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President's Message

By Barbara Baglione-Riner

Hello everyone!

This month has been yet again another busy one for me and my family! I hope that everyone is having a great February so far and staying safe and healthy out there. I have recently started back to school at Stan State so the semester is in full swing for me now. In addition to starting back at school, my husband and I are in the process of buying our first home. The Riner family remains busy as I am sure everyone else has been busy as well.

This past week, I ran my first meeting as the unit's president, with some help from my fellow board members (thank you all). The meeting was a long one, but I feel confident in knowing it was necessary to keep our unit running as well as it does.

There is quite a bit to look forward to in the next coming months. In February, our unit will be participating in the Ripon Almond Blossom Parade on the 22nd. Please contact John Marshall if you'd like to participate. If you are not riding in or attending the Almond Blossom Parade you might help us support the Tuolumne County Special Olympics. They are having their yearly fund raiser and many of our Dutch oven cooks will be providing Dutch oven desserts.

On March 8th our unit will be hosting a Dutch Oven Group demonstration at Knight's Ferry recreation area. Also in March, there will be a ride at the Double Bar G Ranch in Stevinson on the 22nd. Please see Jim Westmoreland for more information on that. In April, BCHC is having its annual Rendezvous which will be held in Corning this year. The dates for that are April 11-13. Rendezvous is a lot of fun and I encourage all members to attend if you are able. There will also be a trail ride held on April 19th at Pacheco State Park in which you will be able to view all the beautiful wildflowers. Please see Jim Westmoreland for more information. Also in April, our unit will be having its annual Spring Campout at Gaiser Ranch in Chinese Camp. This will be April 25-27, please see Carl Perry or Dave Rumsey for more details. The Spring Campout is always so fun and there are some fun activities being planned for that.

To wrap things up, it has been brought to my attention that several members have not been receiving our unit's email blasts, as well as the monthly newsletters. These emails and newsletters contain pertinent information for all members. If you are one of these members, please send me an email directly:

rinerbarbara97@gmail.com and I will ensure to get this matter taken care of as best I can. Also, if you are able to attend our unit's monthly meetings (every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Perko's Cafe in Riverbank).

These meetings are open to all members, and I highly encourage members to attend these to stay up to date and provide input to our board.

Thank you everyone!

Barbara Baglione-Riner



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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. 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.

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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 runningzbranch@gmail.com

Greetings Readers!

By Michael King



I hope you all looked at, and paid attention to, the informative flyer inserted in this newsletter regarding the upcoming Meet & Greet and Dutch Oven Cooking and Coaching event at the Knights Ferry Recreation Area, hosted by Mid Valley Unit (MVU).

Come meet and socialize with fellow members of MVU, while Dutch oven cooks prepare some hot dishes for our lunch. You can choose to join in and be part of a cooking team, or just watch and observe. Some cooks will be preparing lunch entrees, and others will be preparing some dessert dishes to enjoy.

If you know of folks who potentially might be interested in joining Mid Valley Unit, be sure to bring them along. The event is open to members and potential members alike. The only fee is a \$10 parking fee charged by the US Army Corps of Engineers.

If you would like to bring a side dish to help with the potluck nature of the event that would surely be appreciated. Folding chairs are a good idea to bring too.

So as to help get a head count of attendees, if you would, please RSVP by text message to Jerrie Thomas at (209) 985-4502, or me, Michael King at (209) 606-8323. If you forget to RSVP, come anyway. Country hospitality is our mantra. We'll stretch supplies so everyone gets some lunch.

We are hoping to be situated on the North side of the river, however this could be subject to change by the Army COE in lieu of the south side facility. Watch for signage and our Mid Valley Dutch oven trailer. We are planning on terrific weather, but we are rain or shine planners!

We are looking forward to seeing a lot of folks!

Quote of the Month



There's a variety of horse minds as big as there is among human minds.
Some need more persuading than others, and a few of 'em,
no matter how firm they're handled,
will have to be showed again and again that they can't get away with this or that.



—Will James, Smoky the Cowhorse—
From The Quotable Horse Lover



By Crystal Dalby

Continued prayers going to Vicki Whisler while she's still having multiple health issues. Prayers, also, to Gail Altieri, Jerrie Thomas, and Larry Souza as they are having health issues. If you need some sunshine sent your way, 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!

If you know of anyone who needs some Sunshine, please contact me at:
crystal_dalby322@yahoo.com or text me at: (209) 968-0483.
[Thank you and have a safe and happy day!](#)

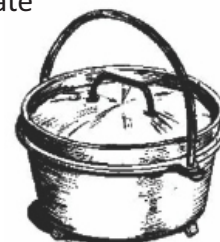
Dutch Oven Cooks Wanted for Polar Plunge Event

By Vicki Whisler

If you are a Dutch oven cook and not riding in the Ripon Almond Blossum Parade, please join us at Lake Tulloch for the Special Olympics Polar Plunge on February 22. This is their yearly fund raiser. This group of awesome young people has been participating in some of Mid Valley's activities since many of them are unit members. Our unit has been cooking treats to share for quite a few years. It is a great way to give back to our community and to educate participating families on Dutch oven cooking.

This activity will take place at Lake Tulloch South Shore. We will be cooking treats for the brave plungers. Our treats should be ready by noon, so think about your timeline and arrive at an appropriate time for you and your Dutch oven treats.

For more information, contact Larry Souza at (209) 613-8293 or Vicki Morales at (209) 404-0561 or vickimorales@sbcglobal.net



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BCHC MID VALLEY UNIT SPONSORS INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTEST

By Carl Perry



The Mid Valley Unit is sponsoring a mule packing competition for the interscholastic teams. This event is being orchestrated by Doug Dollarhide and Carl Perry. The date is May 3, 2025. The time will be 8 a.m. – noon or 1:00 p.m. at the MJC outside arena of the horse unit.

Please mark your calendars if you can help. We will need a tremendous amount of help to accomplish this mission. The list of positions that are needed to fill are: 8-10 mule stewards (staying by the mules while students are packing), 8-10 timers with their phones, 2-6 at registration, 2-4 lunch runners, 2 tabulators, 2 timer runners, and 2-4 free-lance helpers. I will put this list in the next newsletter as well. If you're sure you can help, choose a category and let me know. Carl Perry text (209) 321-5410.

The lunches will be hosted by Mid Valley BCHC for the participants, coaches, and workers. Guests and all others can purchase a lunch for \$5. This will be a great opportunity and educational event for our future packers.

Valentine Ride

By Marlene Fultz



Saturday, February 15, we had a very nice get-together at South Shore Camanche. We had a wonderful turn out with very nice people and very nice weather. Some riders took the longer trail, and some riders took a shorter, more leisurely trail. Everyone was very helpful making for a very enjoyable day. Roy Jones did the cooking, and Sandra Ballard and Dori Simson helped set up lunch and helped with the entertaining games. Sandra Ballard donated a very special hat with our Mid Valley Backcountry logo burned into it! There were games on horseback and games at the table while socializing. The prizes were well earned. Vicki Morales won the "perfect man" chocolate man for guessing closest on the horse cookie jar. The team of Carl and Maggie had the best time on the ribbon race, with Katie Menghetti having the best time on the save the "water race" and Maggie having the most water left at the end of the race. Wendy and Nicole got a prize for the best dressed horse and rider. Danielle, a fairly new face at Mid Valley, and Roy Jones were awarded prizes for having the best hands. The "Master Sucker" award in the heart candy game, went to Dori Simson. Yep, she was a real sucker!



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Rides

By Jim Westmoreland

Hello everyone!

My hat is off to Marlene Fultz who was our ride chairman for our Valentine's Day ride at Camanche Reservoir on February 15. She did an awesome job. Thank you, Marlene! Also, a special thanks to Roy Jones who cooked some awesome hamburgers.

Our ride activity planned for March will be held at the Double Bar G Ranch in Stevinson. This ranch has over 35 obstacles for horses from a water ditch to bridge crossings. It also has acres in the back of the ranch for leisure riding and enjoying the day.

So mark your calendars for March 22. There is a cost of \$10 per person to ride the ranch which is half the regular cost. We will serve lunch and the riding will start at 10:00 a.m. The ranch address is 21068 Highway 140 Stevinson, Ca. 95347. We will have a pre-ride meeting at 9:45 a.m. Terry, who is in charge of the ranch, told me the bathroom will be completed by our activity date. Hope to see you there.

If you would like to be a ride chairman for this year, please give me a call at (209) 815-3125.

Thanks, Jim Westmoreland



SPRING CAMPOUT-ANNUAL MEETING

By Carl Perry



BCHC MID VALLEY UNIT is hosting their annual meeting on the Dick and Liz Gaiser cattle ranch in Chinese Camp. This cattle ranch has been recorded in existence since 1918. After that time several uses were rendered from the ranch including the mining industry and cattle ranching. Dick and Liz are third generation land owners with their son, Colton, and his sister entertaining the fourth. Colton is married to Paula with two kids named Lucca and Hunter. He is the man that keeps the ranch running smoothly. His sister is married to a contractor and provides support to the ranch from fencing to cattle working when needed.

Here are a few plans on the agenda for the campout. You can move in any time after noon on Friday. There will be a breakfast on Saturday morning, then a hands-on packing demonstration, kids' games, pinata breaking, no host lunch and an ice cream social. Shortly after, the newly formed Bishop Interscholastic MJC pack team will demonstrate their talents to us. You may ride anytime throughout the day on the ranch. The day will conclude with a potluck dinner on Saturday evening with a short meeting and auction. Our entertainer will be Lance Kell. He is a fantastic singer and super supporter of our unit. He also provides the sound system which we are super grateful for. Thank you, Lance!

In the next newsletter there will be a reservation form. Hopefully, by that time you will have a positive idea if you can attend or not. We will host guests on Saturday with the hopes of obtaining some new memberships. The weekend will cost \$25 or \$15 for just Saturday. We would appreciate early responses as we have to buy

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March 8 2025. 10 am - Lunch by 1

Knights Ferry Recreation Area

North side of river (Look for signs)

\$10 Parking Fee

Almond Blossom Parade

By John Marshall



Greetings Backcountry Horsemen, Saturday, February 22nd, we will be riding in the Ripon Almond Blossom Parade. We will line up at 12:30 p.m. on Industrial Drive for the start of the parade. We will have coffee and donuts before the parade and burgers and dogs afterwards. Please RSVP by text no later than Wednesday evening so we can purchase the coffee, donuts, burgers, and dogs. Text me at (209) 968-3826 with your preference so that we will know how much food to purchase and preparations to make. All riders need to be members and we will have applications available before the parade. You do not need to be a member to help us carry banners and sidewalk. Please RSVP and join us.



MID VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For details and additional current events:

www.bchcmidvalley.org/calendar.html

Note: All events subject to change

March 2025

2) Interscholastic Pack Team Practice

Contact Carl Perry (209) 321-5410

hayloftpigeon@gmail.com

8) Interscholastic Pack Team Competition at Cal Poly

contact: Carl Perry (209) 321-5410 hayloftpigeon@gmail.com

8) DOG at Knights Ferry Recreation Area

Contact: Michael King

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11) Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Perko's, 2120 Patterson Road, Riverbank

Contact: Barbara Riner

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22) Ride at the Double Bar G Ranch in Stevinson

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April 2025

8) Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Perko's, 2120 Patterson Road, Riverbank

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11 - 13) Rendezvous at the Rolling Hills Equestrian Center in Corning

19) Interscholastic Pack Team Competition at Sanger

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9) Wildflower Ride at Pacheco State Park

Contact: Jim Westmoreland

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25 - 27) Spring Campout and Ride at the Gaiser Ranch
(More information later)

May 2025

3) Pack Clinic at Modesto Junior College

13) Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Perko's, 2120 Patterson Road, Riverbank

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22 - 26) Bishop Mule Days

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☐ High Country	☐ Mid Valley	☐ San Joaquín Sierra	☐ Top of the State
☐ High Sierra	☐ Mother Lode	☐ Santa Ana River	
☐ Kern River Valley	☐ North Bay	☐ Sequoia	
☐ Kern Sierra		☐ Shasta Trinity	

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)

☐ 1 Year Individual \$60	☐ 1 Year Family \$75	☐ Young Adult (18-25 years old) \$15	☐ Benefactor \$100
☐ 2 Year Individual \$110	☐ 2 Year Family \$140	Include Date of Birth / /	☐ Patron \$250
☐ 3 Year Individual \$160	☐ 3 Year Family \$205		☐ Mt. Whitney \$500

Associate Membership: An Additional \$15 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/Unit
Unit Name (from above list)

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

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 with a single Local Unit.

**A SHARED Membership is 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.

Young Adult Memberships MUST include date of birth on application. The year you turn 24 is the last year you may renew under this membership.

Complete information regarding BCHC Membership
is available on the MEMBERSHIP TAB at
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KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

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☐ 1 Year Individual	\$60
☐ 2 Year Individual	\$110
☐ 3 Year Individual	\$160
☐ 1 Year Family	\$75
☐ 2 Year Family	\$140
☐ 3 Year Family	\$205
☐ Young Adult (18-25 years old)	\$15
☐ Benefactor	\$100
☐ Patron	\$250
☐ Mt. Whitney	\$500

☐ On that form, I also requested:
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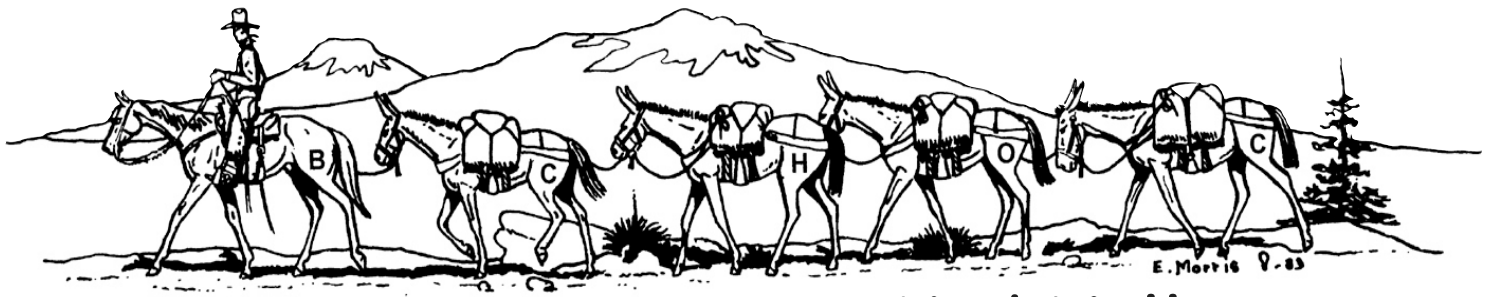
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- 2) BCHC Membership VP reports
- 3) a self-addressed stamped envelope submitted with this form
- 4) a valid email address

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