

Redwood Unit Newsletter

August 2018

Mule Whispers From Carole

August 21, 2018

The Fair Booth entry has been set up and I hope you were able to get by to see it. Jacque did a great job, assisted by G^{ai}I Jenner and myself. Hopefu^{ll}y there will be pictures in the newsletter for those of you to see that did not get to the fair to see it. Jacque has plans in the works to try to make it more educational next year.

I have been doing my usual “off to the races!” days. This year’s first two mule races were very entertaining. In one race the winning mule was done and dumped the jockey at the winner’s circle. Then was hard to hold and get the jockey back on for the photo. It was time to return to the barn, everyone else was gone!

In another race the mule left the jockey in the starting gate and ran without him. I also went early one day and watched “Gladius, the Show” with their horses.

Next up is the ride at Marty Hobbs’ French Ranch in September, but it is booked. Be sure to contact Cathy Mathena if you want to go to the membership ride in Cuneo Creek in September.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at Freshwater School. The dinner bunch gather at The Sizzler about 5:30-6:00 p.m. or so.

Due to more fires there is more smoke even in our area. Hope you can get in some “smoke free” riding. As always, saddle side up.

Carole



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There has been reports of break-ins at the South Jetty
Parking lot- Be aware, be alert!!

Smash-and-grab thieves typically aren't criminal masterminds who craft clever schemes to swipe your stuff. Most are casual opportunists. They see something they like, so they break in and take it. So before you get out of your car, make sure your valuables are out of sight. Never leave these things in visible sight.

- Phone
 - Purse or wallet
 - Laptop (or its bag)
 - A briefcase or backpack
 - Shopping bags
 - An MP3 player or other small electronics
 - CDs if you still use them
 - Cash - yes, even loose change/coins
- Your keys - it actually happens!

- Park near other people. Go for busy lots where there's plenty of pedestrian and vehicle traffic.
- If you'll be away from your car after dark, park in a well-lit area or near a lamppost.

Thieves are also lazy.

- Always lock your doors and roll up your windows when you park.
- Activate your security system if you have one.
- Consider window tinting (if permitted by local laws), since it makes casing your car more difficult.
- Use after-market measures, like mechanisms that lock the steering wheel to protect your car and alert thieves that you've taken extra security measures.
- Don't use the console or glove box as mobile lock boxes. These are obvious to thieves, too.

Be alert ~See suspicious activity? Trust your instincts and don't park there. And never confront anyone yourself. If you're concerned, report your suspicions to the police



Next Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

at Freshwater School 7:00pm

Those that would like to meet for dinner -

The Sizzler is the place 5:30-6ish we will meet before the meeting.

BCHC

A. Emails regarding an urgent call for support for opposition to stop a negative action on the Land and Water Conservation Fund Coalition funding. This was critical to conservation and recreation programs. The bad amendment was defeated overwhelmingly.

B. Last chance to apply for a Master Educator Course Scholarship. Deadline is August 15, 2108.

C. Karen Underwood is hosting an informational meeting at her house on Thursday, August 2, 2018 regarding SB 1029, the "Great Redwood Trail." This would convert the old railroad which is unuseable into a trail from San Francisco to Humboldt Bay for hikers, bikers, and equestrians.

WILDERNESS, FIRE DEFENSES, POT GROW CLEANUP BILL

A. Newspaper article regarding Congressman Jared Huffman's bill that will include active logging in some wilderness. It will also protect hundreds of thousands of acres of North Coast land and hundreds of miles of rivers in Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino and Trinity counties from development. It will include new trails, coordinating cleanup of illegal marijuana grows on public land and bolsters defenses against large wildfires.

Congressman Huffman has been working on this bill since his first year in Congress. A map of the proposed wilderness and wild and scenic river protection areas can be found online at bit.ly/2uXxxBf.

Horse Teeth Facts



The horse is a unique animal when it comes to teeth. Like humans, horses need routine dental care to stay healthy. Unlike humans, horses will constantly erupt new teeth throughout their lifetime. Left untended, horse teeth can cause great pain and make your horse unruly and difficult to ride.

Equine Dental Malocclusions

In horses, the maxillary is wider than the mandible and the upper premolars and molars can develop an edge which can irritate and lacerate the cheeks. The mandible premolars and molars can also develop an edge, which can lacerate the tongue. The enamel edge may cause pain to the horse, causing the horse to alter the way they eat and how they accept the bit. Sharp molar edges also can cause uneven wear to the molar arcade.

Floating horse's teeth (the leveling and removal of this enamel edge) should be done 1-2 times a year. Frequency will depend on age of the horse, performance, and the overall confirmation of the horse's teeth.

The young horse between the ages of 2 ½ and 4 ½ will lose 24 teeth, called deciduous teeth or also known as caps. At this age the horse should be floated every 6 months because the teeth are very soft at this young age and an edge will develop very quickly. Also, deciduous teeth shed and tooth fragments can remain in the mouth and irritate the horse when being ridden and while eating.

A mature adult horse will have between 36-44 teeth. Adult horses will have 12 incisors (the front teeth). Incisors are used to grab and tear the grass. Male horses have 4 canine teeth (used for fighting). Canine teeth sit right behind the incisors. Both males and females can have 0-4 wolf teeth, (usually removed for fear of interference with the bit) and 6 premolars and 6 molars. Premolars come in as baby teeth and then shed off when the adult tooth is erupting, and molars only come in as an adult tooth.

Most horses will have some sort of dental malocclusions. They can have an overbite, an undershot bite, a wave mouth, a step mouth, fractured molars, decaying molars, small to large hooks, and rear ramps on the molars. Keeping your horse on a routine dental program can prevent long-term irreversible tooth damage. This will aid the horse in performance, and will help your horse live a long and productive life.

Redwood Unit General Membership Meeting

Backcountry Horsemen of California

August 1, 2018

- Meeting called to order by president Carole Polasek at 7:05 p.m. Officers and board members attending: Susan Combes, Carole Polasek, Darrel Polasek, Cathy Mathena, Marleen Nylander, David Pritchard, Billie Mohr. Absent: Maris Hawkins, Mort Scott, Maralyn Renner, Dick Wild, Cindy Giacomini, Lori White.
- A quorum was not present so no items could be voted on.
- Flag salute and pledge of allegiance.
- President Carole welcomed those in attendance, thanking them for braving fog and mist.
- Motion to approve July 6, 2018, minutes as printed in newsletter tabled due to lack of quorum.
- Correspondence was from Kary Schlik regarding upcoming Mule Days at Bishop.
- Treasurer Maris Hawkins was absent and due to lack of quorum motion to accept August, 2018, treasurer's report and forward to audit committee was tabled.

Standing Committees

- Public Lands – See Carole's report elsewhere in newsletter.
- Public Liaison – Mort Scott was absent but Dick Wild had sent message recommending riders to stay out of the back country until danger of fires, lightening and falling trees has passed. Not only do trees fall in high winds, but burned snags are most likely to fall or hot, still days. Be careful out there.
- Education – Jacque Murphy had nothing new to report.

Other Committees

- Lori White's mother passed away so Lori was not at the meeting to report on monthly conditioning rides, but the August ride will be the 19th at Maralyn Renner's ranch. Carole will call Maralyn to ask her to send out directions and mark the turn off to her road.
- Cathy Mathena was still looking for t-shirt tote but it turned up after meeting at Susan Combes' house.
- Historian Matt Giacomini was absent but Susan has copy of article saying Redwood Unit was awarded Largest Group ribbon at Fortuna Rodeo Parade. In addition, Susan received the Oldest Rider award, Billie Mohr lovely grulla mare was named Best Looking Horse, Marty Polasek and his mule received a ribbon for Best Western Outfit, and Tanya Bills, Allison Lui and Alisa Alvarez received the ribbon for Best Decorated Horses. A great time was had by all, including our horse-back tour of Fortuna's finer back roads, railroad right of ways, alleys and institutional loading yards on the after-parade ride back to the auction yard. Unit members cleaned not only manure left by their horses but also waste from other groups in the auction yard parking lot. Leave No Trace, people.
- Jacque has "Save Your Horse" book.
- A free CPR course is coming up in Rio Dell. Contact Rio Dell Fire Department.

Unfinished Business

- David Pritchard and Billie are continue to work on finding shirts or wind breakers for the Unit to wear at events. Billie suggested finding affordable items locally and having them printed and Jacque said Wilderness Riders are set up with Land's End to provide and print their clothing.
- Beth Pfler e-mailed Maris to report water not working at Stanshaw but when Forest Service Phil showed up to repair it the work had already been done. Thank you, somebody.
- Motion to adopt Accident and Emergency Guidelines tabled due to lack of quorum.
- Final financial report pending from Catered Ride but Carole reported we made about \$5,000.
- No progress has been made on repairing BLM sign at Table Bluff.
- Cathy Mathena is asking riders to RSVP to her for the Membership Ride October 5-7 at Cuneo Creek. Jacque suggested organizing a fun event like a horse carrot eating competition.
- Reservations are full for the French Ranch Ride September 7-9.
- Gail Jenner, Carole and Jacque will set up the Unit booth at Humboldt County Fair Friday, August 10.

New Business

- September 22 is National Public Lands Day and suggestions for Unit participation will be discussed at October meeting. That date may be the same as Beach Clean-up Day.
- State Board Meeting is October 13-14 at Santa Nella.
- Nominations for 2019 officers will be taken at October meeting. Election will be in November.

Announcements

- Carole has been selected to be in the Member Spotlight in the next state newsletter. Gail mentioned that the Eureka Rescue Mission will take pantry items that have recently expired whereas the Food Bank cannot. Kelly Mathena will be showing and auctioning a good looking hog at the Humboldt County Fair. Come support her and bid on the hog at the Junior Livestock Auction August 26.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Combes

Secretary

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The BCHC Redwood Unit News welcomes member contributions. Club news, events, calendar dates and items of interest you wish to have submitted in the next issue of the newsletter need to be submitted by the 5th of the month. Send submissions to the following address:

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MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

Hope this reminder will be helpful to our members. We all have way to much to do and even more on our minds. Please renew your membership with BCHC it is very important and helps keep our trails open!

Philosophy and Purpose:

Backcountry Horsemen of California has the following goals:

1. To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's backcountry and wilderness.
2. To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
3. To assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
4. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the backcountry resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
5. To foster and encourage the formation of new units of the organization

Membership Renewals:

June

Mario Cuevas
Jill Creech
Carmen & Phil Save
Susan & Joe Moore
Dean, Connie & Shelby Beck
Neal & Carol Notaro

July

Jacque & Patrick Murphy
Britni Anderson
Mort Scott
Barbara & Andrew Kellogg
Mark Mokry & Nancy Blevins-Mokry

August

Bob & Raylene Pettit
Michael Cole & Katie Azevedo
Marsha Bradbury
Gary Alves

September

Charlie & Becki Haynes
Tom, Cathy & Kelly Mathena
Eric Katter & Chickadee Moniz
Kristi Krueger
Sharne Simmons
Dave Coppini & Lori Hansen
James & Donna Biteman

October

Gary & Yvette Green
Marcelle Olsen
Martin Polasek
Dessie Bartlett
Sterling & Sandra Kercher
Lisa Whitten
Rochelle Vernon & Jeff Owsley
Kim Chamberlain
Bill, Estelle & Susan Wardrip
Rick Sherlock & Nina Kitchen
Nancy Morelli

David Pritchard
Nancy Koke
Lisa Jeffers
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MISSION STATEMENT:

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

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

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

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