



BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN



MAY 2018

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello to fellow Kern Sierra Members,

The annual Rendezvous is once again in the history books. Despite several unexpected extra challenges, the event was a success. Several members from KSU made the short hop over to Paso Robles for the three day weekend. Very special thanks go out to Lynn Joiner for all her work as State Treasurer, keeping up with the money end of the event, and once again heading the Silent and Live Auctions that help earn money to offset Rendezvous expenses. Tammy Bozarth, our Education Chairman volunteered to take care of the Kids Corral during the three-day event. She put in many, many hours coming up with things of interest for the children to take part in, and made the props needed to carry each event out. She also came up with a mascot idea for the Youth section of BCHC, a darling mule, then acquired a full body costume and wore it during some of the evening events! The mascot was a big hit with everyone. Board member, Mark Seitz, stepped up as the barn manager position again this year also. Several members took part in some of the contest events that were offered over the weekend. Thank you for taking time to take part and congratulations to all award winners.

Congratulations to our Unit members for being Awarded State Awards, for Education, to Tammy Bozarth, and Top Hand in our Unit for his work on Public Lands, to Steve Cozzetto. Both have given untold hours to helping further our causes.

Our semi Annual General Meeting, meaning open to all members and any guest they would like to bring with them will be held on June 4th, 6:00 p.m. at Tony's Pizza 4750 Coffee just north of Hageman. Please try to join us and bring along someone that might be interested in joining our Unit.

Following the brief meeting we will have a talk from Mylon Filkins DVM, one of our local large animal veterinarians. Dr Filkins' presentations are always informative and entertaining. Our meeting will update you on what we have been working on and plans for the remainder of the year. As I'm sure all of you know we are, in principle, a service organization with almost all of our efforts directed towards trail needs, education of Leave No Trace principles, and legislative issues; and not as much focused on social events. We have recently discussed doing more social type events with hopes of having more members get involved with the Unit and hopefully pulling new members in as well. If you have ideas that you would like the Unit to consider, please jot them down and turn them in to me at the meeting or tell any Board member so we can add it to our list.

Be sure to check out our Facebook page, BCHC Kern Sierra, as well as our website, bchckernsierra.com. We have a Calendar of planned events for the year posted on the website. Check it out and put a few on your calendar. You are very welcome to take part in any of the scheduled events. Just contact one of the Officers and/or Directors and let us know.

Hope to see you all on Monday evening June 4th at our Spring General Meeting.

Respectfully,

Sylvia Chavez, KSU President

2018 RENDEZVOUS KSU WINNERS!

Congratulations to these Kern Sierra Unit members who participated and placed in these events at the 2018 Rendezvous in Paso Robles!

Brian Reese: 1st Place Cobbler in the Dutch Oven Competition

Steve Cozzetto: Top Hand Award, 2nd place Novice Trail Packing Challenge and

Tammy Bozarth: State of California Education Award

Mark Seitz: 4th Place Novice Trail Packing Challenge Friday, 5th Place Novice Trail Challenge Saturday, 2nd Place Novice Trail Challenge Sunday

Becky Seitz: 2nd Place Novice Trail Challenge Friday, 1st place Novice Trail Challenge Saturday, 1st Place Novice Trail Challenge Sunday

A TRIBUTE TO ANN LANGE

Submitted by Mylon Filkins DVM

The Kern Sierra unit of the BCHC honored Ann Lange for a lifetime of contribution to the recreational use of saddle and pack stock use in the backcountry. Ann and her husband Dr. Detlev Lange are long time members of the Kern Sierra unit. have served many years as directors and officers. Ann has also represented the Kern Sierra unit to the Back County Horsemen of California directors meeting for many years and participated in programs at many rendezvous. Ann has served as the public lands chair for our unit. As chair she has been the voice for back country stock use at countless meeting, wrote unimaginable number of letters and spent many evening and weekends in public meetings. Ann and Detlev have organized and participated in many Kern Sierra work projects and Ann often was the chief cook and wrangler. Ann also contributed her talents at the national level and represented California as a long time delegate to the Back Country Horsemen of America national board meetings. She organized and led the BCHA Wilderness committee and developed educational material to support that cause as well as writing numerous articles on wilderness for the BCHA national newsletter. Ann accomplished all of this while working as a partner with her husband in the Kern Valley Veterinary clinic, also contributing her effort to her local community. Ann has received numerous awards at the national level. Many friends and family were present at the Kern Sierra meeting to honor Ann and join in the celebration. She received a custom table lamp from Cow Hide and Things with an inscription. Thank You Ann Lange from the Kern Sierra Unit.



Photos submitted by Mary James



GENERAL MEETING

June 4th, 2018 at 6:00pm
at Tony's Pizza
4750 Coffee Road, Bakersfield, CA

All BCH-KSU Members are invited!

Pizza and soda served to all members who attend. Share the fun: bring a friend, family member, or colleague who'd like to learn more about Back Country Horsemen -Kern Sierra Unit!

Backcountry Horsemen of California—Kern Sierra Unit

Objectives and Purpose

To improve and promote the use, care and development of California backcountry trails, campsites, streams and meadows; to advocate good trail manners.

To promote the conservation and utilization of our backcountry resources in concert with livestock transportation.

To keep the backcountry trails and forage areas open to horsemen on all public lands.

To keep current information before the Corporation membership and its local Units regarding new legislation or management plans related to government regulations of the backcountry.

To support or oppose new proposals, plans and restrictions as related to the interest of horsemen and those persons interested in recreational stock use and enjoying the backcountry.

To promote the interest of people who, due to health or physical factors, need transportation other than by foot on backcountry trails.

To promote public awareness and interest in the historical aspect of horsemen and stock in the backcountry to help educate backcountry users on ways to use the trail and forage in a manner that conserves the backcountry resources.

To assist in keeping the public informed of the vital need for a clean backcountry.

To promote a working relationship with and keep the work interests of the Corporation before our local, state and federal officials.

To assist in the formation and continuation of local Units to carry on these purposes.