



BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA

# Kern Sierra Unit Newsletter

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## President's Letter

Dear Kern Sierra Unit members,

Hello members and friends of the Kern Sierra Unit. 2022 is upon us and it looks like things are shaping up to be a much better year. The rain and snow is falling so there should be good grass and water in the mountains. Things are opening back up as well. Windwolves will have their open house, the Sportsman show is back this year and we are working with the Los Padre, Sequoia and Inyo forests for work projects. Some of them are working out of trailheads so even if you can't get a horse you can still participate. Kern Sierra will be hosting the Officer training for this region of the state. It will be held at the clubhouse at Ranch Rio. One more fun tidbit is that the mighty Kern Sierra Unit has three state officer positions. See the enclosed calendar for activities and remember that the list will continually grow. I am looking forward to seeing you on the trail or some activity!

*Robert Anderson*

Kern Sierra Unit President

## Recent News



Tammy Bozarth receives past President award at the BCHC Kern Sierra Unit December meeting. Presenting is Robert Anderson, current President.



It was a real pleasure to introduce Kern Sierra 's 2021 Top Hand, Lisa Gammel. Lisa is a forest service employee that has worked hard for this unit and other BCHC units as well. On multiple occasions Lisa has worked right beside us to clear trail as well as assisting us in forest service policy. Thank you Lisa for your support of this unit.



This year we raffled off a Henry 217HMR at the Christmas dinner. Thanks to the hard work of many of our members we netted over \$1,500. The happiest person about the raffle was Daniel Bowen who won the gun! Congratulations Daniel and thank you for your support!

## Rendezvous 2021



### Backcountry Horsemen of California **RENDEZVOUS**

Robert Anderson supplied the mules for the 2021 Backcountry Horsemen Rendezvous. For more information on the 2021 Backcountry Horsemen Rendezvous go to the BCHC website:  
[bchcalifornia.org](http://bchcalifornia.org).

### Upcoming 2022 Events



**February 7, 6:00 pm**  
Kern Sierra Unit Meeting

**February 22, 10:00 am**  
Kern Sierra Officer Training @ Rancho Rio Stables Clubhouse

**March 11, 12, and 13**  
Unit Booth and Rifle Raffle  
Sportsman's Boat & RV Show @ Kern County Fairgrounds

**March 19 and 20**  
Unit Booth and Education @ Wind Wolves Preserve Spring Nature Festival

**April, TBA**  
Spring Ride

**June- August, TBA**  
Work Projects





## Have tack or other items **FOR SALE?**

Advertise in the classified section on our website which is free to members. Go to [bchckernsierra.com](http://bchckernsierra.com) and click on "Contact Us"



## We are starting our Spring Rifle Raffle!



This beauty is a Savage Arms 42 Takedown .22/410 Complete with case and easily packable!

Call Robert Anderson for ticket books and/or raffle tickets  
661-978-9630



## Honoring Ann Lange

### COCHRAN PRESENTED FIRST ANN LANGE MEMORIAL PUBLIC LANDS AWARD

*By Marily Reese and Troy Patton (from the The Backcountry Horsemen of California News ~ WINTER 2022 Volume 34, Issue 1)*

When Ann Lange passed away, Public Lands and BCHC lost a dear friend. Ann fought to keep trails open to saddle and pack stock, meaning wider trails. When the Forest Service wanted to eliminate trails because there were too many in the inventory, Ann Lange got to work. She fought to keep as many trails as possible open. When the Forest Service published the list of trails to be closed, Ann contested the process and through negotiations was able to retain even more trails in the inventory.

Upon Ann's passing a proposal was made before the BCHC Executive Committee to present an annual award to a BCHC member who has done outstanding work in Public Lands. This was approved by the State Board of Directors, and nominees were sought.

There were many outstanding nominees, all worthy of the award. The selection committee consisted of Terry Jorgensen from the south part of the state, Troy Patton from central part, and Cindy McMurry from the north. All entries were read and studied by the committee. Lynn Joiner found a beautiful award made of natural wood to present to the winner. The winner of this first Ann Lange Memorial Award is Richard Cochran of the High Sierra Unit. The award was presented to Richard during dinner at the Rendezvous 2021.

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## **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.

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