

# BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA



**SAN DIEGO UNIT**

**December 2009**

**2009**

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## Happy Holidays!!!

Members,

As we approach the end of 2009 I want to take this opportunity to say Thank You to all of you for your support of this unit and fine organization. Whether or not you've been able to participate in our activities, your membership says you believe in the mission of Backcountry Horsemen. I especially want to thank our board members, as they have given of their time and effort to take care of the business of this unit. We've had loads of fun and have truly made a difference.



I would like to introduce the 2010 board:

President: Margaret Hill-Margaret steps into the position having returned from living out of state for a number of years. Now she's back in the saddle, back on the trail, and thankfully, back at being an active trails advocate. Those that know her know she's thorough, organized, with an attention to detail.

Vice President: Cheryl Wegner-I'll still be in the thick of things!

Secretary: This position is still open. This is a great spot to "get your feet wet", providing the opportunity to learn a lot about how things work within the running of the unit.

Treasurer: Deb Schott will continue on. Her expertise is much appreciated her enthusiasm unbeatable!

Public Lands: Terry Jorgenson has really done a terrific job and will continue her good work.

Education: This is also an important aspect of what BCHC is all about and Patty Heyden will continue on and has some great ideas for the coming year.

Service: This position continues to be open. If you're the kind that would rather be out working on a trail, then we've got a great spot for you! *Continued on next page...*

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Member-At-Large: Allie Heary will take on this position, having been Secretary for awhile now. Buck Ward has held this position for a number of years and we've appreciated his true caring for the BCHC mission and his parliamentary expertise.

Webmaster: Doug Cruger will continue as webmaster.

Newsletter: Cheryl Wegner will continue as newsletter editor.

Events Coordinator: Oversees the planning of rides, campouts, and special events.

We got together in November to put together the calendar and we're still trying to nail down some things. We'll get the calendar out as soon as we can so you can plan ahead.

At the Backcountry Horsemen of California State Board meeting the new State Public Lands co-chairs Bruce DeMott and Ruth Gerson identified the forests within our state and how sometimes more than one unit is adjacent to a particular forest, such as the Cleveland, where we have not only our unit, but Redshank River, San Gorgonio Pass, Santa Ana River units all interacting with the same forest. In many cases we're dealing with different people within those forests, but we need to work together regarding overall forest interaction. Our unit has done a very good job of nurturing our relationships, and will continue along as such. Bruce and Ruth have planned a meeting for Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 9am-1pm, in Hemet to introduce new tools and discuss our current and upcoming issues. If you're interesting in joining us, let us know.

So, as we close out 2009 I'd like to wish you and yours a very wonderful holiday season, and all the best in the coming year.

*Cheryl*

Bonita Valley Horsemen & Chula Vista Mounted Police announces:

**Bonita's Wild West Trail Trial**

Saturday, February 20th, 8:00 am Rain or Shine

At Sweetwater Summit Campground, Bonita, CA

\$35 BVH Members; \$40 Non-members; \$45 Day of Event \$25 Junior

Catered lunch included. Additional lunches available for \$15.

Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners in adult & junior classes.

Riders dressed in period clothing are eligible of bonus points!

Go to: [www.bonitavalleyhorsemen.com](http://www.bonitavalleyhorsemen.com) or email:

[info@bonitavalleyhorsemen.com](mailto:info@bonitavalleyhorsemen.com) or call: 619-931-2214

You can also find the info and registration form our website:

[www.bchcsd.com](http://www.bchcsd.com)

Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Trails Maintenance  
Work Party List

A DAY USE PASS FOR CUYAMACA EACH DAY YOU WORK

Saturday, December 12, 9:AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Milo Prodanovich at 858-566-7399 or [milo.prodanovich@biogenidec.com](mailto:milo.prodanovich@biogenidec.com)

Saturday, December 19, 9:AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with David McClure at 619-328-6109 or [sddavem@gmail.com](mailto:sddavem@gmail.com)

**JANUARY 2010**

Saturday, January 9, 9:AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Michael Curtis at 858-278-3280 or [cmcurtis@pacbell.net](mailto:cmcurtis@pacbell.net)

Saturday, January 16, 9:AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Milo Prodanovich at 858-566-7399 or [milo.prodanovich@biogenidec.com](mailto:milo.prodanovich@biogenidec.com)

Saturday, January 23, 9:AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with David McClure at 619-328-6109 or [sddavem@gmail.com](mailto:sddavem@gmail.com)

Saturday, January 30, 9:AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Dave or Michele Hernandez At 619-669-1697 or [jerrydave1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jerrydave1@sbcglobal.net)

*If you volunteer, please submit your hours to a BCHC/SD board member.*

**George Boone is a BCHC member who has served as the Pacific Crest Trail Service Liaison for the San Diego County section of the trail. Below is info on an upcoming volunteer trail work opportunity.**

**10-15. Jan. 8-17. Fri./Sun. Section A Catch-up - Penny Pines.** Section "A". (CNF. Map A - 8). You are invited to join us for a brushing and spot tread repair project north from Penny Pines. Come for a day or all ten. For the first 3 days the crew will base camp at George's place – *Cozy!* Ladies will be hosted by Carol at her house. Commute from there to Mt. Laguna. On Monday, Jan 11, we will move to the Roost at Mt. Laguna. Edwina and Al Golightly will be cooking – *Yum!*. Need 10-15 people working – *Trail Gorillas*. This will be another opportunity to pay back for using my (George's) trail – *join us for a good cause and meet interesting people*. Think about it! – *some people pay to go the gym!* Leader for the first 3 days is George Boone, Section "A", Pete Fish will lead the rest. Contact George Boone [george.boone@dhs.gov](mailto:george.boone@dhs.gov) or Pete Fish 805-658-6540 or e-mail @ [pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net).

**Meet Friday** January 9 at 0900 at the Roost for a half-day of work, or later that afternoon at George's place. If you are working for the day, we will meet at the Roost each day thereafter at 0800. For the Roost, Exit I-8 just east of Pine Valley, take Road S-1 (Sunrise Highway) about 8 miles north to Mt. Laguna, Red Tailed Roost Volunteer Center which is on the left 0.4 miles beyond milepost 22, and opposite the County fire station on the right.

**Directions to George's house**....Beginning with I-8 and I-5 in San Diego...go East on I-8 approximately 60 miles...past El Cajon, Lakeside, Alpine, Pine Valley...past the Sunrise Highway and Buckman Springs exit to Kitchen Creek exit. From that off-ramp, turn right...or south...you will immediately meet a "T" intersection with old highway 80...turn left, or east...go approximately 5-6 miles east on old 80 to just past the 19.5 mile marker...just past that marker will be a slight curve to the left...you will see about 12 mailboxes on the right...and there will be a green street sign that says "Miller Valley Road"...you can only turn right, the left will have a high embankment...the dirt road begins there...you will be going south...travel approximately ½ mile to another "T"...that will be at Camino Tres Ave...a gray frame house will be straight ahead...turn right onto Camino Tres Ave...or west...about 1/4 mile you will see another green Miller Valley Road sign on the left...turn left there, or south (you can't turn right)...go approximately 1.1 miles...you will find a cluster of oak trees on the right with two red open gates at the road...turn left at the gates...that is George's house.



**Vallecito Days -- March 5, 6, and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
**Vallecito Regional Park, 37349 County Route S-2, Shelter Valley**

**Come experience the stage station and life in the West as it was in 1858.**

**Ramona Trails Association is pleased to sponsor the equestrian portion of this celebration with California State Parks, San Diego County Parks, and Backcountry Horsemen-San Diego Unit**

**There will be activities for all to enjoy for the day or the weekend. Tour the original stage station with many of the original artifacts . Visit the mountain man camp and try your hand at some of the skills needed in an 1860's life.**

**On Saturday the riders come into the Vallecito station just as they would have over 150 years ago after crossing the desert. Sunday we will ride through Vallecito Valley to the old Campbell Ranch House just as cowboys have done in years past.**

**Saturday evening you will enjoy a delicious catered dinner with guest speakers sharing the history of the area by lantern light as we relax inside the stage station.**

**Both Equestrian and tent camping is available from Friday thru Sunday, space is limited and by reservation only**

**Everyone is encouraged to dress in 1860's period attire**

**Contact Info: Terry Jorgensen [tlh9749@yahoo.com](mailto:tlh9749@yahoo.com)  
760\_789\_5185**

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**Mail registration and payment to**

**RTA - Vallecito Event, P.O. Box 2136, Ramona 92065**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Type of rig (length): \_\_\_\_\_**

**Number of campers: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of horses: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Cost: \$35.00 per rider (ride + dinner): \_\_\_\_\_**

**\$25.00 dinner only (non riders): \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Paid : \_\_\_\_\_**

## Notice of Preparation: Equestrian Facilities Project

### Cuyamaca Rancho State Park

<http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/pages/980/files/2009-FINAL%20NOP.pdf>

Members,

Below is the letter that was sent in support of the NOP. We deadline to submit comment is December 15, 2009.

Cheryl

Christine Beck, Environmental Coordinator

Southern Service Center, California Department of Parks and Recreation

8885 Rio San Diego, Suite 270

San Diego, CA 92108

December 7, 2009

Dear Ms. Beck,

As the president of Backcountry Horsemen of California/San Diego Unit, representing over one hundred thirty individuals and families, I would like to share our collective support for the proposed equestrian facilities.

We had previously provided comments to the proposed Merigan Ranch Equestrian Campground. Though we support the expanded day use area proposed in the current NOP, we want to express our desire to see funding re-secured to complete the campground as soon as is feasible. The expanded day use facility will help in providing more parking for rigs, but does not replace the opportunity to camp. We might suggest a less ambitious campground design. It may prove to be more affordable, as many equestrians are content with a more rustic ambiance anyway.

We strongly support the conversion of the Green Valley Campground Loop to equestrian sites. This will provide opportunities for families to once again horse camp in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park.

We support the proposed Paso Picacho Day Use site. This day use facility will provide the opportunity to ride the many trails accessed from that northern part of the park.

Though these projects are most welcome and we support them, they do not replace what we had at Los Caballos Family Campground. The Green Valley project will go a long way in providing family horse camping, however it does not provide camping in the northern part of the park. We request State Parks to continue to pursue a location that will provide that opportunity while also being sensitive to significant cultural resources as well as natural resources.

We would also like you to know that you can call on us to provide you input from an equestrian point of view as these projects move forward.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cheryl L. Wegner, President

Backcountry Horsemen of California

San Diego Unit

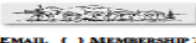
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**NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**      Backcountry Horsemen of California

**RENEWAL APPLICATION**      

**CHANGE - ( ) PARENT UNIT ( ) ADDRESS/PHONE/EMAIL ( ) MEMBERSHIP TYPE**

**DCTR (YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER)** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*NEW MEMBERS WILL BE ASSIGNED NUMBER BY MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR**

**PARENT Unit Affiliation: (Select and CIRCLE ONE Unit as your Primary Unit Affiliation)**

Antelope Valley	Mid Valley	San Joaquin Sierra
Eastern Sierra	Mother Lode	Santa Ana River
High Country	North Bay	Sequoia
High Sierra	Oblong Riders	Shasta Trinity
Kern River Valley	Redhawk Riders	Sierra Freepackers
Kern Sierra	Redwood	Sutter Buttes
Lake-Mendo	San Diego	Top of the State
Los Padres	San Geronimo	

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**OAKDALE, CA 95361-1610**  
<http://www.bchcalifornia.org>

**Donate to BCHC Education Fund?**  
**Tax Deductible**

Packer	\$10.00
Mule Skinner	\$25.00
You're the Greatest	\$50.00

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**MEMBER'S NAME** -No Business Names; Please Print Clearly \_\_\_\_\_

**SPOUSE/MEMBER'S NAME** -MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **CHECK #** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE SUBMITTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSINESS NAME - DONATIONS ONLY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT UNIT MEMBERSHIP TYPES: (CIRCLE ONE)**

Individual \$40.00\*    Family \$50.00\*    Benefactor \$100.00    Patron \$250.00    Mt Whitney \$500.00

\*-BCHC shares portion of dues with Backcountry Horsemen of America

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

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

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Please clip form along dashed line - KEEP BELOW INFORMATION 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, each sharing a common address.

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 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.

- You may sign-up for as many Associate Memberships as you like.
- Associate Memberships may also be initiated at any time during the term of your Parent Membership.
- Associate Memberships must expire concurrently with the Parent Membership, and are renewable only at the time of renewal of the Parent Membership.

Complete information regarding BCHC Membership is available on the MEMBERSHIP page at: <http://www.bchcalifornia.org>

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 I SUBMITTED AN Application Form for:

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	\$ 40.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> Mule Skinner	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> You're the Greatest!	\$50.00
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<b>Total Remittance</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
Check Number _____	
Date Mailed _____	

**Questions: Contact [membership@bchcalifornia.org](mailto:membership@bchcalifornia.org)**

Backcountry Horsemen, SD Unit  
 c/o Cheryl Wegner  
 236 Oak Street  
 Ramona, CA 92065

**TO:**