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President's Message

By David Rumsey

Unfortunately,
our President is too busy
to write his message
this month!



David Rumsey and his fish



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Are Your Membership Dues Due?

By Kathy Zumbrunn



In this crazy-busy life we lead sometimes it is too hard to remember all the things we need to do. So is the case of when our Mid Valley membership is due for renewal. So I have decided to help you out! Each month I will list everyone who is due for the next two months, and if your name is listed, please fill out the membership application in this newsletter, mark it "Renewal" and send it in. This will make sure your membership keeps up-to-date and you will also make Chip Herzig's job a bit easier too!

BE SURE TO MAKE YOUR CHECK OUT TO: BCHC MEMBERSHIP, CHECK "RENEWAL" AND SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS ON THE APPLICATION FORM.

And if you have had any changes, such as email address, phone, etc., please note it on the renewal.

I have included the current month because if dues are not renewed, your membership will expire. Please do not let this happen. Thank you for your time and assistance.

SEPTEMBER

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Scott and Debra Lewis
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OCTOBER

Aaron Ford Steve and Margo Little Victor Pedroza

If you have already sent in your dues, please disregard, as it may have been posted after this information was sent to me for publication. Plus, if you ever have any questions or problems, please feel free to contact me and I'll help get answers for you, no matter what you need. Kathy: (209)765-4923 or runningzranch@gmail.com

Quote of the Month



No philosophers so thoroughly comprehend us as dogs and horses.





"There are only two emotions that belong in the saddle; one is a sense of humor and the other is patience."

-John Lyons





By Crystal Dalby

Busy Sunshine month...

Please keep Doug Dollarhide in your prayers as he will have a heart procedure on 9/16. Although this procedure may be fairly minor, he will have a bit of recovery time. Let's also pray this procedure will give him the outcome he is seeking! Vicki Whisler lost her beloved dog Roxy to lymphoma. We're thinking of you and the loss of your fur-baby.

I am asking for continued prayers and well wishes for myself as my breast cancer fight continues. I have completed the chemotherapy without having many issues, so all prayers worked, and I thank you all! The next step in the fight is surgery, happening Sept. 17. I am NOT looking forward to this part! I am not looking forward to being out of commission for any length of time, as well as all other detrimental aspects that follow. Hoping, as with the chemo, my outcome is better than what I anticipate.

I also want to thank everyone who has sent gifts and well wishes! Every one of them mean a lot to me! Thank You - Crystal

Update: Crystal has had her surgery and is home and recuperating. Doug also had his procedure and is home and doing well. Both needs our prayers and get well wishes! ...Kathy

Thoughts and prayers go to these and all others that may not have gotten to me. If you need some sunshine sent your way, let me know. I would LOVE to hear the good also! New baby? Got married? New Job? Please let me know! Text is the best way! But you may get a hold of me any way you need! Crystal Dalby

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Membership Renewal

By Michael King

Greetings Mid Valley Unit members!

Well, here we are, just a few days away from the autumn equinox and the start of the last quarter of 2024. I remember in grammar school how that darn clock just crawled in its hour-long journey to freedom. Now that potlicker seems to race along at breakneck speed. I wonder how Einstein would explain that.



Back to the subject at hand. I wanted to let you all know that our Mid Valley Unit membership renewals and new memberships are lagging a bit lately. Currently, we are below the three hundred members threshold, which reduces our unit's representation at the state level from three, down to two delegates. Normally our membership holds at about 320, give or take a few.

BCHC never takes for granted people's disposable funds. We know that money is tight for everyone right now and budgets are stretched thin. I'm asking that you renew your membership in our unit to keep it strong for the ever-important job of keeping trails open for equestrians and hikers alike. Your continued membership is most certainly valuable and important.

Folks might want to look at the multi-year renewal opportunities that helps to save a few dollars in your pockets as well.

Thank you for reading this and sending in your membership renewals. The unit thanks you, and I personally thank you.

Happy Fall and cooler weather!

Dutch Oven Report

By Vicki Whisler

Again, nothing much is new! Doug and Cathy Dollarhide will be hosting a DOG, either late October or early November. Details will be provided next month. Jim Westmoreland is looking into having a ride and Dutch oven event also. The only definite DOG is our annual event on New Year's Day, January 1, 2025, at Red Hills.

Enjoy the cooler weather, as I know I am! Safety first! If you are riding, doing chores or just plain old maintenance!

To schedule a DOG: Vicki Whisler (209) 480-0566 Call or text. Please leave voice mail if you call, and I don't answer!



Importance of Routine Dental Exams

By Dr. Annie King, DVM Sweet River Equine Clinic

Routine dental work is crucial for maintaining the health and performance of horses – and our horses that spend time in the backcountry are no exception. Horses with well-maintained teeth are better able to efficiently process their feed, which is essential for their overall health and well-being.

For most horses, an annual dental exam and occlusal equilibration ("float") is sufficient to prevent common issues such as sharp enamel points. These sharp enamel points can cause ulcers and lacerations to the soft tissues in the mouth, in addition to more serious problems such as an inability to digest feed properly and even a higher risk of choke. In the backcountry, where access to veterinary care can be limited, addressing dental issues before they escalate is vital!

Performing regular dental exams, especially in our more seasoned horses, can be the secret to keeping our horses going in their best condition. An annual exam allows us to monitor changes in their mouth as they age – gaps between teeth, decaying and rotting teeth, and teeth that are expired, or smoothed down from wear. When treated early, the prognosis is often very good! However, if not addressed promptly, they may progress to a much more significant issue, requiring much more involved treatment.

So, while your horse might not be able to thank you with a bouquet of carrots, keeping up with their dental routine will certainly keep them healthier, happier, and more ready for your next backcountry adventure!



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Columbia Christmas Parade Planning Is Underway

By Barb Savery

Planning is underway for the 2024 Columbia Christmas Parade, which will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. sharp.

The team of Barb Savery, Deb and Scott Lewis and Steve and Brenda Bauhr have started work on this year's parade, which is sponsored by Mid-Valley. Invitations will be mailed in early October and posters will start popping up later in the month. It takes a Backcountry village to put this parade on, and the team is counting on Mid-Valley members to help pull it off. Thanks again to everyone who helped last year; we hope you will be able to help again this year.

Contact Barb Savery for more information.

Mac n' Cheeze Sauce

Cashew Based - No Oil - No Soy Created by Doug Jamieson, Vegan Chef

Dry Ingredients:

1½ cups raw cashews (No need to pre-soak, but you can for a smoother texture)

¾ cup nutritional yeast flakes (adjust up for a cheesier flavor)

1½ to 2 tsp fine sea salt or kosher salt (adjust up/down according to taste)

1 tsp <u>dry</u> ground mustard (Do not omit, needed for emulsification)

1 tsp onion powder

Wet Ingredients:

3½ to 4 cups water

- 2 Tbsp mellow white miso paste
- 2 Tbsp tomato paste
- 1 Tbsp raw apple cider vinegar

2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice or ½ tsp lactic acid

Optional:

1/4 tsp garlic powder

Tips:

- · For a dark and tangier sauce, add ½ Tbsp extra tomato paste,
- If the finished sauce is too thick, to thin, add ¼ cup of water and stir/whisk, repeat until the desired consistency is achieved.
- 1. Combine all the ingredients into a blender jar,
- 2. Pulse the blender 2-3 times, then run on high or "smooth" setting for 60-90 seconds. Remove the lid, scrape down the sides of the jar, replace the lid and blend for another 10-15 seconds. NOTE: There should be few to no cashew bits,
- 3. Transfer the contents of the blender into a saucepan,
- 4. Bring to a simmer <u>over low heat</u> (do not use a high heat, it will scald the sauce),
- 5. Cook, stirring frequent (a whisk helps), as the sauce thickens increase the stirring to avoid scalding, continue cooking until thick (5-6 minutes),
- 6. Taste, adjust the salt to taste,
- 7. Turn the heat to SIMMER, let the sauce simmer for 1-2 minutes.
- 8. Serve over noodles, pasta, baked potato, in burritos or tacos, etc.

Storage:

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Suggestion:

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Clark Fork Campout and Ride

By Jim and Chris Westmoreland

On Thursday, September 5, through Sunday, September 8, sixteen members of the Mid Valley Unit of Backcountry Horsemen held a campout and ride at Clark Fork Horse Camp. The weather was perfect for riding the trails that were previously cleared by our stalwart trail clearing crews. Thank you to those hardworking and dedicated volunteers. We divided up into small groups and hit the trails, going in different directions. We rode with Vernon and Donna Storment and Gail Jamieson that first day, trying to find the shortcut to the Arnot Trail. After more than a few wrong turns and a shaky river crossing, we found the main trail. From that point it was easy going. We also rode with Nicole Jones and Seth Lacy up the easy Clark Fork Trail. Nicole didn't think it was so easy and mentioned something about not wanting to go "goat rock trail climbing" or something like that! She did great with her new horse, Bug, and we all made it back to camp unscathed. Most nights were spent by the campfire remembering the fun we'd had that day, telling stories that might have been a little exaggerated!

On Saturday evening we all gathered for a Dutch oven and potluck dinner. Many people brought two dishes, and we probably could have fed fifty people. There was tri-tip cooked to perfection by the Lacys, Wendy Scott's spinach and strawberry salad was not to be outdone, Roy Jones's chicken and stuffing main dish and probably the best Dutch oven chocolate cake I have ever eaten! Many other dishes were prepared and consumed by all. Our thanks to everyone who attended and participated in this event! Your hosts, Jim and Chris Westmoreland.



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For details and additional current events: www.bchcmidvalley.org/calendar.html

Note: All events subject to change

October 2024

5) State Board Meeting Rolling Hills Equesterian Center, Corning, CA

8) Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Perko's, 2120 Patterson Road, Riverbank Contact: Dave Rumsey (209) 532-2681 davidsrumsey@yahoo.com

12) Trail Challenge at Diamond Bar Arena contact: Carlena Kellogg (209) 505-0122

November 2024

12) Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Perko's, 2120 Patterson Road, Riverbank Contact: Dave Rumsey (209) 532-2681 davidsrumsey@yahoo.com

December 2024

8) Columbia Christmas Parade contact: Barb Savery (209) 743-3580 or email:bjsavery@att.net

10) Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Perko's, 2120 Patterson Road, Riverbank Contact: Dave Rumsev (209) 532-2681 davidsrumsey@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE

DOG at Dollarhides date to be determined More information later

Mark your calendar for next year

July 17-20, 2025 Kennedy Meadows General meetings and campout



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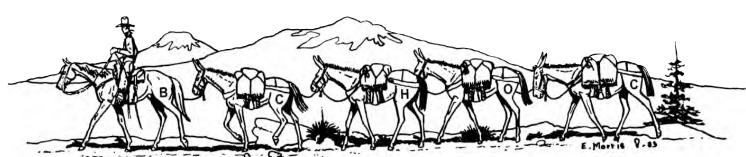
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