



## *Trail Whispers*

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First of all, I want to thank you for your confidence in electing me as your President. I will serve you as best I can. The phone numbers and emails of your new officers are on this page on the side bar. I was very encouraged at the goals we set for ourselves at the November meeting. (see minutes).

As you will find out when you receive your State BCH newsletter I am running for BCH of California Representative to the BCH of America Board. An election was held in October; however there was a problem and the vote will be recast in March 2004. If elected, I know I will be able to serve you well in that position too.

I will be at the Borrego Unit ride on the New Years Day. Hope to see many of you there too.

Speaking as your editor, I would like some feedback, how do you like the new format? We are still publishing once a month to keep you informed and up to date on issues, even though we will be meeting only quarterly. The deadline for turning in articles is the first weekend of each month. I should have the newsletter in the mail and on the website around the 15<sup>th</sup>. Those of you on the email list will receive notice as soon as it is on the website. I will also post another email with a pdf copy attached. If you want on or off the list contact me at [trlrider@san.rr.com](mailto:trlrider@san.rr.com). Those members not on the email list will be mailed a B&W copy, courtesy of Morgan Stanley in Rancho Santa Fe. Important updates will also be mailed to this list and a post card or phone call to others.

It is also time to get your times, hours and miles into Steve Randall before the end of the year. If you have trailwork or education/public lands hours, please turn them in. (I am talking to myself too!) Let's do it, as it helps our outlook as a unit and helps the cause as a whole. The single-project form is on Page 9, and there are other forms (for multiple projects) available from the main page of our web site at [www.bchc.com/cds](http://www.bchc.com/cds). If you have any questions, please call Steve. He will be compiling the data. (see sidebar)

We have been asked by the BLM to participate in a dedication of a section of the Anza National Trail. The new section opening is from the Yuha desert to Plaster City. It will be on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2004. More details will be coming later, please mark your calendar. If you can participate, let Nola or Kathleen know.

That's it for now. See you at the Party on January 10th! Don't forget your dish to share and your fun gift to play the 'gift game' with!

 **Nola**

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# BCHC-Caballeros del Sol MINUTES

November 25, 2003

Called to order: 7:05 pm

Pledge of allegiance

Treasurer's Report: Given

Fire Reconstruction Committee: Chaired by Ann Fege, met at the National History Museum. Nola Michel & Linda Eskin were the only BCHCers in attendance. Our unit's main focus in being present was trail repair & access through science. We will hopefully be volunteering depending on the projects. Linda will keep us informed.

Suggested for the unit to help with the Sellers clean-up in Crest. Clay Sellers will let us know when we are needed.

SDCTC letter has been sent to public land managers, which has been co-signed by other BCHC units & trail users, about fire reconstruction. We need to know how we can help, advise, etc.

Trail closures and openings will be posted on the web site. There will also be information about Wilderness & Adventure passes.

Paul Fichter attended the meeting for Cuyamaca State Park where they discussed safety first, the conditions & plans for the campsites, fire roads, & trails. Park volunteers will be manning information booths at staging areas to inform & educate people. Steve Randall will be submitting an article about the park & how we can volunteer as individuals & as a unit.

The Mack property is almost a part of the park. Just waiting on hazardous material report for it to close. Only a small section of the property was hit by the fire.

California State Park fund will be taking care of the historic sites & facilities in the park. It has been seeded with \$100,000 and is citizen-supported. CRSPIA will be replaced by museum artifacts.

We discussed the future of the unit & decided to keep going. We set some great, very reachable goals for 2004.

- 2 public rides

- 1 major work party

- 1 educational outreach

Quarterly meetings with a potluck & something educational or fun, or hopefully both.

- January @ Randalls'

- April @ Montijos'

- July @ Franklin's (pool)

- October TBA

We also discussed getting the newsletter out earlier & have updates on the website with reminders on email & probably a telephone tree for those who do not have email access.

Elections: Steve Randall moved & Mary Randall seconded that we accept the slate as printed in the newsletter with the one change of Tauri Cornell as Education chair. Motion passed.

Linda Eskin will be our new service chair.

Post Holiday party has been set for January 10th, 2004 at the Randalls'. Potluck & gift swap, 6:00 pm. Contact Tauri Cornell for info; 858-484-3495

Linda Eskin suggested that we put together a post fire booklet as a fund raiser. It would include helpful hints and stories from our recent encounters. Please submit your ideas, stories, hints, etc. to Linda. If we get enough, we will then decide whether to proceed with the booklet.

Adjournment: 9:30 pm

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# THE REBUILDING OF CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK

Steve Randall

As all of us are aware, Cuyamaca Rancho State Park is closed to the public and will remain so for some time. Resource rangers to enforce this closure are currently patrolling the park.

Mary and I have been regular visitors to the park for over 30 years, and have volunteered there for the last 12 years on the Mounted Assistance Unit and the Trail Maintenance Unit. We have been asked many questions about the Park by many of our friends since the fire.

I would like to relate to you what we know for sure at this point.

The park will be closed until the park staff can be sure that it will be safe for the public, this will include removal of trees from campgrounds, day use areas, fire roads and trails.

At this point Park employees and contractors are doing the work that has been started.

What can we do now to help? Right now, get ready to work when we are asked to do so! There will be a lot to do. The park has not identified where volunteers are needed yet, but, rest assured the opportunity to volunteer is forthcoming.

Cash donations are being accepted. Following is a list of where they can be sent and what the funds will be used for:

Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Interpretive Association (CRSPIA). CRSPIA funds interpretive programs, museum construction and exhibits, trail maintenance and construction, volunteer programs, and anywhere else there is a need. Funds can be identified to be used for a specific purpose, (e.g. rebuilding of Los Vaqueros horse camp, trail signs, etc.). Send donations to: CRSPIA, Donation, 12551 Hwy 79, Descanso, CA. 91916.

To assist State Park employees that lost their homes:  
California State Park Foundation, 800 College Ave., Kentfield CA 94914. Designate donation to "employee's relief fund"

CRSPIA has a great newsletter, the newsletter has information about all volunteer opportunities in the park. To receive it, you must be a member. Dues are 10.00/ yr for a single membership and 15.00 / yr for a family. If you would like to become a member of CRSPIA, send your name, address and check, (mark check "annual dues"), to the above address. Watch future issues of this newsletter for updates about our park.

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## THE HEALTHY FORESTS RESTORATION ACT

On Wednesday, December 3, President Bush signed the Healthy Forests Restoration Act, HR 1904. The highlights of HR1904 include:

- \* Expedites the treatment of 20 million acres of federal forest land that is at high risk of wildfire, disease or insect infestation.
- \* Authorizes \$760 million in hazardous fuels reduction projects.
- \* Requires 50% of treatments be done in the wildland - urban interface areas. (WUI)
- \* NEPA Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Assessment requirements are reduced. Within 1.5 miles of an at-risk community only the proposed agency action is required. Within the rest of the WUI, two action alternatives as well as the inaction alternative must be examined by the Forest Service (this is far below the average number of alternatives currently developed).
- \* Requires judges to weigh the environmental consequences of inaction on a community or watershed fuel reduction project while still allowing citizens the right to appeal government actions.
- \* Requires judges to reconsider any injunctions to projects every 60 days.
- \* Directs the Forest Service to establish a new streamlined appeals process with 30 days of the bills signing.
- \* Includes protection of old-growth timber while recognizing the priority of combating wildfires, disease and insect infestation.

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## COMMENTS ON CONTROLLED BURNING

As a "survivor" of two of the most catastrophic fires, I think a long-range view of "controlled" burns must be taken into account. Controlled burns were used historically for providing fire, weed control and grass generation on cattle rangeland in this area. The methods used were "spot" burns. Yes it broke up the fuel matrix. And yes, it reduced the level of heat generated by the burn, either wild or controlled.

As a long-term resident of the East County, I can tell you I have NEVER seen the level of heat or the devastation that was generated by this fire. Some of the homesteader families in my area have been in residence for 100 years or more, and they have not seen this level of devastation. I also have heard the same from the Native American tribal members from the area. These fires were different. Much larger and hotter than what is remembered or spoken about in the oral traditions of these families.

After the Vietnam era, napalm was used to facilitate the burning of the fire resistant new growth chaparral. This addition of an accelerant changed controlled burns and made it difficult for fire departments to control and maintain a fire line, affecting the private landowners support of "controlled" burns. Napalm made controlled burns dangerous and extremely destructive to the native areas.

There is a middle ground in this. NO NAPLAM! If the brush does not catch easily it is not at a mature flammable state. The non-accelerated control burn will, however, take out the mustard, chemise and non-native grass fast. It may also facilitate some sprouting of native seed. It also will take out the kudzu, the other European ivies, the orange and the European mountain ash that is invading (and some of the poison oak!). There is a middle ground on the timing of controlled burns. If most of the chaparral takes ten years to mature, then a controlled burn at the end of that period, near the human/wild land interface, may assist in protecting the human areas from fire impact. Cutting very tall chaparral to 14 inches after July reduces its fire impacts during Santa Anas, adjacent to human occupations. Also if we do not move to some middle ground on this, the people will bulldoze and cut the chaparral COMPLETELY out mechanically. I am watching this overreaction now. Healthy seed stock for regeneration is disappearing from areas unburned. The heavy machinery is churning up the land as we speak. The trees, both native and non-native are coming down.

Patricia Akers  
(619) 562-6303

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Question: Can prescribed burning or other fuel reduction treatments help reduce potential catastrophic losses in future fires?

Answer: Prescription burning or other fuel treatments will not act as a barrier to fire spread under extreme weather (Santa Ana) conditions, and therefore landscape scale rotational burning is not cost effective. These costs include direct costs of treatment and indirect costs of resource damage. Fuel treatments reduce fire intensity, providing safer access to fire fighters, and thus strategic placement of these treatments is worth considering. Under extreme weather conditions this is largely centered at the urban wild land interface, since fire fighter safety cannot be assured in non-defensible zones where crews are surrounded by potentially lethal fuels. Fires igniting under moderate weather may burn out in younger fuels, providing some benefit to fuel manipulation treatments. However, these fires are seldom responsible for major property damage or loss of lives and these too are not likely to be cost effective.

Wayne D. Spencer, Ph.D.  
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## OFFER OF HELP TO LAND MANAGERS

Name, Agency, Address, City, State, Zip

November 17, 2003

Dear Land Manager (or elected official):

Please accept the trails community's offer of assistance as you face the challenges of rebuilding the region's recreational trails network. Hikers, equestrians, bicyclists, bird watchers, children, families and outdoor enthusiasts of every type rely on our local trails to transport them to and through the beautiful parks and open spaces that are so precious to our local lifestyle. We encourage you to turn to us for practical assistance to preserve open space and maintain public access and support for our local parklands and forests.

The local trails community is a rich source of expertise and resources focused on non-motorized, multi-use recreational trail planning, construction, maintenance and management. From highly qualified trail bosses to rank-and-file volunteers, we can offer help on a number of fronts, including the provision of some tools and materials.

Together, the organizations listed below have already provided tens of thousands of hours of volunteer assistance to local land managers and we look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff. The recent fires have created an unprecedented opportunity to reroute or improve poor trail alignments you may have inherited on the lands you manage. As you know, such reroutes can improve trail sustainability, help restore natural profiles, preserve vegetation and habitat, dramatically reduce maintenance costs and enhance recreational experiences for trail users. We look forward to working with you on these and other projects.

San Diego County Trails Council (SDCTC) can serve as a primary clearing house for local multi-use trail issues, and SDCTC's multi-use trail experts will be offering their assistance. The International Mountain Bicycling Association's highly qualified Subaru/IMBA Trail Care Crew is planning a special visit to the region in the coming months to consult with local land managers like you regarding particular problems and challenges. To schedule a consultation, please contact IMBA's Daniel Greenstadt at the numbers below. The San Diego Mountain Biking Association (SDMBA) will be organizing volunteer crews and focusing resources on fire damaged areas.

In addition, various local units of the Backcountry Horsemen of California (BCHC) as well as other San Diego equestrian groups also offer their expert trail construction and renovation assistance. BCHC, California State Horseman Association (CSHA), Equestrian Trails Inc. (ETI) are all partners in the California Equestrian Trails & Lands Coalition (CET&LC), which includes most of the larger California State equestrian trail use organizations. Together we look forward to working with you to ensure that San Diego's network of recreational trails emerges from the ashes better than ever. On behalf of San Diego's trails community,

Daniel Greenstadt  
San Diego County Trails Council  
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**LOST YOUR HORSE?**

**CHECK HERE!**

**BOOKMARK THIS WEBSITE for information on stolen horses and check it often. <http://www.netposse.com>**

It has a lot of information on how to prevent theft, what to do in case of, and stories about successful recoveries. Thanks to the Internet, e-mail and the old box in every living room (TV) stolen horses are sometimes being recovered. As evidenced by the 4 Cal Poly team horses that were stolen and recovered a couple of months later in another state; just recently, on December 7, two horses and a trailer were recovered in Virginia Beach, VA in about three days.

In the Virginia incident, police were certain that the flood of info on the Internet, along with TV and newspaper coverage of the theft helped in the recovery. TV coverage mentioned that photos and information had been sent out using the United States Pony Club's nationwide Internet network and were distributed throughout the country immediately. They think that may have scared off the thieves, who abandoned the horses and trailer. (Which were then found, unharmed). It pays to keep informed about what's going on in the horse world around you...

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## COWBOYS TEN COMMANDMENTS

Posted on the wall at Cross Trails Church in Fairlie, Texas. It was too good not to pass along to you.

Think if we all used these instead of the one with all the “shalt nots” in it, we could probably understand and live up to them a lot better!

- (1) Just one God.
- (2) Honor yer Ma & Pa.
- (3) No telling tales or gossipin’.
- (4) Git yourself to Sunday meeting.
- (5) Put nothin’ before God.
- (6) No foolin’ around with another fellow’s gal.
- (7) No killin’.
- (8) Watch yer mouth.
- (9) Don’t take what ain’t yers.
- (10) Don’t be hankerin’ for yer buddy’s stuff

Guess cowboys just kinda tell it like it is!!!! Y’all have



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## HELPFUL HORSE TIPS ON SKIN PROBLEMS

From the Center for Equine Health at University of California

In general most skin problems in horses can be divided into several basic areas:

- Pruritic (itchy) skin problems
- Hair loss without itching
- Nodules (lumps)
- Loss of pigment
- Sun-induced damage (photosensitization)
- Excess scaling

Any of these clinical signs can cause loss of function and/or unacceptable appearance; when they do, it is time to call the veterinarian.

Avoid the use of steroids/steroidal ointment until you know the problem is NOT infectious. The use of steroids can cause infectious conditions to rapidly spread.

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## HORSE RIDERS FIGHT ANIMAL WASTE RULES

June Casagrande, Daily Pilot

*Horse riders fight animal waste rules -  
Equestrians in Santa Ana Heights say the city's law about  
cleaning up after animals should not apply to them.*

SANTAANA HEIGHTS - Horse enthusiasts say their trails got a little less happy two weeks ago when signs appeared warning riders that they must clean up after their horses or suffer penalties of up to \$100.

"We'd like those signs to come down immediately," said Jayne Jones, a member of the Back Bay Equestrians, a group of local horse enthusiasts. "They're just so unfriendly."

Members of Jones' group have been lobbying city officials to find some middle ground on water-quality rules. Newport Beach has an ordinance, written in 1996 and tailored in part to adhere to county water guidelines, that says that people must pick up animal waste left on anyone's property but their own. When the equestrian community of East Santa Ana Heights was annexed to Newport Beach this year, the rules automatically extended to the new area of the city.

But horse people say that the same rules shouldn't apply. "We're hoping this will be an opportunity to work with the city and educate them on the benefits to horse manure," said Jones, who pointed to studies that suggest that horse manure doesn't pose the same risk of causing human illness as do other animal droppings.

And there are more environmental benefits to the manure, too, Jones said, attributing the difference to the fact that horses, unlike dogs, are herbivores and thus leave more eco-friendly droppings.

But that may not matter, Assistant City Manager Dave Kiff said.

"There's lots of bacteria in horse manure, there's lots of nutrients, there's lots of sediment, and all of these things are things that the bay has problems with," Kiff said.

Water quality is measured in part by examining the presence of what are called "indicator bacteria." These are not the bacteria that usually get people sick, but these microbes are usually a telltale sign that other viruses and bacteria are present. Indicators are used because it's too costly to test for the viruses themselves.

So even though horse manure is likely not associated with illness-causing microbes such as e coli, it's full of the microbes that, while possibly harmless, are nonetheless the ones that are most strictly regulated.

"If they contain indicator bacteria, that's a concern," Kiff said.

City officials say they will meet with residents over the next few weeks to try to find a solution. Kiff said that trash cans with shovels have already been placed along the trail and that one solution is for riders to scoop as they go. For those who can't mount and dismount with ease, they could come back when they're through riding to clean up after the horses. Another option, he said, is for the equestrian group to increase its once-a-week trail scoopings to a daily routine.

"My hope is that we can reach some type of agreement that the equestrian community can keep the trails clean," Kiff said.

Submitted by Adda Quinn, [envirohorse@yahoo.com](mailto:envirohorse@yahoo.com)

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## COMMENT LETTER

Mr. Michael Chrisman  
Secretary, Resources Agency, 1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street #1311, Sacramento, CA 95814

December 6, 2003

**Re: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park (ABDSP) proposed Preliminary General Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)**

Dear Mr. Chrisman:

Members of CARE-USA wish to congratulate you on your recent appointment as Secretary of California's Resource Agency. We look forward to your timely confirmation and are prepared to engage in a solid working relationship that will benefit both our members and the people of California as a whole.

Our organization has been following and providing comment on the ABDSP proposed Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR since its inception. We have throughout the process provided comments and attempted to engage Park staff in meaningful discussion regarding future management of the Park. We have noted a steady lack of regard for public opinion and the wants, needs and desires of the citizens of California regarding the public's rights and opportunities to use State owned public lands. The management direction of the Department of Parks and Recreation has for more than a decade been to elevate preservation and habitat conservation above providing a high quality recreational experience for California's citizens.

Our organization has carefully reviewed the proposed Preliminary General Plan and Environmental Impact Report. We have found it to be fatally flawed and lacking in sound scientific basis for many of its assertions regarding the need to close off even more of the Park to public access through wilderness and cultural preserve designations. The fundamental fallacy in the proposed EIR is that concentrating visitor use of the Park into ever-smaller Focused Use Zones will cause less impact on the Park. Although we strongly question the visitation numbers claimed in the Plan and would like the records substantiating these numbers made public, we feel it is critical to disperse visitation over larger areas of the Park in order to lessen impacts. Many visitors come to the Park to experience solitude in a natural setting. They wish to experience a sense of wilderness that can not be found camping within 300 feet of the roadway. The removal of the opportunity for cross-country travel by any means other than foot is unfair, illogical and totally unacceptable.

We have received notice of a hearing by the State Park Commission on the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Draft General Plan and Environmental Impact Report twice now and both times the hearing has been postponed due to controversy regarding the entire premise of the plan. We feel strongly that nothing short of a complete revision of the Plan and re-circulation of the revised Plan for comment is acceptable. There are too many flaws and too much biased information in the current Draft for it to move forward under any circumstances.

Enclosed please find a copy of our response to the Preliminary Plan [ed. note, previously published in NL]

We wish we could acknowledge that the mentality of the staff at ABDSP was unique to that location, but we have consistently experienced a similar pattern of activity at Border Field State Park. Not only has Park staff consistently squandered funds appropriated to clear the entrance road every spring for the last several years, the Park was only opened to public use by vehicle sporadically this past summer. Currently half of the active recreational area on the Border Mesa is deliberately going unwatered so the existing turf will die off. Plans are to replace it with a native plant garden, which will then, of course, be off limits to any recreation.

There are any number of problems with the State Department of Parks and Recreation. We look forward to supporting your leadership in bringing about much needed reform both in ABDSP and throughout the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Sincerely,

Candace Ricks-Oathout

Chair, CARE-USA  
Legislative Representative, Warrior's Society  
Board Member, Americans for Forest Access  
Member: Caballeros del Sol Unit, Back Country Horsemen  
Member, Tijuana River Valley Equestrian Association

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## "THE PLAN"

In the beginning was the Plan. And with the Plan came the Assumptions. And the Assumptions were without form. And the Plan was without substance. And darkness was upon the face of the Workers. And they spoke amongst themselves, saying: "It is a crock of S\*\*\* and it stinks."

And the Workers went unto their Supervisors and said: "It is a pail of dung, and we can't live with the horrendous odor."

And the Supervisors went unto their Managers, saying: "It is a container of excrement, and it is very odorific, such that none may abide by it."

And the Managers went unto their Directors, saying: "It is a vessel of fertilizer and few can abide its stench."

And the Directors spoke amongst themselves, saying to one another: "It contains that which aids plant growth and it is very strong."

And the Directors went to the Vice Presidents, saying unto them: "It promotes growth and it is very powerful.."

And the Vice Presidents went to the President, saying unto him: "The plan will actively promote the growth and vigor of the company as it has powerful effects."

And the President looked upon the Plan and saw that it was good.

And the Plan became Policy.

And this is how S\*\*\* happens.

### BCHC - Caballeros del Sol Unit - Volunteer Work / Education Report

Participants:

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Date(s)

Activity

Location

For Educational Events - Type of Audience

Notes (for newsletter or other reports):

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Hours...

Hours spent working:

Travel time:

Vehicle mileage:

Power equipment hours:

Dollar value of materials:

Stock use...

How many riding animals?

How many pack animals?

Number of people doing...

Skilled labor\*:

Trail work:

Education:

Public meeting:

*\*Skilled labor includes equipment operators (chain saw, tractor, etc.), packers, carpenters, etc.*

Mail completed form to:

Steve Randall,  
8149 Medill Ave.,  
El Cajon, CA 92021

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## AFTER THE FIRES... WHERE CAN I RIDE?

by Linda Eskin

In the aftermath of the fires many public lands have been temporarily closed for safety and ecological reasons.

It's unfortunate that we can't ride in many of our usual favorite places, but maybe this will be a good opportunity to try some new areas, or visit others we haven't been to for a while. At the November meeting we brainstormed the following list of a few of the places that (to the best of our knowledge) are still open for riding. (Places with "NFAP" require a National Forest Adventure Pass - see <http://www.fsadventurepass.org> for more info.)

- Tijuana River Valley (<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/parks/openspace/tjrv.html>)
- Border Field State Park - ride on the beach! [http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page\\_id=664](http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=664)  
Note - web site says park is closed through March 2004 due to road construction, but it is possible to park at the Tijuana River Valley staging area and ride through the to the beach. Call 619-575-3613 before going to double check.
- San Dieguito River Park / Lake Hodges - <http://www.sdrp.org/trails.htm>
- Penasquitos Canyon Preserve - <http://www.sannet.gov/park-and-recreation/parks/penasq.shtml>
- Sweetwater River (including the Sweetwater Summit equestrian campground!), in Bonita - <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/parks/programguide.html#sweetwater>
- Manzanita Horse Camp, in Boulevard (out I-8) - <http://www.bayequest.info/horsetalk/horsecamp3.htm>
- Lake Morena / Hauser Canyon - <http://www.mcclintocksaddles.com/articles.html>
- Pine Creek (NFAP - also requires a Wilderness Permit)
- Guatay (NFAP - also requires a Wilderness Permit)
- Pine Valley (NFAP - also requires a Wilderness Permit)
- Horsethief Canyon (NFAP - also requires a Wilderness Permit)
- Laguna (NFAP)
- Kitchen Creek (NFAP)
- Miramar (Military and guests only) - <http://www.mccsmiramar.com/stables.html> All non-boarders and guests must check in at the office.
- Hollenbeck Canyon - <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/lands/wa/region5/hollenbeck.html>
- Boulder Oaks - east of Buckman Springs (NFAP)

For a complete listing of San Diego County Parks that at open/closed, visit this web site:  
<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/parks/news.html>

**So get out there and try some new trails!**

# BCHC / CdS CALENDAR

MARK THESE IMPORTANT DATES  
ON YOUR PERSONAL CALENDAR !

## **BCHC sponsored activities are BOLD**

Any BCHC activity may be attended by BCHC members from any unit, unless so noted. Call a board member for a contact phone number.

*Other activities of interest are in italics (not sponsored by BCHC and FYI)*

BCHC Caballeros del Sol General Meetings will be held quarterly with a special attraction and Potluck or BBQ. Check the back of each newsletter for location and directions to the next meeting.

1 January, 2004

**Borrego Unit's  
New Year's Ride  
Contact: Les Levie  
760 767 5252  
leslevie@znet.com  
MUST HAVE RESERVATIONS  
\$20 Poker Ride and Dinner  
\$15 Dinner only , \$5 xtra  
poker hand, Great Raffle,  
Overnite OK, contact Les.**

10 January, 2004

**Unit Post-Holiday Party!  
NEXT MEETING  
SATURDAY 10TH JANUARY,  
2004  
**AFTER THE HOLIDAYS  
PARTY!**  
POTLUCK - 6 p.m., BRING A  
DISH TO SHARE  
AFTERWARD, A SHORT  
MEETING, GIFT GAME  
BRING A FUN WHITE EL-  
EPHANT GIFT OR SOME-  
THING 'HORSEY'  
Randalls' Home,  
Everyone welcome.  
Directions on the back page**

28 February 2004

*Saturday  
BLM OPENING OF THE  
SEGMENT OF THE  
DeANZA TRAIL  
Yuha Desert to Plaster City.  
Event location TBA  
More in next month's newslet-  
ter. Email Blurb as soon as  
info is available.*

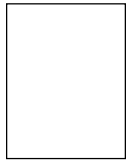
March 11 – 14, 2004

**Rendezvous in Santa Maria**

22nd May, 2004

**Fundraiser Ride  
Ride in Ranchita at a beau-  
tiful private ranch. Details  
coming soon... FLYER  
WILL BE READY BY THE  
BORREGO RIDE!**

Backcountry Horsemen of California  
Caballeros del Sol Unit  
P.O.Box 12311, El Cajon, CA 92022  
(Return Address Requested)



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**SATURDAY 10TH JANUARY, 2004**

**AFTER THE HOLIDAYS PARTY !**

**POTLUCK, DISH TO SHARE 6 PM**

**AFTER SHORT MEETING, GIFT GAME**

**BRING WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT OR SOMETHING 'HORSEY'**

### **DIRECTIONS**

**Hiway 8, Exit: Los Coches Rd.**

**North to Aurora Dr., Left onto Aurora**

**Left onto Serenity, Go to top (end)**

**take the cement driveway at 11 o'clock**

**At the top, turn left in the dirt driveway (you are there)**

Mailed courtesy of Morgan Stanley, Rancho Santa Fe