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CHRISTMAS PARTY



**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 6th**

5:30



Avondale Golf Club
10745 Avondale Loop Rd,
Hayden Lake, ID



~Tails & Trails~

DECEMBER 2008

LIFE FLIGHT Memberships Available



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LIFE FLIGHT

It is time to sign up for Life Flight. For those of you who may not know about it, or didn't sign up before – you are missing out on one heck of a deal. For \$5.50 per person, you can have one year of coverage effective January 15, 2009. Coverage is all of Idaho, Wyoming, Washington, Oregon and parts of California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado and a small bit in Montana.

You can't beat the cost. Let me tell you, there were 399 BCHers of Idaho signed up and Life flight this year and it was used twice. These folks did not have to pay a dime for their helicopter ride. Whatever your primary insurance does not pay, the balance is written off and the bill is considered paid in full. We are talking an average cost of a Life flight helicopter ride is well over \$10,000.

Here is how it works. You must be a BCH member. If you have a family membership, each person cost \$5.50. This extends only to immediate family. If you have grandkids, and you are not their guardian, then their parents must buy a family membership.

Make your checks payable to PBCH and send them to our PO Box 5382, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814. If you want to include your 2009 membership dues, do so with just one check. Just spell it out so your Treasurer knows what you want. Also, it is imperative that you include all names, address and phone number so the membership cards can be assigned correctly.

If you have any additional questions, email Sharon Bruce at packmule@wildblue.net or phone 208-687-0152. DEADLINE JANUARY 15, 2009

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Panhandle Back Country Horsemen November 22 , 2008 Meeting Minutes

President April Linscott opened the meeting at 7:30. Guest present was Debra Compton. Terry Sverdsten introduced our guest speaker – Will Klinkefus who is a member of the sheriffs department. He is with the back country patrol team since last year along with Jeff Burns. Kootenai County has a SAR Council. Search and Rescue is a part of the SAR Council along with several other groups like the Sheriff's posse. Will talked about the potential for getting lost – his best advice is to leave a plan behind with someone and let them know where you are going, when you will be back. Question was asked if the mounted search and rescue would take volunteers from our group. He stated they would love to have us and they meet Dec. 11 on Ramsey – 6:30 at the SAR Council meeting on Ramsey near Wyoming. There is an application process and they do a background check. They also train folks for the work. The SAR Council is actually under the Homeland Security arena and there are a couple courses you have to pass to belong. The SAR Council has 5 qualified search managers – they run the show at searches usually. He will send the meeting dates and contact information to April.

The minutes from October meeting were approved as read. Sharon gave the treasurers report and April asked for bills: Joni had \$9.20 for advertising for the Trail Challenge. Sharon had bills for awards and convention for \$125.72. Bernie Lionberger had state director and convention meeting for \$192.00. Gene Bruce had directors and convention meeting for \$346.00. Perry Saathoff was paid the \$40 registration fee. Sharon will pay the state dues for the year for 33 single memberships and 45 family memberships for \$1620.00. Bob Williams moved and Judy Linscott seconded to pay the bills. Motion passed.

Convention Report - Gene Bruce.

It was a good convention and 30 year anniversary for Salmon River BCH. We need to sell the calendars – this is a good fund raiser and much easier than doing other options to raise money. Our chapter agreed to sell 200 calendars and the money must be in by January 15. Several issues were addressed at convention: 1) the Clearwater Forest was planning to cut back 4 more miles from their Lochsa string. BCHI will send a letter to the Forest Supervisor recommending they need to maintain their pack string. 2) Blaine County is trying to segregate use into areas – we are working to clarify the situation and then act. 3) Bright Angel Trail in Grand Canyon is to be closed for reconstruction and Western Mule Magazine reported it was a permanent closure to stock – we will send a letter of support to fix both this and the Kaibab trail to keep them both open to stock use. 4) The Pistol Creek Bridge, which is a main bridge in the Frank Church – it will be rebuilt at some point when there are funds, and BCHI will send a letter of support to rebuild it. 5) NAIS – BCHI did not want the Idaho Horse Council to support NAIS. On the National level, the trail classification lawsuit is over and we won part and lost part – however, we met with the agencies and the new standards will meet our needs as we requested. Kentucky has applied to the National to come in as a state. The BCHA website is being redone nicely.

LifeFlight - We are grandfathered in at the \$5.50 per person for the insurance. We have until January 15 to get our list submitted to Phil Ryan and we can increase the numbers of members if we need to. BCHI had two members use the helicopter last year. Sharon will be writing an article regarding this and ask people to send their names and checks in to her. Perry made a motion that we buy 25

memberships above what Sharon gets requested. Seconded by Bernie. This is because we will miss some folks and we can likely get them sold after the first of the year and new members can be offered the opportunity. Motion passed. The Salmon chapter made up a booklet of chapter Hero's and spark plugs that Gene has a copy of. Also – the website has a link to a really comprehensive education manual for several things. John Burns of Salmon River BCH developed a promotional video for BCH that people can comment on and then use at booths or shows.

The Outdoor Show in Lewiston next March was discussed – Panhandle has the photography contest again and Sharon is in charge of the Sunday Dutch Oven competition between BCH groups (not the sanctioned contest). Karen will help Bernie with the photography contest. High Desert (Twin Falls) will have the next November convention.

Sharon needs to have the money in to her for the calendars by January 15, so she can send the one check to the state. Chapters get 10% of the amount they sell.

Christmas Party

Karen reported on the Christmas party at Avondale Golf Club – she asked people to sign up. Terry's group will sing for us. There will be a couple door prizes given away and there will be an auction. She had some requests as to where the money went to. Last year we did not make enough money from our poker ride to pay our bills and she thought a small fund raiser would be good. Just do one gift per family instead of every person. Jim will be the auctioneer. She got a request that some of the money be donated to the equine rescue. We need to see that we can pay the bills for the Christmas party first. We also talked earlier about buying some of the signs that were found by the Lionberger's on hiking and riding trails down in California.

Election committee report by Perry:

Recommendation is as follows:

Board members – Alan Harper and Gene Bruce

State Board – Bernie is in his second year. Sherri would take over Gene's position and Karen would be alternate.

Perry will do president, Al Linscott as vice-president, Sharon Bruce as treasurer, Sherri Lionberger as secretary, Sharon Bruce as foundation director.

Bob moved to make a unanimous vote for the officers. Marilyn Rousher seconded. Motion passed.

Sharon thanked April for her work as president for the last two years as April will not be at the Christmas party.

Gene moved we adjourn – seconded.

There were 21 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Lionberger for
Debbie Samovar



PBCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: Saturday, December 6, 2008

WHERE: Avondale Golf Club
10745 Avondale Loop Rd, Hayden Lake, ID
(Highway 95 North – turn right on Miles Avenue. Going East on Miles Avenue, turn left (North) on Avondale Loop Rd. You are there!)

COST: \$14.00 Per Person
Menu: Chicken Parmesan, Pasta & Sauce, Green Beans, Garlic Bread & Dessert. (Drinks, other than coffee, are extra.)

ITINERARY:	5:30 – 6:00	Social
	6:00 – 7:00	Dinner & Entertainment
	7:00 – 7:15	Short Meeting
	7:15 – 8:00	Awards
	8:00 – 8:30	Slide Show Presentation
	8:30 - ??	Gift Auction

The gift auction items can be homemade, such as jams, jellies, breads, a horse related item – anything! Bring one gift to auction off, per couple with a \$15.00 limit. We will auction the gifts off. This will be a fundraiser for our chapter.

RSVP: No later than December 2nd. Contact Karen Kimball @ 208-772-2434 sirtainpaints@roadrunner.com or Sharon Bruce @ 208-687-0152 packmule@wildblue.net

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Make check payable to PBCH and send to: c/o Sharon Bruce, 5755 W Hayden Ave, Rathdrum, ID 83858

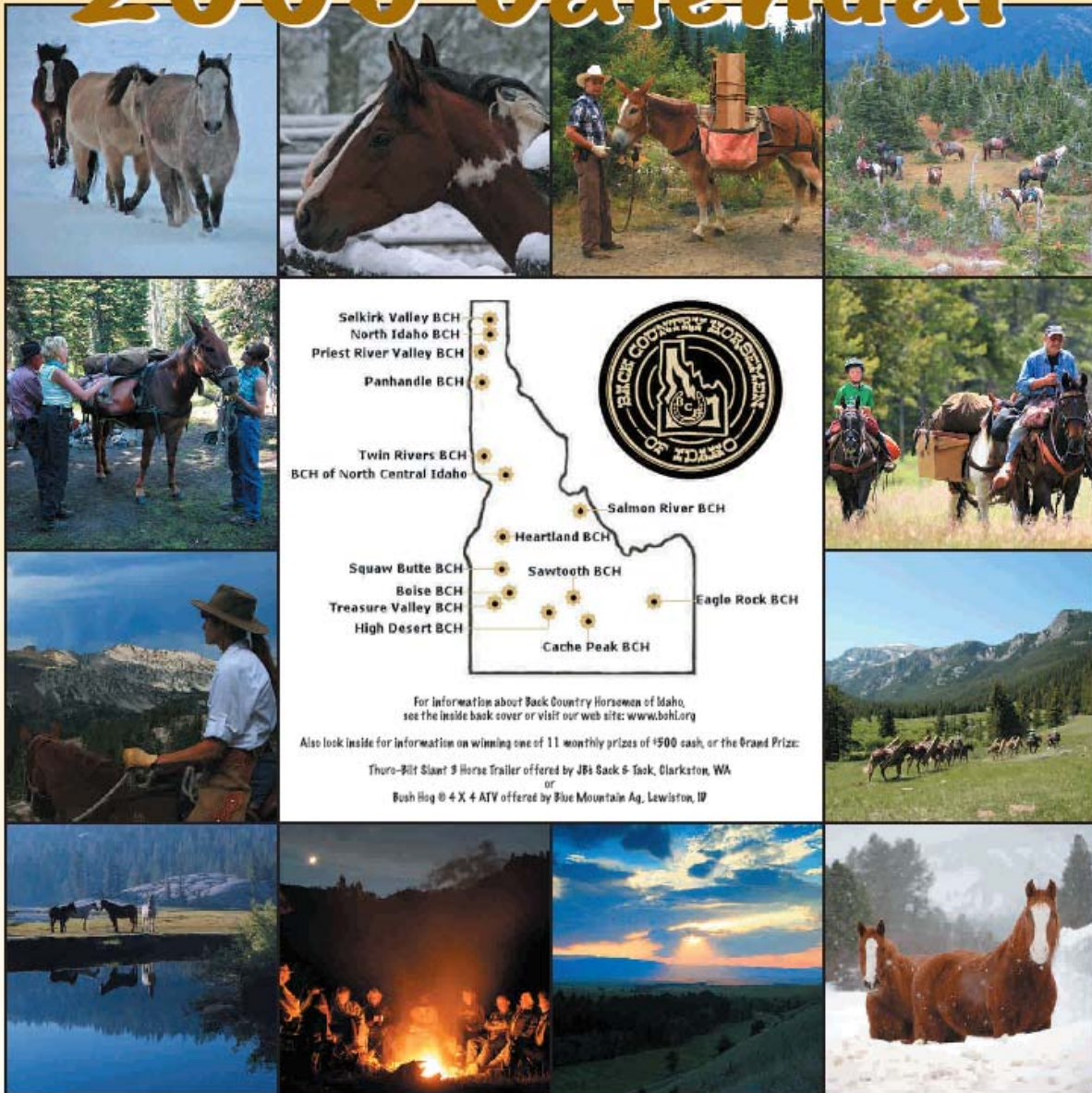
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2009 Calendar



**Available at
Christmas Party**

**BCHI 2009 CALENDAR \$20 each
ONLY AVAILABLE TILL JANUARY 15th**

Includes entry form and information on winning one of 11 monthly prizes of \$500 cash, plus the Grand Prize — Your choice between a Thuro-Built Slant 3 Horse Trailer offered by JB's Sack & Tack, Clarkston, WA or Bush Hog ® 4 X 4 ATV offered by Blue Mountain Ag, Lewiston, ID

The calendars are \$20 each and have a postcard in them that you mail in for the monthly drawing. January thru December will be for \$500 and you can only win that once. Then in December the monthly winners will go back into the hat for the Grand Prize Drawing of your choice of a 3-horse slant load trailer by Thuro-built or a Bush Hog. There will only be 2,000 calendars sold, so your chances of winning are better than the lottery. Contact Sherri Lionberger @ 208-772-2964 or Sharon Bruce 208-678-0152

Panhandle Back Country Horsemen Membership Application

Back Country Horsemen of America... is a nonprofit organization working towards the preservation of the back country. Our primary purpose is to maintain trails, trailheads and opportunities to use stock in the backcountry. We work with Federal and State agencies, other groups and individuals to support proper use and protection of our backcountry. We support education of all backcountry users to reduce impacts on meadows, trails and all resources so that our right to use horses is maintained.

If you believe in our cause, we welcome your membership. We have monthly meetings, with an education session and our members receive a monthly newsletter.

Dues paid after October 1st apply to the coming calendar year. Please complete the following and mail with your dues to:

Panhandle BCH, P.O. Box 5382, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Name: _____ Spouse's First Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

\$35 Family Membership _____ \$25 Individual Member _____ \$30 Associate/Supportive Member _____

LIFE FLIGHT MEMBERSHIPS – \$5.50 per person x # of memberships = \$ _____ **CHECK TOTAL \$** _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

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We would like to know if you are willing to participate on PBCH projects or if you are becoming a member mainly to support the philosophy of PBCH. Please check the areas that you are interested in:

1. ____ To support the philosophy of PBCH.

7. ____ Camp tending.

2. ____ Attend monthly meetings.

8. ____ Help put on programs at meetings.

3. ____ Receive monthly newsletter.

9. ____ Newsletter or Web Editor.

4. ____ Work on club fund raising events.

10. ____ Work to organize pleasure rides.

5. ____ Pleasure rides.

11 ____ Work on trailheads.

6. ____ Work on trail maintenance.

12 ____ Help on club cook outings.

RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS:

In consideration of my membership in, and participation in the activities of Panhandle Back Country Horsemen, Inc., I do hereby waive, release and discharge Panhandle Back Country Horsemen, Inc., it's agents, employees, and officers, from all claims, demands, actions, and causes, and it's successors or assigns, for all personal injuries, known and unknown, and injuries to property, real or personal, caused by, or arising out of the activities and my participation with Panhandle Back Country Horsemen, Inc., and the purpose from which such organization exists.

I do further acknowledge that the activities in which I participate are or may be hazardous, and I am fully aware of prospective injuries, and have read this release, and understand all of its terms, and voluntarily sign the same with full knowledge of its significance.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Member:

Spouse:

Witness:

Thank you for joining Panhandle Back Country Horsemen

Mail Application and Check to:

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BCHI State Convention Salmon, ID 11/15/2008

Salmon River BCH hosted the November state board meeting and convention in Salmon on November 14th and 15th. It celebrated Salmon's 30th year as an organization in Back Country Horsemen, wow, 30 years now! The board meeting raised concerns about the animal identification system as viewed by the Idaho Horse Council, a Blaine County/BLM plan to divide various areas by specific motorized and non-motorized uses, the possible closure of the Bright Angel Trail in the Grand Canyon National Park, the reconstruction of the Pistol Creek bridge, and a reduction of stock in the Clearwater/Nez Perce National Forests, a concern that may have been eased within the last week. Position statements were developed concerning each of these issues and were presented at the convention.

The convention itself was a lively mix of stories presented by each Idaho chapter; issues presented and discussed pure entertainment from local talent, and a presentation by a saddle maker on how he completes a custom saddle. A photo contest drew many entries and the quality of the photos was excellent. Also, new officers will be in place for the March board meeting and Outdoor Show in Lewiston in March.

The BCHI calendar sales/fund raising effort was also discussed and calendar sales seem to be going well and folks seem pleased with the quality of the calendar. Next year's calendar production (if approved), was also discussed at both the board meeting and convention.

One of the best deals to come along in a century, membership in the Life-flight program (for a mere \$5.50 per immediate family member) for Chapter members was discussed under the leadership of Phil Ryan. Two cases concerning our membership where helicopter transport was done, and lots of dollars saved by program membership, were described by those involved. If you are not involved in this program yourself, you should be!

A report from the national perspective by Steve Didier centered on the new Trail Classification Standards as released by the Forest Service, and how BCHA affected these standards through its intervention. It certainly pointed out why BCHA has such an important role in national trail issues. We could have lost the opportunity to use pack and saddle stock on many miles of back country and wilderness trails had the original standards been enacted.

Reports on Broomtales, Education, Ways and Means, and the BCHI Foundation brought out how BCHI is working in all areas to make a positive impact for horsemen in Idaho. In addition, a very nice presentation by John Burns focused on recruitment and John requested comments on how it might be improved.

Bernie Lionberger
PBCH State Director



John Burns introduces Salmon/Challis Forest Supervisor Bill Wood



Banner illustrates Salmon BCH's 30th year



Gene Bruce describes an incident in early PBCH history



General photo of convention group



Sherri receives award for her duties as secretary

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF IDAHO DUTCH OVEN COOK OFF SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2009

Dig out those Dutch ovens, because we are going to show off our great food and attitudes. Let's show the general public how we BCH'ers cook up some good grub in the back country. This is a chance to get folks enthused about what great food can be created and how well we eat on our back country trips.

Rules:

2 person teams will be made up from bch of Idaho members. There will be room for ten teams. Recipe you are planning to use is required, along with a \$10.00 team entry fee.

This will be a one pot cook off, consisting of either a dessert or bread recipe. Cooking can start at 8:00 am and the dish must be completed by 11:00 am for judging. Teams will be judged on creativity, taste, cleanliness, presentation and interaction with the public. Prizes go to the top three teams.

We will provide two 8' tables for each team. Each team must bring their own cook table to cook on, or a pan to protect the asphalt floor. Teams will need to bring briquettes, water, equipment and food necessary to complete your dish. Each team will be responsible for clean up of their area.

The public will be able to buy a plate for \$2.00 to get three samples from the Dutch oven teams. Money collected will go toward the fairgrounds barn rental.

This competition is about encouraging the skill of using the Dutch oven without the use of additional pans such as bread pan tins, tinfoil, etc. Trivets under meat and parchment paper are acceptable.

The most important thing of all is to have fun and spread the love and joy of Dutch oven cooking with everyone you come in contact with.

Because space is limited in the fairgrounds barn, please contact Sharon Bruce @ 208-687-0152 or email packmule@wildblue.net to participate no later than March 20, 2009.



Photo contest winners



The PBCH'ers at the Salmon convention

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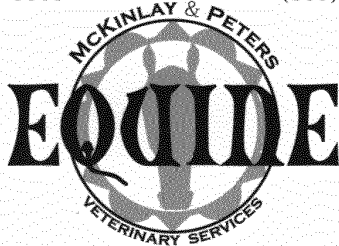
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