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# MEETING TIME SATURDAY

September 20th

Socializing: 7:00 Meeting: 7:30

Enjoy some friendly conversation, hot coffee and snacks.

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Held in the Dalton Gardens City Hall. Ya can hitch yer

hoss at Hanley and 4th.
Sure wud like to see ya thar.

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# ~Tails & Trails~

SEPTEMBER 2008

# UPCOULTS EVENTS



# **Packing Clinic**

Saturday, September 20, 2008

Kootenai County 4-H Poker Ride



Trail Boss Alan Harper 208-687-1968



September 27, 2008 at Rider Ranch, 6219 S. Wolf Lodge Creek Road

Starts at 9:00 AM with course closing at 3:30 PM. Judged on obstacle course. Not a timed event.

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# LINSCOTT STEAK RIDE



### Saturday October 4th



Trail Bosses Al Linscott—208-682-4918 April Linscott—208-660-1415

This is a **MEMBERS ONLY** Event. Please **RSVP** with Al or April.

### Panhandle Back Country Horsemen August 20, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Prior to the meeting there was a "Leave No Trace" slide show presented by Sherri Lionberger.

Meeting called to order by President April Linscott at 7:56 PM.

Debbie Samovar read the minutes from the July meeting. Karen Kimball asked that we don't put the financial report in the newsletter as it gets posted to the web where anyone can read it. With that suggestion, the minutes were approved as read.

Bills to be paid were:

Perry Saathoff - \$122.58 for modifications to the weed sprayer; Oremus Enterprises August - \$20.00 for Web Site Maintenance; St Maries Gazette - \$42.95 for August newsletter; Debbie Samovar - \$55.51 for a roll of stamps and meeting refreshment.

Sherri Lionberger made a motion to pay the bills, Serena Carlson seconded, motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

MARIE CREEK WEED SPRAY – Karen Kimball reported that Perry Saathoff modified the sprayer, including adding a longer hose. Bonnie Thompson and Meagan Bircher of the Forest Service were there and Bonnie did the spraying. Bernie Lionberger brought along the water horse and Jim Kimball hiked. They did the upper trail above the road near the trail head down to and across the road.

4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PASS RIDE – April Linscott reported that there were 27 riders. She hadn't been there before, but there were others there who had been, so they helped out. It was a straight out and straight back, no loop, as there were riders that need to get back. The weather was great and it was cool in the trees. There exist great opportunities to work on the trails here to fix the loops. This may be something the club may want to consider.

4<sup>th</sup> of JULY WORK PROJECT – Sherri Lionberger reported that there were 12 people. They worked on the Line Creek, Pebble Ridge, Pebble Creek and Timber Creek trails. 2 hikers from the St. Joe Travel Plan focus group were also there. One rode on an extra horse, and Gary Finney, a professional logger and an animal with a chain saw hiked. They started around 9:00, working till 4:00 with a ½ hour lunch, getting back to camp at 6:00. Sunday they rode to the lodge. Even though the Forest Service has expended there budget on forest fires, they said for us to send a bill for our mileage, so we may possibly get \$700. Our chapter will reimburse workers \$75 per car to offset the cost of fuel.

**PACK CLINIC** –Alan Harper reported that they need experiences packers to put on the clinic. Gene Bruce has said he will help if he's in town. It was suggested that Alan check with Bob Williams

TRAIL CHALLENGE – Alan Harper reported that he's in the middle of getting it planned out. He rode the trail on Tuesday and flagged spots were we need to do tree pruning. They are finishing the plans. It will take 30 - 45 minutes to ride and will be like a mini trail ride in itself. They nee help to run the event, set up, direct traffic, judge assistances to run errands as the judges can't leave their post. Karen Kimball said if you could just so up and help out anywhere it would be greatly appreciated. Serena Carlson said she would fill in wherever. Linda Rider will be doing box lunches for the judges. Dr. Krista Porter will be competing and will stay afterwards to be our Vet. Belt Buckle and Breast Collar awards have been ordered and Wolf Lodge is giving dinners to the 3 class winners.

**LINSCOTT STEAK RIDE** – April Linscott reported that the ride will be out at Kingston on October 4<sup>th</sup>. RSVP to her or her dad. This is a members only event.

**STATE CONVENTION** - April Linscott reported that it will be in November in Salmon. We need items for the raffle, auction and photos for the slide show. Sharon Bruce is working on the photos, so we just need raffle and auction items. April's mother will donate another painting for the auction.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - Trail Boss needed for this Event.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

MUSTANG GROUP – April Linscott reported that Bob Williams called regarding a fund raiser ride that they are having on September 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be at Marie Creek and lunch is \$10.00. Time is unknown. RSVP with Lea and Bob Williams.

**MUSTANG TRAINING COMPETION** - Sherri Lionberger reported that Lea Williams went down to Reno and picked up a yearling filly. She came in 6.5 points off 1<sup>st</sup> place, loosing 4 pts due to the filly being "too fat". Lea was very happy with the results and the filly got adopted.

**ELECTION COMMITTEE** – Need volunteers for this committee or members will be appointed at next meeting.

**TRIAL HEAD SIGNS** - Sherri Lionberger suggested that putting the Forest Services' Yield Signs at trial heads would be a good project for the Litehouse Grant. Sharon Bruce is the contact person for the grant, so we'll have her check to see if this qualifies for the grant money.

Serena Carlson made a motion to adjourn, Sherri Lionberger seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

There were 12 members in attendance and guest Ted Learner.

Respectfully submitted by,

Deborah Samovar, Secretary



### **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

### Heyburn Trail Ride

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

### SEPTEMBER

20th – Saturday Regular Meeting

20th – Saturday Kootenai County 4-H Poker Ride **Packing Clinic** 

Trail Boss Alan Harper—208-687-1968 at Farragut Park

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 Rider Ranch, 6219 S. Wolf Lodge Creek Road

### **OCTOBER**

4th – Saturday

### Linscott Steak Ride

Trail Bosses Al Linscott—208-682-4918 & April Linscott—208-660-1415

18th – Saturday

Regular Meeting

### **Nominating Committee**

Members Needed

### **NOVEMBER**

15th – Saturday Regular Meeting

### **DECEMBER**

6th – Saturday **Christmas Party** Trail Boss Needed Avondale Country Club





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### PANHANDLE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

# Trail Challenge

### September 27, 2008 At the Rider Ranch

Starts at 9:00 AM with course closing at 3:30 PM. Judged on obstacle course. Not a timed event.

Divisions

Youth: 12-14 and 15-18

(Helmets required & available)

Adult: 19 and Over

Awards Presented to 1st Place and Reserve in each Division

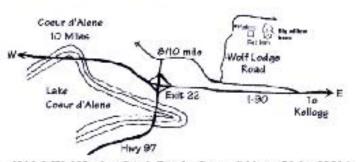
Cost: \$15.00 Youth - \$25.00 Adult

BBQ will be available to purchase.

Directions: The Rider Ranch is located approximately 20 minutes or 10 miles east of Coeur d'Alene. Traveling on I-90, turn off on Exit 22. At the stop sign, go left across the overpass and then turn right at the next stop sign. Go 8/10's of a mile

and turn left onto Wolf Lodge Creek Road (this road hides behind a rock bluff, so watch your odometer!.) Travel up this road, along side of the meadow for about a half a mile. Look for the big willow trees, small red building in the field and gray and green barn tucked against the back hillside. Parking is in the field, look for sign that marks the driveway.

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Pre-Registration is recommended at http://pbch.org/trail-challenge.htm Limited to the first 75 riders.

For More Information Call: Alan Harper 208-687-1968, Gene Bruce 208-687-0152 or Karen Kimball 208-772-2434

# PANHANDLE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN ~ TRAIL CHALLENGE ~

### SEPTEMBER 27, 2008 RIDER RANCH, 6219 S. WOLF LODGE CREEK RD. COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO

(Horse ridden by only one rider)

Rider Name:	Horse Name:
Rider Address:	
Rider Phone:Cell:	Birthdate: (If Youth):
Owner Name:Address	:
Emergency Contact:	Phone:
Email:	
<u>Pre-Register by:</u> September 20, 2008 (Pre-registration is recommended and limited to first 75 riders.) <u>Entry fees (three classes):</u> Youth (12–14) = \$15; Youth (15–18) = \$25; Adult (18 and over) = \$25 <u>Awards for 1<sup>st</sup> Place:</u> Youth (12-14) = Montana Silversmith belt buckle; Youth (15-18) & Adult = Hickman's Breast Collar <u>For information, contact:</u> Karen Kimball @ 208-772-2434; Alan Harper @ 208-687-1968; Gene Bruce @ 208-687-0152 <u>Send Entries &amp; Entry Fees to:</u> PBCH, PO Box 5382, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814 (Make checks payable to PBCH)	
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Participant Signature:	Date:
Guardian Signature:(Competitors under 18)	Date:

### MUSTANG TRAING CHALLENGE

I'm home from my wonderful experience with Sierra Nevada in Reno. I thought I might pass out on show day. It was 105 degrees and we showed in an outdoor arena with no shade. During the in hand trail course, which was our main competition, the sweat ran down my face into my eyes and it was hard to see. Sierra did very well. Her mistakes were mostly my fault. When we trotted to the right, I could not run fast enough and she broke down to a walk. We had to trot 2 circles first to the left and one to the right. She did everything else just fine. When I had to lift her feet she was a little off balance on her left hind and she took it out of my hand so had to pick it up again.

On the conditioning part which was first, a perfect score was 5 and we got a 5.5. Anything above 5 was too heavy and under was too thin. I worked very hard to get her in the shape she was in. It cost me 4 points though. I did finish in the top 10, I



Lea, Sierra and Maureen Hemitt from Reno, NV.



Lea and Sierra. I am proud of what we accomplished.

finished #7 and was 6.5 points out of first so the competition was fierce. Only the top 5 got to do their 3

minutes free style but I was very happy with my little filly and how well she did.

I cried myself to sleep Friday night because I thought she might not get adopted and would go back to the Palomino Valley Center. But alas my tears were for naught, she was adopted Sat. morning by a lovely lady that lives in Reno. When I handed her the lead rope and walked out to the trailer with them, she loaded right in and after our goodbyes and they pulled out, she looked at me out the window of the trailer and whinnied at me like why aren't you coming? I lost it. But it was good. I talked to Maureen and Sierra is doing well.

My music for the freestyle would have been Sara McLachlan's "I will remember you, will you remember me" and I am singing that to myself today - a beautiful little bay filly, will you remember me? I WILL remember you.

### H.R. 6598 – the "Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act of 2008

Congress is aiming to take another stab at the horse slaughter issue with their consideration of H.R. 6598 – the "Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act of 2008." Unlike the other bills, that would just ban the sale or processing of horses for human consumption, H.R. 6598 would CRIMINALLY PROSECUTE YOU for knowingly owning, selling, transporting or even possessing a horse with the intent of slaughtering that horse for human consumption.

NEVER before has slaughtering a livestock animal been cause for a criminal prosecution by the U.S. Attorney General. Also, H.R. 6598 requires the U.S. Attorney General to take care of the horses they confiscate – making you the taxpayer responsible for paying the horses' feed bill.

Congress has good intentions with these bills aimed to "protect" horses, but since their last legislation on the subject has prohibited the market from working, more horses have become neglected, abandoned and starved. Is this more humane? NO!

We, as cattle producers, should be able to make our own decisions about the animals in our care. We should be able to make decisions about what is best for our horses. Not have Congress dictate to us what can and cannot happen.

TAKE ACTION TODAY and tell your member to OPPOSE H.R. 6598.

The following link will take you to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association page were you can fill in a few boxes and send in the letter to show your opposition to H.R. 6598. http://capwiz.com/beefusa/issues/ale...SS=Take+Action

I just finished reading the Summer 2008 edition of the Back Country Horsemen of America newsletter, and several articles caught my attention. The articles dealt with partnering with other trail users to help get trails maintained, as well as forming valuable relationships for the future.

As some of you know, I have been taking part in a "focus group" dealing with the St Joe Ranger District Travel Management Plan. The group consists of all types of trail users with the exception of winter recreational users. Basically, that amounts to hikers, horsemen, ATV'ers, and motorcyclists.

The idea of the "focus group" is to examine trails on the St Joe and recommend to the District Ranger whether they would best be utilized as single track motorized, single track non-motorized, and which routes would be suitable for ATVs and or jeeps.

After several months of bi-weekly meetings, what has emerged is a huge difference of opinion between the single track motorized and single track non-motorized interests. The leadership of the single track motorized group basically believes that virtually all trails should be motorized. In addition to that, the concept of a non-motorized experience and the ability to escape the hassles of the motorized lifestyle most of us live, seems foreign to them. It is also obvious that they fail to understand the safety concerns when equines and rather loud motorized vehicles meet on a trail that is narrow and in steep terrain.

Well, back to my original topic, partnering with other trail user groups. I was approached by several members of the focus group that represented hikers and they showed interest in helping with trail maintenance projects. They said they would like to help but it was difficult for them to pack chain saws, fuel and the like. I suggested we team up for a project and Back Country Horsemen would supply the pack animals for the project. It just so happened that we had a trail project coming up on the St Joe just two weeks in the future.

Two of the hikers volunteered to work with us, so on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008, we set out to clear about 15 miles of trail that day. We divided our forces into three groups and took on three trails. Turns out, one of our hiker volunteers was a logger by profession and it was amazing what he could accomplish with a saw. We cleared a trail with lots of downed trees and in the process we brushed it out nicely as well. But what happened on a loop trail as we returned to our camp, was classic!

We were on a ridge top trail that was relatively flat but about to drop down a steep hillside when we heard motorcycles coming up the hill towards us. We moved a ways off the trail when the first cycle appeared with a rider probably no more than 10 years old aboard. He wasn't inclined to slow down, much less turn off his machine, so we had to be quite vocal to gain cooperation. He shut it down after disturbing a couple of our animals, but he was soon followed by several other adult riders who rode right through sporting their helmets and "moon suits" and didn't shut

down either. The riders were totally fixated on where their front tire was heading and could pay attention to little else. You know what, our two hikers now fully understand the safety concerns we have about equines around motorized vehicles. It is fortunate we were in a spot on the trail where we were not forced to attempt to turn around or deal with dangerously steep terrain.

The point is, we have some challenges in communicating with other user groups, but we made some real progress in the process of partnering to keep our trails open.

Bernie Lionberger Public Lands Liaison Panhandle Back Country Horsemen of Idaho



Gary Finney, a logger from the area, helped us on the Timber Cr Trail.

# July 30<sup>th</sup> Weed Spray Project Marie Cr Trail

On Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, in cooperation with the Coeur d' Alene River Ranger District, the Panhandle Back Country Horsemen sprayed a portion of the Marie Cr Trail that we haven't gotten to before. Karen and Jim Kimball, plus Bernie

Lionberger, along with Bonnie Thompson and Meagan Bircher of the Forest Service started the project around 8 AM and completed it shortly after noon. We sprayed approximately 5 miles of trail for several species of noxious weeds. Karen led the packhorse with the spray unit, while Jim spotted and pulled a bunch of weeds. I led a packhorse with extra water that we needed at the completion of our route. Bonnie Thompson did the actual spraying at which she is very proficient.



My horse, "Remi" who served as the water truck......

Our new spray unit worked well with a few adjustments by our technician, Jim Kimball.

At some point in the future, we hope to have the entire Marie Cr loop trail free of weeds. We have seen great improvement in the past few years.

### Bernie Lionberger



Meagan Bircher checks the wind before we started spraying....



Bonnie Thompson mixing the "brew".....

# Objectives Met at Red Ives August 9th

The PBCH work project at Red Ives that is usually completed on the  $4^{\rm th}$  of July weekend, was finally done on August the  $9^{\rm th}.$  We had a good turnout, 12 folks total , including two hikers who were guests of ours, showed up.

We arrived, for the most part, on Friday, and set up camp, made plans for Saturday, and had a great prelightning storm campfire. The storm roared pretty much all night but we escaped a direct hit from any of the cells (we did have the canopy securely tied down).



Left, Richard Fuller, right, Gary Finney after clearing Timber Cr.

On Saturday morning, under clear skies, we divided into three teams to clear the trails. One team,



Gary Finney cuts one of a hundred or more logs on Timber Cr

headed by Jerry and Diane Shriner, headed for the Line Cr Trail. Jerry also had Jim and Karen Kimball and Ginger Swisher to get the job done. The second group was led by Les Erickson who had help from Tom Johnston to clear the Elbow Ridge trail. Sherri and I led the team up the feared Timber Cr Trail, to clear and brush it out. We had tremendous help from Terri Nethercott, and the two hikers.

One of the hikers, Gary Finney, who by profession is a logger, led the charge up Timber Cr. He did an absolutely wonderful job of cutting out and brushing that trail. The other hiker, Richard

Fuller, helped Sherri and Terri with the nippers. I was right behind Gary tossing logs and

brush off the trail. He was so good at sawing I would have been a laughing stock to do any sawing.

The trail has some serious issues including one winter



"Augie" Ginger's donkey stands at the high line just after

blowout, leaning puncheon, and some slumping in places. The tread also needs to be improved in the near future. I informed Tracy Gravelle of the situation on Timber Cr. The trail has the best "grade" of any on the St Joe



Jerry and Diane Shriner, Jim and Karen Kimball and Ginger Swisher head for Line Cr Trail.

and I would sure hate to see it lost. The other two teams successfully cleared Line and Elbow ridge trails, so the objectives were certainly met with no real problems. In all, on Saturday, we cleared and brushed about 15 miles of trail. Thanks

so much to all of you that took part in this project!!

Another note, since the trail crew couldn't get out early this season because of snow, they cleaned up Red Ives really nicely!! The camping area is pristine.

Thanks to Tracy Gravelle for her leadership!!!

Bernie and Sherri Lionberger Trail Bosses

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## REMINDER

### **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

have switched back to the THIRD SATURDAY

of the month Next meeting

**SEPTEMBER 20th** 

# Message from the Editor:

DEADLINE for the OCTOBER Newsletter is September 22nd.

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