resuming the ride.
12. Be **environmentally friendly**. Carry out what you carry in. Do not ride off trail or cut across switchbacks unless it's approved.

Dennis Brouse is the host of the TV show **["Saddle Up With Dennis Brouse."](#)**

Contributed by Carol Schmuhl

IN THE NEWS

The Town Council of Kittery, Maine, is considering adding horses under the umbrella of the town's current dog waste ordinance after complaints about horse manure left in an area park, Seacoastonline.com reported.

It seems riders have been less than diligent after cleaning up after their mounts.

Councilor George Dow questioned whether the change would be enforceable, given the need to witness a violation.

What do you all think about this? Do you clean up after your horses when riding in public areas or along roadways? Do you think it's feasible to do so? What would you do with the waste?

RIDERS BEWARE!

After a ride at Santa Margarita Creek, a truck had a window broken out and some contents of the vehicle were stolen! It was a real bummer and a terrible way to end a ride. The Sheriff that came and took the report said this is happening weekly at the staging area, so be careful everyone. They think they might have scared the creep off before he hit everyone's truck and stole more out of the truck he did break into. They know that the riders are leaving for a few hours and that these group of rigs are sitting unattended during that time. Ladies should not take your purses and hide them in the trucks anymore, just take what you need; (wallet and lipstick!) Also, the Sheriff said a lot of stuff in a truck/SUV that they can sell quickly is not good to have along. They will steal tack too. Locking tack room doors on trailers is important. He said don't hide keys on your rigs because they will find them. Ladies take your cowboys along to kick someone's butt if needed... Well he did not say that, but it's a good idea.

Please pass this on to any trail riders you know that ride there, so this doesn't happen to anymore of our friends. And... if you catch one of these guys in the act, run them down with your horse will ya!

Submitted by: Juanita Koth, President
Temecula Eq - Wine" Riders

This can be true of most anywhere that riders leave their stuff so be careful wherever you are.

A little tip from Debbie Skinner

(From an email from her on 9/11 - prices and availability may have changed since that date.)

If you like to feed Orchard, this is awesome hay. It came out to be \$14-\$15/bale when I ordered a truck load. You can check out mine if you are interested. The guy advertises on Craigslist:

<http://inlandempire.craigslist.org/grd/1368093766.html>

Orchard Hay is out of Bishop. He also has other grass hays and alfalfa.

Debbie Skinner - www.pawsnclaws.us - (951) 551-3879

Trivia Tidbits

- Ancient Egyptian family members shaved their eyebrows in mourning when the family cat died!
- The horse's single toe on each of its four feet is its most marked anatomical characteristic and makes it a perissodactyl or odd-toed ungulate.
- When a female horse and male donkey mate, the offspring is called a mule but when a male horse and female donkey mate, the offspring is called a hinny.
- The placement of a donkey's eyes in its' heads enables it to see all four feet at all times.
- Pigs, walruses and light-colored horses can be sunburned

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

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Your input is always  
appreciated!!

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Email me at

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Rhonda

Newsletter Editor & Webmaster

Horse Dies in Decomposing Seaweed; Toxic Gas Blamed

Earlier this month TheHorse.com reported on a sad incident on a French beach in which a horse and rider fell into decomposing green algae. Toxic gasses produced by the seaweed killed the horse almost immediately, while the rider was pulled to safety, narrowly avoiding the same fate.

Now an Associated Press report is adding quite a bit to the picture, including the hows and whys of the dangerous algae gas.

A quick excerpt:

"The horse is only the latest victim of the algae's noxious fumes. A man was found dead on the same beach two decades ago, his arm sticking out from a pile of algae. Another man fell into a four-day coma after cleaning algae 10 years later. And last year, two dogs died while romping on an algae-covered beach 60 miles to the east.

"At Grandville beach, where the dogs died, putrefying algae has turned the sand to blackened silt, spotted with green swampland and white crusty clumps of algae in decay. The stench of hydrogen sulfide hangs heavy in the area, where people occasionally show up to gawk at the ruined beach."

Green algae-covered beaches are becoming more common worldwide, according to Lesné. "If the beach smells of rotten eggs, stay clear of it," he said, "especially if physical effort is involved."

Riverside resident uses skulls to promote equine dental care

By JERRY SOIFER

Special to The Press-Enterprise

Brian Borg has collected the skulls of 24 horses to educate the public, especially horse owners, about the need for proper dental care for the animals.

A horse's teeth are the key to how well it chews food, which is the key to digestion. Howell's livelihood depends on not only the health of the horses she races, but also her stallion and the colts she breeds.

"It's very important to maintain the teeth for the health of the digestive system," Howell said.

To read the full article go to:

http://www.pe.com/localnews/wildomar/stories/PE_News_Local_W_teeth05.46bd32d.html

FYI:

BCHC State Board Meeting,

October 9th & 10th, 2009 -

Holiday Inn, Visalia

Announcing 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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