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General Public and Outdoor Users Welcome!

2010 BCHC Rendezvous

Pack to the Future - Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Packers

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RENDEZVOUS MARCH 19-20-21 2010
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OF ITS KIND FOCUSING ON TRAILS AND THE BACKCOUNTRY.

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AT OUR Cowboy Church
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www.jbresents.com

**NEW LOCATION
MERCED COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS**

General Public and Outdoor Users Welcome!

2009 OFFICERS

President: Denise Gilseth
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Education: Dan Horn
[Bearstrap@msn.com](mailto: Bearstrap@msn.com)

Public Lands: Open

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muledaze@yahoo.com

There will be a kick off parade on the blocks surrounding the Merced County Fairgrounds at 11am on Saturday. The parade will run right into the Fairgrounds and lead into our mini-parade and Opening Ceremonies. Stay tuned to our web page for full details, registration forms and more....to be posted as soon as developed.

<http://www.bchcalifornia.org>

Don't forget to get a copy or two of our very own 2010 BCHC KowKids Kalendar! These make great holiday gifts. Go to:
<http://www.lulu.com/content/7838822>

or go to the link on our state webpage





Basic First Aid / CPR - *Saturday January 30, 2010*

Includes 2 yr certification for each

- Adult, Infant, Child CPR, and AED
- Injury & Illness Assessment
- Vital Signs, shock, eye injuries
- Diabetes, asthma, seizures
- Drug/alcohol emergencies
- Lifting and moving
- When to call for help
- What to include in your first aid kit

Wilderness First Aid - *Sunday January 31, 2010*

Must have completed Basic First Aid / CPR or equivalent

- Sprained ankle
- Properly splint a broken bone
- Use of available materials
- Camp fire burn
- Rattlesnake bites
- When to immobilize the victim
- Who to call from remote locations
- How to assist 1st responders

*8:00am - Noon at SCDRC Club House • Bring your family & friends!
Each class \$30 members, \$50 non-members • Become a member and save \$\$.*

Preregistration Required

**More details & registration form:
www.northbayunit.com or Nadine Lavell 707-217-6715**



First Aid for Equestrians

Back Country Horsemen - North Bay Unit

Registration Form

Registration closing date: January 23, 2010
(Refund requests will be honored until closing date.)

Send in your registration form and fee to reserve your seat.
Register for one or both classes. Register early -- before classes fill.
Not a member? Apply for membership NOW and pay member fee for classes.

Name(s): _____
e-mail: _____
Phone: _____
Mailing address: _____

Part 1: Basic First Aid / CPR member: \$30 non-member:
Saturday January 30, 2010 8:00am - noon

Part 2: Wilderness First Aid member: \$30 non-member:
(prerequisite Basic First Aid/CPR or equivalent)
Sunday January 31, 2010 8:00am - noon

Not a member? New Member Dues _____
Apply now and pay member fee for classes.
Membership info, dues & application on website: www.northbayunit.com
Include membership application and dues with this registration form.

Total Enclosed _____

Make checks payable to: BCHC North Bay Unit
Mail to: Nadine Lavell
PO Box 1717
Windsor, CA 95492

More details and membership information:
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President's Memo

By Denise Gilseth

Ho ho ho! Or, since we are known as the “shovels in the dirt gang...I should say, “hoe, hoe hoe!” December is here, and it is practically snowing outside my window! It's -beginning -to -look -a lot -like- Chrissstmas! We had a wonderful potluck for our election meeting. It was so nice to see the faces of some of our newest members and a treat for all to meet/visit with Ray Valladeo, one of North Bay Unit's most respected members. I think he should be named “club historian!” Those nominated to serve for 2010: Denise Gilseth, Pres; Phil Monette, V.P; Sandra VanVoorhis, Treasurer; Nadine Lavell, Secretary (assisted by JoDean Nicolette); Michael Murphy, Membership, Thor Bodtker ; Public Lands and Dan Horn, Education and State Director.

The focus for 2010 will be on “safety.” Safety on the trail! We are hosting a CPR and “backcountry” first aid training course, to be held the last weekend of January at Sonoma County Drive and Ride Clubhouse. This course is being coordinated by Nadine Lavell. Please be sure to read the information included in this newsletter and consider signing up early! You may also want to think about *whom* you ride with most frequently and ask them to take the class with you. Information will also be posted on our website: northbayunit.com.

In addition to the above, we are looking into securing funding and training resources for first responders to an “equine accident,” such as an overturned trailer. More to come in that regard at a later date. Thor Bodtker and Phil Monette are heading up this project. Please contact either of them if you have an interest or knowledge in this regard.

Should any of you have other ideas that might fit the topic of safety for either the horse or the rider, please feel free to email them to me at: dgilseth@sbcglobal.net. *Thank you* for your commitment to Backcountry Horsemen. Your continued membership and involvement with our work party's aid in keeping our trails open to equestrians and gives all trail users the opportunity to work side by side - equestrians, hikers and bikers!



Vice President's Memo

By Phil Monette

First of all I want to thank everyone for all of the volunteer hours they have contributed working on our projects. This past year has been a busy one as well as a rewarding one. The North Bay Unit has been working on several unit projects, Lake Sonoma, Willow Creek, Tolay Regional Park, Doran Beach and Jack London State Park to name a few. We have logged more volunteer hours this year than ever before. Please don't forget to Email Dan Horn let him know how many hours you logged this year so he can submit them to the state board. This is the only way we get credited for all of the projects we do.

Next I want to let everyone know about a project that is in the planning stage. L.A.R. or Large Animal Rescue. This is a training class for first responders to emergency rescue calls of equine stock. Michael Murphy has had this class and suggested we find a way to host this 2 day training class for the fire fighters of Sonoma County. There are about 20,000 horses in 30 fire districts in this county and only about 3 certified first responders to direct a large animal rescue. This means that most, if not all of the emergencies involving equines are at best, hazardous to the fire fighters and the stock they are trying to save. One assistant Chief of a west county district has expressed a serious concern over any successful rescue of an animal involved in an accident where his fire fighters had to extract that animal from an overturned trailer or other hazardous situation, he told me “my guys just don't know how to do that”.

I believe that this is a worthwhile project that we should (as a unit) all get behind and support this endeavor. Unfortunately, fire fighters are not reimbursed for these types of classes, there is no local or county funding for this type of training program and any federal funding is only from Homeland Security for anti-terrorist training. Each 2-day class costs about \$ 200.00 for each fire fighter and the class is limited to about 25 attendees, that totals out to about \$ 5,000.00 per 2-day session. Private and public grants are out there and we are trying to procure some of this grant money for the program, but as you know times are hard right now and funding sources are difficult to find. If every stockowner in the county donated just 50 cents per animal to train these rescuers we could have at least one certified first responder in every fire district and a few Sheriff's and Animal Control officers to safely direct the rescue of our animals in an emergency. What is your horse or mule worth? If you know of a grant or someone who would like to contribute to this project or even sponsor a 2-day training session let Denise, Dan or I know, we can give them the details (this is a charitable donation) and it will be gratefully accepted.

Lastly, I want to wish all a Happy Holiday season and a safe and joyous New Year.

Jack London Tree Party

By Dan Horn

On November 15th we found a clear day in the weather to do a last minute work party at Jack London State Park. A crew of about twelve met at 9:00 am in the parking lot. Saddling up, loading pack stock with tools and lunch the day started like most of our work parties. Laughter and teasing!! It started with comparing the two Shadow horses that were going along?? And something about Big Shadow consoling Little Shadow about a short horse comment.....



Thor was the first to fire a chain saw and wade into the tree. Having the big crew to drag away all the brush made short work of clearing the tree from the trail. Of course the girls couldn't wait for Thor to finish cutting, so they just dragged the tree off in the woods some where.

Wasn't long before the trail was clear and we all sat down for lunch. After lunch, some of the crew needed to head home, but Nadine, Thor, Donna and I headed on up on the ridge trail to take out a few other downed trees. This one, Big Shadow couldn't get under even without a rider. As Thor and I had learned from a meeting with the Agency folks for the District a few days before, they only received \$18,000.00 for trail maintenance for the up coming year in their budget for the whole District. So the slack will have to be picked up by Volunteers. We have already heard that since this work party, there have been more trees go down in Jack London by the recent storms. Having to dodge around wet trail conditions and weather, most all of these work parties will be a email blast and posted on web site. **Short Notice.** Please make sure that we have your email address and check the web site often.

Thanks to the crew!!

Thor, Donna, Mike, Beth, Nadine, Sandra, Miss T, Denise, James, JoDean, Ben.



Public Lands

Thor Bodtker

Hello. I'd like to introduce myself, my name is Thor Bodtker and I would like to thank those of you who voted for me as your new Public Lands Officer for the Back Country North Bay Unit. As the Job was described to me, I am to oversee all public Lands issues and assist our Public Lands Coordinators that we have established for each Park facility. We do have some openings that need to be filled by members. Here is a list of facility Coordinators and the open positions,

| | | | |
|--|------------------|---|--------------|
| Jack London State Park | Volunteer Needed | | |
| Lake Sonoma | Dan Horn | Bearstrap@msn.com | 707-953-4903 |
| Annadel State Park | Denise Gilseth | dgilseth@sbcglobal.net | 707 695 5319 |
| Crane Canyon Regional Par | Volunteer Needed | | |
| Bodega Dunnes State Park | Volunteer Needed | | |
| Doran Beach Regional Park | Volunteer Needed | | |
| Willow Creek State Park | Phil Monette | monette@mcn.org | 707 887 1157 |
| Point Reyes National Sea Shores | Thor Bodtker | thunder.t@hotmail.com | 415 328 4545 |
| Armstrong Woods State Park | Mike Murphy | extra_mike@hotmail.com | 707 332 1195 |
| Shiloh & Foot Hills Regional Park | Volunteer Needed | | |
| Sugar Loaf | Volunteer Needed | | |
| Hood Mountain Regional Park | Volunteer Needed | | |
| Skyline Park | Ron Cia | NPCIA@Att.Net | 707 963 9103 |
| Tolay Regional Park | Volunteer Needed | | |
| Taylor Mountain | Volunteer Needed | | |

Public Land facility coordinators job is to be a single contact person for the ranger of that facility to contact if there are downed trees or trail work to be done. Then the facility coordinator gets the info to me, Thor, so that I can help the facility coordinator schedule a crew to take care of what ever the problem is. If there is a project that we want to do, then we go through that facility coordinator to contact that particular facility Ranger.

Since starting this fun, rewarding project, thus far we have worked with the Marin County State Park District in clearing trees from the trails, which led us to working with the Diablo District where we cleared four different sets of downed trees laying across various trails at Jack London. The Maintenance crew at the State Park level was very thankful for the help and with that we have received additional requests for help from Jack London State Park asking us to remove more downed trees and maybe put in new trail signs.

I would like to thank all the people that showed up to help; it was so much fun it didn't even seem like work. Also, I have someone committed in the State Parks who wants to take a horse ride with us so that they can see what we see. No date as of yet, but the desire is there.

Thanks Again, See you at the next work party.

Thor and Shadow

Happy Holidays!

Attention !!

Please make sure we have your email address !!
With state parks needing our help keeping the trails clear this winter, we will be doing a lot of last minute work parties around weather and wet conditions. Email blast and web site posting.

Contact

Denise Gilseth [dgilseth@sbcglobal.net](mailto: dgilseth@sbcglobal.net)
Thor Bodtker [thunder.t@hotmail.com](mailto: thunder.t@hotmail.com)
Dan Horn [Bearstrap@msn.com](mailto: Bearstrap@msn.com)

Please see the News Release regarding the January 2010 Public Hike at Tolay Lake Regional Park in Petaluma.
Donna LaGraffe
Marketing & Public Outreach
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Veterans Memorial Halls
2300 County Center Drive 120A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
707-565-1354

THANK YOU, BCHC-NORTH BAY!!

Equestrian travel in the Point Reyes National Seashore is now be even more pleasurable than before, especially when it is time to dismount and take a break. All this was possible due in great part to the people who assisted with the project, especially including BCHC-North Bay.

We added ten new tie rails and six new picnic tables to locations such as Divide Meadow, Palo Marin, Sky Camp, Coast Camp, the Estero Trailhead, the Five Brooks parking area and Bass Lake, plus a new redwood table in the new parking area at Samuel P. Taylor Park.

The “we” who deserve thanks are Dan Horn, Thor Bodker and the North Bay Chapter, along with Petaluma resident and Tolay supporter Garrett Jernigan, Shawn Maloney of the Point Reyes staff, Jack Barcewski of San Rafael (Sunshine Construction) and Tom and Jason Quilici (Creekside Equestrian Center, Woodacre) who all pitched in, some time and again. The project took three years from an idea to completion, but it is finished. We have donated again to the North Bay chapter as a gesture of our continuing appreciation for your assistance and to celebrate the friendships we have forged over recent years.

Sandy Greenblat, Publisher/Marin Equestrian Trail Guide

SAVE YOUR HORSE by Michelle Staples

The first book to address the subject of technical large animal rescue in a way that makes sense to horse owners!
Order now! A percentage of proceeds will go toward developing a Large Animal Rescue Program for our local first responders.
Send \$24.95 to BCHC North Bay Unit, 1007B W College Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

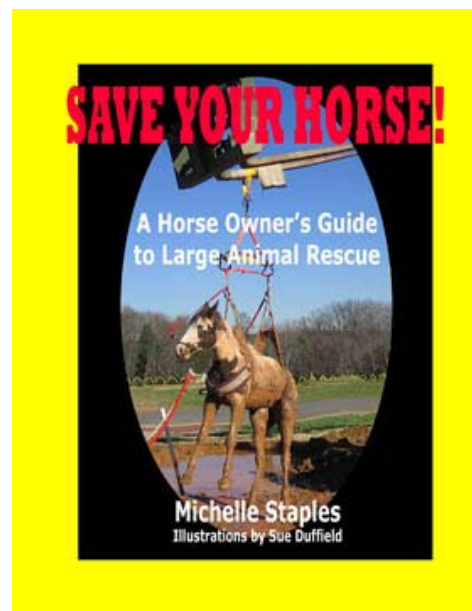
This book is designed to be used as an on-site resource. Please share this information with your emergency responders who do not understand horses and are unfamiliar with the training available in Large Animal Rescue (LAR or TLAER).

Save Your Horse! complements the training offered by experts in the field.

Don't wait until you need to remove your horse from entrapment. Learn the steps necessary, and pass on your knowledge to your local emergency personnel NOW! You could save a life -- maybe YOUR horse's. New to this edition: Learn the safe way to approach a barn fire Do you know EVERYTHING you need to know about safe trailering? Read the chapter written just for horse owners about how to protect yourself and your horse out on the road! If a horse is trapped in an overturned trailer, falls down a well or off a cliff, this handy book outlines a clear, detailed and safe approach to Save Your Horse! Only one percent of all firefighters have this specialized training. According to experts, the most critical safety issue at the scene of a large animal incident is the responders' lack of knowledge of and experience around large animals! Don't jeopardize your horse, yourself or your responders! LAR training has been designed to work within the Incident Command System – the structure and language used for all emergency responses.

Your veterinarian may be involved in rescuing your horse, but he or she probably has not worked with rescue personnel, does not understand her role in a multi-agency response, and does not have an agreement in place with your local responders. Precious time could be lost while everyone figures out who is responsible for what! Get your vet on board BEFOREHAND! You'll learn Step by Step procedures for:

- Vertical and diagonal lifts
- Trailer extrications
- Righting an overturned trailer
- Using ropes and lifts
- Handling of other large animal species
- Barn Fire Safety How to use everyday equipment carried by emergency responders
- Horse handling for emergency responders
- Safe trailering for horse owners
- Information on trailers, tools and rescue equipment
- Where to find Large Animal Rescue training
- Splinting and other basic first aid information, including euthanasia
- Calling 911, and how the Incident Command System works





US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

LAKE SONOMA

VOLUNTEER MOUNTED PATROL

Ranger Cindy Rowe and I have been working on establishing a volunteer patrol at Lake Sonoma since last spring. We pretty much have the final draft of the hand book ready to be presented to upper management for approval. The Patrol will be a multi user patrol with representatives from Hikers, Mountain Bikers and Equestrians. We are hoping to be able to offer the first orientation sometime in late February.

For more info contact

Cindy Rowe Cynthia.M.Rowe@usace.army.mil 707 4314533

Dan Horn [Bearstrap@msn.com](mailto: Bearstrap@msn.com) 707 953 4903


Taylor Mountain Permit Orientation

LandPaths is partnering with the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District and Regional Parks to provide interim permitted access for Taylor Mountain while the master plan is being developed for this property. Once you complete this short orientation, you will be issued a permit that will allow you to hike, bike and horseback ride on a portion of the property.

There are four dates scheduled for January 2010

For more info contact

outings@LandPaths.org 707 544 7284

- 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 | Ohlone Riders | Shasta Trinity |
| Kern River Valley | Redshank Riders | Sierra Freepackers |
| Kern Sierra | Redwood | Sutter Buttes |
| Lake-Mendo | San Diego | Top of the State |
| Los Padres | San Geronimo | |

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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)) |
| 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
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*A SHARED Membership is for two adults with differing last names, each sharing 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.

- 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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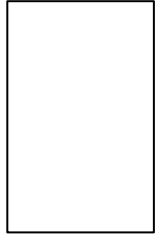
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership | \$ 40.00 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron Membership | \$250.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mt Whitney Membership | \$500.00 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mule Skinner | \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You're the Greatest! | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Membership | \$ _____ |
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Questions: Contact membership@bchcalifornia.org

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Please press the above **Donate** button to help us in our many efforts.

THANK YOU so very much!!



Go to the State Webpage, bottom of each page has a PayPal link

See you all at the Merced County Fairgrounds for the 2010 BCHC Rendezous, keep checking the state website for updated information. Bring your kids, lots of youth activities and fun for all ages!!!