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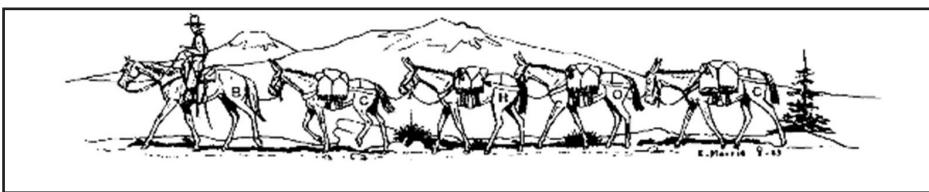
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RENDEZVOUS 2023 COMING SOON!

Backcountry Horsemen of California will be hosting its Rendezvous at California Ranch Company in Temecula, California, March 24-26. The theme is "Backcountry Horsemen keeping trails open for over 35 years." Volunteers from throughout the state will be hosting an awesome array of programs including but not limited to presentations by numerous organizations such as the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and Riverside County Open Space to educate BCHC members, equestrians and the general public as well as other trail user groups on the proper use of trail systems. We do this by presenting classes on "Gentle Use" and "Leave No Trace" principles, safety of individual and stock use, and care of stock.

Other activities will include a kids' corral full of activities, arena trail trial competition, western art show, Dutch oven cooking and other contests, wine tasting, vendors, auctions, raffles, and plenty of education and entertainment. Don't miss this wonderful FREE event for the public and BCHC members.



See pages 7, 10, 11, 18-19 and 24
for more Rendezvous information.

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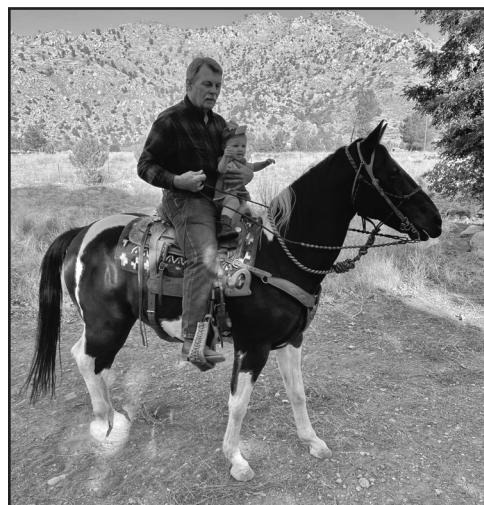
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President's Page



BCHC President
Mike Hughes

THE BRAIDED ROPE

The other day I was out in the barn and grabbed an old reliable lead rope to use with one of the not so cooperative horses. As I pulled this tried-and-true lead rope through my calloused hands, I noticed it was becoming frayed in spots and was requiring a little TLC.

Upon reflection, the Backcountry Horsemen of California is also much like this handy rope - made up of many strands but strongest when braided together into one single unit. This invaluable tool is

flexible, capable, strong and adaptable. A lead rope is engineered to handle the stress of a large, sometimes cantankerous animal not always wanting to go where you are leading it. This well used and reliable rope was still more than capable of accomplishing its task. BCHC is this leadership rope, leading state of California BCHC units toward the shared goal of preserve, protect and maintain the back country and front country - this is our country.

Upon closer inspection I could not help but reflect upon how each individual rope fiber contributed integrity and tenacity to the strands, much like individual members within the BCHC organization. I noticed the beauty and precision of the smaller braids, much like the individual BCHC units, which, when blended, combine to form a strong and complete entity. When you take this thought to its logical conclusion, the committed individual BCHC members and units are interwoven together to form the state BCHC, along with the other BCH organizations nationwide. This is the strength and power of Back Country Horsemen of America.

Examples of this are as close as local unit projects. An example is the Sawyer Program that provides sawyer safety and training to ensure local trail maintenance. Each unit has a hierarchy of officers who rely on individuals assigned to set up tasks such as education, meetings, safety training, trail/meadow maintenance, trailhead cleanup, cabin rehabilitation/reconstruction, and everything else agencies and partner organizations come up with. Regardless of how many or where these tasks are, if members fail to show up then the assignments do not get done. We are only as strong as the combined talents of each member.

To balance these projects, let us remember not all gatherings have to be work related. In fact, we need to keep a balance of work, play and fundraisers foremost on our to-do lists. We not only accomplish great work, but we also form important fellowships, meet diverse personalities and, if lucky, form lasting friendships. One such incredible event is our own version of a country fair, only it's an equine fair. The highly anticipated BCHC Rendezvous, March 24 - 26, 2023 will be held in Temecula. Look elsewhere in this newspaper and online for more information.

Recently, I was speaking with a colleague on the Executive Committee and reminded her as of January 1, I had been in the position of BCHC President for exactly 365 days. She quickly reminded me of all the changes and accomplishments that had occurred over that year. To name but a few,

FEBRUARY STATE BOARD MEETING

**Friday, February 3
Saturday, February 4**

**Portuguese Hall of Visalia Building
820 E. Main Street, Visalia, CA**

Directions - From Hwy 99 take exit 96 for CA-198E toward Visalia/Sequoia National Park. Go 3.9 miles and take exit 107A for CA-63 North toward Cutler Orosi/Kings Cyn. Merge onto CA-63 N/W Noble Ave. go 1/2 mile and turn left onto Rd 128/S. Santa Fe St. Go 1/3 mile and turn right onto E. Main St. Destination will be on the left.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Executive Committee Meeting – Friday, February 3 - Open session will be after 7 p.m. at meeting venue.

Education and Public Lands Committee – Saturday February 4 at 9 a.m. in the PPAV meeting room.

Board of Directors Meeting – Will follow as soon as Education and Public Lands adjourn. Directors are expected to attend 9 a.m. session as some information may not be repeated.

A buffet lunch will be provided - \$20/person. Please have correct change or check.

HOTEL INFORMATION (in order by distance from meeting venue) - Comfort Inn Suites – 2 minutes from venue - \$136 per night – free breakfast (559) 738-1700

Americas Best Value Inn – 6 minutes from venue - \$125 per night – free breakfast (559) 636-3171

Hampton Inn – 8 minutes from venue – \$143 per night - free breakfast (559) 732-3900

Holiday Inn Express – 9 minutes from venue - \$140 per night – free breakfast (559) 627-0600

POKER RIDE REMINDER – If your unit wants to put in for the Poker Ride Drawing, please bring date of ride and how profits will be spent (profits must go for education under 501c3 rules).



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BCHC Editor
Carol Jo Hargreaves

THANKS FOR BEING A MEMBER!

It is thrilling to see that BCHC's membership is growing! We must be doing something right to attract 33 new members in the past quarter. That's about 10 per month, almost half of which are Family Memberships. (See page 21 for the list.)

Membership in a unit of the Backcountry Horsemen of California is open to any youth, young adult, individual or family with the same concerns and goals that are compatible with the organization. In other words, anyone who believes in the BCHC Objectives and Purpose may join. BCHC has always been an inclusive organization. BCHC's Membership Application requests name and address only. Although it is desirable for you to participate in unit events and activities, if you pay your dues, you are a valuable member in good standing; there are no required number of meetings to attend or activities in which to participate.

As benefits of being a BCHC member, you receive regular communication from your unit in the form of a newsletter and/or social media. In addition, you receive Back Country Horsemen of America's newsletter and the quarterly state newsletter (which you are now reading). You are covered by free third-party liability insurance and have ready access to unit, state and national websites where you will find excellent information on riding, packing and other relevant topics.

YOU are the heart and soul of BCHC! Thank you for all you do on behalf of our organization.

Keep up the great work!

~ Carol Jo



WOULD YOU LIKE EXTRA COPIES OF THE NEWSLETTER TO PROMOTE BCHC AT AN UPCOMING EVENT?

Just let me know. I will order the copies and make arrangements to ship or deliver them to you.

~ Carol Jo, Editor



BCHC Secretary
Susie Patton

BCHC SECRETARY

Susie is a California native and lifelong horse and mule owner. She comes from a rodeo background and traveled that circuit as a child with her parents and brother. She met her husband Troy as a kid, working around the rodeo. Her father was a rodeo clown and bullfighter and later produced rodeos. Susie worked as a rodeo secretary for 15 years.

Susie later worked as a school secretary for 30 years and upon their retirement Troy and Susie moved to the Eastern Sierra. She is still involved with schools as the President of her local school board. Troy and Susie have been married over 50 years and have one son, four granddaughters, two great-granddaughters, and two great-grandsons.

Susie has served as a BCHC Unit Secretary, Treasurer and Public Lands Chair. At the State level she was Public Lands VP before taking the job of State Secretary. She is also currently Secretary/Treasurer of Eastern Sierra Unit.

UNIT SECRETARY DUTIES

From Backcountry Horsemen of California LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND RESOURCE MANUAL, Revised Jan 2022

In coordination with the President prepare and distribute an agenda for each meeting.

Report on all correspondence received or sent out. Answer all correspondence as directed by the officers as necessary.

Maintain a sign-in list of members present at the meeting. Note any officers who are absent.

After the meeting, prepare the minutes and share them with the President for review. File agenda, minutes and sign-in list in the secretary notebook.

Read the minutes of the previous meeting and make any corrections as brought up. President should ask for approval of minutes. Note on minutes any corrections and the date of approval.

When there is a motion on the floor write the name of the maker of a motion and the person who seconded the motion. Record the result of the vote (Motion carried – Motion did not carry). It is not necessary to put the vote count unless it is very close, and you are requested to do so.

If the President and Vice President are not in attendance, the Secretary should call the meeting to order and motion that a chairman pro-tem be selected immediately to run the meeting.

Complete any duties as assigned by the President and bylaws of the Unit.

Maintain a notebook of all documents belonging to the Unit including, agendas, minutes, sign-in lists, treasurer reports, correspondence, bylaws, bylaw amendments, flyers, etc. Notebook(s) is to be passed on when your term of office is complete. If newly elected, you should seek this information from the previous secretary. All notebooks from previous years should be kept by the current Secretary to be turned over to the new Secretary at the end of their term.

If Unit information is kept in a digital format, all information listed above should be copied to a thumb drive and that should be labeled by year and given to the next Secretary. It is recommended that the current year be kept on paper as well as digitally.

Upon election the Secretary should become familiar with both the State Bylaws and your Unit bylaws. You should keep a copy available during all meetings.

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BCHC VP of MEMBERSHIP

Chip is a past president of his local Backcountry Horsemen of California (BCHC) unit and has also been involved in the State Board for BCHC, including serving as statewide president for three years.

Through his involvement with BCHC, Chip has generated much support for volunteer packing in general and for Pacific Crest Trail packing projects.

Chip is retired from the U.S. Navy and, until recently, taught computer science at Riverside Community College. He also served as the computer science department chair for three years. After moving to Nevada, Chip has continued to support BCHC by serving as Vice President of Membership.

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.

From PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, page 3

appointment of new subordinate officers (chaplain, sergeant at arms and saw coordinator), two state meetings, bylaw updates, officer training, intern appointment, election of new officers and implementation of new Youth Program mandated reporting rules.

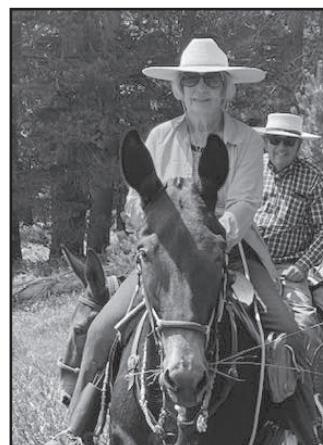
These changes and accomplishments, hopefully for the better, could not have come to fruition without the rank and file members, unit leadership, Board of Directors, Executive Committee and BCHC's many partners and associates. Again, it is reminiscent of the lead rope, as many strands combined to form the tool that leads to our continued objectives of keeping and promoting the conservation and utilization of all public lands.

Having looked back at last year's schedule of events throughout the state and the issues that were near and dear to our hearts and mission, when setting up next year's calendar we must continue to focus our collective attention and resources on those projects most important to us as an organization. A few of the planned state events are: continued youth and family events so important for the continuation of BCHC in the future, the February State BOD meeting in Visalia, the March Rendezvous in Temecula, the May Mule Days Celebration in Bishop, the summer strategy meeting, the October BOD meeting, and multiple projects conducted by individual units.

Moving forward into the new year, it is imperative that we keep our ropes and equipment in top shape and performing at the highest level. If the frayed ends of a well-used rope need some TLC, then let's use the tools we so wisely have at hand. Each unit has at hand for guidance their unit bylaws, policies, and rules as well as BCHC's updated bylaws. Therefore, over the next year, I would ask each of you to begin all interactions with respect, cherish personal relationships, assist on projects, develop your strengths and step into leadership and responsibility roles.

Let us collectively make BCHC the rope that braids us together to form a strong, flexible, quality and adaptable leadership organization, that when united, protects and promotes the back, front and high country for all to enjoy and cherish.

Just saying,
Mike Hughes, BCHC President



BCHC Treasurer
Lynn Joiner

BCHC TREASURER

Lynn Joiner attended the first meeting in Tulare when the High Sierra Stock Users was formed in 1981. She served as State Secretary while the organization was called HSSU. When HSSU transitioned to Backcountry Horsemen of California, Lynn continued in leadership roles. She served as BCHC President in the early '90s and has now served as BCHC Treasurer for more than 20 years. She was appointed Chaplain by current BCHC President Mike Hughes.

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FEBRUARY 1 - Units send Volunteer Service Hours Reports to 2nd VP

3&4 - State Board of Directors Meeting in Visalia

22 - Units complete Insurance Renewal

Application and send to 1st VP

By the end of February - Units send a financial statement for the past year to the BCHC Treasurer AND send Annual Unit Reports to the BCHC Secretary (include all events the unit participated in during the previous year such as rides, events, fundraisers, educational workshops, work parties, items that fall under the BCHC Strategic Plan, etc.)

Intern Applications go out

MARCH 24-26 - Rendezvous, Temecula - plan to attend and volunteer
BCHC President appoints Nominating Committee of Past Presidents

APRIL 15 - Deadline for Spring newsletter submissions to Editor

MAY – Bishop Mule Days Celebration (Memorial Day Weekend) – please
volunteer to help at the BCHC booth

JUNE - Summer Retreat Meeting for BCHC Executive Committee

JULY 15 - Deadline for Summer newsletter submissions to Editor

OCTOBER 7 - State Board of Directors Meeting (Place TBA)

15 - Deadline for Fall newsletter submissions to Editor

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If you use Amazon I would like to encourage you to sign up with Amazon Smile. Several members have and we receive donation checks as a result. Thanks. Every little bit helps.

~ Lynn Joiner
BCHC Treasurer



BCHC 2nd VP
Alyssa Alvarez

BCHC 2nd VP (Service) and MEMBERSHIP COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR

Alyssa Alvarez is a long-time resident of Humboldt County, CA, with a passion for volunteering and public service. When she found the Backcountry Horseman organization in 2019, she felt that she had found “her people.” In her current BCHC positions, she strives to bolster the organization’s volunteer hours reporting to obtain more grants and funding to keep public trails open and accessible for all. Her hobbies include kayaking, aerial acrobatics, riding her thoroughbred “Gozo” and training her baby mule “Boone”.

Don't forget to turn in your 2022 Volunteer Hours

Deadline: February 1



**Volunteer hours
are very
important to our
organization!**

Did you help with a work project
on public lands? Use a chainsaw?
Trailer stock? Provide an
educational event? It all counts!



**Your hours help us
apply for grants and
get funding for more
events and projects!**



Scan with your phone's camera or
visit www.bcha.org/doc-center/
for all necessary forms.

For questions or to submit hours, contact
bchc.coordinator@gmail.com

RENDEZVOUS 2023

DON'T MISS THE FUN AT RENDEZVOUS

By Stacy Kuhns and the Rendezvous Committee

We are very excited to be able to have all our friends gather for BCHC Rendezvous, March 24-26, at California Ranch Company, 43101 Anza Road, Temecula, California 92592. There is so much going on. We have Lee and Jennifer Roeser sharing their vast knowledge of mules. We are super excited to have Kristyn Harris as our after-dinner entertainer on Friday. If you haven't heard of this American Idol contestant before, do a search on the Internet and listen to a couple of her songs (kristynharris.com).

This year's main clinicians are Robin Bond and Matt Sheridan. They are so informative and great presenters. Dr. Robert Bray, Equine Nutritionist, will be teaching how to body score your horse or mule and will explain some common feeding myths and much more. He is a very engaging speaker and will be able to answer all your questions throughout the weekend.

BCHC's Eastern Sierra Unit formally invites the public to join them for a comprehensive packing clinic to be held during Rendezvous.

We have the Hemet Mounted Posse presenting colors at noon on Saturday.

Unit and BCHC State Awards will be Friday after dinner and our big auction is Saturday after dinner. We have an area set aside so you can sit and catch up with old friends (hospitality booth). In the evenings when we have finished up the activities, we can put a log on the firepit. This is a great place to gather to swap tall tales!

BCHC contests are exciting and fun. If you are unable to ride, come and watch. The Arena Obstacle Challenge is open to all experience levels, novice through open, and there will be a pack class. Buckles will be awarded for first place in each class.

Come sit and enjoy the aroma of the Dutch Oven contests and presentations. Or get your entry in and participate. The Dutch Oven Contest will have a twist this year. It will be like the cooking challenges on TV. We will provide protein! It has been hard to judge in the past, breakfast vs desserts, etc., so this change will make it super interesting. Come on out and Dutch Oven cook with us.

Packing demos and hands-on learning will help you to tie all those knots. Come out and try the box and diamond hitches. Our guys and gals would love to have you come give it a try. YOUTH are encouraged to come out, too. Contests are box hitch, diamond hitch and odd load. Awards will be presented for adult and buckles/awards for youth for box and diamond only.

Our 2022 BCHC Intern, Bailey Mello, will be at Rendezvous. She will be giving a presentation about her summer as an Intern with the support of BCHC. She is very excited to come down and she can answer any questions you may have.

Hands-on Crosscut Saw demonstrations, other demos, Leave No Trace presentations, and shopping at our vendors will be fun, too.

There will be lots of activity at the State Booth. There will be raffle tickets, DVDs and other items to purchase at this hub of information.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will have a good number of mustangs and donkeys to adopt at the event. Bring an empty trailer so when you fall in love with one you can take him home.

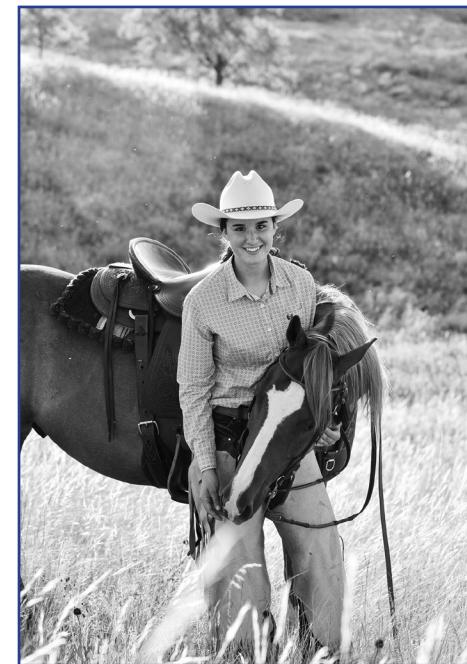
Beer and Wine Tasting is always a popular place for us to stop and chat. We would love to have you donate some of your local brews. If you can donate cheese or crackers, that would be great too.

The Kids Corral will offer children the opportunity to learn knots, run in backpack relay races, learn leatherwork, participate in stick horse races, interact in talks about what to do if you get lost, and much more. We can't wait to share this special kids' zone.

If your unit is unable to attend Rendezvous, we would love your financial support. This is our state fundraiser to keep BCHC doing what it needs to do.

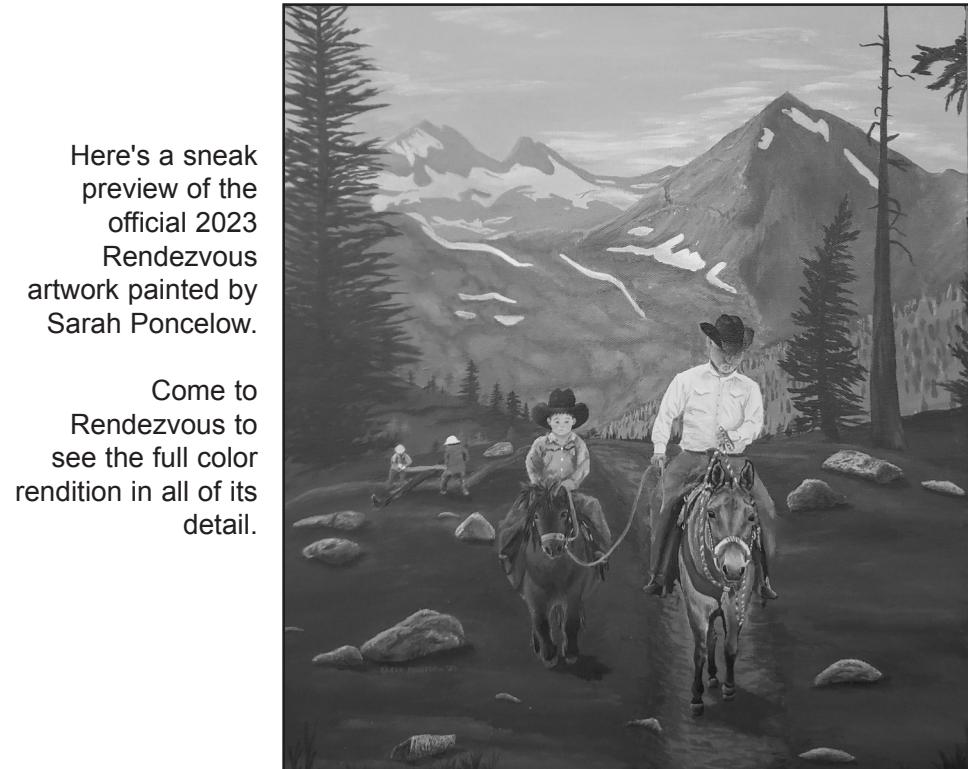
Hope to see you all in Temecula, March 24-26!

TALENTED YOUTH PAINTS OFFICIAL RENDEZVOUS ARTWORK



Hello there!

My name is Sarah Poncelow and I am a senior at Wessington Springs High School in Wessington Springs, South Dakota. Some of my hobbies include reading, art, volleyball and working with animals. I love competing in rodeo and training horses. I own three geldings, an old ranch horse that taught me the ropes (trained by my father), and two horses off-the-track that I am currently training. After school I plan to continue training horses and improving my artwork.



Here's a sneak preview of the official 2023 Rendezvous artwork painted by Sarah Poncelow.

Come to Rendezvous to see the full color rendition in all of its detail.

PUBLIC LANDS & INSURANCE



BCHC VP of Public Lands
Troy Patton

BCHC VP OF PUBLIC LANDS

Troy is a California native. He grew up in Long Beach at his dad's roping arena. Horses have always been part of his life. He started participating in rodeos at the age of 16, where he rode bulls, team roped and calf roped. At 19, Troy went into the U.S. Army and served a tour of duty in Vietnam. He left that war-torn country on Friday the 13th, and, after crossing the International Dateline, was released from the U.S. Army on Friday the 13th. He considers it his lucky day.

Upon his return to the States, Troy started back into rodeo and began dating his wife to be, Susie. Troy worked as a truck driver and eventually went on to operate large cranes throughout the State of California. He retired from the Operating Engineers after 35 years.

Troy has been involved with BCHC since 1997 when there was a dispute with the Forest Service over a favorite horse/cow camp in the Sierra where he met Ann Lange. Troy has served as Public Lands Chair for two units and is now BCHC VP of Public Lands as well as Director/Public Lands for Eastern Sierra Unit.

ANN LANGE PUBLIC LANDS AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

By Troy Patton

It is time to submit your nominations for the 2022 Ann Lange Public Lands Award. This award is given to a BCHC member who has done outstanding work in the public lands arena. This could involve things such as working with elected officials to protect trails, working with public agencies to keep trails open, writing letters and/or giving input on Forest and Park plans when they are open for public comment.

Please write up why you think someone deserves this award. Include details and be descriptive in your submission since the judges may not know your nominee. Submit your nomination by February 26, 2023, to Troy Patton, BCHC Vice President of Public Lands at outdoortroy46@gmail.com.

The winner of this prestigious award will be announced at the 2023 Rendezvous being held in Temecula on March 24-26, 2023.



INSURANCE

By Jamie Wilson, DVM, BCHC 1st VP (Insurance)

Greetings, Backcountry Horsemen!

As we head into the new year, there are a couple of updates about our insurance policy.

The new Event Request Form is now up on the State website, under Forms. Please fill one out and email it to me if you need an Additional Insured or Proof of Insurance for an event. It provides all the information I need to send to the agent without me having to go back through several emails. That enables me to send off your requests promptly so the certificates are returned in time for your events.

We also have the new Liability Release Form on the website; it's the one we approved at the October meeting. It is critical to our coverage that we all sign one of these forms before an event, both members and non-members. One bit of good news is that the company OK'd using one form with multiple signers for one event, so you can have people all sign one form (like on the back side) and not have to keep so many sheets of paper. Units must keep these forms from past events for three years, so it will streamline the process.

Hopefully we will all be able to get to the backcountry this year for rides and work projects! Right now it is either snowed under or washed away.



Please feel free to email me if you have questions about BCHC insurance.

BCHC LIMITED LIABILITY INSURANCE

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Our insurance is third party liability only. It does not cover members or their stock.

When is an Insurance Certificate required? An insurance certificate is needed:

- When the owner of a facility where a BCHC event is being held, requests the coverage it provides.
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BCHC EDUCATION



**BCHC Saw Program
Coordinator
Mike Lewis**

SAW PROGRAM

By Michael Lewis, BCHC Saw Program Coordinator

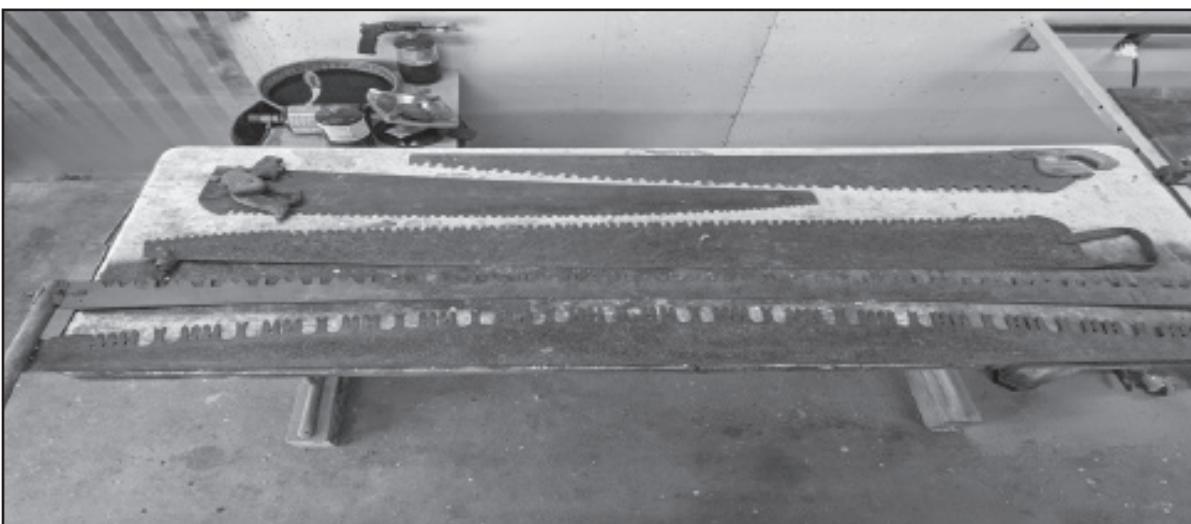
As we head into the new year there are a lot of changes coming to the BCHC Saw Program. But first, I would like to back up to last spring when I was contacted by long time BCHC member Ruth Gerson. Ruth said she had some old crosscut saws of her mother's that she would like to donate to BCHC. And, of course, I accepted. Then

began the problem of getting them. Ruth lives in Agoura Hills at the base of the Santa Monica Mountains and I live near the San Diego County line some 165 miles away. Well, after a few months of back and forth, Ruth said she could meet me in Temecula. We picked a day to meet for lunch and my wife and I finally got to meet Ruth. I really enjoyed our conversation and was able to pick up the saws. I have not been able to work on them but plan to soon. Thank you, Ruth, for making the effort to come down to my neck of the woods. My wife and I really enjoyed getting to know you. The following is an email Ruth sent after the exchange.

5 VINTAGE CROSCUT SAWS

On July 18, 2022, I donated 5 crosscut saws to BCHC. I gave them to Michael Lewis when I met him and his wife Pebbles in Temecula for lunch. He instantly knew the names of each type of saw. I am so glad that now people will use them for repairing trails by cutting the big trees that have fallen across trails. Although the saws are rusty, I know that Michael will clean them up. Some of the wood handles are broken and will need replacing. There are two 48-inch ones – two 72-inch ones – one 60-inch. These saws were my mom's, although I doubt she used them as she was a teacher, a musician and an attorney. She was born in New York in the early 1900s. I believe that the saws are over 100 years old. I would appreciate a note from BCHC acknowledging receipt of this donation.

*Thanks, and I hope the sawyers enjoy sawyering!
Ruth*



Five crosscut saws donated to BCHC by Ruth Gerson. There are two 48-inch saws, one 60-inch saw and two 72-inch saws. When cleaned and repaired, the saws will be useful in removing fallen trees from trails.

Now on to the Saw Program changes. The Forest Service has been working on some policy and curriculum changes. What does this mean for our program? Number one is a bucking only C-evaluator will now be an approved certification level. This is the certification needed to keep our "C" level instructors up to date and will no longer require a felling certification. We will also be using a new database to issue cards. This means that we will enter the students' evaluation information into the database and within two weeks a signed card will be available for the student to download. We will no longer issue or sign cards ourselves. Lastly, it appears the new FS training curriculum is complete and all cooperators will be using this new training which means we will no longer be using our own training. This is nationwide and will bring all saw programs in line with each other. We will be required to resubmit our program but it will now be just a one-page document. These changes as well as others will take some of the load off our program and I look forward to their implementation. There will be a Region 5 saw workshop held in Auburn in early March where we will have the opportunity to learn the new training curriculum.

As trainings are already being scheduled for 2023, I would like to introduce our newest designated chainsaw instructor, Remco van der Linden. Thank you, Remco and wife Tiffany (Trainee), for volunteering your time and expertise. Three other new trainees I would like to recognize are Keith Wheeler, John Gleason, and Cindy McMurry. Good luck on your journey toward being instructors.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR SPRING 2023 EDITION

of the Backcountry News is: **APRIL 15, 2023**

Send submissions to:
BCHC Editor at BCHCNewsletter@gmail.com



RENDEZVOUS 2023

**ARE YOU READY FOR RENDEZVOUS,
MARCH 24-26, 2023?**

We have picked a nice venue - California Ranch Company in Temecula

By Stacy Kuhns, BCHC VP of Education/General Rendezvous Chairman

California Ranch Company (CRC) is a very nice ranch, located among the wineries in Southern California. We are working to arrange some options of other things to do once Rendezvous is over. Would you like to ride through the wineries on your own stock (or rent horses)? Take a wine tour? Ride in a hot air balloon?

Fundraiser items will be a Henry .22 lever action rifle, Silver Eagle, 2nd edition. Please contact your unit officers and/or board members to purchase tickets. This is the big annual fundraiser for Backcountry Horsemen. We appreciate all units selling the tickets that were handed out to your unit directors at the October BOD meeting in Santa Nella. We will also have tickets available in the Rendezvous Registration Packet coming out in the next couple months. (Boy, where has the year gone?) Here is a partial list of things going on at Rendezvous: Dutch Oven presentations and competitions, Beer and Wine Tasting, Art Show, Leave No Trace presentations given by BCHC Wilderness Riders, packing competitions, packing presentations and classes. We will have many other presentations from backcountry veterinary emergency to saddle fitting and many more topics between. There will even be an Arena Obstacle Challenge.

We are excited to let you know our entertainer for 2023 is Kristyn Harris. Visit her website (<https://www.kristynharris.com/>). We will be presenting BCHC awards Friday night followed by entertainer Kristyn Harris. The huge raffles and auction will be held Saturday night.

Clinicians will be Robin Bond and Matt Sheridan. Here is a little about them:

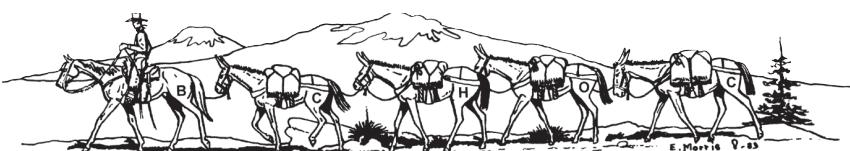
1. Robin has been training professionally since 1993. Working Equitation, Western Dressage, Ranch.
2. Matt has a unique approach to natural and performance horsemanship for Versatility, Trail, and Reined Cow Horse.

Kids Korral will have supervised fun activities for the kids and an appearance from BCHC's youth mascot. For those of you that would like to help with Kids Korral, please get your background check and Youth Card. They are very easy to acquire but take time so don't wait.

We will be asking for help from all units as we have had in the past. This event is a huge undertaking, and it takes many members to make it happen. We thank you in advance for all you do to help. You know the saying about many hands making light work?

Come on down to Rendezvous in Temecula. Reconnect with others you haven't seen in a while and meet new friends! We are sure you will have a great time.

See ya in March!



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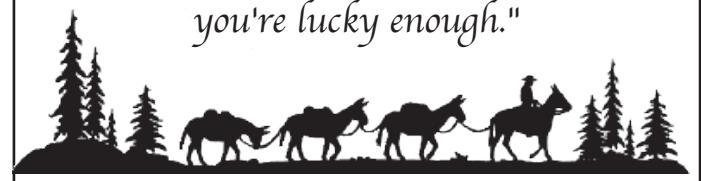
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\$1,000 donation made by Mid Valley Unit member Terri Arington in memory of her late husband Ron ("RA") Arington. Ron was a longtime Ag teacher at Sonora High School. He was passionate about the back country, his horses and mules, his students and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

*"If you're lucky enough to be in the mountains,
you're lucky enough."*



BCHC EDUCATION



BCHC VP of Education
Stacy Kuhns

BCHC VP OF EDUCATION

Stacy Kuhns has been involved in the agriculture industry since 1978. Stacy has enjoyed being a 4H leader in Riverside County, teaching the new generation about the care and feeding of animals. She has worked for a local family-owned feed manufacturer since 1992 as a territory sales rep. She has also been involved with CSHA Trail Trial Program and American Competitive Trail Horse Association (ACTHA).

Stacy is very involved as the Education Chair at her local Redshank Riders Unit and loves to pack-in work crews. She is a Master Educator Instructor for the Leave No Trace Program (LNT) and a Backcountry Horsemen Wilderness Rider. She has been involved with Backcountry Horsemen for 20 years.

Stacy is currently the VP of Education on the Executive Committee of Backcountry Horsemen of California where she is working to help educate members and the general public and to help keep trails open to all stock users.

EDUCATION UPDATES

By Stacy Kuhns

I want to keep you all informed on some things we have been working on ...

To help new officers, we have updated the Leadership and Training Manual. For a copy go to <http://www.bchcalifornia.org/docs/BCHCLeadershipTrainingManual.pdf>

We have created an Intern Task Force – for future funding of Interns. This is exciting as we need to be able to fund future Interns.

Don't forget about Equisure insurance thru BCHA. As a member of BCHA you are eligible to receive \$1 million dollars in coverage for only \$20/Individual or \$40/Family. Go to the BCHA website for more information.

 Wilderness Riders Course information for 2023: It will be a 5-day course. We have acquired a spot in southern California. Please let us know if you are interested in attending so we can move forward. There is a minimum number of registrants needed to have a class. We are also working on a Master Only class in the Shasta area.

Wilderness Riders (WR) Round Up will be held Friday afternoon at Rendezvous. Thank you to Denise Robinson and Nyna

Cheek for heading this up. Wilderness Riders will conduct Leave No Trace presentations at Rendezvous. All seven principles will be covered this year. If you are interested in doing a class, please reach out.

Help is needed at the State Booth during Rendezvous. If you can volunteer, please note that in your Rendezvous registration packet. We could really use your help!

For more information on these topics, please email Stacy Kuhns, BCHC VP of Education: stacykuhns@aol.com

YOU are an ambassador for BCHC!



Backcountry Horsemen of California Fundraiser

**Raffle tickets \$5.00 each
Drawing on March 25, 2023**



Henry Rifle - lever action .22 Silver Eagle 2nd Edition (must be 18 to enter raffle)



\$500.00 Bass Pro Gift Card

Get your raffle tickets from BCHC unit members, BCHC Executive Committee and State Directors

ALAN HILL - PASSIONATE ADVOCATE & TIRELESS VOLUNTEER

Shasta Trinity Unit regretfully acknowledges the loss of one of our own this past October. Alan Hill has been instrumental in supporting our mission statement and purpose for the BCHA/BCHC, even going as far as Washington, D.C., to achieve those goals. Alan Hill was a major contributor to our local unit, the Shasta/Trinity unit. He has volunteered his ranch in Trinity Center to host the infamous fish plants in the Trinity Alps for decades. His insightful contributions have been a valuable resource for our local communities, and for the state and national chapters of the BCHA/BCHC.

"Alan Hill was instrumental in establishing and keeping the Shasta/Trinity Unit active for many years. We wouldn't have a unit if it were not for Alan Hill."

Thank you,
Laura Rodger, Shasta/Trinity Unit President



ALAN T. HILL

June 5, 1938 - October 12, 2022

Longtime Redding resident Alan Hill passed away October 12, 2022, at age 84. Alan attended Shasta High School and the University of Nevada/Reno. He married Bev in 1963. Alan was self-employed and owned Trinity Hill Enterprises.

Alan joined BCHA in 1989 and, as described in the BCHA Lifetime Achievement Award (at right), held leadership roles in the Shasta Trinity Unit as well as at BCH state and national levels. Alan was a champion of public lands, wilderness, trails, and youth development. He was passionate about ensuring safe access to national forests; a passion that helped create the 30-year partnership between the USFS, BCHA, and CCC Backcountry Trails Program. Alan frequently spoke to funders, stakeholders and partners, attended meetings and lobbied for resources. He planned and packed-in state and USFS officials on VIP trips to show firsthand the important work CCC crews completed.

Alan served as Shasta Trinity Unit's Public Lands/USFS/CCC Coordinator, on the RAC Committee, as Work Projects Chair, and coordinator of countless successful fish plants. He welcomed his unit to hold activities and fundraisers at his Trinity Center ranch.

On the national level, Alan served one term as BCHA Chairman and for many many years as BCHA representative to the National Board. For years, he faithfully traveled to Washington, D.C., to represent BCHA at Hike the Hill events and served on the American Horse Council Recreation Committee.

As you can see by the photos included here, Alan was engaging, had a terrific sense of humor and a contagious smile. He was a true gentleman who will be missed by all who knew him.

~ Carol Jo Hargreaves

IN 2015, BCHA PRESENTED ITS PRESTIGIOUS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO ALAN HILL

Whereas ... he joined Back Country Horsemen in 1989; and

Whereas ... he has held leadership roles in local unit as well as national organizations of Back Country Horsemen, including president of Shasta Trinity Unit (2003-2006 & 2014-), State Director to BCHA (1996-99), BCHA Chairman (1999-2001), BCHA Public Liaison Chair 2001, Non-Director Member BCHA Executive Committee (2012-); and

Whereas ... he has represented BCHA in the Washington, D.C., Hike the Hill Event (2001-2014); and

Whereas ... he has organized the VIP Partnership trips to allow CCC, BCHA, USFS supervisors, Sierra Club, and several youth groups including SCEA, NW Youth Corps, FFA, and Boy Scouts to visit trail work crews with a mission to increase awareness and agency budgets for trails; and

Whereas ... he has served as Project Coordinator for all wilderness trail work projects for Shasta Trinity Unit Backcountry Horsemen, California Conservation Corps, United States Forest Service; and

Whereas ... he has acted as chairman and coordinated the annual Fish planting program in the high mountain lakes of Northern California with USFS, California Dept. of Fish and Game and BCHA Shasta Trinity Unit; and

Whereas ... he has been a member of American Horse Council Recreation Committee (2002-2011); and

Whereas ... he has participated in numerous public speaking events, presentations, radio and television interviews in support of Back Country Horsemen, and

Whereas ... in 2001 he testified before a U.S. Congress, House of Representatives, House Resources Committee in support of increased wilderness trails funding.

Therefore, let it be resolved ... that the 2015 Back Country Horsemen of America Lifetime Achievement shall be awarded to: Alan Hill



BCHA: Dedicated to keeping America's trails open for all



Submitted by Randy Hackbarth, BCHA National Director

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2023 NATIONAL BOARD MEETING

April 16-19, 2023

Join BCHA in Kalispell, Montana, for BCHA's Annual National Board Meeting and help BCHA celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Stay at the beautiful Red Lion Hotel, 20 N. Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

To reserve your room, call (406) 751-5050. Use code BACK0414 for BCHA discounted rates.

Let's show all BCHA members the last 50 years.

Send BCHA your early photos and photos of founding members from your state or chapter to kick off the 50th Anniversary celebration.

Your photos will be used in monthly updates and during the 2023 National Board Meeting. Send your pictures with the name and year to michellewade@bcha.org



BCHA National Director
Larry Shuman

Larry Shuman has been an active member of BCHC Shasta Trinity Unit for 25 years. He has served on the Shasta Trinity Unit board 20 years. In those years he has been Unit President three times totaling nine years, unit delegate to the state board seven years plus he has served in many other functions for the Shasta Trinity Unit board.

Larry has also served on the State board of directors as 1st VP for Insurance and as State President. During that time, he was chairman of three BCHC Rendezvous. Now he has the privilege of serving the State BCHC as National Director (representative to BCHC's parent organization, BCHA).

Larry's involvement with BCHC began when his wife Rose talked to a gentleman while waiting in line at the grocery store. The fellow told her about Backcountry Horsemen and said she and Larry should join. By the next year, Larry was on the local unit's board, learning to pack while learning to ride. In one year, he went from having two riding horses to four so he and Rose could pack. He currently has two horses and four mules and still loves getting out to the mountains to pack as much as possible each summer.

Larry loves the mountains and visited what is now the Trinity Alps Wilderness for the first time in the summer of 1964. In 1968 he spent 3½ months hitchhiking the West, trout fishing (took the summer off) and visiting many areas that would later become wilderness areas. Larry has been a bar manager and an engineering technician for the State of California. He ultimately retired from the Department of Water Resources as a Systems Analyst in 2007.



BCHA National Director
Randy Hackbarth

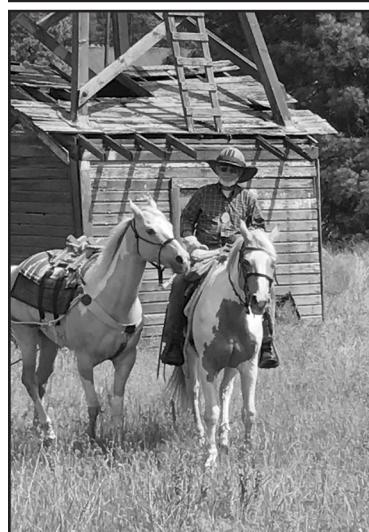
BCHA NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Randy Hackbarth grew up in the Sacramento area, moving to the Placerville area in 1975 with her husband and two sons.

Randy worked for Pacific Bell/AT&T for 28 years, doing construction splicing then moving with technology into fiber optics and the electronics associated with it. She retired from the company as an Area Manager for Technical Support – Transport and Network Operations.

Randy has worked on public lands issues for local equestrians with the Action Coalition for Equestrians (ACE) that existed from 2003 to 2020. She was a member of the El Dorado County Search and Rescue unit for 20 years. She did a few years of endurance riding, completing the Tevis Cup 100-mile endurance ride twice. Randy joined the Sweep Riders of the Sierras (SOS) which rode sweep for the WS 100 Mile Endurance run, Tevis Cup 100 Mile Endurance Ride and other local events, giving aid and ham radio support. For about 10 years, she worked for Horse Expo in Sacramento, setting up its Trail Symposium speakers and assisting with the BCHC Mother Lode Unit's Gentle Use Camp. Around 2004, Randy joined the Mother Lode Unit to support trail politics at the national level in Washington, D.C.

UNIT NEWS



THE RIDE OF A LIFETIME Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail from Easton, WA, to the Idaho Border

By John Marshall

Greetings! My name is John Marshall and I'm a member of the Mid Valley Unit in Modesto, CA. I would like to share about the John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Riders in Washington State. The club has put on The Cross State Ride for 42 years. This year the ride will be held May 18 through June 4. It starts in Eastern Washington and ends in Tekoa, Washington, on the Idaho border

- a little over 200 miles. It sounds like it is overwhelming, but it isn't. We travel an average of 15 to 20 miles a day.

I have ridden 10 years in a row. The first year I had only ridden horses for 1-1/2 years. I rode my horse five years, packed one horse, packed two horses, packed three horses, drove my easy cart and, last year, I was a swamper on my friend Clarence's wagon pulled by his two mules. I have ridden with a 12-year-old girl that rode bareback the entire way; with 80-year-olds and every age in between. I've seen a 12-year-old boy ride his bicycle the whole way with his family. Last year an 80-year-old rode his bicycle the whole trip. I met a 60 to 70-year-old lady that walked 10 years in a row.

I have seen minis pulling carts, a six-up team pulling a stagecoach and teams of mules hitched to a shepherd's wagon. I've seen everything from wagons, buggies, surries and carriages to covered wagons on the ride. I think I have seen every breed of horse and mule. After completing this ride, every horse and mule is a much better partner and animal.

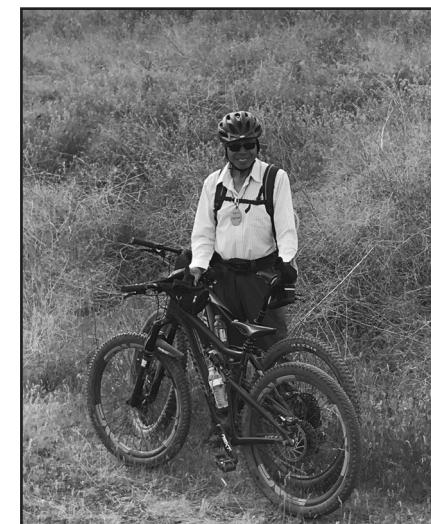
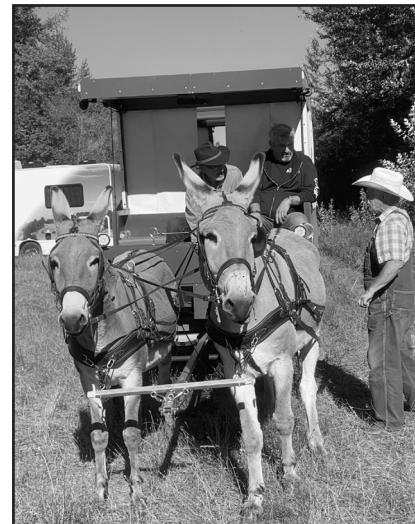
I have met people from almost every U.S. state, Mexico, Canada, even from overseas. People drive pickups with two 2-horse straight loads and tents, motor homes and trailers with living quarters of all sizes.

The best part of this ride is the people you meet and the friendships you make. Everyone is friendly and helpful. Our passion for horses and mules is what we all have in common!

About half of the members of the John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Riders Association and about 30 percent of the riders and teamsters are also members of Back Country Horsemen.

For more information and details, please look up the John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Riders Facebook page and website (kjohnwaynetrailride.com). I welcome you to call or text me: John Marshall at (209) 968-3826. Ask me about my experiences and let me know what you think about this riding/driving opportunity.

**Are you ready for your next adventure? Come join us!
May 18 through June 4, 2023
(Registration opened January 16)**



UNIT NEWS

REDWOOD UNIT:

TEN BEAR WORK WEEKEND

Article and photos submitted by Alyssa Alvarez

In October 2022, several members of the Redwood Unit of Backcountry Horsemen set off into the Six Rivers National Forest in Humboldt County to build a set of corrals for an equestrian campground that they knew needed some work. Their sights were set on Ten Bear, a trailhead on the west side of the Marble Mountain Wilderness.

Going up, the team already knew there was damage to some of the corrals and spent their first day clearing debris with chainsaws and elbow grease. The first day they assessed most of the damage and fixed some small things like a rotting hitching post. The corner of one of the corrals was burned in a wildfire that had passed through the previous year, so they found some wood to replace it. They patched up all the fallen fencing and picked up wire that was found around the corral areas.

The second day, they turned off the water system for the winter and used the tools they had brought to cement-in the new corrals. The team brought up a welder, all corral panels needed for two corrals, hammers, nails, drills, shovels, a posthole digger, cement and some great attitudes.

On their way home, they checked out another horse camp in the area - Stanshaw - and fixed a couple of gates. They also found a spot that would be good to build an outhouse one day.

No stock was brought up on this trip, but the group left the spot for the winter knowing that using the new corrals in the springtime is just around the corner. A huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard on this project: Lori White, David Pritchard, Penny Calvo, Marsha Bradbury, Mary Moore and Billie Mohr.



Above, left to right: Billie Mohr, Marsha Bradbury and Lori White volunteered in Humboldt County's Six Rivers National Forest last October.



Above: David Pritchard helped build and install two new corrals at Ten Bear, a trailhead on the west side of the Marble Mountain Wilderness.

At right: Lori White used a chainsaw to repair a rotting hitching post.



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Above, left to right: Redwood Unit members Mary Moore, Billie Mohr and Marsha Bradbury set up corral panels in an equestrian campground.

UNIT NEWS

EASTERN SIERRA UNIT:

FREE PACKING LESSONS OFFERED

Article by Anna L. Baglione. Photos from ESU Facebook page.

BCHC Eastern Sierra Unit is pleased to announce our offering of 2023 Packing Lessons. Lessons will be held weekly at the Tri County Fairgrounds in Bishop, CA, Sundays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the packer's arena. Please keep up with our unit's happenings by following our Facebook page. This year's lessons will follow the basics of packing, hitches and sawbuck saddles. We will also be featuring new topics each week with our Pro Packer Topic of the week and opportunities to build knowledge as we progress. This year we will also be offering seminars (in the place of a few lessons) from local veterinarians, farriers and other professionals. Dates TBA.

Lessons and seminars will always be free and we sincerely thank our group of volunteers and professional packers who help make this possible. Donations come in many forms and thanks to the generous support from Rock Creek Pack Station, the Range of Light Mules, the Tri County Fairgrounds and others, we are able to keep the program going.



This clever little tyke was determined to learn to tie hitches. She found a sturdy pack box to stand on so she could reach the iron mule.



RENDEZVOUS 2023

Backcountry Horsemen of California Presents

Western Art Show

California Ranch Company Temecula
March 24-26, 2023



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All ages encouraged to participate. Art work will be divided into a variety of different categories and age groups giving everyone a chance to win.

The Western Art Show includes paintings, photos, leather work, fiber art, carving, arts-n-crafts and miscellaneous artwork. If your item does not fit into any of these categories, submit it anyway and we will find a place for it.

Prizes will be awarded. The art works will be displayed for people to admire. Judging will occur Saturday afternoon, with winners announced during the Wine and Cheese Event. Judges decisions are final.

In addition to the judges selections for prizes, one entry will be selected to win the "People's Choice" award by popular vote.

If you wish, you may sell your work by simply attaching a price tag to it. You may also donate your item to our Saturday night auction. We are not responsible for the sale of items.

\$5 per entry. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place, and Honorable Mention winners, in each category. Maximum dimension is 3x3 feet and may not weigh more than 50 lbs. All artwork must be ready to display. Picture hanging wire required on all items that require to be hung.

→ For Western Art Show CONTEST RULES please see attached.



WESTERN ART SHOW CONTEST RULES

- 1) Item (e.g., painting, photo, etc.) must be created by you and your name must be on the entry form. One entry form per item. Entry number will be assigned at time of submission.
- 2) Paintings, photos and drawings must be framed (including wire for hanging) for their protection and display.
- 3) All entry forms must have contestant's name, address and phone number. It is a good idea to put this on your item also, if possible.
- 4) \$5.00 Entry fee for each item
- 5) Entries are due at the Rendezvous Art Show Booth no later than 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Items must be picked up no later than 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.
- 6) Prizes will be awarded for each category at the discretion of the Western Art Show judge(s).
- 7) Western Art Show judges are not responsible for the sale of items. Interested buyers will need to look up the information on the item tag and speak directly with the artist. Artwork can be donated to BCHC and auctioned off on Saturday night.

For further information contact Patricia (559) 760-6589 or pcvallentyne@gmail.com

WESTERN ART SHOW ENTRY FORM

ENTRY # _____
To be assigned at show

Artist's Name _____
Age _____
Address _____

Phone where you can be reached during Rendezvous

Alternate phone # _____

Entry Category (Check):

- Painting
- Fiber Art (Sewing/Knitting, etc.)
- Arts & Crafts
- Carving
- Leatherwork
- Photography
- Manteel Art
- Other (Describe) _____



RENDEZVOUS 2023



**BCHC RENDEZVOUS
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MARCH 25 AND 26, 2023
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
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SUNDAY MARCH 26



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Backcountry Horsemen of California annual Rendezvous March 24-26 2023

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Vendor coordinator-Stacy Kuhns stacykuhns@aol.com

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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

10/13/2022 through 1/11/2023

BENEFACITOR (\$100)

Eastern Sierra	Bill Carter Troy Patton Sally Taylor
High Sierra	Ruth Gerson Nancy Hamill Jacob Hamstra
Kern Sierra Supply	Karl Pendegraft Trish Pendegraft Brad Allen of Rosedale Farrier
Lake-Mendo Los Padres	Mylon Filkins, DVM Larry Mumford Tim Holliday Kaye Bruns Robin Cederlof William Chaides Eve Devine Laurie Henry Jessica Schley Laura D. Wimer
Mid Valley	Tony Alamo Karen Barindelli Jay Barnes Gary A. Cain Bob Cooper Carol Jo Hargreaves Rian Hudson Debra Lewis Bob Magee John V. Marshall Jennifer Marshall MID VALLEY UNIT Randy Powell John Schaapman Tom Cooper Donna Jones Furlow Jaede Miloslavich
Mother Lode	

BENEFACITOR (\$100)

North Bay	Stephanie Williams Lynn Cominsky
Redshank Riders	Renee Aberle Ron Robertson
Redwood	Carole & Darrel Polasek
San Diego	Walt J. Kirkwood Lynda Sterns
San Joaquin Sierra	John Cunningham Stephen Naylor
Sequoia	Kathryn C. Bennett Frank Schlitz Jan Walker Jamie Wilson, DVM
Shasta Trinity	Larry Young Lyle Charter Ken Hartman Lori Henderson Laura Rodger

PATRON (\$250)

High Country	Lynn Saunders
High Sierra	Richard Cochran
Kern Sierra	Sonia Shepard McLellan Willi Coeler
Lake-Mendo	Lynn Joiner
Los Padres	Clint Hanks
Mid Valley	Otis Calef
San Diego	Dennis M. Serpa
Sequoia	David Roy Chevallier
Shasta Trinity	Jim Holly
Sutter Buttes	Bruce McGowan Jerry Walters

MT. WHITNEY (\$500)

Eastern Sierra	Sarah C. Sheehan
Kern Sierra	Roger Whitaker
Mid Valley	Terri Arington
Mother Lode	Lloyd Erlandson
Pacific Crest	Catherine Godwin
Redshank Riders	Craig Bugajski
Shasta Trinity	Allison Renck Dean Angelides

IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW:

The annual BCHC Rendezvous is a primary fundraiser for our organization. It helps pay for day-to-day operational expenses such as production and distribution of this newsletter.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We look forward
to meeting you!

The following new members joined BCHC from
10/13/2022 through 1/11/2023

Eastern Sierra	Joseph Tate Wacker
Kern River Valley	Laina & Enrique Garcia
	Jena A. & Rick C. Williams
Kern Sierra	Craig D. Gunderson
Los Padres	Karen Nelson
Mid Valley	Cyndie Collins
	Karen Fadley & Mike Woody
Mother Lode	Quinn Austin Ford
	Claudia & Doug George
	Ginna Hahn
Pacific Crest	Ken & Shannen Ingram
Redwood	Margo & Steve Little
San Diego	Katie & Charlie Menghetti
San Joaquin Sierra	Jennifer Murray
Sequoia	Michael & Leslie Neilson
Shasta Trinity	Ann & Jim Price
Sutter Buttes	Margaret Nickle
Top of the State	Cathy & Mark Scott
	Cindy Tinnin
	Anita Wardle
	Lee Ann Sadlo
	Pam Dillon
	Maryanne Riley
	Julie & Brian Murphy
	Ernest Smith
	Alain & Danielle Jeschien
	Daniel Archuleta
	Gay Berrien
	Stratton Cloninger & Danielle Fleenor
	Cathie Matzinger
	Marsha Pitkin, Quentin, Jamie & Aubrie Bridwell
	Stephanie Reynolds
	Susan Waller

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR SPRING 2023 EDITION

of the Backcountry News is: **APRIL 15, 2023**
Send submissions to:
BCHC Editor at BCHCNewsletter@gmail.com

WHY JOIN BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA?

(From bchcalifornia.org)

As a member, you'll:

- 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!

TO JOIN OR RENEW BY MAIL

1. Fill out the MEMBERSHIP FORM on page 23, make a copy for your records. IMPORTANT: Youth Memberships MUST also print, sign, and mail these forms. Youth memberships will NOT be valid until the forms are received.

2. Mail the completed form(s) and check* to:

Chip Herzig
BCHC Membership
1280 State Rte 208
Yerington, NV 89447

*Please make checks payable to Backcountry Horsemen of California.
(You may also pay via Paypal.)

TO JOIN OR RENEW ONLINE

1. Fill out the ONLINE MEMBERSHIP FORM, save it and print a copy for your records.

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.

3. Pay with your Paypal

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Send your membership renewals to VP of Membership Chip Herzog.
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

Planning a Trip? Use



You will find the same airlines, hotels, rental cars
and cruises as on other travel websites!

You'll get great travel prices!

Each time you book travel a portion of the travel
commissions will go to support BCHC!

BCHC EARNS 60%

OF THE
COMMISSIONS!

It's that simple!

www.ytbtravel.com/bchc

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"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old) \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$100
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual \$90	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family \$110	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth (12-17 years old) \$15*	<input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$250
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family \$150	*Youth members MUST fill out BOTH Youth Membership forms (available online)	<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 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.

RENDEZVOUS 2023, Temecula, March 24-26

LET'S MEET AT CALIFORNIA RANCH COMPANY



43101 Anza Road, Temecula,
California 92592

*Southern California's Premiere Horse Training
and Competition Facility*

BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMAN OF CALIFORNIA



VENDOR APPRECIATION BEER, WINE & CHEESE TASTING!



Saturday March 25, 2023 • 3pm - 5pm
Where: Vendor area

Admission \$5.00

includes an
etched souvenir
tasting glass

**Invite your friends,
family &
future members**



open to the public, must be 21 years or older to participate

This fundraiser helps support BCHC (c)4

GIVE A GOOD HOME TO A WILD HORSE OR BURRO
Wild Horse and Burro Adoption
Backcountry Horsemen Rendezvous

March 24-26

California Ranch Company • 43101 Anza Road • Temecula

EVENT DETAILS

FRIDAY, March 24 • 1PM – 4PM Viewing; applications accepted

SATURDAY, March 25

8AM – 9AM Applications accepted; bidder numbers picked up
9AM – Live Auction to be followed by first come, first served on
remaining animals until 5PM

SUNDAY, March 26 • 8AM – Noon

First come, first served animal pick-up by noon or by previous
arrangement to pick up at Ridgecrest Facility (800)951-8720
during regular business hours or (760)382-4709 during the event



30 wild horses and burros will be available for adoption.

**10 mares (4 yearling fillies and 6-2 to 5 year olds)
10 geldings (4 yearlings and 6-2-5 year olds)
10 ungentled burros - mixed ages**

Adoption or purchase fees start at \$125. Visit the Wild Horse and Burro Program
on Facebook or for more information visit our website.

Please follow all public health guidelines.

ADOPTION
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PROGRAM

Interested in giving a good home
to an untrained wild horse or burro?
Ask how you can earn up to \$1,000
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RENDEZVOUS DUTCH OVEN CHALLENGE SATURDAY, MARCH 25

This is a fun competition with prizes for
1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners



Rules for the Competition:

1. Contestants will prepare a dish using chicken thighs provided by Rendezvous. All other ingredients will be provided by the contestant. The dish can be suitable for breakfast, lunch or dinner.
2. Contestants will provide their own cooking gear; Dutch oven, briquettes, cans for briquettes, fire starter, utensils, prep table, and cooking tables or equivalent set-up as there will be no cooking on the ground. If you need it, bring it.
3. All cooking will be done on site starting at 12 noon.
4. Judging starts at 3 p.m., with samples of your dish given to spectators.
5. Spectators will vote for their favorite dish.
6. Entry fee is \$25

For questions, please call Terry Jorgensen (760) 789-5185