

Backcountry Horsemen of California



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UNIT



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NEWSLETTER

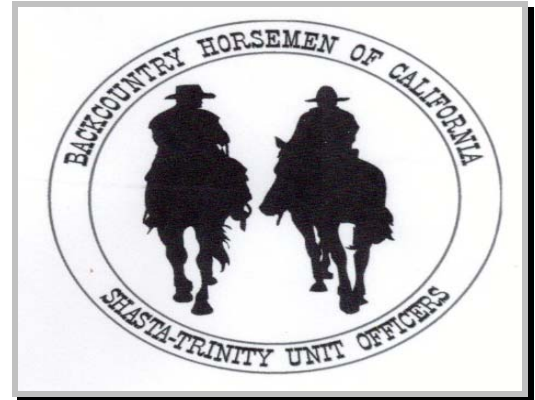
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and safe and sane New Years. Rose and I spent time with our Grandson who is 7 and Granddaughter who is 2. They both love horses and like to ride. It will be a pleasure working with them the next few years and installing in them a love of the outdoors that my wife and I have.

This is the next generation to keep the open spaces pristine and accessible for the future and it is important to reach the younger kids. This brings up what I want to talk about. The NorCal Sports Show is coming up. They have up to 15,000 people going through there every year and we get to talk and reach out to a significant portion of them. We need volunteers mainly just to talk and be available to answer questions. If you have a couple of hours that you can spare please contact myself or Dave Wiens. It is not hard work and the rewards are great. I think it is one of the most fun times I have every year.

It is this show and the Salmon Festival each year that gets Shasta – Trinity into the public eyes and creates awareness about backcountry issues. Please support us in these efforts.

Larry Shuman – President Shasta Trinity BCHC



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John Ellery's Packing Modules

****A Special Educational Opportunity ****

Thank You John!!

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ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATE:

We are trying to cut back on the number of Board of Directors, as we have had nearly thirty Directors in the past. Current Board is as follows:

President	Larry Shuman
V. President & Work Projects	Gerard Kaz
Treasurer	Dave Wiens
Secretary	Dereith Rochlitz
Public Lands	Allen Hill
Education	John Ellery
State Directors	Jim Griffith & Dan Suther
Alternate	Edie Davis
Newsletter	Rita Frankovich
Editor	Edie Davis
Membership	Terri Griffith
Board of Directors	Arnie Streetman, Gene Gardner, Nancy Anglemyer, & Dean Angelides

WE WILL BE HAVING ONE BOARD MEETING PER MONTH (THE 2nd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH) WITH 3 GENERAL MEETINGS .

THE GENERAL MEETINGS WILL BE : February 4th (at our annual dinner) , Thursday May 11th, Thursday November 9th

State Meeting October 2005

Larry Shuman and Sam Burrows went to State. Many of the old State Board Members and Directors are no longer in office. BCHC President, Chip Herzig, knows the State has not focused on the original philosophy and purpose of Back Country Horsemen. He would like to redirect State efforts towards the " Back Country."

There was a lot of talk about the CCC's. Chip was excited about the cooperation, coordination, and rapport that has evolved between BCHC (especially our Shasta Trinity Unit) and the CCC's at all levels. Chip has formed a state committee to help with work projects between the Forest Service, State Parks, CCC's, and Fish & Game. Four members from the Shasta Trinity unit will be on this committee.

Our Shasta Trinity Unit has been instrumental in working with Local, State, and County Representatives. There will be a lot of work to do in 2006, and we need to continue giving our support and technical expertise (??) !

Len Kirk's son, John, will be working with us at the 2006 Fish Plant, engaged in chuck wagon duties. Thank you, John!!

2006 Newsletters will be coming out approximately: January 15th, April 15th, July 15th, and October 15th.

Forgive your enemies. It messes with their heads.

PHOTOS?? Do you have some for Allen Hill??

Allen needs photos of the PCT's trail project and any other projects recently completed. Contact Terri Griffith @ 530-547-5651

**BOAT, SPORT & RV SHOW, March 3, 4, & 5,
Shasta District Fairgrounds, Anderson,
California.**

Dave Wiens will be setting up a packing /
dutch oven cooking display, and volunteers are
needed. Paul, are you listening??

Interested volunteers contact Dave Wiens
@ 530-547-5191

**Jerry Tindell --- (Teacher & Trainer of
Horses, Mules, & Humans.)**

Red Bluff Clinic..... March 31 – April 2, 2006

Space for animals &/or auditing available.

Contact Info: Judy Fox 530-528-8412

**RENDEZVOUS
INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE
ON THE BCHC WEB PAGE**

See: [http:// www.bchc.com/rendezvous/](http://www.bchc.com/rendezvous/)

The site is updated as new information
becomes available, so check back often!!

Note → The Shasta Trinity Unit has
been asked to present a seminar at the
Rendezvous this year. Volunteers are
needed, suggestions and ideas are
welcome.

Annual Meeting and Dinner

DATE: February 4, 2006

Time: Visiting 5:30 pm

Dinner Buffet: 6:30 pm

Location: Redding Medical Center Banquet Room – Old Shasta Mall

Directions: enter the Old Shasta Mall parking lot from California Ave at Yuba Street. Enter under sign “Redding Medical Center Educational Services”

Menu: Fresh Fruit Salad, Fresh Garden Salad, Fresh Baked Dinner rolls, BBQ Slow Roasted Pork Ribs, BBQ Quarter Chicken Breast, Roasted Red Potatoes, Fresh Green Beans with Almonds, and Peach Cobbler with whipped cream for dessert!

All of the above for ONLY \$23.00 per person. This price includes: food, tax, tip, and room rental.

****** SPECIAL NOTE******

No bar provided – Bring your own beverages. Alcoholic beverages are permitted. (Ice Available)

(Cut along dotted line & mail in today!)↓

RSVP before January 27th

Name: _____

Dinner \$23.00 each

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Number of people _____ @ \$23.00 each -- Total \$ _____

Return this portion of this flyer with your payment by January 27, 2006. Make your check payable to BCHC Shasta-Trinity Unit and mail to Terry Griffith @ 9826 Cow Creek Drive Palo Cedro 96073 Phones: 530-547-5651 or Edie Davis @ 530-347-9800

OPPORTUNITY !! OPPORTUNITY !! OPPORTUNITY !!

THANK YOU JOHN ELLERY !!

Need a knot?? What's the difference between a Box Hitch and a Crowfoot Sling? Do you know?? Need to select a good pack horse/mule for your next camping/wilderness adventure?? What's a "tree saver?" Is that the same as a picket line or is it a clothesline? There are different types of panniers? Do you make panniers or buy them? How do you make panniers fit the pack animal? What's a trail mark? There's logic to reading a map?? Who knew? Back Country first aid... what to do when the cell phones don't work and you're the first responder for medical needs.....

All these questions and many more camping questions have correct answers. This coming April and May 2006 is your opportunity to learn new skills, update your existing ones, and assist others while in the Back Country, by improving your camping skills. **All the basics:** introduction to horse packing, various knots to tie packs, how to select the correct camp site, personal sanitation, how to pack odd shaped items, first aid, map reading and much, much more is being offered in five modules this coming April and May.

It has been about five years since the Shasta-Trinity Unit has held educational seminars. These are being offered to all: our newer members, any older members who are interested in fine-tuning their techniques, or other Chapters' members who may be "in the neighborhood" during April and May, 2006.

Currently, there are five modules being offered by Shasta-Trinity Chapter member John Ellery. If you are interested in any or all of these modules, please contact John Ellery as soon as possible. Once John knows how many are interested in each module, he will set up dates that are compatible with as many in the groups as possible. If there are additional subjects you are interested in, please let John know. If enough people have interest, he'll set up additional modules. Generally, the classes will meet Saturday afternoons in April and May. Please do not delay in responding, if you desire to attend one or more of the modules. If you know of a member who might be interested, but might miss the information in the newsletter, please contact them and tell those folks about the program.

You can contact John Ellery in the following three ways; please include your name and telephone number when replying:

Email: johnellery@direcway.com

Fax: 530-365-4399

Address: John Ellery
6550 Cottage Hill Drive
Anderson, CA 96007

**MODULE #1:
INTRODUCTION TO HORSE
PACKING**

General introduction
Selecting a pack horse/mule
Selecting a lead horse/mule
Equipment needed for horse packing
Various types of pack saddles
Parts of the pack saddle
Various types of panniers
Other Equipment
Knots you need to know

**MODULE #2:
PACKING UP AT THE TRAIL HEAD,
GETTING DOWN THE TRAIL,
AND.... SETTING UP CAMP**

General considerations
Getting ready to leave
On the trail, Trail etiquette
Arriving at the camp site
Camp site selection
Picket Lines
Restraint of grazing horses/mules
Saddle rack
Tents
Kitchen & shower areas
Clothes line
Sanitation, Water, Trash
Basic Camp Equipment
Campfires

**MODULE #3:
HITCHES AND SLINGS**
Iron horses and live horses
One man diamond
Box hitch
Fish can Tie
Mantee packing – sling hitches
Basket hitch, Barrel hitch, Crowfoot sling
Open and closed top panniers
Use of top tarps
Tandem ties
Packing odd shaped things:
Barrels, Tables, Rock bars, etc.

**MODULE #4:
BACK COUNTRY FIRST AID
SHORT COURSE**
What to take
When and how to use it
How not to have to use it

**MODULE #5:
MAP READING**
Basic Definitions
How maps are made in the USA
Townships and Range
Topographic maps
Trail markings
Establishing **NORTH**
What to do when lost
Declination
Triangulation
Introduction to GPS

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***** Nancy Anglemyer made mention at our last general meeting that the Klamath Falls Packing Clinic would appreciate some assistance in early May. More information will be forthcoming.**

A SHADOW CAST

I hate to admit to the company I'm in
But a back country jerk too often I've been.
You have seen the shadow on the mountains I cast
Because the marks I have left there last and last.
When you see that lone tree with its root laid bare
You know me and my string have often been there.
But really, does tying up to a tree overnight spell its doom?
I've done it often you know, even when there is other room.
Wait a minute, I seem to recall a high mountain pass
With its cool clear water and lush green grass.
And there in the middle of this picturesque scene
Is a tall lone fir tree that's lost all its green.
What could have killed it I thought, hikers, bears, or..
Then it hit me, ,y god, I've been here before.
Mother Nature made that tree to stand the wind and the
snow. It has stood the test of time and continued to grow.
She made that tree to take the worst of her work,
But she didn't plan on me, the back country jerk.
Dan Plummer

Cold Winter Nights and Comfort Food At It's Best:

TEXAS BEANS

Oven time: 30 to 45 minutes
½ lb bacon, diced
4 lg onions, cut into rings
dash garlic powder
¼ t dry mustard
½ C vinegar
¾ C dark brown sugar
1 sm can lima beans, drained
1 can kidney beans, drained
1 lg can pork & beans
1 Fry bacon in Dutch Oven bottom and add oni
on rings
2 Cook slowly until onion rings are transparent
3 Add garlic, mustard, vinegar and sugar
4 Cook for 20 minutes, then add beans
5 Place top on oven, bake and serve