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North Bay Unit

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## BCHC State Executive Board Meeting Visalia, CA Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Holiday Inn & Conference Center  
9000 West Airport Drive, Visalia, CA 93277  
Hotel Phone Number: 1-559-651-5000  
Toll free reservations: 1-800-465-4329

### Meeting Schedule

#### **Executive Committee Dinner Meeting Public Lands Committee Meeting**

Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 - 10:00pm 9:00am - noon

Oak Room Oak Room

\*see attached menus

#### **Education Committee Meeting State Board of Directors Meeting**

Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 - noon 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Plaza Room Oak Room

\*\* Unit Reports to immediately follow the Board of Directors Meeting

2011 BCHC  
Rendezvous will  
be in Red Bluff.  
April 1-3

## 2009 OFFICERS

**President:** Denise Gilseth  
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[nlavell@sonic.net](mailto:nlavell@sonic.net)

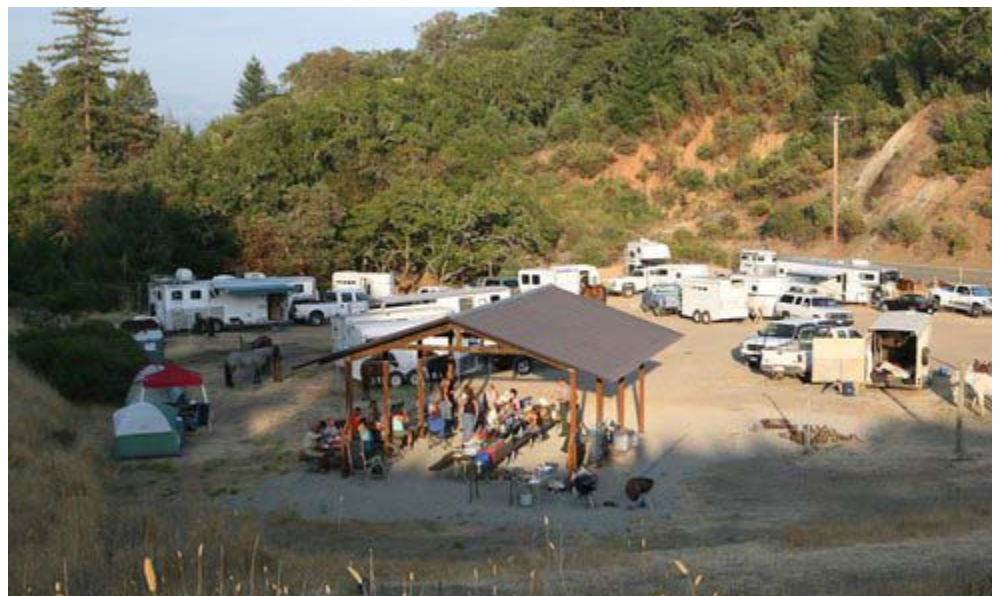
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## President's Memo

### NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 7 P.M. PIZZA DINNER AND ELECTION NIGHT

Ladies and Gentlemen: It has been my pleasure the last few years, to represent this unit as President. But, now it is time to turn over the position to another person. Will you consider a position on the board?

#### ***WE NEED MORE UNIT MEMBER INVOLVEMENT TO EXTEND THE CIRCLE OF CONTACTS AND PERHAPS DEVELOP NEW MEMBERS.***

The Board of Directors for the unit liaisons with the local county, state and federal government representatives to perpetuate recreational stock use and keep our trails open on virtually all public lands. The board also organizes fundraisers for much needed financial support that is used to maintain our local and state trail systems and coordinates work parties to assist with keeping our trails clear and safe.

By getting new people involved, we gain new perspectives and ideas. Perhaps you are in a particular profession or industry that would benefit our unit. Or maybe you have the potential to put us in contact with new members thru other service clubs you are involved with. The personal satisfaction of being involved in an endeavor that directly benefits my favorite pastime has been incredible!

But we need help. **Now more than ever.** Yes, the economy has been rough these last few years which is even more reason to get involved with your unit of Backcountry Horsemen! We are not asking for money, we are asking for your ideas. Gain the personal satisfaction of helping to steer this unit and keep it focused and growing!

Volunteering my time to this unit has helped me to gain an understanding of how important it is to have a unified voice in the face of trails being closed to equestrians, one after another. So, please consider volunteering for any board position: We have not received any names for Vice-President or Secretary. These positions may be shared by two people! You may contact me or any board member BEFORE October 19<sup>th</sup>, to let us know your interest!

There are other areas that need focus and attention such as, coordinating and reporting our member's volunteer hours to BCHC. Editing and/or providing articles for our newsletter, or helping to keep our website current and informative, to name a few.

Sandra VanVoorhis and I will be putting our heads together looking for ways to make our meetings more social and/or informative, possibly with outside speakers or, perhaps, YOU have an area of expertise or interest that you would like to share.

As always, we welcome your input, recommendations (or criticisms!) Write or call with any suggestions for keeping our unit vital and growing!

Sincerely,  
Denise Gilseth (dgilseth@gmail.com)

Dear Members,

I want to remind all of our members to come to the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will be voting on two things that night. First we will be electing your board of directors for the 2011 term and second, we will vote to send our revised bylaws to BCHC for their approval.

Thank You and  
Happy Trails

**Phil Monette**  
**Chairman Bylaws Committee**  
**Vice President,**  
**North Bay Unit, BCHC**

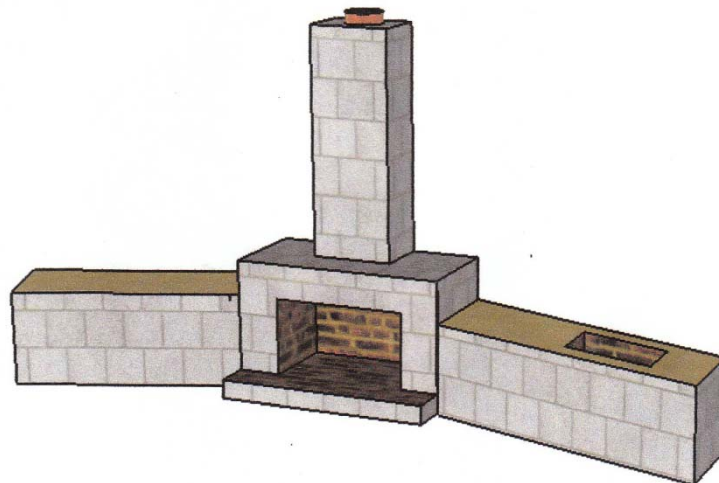
**NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 7 P.M.**  
**PIZZA DINNER AND ELECTION**  
**NIGHT**

This meeting will be to elect officers, vote on revised bylaws, and to hear about new exciting plans within the unit. We need your help and input.

**Please RSVP to Denise by Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> if you are attending so that she can determine the amount of Pizza to order. 707-695-5319**  
**Dgilseth@gmail.com**

## Lake Sonoma

This winter we will be working on a New BBQ for the Horse Camp. The foundation base is already in place at the rear of the dinning cover. It will have a fire place with Dutch Oven hooks, a 40 inch by 58 inch Grill and 8 ft counter top. **Check the Web Site for Work Party Dates !!!!!!!**





# Campfire Corner

A place to share stories  
and Backcountry wisdom

Many people have sighed for the 'good old days' and regretted the 'passing of the horse,' but today, when only those who like horses own them, it is a far better time for horses. ~**C.W. Anderson**

It's always been and always will be the same in the world: The horse does the work and the coachman is tipped. ~**Author Unknown**

He knows when you're happy  
He knows when you're comfortable  
He knows when you're confident  
And he always knows when you have carrots.  
~**Author Unknown**

Horses are uncomfortable in the middle and dangerous at both ends.  
~**Attributed to both Christopher Stone and Ian Fleming**

A horse is the projection of peoples' dreams about themselves - strong, powerful, beautiful - and it has the capability of giving us escape from our mundane existence. ~**Pam Brown**

The essential joy of being with horses is that it brings us in contact with the rare elements of grace, beauty, spirit, and fire. ~**Sharon Ralls Lemon**

When you're young and you fall off a horse, you may break something. When you're my age, you splatter.  
~**Roy Rogers**

Look back at our struggle for freedom,  
Trace our present day's strength to it's source;  
And you'll find that man's pathway to glory  
Is strewn with the bones of the horse.  
~**Author Unknown**

Four things greater than all things are, -  
Women and Horses and Power and War.  
~**Rudyard Kipling, "The Ballad of the King's Jest"**

It takes a good deal of physical courage to ride a horse. This, however, I have. I get it at about forty cents a flask, and take it as required. ~**Stephen Leacock**

A Hibernian sage once wrote that there are three things a man never forgets: The girl of his early youth, a devoted teacher, and a great horse. ~**C.J.J. Mullen**

A canter is a cure for every evil.  
~**Benjamin Disraeli**

If the world was truly a rational place, men would ride sidesaddle.  
~**Rita Mae Brown**

A man on a horse is spiritually as well as physically bigger than a man on foot. ~**John Steinbeck**

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## Fall 2010 Moonlight Ride & BBQ

Our Fall Moonlight Ride & BBQ at Lake Sonoma, was held Sat & Sun Sep 25 & 26th this year. Families and individual rides (30 members) met at the Lone Rock Horse Camp Saturday for two days of trail riding, horseshoes and enjoying the outdoors.

Lone Pine horse camp well designed and easy for trailer parking and the perimeter of the camp had high lines for all the horses and mules brought for the ride.

Even though the day was warm (in the 90's) we had plenty of shade in the eating area and next to our trailers.

The camp had all the amenities, including a nice roomy, bathroom, a stock tank, a large covered eating area, and a horseshoe pit. During the day several small riding groups went to explore the trails, other members had a serious game of horseshoes going, ending as our sirloin tips steak feast cooked by Jeff and his helpers was ready.

The evening BBQ of steaks, baked potatoes, corn, salad, garlic bread, soft drinks and other beverages were appreciated by all and there was plenty of time to get to meet members and see old friends.

As we were enjoying pie, brownies and each other's company, the temperature dropped to comfortable levels, and a fire was started in the fire pit while we waited for the moon to rise. When the moon was bright enough, folks went off to tack up the horses and mules for an enjoyable Moonlight ride on some of the 40 miles of trails.

A nice breakfast was served the following morning. A very enjoyable time was had by all. Many thanks to Dan Horn, Jeff Wright, Kathy Lane and all the members who helped make it a great weekend. We had four new families join our club and one individual.

Lake Sonoma located about 40 minutes NW of downtown Santa Rosa in Guerneville, CA. The Lone Pine horse camp can be reserved by contacting FOLS (Friends of Lake Sonoma) at 707-433-9483 or visit the website at <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/visitors/projects.cfm?Id=L304990>.



**Taylor Mountain Day, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
**9am and 4pm**  
**Rain or Shine!**

Presentations of Design Alternatives at 10am & 1pm  
Educational Hikes  
Children's Activities  
Light refreshments provided, Bring your own picnic lunch.  
[www.sonoma-county.org/parks/mt\\_taylor.htm](http://www.sonoma-county.org/parks/mt_taylor.htm)  
Sonoma County Regional Parks – 707-565-2041

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## **Public Lands Report**


*By Thor Bodtker*

October is here and it looks like the rainy season is right around the corner. We did have some projects this year. More are on the books that need scheduling. Keep your eyes on the website for future postings on what's going on now and in the future. Also look for email blasts coming your way. I know that sometimes they are last minute but I do appreciate all the help and once again if you are riding in your favorite park and you notice some maintenance issues that could use some help consider becoming a Park Liaison and help keep the trails and communication open between us and the park powers that be. On that note don't forget to turn in your volunteer hours. This is a great selling feature to the local agencies showing that we not only use their services but are able and willing to help out when needed to ensure that we and others are able to continue to enjoy the parks in the future.

Help save our trees. We are still missing about 46 email addresses from group members. If you got a call from Linda please send her a quick email so that can record your address. In this way we can ensure that all members are kept up to date with the goings on in the Unit. Last week we sent out emails about an upcoming work project at Lake Sonoma. If you did not get it well, we don't have your email address. [lpatrik\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:lpatrik_99@yahoo.com) is the address you want to contact so that we can record yours.

See you on the trail.....

Thor

- NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION      **Backcountry Horsemen of California**
- RENEWAL APPLICATION      
- CHANGE - ( ) PARENT UNIT   ( ) ADDRESS/PHONE/EMAIL   ( ) MEMBERSHIP TYPE

**MAIL TO:**  
**BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN**  
**OF CALIFORNIA**  
**PO Box 535**  
**Beaumont CA 92223**

**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    |                    |

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

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

**MEMBER'S NAME** –No Business Names; Please Print Clearly      **SPOUSE/MEMBER'S NAME** –MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS

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

<b>CITY</b> _____	<b>STATE</b> _____	<b>ZIP</b> _____	<b>PHONE</b> ( ) _____
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**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*

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**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))

*Please write additional choices on back*

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.

**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.

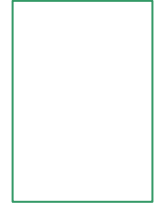
Complete information regarding BCHC Membership is available on the MEMBERSHIP page at: <http://www.bchcalifornia.org>

**KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS**  
I SUBMITTED AN Application Form for:

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	\$ 40.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family (Shared) Membership	\$ 50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor Membership	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Membership	\$250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mt Whitney Membership	\$500.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Donation – Packer	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mule Skinner	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> You're the Greatest!	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Membership	\$ _____
Total Remittance	\$ _____
Check Number _____	
Date Mailed _____	

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

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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Bakersfield-CA/Backcountry-Horsemen-of-California/196655795985?ref=ts>



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<http://www.ytbtravel.com/bchc>



**BCH**  
GETAWAY

**Election Meeting Nov. 16th  
Pizza Dinner**

**PLEASE RSVP**

**dgilseth@gmail.com or phone. 695 5319**