



Hi everyone,

Whew, it's been hot but I did catch a hint of fall in the air. Maybe it was just the smell of burning leaves from some garden cleanup but there was an early morning coolness that says the seasons are changing.

There have been several reports of pack trips and work projects including the clearing of the trail to nowhere. Check out the Back Country Musings on the website for the details and pictures. Thanks to our members for their hard work and keeping the Back Country Horsemen name out there.

The bi-annual BCHI meeting will be coming up towards the end of September so be thinking about discussion items that you want your directors to take to the meeting. Bring your ideas to our next meeting at La Costa on September 3<sup>rd</sup> or contact Robbin, Phil or Marybeth with your thoughts. There is one resolution that will need to be reviewed and discussed on Thursday so that your directors can properly represent our chapter's input.

Election of officers will be coming up in December which may seem like a ways off. However that's just around the corner and it is important to have three members serve on the nominating committee. Linda Hays has agreed to serve but we still need two more people, one to take the lead. Please, please, please consider volunteering for the committee... or better yet, how about volunteering to run for an office! According to our bylaws, "no Chapter Officer shall hold the same office for more than three consecutive terms" so there are bound to be some great opportunities for new faces. Why not put your face in the mix and take a position?

There's still plenty of time for work and fun in the back country, for seeing some beautiful landscape as the season's change and Mother Nature displays her full color palette. Remember to take your cameras so you can capture the winning photo for the next photo contest or for the calendar!

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting, talking about important issues and hearing all the latest back country news!

Kay Ryan, President