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## 30th Annual Rendezvous in Bishop - A Successful Gathering!



Chip Herzig (*left*) and Dan Horn (*right*) receiving the prestigious **Ben York Award** for their commitment, dedication, and drive to initiate the Sawyer Certification Program (approved by U.S. Forest Service Region 5) and for obtaining the Leave No Trace Master Stock program contract. These are just a few of the major tasks these two amazing volunteers do for BCHC. **KUDOS** for jobs well done! Awards handed out by Lynn Joiner, State Treasurer (*middle*) and President Lloyd Erlandson (*back*).

by Susie Patton

We were blessed with beautiful Eastern Sierra Spring weather in Bishop on March 17-19. We had a fun filled, education filled week-end in a wonderful setting. Many people dedicated their time, efforts and skills to make Rendezvous work. Units from all different areas of California came together to help; and that is how Rendezvous should be.

**Redshank Riders** oversaw vendors and helped with so many other things. Stacy Kuhns did a great job wrangling the vendors and being a sounding board when we needed to make difficult decisions. Mike Lewis helped in so many areas I can't count

them, plus he did Packing 101, Pebbles Lewis took on the Wine, Beer and Cheese Tasting and did a fantastic job.

**San Diego Unit** worked tirelessly to make sure the Dave Stamey Concert was a success including working with sound people, decorating the stage, and making sure Dave had a place to stay. Thank you to Terry & Martin Jorgensen for taking on this task and doing a great job. Also thanks to Ray Spence for presenting and lending an extra hand when needed.

**Santa Ana River Unit** took my idea of a hospitality area and ran with it. Throughout Rendezvous there was coffee, lemonade, tea and many cookies, chips and snacks available to anyone who wanted to take a break, visit, and have a snack. *continued on Page 4*

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# President's Page

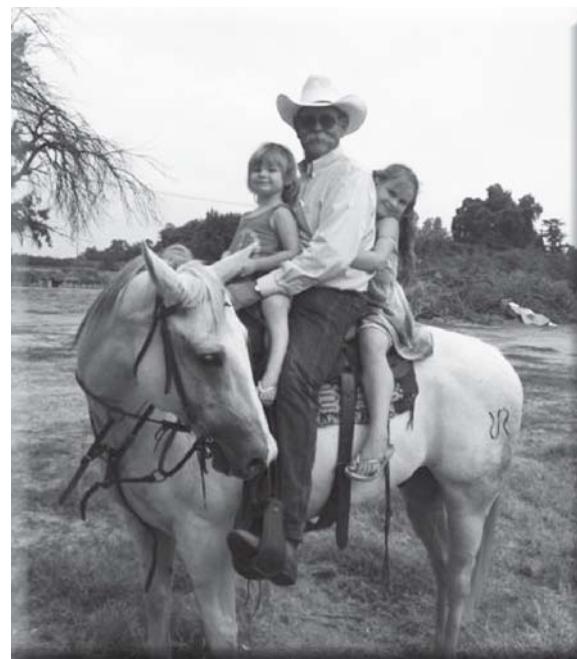
Spring has sprung around here. The almonds bloomed and the nuts set so I guess I'll hang around for another year and see what happens. I hope everyone knows that writing this newsletter is the hardest thing that I ever have to do. It has never been my thing. But thank you for putting me here and I'll do my best.

We've been home from the Rendezvous now for about two weeks and already are working on the one for next year. Rendezvous '17 turned out to be a good week in Bishop. The weather was perfect and all the classes' demonstrations and clinics were good. Thank you, Susie, and all the crew from the eastside and points south that it took to put it on.

There are lots of people to mention, so I'll not name anyone here, so as not to miss someone. But I must mention the US Marines. They put on a very informative demo on how to pack the Marine way. I was impressed with their skills and learned a little about what they have to do to stay alive when overseas. Good job guys.

We need to have a little talk about our Rendezvous. It seems the last few years our members have not been supporting this function like we used to do in the past. We used to have over 400 or more for dinner on a Saturday night and that meant looking for a special place to handle that many people. Now we are in the range of 200-300 so finding a place to hold the Rendezvous is easier but not as much fun, in my mind.

Rendezvous has always been a source of funds that support the BCHC in all education and advocacy work that we do. If we don't make any money with the Rendezvous, then we are all going to have to sell calendars again and nobody wants to do that.



Please put next year's Rendezvous on your calendar now so nothing else will get in the way.

Now, that brings us to Rendezvous '18. We will be in the State of Jefferson at the Tehama Co Fairgrounds in Red Bluff. The Shasta Trinity Unit will be the lead. The date will be a little later next year, on April 6-8, 2018. See you there.

I would like everyone to be aware of a new bill that has been introduced into Congress by Congressman McClinton of California. It is HR1343. It will be a change to the Wilderness Act which has been around for a long time to allow wheeled vehicles to be used in the wilderness areas. This would be a real disaster for packers and all horse riders. I don't know, at this time where the bill is in the process, but I have a call into Congressman McClinton's office and hope to see him during the April recess.

One last thing I would like to say is, welcome to our new unit in the Phelan Wrightwood area called the **Pacific Crest Unit**. Gwen Bykonen is president. Good luck to you and welcome aboard.

**Thanks for joining.**

Regards, Lloyd

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Thank you to the Van Velz-  
ers's and the Chodakauskas'  
for making this idea a reality.  
In addition, Mike Williams  
helped with Packing 101,  
and his wife Sigrid helped  
with the Wine Tasting. Pat  
and Gary Wolff were indis-  
pensable with furnishing and  
setting-up tech equipment  
for power point presenta-  
tions and sound and mics. I  
can't believe you got all that  
stuff in that little car.

**Kern River Valley Unit**  
oversaw the trail trials and  
did a great job. I heard many  
compliments when it was  
over about how much fun it  
was. Larry & Chris Cigaine-  
ro, Mike & Susan Hughes,  
Steve and Cindy Horst and  
Ken Finch all worked hard  
to make sure we had a suc-  
cessful event.

**Kern Sierra Unit** traveled  
to Bishop and did so many  
different jobs, they were ev-  
erywhere! Tammy Bozarth,  
Bonnie Searcy, Cheryl Reese  
and Lynn Joiner helped with  
the State booth, sold raffle  
tickets, helped with trail  
trials and the auction and just  
pitched in everywhere they  
were needed. Mark Stitz did  
an excellent job of taking  
care of the stalls and making  
sure the animals were safe  
and sound. Pat Mumford  
assisted with the Art Show  
and Steve Cozzetto manned  
the State booth for hours.  
Sylvia Chavez chaired the  
lovely Art Show.

**Mother Lode** members  
Mike and Norma Kohlbaker  
and John Marshall jumped in  
on Thursday prior to Ren-  
dezvous and began putting  
up all the signs required to  
make sure people could find  
their way around the Tri-  
County Fairgrounds. Norma  
helped set-up the office, and  
they were also kind enough  
to stay and help take all  
those signs down.

**Los Padres** Unit's Kaye  
Bruns handled the Dutch  
Oven cooking demonstra-  
tions with skill and creativ-  
ity. I heard many comments  
on how great her food was  
and how much information  
people received from her  
classes.

**Mid-Valley Unit** took care  
of the various competitions  
and did a great job with it.  
Thank you, Dennis Serpa.  
Lloyd Erlandson, Carl Perry  
and Susan Erlandson also  
helped in various areas.

Also thanks to Executive  
Board members Dan Horn &  
Lisa Deas, Co-VP's of Edu-  
cation. You two saved the  
day so many times during  
this adventure . Thank you,  
Lisa, for getting the Marine  
Packing group to attend.

Cindy McMurry, Co VP  
Youth put together a great  
Kid's Korral and with help  
from the Marines the kids  
had a great time.

**And of course, the host-  
ing Unit, Eastern Sierra**  
– A huge thank you to Chip  
and Linda Herzig for doing

registration  
and helping  
me get through  
Rendezvous  
when I wanted  
to give-up.  
Their advice  
and help was  
priceless. Bob  
& Patti Olin  
and Jerry &  
Teri Cimino  
did an excel-  
lent job with  
security and  
just being all-  
around help.

Thanks to Dr. Bill Carter  
who hauled several loads  
of his personal equipment  
to the fairgrounds for the  
iron mule area, packing, and  
saw corral and for making  
sure the Packing Zone was a  
success. Our President Russ  
Rantz was there helping Bill  
load and unload and helped  
with the iron mules. Thanks  
to Phil McDowell for man-  
ning the office, helping with  
the stalls and being there  
when it was over to help  
load. A big thanks to the  
ladies of Eastern Sierra who  
stepped up, went out there  
and got ads for the program,  
they did a great job in a short  
time. Kudos to Lee and Jen-  
nifer Roeser for using their  
knowledge and expertise to  
conduct classes as well as  
furnishing their wonderful  
mules for the demonstra-  
tions. We also thank them for  
the donation of a pack saddle  
to the auction (it brought  
us the most money!) Also,  
thanks to all you golf cart  
drivers – what a kick that  
was. To Sarah Sheehan, my

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## 2016 Volunteer Hours=\$\$\$\$

Unit	Total Dollars
Antelope Valley	\$40,576
Eastern Sierra	\$222,967
High Country	\$48,011
High Sierra	\$51,957
Kern River Valley	\$1,970
Kern Sierra	\$63,972
Lake-Mendo	\$186,923
Los Padres	\$808,301
Mid Valley	\$712,551
Mother Lode	\$273,400
North bay	\$112,401
Redshank	\$117,442
Redwood	\$274,930
San Diego	\$71,751
San Gorgonio	\$9,100
San Joaquin	\$230,367
Santa Ana River	\$42,636
Sequoia	\$8,343
Shasta-Trinity	\$226,403
Sierra Freepackers	\$179,252
Sutter Buttes	\$31,141
Top of the State	\$268,211
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,982,605</b>

*almost \$4 MILLION !!!*

**THANK YOU  
BCHC VOLUNTEERS**

# BCHC NEWS

## LEAVE NO TRACE MASTER EDUCATOR STOCK COURSE AUGUST 7th - 11th, 2017

*Forest Service Center for Excellence  
Trinity Lake, CA - Stock Course Trail Head Camp*

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### Stock Course Description:

The five-day Leave No Trace Master Educator Course is designed for individuals who will be teaching Leave No Trace Trainer Courses and Leave No Trace Awareness

Workshops. The course focuses on the specifics of running Trainer Courses, i.e. a significant portion of the course is spent covering how to facilitate a Trainer Course – planning, logistics, equipment, running groups in the field, meals, risk management, how to teach, etc. Through classroom discussions, lectures and a four-day outing, this course covers the seven Leave No Trace Principles and outdoor ethics, as well as gives the participants tools and techniques for disseminating low-impact skills to outdoor enthusiasts.

The BCHC Master Educator Stock will be a base camp-style courses that generally involve minimal travel (hiking, etc.) during the day.

There will not be any personal stock allowed at this course.  
All stock for demonstration purposes will be provided by BCHC.

#### NO DOGS ALLOWED

Price: \$575.00 (*price subject to change*)

Applications accepted NOW!

<http://bchcalifornia.org/lntmasters.htm>

(*We can make special arrangements to send Two Master Instructors to your organization within the United States*)



### 2016 Max and Irene Cochran Journalism Award Winners

1st Place - Carolyn Witt - San Joaquin Sierra

2nd Place - Corky Layne - Sutter Buttes

3rd Place - Susan Tuttle - Los Padres

4th Place - Corky Layne - Mother Lode

### 2017 Rendezvous Competitions & Contest Award Winners

**Pack Scramble - Bob Herrick, High Sierra Unit**

**Odd Load - Doug & Garrett Dollarhide, Mid Valley Unit**

**Box Hitch/Youth - Garrett Dollarhide, Mid Valley**

**Diamond Hitch/Youth Garrett Dollarhide, Mid Valley**

**Box Hitch/Adult - Deanne Guerro, Oakdale**

**Diamond/Adult - Mike Lewis, Redshank Unit**

**We would like to thank  
Lee Roeser and Bill Carter  
for award donations and thanks to  
Brian Kaiser and Tyler Knowles for  
providing loads, mules and judging.**

# SAWYER BUZZ

## Summary of the Joint Chainsaw Training

### **Plumas National Forest, Feather River District and BCHC**

On the weekend of March 25th & 26th, 2017 a Chainsaw Training to certify individuals to operate chainsaws as a “B” Bucker was undertaken by a Partnership between Plumas National Forest, Feather River District and the Backcountry Horsemen of California Chainsaw Training Program.

BCHC Chainsaw Trainer and event organizer Bob Gage, BCHC Sutter Buttes Unit President made the initial contact with Plumas National Forest employee, Jackie Pope. Jackie was willing to work with BCHC and the plans for a joint Partnership Chainsaw Class began. As President of the Sutter Buttes Unit of BCHC, Bob already had a good working relationship with Plumas National Forest, Feather River District Personnel and District Ranger, Randy Gould. PNF Saw Trainer, Mike Hyett also met with Bob, & Jackie to work out the details of the Class and they also made a field trip to find a suitable location for the in-field demonstration and evaluation of each Chainsaw Training candidate.

The procedure for student application for the class was begun on the BCHC side. The class was also opened to several volunteer groups and two selected individuals were included in the total number of students in the class. These individuals were from OHV 4X4 groups that also volunteer in the PNF on OHV trails. (The PNF Chainsaw Trainers were responsible for all the paperwork and evaluation of these two students/individuals.) All BCHC Chainsaw candidates/students were required to have 1st Aid/CPR & Blood Borne Pathogen training prior to taking the Chainsaw Training Class. (documented).

### **Day One:**

The Chainsaw Class began on Saturday 3/25/2017 at 08:30 with coffee, pastries, introductions of all participants. PNF Feather River District Ranger Randy Gould made a quick presentation to those assembled for the class. Randy thanked all attending and provided best wishes for a successful class. The Chainsaw Training curriculum was followed and the BCHC Power Point was utilized to insure all points were presented. The PNF Chainsaw Trainer Mike Hyett, fellow PNF Fire Fighter and Hotshot crew member James Maynard presented sections of the curriculum, BCHC Chainsaw Trainers Chris Vallerga and Bob Gage also presented sections of the curriculum. During each section, each trainer provided antidotal input all topics covered as well. The students were also encouraged to interact with the trainers on topics. Safety was a main topic of discussion, Safety Situational Awareness, Safe Operation of the Saws, Safety, Safety, Safety - in ALL aspects of Chainsaw Operations. OHLEC was stressed to all students and PPE was also addressed as per the Training Manual.

The classroom portion of the program ended on Saturday with discussions on communications, 1st Aid/CPR procedures and a Tailgate Safety Session prior to a hands-on view of Chainsaws, Chains, tools, PPE, and sample of a Chainsaw Kit or required tools for the Chainsaw Individual or team.

### **Day Two:**

On Sunday Morning at 07:30, the class met at the PNF Feather River District Office and then carpooled to the In-Field Evaluation Site off Lower Forbestown Road in the Plumas National Forest, an approximate 20-25-minute drive from the District Office. (Two members of the class met the rest of the class at the Fire station near the turn off on Lower Forbestown Road as it was closer to their home than the District Office.) There were two additional PNF Saw Trainers who also participated in the In-Field portion of the class. The ratio of evaluators was 1 to 2 during the evaluation of each student.

A Tailgate Safety Session hosted by PNF Trainer Mike Hyett, all individuals participating were involved in the Tailgate Safety Session process.

After the Tailgate Safety Session, we hiked a short distance to the Evaluation area, where there was a demonstration of proper Chainsaw operation was presented by PNF personnel. After the demonstrations, the group broke up into groups of 2 for the evaluation of each individual and their operation of the chainsaw in different situations with different binds and cut scenarios.

Each student was evaluated as to their knowledge, ability and verbal assessment of the situation, following the Evaluation Form provided in the Chainsaw Training Program.

All eleven Chainsaw Trainees related that they learned a lot in the class and felt the class was well presented and the curriculum complete. The students were asked to complete a Class Evaluation and the results were all positive from the students.

A big THANK YOU to Plumas National Forest, Feather District Personnel, Randy Gould, District Ranger, Jackie Pope, Mike Hyett, and the rest of the PNF staff, a great group with which to work.

Another Thank You to BCHC Chainsaw Trainer, Chris Vallerga and the BCHC Education and Leadership who made this all possible.

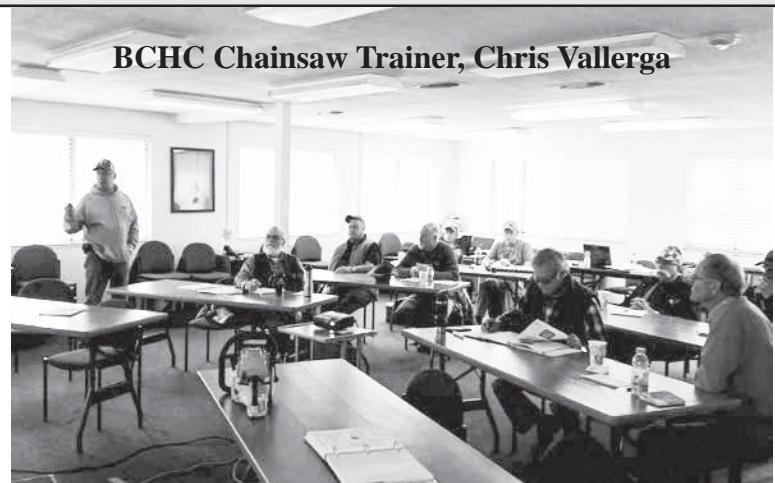
Congratulations to everyone on a very successful and educational event. Summary presented by: Bob Gage, BCHC Chainsaw Trainer, and BCHC Sutter Buttes Unit President.

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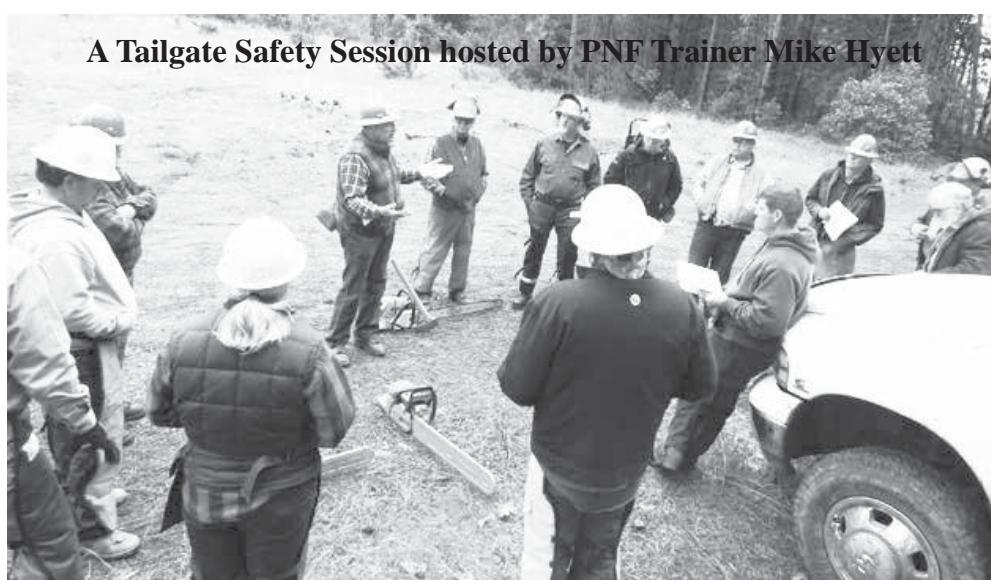
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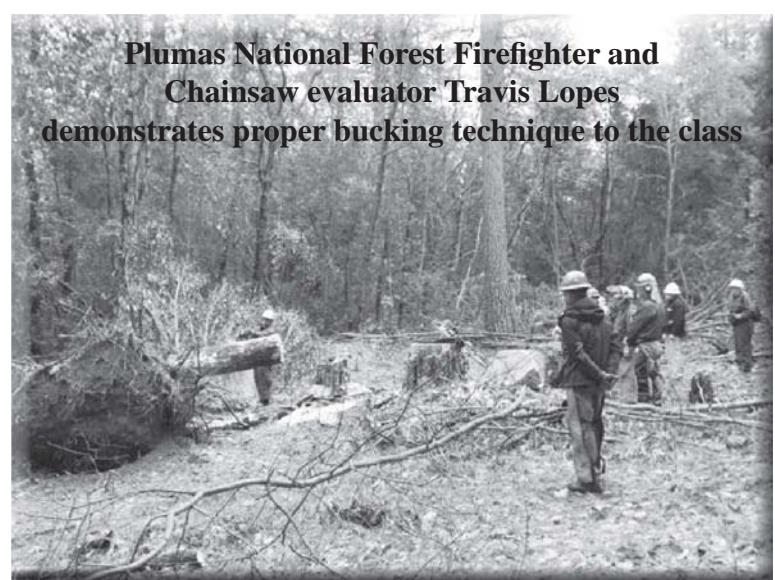
**BCHC Chainsaw Trainer, Chris Vallerga**



**A Tailgate Safety Session hosted by PNF Trainer Mike Hyett**



**Plumas National Forest Firefighter and Chainsaw evaluator Travis Lopes demonstrates proper bucking technique to the class**



**BCHC Chainsaw Student Joan Noel demonstrating her skills bucking a log during the evaluation process**



**Joint Partnership Chainsaw Training Class 3/25 - 26, 2017**

Plumas National Forest, Feather River District & Backcountry Horsemen of California

*Front Row Left to Right - Jackie Pope PNF, Travis Lopes PNF trainer, Craig Moisington PNF Trainer, Jerry Smith BCHC SBU member, Mike Hyett PNF Lead Trainer, Pete Moak Local Volunteer Trainee, Jack Wright BCHC SBU member.*

*Back Row Left to Right - Chris Vallerga BCHC Chainsaw Trainer, Carl Webb BCHC SBU member, Joel Adema BCHC SBU member, Gary Paul BCHC SBU member, David Casagrande Local Volunteer Trainee, David White BCHC SBU member, Joan Noel BCHC SBU member, Clay LaVigne BCHC SBU member, Terry Greene BCHC SBU member.*

# UNIT NEWS

## Kern River Valley Annual Report

March2016

BCHC Rendezvous Calaveras County

April 2016

- 4-1 KRV Unit Trail Trials set up at Keysville, Ca
- 4-2 and 4-3 KRV Trail Trials at Keysville, Ca
- 4-23 KRV Unit meeting at Horst's

May 2016

5-22 work projects at Paloma Meadow  
Work project , Meadow fencing and trail work, at Big Meadow North  
West and Cannell Meadow

August 2016

8-25 thru 8-29 Cannell Meadow fence repair and trail maintenance.  
Trail maintenance from Long Meadow to Little Cannel to Pine Flat to  
Long Meadow

September 2016

September 2013  
9-17 KRV Unit meeting at the Finches'

October 2016

BCHC state meeting at Santa Nella. Replace fence posts and take down wire at both horse camps at Big Meadow and Cannell Meadow  
Oct 29 - work party at Cannel Meadow and Big Meadow

November 2016

## **Nov 5 - guests and volunteer awards at the US Forest Service Appreciation BBQ December 2016**

12-17 KRV Unit meeting at Meredith's



**CONGRATS  
Los Padres Unit for  
Highest Volunteer Hours  
and Eastern Sierra Unit for  
Highest Volunteer Hours  
per capita!**

# Mid Valley Unit Year End report 2016

- Jan:** New Year's Day Annual Ride and potluck at Red Hills Gateway Park cleanup and trail clearing

**Feb:** Valentine's Day Ride  
Packing clinic for beginners

**Mar:** Organized packing classes at Rendezvous  
Rode in Ripon Almond Festival parade

**Apr:** Spring campout at Rumsey's  
Rode in Oakdale Rodeo parade  
Helped judge 4H classes  
Mojave National Preserve campout and ride

**May:** Rode in Sonora Rodeo parade  
purchased and set up corrals and highlines  
and improved camp sites at Kennedy Meadows  
Sponsored and trained Modesto Junior College students to compete at Mule Days

**June:** Saw recertification  
Horse Expo presentation  
Sponsored Forest Service Intern for summer  
Started hosting Clark Fork horse camp for all weekends of the summer  
Put on the 4th Annual Youth Horse Camp at Kerrick Corral  
Cleared all the horse trails around Clark Fork horse camp and improved campsites and tables

**July:** Rode in Modesto 4th of July parade  
Cleared trails around Pine Valley horse camp and Mud lake  
Kennedy Meadows campout for the unit, repaired trailhead sign

**Aug:** Emigrant wilderness trail clearing at Horse Meadow with 4 teenage youths  
PCT packing in and out tools and supplies  
Pine Valley campout and ride

**Sept:** Rode Newman parade  
Gravel packing with Mother Lode Unit

**Oct:** Put on a trail challenge at Diamond Bar arena  
Presentation at Tuolumne Co Search and Rescue

**Nov:** Rode Veterans Day parade in West Point  
Thanksgiving weekend ride and campout at Dinosaur Point

**Dec:** Fundraiser for the Tournament of Roses Parade,  
350 turned out for dinner and auctions  
Sponsored and rode in Columbia State Parks Christmas parade

# Art Show and Lucky Calendar

## Art Show Rendezvous 2017

by Sylvia Chavez

The art show was a little smaller than it normally is but was still very well represented with a good variety of entries and all of top quality. A very special thank you to our judge, local watercolor artist Lynn Marit Peterson. Our Best In Show was awarded to Marcy Watton's beautiful photograph simply titled "Dog on Rocks". The People's Choice voted on by the spectators went Tammy Borzart's great photograph of her husband Nate, crossing the Little Kern on his horse with three packed mules in tow. Second most popular went to Libby Beatty for her very nice western themed throw and matching pillow.

Division winners went to: Oil Paintings: Sal Vasquez, Backcountry Horseman, Mixed Media, Sal Vasquez, Heading for the high Country and Watercolor, Sal Vasquez, Rider and Pack Mule. In our Arts and Crafts Division the Ceramics section was well represented with the beautiful stoneware and porcelain cups, bowls and platters from Pat Wolff. Marcy Watton won first place with her framed photograph of her beautiful dog she took home a third place for another beautiful photograph of her horse. Second place went to Tammy Borzart's high Country picture. Fourth place went to a picture taken by Ann Lang of a KSU work crew at Casa Vieja 1993. The Sewing Division winners were, Denise Robinson with her beautiful wool tweed jacket, second was awarded to Pat Mumford for her brocade horse print accent pillow trimmed with hanging beads, and third was awarded to Libby Beatty for her Western themed throw and accompanying pillow. Pencil Art was won by Justin Manning's print of a rain storm with horses and an old ranch house. This unique print was donated for the live auction Saturday night. The Other Division award went to Elaine Bailey's colorful southwestern decorated cows skull.

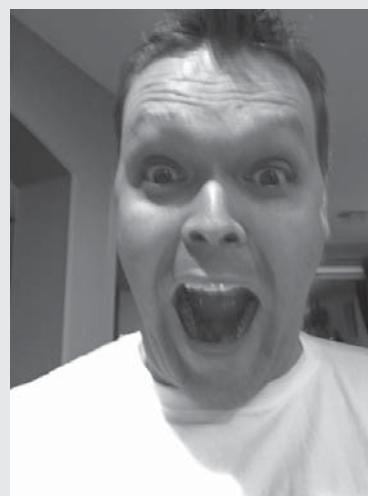
I personally would like to thank the members that donated their beautiful art work to the auctions that were held Saturday night. Also thanks to Stacy and Pebbles with supplies and with display setup help and follow KSU Unit member Pat Mumford for all her help with keeping an eye on the exhibit and counting the votes. Thank you all that brought your paintings, photographs, drawings, ceramics and sewing projects for the Art Contest.

You're all winners in my book!!



## 2017 Will Be \$3,000 Better

By Carol Jo Hargreaves



The new year will be richer for the Hargreaves family of Surprise, Arizona. Andrew Hargreaves, son of long-time BCHC member Carol Jo ("CJ") Hargreaves, was thrilled to learn his name was drawn in the last and largest Lucky Calendar drawing of 2016.

When asked what he would do with the \$3,000 windfall, always-practical Andrew suggested he might "put the money toward painting the family's now 10-year-old two-story home."

Andrew's mom, a member of Mid Valley Unit since about 1990, routinely buys 10 Lucky Calendars as Christmas gifts for family members and friends. Since inception of the Lucky Calendar project in 2012, others CJ has gifted with calendars have won \$25 or \$50 prizes but no one has been as fortunate as Andrew!

The 2017 BCHC Lucky Calendars are still being sold. All you have to do is buy or sell ONE calendar and you will have done your part to support this BCHC fundraiser. Much better than washing cars or selling baked goods, right? And, who knows, that ONE calendar might be the lucky one like Andrew's!



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**2017 LUCKY CALENDAR**

# UNIT NEWS

## Sequoia Unit Rendezvous Report

Article and pictures submitted by Elaine Hodgkins, Sequoia Unit

My husband and I, and 12 other members of the Sequoia Unit traveled to Bishop for the Rendezvous. The weather was so nice and being so close to those snow-covered mountains almost took our breath away.

We really liked the demonstrations that were available. The ones we enjoyed the most was the talk about trailer safety, and the demonstration from the US Marines. It was so interesting how they teach these members of the Armed Forces how to pack, make pack equipment out of anything they can find, and use whatever stock is available in the area they are in. They told us they use horses, mules, donkeys, even llamas. All the demonstrations were worth watching and we took away some new ideas.

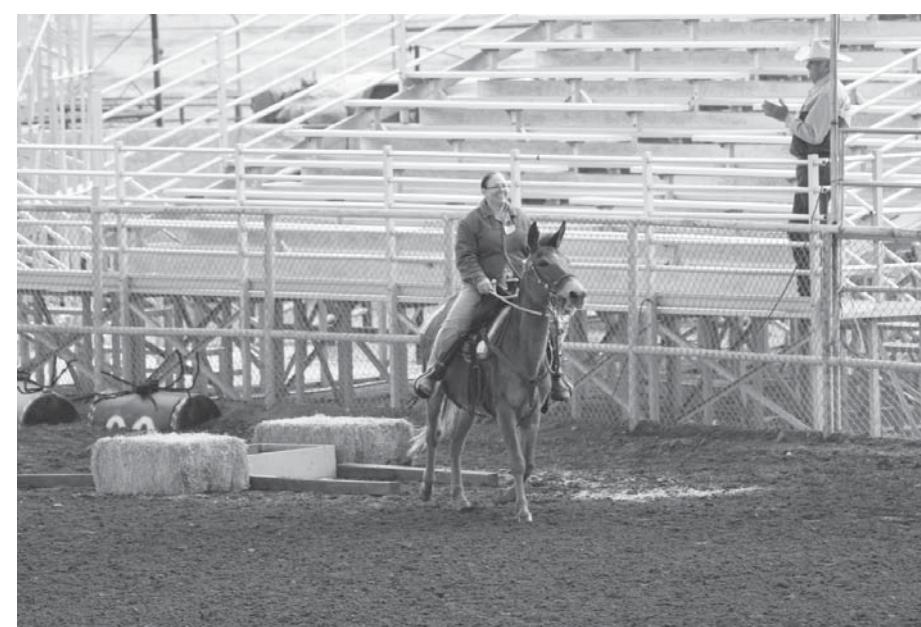
We also enjoyed the Dutch oven cooking, and the samples were great.

One of our members participated in the Novice Trail Trial. She rode a mule she had just purchased, and had only ridden him about 2 times before bringing him to Bishop. They did a great job. He went over, around, or through all the obstacles except the tire pull. He wasn't having any of that. A couple of other friends did the Pack Scramble and Odd Load competition. We watched parts of the other Trail Trials also.

The evening dinners and wine tasting were a great time to socialize and meet other members of BCH. There were a lot of nice items to bid on in the silent auction and live auction.

Another one of our members took home one of the trained Mustangs. We look forward to going on rides together and see how he is progressing.

If you didn't go to the Rendezvous this year, be sure to come next year. If you like to pack or just like riding horses or mules in the back country, you can learn a lot.



# Kids Korral

## Kids Corral at Rendezvous

*submitted by Dan Horn*

Want to give a big thanks to Cindy McMurry for doing a great job with the Kids Corral at Rendezvous in Bishop.

Made me smile every time I went by seeing the little ones trying their hand at roping.

Having the Kids Korral in the middle of the Vendor area I think is a smart move and I would like to see that continued in the future.

Having them front and center is important to our future.

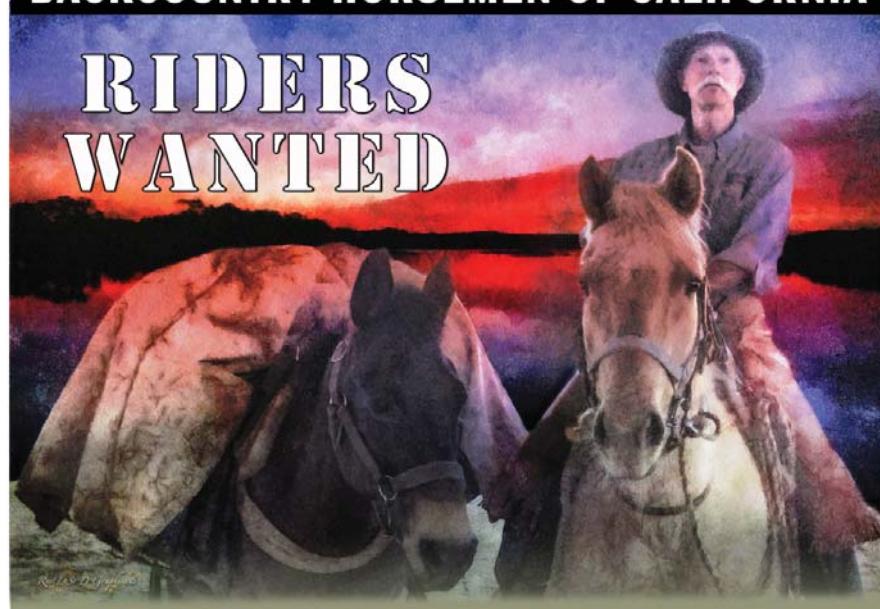
Thanks Cindy!!



# Rendezvous 2017

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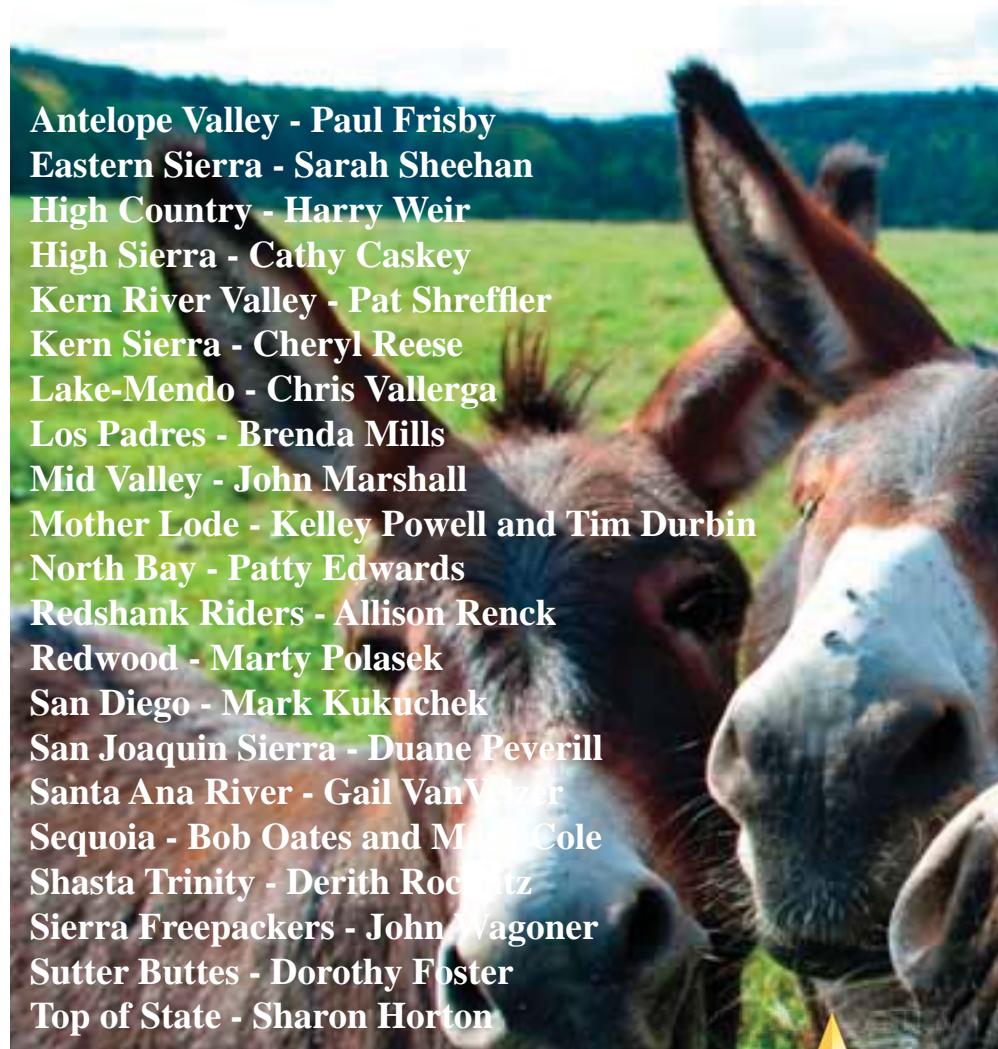
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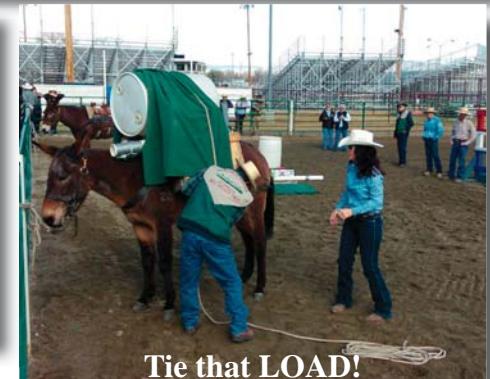
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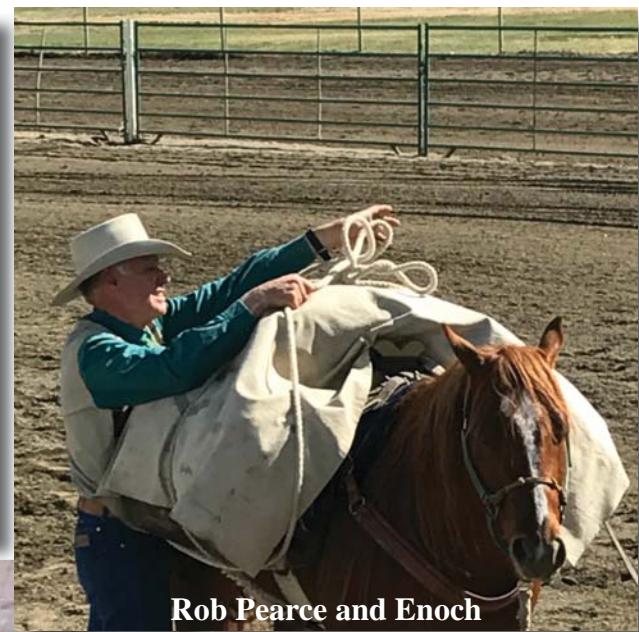
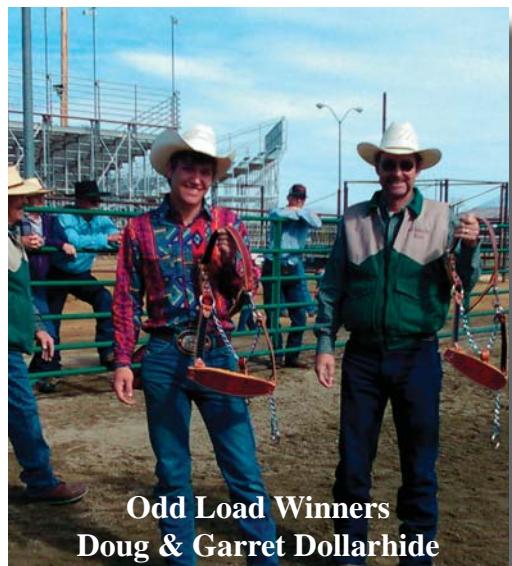


**Contest and Competitions**



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# Rendezvous 2017



**Tony Parkhurst, RET USMC and Fallon McNeill (granddaughter of BCHC member Sylvia Chavez). Fallon won several raffle prizes and recognized for helping with Youth classes.**



# UNIT NEWS

## BCHC Rendezvous 2017 Honoring the Past-Moving into the Future

Submitted by Allison Renck—Education Co-Chair

Well, all of you that couldn't make it up to Bishop on March 17-19 missed a fun BCHC Rendezvous.

Although this Rendezvous was not as well attended as those in the past, it was still a great place to socialize, catch up with friends and learn a few things.

Some of the highlights of my BCHC Rendezvous experience included some interesting classes, helping with the Beer and Wine Tasting and being able to take in the mountain views, which surround the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop.

One of the classes I most enjoyed was “100 Mules Walking the Los Angeles Aqueduct” which was a movie made by Lauren Bon and Metabolic Studio. The photography in this movie was awesome. It highlighted a trip from the Owens Valley to Los Angeles following the California Aqueduct. The movie ended showing the mules being let out into the LA Equestrian Arena and the visuals of this were wonderful.

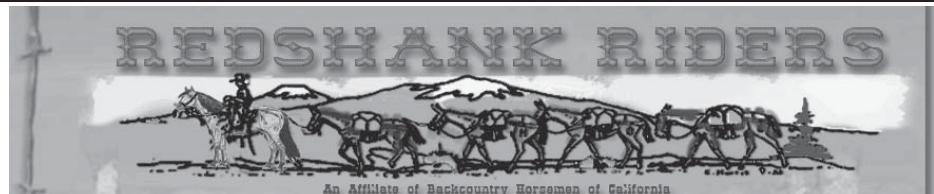
Another class I attended was “Tales from the Trail: One Woman, One Horse and One Dog set off on a 3 month 1,100 Mile Adventure”. This class featured Samantha Szesciarha telling her story about all the things she encountered when riding 1,100 miles in northern Nevada.

Other classes I attended while at Rendezvous included Backcountry Horse First Aid (Excellent), How to pony your stock (Excellent) and of course who could miss the Dutch oven cooking classes, with the free food samples?

Once again, our unit supplied some great volunteers to help. Stacy Kuhns and Mike Lewis handled everything related to the vendors which included registration and set-up.

Pebbles Lewis took the reins on the Wine and Beer Tasting event that included help from Cathy Firth, Gail McCreight, Nyna Cheek, Stacy Kuhns and Mike Lewis. Mary Ann Puett helped at the hospitality area and our great teachers Mike Lewis and Tom Firth educated people in various presentations from Packing to “Leave No Trace”.

This year two of our members, Ed Puett and Nyna Cheek decided to apply for “Wilderness Riders” and they will be facing tough competition. Fourteen people interviewed for ten volunteer openings and there will be interviews in the northern part of the state so please join us in “Rooting” for Ed and Nyna!



To make this year extra special our own Education Chairperson Thomas Firth received the Backcountry Horsemen of California Education Award. “Great Job Tom!”

So with the 30th BCHC Rendezvous packed up, lashed down and moving down the trail to its next destination, I wonder how BCHC will change next year's Rendezvous to make it meet the challenges of a new era of stock users?



### Gentle Use Tip #28 Gentle with Other Users

Follow the Golden Rule, which is to “treat others the way you would like to be treated.” Be of assistance when a need arises. Treat others with respect and common courtesy. Greet others with a smile and a friendly hello.

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The ACE Board of Directors acted. They hired a website designer to create a website called ParkWatchReport to give trail users a place to report trail issues, concerns, observations, and comments with the assurance that ACE would deliver the information to the appropriate park manager. It worked wonderfully. In just a few years they collected over 650 reports!

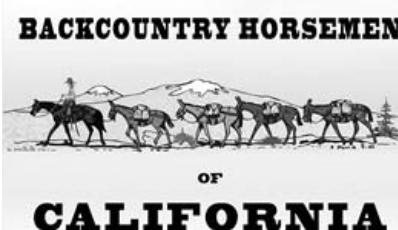
In 2014 ParkWatchReport was incorporated, the website was upgraded, a free phone app was added and the service was made available nationwide.

In the parks where ParkWatchReport is used by concerned trail riders the incidents of neglected maintenance, trail conflict, vandalism, thief and illegal activities are dealt with promptly and recurrence of reduced.

Expect to hear more about ParkWatchReport in future newsletters but don't wait to download the app at Google Play or Apple Store and start using it. Just one report would have prevented all the grief brought on in 2008 by a fence that wasn't repaired. More information about ParkWatchReport is available at:

<https://www.parkwatchreport.com/> and your questions are always welcome at [info@ParkWatchReport.com](mailto:info@ParkWatchReport.com).

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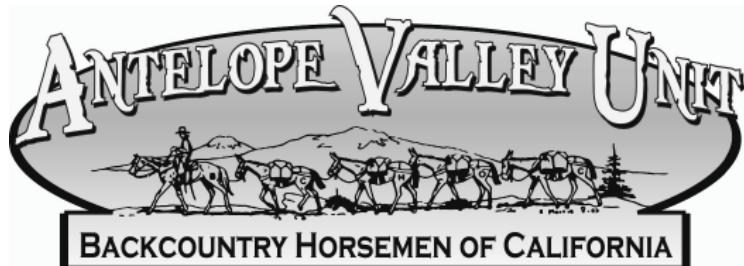
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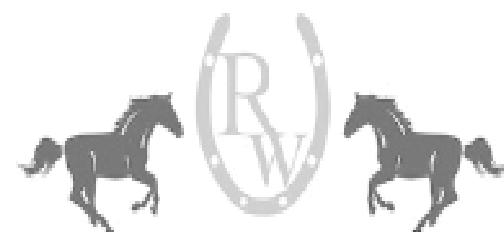


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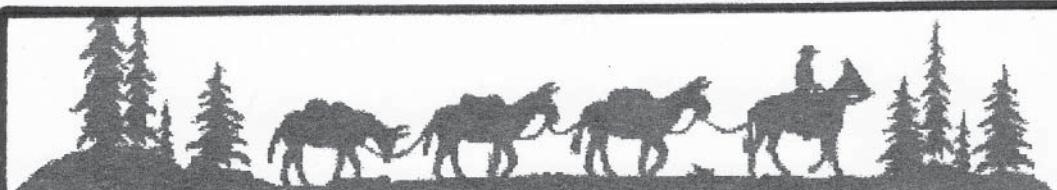
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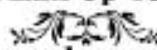
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They will be happy to address your questions or concerns.

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MEMBER'S NAME – No Business Names, Print Clearly      SPOUSE/Co-MEMBER'S NAME – MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print legibly)

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

Total Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Unit Membership Types (Check one)**

Individual \$50     Family \$60     2 Year Individual \$90     2 Year Family \$110     3 Year Individual \$125     3 Year Family \$150

Young Adult (18-25 years old) \$15 – Benefactor \$100 – Patron \$250 – 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: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00/Unit

Unit Name (from above list)

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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.

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

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I submitted an Application Form for a new -

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	\$ 50.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old)	\$ 15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual	\$ 90.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual	\$125.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor Membership	\$250.00
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My Total Remittance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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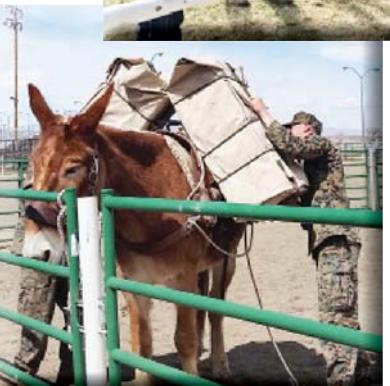
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