

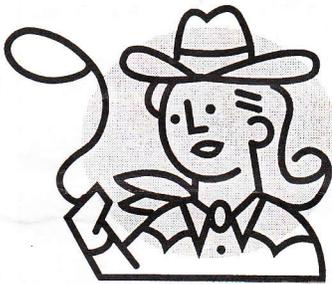
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Editor's note:

As the new editor of this newsletter, I have a lot of discretion as to what is included. I would like to include all of your essays titled: "What I did on my summer vacation". I would prefer that that these were horseback vacations. However, I will consider all of them. In this issue, I have included a wonderful essay by Elaine MacDonald. I have other stories waiting for a little more room. I have discovered that I am not only the editor, but the sole reporter. (Note: free-lance reporters wanted.) So, I have included a short report on our "Round-up" and a note from our public lands VP (and trail worker bee) Jerry Stone. Please send suggestions to me. Please send any compliments to everyone you know (in BCHC et al). Please keep any criticisms to yourself. Anyone who complains gets to be the next editor.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a great September meeting. Our guest speaker was Dr. Michael Reuben, who is a Certified Veterinary Chiropractor, and he

spoke on the chiropractic care available to horses. He will also be one of our presenters at our Round-up.

By the time you read this, our Round-up will be over. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our presenters and helpers. Also a big thank you to Valerie Zera for the nice article in the Antelope Valley Press. We couldn't have projects like this without your help!!

Now for the important business at hand... it's election time for our 2009 Officers.

These are the offices available: President; Vice President, Public Lands; Vice President Education; Secretary; Treasurer (Juanita wants to step down); State Director; Alternate State Director; Sergeant at Arms; and Newsletter & Media Chair. If you are interested in any of these positions, please give me a call or contact our Nomination Chairman: Mike McKelvey at (661) 268-1310. You can also email Mike at mikemcke@email.com. Many of the current officers have held their position for quite some time, and we would like to see some new faces and ideas for next year. *Continued on page 3*

Bob & Elaine's Jordan Ride

High Sierra Adventure to Jordan Hot Springs

By Elaine Macdonald



Of all the places that I have ridden, the beautiful High Sierras still take my breath away. My husband Bob and our friends Mike and Romelle Kemp spent three days riding out of the Black Rock Trail Head located about 20 miles from Kennedy Meadows at an

elevation of 8,966 feet. The journey that I would like to share with you is the 18.8 mile loop from Black Rock, through Casa Vieja, around Indian Head-Red Meadows to Jordan Hot Springs and return. It was three years since we completed this loop. This September this loop trail had many surprises for us.

The trail to the top of Indian Head-Red Meadow was in good condition. Several places along this part of the trail were hard to find due to cattle tracks obliterating the trail. The switch-back trail behind Indian Head was in fairly good condition. It was at this point that we began to notice that the trail didn't have much use. Riding season was coming to a close in the Sierras and we felt as though we were the first riders on the switchback trail this season. Humm! I reassured everyone that Jerry Stone told me that the Backcountry Horsemen cleared the trail and declared it open. Jerry said that the (BCH) worked for two 10 ½ hour days in August and only left one step-over log at Indian Head. *Continued on page 3*