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North Bay Unit – BackCountry Horsemen of CA

Fall 2018 Newsletter

From Our President

Hello everyone,

Shiloh Regional Park: Up and Coming Projects:

One of the projects that we had discussed with Bill Trunick at Shiloh Regional Park in Sonoma County, prior to the October 2017 fires, was to clean up this area for a picnic rest area. After the fires a Boy Scout named Cade Morgan from Troop 143 out of Healdsburg, for his Eagle Scout project organized and carried out that project. He had 14 people who put in a total of 92 man-hours. The results of which you can see below.



Other future projects include building a pungen, trail clearing, trail reconstruction and trail realignment. We will keep in touch with you via North Bay Unit website, newsletters, or feel free to contact myself or Tony August.

I would like to close thanking all the wonderful volunteers that we had for the spring ride all the volunteer work and all the other stuff our volunteers do throughout our County. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

Thanks again see you out on the trail.

Thor Bodtker - 415-328-4545

**Our 2018 Annual Spring Ride
&
Silent Auction and Raffle Report**

This year's ride was picture perfect; we had the largest number attendees 139, it was a fantastic weekend for all of us. We had many first time attendees and it was so nice to see all of our annual attendees. Our host, Gary, was not able to attend but so graciously allowed his ranch house to be opened for tours. Hector had the grounds and trails all prepped for us, from the winter's rain and wind.

We the Board would like to take this opportunity to **THANK !** each and everyone one of you who helped us out with; camp set-up, checking in process of the attendees, the wonderful contributions to the raffle/silent auction, selling the raffle tickets, helping with the raffle, bartenders, ranch tours, mealtime set-ups and clean-ups, food preparers, Sunday's take down, loading up jobs and clean-up and everything in-between, it's because of all of you we continue to have a successful, enjoyable Spring Ride, which is the unit's annual fund raising event. Without your help and support we would not be able to have this event. The board also would like to welcome the new members who join BCHC North Bay Unit this weekend. Remember we do have monthly meetings and would love to have more members attend.

Our Saturday night band had a new member this year, on the fiddle; they just simply charmed us all, to those so, so many boot stompers, to the rest of us just enjoying their music. We were able to have a in camp vet on call for us this year, Dr Bowen so kindly offered, donated her services to us, a big Thanks to her, it's a wonderful comfort knowing our mounts can be quickly taken care of if a need arrives.

James's three-wheeler was totally entertaining; he brought as a rent a bike during the weekend and then he did a live auction Saturday night for it. The recipient was so pleased wining it !. The rest of the raffle and silent auction continued on with almost no bloopers' but sorry there's always a few even though we really try hard. Seems like most were pleased with the wide range of selection and quantity we had. The excitement filled the air as the winning numbers were posted; the thrill of having the winning ticket was music to my ears. Our new helpers this year (who also sold so many raffle tickets) was Madisen and Mackenzie, they did such a great job, we Thank you for stepping in and helping ! The silent auction and raffle was a huge success this year, with many Thanks to the; contributors, collectors, donators and helpers.

My apologies that I cannot name each person who helped us, the list would be long, but you know we are talking about YOU; there are many hard workers throughout the weekend and we are so grateful for them. So again we want to express our **THANKS To ALL** for a job well done ! and to all for attending.

Spring Ride date is May 17-19, 2019 (that's the plan at this time)

Thank you,
Cindy Rowe
Treasure, North Bay Unit
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(707) 484-8717

How long does litter last?



Hard Plastic containers
20 - 30 years



Plastic Coated Paper cup
5 years



Rubber sole shoes
50 - 80 years



Glass bottle
500 - 1,000,000 years



Leather
50 - 75 years



Plastic grocery bag
10 - 20 years



Plastic film container
20 - 30 years



Paper
2 - 4 weeks



Wool socks
1 - 5 years



Aluminum cans
200 - 400 years



Banana & Orange Peel
5 Weeks - 1 year



Cigarette butts
2 - 5 years



Tin cans
80 - 100 years



Disposable diapers
10 - 20 years

**Please Practice
“Leave No Trace”**

Chain Saw Certification Class

We are planning to hold a Chain Saw Certification Class on September 15th and 16th 2018. The class will be held at Lake Sonoma Visitor Center 3333 Skaggs Springs Rd.

Saturday the 15th will be the Class room portion of the class and Sunday the 16th will be Field Evaluations.

Required Reading and Class Materials can be found at: <http://www.bchcalifornia.org/chainsaw.html>

MTDC Student Saw Course Book is required Reading

There is no onsite Registration –all students must be preregistered
RSVP by Sept. 12th 2018

Contact
Dan Horn
707-953-4903

First Aid & CPR Training August. 25th & 26th, 2018 Open to Members Only Location

Lake Sonoma Visitor Center 3333 Skaggs Springs Rd.

Saturday August 25th 9 AM Basic First Aid & CPR \$95.00

Sunday August 26th 9 AM Wilderness First Aid \$125.00

**Unit will pay half of Cost if you take both Classes
Member Cost for Both Classes \$97.50**

Contact
Dan Horn
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**Limited to 20 Members
RSVP by Aug. 19th 2018**

Minimum of 10 members

New Work Camp at Lake Sonoma

On Saturday June 16th and 17th, our member Tony August went out to Skaggs Springs Trailhead to do a little cleanup work at the trailhead and the Summer Work Camp that we use for work parties on the west side of Lake Sonoma. The West side trails are 10 miles in from both the Liberty Glenn Trail head and the Marina Trail Head that is difficult to get a crew in the to work for any length of time.

Having this Summer Work Camp enables us to get within 1 to 2 miles of the work area without doing a 3 to 4 hour ride both in to work area and out at night.



Tony started at the new gate that North Bay Unit installed last year with weed eater. Clearing fire fuel and debris.

Tony cleared the road way in, the berry vines were about to take over the roadway. He also cleared our equipment staging area of all fire fuels. This is very important just for having a safe parking area for trucks and equipment. As we all know, fire safety has become a big part of our lives.



Not having used the camp in over 3 years, the grass and brush had taken over. Downed trees and limbs littered the





This is the first step in reopening the West side trails. We will be posting work dates on Web Site and Facebook for work dates.

Thanks to Tony August and Lyndasue (aka Lucinda) for your work

Lake Sonoma Work Plan

By Dan Horn

This is our work plan for the summer at Lake Sonoma.

Rework water system at Old Skaggs Springs road work camp--Completed by Tony August 6/10/18

Clean and rework camp area--clear downed trees and grass with tractors--(sometime in July)
Having the work camp usable enables us to get folks to work area with much less riding time--maybe 30 to 45 minutes instead of 3 hours from Liberty Glen.

Rework trail and install 4 ft. culvert on trail to Old Saw Mill Camp--(late July) (culvert purchase was voted by board last year.

Restore area at Old Saw Mill Camp for relocation of horse camp (old horse camp is located in a wet area, new camp location is above camp and closer to trail)--transport corrals, water trough, table out to Old Saw Mill on barge (coordinate with Kaleb), repair water line from spring to horse camp area and install corrals. (early August)

Repair trail from Old Saw Mill Camp past Bucks Pasture to Black Mountain (just south of Black Mountain was the cutoff point 4 years ago) continue trail work south to rock bluff. Figure out how to deal with rock bluff.

Our goal is to access Bear Creek where the redwood trees went down 10 years ago. We are set up to mill them in to bridge girts, decking and construct a bridge at that crossing.

**Backcountry Horsemen
of California**



**MAIL TO: BCHC
MEMBERSHIP
1280 State Rt. 208
Yerington NV 89447**

**MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION**

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

New Renewal
 Change

(indicate change)

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

DCTR (your Membership)

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: (please print legibly)

Donation to BCHC Education Fund (tax deductible) \$

Total Enclosed: \$ Check No.

Parent Unit Membership Types (Check one)

- Individual \$50 Family \$60 2 Year Individual \$90 2 Year Family \$110 3 Year Individual \$125 3 Year Family \$150

Young Adult (18-25 years old) \$15 – Benefactor \$100 – Patron \$250 – 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: \$15.00/Unit
Unit Name (from above list)

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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 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.

Complete information regarding BCHC Membership is available on the MEMBERSHIP TAB at bchcalifornia.org or call (775) 463-3634

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I submitted an Application Form for a new -

- | | |
|--|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership | \$ 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (Shared) Membership | \$ 60.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old) | \$ 15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual | \$ 90.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family | \$110.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual | \$125.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family | \$150.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor Membership | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron Membership | \$250.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Whitney Membership | \$500.00 |

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

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 or (4) a valid email address

Our 2017 North Bay Unit Board Candidates

Dates to Remember >>>

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**** Open for Volunteer ****

Unit Director:

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NBU Meetings – 3rd Tue each month

*6pm Santa Rosa Fairgrounds –
Sonoma County Driving & Riding
Club at the south gate of the
fairgrounds.*

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