



# Trail Whispers

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THE NEXT MEETING IS TO  
BE HELD THE 23TH OF  
JUNE 2004  
THE FOURTH THURSDAY  
OF THE MONTH  
. Come Vote for the Merger!  
Next Meeting!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it's time to write the President's Message again. I think this is the hardest part of doing the newsletter.

We had a good meeting at the Tyler's Taste of Texas. We also missed an awful lot of you. If any of you have any thoughts on how to get the membership out to participate in a meeting, please call or email me. The numbers are on the sideboard, front page. I'd feel a lot better making big decisions when more are present.

Sharon has gracefully decided to become Secretary for us. The way our bylaws are written she can hold no other office on the board when serving as Member at Large. She resigned and with a little arm-twisting, I appointed her our new Secretary. After deciding to join with Borrego Valley Unit, we worked on some changes to our bylaws and Officers Duties (minor) to put forward.. The Joint Board Meeting made the decision to go with the type of bylaws that the Cab. Del Sol unit has. I will be emailing these to the boards of both units the first of the week. If any of you want a copy of these

### The Trail Whispers

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Trail Whispers welcomes member contribution. Club news, events, calendar dates and items of interest you wish to have submitted need to be submitted by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Trail Whispers publishes 6 -12 times a year at least every two months. More often if there is a large amount or urgent news.

Send items of interest to the Editor/ Publisher at:

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documents to look at, I can send them to you in Adobe Reader (or snail mail). We need to have our bylaws and some membership in place to go in Aug, for the Executive Committee of the State Board to pass our new unit. I will also be snail mailing a survey the first of the week to all members of both units. You will need to decide if you want to go to the new unit. (PLEASE). At a later date after all is approved you may have to request a membership transfer formally to BCHC. Hopefully you will have your survey before the meeting and bring it to the meeting if not please mail it back to me.

The reasons for the changes are several. One of the main ones is insurance, The State (and very soon the units) is paying \$400.00 a year for each unit's insurance. This cuts those costs in half right there. Several of us belong to both units, costing us more money. With the dues increase this was getting tougher. Our views on public lands are very similar, and though we will be far-flung across the east and south of our county, we will meet in the NE part of the county at least three times a year. . Fun times like the Borrego Valley Ride on New Years and at the Julian Pie shop at the corner of 78/79. The remainder will be in or near the El Cajon area. We are hoping to activate the new unit in December. This means we need to elect officers in September. If all this happens the Caballeros del Sol Unit and the Borrego Valley unit will be no more at the end of the year (or sooner.) The dual Board Meeting did discuss possible officers for the new unit.

Well enough of my talking., I am out camping a lot with my new horse, Bailey, and really enjoying him. Off again in the morning!

Hope to see you soon,

 Nola

**BCHC/CDS  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**5/26/05**

The meeting was called to order, after a delicious meal at Taste of Texas in El Cajon, at 7:20 P.M. by president Nola Michel. Members in attendance were Art and Donna Jesse, Mike and Linda Eskin, Nola Michel and Sharon Haynesworth.

Donna Jesse gave the treasurer's report and noted main expenses as the newsletter and Rendezvous.

Sharon Haynesworth has resigned her position as Member-At-Large and has accepted the appointed position of Secretary for the remainder of the year 2005.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public Lands: The wild horses are now in the county. The stallions are in great shape, save for one with enough conformational problems to merit gelding, which we are awaiting word of approval.

The County Board of Supervisors has passed funding for the EIR and will begin purchase of government land as a county trail connecting to the Sycamore Canyon/Stowe trail.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trail Trials: Tauri Cornell will be present to conduct the 2005 Trail Trials to be held at MCAS Miramar in conjunction with Flying Hooves Riding Club (FHRC) on October 8th. The theme this year will be "Horseback Riding Through the Ages". Costumed riders and horses will be encouraged.

**( Editor's Note: Trail Trails Committe Meeting 25thJune, 1PM Miramar Stable Lounge)**

The Bonita Valley Horsemen will host a trail trial on July 23rd, followed by the BCHC San Diego unit on August 20th and the BCHC Red Shank unit sometime in September.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nola will be mailing a letter containing a survey and a ballot stating yea or nay to opt for the forming of a new BCHC unit. Linda Eskin moved to start a new unit with the intent to merge the membership of Caballeros del Sol and Borrego Valley into the new unit, with the members permission. The motion was seconded by Donna Jesse and the motion carried.

If approved, the new unit will be recognized in October and activated and viable for State Board in December 2005. Objectives and Purposes and the CdS by-laws will be used for the new unit. The proposed changes will be noted by Nola in an email attachment.

Linda Eskin gave a Cuyamaca Equestrian Association overview. The CEA consists of several horse groups in Southern California.

These equestrian groups have formed a single association to interact with the Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. Linda will issue a report on the topic soon.

Sharon Haynesworth entertained a motion to adjourn. Donna Jesse seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Haynesworth, Secretary

# Back Country Horsemen of California

Mail application to: **BCHC Membership , PO Box 530, Swuaw Valley, CA 03675-0530**

Application provided by the  
**Caballeros del Sol Unit**  
Unit Membership Chair,  
(858) 278 9088  
Email: [trlrider@san.rr.com](mailto:trlrider@san.rr.com)

## BCHC Membership Application

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Res. Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Membership type:  Individual \$40     Family \$50     Benefactor \$100  
 Patron \$250     Mt. Whitney \$500

### Preferred Unit Affiliation (Circle only one):

Antelope Valley	Kern Sierra	Ohlone Riders	Sequoia
Borrego Valley	Lake Mendocino	Redshank Riders	Shasta Trinity
<b>Caballeros del Sol</b>	Los Padres	Redwood	Sierra Freepackers
Eastern Sierra	Mid Valley	San Diego	Sutter Buttes
High Country	Mojave River	San Geronimo Pass	Top of the State
High Sierra	Mother Lode	San Joaquin Sierra	
Kern River Valley	North Bay	Santa Ana River	

Application for Associate Membership, mail to:  
Backcountry Horsemen of California  
PO Box 530, Swuaw Valley, CA 03675-0530

[BCHCDATA@aol.com](mailto:BCHCDATA@aol.com)  
(805) 485 5997

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Membership DCTR # \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign me up for \_\_\_\_\_ Associate Memberships at \$15 each. I understand that each Associate Membership must expire concurrently with my Parent BCHC Membership.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Associate membership unit choices: \_\_\_\_\_

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IS OPEN TO EQUESTRIAN CAMPING!  
12551 Highway 79, Descanso, CA 91916  
Reservations: 760-765-0623    [www.cuyamaca.us](http://www.cuyamaca.us)**

- Reservations may be made by phone or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm. Reservations are by cash or check only. The reservation fee of \$15 is applied to your first night's stay. Payment for the rest of the nights will be collected upon arrival at the camp.
- Your check must be received within 3 business days of making the reservation for the reservation to be held. Checks must be mailed to the park at the above address, or hand delivered to the Park Headquarters at Paso Picacho Campground.
- One adult may reserve two campsites.
- A reservation holds the campsite for the first night, until noon the next day. If you do not call the park before that time, you will be considered a no show and your reservation will be canceled and your deposit forfeited. Call 760-765-0755 if you will be late.
- Cancellations must be made at least 7 days in advance or the deposit will be forfeited. Checks will be returned to the camper for cancellations made more than 7 days in advance.
- If there is time, a confirmation letter will be mailed or emailed to the camper.
- Campsites are \$15 per night, \$13 for seniors. This includes one motorized vehicle and two horses.
- Campsites are assigned by the park at the time of the reservation. Campers may request a specific campsite at that time.
- Campsites are designed for tents or RVs. There are length restrictions. Campers must unhook their horse trailers to park. There is limited or no extra vehicle parking at the camp. Extra vehicles may have to park at the Stonewall Day use area or at Paso Picacho. The fee is \$6 per extra vehicle, no matter where it parks.
- There is a limit of 8 persons per campsite.
- Each campsite has a picnic table and a fire ring.
- RV campsites are in the main parking lot. They are 30' wide to accommodate an RV and horse trailer side by side. The picnic table and fire ring are directly behind the parking space.
- Tent sites are tucked into the meadow surrounding the corrals, mostly in the back loop. Tent sites do not have parking for RVs. There is limited parking for vehicles up to 18'. Horse trailers must be parked in the main parking lot as there is no room near the tent sites.
- Since this is traditionally a group camp area, corrals are not necessarily near the campsites. You will be separated from your horses. The corrals are pre-assigned by the park. There is a maximum of three horses per site.
- At this time there is no potable water for people. Bring plenty of drinking water. There is water for the horses.
- Portable restrooms are available on site. No flush toilets or showers. Campers may use the coin pay showers at Paso Picacho campground, 2 miles south.
- Dogs must be kept on leash and not left unattended. They are not allowed on the trails or out of the campground area.
- **BE VERY CAREFUL WITH FIRE! FIRE IS ALLOWED ONLY IN THE FIRE RINGS. PROPANE STOVES MUST BE ON PICNIC TABLES. SMOKING, CANDLES, AND PROPANE LANTERNS ARE NOT ALLOWED OFF OF THE PAVEMENT.**
- Campers are limited to a 7 day stay.
- There is no day use at the camp. Visitors must be shuttled in from the other day use lots.
- Campers are responsible to clean their corrals and deposit manure into manure trailers daily. Wheelbarrows are provided.
- Generators may be operated between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. only.
- Check in is 2:00 pm, and check out is noon. This will be strictly enforced for cleaning and traffic reasons.
- The campground will be closed starting September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005. The restroom rebuilding is scheduled to start then.

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# Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Trails Maintenance Unit

**Saturday, June 25, 8AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Bernie Martin at 619-445-1289 or [bernie@oakzanitaranch.com](mailto:bernie@oakzanitaranch.com)**

## JULY

Saturday, July 2, 8:AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Terry and Nancy Nickols at 619-851-2285 or [terrynickols@mail.escapees.com](mailto:terrynickols@mail.escapees.com)

Saturday, July 9, 8AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Leon Grabowski at 619-441-0752 or [neol@sbcglobal.net](mailto:neol@sbcglobal.net)

Saturday, July 16, 8:AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Steve or Mary Randall at 619-561-6764 or [sdrmule@cox.net](mailto:sdrmule@cox.net)

Saturday, July 23, 8AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Michael Curtis at 858-278-3280 or [cmcurtis@pacbell.net](mailto:cmcurtis@pacbell.net)

Saturday, July 30, 8AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Dave or Michele Hernandez at 619-669-1697 or [jerrydave@earthlink.net](mailto:jerrydave@earthlink.net)

## AUGUST

Saturday, August 6, 8AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Terry and Nancy Nickols at 619-851-2285 or [terrynickols@mail.escapees.com](mailto:terrynickols@mail.escapees.com)

Saturday, August 13, 8AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Dave or Michele Hernandez at 619-669-1697 or [jerrydave@earthlink.net](mailto:jerrydave@earthlink.net)

Saturday, August 20, 8AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Leon Grabowski at 619-441-0752 or [neol@sbcglobal.net](mailto:neol@sbcglobal.net)

Saturday and Sunday, August 27 & 28, 8AM. PALOMAR CAMP AND WORK WEEKEND. Meet at Silvercrest day use parking. Register with Michael Curtis at 858-278-3280 or [cmcurtis@pacbell.net](mailto:cmcurtis@pacbell.net)

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## CUYAMACA UPDATE

Laura Itogawa, CRSP Superintendent

I am sorry that we must close the West Side trail to horses temporarily. We are talking about the section from West Mesa Fire road to Cuyamaca Peak Fire Road. There is a deep, deep washout with steep rock sides. Our trails coordinator is working on a reroute selection. He tells me that as soon as we get clearance from the specialists to proceed, we will need a lot of physical help on this one as it will require rock retaining walls to build it right. I will keep you posted as to when we have a work date on this.

Because the Azalea Glen Road (not the Azalea Springs Fire Road) leads only to West Side Trail, that will also be closed to horses because it leads to a dead end until we can get that trail open. We ask for consideration and patience and help by the equestrian community until we can fix this trail. Thank you.

Laura Itogawa, Park Superintendent 760-765-3019



# 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 monthly. Check the back of each newsletter for location and directions to the Next meeting.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

**CDS Unit**

**June 23rd 2005**

**6:30 PM Order,**

**7PM meeting**

**At TYLER'S TASTE of  
TEXAS,**

**576 N. 2nd St EICajon**

**Come and Vote on the  
merger.**

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**June 25th 1PM**

**BCHC CdS / FHRC**

**Trail Trails Committee  
Meeting**

**Lounge at the Miramar  
Stable**

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**BCHC San Gorgonio Unit**

**BIG BEAR CAMPOUT**

**July 7 - 10, 2005**

**Contact:**

**Dennis McKee 090 794 1264**

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**CDS MEETING 21ST JULY**

**LOCATION TO BE  
ANNOUNCED!**

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**BONITA TRAIL TRIALS**

**JULY 23RD 2005**

**Contact:**

**Ray & Diane Mansur**

**619 470 3244**

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**Trail Trials**

**BCHC/SD**

**20th Aug 2005**

**Contact: Marsha Lassen**

**760 758 5717**

**Marahaann@sbcglobal.net**

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**BCHC, CdS / FHRC**

**TRAIL TRIALS**

**Oct 8th, 2005**

**Miramar Stables, MCAS**

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**CRSP ON-GOING**

**WEEKLY TRAIL REPAIR**

*The faster it is repaired the  
quicker it will all be open!*

*Come out as often as you*



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**June 2005**

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23TH OF JUNE 2005  
THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH  
ORDER YOUR FOOD AT 6:30, MEETING AT 7 pm  
at TYLER'S TASTE of TEXAS  
576 n. 2ND ST. EL CAJON (619 444 9295)  
Directions: HIway 8 Exit 2nd St, one block  
South, in the mall with Petco**

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