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NEWSLETTER

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MEETING TIME

Saturday
MAY 17th

Socializing: 7:00

Meeting: 7:30

Enjoy some friendly
conversation, hot coffee
and snacks.

Heck fire... you might even
win the door prize

Held in the Dalton Gardens
City Hall. Ya can hitch yer
hoss at Hanley and 4th.

Sure wud like
to see ya thar.

Festus,
& the Ol' Crew



~Tails & Trails~

MAY 2008

May 3rd – Saturday Chainsaw Clinic/Certification

Trail Bosses

George Miller, our instructor — 208-661-0154

& Terry Sverdsten, our host — 208-682-2308

E 27769 Schoolhouse Loop, Cataldo.

It's that time again! The Forest Service manual requires that volunteers have such training as "Defensive Horsemanship", and "Chainsaw Training" to take part in outings involving these activities.

Please arrive between 9:30– 9:50 AM, training will begin at 10:00 SHARP!!

If the weather is nice, we'll be outside. If not, we'll be indoors. The Sverdsten's will be proving a chili lunch. Additionally, you are invited to bring your horses and going riding out back in the hills.

DIRECTIONS: Take I-90 East and get off at Exit 34, Rose Lake, St Maries. Turn left and go back over the freeway. Make a right turn onto Canyon Road. Go 1.8 miles to Schoolhouse Loop. There will be signs and person directing traffic.



Byron Miller doing the sawing with chief instructor, George Miller, looking on....

Marie Creek Cleaning – Now the Memorial Weekend Project, May 24th

Trail Boss Vanessa Edwards – 208-582-0105.

With the tentative work project in Lewiston not happening and the long winter, the Marie Creek Cleaning has been moved to May 24th. Please arrive at the trail head and be saddled up, ready to ride by 9:00 AM. This will be an all day project, please wear appropriate gear and bring plenty of food and water. Tools will be provided by the club. There is a need for an additional pack animal. If you can bring one, please let Vanessa know. If you don't have a set of bags, she can provide you one.

DIRECTIONS: Off of I-90, take the Harrison/Wolf Lodge exit and go to the north side of the Interstate to the stop sign and take a right, heading east on the frontage road. Go left on Wolf Lodge Cr Rd, now heading north. At the next intersection go left continuing up Wolf Lodge Cr Rd to the intersection of the Marie Cr Rd. Right on Marie Cr RD and look for the PBCH sign into the trailhead. If you start climbing up hill you've gone too far.....



Sherri Lionberger and Tom Johnston "push" a big one out of the trail on the April 7, 2007 clearing project.

!! Please send your e-mail addresses to the Editor !!
dsamovar@hughes.net. Even if you can't view the newsletter online. That way we can send you timely information that you may other wise miss. Thank you.

Panhandle Back Country Horsemen April 19, 2008 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President April Linscott at 7:36 PM.

Secretary Debbie Samovar read the March minutes which were approved as read.

Treasure Sharon Bruce reported we received the \$500 from the Litehouse Grant, giving us a balance of \$3,556.64 in checking, \$2,275.62 in savings, \$6,446.86 in a CD and \$14,506.24 in another CD, for a total cash asset of \$26,785.36.

Bills to be paid were: Debbie Samovar - \$196.10 for BCHI Photo Contest Banners, and \$12.69 for refreshments for the meeting; Sharon Bruce - \$35.82 for Bucket Raffle; Perry Saathoff - \$31.40 for the Tune-Up Clinic. We also received a bill from the Gazette Record for \$23.85 for the March newsletter and a letter from the Annual North Idaho Fair and Rodeo Open Horse Show for \$100 for a full page ad. Sherri Lionberger made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Gene Bruce, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

CONVENTION / OUTDOOR SHOW - Gene Bruce reported the state board meeting which took place on Friday. There was a report given by Sherri Lionberger on the Forest Service Comment Period and how they need to hear from us. On the annual elections Rod Parks took over as the National Director, with Terry Steiner as alternate. They got bids on repairing the state website and went with McCall, it will cost about \$750 to get it up and running again, and \$20-\$30/mon to maintain and hope to have that up and running the beginning of May. Additionally, McCall is donating \$250 of the startup fee back to BCHI. Changes to the By-Laws went through. Phil Ryan of the Ways & Means went over the calendar proposal. There will be 11 monthly drawings of \$500 and a grand prize of a 3 horse slant trailer, which was donated at cost by Throu-bilt, the proposal passed. Phil Ryan represented BCH at the Sportsman Caucus which included 39 other sports groups. Marilyn Rousher reported on Broomtails, she wants your pictures and articles. Volunteer hours for providing labor, equipment, travel time and stock use was valued at \$411,318. Jack Lamb reported on the Foundation and that he was stepping down as president and Mitch Christenson from Twin Rivers was taking over. The Foundation is an avenue for corporations to make donations for tax exemptions.

Bernie Lionberger reported on the convention that took place on Saturday. BCHI presented a plaque to Connie Glass for all her work on the website. Peter Stegner from Senator Crapo's office spoke regarding the "Preserving Our Equine Heritage" bill, which is in committee right now. Senator Cantwell is for it, but won't sign due to issues she has with the National Parks. Senator Tester of Montana is really for it and wants to get it through. It's moving slowing, won't cost much, but there are a lot of people who don't want us to use horses on public land. Steve Didier reported there is a bill to repeal of the Recreational User Fees. It's charged at trail heads and the money collected is to go back to the ground. In the eastern states, most of the money goes into administration and in some cases, only horse users are charged the fee. So many senators and the BCHA are working to get this fee repealed. The Forest Service is working on reclassifications of the trail system from 3 classes to 5, where some of those trails would not be required to be maintained for horse use. Tracy Gravelle, who works here in Avery, doesn't think that it will have much impact on the trails around here. Then there was a presentation on "The Scariest Thing

You'll Run Into On A Trail!" It was a mountain biker in full body armor and mirrored helmet came cycling into the building. Scott Jackson, a bike dealer in Lewiston wanted to talk to use about what bikers need to know and do when coming in contact with horses and what horsemen need to know and do when coming in contact with bikers. There was a great dialogue, from which a poster was created to be posted in bike shops. Phil Ryan reported that the Life Flight program had great response. Some chapters bought blocks of 100 memberships and making them part of their membership fees, others, just for those who wanted it. The membership picks up the balance between the bill and what your insurance pays, and if you have no insurance, they absorb the cost. Already had a member use it, Val Johnson had a heart attack at the convention in Lewiston and was Life Flighted out to Spokane. There was a vote on the calendar, it passed. There was a vote on the convention versus the outdoor show. There will be a board meeting at the outdoor show in April and the convention will travel around and will start this November (the second weekend) and will be in Salmon as this year is their 30th anniversary. Photo contest was the best turnout Bernie had ever seen.

REMOUNT RIDE - Teri Horton report that they are going over on Thursday night. 20 people have signed up thus far. You do need a permit, its \$8 for 3 days. There are corrals, water, easy riding with great trails to ride.

TUNE-UP CLINIC - Perry Saathoff reported that it was very cold. Services were provided by McKinlay & Peters and was held at The Ranch at Mica Meadows. There were 43 horses, with the first one being seen at 8:00 and the last one out at 10:30. Things went very smoothly.

FUND RAISER TRAIL CHALLENGE - Alan Harper report that the committee has a letter for people to take to companies for sponsorships (see page 9 for copy), we're looking to get \$100 or prizes. We need to think out of the box; hit up car dealerships and other business, beside the usual tack stores. It will be held at Rider Ranch. The site is a great location and the tentative dates are September 6th, 20th or 27, which needs to be pinned down. The ranch will do a BBQ, keeping the monies they make to cover expenses. There will be a 4-H classification, Jr. Division and adult division. Flyers will be posted at High Schools and Barns. Sherri Lionberger needs the exact date for the insurance company. The committee will ride the area to layout obstacles. This event will be in lieu of the Poker Ride.

WEB SITE - We still do not have a web site. Debbie Samovar suggested that we at least get a URL up with an "Under Construction" sign and if possible post the links to the newsletters. Gene Bruce said we should try to piggy back with the guy who is doing the states site. Joni Lueck with Selkirk Aviation has a great local web master and will see her on Tuesday and will talk to her and will follow up with the board on what she finds out.

ST JOE TRAVEL PLAN - Bernie Lionberger reported that the Spokane Mountaineers put the trails on a sheet of acetate and laid it over the St Joe map at the April 26th meeting. Mallard Larkins will be non-motorized. Fly Creek, Mosquito Creek, and Trail 50 were written up with the justification as to why they should be non-motorized. The FS wants to make a decision by August. Then after that it goes into the NEPA phase.

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Calendar of Events



TO BE RESCHEDULED

Trailer Inspection

Trail Boss Terry Sverdsten—208-682-2308

Escure Ranch or Fly Trap

Trail Boss Bernie Lionberger—208-772-2964

MAY

3rd – Saturday

Saw Clinic/Certification

Trail Bosses George Miller—208-661-0154

& Terry Sverdsten—208-682-2308

in Cataldo.

16th, 17th & 18th – Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Ride the West, in Spokane, WA

Volunteers Needed—Call April Linscott—208-660-1415

17th – Saturday

Regular Meeting

17th & 18th – Saturday & Sunday

Mustang Adoptions, in Spokane, WA

24th – Saturday

Memorial Weekend

Marie Creek Trail Clearing

Trail Boss Vanessa Edwards—208-582-0105

JUNE

6th, 7th & 8th – Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Confidence Building Clinic

Trail Boss Ginger Swisher of Hoofbeats—208-619-5402

14th – Saturday

Marie Creek Ride

Trail Boss Jeff Jussila—208-772-0485

TBD—weekday evening

Spraying Training

Trail Bosses Karen & Jim Kimball—208-772-2434

18th – Wednesday

Regular Meeting

JULY

4th, 5th & 6th – Friday, Saturday & Sunday

St Joe Work Project at Red Ives

Trail Boss Vanessa Edwards—208-582-0105

16th – Wednesday

Regular Meeting & ANNUAL POT LUCK

6:30 in the Park

26th – Saturday

July events continued in next column

JULY (continued)

26th – Saturday

Kootenai County 4-H Poker Ride

Packing Clinic

Trail Boss Alan Harper—208-687-1968

at Farragut Park

AUGUST

2nd & 3rd – Saturday & Sunday

4th of July Pass Ride

Trail Boss April Linscott—208-245-0409

TBD

Heyburn Clean-up Project

Trail Boss Needed

20th – Wednesday

Regular Meeting

30th – Saturday

Labor Day Weekend

Heyburn Trail Ride

Trail Bosses Perry & Genia Saathoff—208-691-6452

SEPTEMBER

20th – Saturday

Regular Meeting

27th – Saturday

PBCH Fund Raiser – Trail Challenge

Trail Bosses Alan Harper—208-687-1968

Gene Bruce—208-687-0152

Karen Kimball—208-772-2434

at Riders Ranch

OCTOBER

4th – Saturday

Linscott Steak Ride

Trail Bosses Al Linscott—208-682-4918

& April Linscott—208-660-1415

18th – Saturday

Regular Meeting

NOVEMBER

15th – Saturday

Regular Meeting

DECEMBER

8th – Saturday

Christmas Party

Trail Boss Needed

April 19, 2008 Meeting Minutes

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MUSTANG ADOPTIONS – The BLM is holding mustang adoptions April 26-27 in Odessa, WA. There are flyers on the front table for anyone wanting additional information. Also there will be another adoption in May.

MARIE CREEK CLEANING – This will be done May 24th as our Memorial Weekend Project. Gary and Vanessa Edwards volunteered to be the Trail Bosses.

MEMORIAL WEEKEND PROJECT - The original work project in Lewiston is not happening. Bernie Lionberger reported that Wahoo wants a feed bunk, and noted that the feed bunk at Turner Flats appears to be unused with grass growing up all around it, and suggested that we move that bunk to Wahoo and maybe use the Litehouse grant money on this. Gary Edwards stated that the road to Red Ives is close due to slides and that both the county and the park are out of money and are not going to open the Little Joe until there is pressure on them to do so.

4TH OF JULY PROJECT – This will still be a go, unless we can't get in.

NEW BUSINESS

MOUNTED POSSE POKER RIDE - April Linscott reported

that the Kootenai County Mounted Posse will be holding a Mother's Day Poker Ride on Saturday, May 11th.

RIDE THE WEST - April Linscott said we got a letter from the Northeast BCHW looking for volunteers and a donation. It will be held May 16th-18th. We made a \$50 donation last year and had some members there who promoted PBCH.

April Linscott asked for a volunteer to house the Chapter Display. The

Bruce's didn't want to keep it in the club's shed, as the heat and condensation would ruin the photos. The Rousher's volunteered to take it home.

4-H POKER RIDE – Alan Harper reported that McKinlay & Peters is sponsoring the Kootenai County 4-H Poker Ride on July 26th. They will also be hold demonstrations on reining, mounted shooting and a packing clinic. They asked if we would put on the packing clinic, which we said we would and we'll put it on our calendar.

Gene Bruce made a motion to adjourn, Perry Saathoff seconded, meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M. There were 26 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by,

Deborah Samovar, Secretary

Something To Laugh About

A woman goes into Bass Pro Shop to buy a rod and reel for her grandson's birthday. She doesn't know which one to get so she just grabs one and goes over to the counter. A Bass Pro Shop associate is standing there wearing dark shades. She says, "Excuse me, sir. Can you tell me anything about this rod and reel?" He says, "Ma'am, I'm completely blind; but if you'll drop it on the counter, I can tell you everything from the sound it makes."

She doesn't believe him but drops it on the counter anyway. He says, "That's a six-foot Shakespeare graphite rod with a Zebco 404 reel and 10# test line. It's a good all around combination and it's on sale this week for only \$20.00." She says, "It's amazing that you can tell all that just by the sound of it dropping on the counter. I'll take it!"

As she opens her purse, her credit card drops on the floor. "Oh, that sounds like a Master Card," he says. She bends down to pick it up and accidentally breaks wind. At first she is really embarrassed, but then realizes there is no way the blind clerk could tell it was she who tooted. Being blind, he wouldn't know that she was the only person around. The man rings up the sale and says, "That'll be \$34.50 please."

The woman is totally confused by this and asks, "Didn't you tell me the rod and reel were on sale for \$20.00? How did you get \$34.50?" He replies, "Yes, Ma'am. The rod and reel is \$20.00, but the Duck Call is \$11.00 and the Bear Repellent is \$3.50."



Bob,

Heard you're still kickin'
but not raisin' much dust!

Hope You Get Well Soon

Lea Williams said Bob was on top of a large round bale of hay in the round feeder in the pasture and fell off backwards. His heel caught in the string and pulled his achilles tendon from his rear to his heel. Not being the patient kind, he would not go to emergency room, he is trying to make his leg work no matter how bad it hurts. Thank goodness he had his cell phone and could call for help. Not only is he impatient with this, he fell because of his lack of patience in getting the string off.

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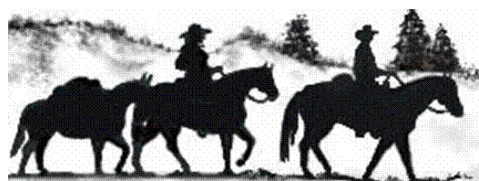
Our **pbch** month-to-date earnings to date are up
to \$23.64 (A check will be mailed to us the
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Tack room is very large, could also be used for
dressing room. Nose could be used for sleeping
area or gear. Priced right at \$11,500.00
Call Vanessa G. Edwards at 208-582-0105
Have pictures of trailer on my web site
www.longearranch.com



WANTED:

RAFFLE CHAIR PERSON

Looking for someone to organize
and run a raffle table at the regular
meetings. Solicit merchandise
from retailers and/or take donated
items from members. Keep items
between meetings, set up display
and sell tickets.
Please call April to
volunteer.



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addition to our CD's. Please call May to
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Wild Horse Gentling Demo

Sunday (5/18): 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. – Preview & Adoption
9:30 A.M. Silent Bid Adoption Begins

WHERE:

Spokane Interstate Fairgrounds
404 N. Havana Ave., Spokane, WA

In conjunction with “Ride the West” event.

For applications, adoption information, etc., Call:

Bureau of Land Management (BLM): 1-866-4MUSTANGS or go to www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov

Other Contact Info: Spokane BLM (800) 997-2022 for (Recorded Message)

- Spokane BLM (509) 536-1200, or
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Kootenai County Sheriff's Mounted Posse

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This is the Trail ride you waited for all winter!!!!

Have a great Mother's Day!!! Bring your mom, your horses and the whole family out to our famous "Mothers Day Spring Trail Ride" at beautiful Farragut State Park. The Posse's search and rescue efforts as well as our other duties are funded solely by your donations and through fund raisers like this.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!!

When: Mother's Day May 11, 2008 with check in at 09:00 a.m. and Last rider out on trail at 11:00 a.m. There will be a morning loop, lunch break and then an afternoon loop. The trail is great for beginners and up and is an excellent trail to start the riding season.

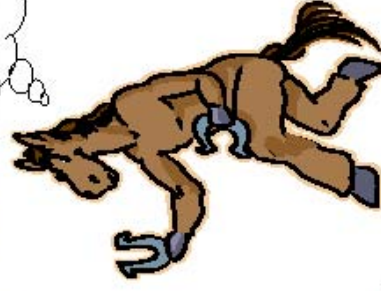
Where: Beautiful Farragut State Park. (Hwy 54 East of Athol)
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Farragut State Park charges \$4.00 per vehicle to enter the park.

Cost for Ride: \$15.00 per person

Bring your sack lunch and we will provide the beverages.

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Sergeant Joe Scherrer at 208-772-3717

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remember... 17 & under ride free, but please register them

#1 NAME _____ *please print clearly*

REGISTRATION \$13.00 \$ _____

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Note: the above registration price includes the BLM user fee

EXTRA POKER HANDS _____ x \$4 = \$ _____
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BOX LUNCH \$5.00 _____
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_____ Ham OR _____ Turkey \$ _____

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#2 NAME _____ *please print clearly*

REGISTRATION \$13.00 \$ _____

☐ check here if 17 & under, please enter \$0

Note: the above registration price includes the BLM user fee

EXTRA POKER HANDS _____ x \$4 = \$ _____
optional, 18 & over only

BOX LUNCH \$5.00 _____
optional

_____ Ham OR _____ Turkey \$ _____

#2 NAME TOTAL \$ _____

If different than Name #1

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Mission Statement

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$

Pre-registration fee is non-refundable

Make check payable to **Back Country Horsemen**

Note: the above registration price includes the BLM user fee

A liability release form MUST BE SIGNED by all participants at event check-in.

prizes

Best Hand.....\$150 Gift Certificate + Belt Buckle
2nd Best Hand.....\$100 Gift Certificate + Belt Buckle
Loball.....\$50 Gift Certificate

Must be 18 years of age or older to win above prizes

*Winner will choose from a selection of stores for the Gift Certificate *Belt buckles donated by Corral West Ranchwear
Numerous door prizes

the facts

Date May 10, 2008
Time First rider out at 9:00am
Last rider out by noon
Location BLM Land at Fish Trap Lake
Length of Ride 3-4 hours
(extended route available - entrance closes at 2pm)
Cost Pre-registration RECEIVED BY May 7
\$13 per rider* (includes 1 poker hand)
\$4 for each additional hand

Registration May 8-10

\$18 per rider* (includes 1 poker hand)

\$5 for each additional hand

*17 & under ride free but please register them

Note: the above registration price includes the BLM user fee

overnight camping

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t-shirts

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food

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Ham or turkey deli sandwich, chips, cookie and drink.

Prefer order on pre-registration. Limited availability at event.

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safety rules

- one rider per horse
- all riders must sign a liability release
- horses should be shod
- minors must be accompanied by Parent or Guardian
- ride at safe distance
- be courteous when passing other riders
- no stallions please
- no running horses
- no dogs please
- no alcoholic beverages on trail
- no littering please

for information contact

Ken Carmichael • 509-466-2225 • kcarmichael@hughes.net



PANHANDLE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN, INC.

P.O. Box 5382 • Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814

The Panhandle Back Country Horsemen are putting on a Competitive Trail Challenge September 27, 2008 to raise funds for our organization. We are looking for sponsors to donate prizes to the winners in this competition. Any sponsors will be included in our advertising for the Trail Challenge.

The Back Country Horsemen is a national organization dedicated to three main objectives:

- 1) To perpetuate the common sense, use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country.
- 2) To assist the various government and private agencies in their management of lands and resources.
- 3) To educate, encourage and solicit active participation by various members of the general public in the wise and sustaining use of horses and people commensurate with our heritage and the back country resource.

In meeting the goals of our mission statements, Back Country Horsemen in the state of Idaho have spent thousands of volunteer hours on trails, trail heads, campsite maintenance and construction. We have effectively lobbied government agencies for the continued upgrading of facilities and have successfully secured grants from both public and private sources for this purpose. We have established education chairs in each chapter in Idaho who work to bring the messages of low impact and "Leave No Trace" techniques to both members and the general public. This fund raiser will help us continue on with this mission.

The Competitive Trail Challenge will be an event open to adults and juniors (two separate categories for prizes) and include numerous obstacles for the horse and rider to negotiate, such as water crossings, logs, through gates, etc.

If you would like to consider donating to this effort, please contact Karen Kimball at 772-2964 or Gene Bruce at 687-0152. We are a non-profit organization, so donations are tax deductible.



Panhandle Back Country Horsemen
P.O. Box 5382
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Joni Lueck
of Selkirk Aviation has
graciously volunteered
to assist with the
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