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Since the end of December 2021, **BCHC has gained 197 new members**. This is the most we have EVER done!

I am astounded at what has happened. I don't know if the changes were a result of recovery from COVID but it is definitely a first. All units except two grew this year. AMAZING!

In the table to the right you will see a comparison of membership numbers by unit at the end of 2021 and middle of 2022.

~ Chip Herzig, BCHC VP of Membership

**KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK,  
BCHC!**

Unit	Members Dec 2021	Members July 2022	Change	Percent
Antelope Valley	44	45	1	2.2%
Eastern Sierra	32	51	19	37.3%
High Country	38	40	2	5.0%
High Sierra	61	78	17	21.8%
Kern River Valley	27	28	1	3.6%
Kern Sierra	63	65	2	3.1%
Lake-Mendo	42	49	7	14.3%
Los Padres	170	176	6	3.4%
Mid Valley	321	345	24	7.0%
Mother Lode	200	210	10	4.8%
North Bay	51	55	4	7.3%
Pacific Crest	9	8	-1	-12.5%
Redshank Riders	74	91	17	18.7%
Redwood	145	157	12	7.6%
San Diego	111	125	14	11.2%
San Joaquin Sierra	121	142	21	14.8%
Santa Ana River	63	65	2	3.1%
Sequoia	66	74	8	10.8%
Shasta Trinity	101	121	20	16.5%
Sierra Freepackers	43	55	12	21.8%
Sutter Buttes	34	32	-2	-6.3%
Top of the State	96	97	1	1.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1912</b>	<b>2109</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>9.3%</b>

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# President's Page

Since my previous correspondence, life has conspired to make things busy, interesting, and hopeful for the future. Let us begin in early May with the packing trip for the trail maintenance crew going into the Southern Sierra Nevada Domeland Wilderness. Bob Frenes, representing the United States Forest Service (USFS), facilitated the packing groups including Backcountry Horsemen of California units from San Diego, Antelope Valley, Eastern Sierra, and Kern River Valley.

It was at the southern trailhead leading into Manter Meadow that the gathering and enormity of it all began. After circling around and gawking at the assembled volunteer crews, groomed equine, boxes of gear, piles of tools, mounds of food and other absolute necessities, we packers all dove in and the packing frenzy began. After all loads were checked, balanced, and rechecked, the pack train headed toward the public pasture destination at a brisk pace.

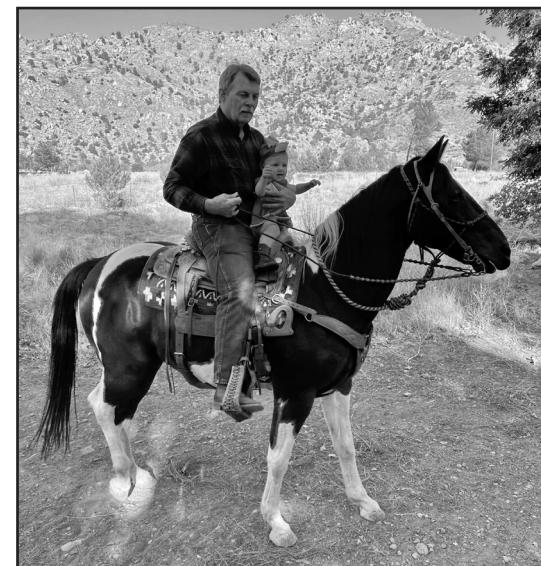
The trail maintenance crew geared up, lined out and started their single file march. Before we headed out, I had an opportunity to get the backstory of and converse with John, the crew leader, and a few of the individual crew members. It was revealed that they were a group of 15 Christian men, mostly college students, from Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and Kentucky that volunteered to do trail work in various forests throughout the western United States. The not so secretive skinny on these remarkable young men is that they were giving of themselves to get in touch with God and His creations to help themselves discover purpose in life. Of course, as a side benefit of this selfless public service, the trails are cleaned and refurbished ensuring safe passage into the forests for people and equines.

This initial trip took place the first week of May. In the Kern River Valley (KRV) unit's base camp the ambient temperature held unseasonably in the low 20's. However, thanks to heavy winds, the chill factor dropped into the low teens. For those of us sleeping on the ground, this made for a brisk, frigid, and most uncomfortable night of little sleep. I am not sure how cold it was for those in the wilderness camp, but I can assure you after we dropped their gear off at Mae Camp and had a brief lunch, we quickly hurried back out to find any sun and warmth.

Aside from wind burn and frozen limbs during this first outing, I luckily received no report of injuries to people or animals. However, there was some bruising to my ego when my pack slipped, and I had to reset it in front of an audience of experienced packers. The pressure was on, but I successfully righted my wrong and provided little entertainment.

The work crew remained in the highcountry. The following week, the same packers returned to retrieve the crew's gear from the wilderness. Upon our arrival we discovered much of the heavy lifting had already been accomplished by Dr. Bill Carter and his friend, Jen. They had stayed in the high country for the week and packed equipment out as needed. Larry Cigainero, Archie Kinch, and I finished packing up what was left over. We said our goodbyes to the trail crew, USFS staff and other packers before heading back to break our own camp.

Later, from May 22-31, members of the BHC KRV unit, Larry Cigainero, Steve Horst, Kenny Finch, and myself, were mentors to the One Spade Youth Packers group at Bishop Mule Days. We were joined by Alyssa Alvarez and her friend from Lake Tahoe. These ladies and members of the BHC KRV unit donated their time, equipment, and expertise to transport and assist this



**BCHC President  
Mike Hughes**

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fine group of at-risk youth in developing not only equine skills, but encouraging development of life plans, purpose, and goals. Youth working with equines definitely foster the sense of "Look what I can do with horses and mules, so anything I set my mind to is possible." We cannot take credit for the One Spade Packers' accomplishments, but we are very proud. One Spade Packers' Justin received a World Championship and Marissa received a Reserve World Championship. Way to go, team!

It was an honor and privilege to work with these youth, although at times it was like herding cats backward in the rain. That being said, it takes a large gathering of adult volunteers and mentors to pull this off through the knowledgeable guidance, all-seeing gaze, and wisdom of Reid Hopkins. It is gratifying to watch these kids take positive steps toward what will be a productive, goal-oriented and, hopefully, service to others lifestyle.

The Kern River Valley Unit donates \$500 annually plus pays for all the equine transportation expenses to Mule Days. One of the KRV Unit's fundraising goals for many years has been to assist this fine youth organization. The State BHC has also financially supported this group through donations. It is most gratifying to know we are educating, encouraging, and mentoring an up-and-coming generation of good people.

All these youth and young adults are setting out in their lives armed with the knowledge of the benefits of hard work, goal setting, helping others and the joy of outdoor equine wilderness experience. These young people are the ones to preserve the use of the forests and public lands for the general public, to counter falsehoods about incorrect information about equine usage in the high, back and front country, to educate others through the example of a wholesome lifestyle and to replace this current group of Backcountry Horsemen of California. Just saying.

Mike Hughes  
BHC President

# BCHC NEWS



**BCHC Editor**  
Carol Jo Hargreaves

## SUMMERTIME!

By Carol Jo Hargreaves, Editor

"Summertime and the livin' is easy  
Fish are jumpin' and ..."

"I got my toes in the water, a\*s in the sand,  
Not a worry in the world..."

Yep, George Gershwin and Zac Brown Band got it right! What could be better than summertime, livin' easy and no worries in the world?

I hope all of you are enjoying summer trail rides, work parties, dutch oven cook-offs, county fairs, parades and all the other BCHC activities. I hear it's been hot in California. The Pacific Northwest is finally getting some warm weather! The adage is, "Summer doesn't begin until after July 4" (and it is proving to be true).

Thanks to everyone who filled up with expensive gas and traveled to Bishop Mule Days Celebration over Memorial Day weekend. Susie Patton penned a great article (to the right) about BCHC's and Eastern Sierra Unit's booth complete with information and hands-on packing and sawing for the public.

Lucy Badenhoop of Mother Lode Unit submitted a fitting tribute to the unit-sponsored 2022 World Champion UC Davis pack team on page 10-11. Reserve Champ was the team from Modesto Junior College, sponsored by Mid Valley Unit.

Sierra Freepackers Unit promoted BCHC by riding in several local parades this spring and summer. Mary Odell shares her unit's recent activities as do representatives of San Diego and San Joaquin Sierra Units on page 12 and 13. Mid Valley Unit conducted its eighth Youth Horse Camp in June. Read Karen Lopes' article on pages 14 and 15 about the history and planning of this event with encouragement to make contact if your unit would like to add this event to your youth program.

BCHC Saw Program participants have been busy the past few weeks. See Mike Lewis' "Update" on page 6 for a summary of what's been going on. Hearty congratulations to Mike Lewis and Dan Chartier, two of BCHC's lead sawyers, for achieving both their "C" felling cards with the crosscut saw and their Evaluator Cards. Read Chip Herzig's complimentary article about this feat on page 7.

Be especially careful if you ride or hike in a fire-burned area. Check out page 7 for a compilation of tips about staying safe gleaned from the Pacific Crest Trail Association, National Park Service and U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Most importantly, kudos to all units for contributing to the HUGE increase in new BCHC memberships during the first half of this year. "The most ever!" according to VP of Membership Chip Herzig in his front-page article.

Thank you for all YOU do for BCHC throughout the year!

*If you would like extra copies of the paper to distribute at upcoming unit events, let me know the number you need by the deadline.*



**BCHC Secretary**  
Susie Patton

## MULE DAYS A BIG SUCCESS FOR BCHC & EASTERN SIERRA UNIT

By Susie Patton

Mule Days 2022 was back in full swing this year, with lots of fans, contestants, vendors, and fun! Eastern Sierra Unit headed up the booth for Backcountry Horsemen of California. We had iron mules, crosscut sawing, a highline and lots of information to share with people.

Thanks to Kern Sierra Unit's Bonnie Searcy, we talked to vendors about attending our Rendezvous in Temecula in 2023. Lynn Joiner, Chip Herzig, Lloyd Erlandson, Bill Carter, George Boone, and Troy Patton showed the public and some members of BCHC the different types of pack saddles and hitches, and demonstrated how to highline and how to use a crosscut saw.

Wednesday was "School Day" and students from numerous elementary schools showed up to explore Mule Days. They were fascinated by the crosscut saws and a few got to actually cut a "cookie" from the log. They were excited about this experience and at the next school board meeting I heard how much fun they had.

We are very fortunate to have a prime location for the BCHC booth next to the kids' corral, the music stage, and the fishpond so we had lots of people hanging around the booth asking questions and just generally hanging out. We were able to speak to many people from many units throughout the state. It was a great time to network with other members and talk about issues and successes they are having. We even picked up a few memberships during the week.

The BCHC-sponsored Intercollegiate Pack Teams were coached by some of the best packers in BCHC and showed off their skills in the competitions. The UC Davis team, coached by Andy Asereto and sponsored by the Mother Lode Unit became World Champions. The Mid Valley Unit-sponsored team from Modesto Jr. College and coached by Carl Perry, took 1<sup>st</sup> in the Intercollegiate Pack Scramble and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Intercollegiate Packing Contest, becoming overall Reserve Champions.

Anna Baglione and Mariah Keuler, members of the Eastern Sierra Unit, held a youth packing clinic that was very successful. Dr. Jamie Wilson from Sequoia Unit was a show vet and visited the booth to help us out.

Backcountry Horsemen of California is an integral part of Bishop Mule Days Celebration and we enjoyed representing this great organization.



# BCHC NEWS

**2022**

October 7-8 State Board Meeting and  
Elections (place TBA)  
October 15 Fall Newsletter Deadline

**2023**

January 15 - Winter Newsletter Deadline  
February State Board Meeting (date  
TBD); Intern applications go out  
March 24-26 Rendezvous, Temecula



## "LIKE" TO FOLLOW 2022 INTERN

The 2022 BCHC Packing Intern, Bailey Walker, is posting pictures and commentary about her experiences working with the Center of Excellence this summer.

On Facebook, search for "Backcountry Horsemen of California Packing Intern 2022" and "Like" the page to follow Bailey.

## THE SEVEN PRIORITY OBJECTIVES OF BCHC'S STRATEGIC PLAN

Seven objectives form the core of BCHC's strategic plan. In the plan, each objective is accompanied by a description of desired outcomes and an action plan units can follow to implement the objectives.

Each unit will negotiate its implementation selections and responsibilities after the strategic plan has been formally adopted by Board vote.

The seven objectives are:

1. Enable more trail maintenance and trail support projects
2. Make program of best practices available to local units
3. Rebuild Rendezvous attendance
4. Youth program development
5. New member development and retention
6. Website and social media transition
7. BCHC services available to local units

*For more information about BCHC's Strategic Plan, see your unit or state leaders.*

## OCTOBER STATE BOARD MEETING

**Friday, October 7  
Saturday, October 8, 2022**

**PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR FALL 2022 EDITION

of the Backcountry News is: **October 15, 2022**

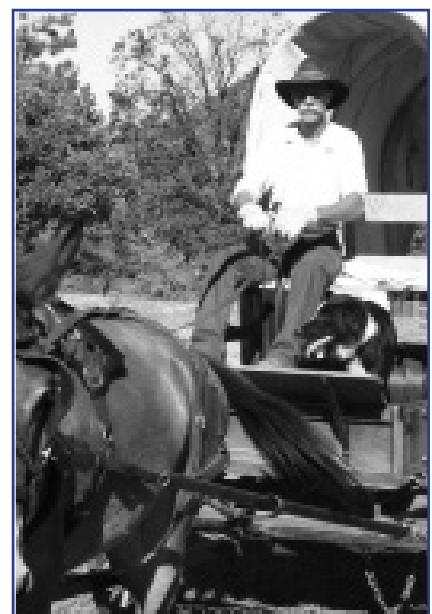
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## WANT TO START A NEW UNIT?

If there is no unit in your area and you are interested in starting one, contact BCHC Secretary Susie Patton for more information:

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# BCHC SAW PROGRAM



## BCHC SAW PROGRAM UPDATE

By Michael Lewis  
BCHC Saw Program Coordinator

First, let me say, I am honored to have been appointed to this position by the BCHC President with the recommendation of the board and some key instructors. I held this position for a short time a few years ago but had to step down because of some unforeseen circumstances. With that behind me, I plan to be up to the task to keep the program moving forward.

After a rocky start, things are moving smoothly and steadily forward. It's taken

a few months to get up to speed but we are now on track. Work continues on the national level to make changes to the National Saw Policy, which in turn will make things easier for organizations with their own saw program to self-certify their instructors. It now looks like fall would be the soonest we would see this change. There is also a new curriculum that's being worked on for use by all saw programs, release date unknown.

We have had a number of saw trainings this spring with Lucy Badenhoop from the Mother Lode Unit organizing her first ever chainsaw class with the help of BCHC saw instructors Remco Van der Linden and Jerry Heitzler. Congratulations to Remco for becoming our newest designated chainsaw instructor, and thanks to both of you for taking the time to help Lucy out. A big thank you to Lucy for her hard work to make the class happen. Lucy is also working on making this an annual event.

Next was Patrick Schreffler, Kern River Valley Unit, holding back-to-back trainings, both chainsaw and crosscut with the help of Forest Service personnel and myself as co-evaluators. Thank you, Patrick.

Next comes a very important certification of one of our own instructors, Dan Chartier, Shasta Trinity Unit, done by the Forest Service. Dan successfully completed a number of days of evaluation and received a re-certification of his "C" evaluator card for his effort. What does this mean? An "evaluator" is the only one that can keep our instructors certified. As of right now, Dan is BCHC's only chainsaw evaluator. Thanks to Dan Chartier for going through this for our program.

On the crosscut side, up to a couple of months ago, BCHC had no crosscut saw evaluators. This all changed when two of our crosscut saw instructors were invited to a high level Forest Service certification class in the Shasta Trinity Forest. Along with a small group of USFS employees, they underwent three days of very intense felling and bucking alongside some of the region's best sawyers. The result? Both were given "C" evaluator certifications by Region 5's Saw Coordinator Mitch Holkanson (Region 5 is all of the forest in California). Congrats to both. This now gives us crosscut evaluators in both the north and south of the state.

There is one more training to talk about. The Eastern Sierra Unit with the help of Troy and Susie Patton, Chip Herzig, and Anna Baglione, orchestrated and held their first crosscut certification class. Volunteer agreements and insurance were problems, and it was touch and go until the very end, but it all came together. This ended up being quite a big class but with the help of five "C" sawyers, we successfully got a look at everyone and got all certifications done. Thank you to all involved for your help and hard work in pulling this off.



Eastern Sierra Unit's first crosscut certification class attendees



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**THANK YOU!**

# BCHC SAW PROGRAM

## MONUMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT

By Chip Herzig

Two of BCHC's sawyers recently achieved their "C" felling cards with the crosscut saw, which is a major achievement in itself but they were not done! Next, they were awarded their Evaluator Cards from none other than Region 5's Lead Saw, Mitch Hokinson. Our two superheroes are Mike Lewis and Dan Chartier. These two guys went all out to get these qualifications, practicing enumerable hours and then demonstrating their skills in front of Mitch Hokinson and Dolly Chapman, another notable crosscut sawyer. They deserve huge "atta boys" from all of us!!

To understand what the two fellows went through, here's some of the background surrounding this achievement. A sawyer starts out as a designated "A" sawyer, a beginner. Then, after three years earning and demonstrating some more advanced skills, he gets advanced to a "B" sawyer, an intermediate sawyer. Then another three years and he gets advanced to the "C" sawyer, the expert level. There's one more step up the qualification ladder which is the Evaluator position that comes after three years as a "C" and a demonstration before another Evaluator indicating the candidate's skill level is sufficient to grade or "evaluate" fellow sawyers.

More than four years ago, BCHC won the USFS the status of "Cooperator" for bucking only. A cooperator is allowed to teach and certify its own members, issuing sawyer cards that allow the recipients to saw in any forest in the United States. Then, in the middle of BCHC teaching well over 150 sawyers, we were thrown a curve ball by the powers that be within the USFS. They revoked BCHC's Evaluators Qualification cards because we did not have felling certifications. When we applied for the Cooperator status, we picked bucking only due to the dangers inherent in felling, figuring that we'd keep our sawyers safer that way. Besides, bucking is what we do 95 percent of the time anyway.

So, there was BCHC with no way to go forward unless our Evaluators got their cards re-instated via a change in the USFS policy where we hoped the Forest Service would revoke their requirement for felling. In steps, Mike and Dan. They went after the crosscut felling, and both earned their "C" qualifications for felling. Next, they earned their Evaluator qualification which in effect re-established BCHC's Saw Program. The two rescued the BCHC Saw Program and deserve a huge thanks, too!



## BE SAFE IN BURNED AREAS

Compiled by Carol Jo Hargreaves

The Pacific Crest Trail Association, National Park Service and U.S. Department of Agriculture have compiled valuable information about staying safe in burned areas. Here is a list of tips I gleaned from recent publications.

For more detail, go to <https://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/backcountry-basics/fire/burn-area-safety/#top>, nps.gov, [https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fseprd637738.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd637738.pdf)

- Stay out of closed areas.
- Watch for falling branches and trees as well as any that might fall. Do not linger under dead, cracked, broken, or hanging branches or burned trees.
- Windy days and rainy weather are especially dangerous; be aware of flash floods. Better yet, postpone your trip until the weather improves.
- If you must travel through a burn area, do so quickly to minimize your risk. Stay on the trail.
- Don't camp in a natural swale, drainage or other risky area.
- Be careful on hillsides; there could be danger of landslide and falling rock.
- Signs may have burned. Bring maps and pay attention to where you are.
- Trails might be unstable. Stump holes and root chambers could collapse beneath you. Stay alert.
- Watch for burned-out holes in the ground that might be invisible until you break through one.
- Stay on the main trail; side trails might be impassable. Turn back if danger is present.
- Watch for high stream flow and, if swimming in or crossing water, stay away from submerged trees and vegetation.
- Stay informed about closures and road and trail conditions on the forests.



# BCHC's 2021 VOLUNTEER HOURS

## VOLUNTEER HOURS ARE IMPORTANT! (By Carol Jo Hargreaves with excerpts from the BCHA website)

Volunteerism is one of the most important activities Back Country Horsemen can use in our effort to perpetuate enjoyable common sense use of horses in the backcountry. Volunteerism earns horsemen a seat at the table where decisions concerning access to public lands by pack and saddle stock users are made. Individual volunteer efforts support the Back Country Horsemen of America mission statement. Volunteer service by BCHA is consistently underreported.

Volunteering helps keep trails open for all users. It puts BCHA and horsemen in a positive position when engaging with other user groups. It shows BCHA and horsemen are a good neighbors within the community. Volunteer hours are our clout. Without them our organization wouldn't be what it is now. Legislators and land managers know that our volunteer hours are an asset. Volunteering gives credibility to Back Country Horsemen in discussions with land managers.

Alyssa Alvarez, BCHC 2nd Vice President, is in charge of annually collecting and compiling all BCHC units' reports of volunteer hours. She understands the importance of accurately tracking volunteer service hours and is diligently working to ensure all BCHC hours are reported. Alyssa recommends tracking as you go by having one person on each project/event/meeting mark everyone's hours on a sheet to turn in to the unit's Volunteer Hours Coordinator at the completion of the project. Alyssa encourages all Unit Presidents and Volunteer Service Hours Coordinators to reach out to her with questions about tracking and reporting so BCHC reports every hour in 2022.

Below is Backcountry Horsemen of California's report of 2021 Volunteer Hours as submitted to BCHA.

### Backcountry Horsemen of America Volunteer Hours Report



[ California ]

[ 2021 ]

State/Chapter Summary or Project Name	Volunteer Work								Transportation			Equipment Hours		Horses & Mules		Donations	
	Trail Work Hours			Trail Miles		Education	Public	Admin	Travel	Personal	Stock	Power	Heavy	Quantity	Stock	Days	Dollar
	Basic	Skilled	Recon	Wilderness	Other	& LNT	Meetings	Service	Time	POV Miles	Haul Miles	Equip	Equip	Stock	Days	Amount	
Shasta/Trinity	177	580	32	532	27	248	307	539	442	10954	5491	73	0	101	324	\$ 670.00	
Red Shank Riders	119	319	34	77	205	132	174	1327	698	3604	1553	0	0	88	88	\$ -	
San Joaquin Sierra	266	497	1532	2	77	426	131	821	1530	15461	3298	16	26	46	62	\$ 12,013.00	
High Sierra	12	26	16	0	0	421	86	143	412	12360	268	0	0	8	32	\$ 1,500.00	
Antelope Valley	26	132	3	46	43	33	103	6	153	2108	2868	12	0	13	37	\$ -	
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Mother Lode	1832	374	8	0	1470	6	262	173	825	10745	14572	0	0	121	343	\$ 6,457.14	
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Kern River Valley	200	800	16	15	9	0	0	0	70	3488	2981	512	0	15	66	\$ -	
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Pacific Crest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	860	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -	
Eastern Sierra	2	366	0	0	0	88	140	60	98	5936	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -	
North Bay	24	96	0	0	0	0	16	80	62	100	0	0	16	0	0	\$ -	
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	Volunteer Work								Transportation			Equipment Hours		Horses & Mules		Donations	
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# BCHA & RENDEZVOUS



## HORSE CAMPS OCCUPIED BY PARTIES WITHOUT STOCK

Submitted by Randy Hackbarth, BCHA National Director

With the summer camping season nearing full swing, now is the time to download BCHA's "Horse Camp Incident Report Form" from the BCHA website:

<https://www.bcha.org/blog/2022/03/05/bcha-encourages-chapters-to-review-usfs-memo/>

BCHA has both hardcopy and online versions of the form. The hardcopy version can be printed at home. We encourage BCHA volunteers to print one or two forms and keep them in your vehicle to use during your next overnight horse camping adventure. Or use the online version where you have mobile phone service or access to the Internet.

The form is intended to document incidents of when and where horse camps on public lands are occupied by parties without stock. The problem has grown significantly in recent years and has negative repercussions for BCHA members, who increasingly are forced to camp elsewhere or sometimes return home when equestrian campsites are filled by non-equestrians.

BCHA wants to document the frequency and geographic extent of the problem as one step in the process of negotiating solutions with public land agencies. The forms also can be used to document unsafe conditions when non-horse campers occupy horse camp sites next to or near your horse camp.

Please help BCHA by being prepared to document such incidents the next time you travel to a horse camp on public lands.

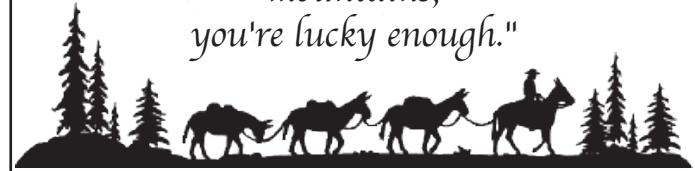
The 2023 National Board Meeting will be held in Kalispell, Montana. It will be the 50th anniversary of BCHA!

BCHC sincerely thanks the following 2021 Rendezvous sponsors for their generous support.

Please visit and support these businesses when you have the opportunity.

\$1,000 donation made by Mid Valley Unit member Terri Arington in memory of her late husband Ron ("RA") Arington. Ron was a longtime Ag teacher at Sonora High School. He was passionate about the back country, his horses and mules, his students and his wife.

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# UCD STUDENT PACK TEAM WINS MULE

Article and photos submitted by Lucy Badenhoop

About 10 years ago, Bishop Mule Days introduced a separate competition for student packers during the Memorial Day week-long event. Four-person teams collect points in six event categories: (1) Pack Team Comedy Load; (2) Team Packing – Mystery Load, (3) Pack Scramble; (4) Team Packing Pack-Off; (5) The Saturday Bishop Parade, and (6) Support of the Kids' Corral.

In 2022, the University of California at Davis pack team won

the Interscholastic Championship. Additionally, the UCD team members were World Champions in 2016 and 2017 and Reserve Champions in 2015 and 2021. The student team is recruited and organized by Kelli Davis, UCD Horse Barn Manager.

The team was sponsored by Mother Lode Unit (MLU) with uniforms, practice equipment, a travel stipend and, most



# DAYS INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

importantly, their packing trainer/coach Andy Asereto. The picture shows them wearing the 2021 buckle and holding the 2022 buckle – the same team members competed both years.

The 2022 UCD team (left to right in the photo) consisted of Wes Pezzini (vet med student from Salinas, CA), Skylar Campbell (vet med student from Sterling, AK), Catharine Renner (nutritional science student from Grass Valley, CA), and Sarah Finch (agricultural education student from Ojai, CA).

Six other student teams competed from Fresno State University, California State Polytechnic at San Luis Obispo (two teams), Deep Springs Junior College, Modesto Junior College, Reedley Junior College. Rock Creek Pack Station and others provided stock for students to use during competition. Stock for the UCD champions was provided by Eastern Sierra Unit BCHC member Bill Carter.

**CONGRATULATIONS,  
UCD TEAM AND  
MOTHER LODE UNIT!**



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# UNIT NEWS

## SIERRA FREEPACKERS UNIT:

### EDUCATION, EDUCATION, EDUCATION

By Mary Odell

The past few months members of the Sierra Freepackers Unit have been getting a lot of education done. We have shared who we are, what we do and a lot of LNT.

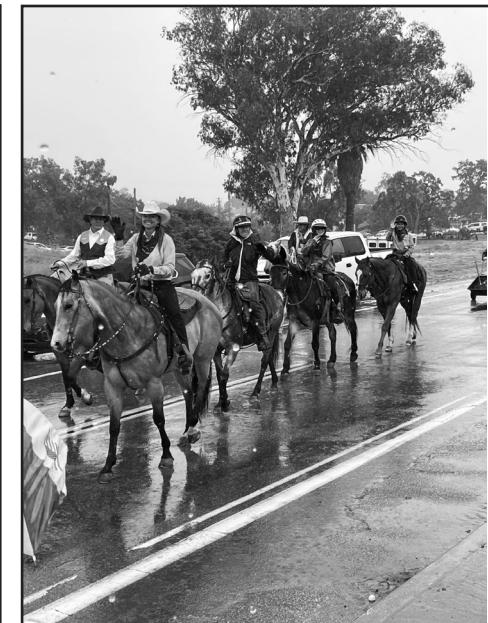
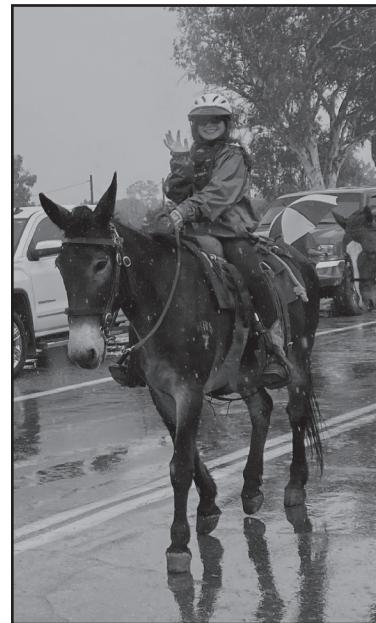
We started in April, participating in the Raymond Parade in the rain! The public saw we can hang in there even in the worst of the weather. We had six youth involved carrying the flag and unit banner. We had other youth that were first time riders in a parade. At the announcer's booth information was shared about our group. Our equestrian group was the ONLY group practicing LNT - we had a member following along after the group, cleaning up after our horses and mules. A lot of "THANK YOU" was shouted out to us.

In May we were invited to Heritage Day held at the Coarsegold Rodeo Grounds. We had our educational brag booth with live animals in a pen for the local school kids to check out. More than 800 students and adults passed by that day. We set up iron mules for demonstrations, our brag booth and a table with LNT info and all our awards. The students loved learning about mules and horses. By telling us LNT facts they read at the booth, students earned a horse cookie to give our mule, Shane. He was pretty full by the end of the day.

Memorial Day Saturday two members headed up to the Snow Play Area out of Fish Camp to visit with dispersed campers. There were quite a few campers there. We shared fire safety information and made sure they all knew where the outhouse and trash dumpster were located ("Say NO to Charmin Flowers and Litter"). Information was shared about access to Yosemite and where the local meadow and other trails were located.

In June we were invited to participate in a first ever Mariposa Country Trails Day. It was a great opportunity to meet up with a lot of other local agencies that share our love of trails. Again, we had our brag booth and information table to share with the public. In the afternoon we had the iron mules set up for packing practice and to learn about building loads.

I think now we will hit the trails. We have work to do near Nelder Grove, Texas Flat Campground and in the Fish Camp Area. More to come ...



Raymond Parade



Heritage Day



Mariposa Country Trails Day

# UNIT NEWS

## SAN DIEGO UNIT:

### FUN CAMPOUT AT CAMP CABALLO

By Terry Jorgensen

After a very busy spring of service projects, five to be exact, the San Diego Unit had a fun-filled weekend at a private ranch appropriately named, Campo Caballo, located north west of Murrieta at the edge of the Cleveland National Forest. The camp out was just for fun for everyone to enjoy some social time together, ride some new trails and say thanks for all the hard work done on service projects. Many of our San Diego Unit members attended along with members from Santa Ana River and Eastern Sierra units. It was great to see friends from the other units.

Campo Caballo was just a short 2-hour drive for most of us and the parking for horse trailers was more than adequate. The camp includes a beautiful reconstructed 1800s saloon, sheep herder wagons converted to cabins, huge oak trees to sit under for meals, and the newly built Dance Barn. We had a local band on Saturday night that had as much fun playing music as we had dancing.

A good time was had by all ...



BCHC member Laurie



Group ride

## SAN JOAQUIN SIERRA UNIT:

### POKER RIDE AT SHAVER LAKE

From the July 2022 edition of SJSU Hoof Prints newsletter

The annual Poker Ride, held at Shaver Lake on June 11, was a rousing success. Thirty-three riders and one youth rider took part in the event, taking advantage of the cool temperatures and clear skies at Shaver Lake. The 3-mile course began from a new location this year and took riders along the lakeshore around Nevins Cove, a picturesque area. As the riders completed the course, they were treated to a delicious lunch after the ride, and then came the raffle. We are grateful to every member who brought an item for the raffle. Non-members were amazed at the turnout, and many expressed an interest in joining our unit. It took the help of all our volunteers to make sure that things went off without a hitch and that our participants had a fun time.

Joe and Carol and Duane and Pat were the cooks for the day; Tami and Richard, Muriel and Sue set up and ran the raffle; Gary and Ruth took care of registration and ticket sales and new memberships; Bethany, Lois and Karen directed traffic and managed the parking for all the rigs involved, and Cara and Tami lent a hand wherever it was needed. Marcee was Trail Boss for the event. She and Bethany, Lois and Karen flagged the trail and set out the buckets at each station. Cara set out signs she, Jim and Doug Laber printed, which brought everyone right to our new event location. At the end of the day, everyone agreed it had been an enjoyable day.

It was a beautiful, balmy 80 degrees at Shaver ... a perfect day for a ride.

## WHY JOIN BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA?

(From bchcalifornia.org)

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- Get to participate in state and unit activities
- Learn valuable backcountry skills and outdoor ethics
- Gain new friends in our wonderful members
- Receive the BCHC newsletter
- Be kept up to date on public lands issues
- And more!

Even if you don't ride or aren't an active member, your dues contribute to our cause! You'll be helping pay for work projects, educational materials, training and insurances. Help support our efforts to keep trails open to equestrians!

# UNIT NEWS

## MID VALLEY UNIT:

### YOUTH HORSE CAMP STILL GOING STRONG IN 2022

By Karen Lopes

Mid Valley Unit recently completed its Youth Horse Camp event June 18 at Kerrick Corrals Horse Camp in the Stanislaus National Forest (just north of Yosemite National Park). 2022 marked the eighth such event since its inception in 2013, albeit with some changes and adjustments along the way.

Mid Valley Youth Horse Camp Committee members put in many hours throughout these past years to provide youth members with an interactive, engaging and educational program. The objective of the camp is to get youth participants to comfortably enjoy the backcountry on horseback (or by mule). The mission of this event is to perpetuate the enjoyment and knowledge of using stock in the backcountry for the next generation. Although the camp has gone through changes over the years, the committee is dedicated to working together to plan an event that will educate, inspire and entertain participating youth.

Dennis Serpa first started lobbying for a youth camp around 2012, stating the unit HAD to do SOMETHING to get and keep the next generation of BCH members involved. He had spoken to a member of the Back Country Horsemen of Idaho who shared their successful youth camp event with him at a National Board meeting. Dennis then had to wrangle enough volunteers to work on this grand endeavor. BCHI graciously shared their forms and planning documents with us. What an advantage that was in developing our own youth camp event. The committee met numerous times between 2012 and 2013 to plan the "First Mid Valley Youth Horse Camp" to be held in June 2013.

Some unique advantages and assets we had in our favor and led to such a fantastic event: generous donations by one of our long-time members and the proximity of a pack station that supplied trail savvy mounts for youth participants. Mid Valley members Terri and Ron (now deceased) Arington have been supportive of anything youth-related for decades as Ron was a long-time agriculture teacher at Sonora High School prior to his death. Both Ron and Terri realized the value the backcountry experience can provide, especially to youth. Terri's well-known words are, "Anything for the kids." With her yearly donations to our unit's Youth Fund, Terri has enabled us to host this Youth Horse Camp FREE of charge to participants. She has been so gracious with her generosity, and we are forever in her debt.

Idaho's youth camp required parents to haul in participants' mounts. This was a concern to many of us, as we wouldn't know the experience of the horse, and we also didn't have the space for all the additional trailers. This was the reason we decided to conduct the Youth Camp at Kerrick Corrals, since Aspen Meadow Pack Station was located a short distance away from camp. Josh Bloom, pack station owner at the time, gave us a great deal for the weekend package. New owners, partners Seth Diemel and Doug Morgan, have continued the tradition, providing our youth campers - some with little horse experience - with safe and reliable mounts for their unforgettable journeys into the backcountry (and front country!).



The seven principles of LNT



Ice breaker



Learning games

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# UNIT NEWS



Pack saddle set up



Live box hitch practice on small donkey



Youth Camp class of 2022

## HORSE CAMP from page 14

A little about the itinerary: We held a three-day/two-night youth horse camp the first six consecutive years. We started with youth aged 9 to 17 but soon narrowed the age gap to 9 to 14 years. In the early years, participants experienced a little of everything. Campers and chaperones rode into the Emigrant Wilderness to Camp Lake the first few years on one day of camp, then took a short ride under the Dodge Ridge Ski lifts another day. Mid Valley Unit's Wilderness Riders Dennis Serpa, Dave Moser, and Karen Lopes presented the seven principles of Leave No Trace Wilderness Ethics throughout the three-day event. Teaching strategies changed each year but after having some repeat participants, they soon were taking the lead on some of the LNT presentations. Dave walked around camp and discussed the various stock restraints in use by committee members. We also held a mini pack clinic on the same day as the short ride. Committee members ran various stations: pack saddle set up (Dennis Serpa and John Marshall), load balancing (Dave Moser and Valerie Perry), box hitch practice on an iron mule (Karen Lopes), and live box hitch practice on a small donkey (provided by Cathy and Doug Dollarhide and supervised by Doug). Participants rotated through each station gaining ample hands-on experience.

Dave Moser, a certified BCHC sawyer instructor, led a trail clearing "expedition" (100 yards from camp) in which participants had the opportunity to get more hands-on experience with a crosscut saw, following all sawyers' safety guidelines, of course. Additionally, in the early years, our sponsor Terri Arington stopped by to share the story of her passion for the backcountry with our campers. We also had various representatives from the Forest Service make appearances, from interns to F.S. Supervisors. Cathy Dollarhide conducted various fun and engaging icebreakers to help us all learn each other's names, and soon fast friendships were formed. Participants were given their tent assignments and the "boys vs. girls" battle soon began to see who could set up their tents the fastest. Cathy also assisted camp cook, Vicki Whisler, in making delicious home cooked meals, many prepared in the dutch ovens. On the final day, we returned to Aspen Meadows and demonstrated the concept of volunteerism by spending a couple of hours picking up trash, raking up manure/straw, and sweeping the decks at the pack station. The camp ended with a barbecue lunch for participants and parents, a short "ceremony" awarding the youth with small tokens donated by various committee members, and certificates announcing their achievements.

In 2018, Youth Camp Committee members were a little tired, so we decided to skip a year and run the camp every other year, starting back in 2020. As it did for a multitude of functions, the COVID-19 pandemic put an end to Youth Camp in 2020. In 2021, we decided to try a one-day camp, keeping in mind COVID concerns along with new insurance regulations regarding youth. The committee got together again and trimmed down the three-day event into one gigantic action-packed day. The newly designed and evolving Youth Horse DAY Camp still includes icebreakers, LNT and BCHC information, packing lessons, a trail ride, lunch and snacks, horse safety and even more. This year's event, run by Doug and Cathy Dollarhide, was yet another successful experience.

Mid Valley Unit is proud of its Youth Camp and hopes your unit/chapter will be inspired to host a similar function. Please check out "BCHC Best Practices" for a step-by-step checklist for planning the original three-day Youth Horse Camp (and other activities). These checklists may be modified to suit your needs but are a much easier way to get started or to make changes to an existing program. If you have ANY questions regarding the various components of this event, from background checks to liability releases, please reach out to this writer via email: kdlcowgirl66@gmail.com

# Recognition of Special Individuals

Benefactor funds are used in a variety of ways to support BCHC's Public Lands activities. Uses of Benefactor funds may include but are not limited to hiring consultants to perform in-depth reviews, financing special studies and reports, and reducing out-of-pocket travel expenses for those who testify at state and federal hearings.

## SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS.

4/16/2022 through 7/11/2022

THANK YOU!

### BENEFATOR (\$100)

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# WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

**We look forward to meeting you!**

**The following new members joined BCHC from  
4/16/2022 through 7/11/2022**

Antelope Valley	Carson Blaker	Redshank Riders	Janet Christiansen
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	Karen Stamos		
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2. Submit the online form. A copy will be sent to Chip Herzig, VP of Membersio. **IMPORTANT:** Youth Memberships MUST also print, sign, and mail these forms. Youth memberships will NOT be valid until the forms are received.
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**REMEMBER**

Send your membership renewals to VP of Membership Chip Herzig. DO NOT SEND THEM TO BCHA. Sending to the wrong place will delay payment and cause your membership to show as expired so you cannot participate in unit events.

## Questions? Membership Matters

BCHC VP of Membership is Chip Herzig.

He will be happy to address your questions or concerns.

Chip may be reached Monday through Friday.

By mail: BCHC Membership  
 1280 State Rt 208  
 Yerington, NV 89447

Email: chipherzig@gmail.com

Phone: (775) 463-3634

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# MEMBERSHIP

## Backcountry Horsemen of California



### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New    Renewal  
 Change

PARENT UNIT AFFILIATION: (Select and CHECK a Unit as your Affiliation)							
<input type="checkbox"/>	Antelope Valley	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lake-Mendo	<input type="checkbox"/>	Redshank Riders	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shasta Trinity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/>	Los Padres	<input type="checkbox"/>	Redwood	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sierra Freepackers
<input type="checkbox"/>	High Country	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mid Valley	<input type="checkbox"/>	San Diego	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sutter Buttes
<input type="checkbox"/>	High Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/>	Motherlode	<input type="checkbox"/>	San Joaquin Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/>	Top of the State
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kern River Valley	<input type="checkbox"/>	North Bay	<input type="checkbox"/>	Santa Ana River		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kern Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pacific Crest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sequoia		

DCTR (Your Membership Number): \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER'S NAME - No Business Names, Print Clearly

SPOUSE/CO-MEMBER'S NAME - MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS

Street Address/PO Box

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code (full 9 digits if known) \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to BCHC Education Fund (Tax deductible) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Parent Unit Membership Types (Check One)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Individual \$50  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Family \$60  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual \$90  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family \$110 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual \$125 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family \$150 |

- |   |
|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old) \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (12-17 years old) \$15*      |

\*Youth members MUST fill out BOTH  
Youth Membership forms (available online)

- |  |
|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$100  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$250      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Whitney \$500 |

#### Associate Memberships: An Additional \$15 PER UNIT is added to your Parent Unit Dues

Associate Memberships Unit Affiliations MAY NOT BE FOR THE SAME UNIT AS YOUR PARENT UNIT

Associate Membership for: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15/Unit  
Unit Name (from above list)

Associate Membership for: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15/Unit  
Unit Name (from above list)

Add additional choices here

Please clip form along dashed line and keep the below portion for your records.

#### Parent BCHC Membership Types

Individual, Family, (Shared\*\*), Benefactor, Patron, and Mt. Whitney

A Parent Membership is affiliated with a single Local Unit.

BCHC Members may NOT hold more than ONE active Parent Membership.

\*\*A SHARED Membership is for two adults with differing last names who share a common address.

#### Associate Memberships

These special Memberships are only available to persons already holding Parent BCHC Membership. No one may sign up for an Associate Membership without 1) having registered one of the Parent Membership types, and 2) having selected Parent Unit affiliation.

#### Youth Memberships

Youth Memberships MUST be accompanied by a signed Youth Membership Permission Release and Youth Parent Permission Form. A Youth Membership is NOT valid until BCHC or the Parent Unit has received signed copies of these forms.

Complete information regarding BCHC Membership  
is available on the MEMBERSHIP TAB at  
[bchcalifornia.org](http://bchcalifornia.org) or call (775) 463-3634

#### KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I submitted an Application Form for a new -

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Individual             | \$50  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual             | \$90  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual             | \$125 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Family                 | \$60  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family                 | \$110 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family                 | \$150 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old) | \$15  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (12-17 years old)       | \$15* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor                    | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron                        | \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Whitney                   | \$500 |

On that form, I also requested:

\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Memberships      \$\_\_\_\_\_

My Total Remittance:      \$\_\_\_\_\_

My Check Number:      \$\_\_\_\_\_

Date Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Verification of BCHC Membership

Verification of BCHC  
Membership is  
available via:

- 1) BCHC Unit President's reports
- 2) BCHC Membership Chair reports
- 3) a self addressed stamped envelope submitted with this form
- 4) a valid email address

**DON'T FORGET: The BCHC Executive Committee will no longer send out membership renewal verification "green slips" via regular mail. Instead, each unit president and membership chair will get a personal email from the BCHC VP of Membership (Chip Herzig) with each units' data AND it will be put on the BCHC web page in the password protected section.**

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ANYTHING MOVING FAST

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IS A POTENTIAL PREDATOR

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