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## ALL BCHC MEMBERS INVITED TO STATE BOARD MEETING - SANTA NELLA OCTOBER 7th - 8th

**Meeting Schedule**  
Meetings will be held in the  
Pea Soup Andersen's Restaurant

### Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, October 7, 2016  
6:00pm-10:00pm  
Terrace Room

### Education Committee Meeting

Saturday, October 8, 2016  
9:00am – noon  
Santa Nella Room

### Public Lands Committee Meeting

Saturday, October 8, 2016  
9:00am - noon  
Santa Nella Room

### State Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, October 8, 2016  
1pm- 5pm  
Santa Nella Room



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Fall State Board Meeting  
October 7th & 8th, 2016

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# President's Page

Walking down to feed two days ago, there was a chill in the air. Riding that day we climbed up to a ridge top with a cold blustery wind hitting us (yes I know it is the Central Coast, what we call chill or cold, is considered a nice day lots of other places). Then I see on the TV snow at Tahoe. Summer has gone, fall has arrived. Perhaps my favorite time of the year, especially in the Sierra, chill nights, warm days, air like champagne.



get bicycles into wilderness it is a wonder that that earnest responsible agency people don't pull their hair out and jump off bridges.

This is where we come in. We are the voice of reason, we are the voice of traditional use, if we insure that trails are maintained, and open to stock, we insure that all permitted users have access. I don't know if hikers understand that we horse people provide the support and often the labor that keeps the trails they love open.

For our high country riders, the days are getting short, the nights long, you can see the riding season coming to a close.

Here on the Los Padres, our riding and project season is just getting underway. The heat in the hills is breaking. The darned eye seeking flies will disappear.

The folks in Southern California are saying, "well, things are about the same..."

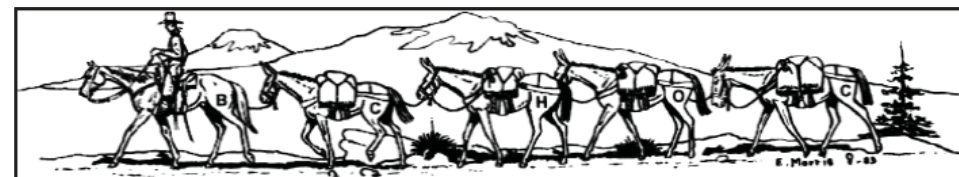
In this great state a thousand miles long and ranging over 15,000 feet in elevation differentials, we can pretty much select our weather and climate. No other state offers that variety, or offers the variety of landscapes, from arid desert to glaciated granite peaks, to steep deep coastal river canyons holding wild trout miles from any roads, unless of course, they burned over this summer..... We are fortunate.

We also have a fairly continuous crisis, a crisis for which our BCHC exists. The crisis is both bureaucratic and on the ground. Agencies are caught between user groups, trails and trail use can suffer. From the groups trying to get horses out of wilderness, to the groups trying to

We are currently involved in the Yosemite Wilderness Management plan, this is critical for our use. One major issue in Yosemite is the serious lack of parking for equestrian rigs. We really hope this can be addressed. Riding in Yosemite is world class. Now, consider this, only 6% of overnight use in recent years has been private equestrians. It is pretty hard for the Park Service to get excited about such a small percent of users.

That brings us to an important point. There are about 600,000 horses in private ownership in California, could there be 10% of horse owners who ride trails? I have no idea, perhaps only 5% but that is still more than 10 times the number of people in BCHC. I have a challenge for you, as our influence is related to our numbers, we need to at least double our numbers. If every member could recruit 1 or 2 or 10 more members, if we can get these numbers into Yosemite and Sequoia and every Forest in-between and beyond, we can become a 'voice' of such magnitude that the agencies could not ignore us.

Think about it.



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# STATE BCHC

**January 30, 2016**

## **UNAPPROVED DRAFT BCHC MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**ATTENDANCE** - All Units had a representative in attendance  
Meeting was called to order at 12:35 by President Richard Waller  
**MINUTES** – Motion by Gayle Lyons – Second by Kaye Bruns that the minutes from 10-3-15 be approved as read.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Kaye Bruns reported on correspondence received.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** - Lynn Joiner reported on income from the calendars. Bob wanted 10 more. There were some questions:

? What is Skunk Hollow – was a property donated to us that we sold and are receiving payments on.

? Leave No Trace – on the 501c3- not really a donation

? BCHC Grant – was received for Education and we are using for displays for shows we attend.

? Why are the Top Hand cups not “Made in USA”? There is a difference in price – China cups are \$25 – Made in USA are \$40. Lloyd made the motion Dennis seconded that from now on we buy USA Made-Motion carried.

Kaye motioned that we accept the Treasurers Report – Lisa seconded – Motion carried.

**BCHA DIRECTOR** – Pete Kriger reported that Peg Greiwe has been having some health issue and BCHA realized they need some management backup. They have been researching companies that will do phones, email set up meeting, do the newsletter, etc. They will pay a fee for these services, however since they did not fill an Executive Director position they will use these funds.

If you have not seen “Untrampled” it was filmed in Montana and is great.

BCHA gave a Youth Packing Scholarship. They wrote an essay and Pete served on the selection committee. The young man enjoyed his pack trip and as a scout he is recruiting other young people to participate. BCHA will offer this again in 2016.

Pete encouraged everyone to look at the BCHA website as it has a lot of good information.

On a personal note, Pete announced that he will be stepping down at the end of his term as BCHA Director. Dan Horn asked Pete if he could write a job description about the Nation Director job. Pete suggested Dennis Serpa be considered as his replacement.

**INSURANCE** – Lloyd asked if anyone had any complaints, problems with insurance. None were reported. Lloyd reported that he is investigating if could we could raise the limit to 2 million. The policy will renew on April 1, 2016. He has sent out renewal info to each unit to complete. The price will probably go up.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Chip reported that some states have requested Associate memberships with California Units. This would require a bylaw change and Chip will look into the other issues such as insurance, etc.

and report back.

Motion was made by Bob Magee and seconded by Michael King that we revise the bylaws to accept out of state Associate members.

**Discussion** – Would it be reciprocal? Should we charge a higher rate for out of state associate memberships? What if they are not a current member in another state. Why don’t we just ask them to purchase a membership – not associate. Chair called for the question – Motion carried.

**EDUCATION** - Dan Horn asked if there were any questions about the morning’s meeting.

**PUBLIC LANDS** - Troy Patton and Thor Bodtker asked if any questions after the morning meeting.

**YOUTH** – Jacque and Mary reported that things are going well

**WEBSITE** – Jacque reported that she will be updating some things.

**NEWSLETTER** – Lisa reported that she needs judges for the Journalism Award given at Rendezvous

**OLD BUSINESS** – Mike has Rendezvous hats for \$18

**Officer Training** – The South has done theirs, North will be March 5th in Redding, Central -being worked on.

There was a complaint from the floor that if a Director was not here for the morning Education and Public Lands meeting they are missing out on information if it is not given again. We have fallen into giving reports at the Executive Board meeting, again in the morning meeting and a third time at the BOD. We need to figure this out.

**Rendezvous Trailer** – It is complete with solar power. Mike is adding tables, etc.

**Bylaws** – This is the second reading for:

**Affiliate memberships** -were changed to 6 months instead of 60 days

**Multi-year membership** – we had to fix this to accommodate the 2-3 year memberships.

Motion by Bob Magee - seconded by Bob Gage that we accept these bylaw changes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Steve Renebu – seconded by Lloyd that we suspend Roberts Rules of Order for purpose of the following item. Motion Carried

**ITEM** – Bylaw change to have the Executive Committee Officers serve for two years. The terms would be staggered for this year. Chip explained that the following positions would be elected in even years, President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and one National Director, Alternate National Director, VP of Youth Ed and VP of Educations. In odd years we would elect 1st Vice President, Vice President of Public Lands, the 2nd National Director, Membership Chair and Secretary. **Discussion** – When you have Co-Vice Presidents how is it handled? It is considered one position. When would this be effective? – 2017. Motion by Bob Magee – seconded by Troy to accept 1st reading of Bylaw Change for terms of office Motion carried 1st reading.

# STATE BCHC

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Bob Magee moved and Stacy seconded that we reinstate Roberts Rules of Order. Motion carried.

SAW POLICY – Chip reported that this gives control of certification to us. We will have trained BCHC instructors who can train others and this training will be recognized by the Forest Service.

UNIT REPORTS – We did not receive Sequoia. They send but Kaye didn't receive. They will resent to Susie. In the future Lisa requests that we also sent to her for newsletter, Jacque for website, and Pete to share with BCHA.

ROCKY MT. ELK FOUNDATION SHOW – Las Vegas – Dennis reported that our booth was well received. 166 people gave us their information from 29 different states. The California information has been sent to various people to contact for possible membership. The cost was \$3500.

2017 RENDEZVOUS – Susie reported that they are working on timelines and she would like suggestions for classes and for Units to take on pieces of the Rendezvous.

2017 CALENDARS – Will be available at Rendezvous for pick-up and sale.

UNIT BYLAWS – Santa Ana River and Lake Mendo submitted by-laws for approval – Chip has reviewed them and they look good. Motion by Kaye - Troy seconded that we accept new bylaws from Santa Ana River and Lake Mendo- – Motion carried.

## OTHER INFORMATION

Joe from San Joaquin Sierra Unit reported on Big Meadow in Sequoia near Squaw Valley – They have been maintaining the camp and have use of camp for free in exchange for their maintaining it. Recently they heard the camp was going into a conservation area and would be closed. They made a proposal to take over the camp – they would ask for donations and not have a reservation system. They would have camp hosts. There are no corrals and camp holds 10 to 15 rigs. Discussion from floor about worker's comp, insurance, and about whether this would be concessionaire or volunteer. BCHC does not want liability. They want to be open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. We have an offer of 15% discount to our members with a link from our website to Riding Warehouse. Lynn motioned Troy seconded that we establish this link on the website — Motion carried.

The Fall State Meeting will be held here in Santa Nella on October 7 & 8 2016.

Sequoia Kings Canyon money from legal fund – See Lynn.

May 5-8 is Cuyamaca Service Week-end in San Diego – come help and camp.

San Diego is willing to man a booth at Mule Days and they will ride Mule Days Parade in honor of Gary McClintock.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

## State Board Meeting – Revised Agenda DRAFT

October 8, 2016

Santa Nella, CA

A. Call meeting to order: President Richard Waller

B. Record of Attendance: Susie Patton

C. Minutes of the January Meeting

D. Secretary Correspondence: Susie Patton

E. Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report- Lynn Joiner
2. BCHA: Pete Kriger and Ann Lange
3. Insurance: Lloyd Erlandson
4. Membership: Chip Herzig
5. Education: Dan Horn and Denise Robinson
6. Public Lands: Thor Bodtke and Troy Patton
7. Public Service: Stacy Kuhns
8. Youth Coordinators: Jacque Murphy and Mary Odell
9. Website: Jacque Murphy
10. Newsletter: Lisa Deas

F. Old Business:

1. 2017 Calendar update: Lynn Joiner
2. 2017 Rendezvous update: Susie Patton
3. By-Law readings -2nd Reading -Officer Terms –  
1st Reading –Article 4 - Members and Local  
Unit Structure- Discipline
4. Saw Policy updates

G. New Business

1. Elections – Two separate elections will be held:  
Following Elected for One Year Term (a) election
  - a. election for President, 2nd VP, Treasurer, one National Director, Alternate National Director, VP Youth Education, VP Education

We will entertain a motion from the floor to temporarily withdraw the bylaw (Article 7- Officers) stating the number of people from one unit that can serve as a Director/ Alternate Director.

Following Elected for Two Year Term (b) election

- b. election for 1st VP, Secretary, VP Public Lands, 2nd National Director, Membership, Alternate Director (write- in if motion passes)
2. Calendar sales for next year

H. Other Business

1. Dates for Winter BCHC Meeting –

Adjourn:



# UNIT NEWS

## North Bay Unit Clearing Canoe Loop Fire Road

*by Dan Horn*

Got a report this week about a downed oak tree totally blocking the Half Canoe Fire Road, so Thor and I went in Saturday morning to clear it. Report was right, even the hikers could not get thru.

The very large Oak had let go because the center was all rotten. The main trunk of the tree was three feet thick.

After dressing out in our Personal Protective Equipment, having the Pole Saw the Unit owns was a great tool to start with.

We were able to clear away all the limbs safely to eliminate even the overhead dangers. What a nice tool.

Keeping the area clean of limbs gave us a clear egress if any surprises were to happen. We had to cut the rounds down to 2 ft. long chunks to be able to roll them off the road. They were pretty heavy. Altogether it took us about 3 hours.

Out of about a dozen people that went by, there was only one that stopped, tied their horse up and helped drag brush. Wish I had of gotten her name.



## Gentle Use Tip #1 Plan Ahead and Prepare

Know before you go! Do your homework on regulations pertaining to camping, campfires, grazing, feed, bears, trails and terrain. Inquire about necessary permits for your trip. Obtain a good map of the area and know how to read it.

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## Los Padres Youth Campout

*by Ellie Livingston Coordinator Youth Events*

The Los Padres Unit held its 7th Annual Youth Educational Campout this past June, formerly called the Boat 'n Ride! These fun, youth-centered three day events have been held at both Lake San Antonio in Monterey County and Lake Lopez in San Luis Obispo County.

This year members filled the Black Bear Horse Camp at Lopez in Arroyo Grande with campers, horses, mules, adults, and youth, including many little ones!

The educational events were pack strings of mule trains, hands-on horsemanship demonstrations, nature talks with live snakes, lizards, and stuffed demo. animals. It was all hands on as we discussed habitat, fire impact, and

safety outdoors and in the backcountry.

A feature event was the youth-only trail trials. Judged obstacles such as gates, branch drags, ponchos, short steep hills, log step-overs, etc. were ridden by all youth attendees, trading and borrowing horses. Even the little ones were lead-lined.

It was concluded with ribbons, prizes, and root beer floats!

All these events, including delicious BBQ and Dutch oven desserts, were executed by our fabulous, faithful, and hard-working Los Padres members.

Next year we may be looking at a larger venue; Montana de Oro State Park? Beach and Ride?

## Gentle Use Tip #2 Plan Ahead and Prepare

Plan your menus or take items that are lightweight or that can be repackaged easily. Consider using a stove for cooking to be less reliant on fires. Determine if you will need bear proof food containers to store your food.

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# UNIT NEWS

# Sierra Freepackers Granite Creek Work Party

*By Mary Odell (Pictures by various unit members)*

From July 5 to July 9, seventeen members of the Freepackers performed work from Granite Creek near Clover Meadow. More than 32+ trees



were cleared on the many trails out of Granite Creek. The trail to the Chetwood Cabin and to the San Joaquin River via the Mammoth trail were also reconned for work to be done by other Sierra National Forest crews.

We started early with breakfast cooked by Paul LaSpada and Mike Ho-

gelund. The menu include some the regular fare but thanks to John and Laurie Wagoner we also had Buffalo Stroganoff, Biscuits with Caribou/ Pork Gravy, Buffalo & Beef Spaghetti. What a treat! We also had Dutch Oven apricot crisp for dessert one night made by Susan Hogelund with home grown apricots from my tree.

Each day crews went in different directions. The first day one group cleared from Soldier Meadow area to Clover Meadow cutting trees while the other group headed up to the switch backs on the Isberg Trail to the Niche to clear brush. The next day 19 trees where cleared on the Fernandez Trail to Jackson to the Norris Cutoff. Whitethorn was cleared too. Another other group reconned from the Mammoth Trailhead to the San Joaquin River to Sheep's Crossing where it was noted that 9 trees needed to be worked with two

almost impassible. The last work day we reconnned the trail from the Niche to the Chetwood Cabin back to Cora Lake and back to the Niche where there were 11 trees needing removal. Members stopped and cleared smaller trees that could be removed without a saw.

There was time to fish and swim and to just enjoy the area.

## High Sierra Unit - Mule Days Parade

Each year the town of Bishop hosts Mule Days during the last week of May. Mule Days is a six-day celebration showcasing the versatility and athletic abilities of the American Mule. It is one of the largest Mule Shows held in the US each year.

The Bishop Mule Days Celebration Parade is one of the long standing and crowd favored signature events of Memorial Day Weekend. Spectators covet prime locations up and down Bishop's Main Street hoping to garner a priceless view of the beautiful mules, wagons, drivers and riders.

The parade has been given the title by the Guinness Book of World Records as the “Longest Non-Motorized Parade in the World” – has brought upwards of 30,000 spectators to this small town of just over 4,000 residents.

This year's parade took place Saturday, May 28rd. Marching bands, honored guests and community youth organizations intermingled with dozens of people astride mules and horses to mark the occasion.

Over 100 entries were there this year to help entertain the spectators. In the past; a few of the more notable participants have included California's governors, including Ronald Reagan in 1974.

Gorgeous saddle mules and beautifully matched pack strings parade down Main Street. Stunning 4, 6 or 8-up hitches are not unusual, and this year there was the added treat of the magnificent Borax 20 Mule Team.

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This year High Sierra Unit Members Lee and Bob Herrick entered a pack string in the parade under the authentic working load category. The string consisted of one lead animal and five pack mules. Each pack mule had a different load to represent authentic loads that a person could possibly see in the backcountry. The first mule carried a rescue litter that could be used to carry an injured person

out of the backcountry. Another carried timbers that could be used to make a bridge repair. One mule had slings, which carried two ice chests. Mule number four carried an eight-foot two-man bow saw, along with other trail working tools. The final mule carried metal panniers specifically designed to carry chain saws and fuel for tree removal and trail clearing in non-wilderness areas. As the string made its way down the parade route, the announcers read

a script which talked about the mission of the Backcountry Horsemen and their promotion of gentle use and leave no trace use techniques. The judges must have liked the entry, as it was awarded the Grand Marshal Award, given to the best authentic working load carried by a commercial pack string.

## Gentle Use Tip #3 Plan Ahead and Prepare



Check your equipment and tack to ensure it is in good order. Be prepared for emergencies. First aid kits for you and your stock are important to have.

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## Riding Warehouse

Hello, fellow members!!

We are happy to inform you of a new member benefit!

We've recently arranged a **15% discount for members-only** at Riding Warehouse. **The discount code will be provided to your Unit President.** This code is good even for additional savings on clearance items. A few exclusions apply (e.g. oversize items and brands with min. pricing requirements). You may use your discount online or at RW's retail store in San Luis Obispo, CA.

*Please note: This generous discount is intended for BCHC members only and may be revoked or changed if it is shared publicly with nonmembers. Please respect the discount privilege. Happy shopping!*

<http://www.ridingwarehouse.com/trail.html?from=group>

## Volunteer Hours Fact #1

Volunteerism is one of the most important activities Back Country Horsemen can use in our effort to perpetuate enjoyable common sense use of horses in the backcountry. A central point of our mission statement is to assist government agencies in maintenance and management of public lands.

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# UNIT NEWS

## Mother Lode Unit - Caples Creek Equestrian Trailhead Completed

*By Lucy Badenhoop*

past projects had done. The nearest piped water was so far away that a second water truck would be needed at \$100 per hour to work in relay for the 3-day job.

The USFS Ranger on our partnership team was especially helpful in negotiating access to pump river water without disturbing the frog's habitat. The water truck parked on the bridge and dropped a special pump/hoses over the rail. The pump rental and spill kit purchase added only \$550 in costs, rather than \$2,400 for a second truck.

To date, the total value of site improvements are over \$105,402 consisting of \$39,225 grant funding, \$15,071 donations, and \$51,106 volunteer labor and in-kind donations. Grants and donations were used to purchase materials.... mostly gravel....1566 tons.

Future improvements being considered by the USFS are a toilet and a source for stock water. Even if the partnership donates the construction, adding these features require maintenance costs in the USFS budget and will depend on public usage and demand. Users can support funding by contacting the Placerville Ranger District (see flyer).

BHC-MLU is proud to participate in these local partnerships that promote public access to public lands. Readers are encouraged to spread the news of this new facility to their equestrian friends.



## Sequoia Unit - Two New Horse Corrals at Lewis Camp Trailhead

*Submitted by Libby Beatty*

Two years ago (2014) our Sequoia Unit Secretary, Joy Girardo, saw an opportunity to apply for a BCHA grant of \$1000. She brought the idea to a meeting and enlisted Sandy Oates, then President, and Sandy's husband, Bob Oates to help. The three brainstormed and thought 2 new pipe corrals would be used by the public, as well as the Unit, at the Lewis Camp Trailhead.

Bob called the Forest Service and got the go ahead, and Joy and Sandy wrote the grant. They awarded the grant!

On June 4, 2016, National Trails Day, Bob hauled the corral panels which were put together by Mike Deatherage Welding, up to Lewis Camp Trailhead. Eight members of the Sequoia Unit worked on clearing the ground, putting panels together and cementing in the corners. We worked about 9 hours and now we have 2 additional horse corrals at the trailhead!

Thanks so much...

- \$1000 grant from BCHA
- The US Forestry for supporting and approving our project
- Mike Deatherage for building the corral panels
- Peg Wilson for hauling her tractor up to use
- Bob Oates for hauling cement and the panels up
- Sandy Oates and Joy Girardo for writing the grant!

Our work crew: Sandy and Bob Oates, Gail Inman, Peg Wilson, Libby and Gus Beatty, Elaine and Dave Mello.

Job well done! We will all use those horse corrals!!



# UNIT NEWS

## San Joaquin Sierra Unit Bishop Mule Days 2016...What a BLAST!!!!

*By Jan Mikkelsen*

This year John and I attended our first Bishop Mule Days and we quickly realized we had waited far too long to come to such a great event. This is the largest mule show in the USA. We went to every show, had great seats and perfect weather with periodic sprinkles that would freshen the air. What else could we have asked for!

Sitting behind us during many shows, coincidentally, were BCHC members Duane and Pat Peverill, Alan Fry, Joe and Carol Kaminski, Peter Parkin, and Steve Naylon, to name a few. We ran into Chip and Linda Herzig, Debbie McDougald and some Sierra FreePacker members, too. John and I met a great couple from Colorado and got to visit with them every day as a well. We had a perfect view of everything that went on in the main arena.

Initially, what struck John and me, was the patriotic tone of the week. Prayers before events, American Flags everywhere, announcers constantly referring to the love of their country and the array of mules and horses adorned with flags. The Mule Day's Parade is the biggest non-motorized parade in the country. No Corvettes or Harley's in this procession!! Participating was the US Forest Service, BCHC riders Bob and Lee Herrick leading their packs, and local participants and politicians. The sentimental tributes to cowboys past and current, beloved mules still alive and passed, was deeply moving and much needed in a country during these tumultuous times. It was like being in a time capsule 20-30 years ago, in an immaculate town with people so respectful and appreciative, and always with a magnificent view everywhere we turned. Also encouraging was the amount of young people, many of them from competing colleges, participating in events.

This year Back Country Horsemen San Joaquin Sierra Unit and Clovis Rodeo Association were major sponsors who supported the Fresno State pack team, with Jocelynn Barrington receiving top all around packer award. What a fabulous group of college students! The Fresno State team including Jocelynn were Grace Bloom, Katie McDougald, niece of member Debbie, and Kelly Davis. They came in first in the pack relay and first in the pack scramble and third overall. What fun it was to see them work so hard and do so well getting their mules packed and in their string as fast as they did.

Kathy Rohde was there with her mule Roman IV'S Dun it Legal, aka Troy, and won a beautiful World Champion Saddle Mule buckle award and was first in the color class and first in the AMA halter class. (Thanks again Kathy for strongly encouraging us to come to this event!!!).

There was so much action in the arena with a retiring fire engine from the early 1900's, the mesmerizing team of Percheron Thunder, getting all

decked out and hitched to their wagon for their exciting appearances every day in the arena. Much of this brought me back to my grandfather's ranch with his big draft horses and wagons and I loved reliving those memories of wonderful times. There were costume classes, chariot races, diamond hitch competitions, comedy classes, shoeing competitions, trail classes, reining, halter, steer roping, English pleasure, pole bending, cow work, dressage, and the list goes on. There was Cowboy Church, vendors of all kinds, cross cut saw classes and concerts with well known musical artists such as Michael Martin Murphey and Dave Stamey.

John and I also ventured over to the little town of Laws about 6 miles north of Bishop. This town also stopped in time, and one of the volunteers fascinated us with demonstrations of mining equipment, saw mill tools and a 2 horse power stationary engine that worked the saws of the day. He gave us historic information on the mines, the railroads, old homes, household appliances and furniture.

After four days we headed home the same way we drove in, via the southern route. I don't remember ever seeing Mt. Whitney from this vantage point and I took many photos to remind me later. We also stopped at Manzanar, the Japanese Internment Camp during WWII. Most of the buildings are gone, but we drove through the whole area and saw remnants of a hospital, a dried man made pond and garden, foundations and the cemetery with the historic obelisk still standing in the center.

As we drove home, I kept thinking of the precious mules and donkeys I had interacted with during the 4 days. I had fallen in love over and over with those big ears and braying sound effects

It was wonderful to be in a community that deeply honors the equine, riders and attendees and to devote an entire week to the mule and all of its talents. We felt lucky to have been a spectator and hope to be there again next year.

Thank you Bishop, for making us feel so welcome.



# EDUCATION

## Education - Fall 2016

*Dan Horn*

I hope you all had a Safe and Fun summer. It sure went by fast.!!

Saw a lot of pictures of pack trips and Educational Events posted on Facebook.

Have to say from the pictures Roland Schmitz sent me of the booth at the L A County Fair, the bar has been set really high. This was a three week long project this year that has 3 days a week of school kids from 9 am to 12 noon. The booth is organized by Santa Anna River Unit each year at the fair with sponsor help from the local BLM Office.

### Outstanding Job!!

The National Saw Policy was signed on July 19th. A few days later Chip and I submitted our Saw Program to the Region 5 Designated Coordinators. The problem is that both the Coordinators are active members of the NFS Firefighting Crew and we all see how busy they are this year. So we may have to wait for the rains to start to get our program moved to the front burner for approval. We will keep you posted.

We have started a new Safety Awareness Program that we plan on debut at the October Meeting. As you may have seen on the State

web site, there is a tab called **Safety Program**. There you will find a host of documents that are required by the Forests under volunteer agreements. The Safety Awareness Program is to help our members better understand all the forms and bottom line to make everything we do SAFE!

2017 will be our next Wilderness Rider Training. Interviews will be at Rendezvous in Bishop. Big change in the program is that this next class will be a combo class, students will graduate as both Wilderness Rider and "Leave No Trace" Master. So spread the word to all the W/R prospects you know.

Contact Donna Meier  
for more information  
[knewcapt@comcast.net](mailto:knewcapt@comcast.net)

Our Next General Public "Leave No Trace" Masters Course will be April 10th thru the 15th, 2017. The location will be up north at the Forest Service Center for Excellence near Trinity Lake.

Applications will start being accepted in January 2017. Check our BCHC web site for more information.

See you all in October at the Fall meeting

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# UNIT NEWS

## Top of State 2016 Youth Wilderness Experience

*by Penny Wells-Thomas*

On July 20-22, 2016 our BCHC-Top of the State Unit completed a Youth Wilderness Experience for five local 4-H teen youth from Siskiyou County.

As with all units of BCHC we are very aware of the growing need to involve our youth into the wilderness experience. Most of us are not spring chickens and we do need the younger generation to follow in our lead. But even more important than that is the realization that our youth are drifting more towards technology and less toward the natural world. I think all of us have experienced the wonderful feeling of riding our horse or mule to some lake and gazing out at a beautiful meadow. I also think we know if one does not experience this they will probably not have a vested interest in saving it.

So with this in mind we came up with the idea of a Youth Wilderness Experience. Our plan was to introduce the kids to horse riding, camping, hiking, fish plants and many other educational experiences. A committee was formed that included many BCHC members, and our local 4-H leader. The group worked on all the logistics of getting the youth in to a lake on horseback safely, cooking, sleeping arrangements, teaching opportunities, coordinating a fish plant with California Fish & Wildlife, breaking camp and heading out.

So, on July 20, 2016 Colleen and David Nye met with the five 4-H youths at the Fort Jones community center and headed towards the trailhead. There, they met with the rest of the group who packed up all supplies and headed toward the lake. Packers included Don Menne, Michael Journey, and Robert Robustellini, who helped show the youth how to pack, weigh and load the gear onto the mules. The kids were matched up with their mule or horse and started down the trail with Erica Fruiht in the lead, Laurie Robustellini in the middle and several others bringing up the rear. Upon arriving at camp everyone ate lunch and set up tents. The basics for the campsite had been set up by Laurie and Bill Knipsel who rode up the day before. The youth wanted to go see the lake so they were escorted to the lake, an approximately 10-15 minutes hike from camp. One of the kids had a fishing pole and caught a fish which he later had for dinner. A pork dinner was prepared with the help of the kids and later cleaned up under the supervision of Caralee Scala and Barbara Schuyler. And of course an evening wouldn't be complete without S'mores.

Thursday started off with a great breakfast of bacon, eggs and pancakes, again with the help of the kids . After a full tummy, all headed to the lake for the fish plant. Bob Dean, Sherry Glendenning and Bill Bradshaw did a great job explaining this to the kids. Two California Fish and Wildlife employees were also there to explain to the kids the science behind planting fish. The youth not only learned about planting fish,

but they actively participated in releasing the fish into the lake. The youth then enjoyed some additional time at the lake, catching some more fully grown fish to again add to the dinner menu.

Laurie Knipsel taught the kids the principles of LNT and emergency wilderness preparedness. Colleen also spoke on emergency issues along with what to bring in a first aid kit. The afternoon ended with a scavenger hunt.

Tom Berry prepared a chicken dinner, showing the kids how to use Dutch ovens for both the dinner and the peach cobbler dessert.

On Friday morning breakfast burritos were heated on the campfire in the Dutch ovens under the supervision of Tom and afterwards Bill Knipsel taught them how to put out the campfire to make sure it did not start up after the crew left.

The packing crew arrived and Tom Berry led the explanations on how to pack up the animals. The youth helped saddle up the mules with their packs and helped make sure supplies were properly loaded. After all of the packing, weighing and loading was accomplished, everyone rode back after having lunch.

This trip was very well organized with many meetings with BCHC Top of the State unit volunteers, the county 4-H leader and members of California Fish and Wildlife. Much time was spent on purchasing food, planning the legalities of such an event, timing and procuring the animals. I feel the ride was enjoyed by all and was a super educational opportunity. We will certainly entertain the idea of another youth ride next year. The 4-H youth all said they had a great time and would be interested in doing an event like this again. They even highlighted this trip in their 4-H display at the Siskiyou Golden Fair.

The BCHC Top of the State Unit would like to acknowledge the following individuals who contributed to the success of this Youth Wilderness Experience.

**Committee members were:** Duane Eastlick, Laurie and Bill Knipsel, Colleen and David Nye, Dale Payne, Laurie and Robert Robustellini, Caralee Scala, Barbara Schuyler, Joan Trabucco and Rhonda Zinkel. Additional volunteers included Tom Berry, Bill Bradshaw, Bob Dean, Erica Fruiht, Sherry Glendenning, Virgil Hardy, Sharon Horton, Michael Journey, Doug Kaufner and Don Menne. Publicity was coordinated by Penny Wells-Thomas and the BCHC-TOS website handled by Kathryn Matthews. Partner Agencies included 4-H leader Jacki Zediker and Eric Jones & Hanna Gomes from the California Fish and Wildlife agency.

*see pictures on Page 13*

# VOLUNTEER SERVICE

## Volunteer Service Reporting

*Stacy Kuhns with help from Larry Zauberis,*

Volunteerism is one of the most important activities Back Country Horsemen can use in our effort to perpetuate enjoyable common sense use of pack and saddle stock in the backcountry. A central point of our mission statement is to assist government agencies in maintenance and management of public lands.

By using our time and resources, we help insure that public land remains open to recreational stock use by earning a seat at the table where we can influence the decisions concerning access to public lands by pack and saddle stock users. The value of being able to speak with public lands managers from the position of having provided volunteer service cannot be overstated.

It seems that while our members are more than willing to volunteer their time and energy to maintain trails all across the country, many are reluctant to report the hours and expenses incurred in that effort. The hours and value of volunteer service by Back Country Horsemen is consistently underreported.

It is important to remember that the purpose our volunteer effort goes far beyond the satisfaction provided by the trail work itself. The hours spent and expenses volunteered add to the credibility of our collective voice in discussions with public land managers whether on the local ranger district or in Washington D.C.

It is up to us at the unit level to track and report our service. Each unit should appoint a Volunteer Hours Coordinator (VHC) or committee responsible for reporting the hours that members work and other expenses they incur during their service.

It is important to understand that the value of the volunteer service goes beyond trail work hours. It also includes time members devote to engagement in the management planning process. Other reported expenses like travel time, stock and equipment hauling, and donations

in kind add to the value of our volunteer service.

BCH also tracks the impact of our volunteer service by tracking the miles of trail maintained, both in Wilderness Areas and on other public lands. These numbers are essential in discussions with legislators and public land managers as they demonstrate the significant influence BCH is having on the maintenance backlog the USFS is experiencing under current budget conditions.

Having been appointed to chair the Volunteer Hours Committee please get your hours to me by Feb 1st, please communicate with each other in the unit to make sure whoever is taking care of your units volunteer hours have your information.

I compile them all and get them off to BCHA. I want to make sure that everyone knows materials are available on the BCH website for units to use to track volunteer hours and expenses. As a committee, we worked hard to update the MS Excel workbook to be more user-friendly. Please download and use these fresh materials from the BCH website at: <http://www.bchcalifornia.org/forms.html>

There is many ways to assist with the worksheets.

While we will accept Volunteer Hours reports in just about any format, using the form provided on the website greatly aids us in creating a report that clearly expresses the nature of all our volunteer efforts on our public lands.

**WILDERNESS RIDERS-** please submit them with your regular hours to the person in your unit collecting hours... ALSO send them separately to me with **WILDERNESS RIDER HOURS in subject line..**

**Please feel free to contact me [stacykuhns@aol.com](mailto:stacykuhns@aol.com) or call 909-633-1705 at any time if you have questions concerning reporting your volunteer service.**

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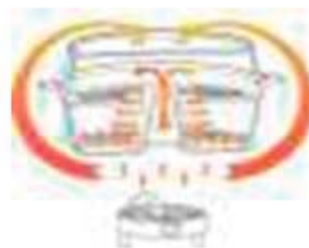
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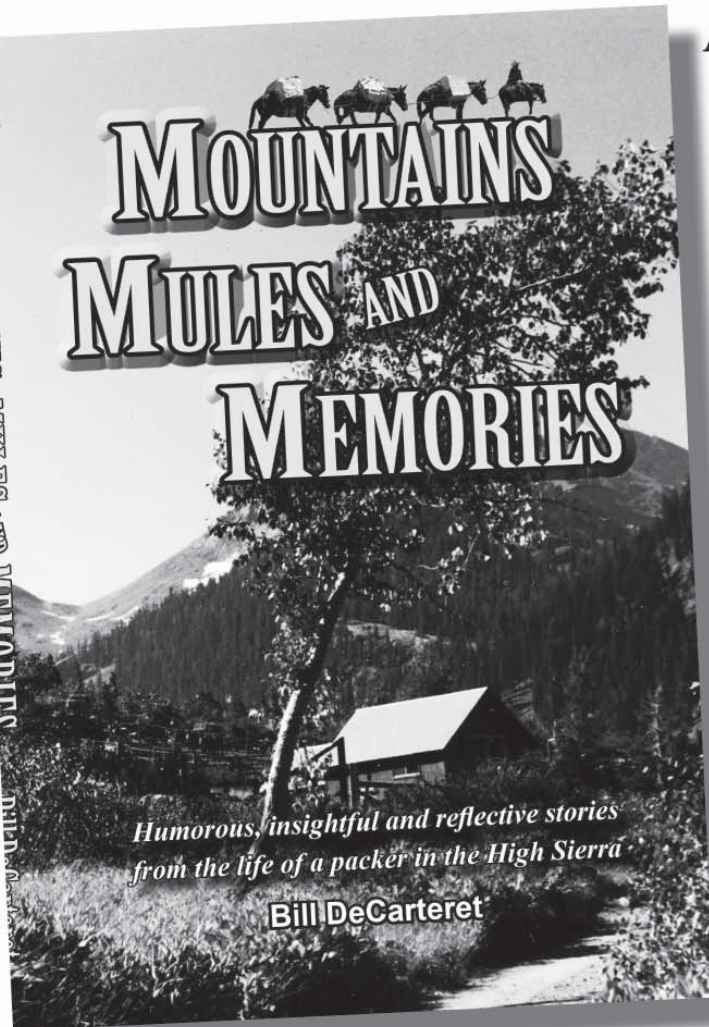
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**Lee Terkelsen**

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There is no one I can think of whose stories I would rather hear, for I know Bill DeCarteret to be a soft-spoken man who has earned the respect of other packers due to his hard work, accomplishments, expertise, his love of the mountains, and from the kindness he shows to both man and beast. Now as an author, Bill has proven with his tales in print that he built a life rich with adventure, friendships, bitter-sweet endings, new beginnings and times worth remembering and sharing.

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- To promote the conservation and utilization of our backcountry resources in concert with livestock transportation.
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# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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☐ **New**   ☐ **Renewal or**  
☐ **Change**

(indicate changes)

**PARENT Unit Affiliation: (Select and CHECK a Unit as your Affiliation)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Antelope Valley	<input type="checkbox"/> Kern Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/> North Bay	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gorgonio Pass	<input type="checkbox"/> Sierra Freepackers
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake-Mendo	<input type="checkbox"/> Redshank Riders	<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/> Sutter Buttes
<input type="checkbox"/> High Country	<input type="checkbox"/> Los Padres	<input type="checkbox"/> Redwood	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Ana River	<input type="checkbox"/> Top of the State
<input type="checkbox"/> High Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/> Mid Valley	<input type="checkbox"/> San Diego	<input type="checkbox"/> Sequoia	
<input type="checkbox"/> Kern River Valley	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother Lode	<input type="checkbox"/> Shasta Trinity		

DCTR (your Membership Number): \_\_\_\_\_ (For new memberships, will be assigned by Membership Chair)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Parent Unit Membership Types: (CIRCLE ONE)**

Individual \$50   Family \$60 - 2 year Individual \$90 - 2 Year Family \$110 - 3 Year Individual \$125 - 3 year Family \$150  
Young A dult (18-25 years old) \$15 -Benefactor \$100 - Patron \$250 - Mt Whitney \$500

**Associate Memberships: AN ADDITIONAL \$15.00 PER UNIT** IS ADDED TO YOUR PARENT UNIT DUES.  
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP UNIT AFFILIATIONS **MAY NOT** BE FOR THE SAME UNIT AS YOUR PARENT UNIT.

Associate Membership for: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00/unit  
Unit Name (from above list)

Associate Membership for: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00/unit  
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Please write additional choices on back.

Please clip form along dashed lines 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.

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- |  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership         | <b>\$ 50.00</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (Shared) Membership    | <b>\$ 60.00</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old) | <b>\$ 15.00</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual             | <b>\$ 90.00</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family                 | <b>\$ 110.00</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual             | <b>\$ 125.00</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family                 | <b>\$ 150.00</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor Membership         | <b>\$ 100.00</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron Membership             | <b>\$ 250.00</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mt Whitney Membership         | <b>\$ 500.00</b> |

On that form, I also requested –  
\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Memberships **\$** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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