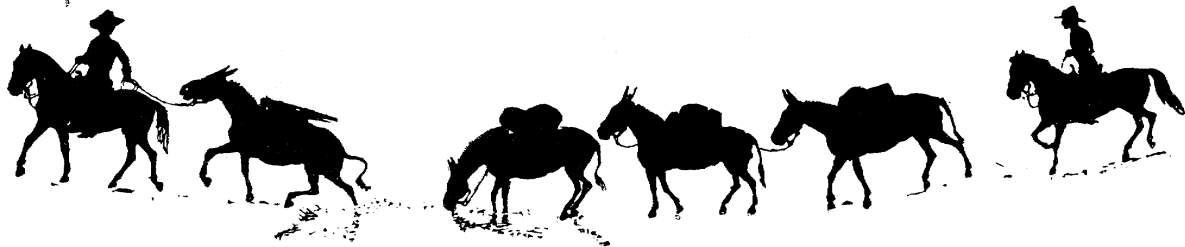


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Meetings

Director's meeting

Note the date change to

Thursday, April 10th @ 7pm

At

Sharon Lowry's

160 Lake Rd.

587-4013

General meeting

Thursday, April 17th @ 7pm

@ Belgrade Alliance

Church

Cameron & Hoffman

Program

Update on GNFT Travel Mgmt

Plan

By

Kimberly Schlenker, FS

and

Poker Ride Update

Events

April 5th & 6th GV Saddle Club Horsemanship clinic

Sat., April 12th
Red Bluff Ride, 10am
Trail boss-Kay Tate 587-2758

Sun., April 27th
Copper City Ride, 10am
Trail boss-

Bonnie Hammer 284-6822
Bonnie says, "Horses need to be shod as the ride is VERY rocky in several places. If the ground is really wet, i.e., rain or fresh snow the day before, the ride will be cancelled, as there is no parking when ground is wet. It is 'GUMBO'! Meet at Three Fork's Wheat Montana Bread parking lot. If possible, try to find a ride with a friend. Or, when we meet at Wheat Montana we will try to car pool to ride site. There

is very limited parking space.
Ride is about 5 miles long.”

We welcome new members.

Please add to your roster

Barbara Marsell
7979 Chapman Rd
Bozeman MT 59718-6740
406-586-4900

John and Joellyn Howell
7203 Round Mountain Rd
Belgrade MT 59714
406-388-4493

GV Saddle Club is sponsoring a horsemen clinic April 5th & 6th at the fairgrounds. April 5th from 8-11am will be Pete Melniker. April 6th from 11:30am – 2:30pm will be Pat Severence. You must pre-register. Call Carrie Hotzel 587-9305.

Packing clinic

Jehnet Carlson announces that there will be a 3 phase packing clinic June 16th thru the 22nd given by Steve Edwards. Friday night is free. For more info call Jehnet 388-7463 or her web site www.muleranch.com or <http://www.djbarranch.com.htm>

Head for the Hills

Poker Ride

May 31st

This ride will be held at the Green Ranch, 8 mi North of Logan in the Horseshoe Hills. The ride is approx. 12mi along a marked trail. Riders leave between 9-11am at your own speed. Admission is \$15 and kids under 12 are free (accompanied by parent or guardian). 50% of ride fees are jackpotted and split between the best 5 hands (35%-first, 25%-second, 20%-third, 10%-fourth, 10%-fifth). A Bar-b-que begins at 5pm. For more information call Pat Green 285-6949

Horrible thought for the day

As income tax time approaches, did you notice that when you put these two words together, “the” and “IRS” that it spells “theirs?”

Announcement from Kay Tate

Each Saturday in the month of April ‘The Ten Mile Drivers’ will host clinics in Helena covering spook proofing and all stages of driving. For more information you may contact Andy Ayers 442-5707 or email pintopal@imine.net

Confused? When will you receive your NL?

As I announced at our general meeting your newsletter will be arriving before, on, about or when I get it to you, but close to the first of the month. Besides having a bad memory, I get confused and I don’t even know what day today is. Trying to figure which month for which meeting is beyond my mental capacity and besides I think the brain shrinks



with age. Since I never know what day this day is, but that I usually go to church on Sunday, I solve that problem by just knowing the Sunday paper is thicker. Eventually, I guess you dear members will have to inform me that the first of the month is near and do I have the NL ready? At this moment, I am having amnesia and deja-vu at the same time. I think I’ve forgotten this before!
Jiffie

Clinton Anderson clinic

There will be a Clinton Anderson Clinic at the Gallatin River Ranch in August. Clinton is the “Downunder” horseman and trainer living in Illinois. He is very well known and this clinic was filled months in advance. However, you may be able to audit. If you have dish satellite and carry the larger package you will find him on channel 9409, the RFDTV channel. More info will be available at a later date. His web site is www.clintonanderson.net

These two articles are written by our youngest members

My Best Friend

I've been riding my horse, Scamper, since I was 3 years old. I've had other horses, too. I have been team-penning, roping, barrel racing (where I won a head stall that was very expensive that my Mom wanted), pole bending, and 4-H. I've learned most about horses through 4-H. I belong to the AQHA riding program and I've ridden over 1000 hours on my horse. I've earned a buckle and some conchos for keeping track of my riding hours.

The last 4-H workshop we had, we rode with a famous horse trainer called Mr. Jeff Griffith over three days. He helped me get along with my horse better. My horse and I learned how to respect each other. I learned how to get my horse to step up to the fence so I can get on easier. I also learned how to stop better and go through a gate. I backed over a bridge. This took the most time and I needed the most help. I had to back over the bridge 12 times before I could do it well. Now, she doesn't pin her ears back so much with other horses. We have come a long way.

Recently, when my dad and I went roping, I caught my first calf. It was so exciting I forgot to stop my horse. Everyone was cheering for me. When I got home, I brushed my horse for two hours and gave her extra grain. Thanks to Mr. Jeff Griffith my horse and I learned how to work with each other. We are best friends now. If you don't have any friends, your horse is the best friend you can have.

By Brandon Read, age 12

We are Buddies

Molly Montana is my horse. We get along very well. She won't go very well for any other people but me. I barrel race and pole bend with her. Molly is 13 years old. I am 10. We go everywhere together. My brother thinks she is old. I don't think so.

We went to the summer fair. I rode English and Western. I got first place in bareback equitation. I was so proud I brushed her for a long time. I don't like the first part of spring because the horse sheds. I won two belt buckles in SMBRA barrel racing and pole bending.

I've learned how to side pass and turn better. I'm learning how to stop better. My favorite thing to do is ride English. Molly thinks she's half-human. When we go trail riding I give her my snacks. She loves sunflower seeds! Whenever she hears dad reaching in his pocket, she trots up and sticks her nose by his hand. She won't give up until she gets some.

She is the second fastest horse we have. My mom's horse is the fastest. I made my Grampa a bet if I could get on my horse bareback with no stool or help. It was easy. All I had to do was put her head down and let her eat the green grass. Then jump on her neck and she helps me get on by lifting her head up. My Grampa had to do dishes. He was amazed. My horse is my buddy and I'm her buddy.

Jessica Read, age 10

Editor's note: These two kids are our youngest BCH members and they are our future. And to their wonderful parents who have raised and devoted their time to them. We are proud of you all and hold you in high esteem Jessica and Brandon are now published authors. Copies of this newsletter will be given to their teachers for credit.

Update on West Nile Virus Infection

By Jim Gould, Picket Line reporter

The March general meeting of GVBCB was given an excellent comprehensive update on this infection by Shannon Moreaux, DVM, of Equine Veterinary Associates, the equine-only, all services and surgery practice in Belgrade.

No cases of the potentially deadly infection were reported in Montana before August of last year, but from then until November, 134 cases were reported in the state (none in Gallatin county so far), with 38 horses (30%) dying from the brain and nervous system (encephalitic) infection. Dr. Moreaux told us that epidemiologists suspect that those reported cases may only be the "tip of the iceberg" of as many as three or four thousand unreported cases in the state.

The virus, carried by birds bitten by mosquitoes and capable of infecting any mammals, including dogs, cats—even humans (though this has not been a notable clinical problem)—has moved westward from Europe, to the East coast and across the country. Infected horses are so-called "dead-end" hosts of the infection, which means they are not contagious to other horses, animals or people. Only carrier mosquitoes are capable of infecting. A warning sign that the virus is in your area would be noticeable dead birds.

Early diagnosis and supportive therapy in horses are essential. First clinical signs to look for in your horses are abnormal head movement or pressing, muzzle-twitching, difficulty in swallowing, and as the infection progresses, weakness or paralysis of the hindquarters. There's no specific treatment for the viral infection, but with early supportive care horses can recover without apparent aftereffect.

Because mosquitoes are the carrier culprits, all measures to control them in your fields, pastures and barns are paramount: remove or spray any still water, use repellents regularly on your horses, spray walls and aisles of barns, and keep weeds and grass trimmed in confined areas where horses are kept. Dr. Moreaux has had good protection on his own horses from 'Spot-On' topical oil repellent, but any of the common insect repellents, including citronella sprays, that contain pyrethrins (look on the labels) will ward off mosquitoes. Regular cleaning of water tanks is in order, and Goldfish kept in tanks will eat mosquitoes and their larvae.

A vaccine against West Nile Virus infection—offered only by Fort Dodge at present—has now been FDA approved and is apparently offering complete protection against the virus with minimal or no adverse effects, no more than any of the other regular vaccinations used in horses. Because newborns do not reliably vaccinate well with any vaccines, it is especially critical to vaccinate mares in-foal in order to confer antibodies in their foals at birth. The vaccination is also more important in older horses, which have been found to have greater morbidity and mortality from the illness.

In general at least two vaccinations are required annually, accordingly:

- a) Performance and pleasure horses: Primary series (two vaccinations, 4 weeks apart), then bi-annually (April and July).
- b) Foals and weanlings from *non*-vaccinated mares: First dose at 3-4 months, second dose at 4-5 months, third at 5-6 months, then bi-annually.
- c) Foals and weanlings from previously vaccinated mares: First dose at 6 months, second at 7 months, third at 8 months, then bi-annually.
- d) Yearlings: Primary series (two doses, 4 weeks apart), then bi-annually.
- e) Broodmares: Primary series, then bi-annually and 4-6 weeks postpartum.

Recipe of the month

Bettye White's Banana Bread

Bettye says, "This recipe hand written in 'Household Searchlight Recipe Book,' copyright 1934.

2c. flour

1 egg

3 bananas

2 t. vanilla

¼ c butter or Crisco

scant cup of sugar

salt

3 T milk with 1 T soda dissolved in it

Mix egg, butter, vanilla, sugar. Add bananas and beat well. Add flour, salt and milk. Beat.

Bake 375, 1 hour in bread pan.

I once put instant coffee in the microwave and went back in time.

GVBCH GENERAL MTG MARCH 20,2003

ATTENDANCE: Brown & Sammylu Parsons, Bettye White, Bonnie Hammer, Sharon Lowry, Ron Rassley, Aaron Linton, Harry Boughton, Chick & Jiffie Hale, Tom & Jean Griffith, Kay Tate, Joyce Haner, Sonja Berg, Dave, Lisa, Jessica & Brandon Read, Wally Becker, Ed Long, Linda Roffe, Rich Inman, Beth Merrick, Jose & Janet Castro, Bill Shields, Jim Gould, Bob Steinmann, John Lotsberry(sp?), Tom Schraber(sp?), Joclyn Howel, Guests Jerry & Cindy Maurin(sp?), Guest speaker Shannon Moreaux DVM, & Joan Holborn.

Treasurer's report from Bettye accepted as follows:

Balance on 3-06-03	\$ 1,443.34
Dues deposit	76.00
Petty Cash	35.00
Money Market	1,923.36
Total	3,477.70

ISSUES: Chick reports update on using adjudicated citizens for trail work. Upon discussion with insurance agent, the club policy does not cover liability that the county wants.

POKER RIDE –Chairpersons, Sharon & Beth would like each member to either donate a gift or get one donated. Need ideas? Call and they will be glad to give you some.

Motion by Beth to put xmas party location to vote. Majority of hands would like to have party at location that will prepare the meal and accommodate the growing club attendance.

Constitutional changes penned by Rich will appear in the next newsletter & be brought to vote at the next general mtg.

Thanks to the Trail etiquette performers; Bonnie, Beth & Sharon

Thanks to Harry for an interesting -Leave no trace- educational tidbit.

Thanks to Joyce for refreshments

Thanks to Shannon Moreaux, DVM from Equine Veterinary Assoc. for an insightful talk on West Nile Virus. He advises anyone interested in learning more on the subject may attend a presentation by Fort Dodge at the Holiday Inn, April 3.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Holborn, Secretary.

God Created the Horse

On the first day of creation, God created the Horse.

On the second day, God created Man to serve the Horse.

On the third day, God created all the animals of the earth to spook the Horse, when Man was upon his back.

On the fourth day, God created an honest day's work, so that man could labor to pay for the keeping of the horse.

On the fifth day, God created the grasses in the field, so that Horse could eat and man could toil and clean up after the Horse.

On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the Horse healthy and Man broke.

On the seventh day, God rested and said, "This is good. This will teach Man humility, it will tire him out and keep him striving ever forward to meet the needs of the Horse."

Submitted by Kay Tate

Hay for sale

Bettye White 586-2301

**1st & 2nd cutting straight alfalfa
\$80ton**

**1st & 2nd cutting ½ & ½ alfalfa/grass
\$75ton**

**Each bale approx 85-90#. Hay has
been covered, no mold. Beautiful
hay.**

Horse for sale

Rich Inman 388-1564

**Her name is "Snickers" and she is a
coming 5 year old quarter horse
(Overo) standing 15hh+/- at about
1100lbs. Dark bay with black mane
and tail and one rear white sock.
She has good feet, is an easy
keeper and well trained with a good
disposition. She has been started
up in the mountains and she packs.
It is suggested that she would make
a good woman's horse. Asking
\$2000.**

Horse for sale

Jehnet Carlson 388-7463

**Reg. Tennessee Walking Horse, 19
yrs. Mare is in foal to General and
due to foal in April. \$2500 for a
chance to own and raise your own
gaited horse.**

Tractor for sale

Jehnet Carlson 388-7463

**Farm All 400 tractor. Rebuilt engine.
Large bucket, wide front wheel base.
\$3000 or trade for smaller tractor.**

Standing at stud

DJ Bar Ranch 2 mammoth jacks...

General 15.2 hands

Max should mature to 14 hands

Jehnet Carlson 388-7463

*I have a map of the United States, life size,
1 mile equals 1 mile. It's a bitch to fold it.*

Karen is a winner!

*As of this moment, the US Olympic team is
pursuing **Karen Watson**. She was the winner of
her age class in the downhill slalom ski race at
Bridger Bowl in March. She would not divulge
the age class.*

***Jim Nelson** has had some serious problems
resulting from his knee replacement on March
14th. He came home, but had to go back for
another operation on the 22nd, came home
again and was back for another operation on the
26th. This is all due to a bleeding problem from
a medication given to him, which is now under
control. As of this date he still remains in the
hospital due to come home in a few days.*

Have you checked our web site recently?

*If you have not as yet checked our web page,
you are missing an exciting site. Dan and
others have done a superb job in this endeavor.
You can peruse old issues along with*

interesting items. Check it out and tell Dan what a great job he has done. The site is on our front page of this NL www.bchmt.org

The mood ring

Chick bought me a mood ring the other day. You know, the ones that change color to reflect mood changes? When I'm in a good mood it turns green. When I'm in a bad mood, it leaves a red mark on his forehead!