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Sharon Power at age 84 has spent most of her life with horses and mules riding, training, doing her own farrier work, outfitting for trail rides, and packing for Yosemite National Park and has won professional competitions. These experiences coupled with her natural artistic talent has given her great skills in sculpturing, painting, and sketching unique western art. She has honed this artistic talent and produced very fine art. Her artwork has won numerous first places and best of show awards.

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OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE

- To improve and promote the use, care and development of California backcountry trails, campsites, streams and meadows; to advocate good trail manners.
- To promote the conservation and utilization of our backcountry resources in concert with livestock transportation.
- To keep the backcountry trails and forage areas open to horsemen on all public lands.
- To keep current information before the Corporation membership and its local Units regarding new legislation or management plans related to government regulations of the backcountry.
- To support or oppose new proposals, plans and restrictions as related to the interest of horsemen and those persons interested in recreational stock use and enjoying the backcountry.
- To promote the interest of people who, due to health or physical factors, need transportation other than by foot on backcountry trails.
- To promote public awareness and interest in the historical aspect of horsemen and stock in the backcountry and to help educate backcountry users on ways to use the trail and forage in a manner that conserves the backcountry resources.
- To assist in keeping the public informed of the vital need for a clean backcountry.
- To promote a working relationship with and keep the work and interests of the Corporation before our local, state and federal officials.
- To assist in the formation and continuation of local Units to carry out these purposes.

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BCHC STRUCTURE

BCHC was initially incorporated in California under IRS rules 501C4. What that means is we applied to be a non-profit corporation to the California State Attorney General. A C4 is a group of folks who share the same ideas and are a public benefit non-profit organization. Also, our organization is a non-member type corporation which is pretty standard for non-profits. Membership resides under the purview of the units administered by the State organization. After you get the OK from the Attorney General you apply to the IRS as a designated 501C4 by submitting your Bylaws. The IRS reviews the Bylaws returning any needed corrections, etc. and acknowledges your corporation as a valid 501C4.

Later we added a charitable wing to our organization which we call BCHC Education Fund Inc. This side of our split personality is an IRS 501C3 which is a charitable organization specializing in Educational events/training/etc.

These two incorporations play as a team such that the leadership of the C3 is the same folks as the leadership of the C4. The C3 Board is the President, Treasurer, Secretary, 1st and 2nd VPs, VP of Education, VP of Membership, VP of Youth, the VP of Public Lands, and the immediate Past President comprise the “board” of the C3. The C3 board reports directly to the BOD on the C4 side.

As the C3 is a charitable organization you get a tax write-off for any donation to the organization. In addition, each membership renewal generates two dollars to the Ed Fund for their unit.

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Five years later the HSSUA joined with Montana, Idaho, and Washington to form an affiliation called the [Back Country Horsemen of America](#) (BCHA). This national organization's task is to coordinate activities of the various state backcountry organizations. The BCHA now has BCH organizations in 32 states with membership exceeding 13,000.

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