

# Mid Valley Monthly

## President's Message

By David Rumsey

Howdy everyone,  
I would like to introduce myself for those whom might not know me. I am David Rumsey and I happen to be the new president of our unit. I am a bit nervous about my new job as president as I have some mighty big boots to fill. Others have done an outstanding job of leading our unit in the past. Seems like the first meeting is always a bit of a challenge, sometimes more than less. I look forward to serving as your president as I consider this to be an honor and privilege to be able to lead our unit for the next year. Speaking of leading our unit, it is the voice of our members that should be leading this unit. It is important to realize and remember that the membership should be guiding the board on how they would like to see this organization grow and develop. Without hearing the voice of the membership, our board will continue to make the decisions necessary to keep it going to the best of their ability. Do not misunderstand what I am saying, our current and past board members have and will continue to do an outstanding job running our unit. What I am saying is that with 300+ members in our unit, we would like to hear from you, both good and bad, so we can try to make changes on how we do things within our unit. So please show up to our monthly meetings and let us know what you're thinking. If we do not hear from our members, we do not know.

I am really, really looking forward to getting past these knees aching after my double knee replacement, not sure doubling down was the best decision I ever made. My hat's off to Jim, as he got back in the saddle after twelve weeks. Not sure if I can pull that one off, but I am only at ten weeks now.

I've included a photo of one of the pack trips with Carl, Julie, Cody and Bree. Looking forward to many more.

Thank you,  
David



Dave Rumsey on a pack trip



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**Deadline:** All submissions are due by midnight of the Friday following the monthly board meeting but early submissions are highly appreciated and strongly encouraged. Be sure to type "Mid Valley Monthly newsletter" in the subject line of your email message and send to [mvmmonthly@gmail.com](mailto:mvmmonthly@gmail.com). The editor reserves the right to accept, reject or hold over late submissions.  
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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.

**FEBRUARY**

DeAnn Edwards  
Brenda McKay  
Ron and Dianne Stearns  
Cathy Suttles and Brent Kone

Gail Altieri  
Steve and Brenda Bauhr  
Ellen Bridges  
Scott and Deborah Brown  
Dawn Dochow  
Dan and Pam Fogg  
Cliff and Gina Francis

**MARCH**

Mark and Sandra Gebo  
Diane Gomes  
Erin Greysen  
James Huggins  
Bob and Kristina Jarvis  
Terry Lewallen  
Tom and Teresa McGonigle

Sandy and Barbara Newsome  
Van Pender  
Carl and Julie Perry  
Dan and Abegail Prine  
Barbara Savery  
John Schaapman  
Robert and Debra Walker  
Vicki Whisler

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](mailto:runningzranch@gmail.com)

## Quote of the Month



“When I hear somebody talk about a horse or a cow being stupid,  
I figure it's a sure sign that animal has outfoxed them.”  
Tom Dorance from The Quotable Horse Lover.



This month we have had a number of members in need of a little sunshine.

Terri Arington has been dealing with sciatic nerve pain.  
Jennifer Lacy has also been dealing with sciatic nerve pain.  
We send our prayers and well wishes in hopes that their pain subsides and they will both be on the healing path.

Roy Jones, who is a board member, has been in the hospital since January 30<sup>th</sup>. He had an infection in his leg, in which rods had been replaced due to a previous infection. He had one surgery already to replace rods again and clear out the infection. He still must have a couple more surgical procedures to get him back on his feet. He has another surgery scheduled February 14 (What a Valentine's Day). He needs all our prayers and well wishes that these surgeries are successful, and he will heal completely and make a quick recovery.



By Crystal Dalby

Mary Beth Baglione had her right hip replacement revision at Stanford on February 12th. Surgery went well and she is on her way to recovery. Get well soon!

Carlana Kellogg's mother, Carole Ellis, went into the hospital February 13th. Sending prayers and well wishes to Carole and her family.

Again, we send positive thoughts and prayers to these and all others that may not have gotten to me. If you need some sunshine sent your way, please let me know. I would like 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!

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## DUTCH OVEN APPLE CARAMEL COBBLER

Submitted by Susan Erlandson

8-10 lrg Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored & sliced  
 2 T lemon juice  
 2/3 c sugar  
 2/3 c flour  
 1 T cinnamon  
 3/4 tsp nutmeg  
 1/4 tsp cloves  
 3/4 tsp salt  
 1 (12 oz) jar caramel sauce  
 2 c brown sugar  
 2 c flour  
 1 1/2 c instant oatmeal  
 1/2 c chopped nuts  
 1 c melted butter



Add apples and lemon juice to a buttered Dutch oven and stir to coat. In a separate dish combine sugar, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and salt; mix well. Pour the dry ingredient mix over the apples and stir until the apples are well coated. Pour the caramel sauce over the top.

In a separate bowl, combine the brown sugar, flour, oatmeal and nuts and stir. Use a fork to mix in the melted butter to form coarse crumbs. Spread this topping over the apples. Cover the Dutch oven and bake, using 10-12 briquettes on the bottom and 16-18 briquettes on the top for 60 minutes.

## Dutch Oven Report

By Vicki Whisler

Not sure if it is still winter or if spring is here. Almond trees are blooming and a lot of my outdoor flowers are also, but every time we get a few days of sunshine, then we get more rain. Then again, we need it!

Nothing new. Don't forget the Polar Plunge at the south shore of Lake Tulloch on February 24th. It is to Benefit the Special Olympians of Tuolumne County. The event begins at 10:00 a.m. So far 17 teams have signed up and a total of 114 people. We are cooking desserts only! I would like to know who will be there so I know what supplies will be needed!

Then the Rendezvous is on March 22 - 23rd. Dutch Oven competitions for everyone! Call or text for more information or to schedule a DOG. (209) 480-0566



## Bishop Mule Days Celebration- Memorial Weekend

By Carl Perry

The Mid Valley BCH Unit is looking for two intercollegiate students that would like to share in the experience of packing mules at Bishop Mule Days Memorial Weekend. The only qualification is that they must have a student ID number from a college. The experience will be a lifelong remembrance. The program does NOT require any experience at all. We will train the students. There will be at least six and maybe seven practices. Usually, we practice once a week and mostly on Sunday afternoons. Memorial weekend is May 24-26<sup>th</sup>. We usually go over to Bishop on Thursday and stay until Monday morning. Yes, this is a big commitment, but I believe once you get your hands on Magic and Emma Lou, you will love them forever. The only expense incurred will be the gas during the practice season. We try to make this experience expense free for all of the team members. Your stay at Bishop will be your choice. We can provide a tent, or if you have a camper of any sort, there will be space available. We would like you to stay on the grounds, not in a motel. This event is a team function. This event will be a great way to meet new friends locally and at Bishop. For any more questions call Carl Perry (209) 321-5410 or Doug Dollarhide (209) 605-2403. If any of our members know of any eligible young people, contact them and have them give us a call.

## Ripon Almond Blossom Parade

By John Marshall

Greetings Backcountry Horsemen. On Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, we will ride in the Ripon Almond Festival Parade. We will line up at 12:00 p.m. on Industrial. The parade starts at 1:00 p.m. We will have coffee and donuts before the parade and hot dogs and hamburgers after for a time of camaraderie. We are inviting all riders and packers. We need walkers to carry banners and side walkers in case riders need help. Please text me if you're joining as we need a headcount for food and our entry. Parades are an opportunity for us to show the public who we are and what we do to keep trails open for all.

## Lessons Learned

By Nicole Jones

I board my horse at a boarding facility and keep my truck and trailer hooked up at all times so it is already ready to go.

As I have done several times, I loaded mine and a friend's horse and off we went from Claribel Road to the Oakdale Saddle Club for Wednesday night sorting.

About 9:00 p.m. after the sorting, we loaded the horses and headed out for the barn. After the first set of railroad tracks, my hitch jumped off the ball, and the front of the trailer fell and scraped on the ground, stopping the trailer and the truck.

I was so lucky because the man behind us saw the whole thing happen. To top it off, he owns a repair shop a few blocks away and had a hydraulic jack in the trunk of his car. He jacked up the trailer with the two horses still in it and got the trailer back on the truck ball.

Lesson learned: even if your truck and trailer are always hooked up and ready to go, you should still check the tires, lights and safely latch on the ball.



# Eddie Costa, Sr.

By Jeannette DeMott

I can't remember the first time I met Eddie, but it was a blessing. Truck driver, cowboy, cattleman, leather craftsman, and so many more talents.

Eddie was an amazing man – talented, kind, faithful, honorable, and he had the best "sense of humor." Oh my gosh, the stories he could tell and, of course, all of them were the TRUTH! Eddie could leave you in stitches at the campfire with his adventures, and he left you coming back for more the next evening, never to run out of stories.

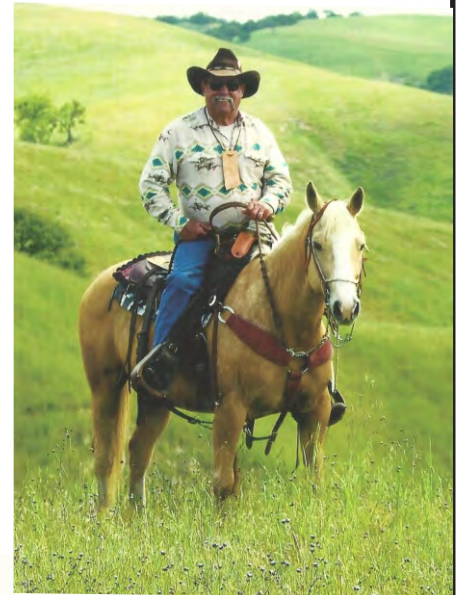
His leather craftsmanship was amazing. Many BCHC members have had Eddie fix our wrecks, mend our messes and create real art. From saddles, halters, bridles, reins, harnesses, britch'n, cruppers to wagons and carts. There was not a project Eddie wouldn't try (and succeed).

Eddie Costa, Sr. was born May 11, 1943 and went to glory December 15, 2024. Raised in Manteca, an only child, on a working dairy, Eddie was very proud of his Portuguese heritage. He had a love for horses and cattle from the beginning. Eddie created friendships that lasted a lifetime.

He was married to the love of his life, Yvonne, and survived by his children Ernie, Danny, DJ, and Devan along with 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Eddie Junior.

Eddie, you will be missed terribly, and it was an honor call you "friend."

Happy Trails, Eddie.



*Eddie Costa Sr.*

May 11, 1943 to December 15, 2023

*It has been a good ride.  
My trail is at its end.  
But do not fret about me, my friend.  
With the Lord by my side,  
I am riding in glory.  
I am at peace on the path that  
He laid out before me.  
Take comfort in knowing  
we will meet again  
where Earth's trail ends  
and forever begins.*





**BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA  
PRESENTS**

# **IT'S RENDEZVOUS TIME IN CERES !**

**MARCH 22nd - 23rd 2024**

**DIAMOND BAR ARENA**



**This Year's Theme : TRAILS AND TALES**

**Food , Contests , Clinicians , Vendors , Educational  
Classes, and BLM Adopt a Horse or Burro!**

**SEE YOU THERE !**

## MID VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For details and additional current events:  
[www.bchcmidvalley.org/calendar.html](http://www.bchcmidvalley.org/calendar.html)

**Note: All events subject to change**

### February 2024

24) Ripon Almond Blossom Parade 1:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m.  
 Contact: John Marshall  
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24) Dutch Oven Group cooks desserts at  
 Polar Plunge Fundraiser for Special Olympians of  
 Tuolumne Co. at South Shore Lake Tulloch  
 Contact: Vicki Whisler  
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### March 2024

12) Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
 Perko's, 2120 Patterson Road, Riverbank  
 Contact: Dave Rumsey  
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March 22-23) BCHC Rendezvous at Diamond Bar Arena  
 on Central Ave. in Ceres  
 Theme: Trails and Tales  
 Find the registration packet at bchcmidvalley.org

### April 2024

9) Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
 Perko's, 2120 Patterson Road, Riverbank  
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### May 2024

7) Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
 Perko's, 2120 Patterson Road, Riverbank  
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### August 2024

9-11) Kennedy Meadows General Meeting and Campout



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# Backcountry Horsemen of California



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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**PARENT UNIT AFFILIATION: (Select and CHECK a Unit as your Affiliation)**

- |                                 |                                  |  |   |   |   |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New    | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal | <input type="checkbox"/> Antelope Valley   | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake-Mendo       | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Crest      | <input type="checkbox"/> Shasta Trinity     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change |                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Sierra    | <input type="checkbox"/> Los Padres       | <input type="checkbox"/> Redshank Riders    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sierra Freepackers |
|                                 |                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> High Country      | <input type="checkbox"/> Manzanita Riders | <input type="checkbox"/> Redwood            | <input type="checkbox"/> Sutter Buttes      |
|                                 |                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> High Sierra       | <input type="checkbox"/> Mid Valley       | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin Sierra | <input type="checkbox"/> Top of the State   |
|                                 |                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Kern River Valley | <input type="checkbox"/> Motherlode       | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Ana River    |   |
|                                 |                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Kern Sierra       | <input type="checkbox"/> North Bay        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sequoia            |   |

DCTR (Your Membership Number): \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER'S NAME - No Business Names, Print Clearly \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE/CO-MEMBER'S NAME - MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address/PO Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code (full 9 digits if known) \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to BCHC Education Fund (Tax deductible) \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent Unit Membership Types (Check One)

- |  |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Individual \$50  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Family \$60  | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old) \$15                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$100  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual \$90  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family \$110 | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (12-17 years old) \$15*                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$250      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual \$125 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family \$150 | *Youth members MUST fill out BOTH Youth Membership forms (available online) |  |
|  |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Whitney \$500 |

### Associate Memberships: An Additional \$15 PER UNIT is added to your Parent Unit Dues

Associate Memberships Unit Affiliations MAY NOT BE FOR THE SAME UNIT AS YOUR PARENT UNIT

Associate Membership for: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15/Unit  
 Unit Name (from above list)

Associate Membership for: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15/Unit  
 Unit Name (from above list)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Add additional choices here

**Please clip form along dashed line and keep the below portion 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 if for two adults with differing last names who share 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.

### Youth Memberships

Youth Memberships MUST be accompanied by a signed Youth Membership Permission Release and Youth Parent Permission Form. A Youth Membership is NOT valid until BCHC or the Parent Unit has received signed copies of these forms.

**Complete information regarding BCHC Membership is available on the MEMBERSHIP TAB at [bchcalifornia.org](http://bchcalifornia.org) or call (775) 463-3634**

### KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I submitted an Application Form for a new -

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Individual             | \$50  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual             | \$90  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual             | \$125 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Family                 | \$60  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family                 | \$110 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family                 | \$150 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old) | \$15  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (12-17 years old)       | \$15* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor                    | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron                        | \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Whitney                   | \$500 |

On that form, I also requested:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Associate Memberships \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 My Total Remittance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 My Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

### Verification of BCHC Membership

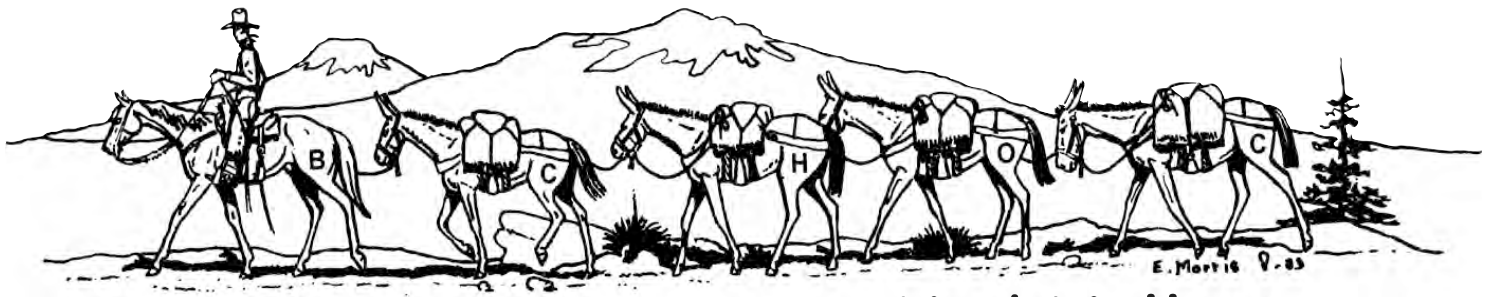
- Verification of BCHC Membership is available via:
- 1) BCHC Unit President's reports
  - 2) BCHC Membership Chair reports
  - 3) a self addressed stamped envelope submitted with this form
  - 4) a valid email address

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