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From the President, Steve Brock...

I hope you all have had a wonderful fall and have had time to get out with your horses and enjoy one of the most wonderful times of the year. I hope the freezers are getting full of game meat for the families that hunt.

The big news for this time of year is the upcoming Christmas Party! This is a gathering that you do not want to miss. If you have never attended this party, you don't know what you are missing! There are great friends, wonderful prime rib dinner with all the fixings, a fun gift exchange, and lots of great door prizes! The best part is the meal is free, thanks to the funds generated by our trail clearing work. This meal alone justifies a membership in the Shoshone Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of America.

This year's Christmas party will be Saturday, December 10, 2011, starting at 6:00 PM at the Boot and Bottle Club west of Cody on the South Fork Highway. The prime rib is provided and we ask that you bring a salad, vegetable or a desert.

We will also have a gift exchange at the Christmas Party and you are asked to bring one wrapped gift per person (new or used, gag or serious) with a value of less than \$20. This is great fun with lots of laughs and many fun exchanges. It takes up most of the evening!

We will also conduct our 3rd annual photo contest. We ask you to bring any photos you have taken of Back Country Horsemen activities this past year. They can certainly include work activities, club horse rides, or scenery. We will have cash prizes for the top voted photos. We all will have the opportunity to vote on our favorite photo. This has helped to encourage more photos each year for our newsletter and scrap book.

If you plan to attend the Christmas Party please call or email Deb Black at 307-754-9090 (macndeb@tritel.net) or Steve Brock at 307-587-4098 (ssbrock@dishmail.net) before Saturday November 26, 2011. We need a head count for the meat.

Our next business meeting will be 6:30 PM, November 17 at the Weed and Pest Building just east of Ralston.

Remember – your annual dues are due to Deb Black in January!



Secretary's Report by Barb Hudson...

The October 2011 meeting of the Shoshone Back Country Horsemen was held October 20, 2011, at the Weed and Pest Building in Powell, Wyoming.

Vice President Howard Sanders called the meeting to order.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: The September minutes were discussed and Howard asked for a motion to accept them as written. Mac Black made a motion to accept the minutes and Barry Reiswig seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Deb Black went through the September treasurer's report with an ending balance of \$2996.31. She mentioned that the Forest Service reimbursement for the 2011 trail cleaning had come in. This amount was \$5000.00. She also mentioned that we had a CD coming due in Dec, 2011, and another one coming due in July, 2012. We will need to decided in November what to do with the December CD, which amounts to \$7000. Howard asked for a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Gerry Danko made a motion to accept it as written in the newsletter and Jim Pratt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: WATCH DOG-Barry Reiswig had nothing to report.

ACTIVITIES: Mac Black had nothing to report.

SERVICE REPORT: Bruce Fauskee mentioned that we should think about getting the saws sharpened for next year and that he would be happy to take them to Cody to get them sharpened. Bruce also mentioned that they would be meeting with Crosby Davidson of the Forest Service in January.

EDUCATION: Bill Brazelton was absent, so didn't have a report.

OLD BUSINESS: The Christmas party will be held Saturday Dec 10th at the Boot and Bottle Club in Cody. A discussion followed concerning how much money should be spent on door prizes, photo contest and prime rib dinner. Gerry Danko made a motion to spend \$1,000, and Mike Blymyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Barry Reiswig told us he was resigning as our State Delegate and Jim Pratt stated that he would like to be our state delegate and gave us some ideas on how he would like to see some changes in the state. Discussion followed. Bruce made a motion to accept Jim Pratt as our State delegate and Lin Bashford seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim Pratt also discussed the delegates cost to go to the National Meeting and maybe State covering some of this cost. Jim would like to limit the delegate travel funds to \$400. The next national meeting will be in Eugene, Oregon. Discussion followed. It was decided to carry this information to the next meeting as old business.

Barry Reiswig also discussed the Trout Peak Fence project which was put on hold for this year with the Forest Service.

Gerry Danko discussed and showed us the "Cowboy Clip" knot for rope halters. He is having Howard look to see if he could tie the same knot and bring the information back to the club and teach the members this knot. Howard said he would also teach another class on rope halters if there was enough interest.

Deb Black thanked Barry Reiswig for his years of service as a delegate.

Howard asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lin Bashford made the motion to adjourn and Mike Blymyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Hudson, Secretary



Treasurer's Report by Deb Black

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen

Reconciliation Detail

First Bank of Wyoming – Checking Account for Period Ending 09/30/2011

Type	Date	#	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
BEGINNING BALANCE:						3,031.78
CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:						
Check	9/02/11	154	Barry Reiswig	Reimburse for SATphone	-25.00	
Check	9/07/11	157	PCSD#1 Print Shop	September newsletter	-10.47	
Check	9/30/11	158	Kathi Gimmeson	Reimburse for refreshments	-21.00	
Check	9/26/11	159	Pizza Hut	Work day lunch	-62.40	
TOTAL CLEARED CHECKS & PAYMENTS						-118.87
CLEARED DEPOSITS & CREDITS:						
Deposit	9/23/11		USDA – Cost Share Agreement		5,000.00	
TOTAL CLEARED DEPOSITS & CREDITS						5,000.00
RECONCILED BALANCE:						7,912.91
UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:						
Check	9/29/11	160	Barry Reiswig	Reimburse for SatPhone rental	-23.61	
Check	9/29/11	161	Deb Black	Additional newsletters, ink cartridge refills, and computer paper	-43.87	
Check	10/4/11	162	U.S. Postmaster	October postage	-44.00	
Check	10/5/11	163	PCSD#1 Print Shop	October newsletter	-14.25	
Check	10/20/11	164	Barb Hudson	Scrapbook expenses	-20.22	
TOTAL NEW TRANSACTIONS						-145.95
ENDING CHECKBOOK BALANCE:						7766.96

FIRST NATIONAL BANK 6-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: 7,000.00

Maturity Date 12/16/2011

FIRST NATIONAL BANK 12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: 2,550.00

Maturity Date 7/12/2012



There are times when you can trust a horse, times when you can't,
and times when you have to.

Anonymous



“Everything Backcountry”



Barry Reiswig has passed on a link to an article in [American Horse Publications](#) by Sarah Wynne Jackson, which features the **Back Country Horsemen of America’s Website**, calling it “**Your One-Stop Spot for All Things ‘Back Country’**”. The author gives a brief explanation of BCHA, and directs readers to check out the BCHA website at www.backcountryhorse.com. She does a great job of explaining how to use the website, and what information is available to members and non-members alike.

As Ms. Jackson says, there is an amazing amount of information under the “Resources and Info” tab. BCHA members may borrow banners, posters, books, pamphlets and videos covering all things “back country”. In addition, the website offers ideas for monthly meeting themes with educational topics. BCHA has a training program to help members monitor the implementation of the new US Forest Service Trail Classification System. The complete training program is available free on the BCHA website. There is also training available on Leave No Trace practices for pack and saddle stock users.

The BCHA website is a great way to stay current on what’s happening by checking out the National, State and Local **Hot Issues**. Look there for direct links to the latest news from the American Horse Council, US Forest Service, National Park Service and the BLM.

To read the entire article, go to http://www.americanhorsepubs.org/news_updates/8063.asp, and then check out the **BCHA website** to get the whole scoop.

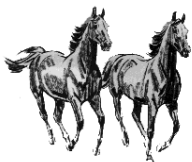


Debbie Black found another article written by Ms. Jackson and passed it on. It seems that BCHA has a friend and advocate in Sarah W. Jackson, and she is helping to inform the public about BCHA's efforts to preserve and maintain our trail system for horse use.

“**Saving Trails is What They Do – Back Country Horsemen of America**” by Sarah Wynne Jackson on [Equestrian Network Magazine](#).

This article recaps changes in the trail classification system made by the U.S. Forest Service, and how the BCHA got involved to ensure that the Wilderness trail system will continue to be available to pack and saddle stock users. To read this informative article, go to:

<http://www.equestmagazine.com/v3s12/article12-12-a8.php>



Horse Stories

Horse Hair: Potentially Dangerous!!!

In a press release today, the National Institute of Health has announced the discovery of a potentially dangerous substance in the hair of horses. This substance, called "amo-bacter equuii", has been linked with the following symptoms in female humans:

- Reluctance to cook
- Reluctance to perform housework
- Reluctance to wear anything but boots
- Reluctance to work except in support of a horse
- Physical craving for contact with horses (may be an addiction)

Beware: If you come in contact with a female human affected by this substance, be prepared to talk about horses for hours on end. This has been a public service announcement.

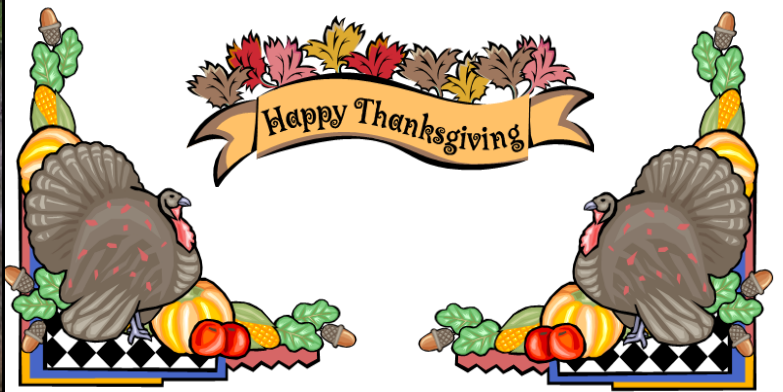




November; a time for remembrance and thanksgiving.



Just a reminder that there will be no newsletter for December, and our December meeting will be the Christmas party. Plan to come December 10, at 6:00 PM to the Boot and Bottle Club, west of Cody on the South Fork Highway. Bring a wrapped gift, silly or serious, one per member of your party to include in the gift exchange, and a side dish of your choice. Don't forget to bring a photo for the photo contest!
(Please reserve your meal by Saturday, November 26)





Education by Bill Brazelton...

While reading the Forest Service Trail Maintenance note book, I thought it would be some food for thought.

Many specialized trail tools can make your trail experience either enjoyable or miserable, depending on whether you have the right tool at the right time and know how to use it. Here are some basics;

Your most important tool is your brain -- use it.

Always use proper personal protective equipment like hard hats, gloves, and safety glasses . Make sure all safety rules are followed. Select the right tools for the job. Carefully inspect them before you use them. Make sure handles are sound, smooth, and straight; and heads are tight.

Pace yourself. Take rest breaks, and keep your mind on your work. Trade off on tools occasionally for relief from repetitive stresses.

Keep cutting tools sharp. A dull tool makes your work harder and more dangerous.

Before you start, clear away any brush or limbs that might catch a swinging tool unexpectedly.

Posture is important. Stand comfortably in balance. Adjust your stance and tool grip continually to prevent slipping and avoid glancing blows. Be especially careful when working in wet, slippery conditions.

Be thinking about the consequences of every move. If you are working with a rock or log, think ahead so you are not standing in the wrong place when it moves. Be ready to toss your tool aside and jump free. Avoid cutting toward any part of your body, and watch out for your coworkers. **USE SKILL NOT BRUTE FORCE.**

See you at the next meeting... Bill



REMEMBER TO MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY RESERVATIONS

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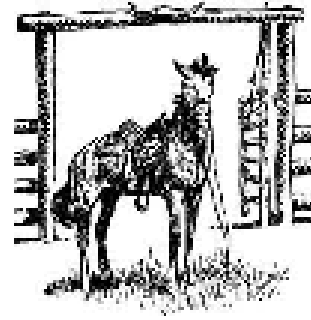
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~ Stanley Harrison



*2012 Membership Dues
are soon due!
(January Meeting will be 1/20/12)*

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen Membership 2012

() Yes, I would like to be a 2012 member of the Shoshone Back Country Horsemen.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please enclose \$30.00 for a one year family membership—Starting February 1, 2012 until January 31, 2013.

Please mail to: SBCH, PO Box 465, Powell, WY 82435

Every mailing label shows 2012 Dues have been received when:
PD '12 appears on the first line of the member's address label.

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When your ship comes in, it just might be a horse.

...Jan Jasion Cross



NEXT MEETING:
Thursday, November 17, 2011
at 6:30 PM

Park County Weed and Pest
Building in Powell