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PANHANDLE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN CHRISTMAS PARTY - DECEMBER 6, 2008

We had 44 PBCH'ers registered for the Christmas Party at Avondale Golf Club in Hayden. The weather cooperated with no ice or snow, so the travel was no problem for folks.

First was our social time, followed by a really good buffet dinner featuring Chicken Parmesan. I don't think anyone went away hungry. We then had the Lake City Harmonizers for entertainment. As always, we thank Terry Sverdsten for getting his quartet together for us. It is nice to hear those good old Christmas tunes, along with their humor. By the way, we loved Terry's BIG belt buckle and red hat. A couple of door prizes were given away and thank you to Judy Linscott for her artwork donation and to Karen Kimball for the grain basket full of goodies.



Our Welcome Sign at Avondale



Jim and Karen Kimball get the auction started with the help?? of Gene Bruce

We also introduced our slate of 2009 Officers and Directors. Bernie Lionberger then presented his annual slide show with music this year. A big thank you to him for doing this for all of us. We really appreciate and enjoy it. We then had a Gift Auction as a fundraiser. From all the items sold, our chapter made \$429.50.

Our thanks also goes to Chelle Caruso, Katie Bane, Teri Horton and Joni Lueck for their time in putting together the wonderful table wreaths and the Russian tea packets. Last, but not least I wish to thank Karen Kimball for heading up the party in the first place. It was a fun time.

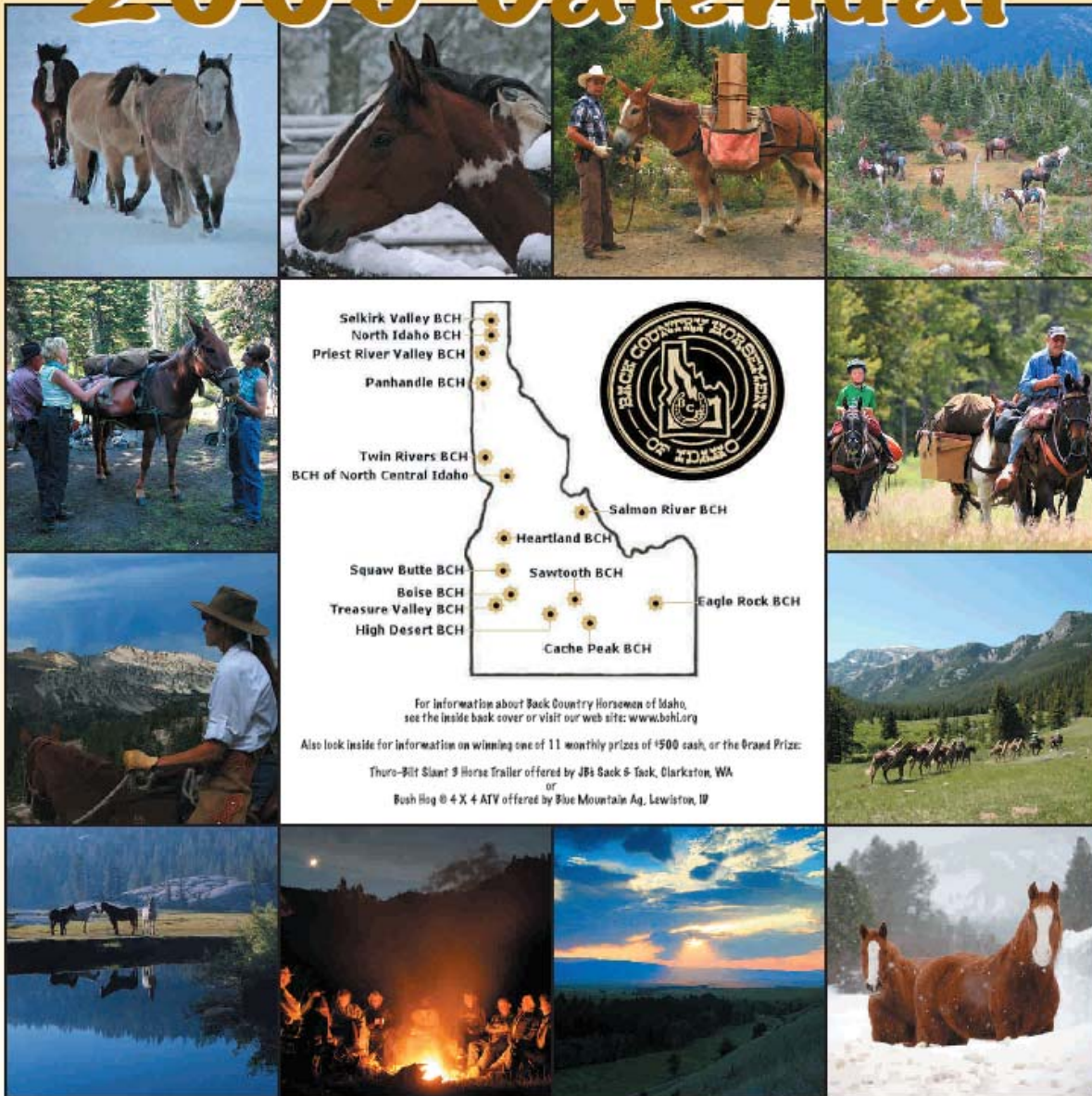
Reported by: Sharon Bruce

The evening was followed by our recognition of those who were Trail Bosses during the year and also thanking all of our Officers and Directors for their hard work. The 2008 Horseman of the Year is Alan Harper and 2008 Horsewoman of the Year is Karen Kimball. Thanks goes to Perry Saathoff for making the Award bars.



*Alan Harper and Karen Kimball
Horseman and Horsewoman of the Year*

2009 Calendar



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



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.

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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., its agents, employees, and officers, from all claims, demands, actions, and causes, and its 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:

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



BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF IDAHO
2009 OUTDOOR SHOW
MARCH 27TH, 28TH, 29TH
NEZPERCE COUNTY FAIRGROUND - LEWISTON IDAHO
HOSTED BY TWIN RIVERS BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

The event will be advertised across Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon, with expected attendance to exceed 2500. Among the various planned activities will be a Photo Contest, Bucket Raffle, Raffles, Demonstration Areas, Horse Training Competitions, Stock Dog Exhibitions, Packing Demos, Forest Service Displays, Dutch Oven Cooking Contest, Dinner and Live Auction Saturday night, Cowboy Poetry, and much, much more.

SHOW / DISPLAY HOURS

Friday 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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.





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NEZPERCE COUNTY FAIRGROUND - LEWISTON IDAHO



**HOSTED BY
TWIN RIVERS
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PHOTO CONTEST

Call for Entries

Share your memories captured in photos for recognition and fun!

Rules:



**CHAIRMAN BY
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BACK COUNTRY
HORSEMEN**

Contest is for Amateurs. **NO Professional photographers please.** (If you get paid for taking photos, you're a professional).

Entries must be **film** or **digital** images, and be in black and white or color. Size - 4" X 6" through 11" X14".

How photos are mounted is the photographer's choice. All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared in the viewfinder. Nothing should be added to an image, and aside from minor dust spots, nothing should be taken away. Cropping and minor adjustments to color and contrast are acceptable.

Photographers are encouraged to enter photos that have **NOT** been previously entered In BCHI State Convention displays.

Submit entries at the REGISTRATION DESK upon arriving at the convention. **NO later than 9 AM, Saturday** for display.

Please attach the below entry form on the back of each entry, which includes the following: Your name, address, phone number, e-mail, location of where photo was taken and names of the people in the photo.

Questions: call Bernie Lionberger 208-772-2964 An independent judge will look at technical quality, composition, originality, and artistic merit.

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED FOR

"People's Choice"- \$30.00, "Best Overall"- \$30.00, and 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Ribbons in each category

Categories are:

"Wintertime with your Horses/Mules" "On the Trail - In Camp"
"Working the Trails" "Nature": Includes wildlife/plants/landscapes

ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, ST, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

LOCATION OF PHOTO: _____

NAMES OF PEOPLE IN PHOTO: _____

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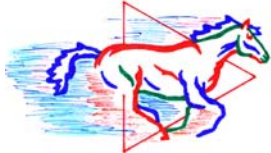


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Access to the Bernard Peak

Hello Fellow Horsemen,

I want to inform the North Idaho Back Country Horsemen of an important issue regarding horseback access to the Bernard Peak, Boy Scout Trail. As you may be aware, the Boy Scout Trail was established years ago as a coordinated effort by the Boy Scouts, Farragut State Park and Idaho Forest Industries. This timber company was instrumental in donating land above the Park to the public in perpetuity for the use of hikers, horseback riders and mountain biking recreationists. However, these rights are soon to be removed due to a proposed development on Stimson Timber land involving 477 homes and a golf course community.

As you may be aware access by horseback to the Boy Scout Trail and also, the state and national lands are NOT permitted by Farragut State Park on the lower trail that originates from the park itself. The lower trail is constructed in such a way to encourage hikers, with stepping stones and the Park management has asked and we (horsemen) have respected this requirement. However, most horsemen for many years **have had and continue to have the** permission to access the trail from the top of Twete Road in Athol. Many horse people park at the top of Twete Road and access it with the permission on the Department of Lands property which continues to this day, to allow horseback riding, hunting, hiking, mountain biking and bow hunting target practice. A person would ride up the road on Idaho Department of Lands, go through the gate at the top, where Stimson Land begins and then, continue onto the Boy Scout Trail or other trails throughout the state and national forests. Indeed, a person can go clear to the Clark Fork if they should so chose. Historically, the Stimson gate has never been posted at any time and the company has had full knowledge of this practice.

However, Stimson Lumber Land (which is bordered on the West by Good Hope Road, the South, from the power line and my ranch (Westwind Ranch) and touches the Department of Lands on their North border.

The Eastern border borders Dept of Lands and also, my ranch. This proposed development involves an out of state developer that is currently seeking a ZONING VARIANCE to cluster homes as such—"cabins" on ¼ acre lots, "estate homes" on 1 acre up to 3 acre lots.

The developer has personally told me that he is considering a "recreational easement" for hiking and mountain biking in the future, but WILL not allow horseback riding and hunting access to the State and National lands above, essentially land locking the public State and National lands and their access from Twete Road.

I want to urge you to go to the upcoming Planning and Zoning Meeting (date to be determined) and make your voice be heard! Please weigh in and preserve this access. The meeting at 451 Government Way, Coeur d' Alene. A spokesman may sign in and ask to speak and encourage them to preserve this vital access to horsemen! Please ask this developer to add horsemen to their proposed recreational easement!

If you cannot attend and wish to join the local opposition of this development, I will be happy to send you a petition by email that you may sign. I am happy to pick up the filled out petitions if you call me.

Thank you for your time, PBCH. I hope that you will give serious attention to the potential loss of this vital access to horsemen and save this important access.

Cindy Oswald

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