



# Chico Equestrian Association

www.chicoequestrianassociation.org

Sept/October 2015



## President's Message

Summer is winding down and fall is just around the corner. Fall is my favorite time of year for riding, as the weather starts cooling down and the trees turn their brilliant colors of reds, oranges, and yellows.

Our next CEA meeting is on September 8. Our business meeting will start at 6:00 PM at my office at 854 Manzanita Court, Suite 100. Instead of a guest speaker, our organization has decided to support the movie "Free Spirits" about saving the wild mustang horses. CEA wants to encourage its members to attend. The movie will be showing at the Pageant Theater at 7:30 PM after the business meeting. **Tickets are \$10 and must be reserved by Sept 1.** Proceeds help The Mustang Project. Purchase tickets at [www.tugg.com/events/37814](http://www.tugg.com/events/37814).

CEA has some fun events coming up, including a desensitization clinic on Sunday, September 27; a Halloween-themed fun horse play day on October 31; and a second Cowboy Dressage clinic with Nonny Largent and Wyatt Paxton (date and time to be arranged). Check out the CEA website for updates on CEA events.

The election for 2016 CEA officers and board members will take place at our business meeting on November 10, 2015. Open positions are president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and board of director positions. The executive positions are two-year terms and board of director positions are one and two year terms. Kathleen McFarren has agreed to run for treasurer. I have agreed to run for secretary. Any member interested in running for president, vice president and board of directors positions should contact me or any current officer or board member by September 25, 2015.

Take care and happy riding!

**Lorie Brooks**, President of CEA  
899-3677

## CEA Events

**Sunday, September 27, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**Desensitization Clinic.** Free for CEA members; \$20.00 for nonmembers. Ute Wirth, Deni Whiting, and Jeff Crawford will help you work with your horse. At the CEA arena.

**October - Date TBA**

**Cowboy Dressage Clinic.** With Nonny Largent and Wyatt Paxton. More details will be coming once we have a firm date.

**Saturday, October 31 (Halloween), 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**A FUN Horse Play Day.** For youth and adults. More info to come.

## CEA Officers & Board

### CEA Officers

President: Lorie Brooks

Vice President: Jan Sneed

Secretary: Donna Mathis

Treasurer: Kathleen McFarren

### Board Members

Jeff Crawford (Webmaster)

Sue Holt

Skip Oberdorf

Wyatt Paxton

Deni Whiting

Bryan Wickham

Kathleen Woodard

Gate combo - For Members Only  
Through Thursday, Sept 10: \_\_\_\_  
Starting Friday, Sept 11: \_\_\_\_

## CEA Meetings

**Tuesday, September 8**

6:00 PM - Business Meeting at 854 Manzanita Ct, Suite 100, Chico (behind the Holiday Inn)

7:00 PM - Special showing of "Free Spirits" a movie at the Pageant Theater. You need to purchase tickets by September 1; go to this link: [www.tugg.com/events/37814](http://www.tugg.com/events/37814)

**Tuesday, October 13**

6:00 PM - General Meeting

7:00 PM - Board Meeting

Watch for the details...

# Local Events

## Sept. 2-7

### 14<sup>th</sup> Annual East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Ride

The Tilden Wildcat Horsemen's Association and the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association host this 5-day hike/6-day equestrian ride. Ride all six days, or just a few. Camp along the way. For more information and to register, visit [www.ridgetrail.org/events](http://www.ridgetrail.org/events).

## Sept. 12

The "Loafer Creek Trail" MAU Poker Ride. At Loafer Creek State Recreation Area in Oroville, CA. For more information, call Nancy Weininger at [\(530\) 846-3003](tel:5308463003) or e-mail her at [NWeininger@yahoo.com](mailto:NWeininger@yahoo.com)

## Sept. 19

### The CSHA Region 2 Trail Rider Award Program.

A fundraising ride on the Beautiful Lucky 7 Ranch in the Mesilla Valley, near Butte College in Butte County. Come ride and support the CSHA TRAP Program. Adult riders - \$25. Includes lunch and special drawing. Junior riders - \$10 and must be accompanied by an adult. For information and entry forms, contact Jill Gard at P.O. Box 1004, Red Bluff, CA 96080. Phone: (530) 527-9395

## Sept. 24-27

### Draft Horse Classic

At the Nevada County Fairgrounds in Grass Valley. For more information, visit [nevadacountyfair.com](http://nevadacountyfair.com).

## Oct. 3-4

### Two-Day Equestrian Poker/Trail Ride.

Hosted by the Whitmore Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. Dry camping available for Saturday night. Come join the fun with prizes, raffles, tack swap, flea market, dutch over cookoff, scarecrow contest, live music, and much more. Call for more information and flyer call [530-472-1429](tel:5304721429) or email Debbie at [arocin13@aol.com](mailto:arocin13@aol.com)

## Oct. 10

### Lope for Hope

Sponsored by Desperate Horsewives of Biggs. This is a Breast Cancer Awareness Trail Ride. At Saddle Dam in Oroville. More information to follow.

## Oct. 17

### 8th Annual Ride and Dine

At Camelot Equestrian Park. Visit [camelotequestrianpark.com](http://camelotequestrianpark.com).

# BCHA Donated \$14.4 Million in Volunteer Value

by Sarah Wynne Jackson; posted on the BCHA website on July 2, 2015

**B**ack Country Horsemen of America protects our right to ride horses on public lands, cherishing America's heritage of traveling this landscape as our ancestors did. That's not just a conviction; it's a way of life. For over four decades, Back Country Horsemen have volunteered their time, skill, and resources towards keeping trails open to horse use and promoting responsible recreation.

In 2014, Back Country Horsemen from coast to coast donated \$14.4 million in volunteer value to this cause. The nearly 14,000 BCHA members cleared trails, restored trail treads, built bridges, educated youth and adults in horse use, spread the word about responsible Leave No Trace habits, attended public lands planning meetings, spoke with legislators, held food drives, cleaned up litter, and so much more.

BCHA Executive Director Jim McGarvey is leading by example. When his two year term as Chairman ended in April 2015, he announced his commitment to fill the vacant position of executive director on a volunteer basis for up to two years. During that time, he aims to raise the funds required to cover three years of salary and travel expenses for a professional executive director.



*In June, BCHA horseman Arden Corey passes an area just cleared by the group on the Duffy Lake Trail in the Willamette National Forest in Oregon.*

**Backcountry Horsemen of America is a national non-profit organization, with 174 local and state chapters across the country and roughly 13,000 members who are dedicated to keeping trails open for all on our public lands. BCHA chapters work closely with trail partners and local land management agencies to clear and maintain those trails. Learn more by visiting the BCHA website at <http://www.bcha.org/>**

## Sutter Buttes Unit of the BCHA

The Sutter Buttes Unit is the local chapter of BCHA. According to the chapter's website, chapter members are a "fun-loving, hard working group of people who love and respect our back-country lands, horses, and mules." Members get together to camp, ride, and clear trails. Each spring, they participate in the BHCH Rendezvous, which will be held in Angels Camp in March of 2016. Also in June, members support a booth at the Horse Expo in Sacramento. Please be sure to



check out the website for the Sutter Buttes Unit of BCHA at <http://sutterbuttesunitofthebackcountryhorsemenofcalifornia.yolasite.com/>

# CEA Member Business Cards

CEA Members: E-mail a high-resolution copy of your business card to [skmcfarren@comcast.net](mailto:skmcfarren@comcast.net), and we'll post it in the next newsletter.



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