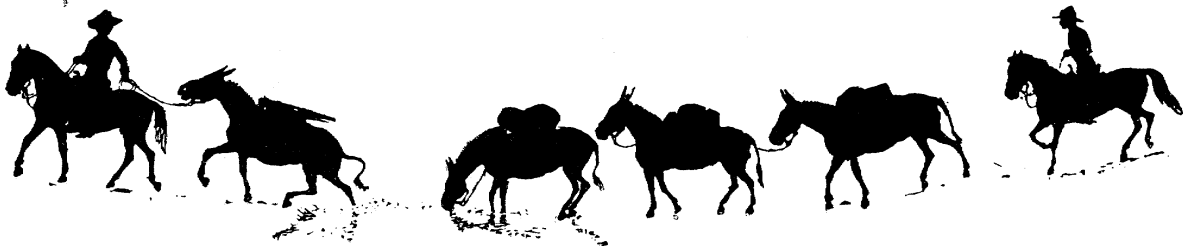


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## On The Calendar This Month

### Club Meetings in September

**September 9th - Board of Directors Meeting -**  
To be held at the Parson's home. 516 North Willson -586-9030 - 7:00 PM

**September 19th - General Membership Meeting -** Alliance Church at 7:00. Our featured speaker will be Dr. Jacy Cook, with a head demonstration on equine dentistry. This should be an outstanding program.

### Club Events in September

**September 8<sup>th</sup> - Windy Pass Ride** -Be ready to ride by 10 AM. This leaves from the Portal Creek parking area. Chick Hale - trail boss call him and tell him you are coming. 763-4105.

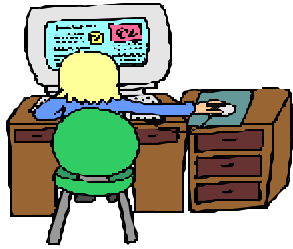
**September 22<sup>nd</sup> - Elk Bugle Ride** at Bacon Rind. Be ready to ride by 10 AM. This is truly one of the most fun rides. If the elk are bugling it is thrilling. Wally Becker will be your trail boss. This will be limited to 15 experienced riders and experienced horses. Call early to reserve your spot! 587-9607.

### Non Club Events in September

**September 21<sup>st</sup> - Belgrade Fall Festival Parade** - begins at 10 AM. Contact Chick Hale for more information.

**September 28<sup>th</sup> - Pony Express Ride** Contact Clinton Brazle - 585-8148 or George Watson 585-5646.

## Membership



### New Members:

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## Why's for the Horse-Wise

Why are there only three ways to get something done around the barn: do it yourself, hire someone, or forbid your kids to do it?

Why is it, when you're the most tired, there are 1,200 pounds of grain to unload?

Why do horse blankets go on sale right after you've bought one at full price?

*Paula Guhin*

## Message from the President

Already there is a lot of talk about bow hunting, and rifle hunting soon follows, so get out your orange vests and keep an eye out for people who are out to enjoy the same outdoors we enjoy. Your horse could be a target!

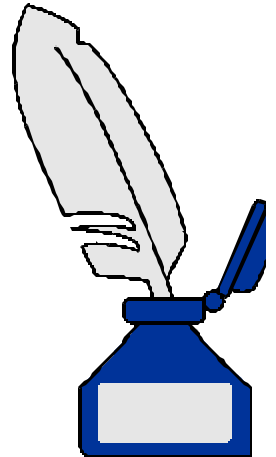
We now have a case of West Nile Virus in Montana. Ask your veterinarian what you should do about your horses. Hopefully we will have an early frost, although where I have been all summer it has frosted almost every night and we still have mosquitoes. It's a hard decision to make whether to vaccinate or not.

Fall can be the best time of the year to ride, with not only the colors but the smells as well appeal to me. It is now or wait until next spring to get in the mountains on horseback. When riding in the mountains I often think of the speaker we had at the State Convention who said BCH had the best of both worlds when we ride horses in the mountains. We all need to count our blessings whenever we get on the old" horse and head for the mountains. You are living like royalty.

We had a perfect day for the Steak Ride held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August at the Spanish Creek trailhead. The steaks were delicious too. Thanks to Harry and his crew for a job well done.

By the time you read this, the Expo will have come and gone. We are looing forward to a successful Expo and say thanks in advance to Linda for all her hard work and efforts, and to all those that volunteered their time. You are appreciated.

Brown



## Bridger Trail Crew

On August 5, seven Bridger trail crew members rode History Rock trail #424 over to South Cottonwood #422 to clear deadfall at the request of the Forest Service. History Rock had been cleared by BCH previously, but already there were three or four new, and major trees down.

At the trail junction (the Fox Creek cabin) we turned south, and cleared almost to where the trail forks. At this point the trail is pretty undefined and difficult to follow. No critters were sighted. We did visit with a couple of Forest Service personnel along the trail. They were counting white bark pine cones and trees. All part of a program to preserve the species of pine which is losing population due to a disease.

Bill Shields

## Trail Clearing

Cherry Creek cabin trail clearing: 8/12, 8/13. Some clearing was done on the way from Ennis Lake to the F. S. cabin. After lunch at the cabin the work crew was then split into 2 groups, 4 members cleared trail 401 from Cherry Creek cabin to jct. 401/408. They then rode out on Tuesday and cleared the south portion of 408 toward Cherry Lake until one riding horse cut his foot in some rocks and it was decided not to proceed further up the trail. Trail 408 is used mostly by elk hunters, and is full of blowdown. The other group of 5 rode the old road both days blazing and building cairns to mark the way. They reached the last ridge before dropping down into Cherry Lake but couldn't complete the project in the two days. Lotsa rocks to move folks.

I think now is the time to applaud the efforts of all the hard working people who worked on the trails this year. As you can tell from reading their reports they really toiled. Thanks to all of you!



## Hyalite Divide Ride

On Sat. Aug 10<sup>th</sup> fourteen members of Donna, Bob, Lori, Read family of 4, Neal, Jack, Sharon, Sammylu, Bettye, Chick and I rode the ride of the year, thanks to Chick. However, we all found that he can lie, even to me, his wife. Chick told us that the drive to Butte Meadows, the trailhead, was 9 miles. It was 12. He also did not tell us of rock on the trail. He said, "If I told you those things you wouldn't have come." Probably. The weather was perfect. We expected it to be cool when we reached the top; it was warm. We expected it to be windy; there was a slight breeze. After negotiating 23, count that, switchbacks before reaching a long open trail in a large cirque which took us up and along the side of the mountain, traveling on rock, we reached the summit. Bob Conti leader at that point reached the top and went, "Oh, wow!" I followed and went, "Oh wow!" From then on, I heard 12 more "Oh Wows!" We were on the divide between Squaw Creek and Hyalite drainages and we had the 180-degree view of the cirque. This seven mile trail was built in the 1930's by the CCC and rebuilt in the 1960's by the FS. We met and spoke with one of the workers who worked with the FS at that time camping at Butte Meadows while restoring the trail. It had been a few years since Wally and Chick had ridden the trail and much erosion had taken place on the old timber road area. There was evidence of rockslides on the upper area of the trail, but we managed plow through.. We had our social gathering after the ride in a beautiful meadow suitable for parking, camping, pasturing and with complete solitude. It was spectacular; a great experience.

Jiffie

The steak ride this year was wonderful. Harry did an outstanding job with all the food. Have you heard about those beans? We don't have an official report from Harry yet, but he fed 40+ people. I also heard that we made a little money. Thanks Harry it was worth coming to.

## Thurs., Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> General Meeting Equine Dentistry

Do you have trouble with your horse fighting the bit? Is he a head tosser? Does he have poor attention? Is he losing weight or putting it on? These and other problems will be discussed at this special meeting. Jacy Cook, DVM will be our speaker. Jacy will talk on advanced equine dentistry, not just floating your horse's teeth. He has made advanced equine dentistry his specialty. He will show his slides and bring a horse's skull for his demonstration. His demo will be about an hour and he will be glad to answer your questions afterward.

Jiffie

## More Why's

Why is it the older you get, the more you feel that actually riding your horse isn't as important as just loving him/her?

Why is one stirrup always 1 inch shorter than the other - no matter how many times you adjust them?

*Paula Guhin, from June 2002, Horse and Rider*

## Big Success for the 2002 Back Country Horsemen & Sportsmen Expo!

This year's Expo was a big hit at the 4 Dot Equestrian Station in Belgrade. We drew over 600 people from all over the state just to come listen to our speakers about packing, colt starting, field dressing, camp cooking, Yellowstone trails, hunter safety and bears at camp. *Animals of Montana* brought a young curious grizzly to show us how clever they can be at finding food improperly stored. Dan Marsh donated his tent that was totally demolished. The bear found dog food and horse pellets in containers and under dirt. He also found saltwater taffy in a shirt pocket and other goodies in a cooking area. After flattening the Phillips Environmental tent, the toilet seat ended up around the bear's neck like he was wearing a collar. After watching what a juvenile bear can do, we can all imagine what it would be like with an adult bear.

This was a big fund raising opportunity for our club. We made money with admissions and our raffle. Many thanks to all our Raffle Sponsors: Linda Roffe for the Montana Silversmith Belt Buckle, Steel Halters, Phillips Environmental Products, Counter Assault, Rich Romano for the Custom Saw and Blade Sharpening, and Rosies All Natural Rewards.

Many thanks to all our Expo Sponsors and Volunteers: 4 Dot Equine, AmeriMont Real Estate, XL Country Radio, Bozeman Chronicle, Counter Assault, Wyoming Outdoor Industries, Animals of Montana, FWP Shooting Center and all our vendors for making this event a fun learning experience.



This bear's name was Adam. He is 2 ½ years old and very

curious. The only treats that he didn't get to were in the hanging box and the bear proof panniers.

### GVBCH August 13, 2002 Board Mtg

Attendance: Margo Doohan, Sammylu Parsons, Sharon Lowry, Aaron Linton, Bettye White, Linda Roffe, Harry Boughton, Chick & Jiffie Hale, Jacki Conti, Jean Griffith, & Joan Holborn.

Treasurers Report by Sammylu accepted as follows:

Checking acct balance	\$1,274.44
Money Market acct, as of 7/31/02	<u>1,911.81</u>
Total Cash	\$ 3,186,25
Bills paid:	
Stamps	\$ 7.40
Big John's (Tolietts/Poker Ride)	104.00
IGA-Food for overnight at Upper Spanish Creek	65.00
<u>Kinkos ( Includes \$39.50 for poker ride)</u>	<u>113.00</u>
Total	\$290,88

### Poker Ride Recap:

Proceeds deposited \$1662.80

Expenses that are currently in:

Publicity-Kinkos	\$50.00 +39.50 = \$ 89.50
Gallatin Meat for barbecue	220.90
Food/Supplies-Barbecue	374.58
Food/Supplies-Breakfast	91.06
Potty-John	<u>104.00</u>
Expense Total	\$880.04
Proceeds	\$1662.80
Left Overs sale	<u>+38.39</u>
Income Total	\$1701.19
Less expenses	<u>- 880.04</u>
Poker Ride Profit	\$821.15

Correspondence: Margo reports she rec'd some very nice thank-you's from the poker ride participants.

The Saddle and Harness club has a Ride Smart program developed by their member, Shelly?, who would be a good potential speaker.

Issues: Chick expressed his emotion and frustration over the continuing saga of the missing club banner. Agreed by all it needs to be addressed. Aaron volunteered to price a replacement and further discussion at a general mtg to vote on.

There is a need to form a nominating committee to bring candidates by October for voting on November ballots.

Thanks from all in attendance to Sammylu for the home-baked delicious brownies, esp. from Chick who ate the most!

### GVBCH 8/15/02 General Mtg Minutes:

Attendance: Margo Doohan, Sharon Lowry, Beth Merrick, Aaron Linton, Linda Roffe, Chick & Jiffie Hale, Rich Inman, Sammylu Parsons, Kay Tate, Tom & Jean Griffith, Ron Rassley Sonja Berg, Joyce Haner, Wally Becker, Henny? Harry Boughton, & Joan Holborn.

Treasurers report un-changed from the 13<sup>th</sup>

Meeting brought to order by Margo

Floor turned over to Linda to review up-coming sportsmen expo .Discussion resulted in setting price for raffle tickets at \$2.00 each, or 3 for \$5.00. Volunteers will receive free admission and need name tags issued by Linda. Set-up to be Friday nite at 5pm. Take down at 6:30 pm Sat. The club tent will be set-up for displaying club activities & videos.

Issues: Aaron brought from Signs and Designs a sample of material and color for new club banner including estimates for members to discuss. Beth's 1<sup>st</sup> Motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon to have banner made of the material and color presented with white lettering arched at the top, silhouette of grey horses below with year club est. at bottom. A unanimous voice vote in favor followed. Further discussion ensued resulting in a 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion by Beth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kay to have banner as described in 1<sup>st</sup> Motion and to add dowel rod pocket at the top and give Aaron final authority to approve final design with all above perimeters and a \$150.00 ceiling cost. A unanimous voice vote in favor followed.

Thanks to Joyce and Dennis Haner for hosting the club's potluck at their residence.

Thanks to Beth for sharing her rough edited video from the multiple users etiquette at Spanish Creek trail head, the shots are full of spectacular scenery and the actors looked great, can't wait to see the voice over version.  
Respectfully submitted by Joan Holborn, Secretary