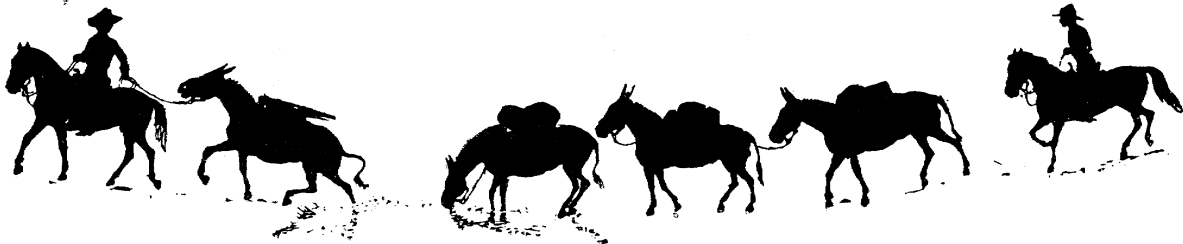


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FEBRUARY 2003

**MARK YOUR PERSONAL CALENDAR
FOR THESE MEETING DATES**

**AND
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH 6:00 pm General Meeting Belgrade Alliance Church.

This will be a **wild game potluck supper**. Do not forget to bring your casserole and your eating utensils.

Program: Horse Feeding, presented by Sandy Gagnon. AND to add to the fun there will be a mini 5 min. program on "Educational Etiquette" and Harry Boughton's "Light on the Land."

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH 7pm Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting will be held at Sharon Lowrey's, 160 Lake Rd. 587-4013.

Note: There has been a change of **DAY** for director's meeting to the first Wednesday of the month.

Reminder – It is the responsibility of each director to notify the president if you are unable to attend and to get a proxy to stand in for you.

LAST CHANCE--DUES ARE DUE

Please be sure to get your dues paid before FEBRUARY 28th

We don't want this to be your last issue.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Due to our president, Brown, being away during the Christmas holiday and in January moving to a new location, we will hopefully receive his message in the next month's Picket Post. Good luck in your new home.

CONVENTION

Brown Parsons @586-9030 has the registration forms for the BCH Convention in Hamilton. Call him for info and forms.

DO IT NOW. The price goes up March 1st

PICKET POST STAFF

Many thanks go to our staff of volunteers in getting together the January newsletter. Our reporter, Jim Gould, did a superb job reporting on our Christmas party. Furthermore, both he and Brenda Kessler helped Bettye collate, fold, stamp and get them to the P.O. with Sharon preparing the labels. Dan had his first try in electronically sending the NL to Kinkos. Some errors occurred in this new process and Dan expects to discuss this with them. Dan also stuck to plain paper due to the vast difference in price from the heavier buff type which saves the club a considerable amount of money, about \$20 monthly. The staff is looking for more volunteers. Please call Bettye @586-2301 or Jiffie @763-4105.

PLEASE COPY DATES

Last month's meeting was important--- the schedule for the year. However, in speaking with some members that day, I found they had not realized the meeting was that night. Bettye and I got on the horn and Sharon sent an email notice. Therefore, with all due respect, may I suggest that members mark their personal calendar for those special meetings when you receive your NL. Thankfully, the meeting that night was well represented. Good going, folks.

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HELPFUL HINT FOR NL

Dan and I would appreciate your help in sending information to us by sending w/attachment. That is, when you send from Word, go under File/Send To and choose the option: Mail Recipient w/attachment. We can receive info from your email, also. Sometimes items just get to us via a new language.

Photo Contest for BCH convention

Categories:

Candid camera

BCH @ work

Scenic views, i.e., wildlife/domestic animals

Our club may submit 2-5x7 photos in each category. **Bring your pictures to the**

February meeting to be judged by our club to determine the official entries.

My First Riding Experience By Jim Nelson

In 1946 my grandfather was still farming with horses in Indiana. I'm not sure exactly what breed they were, but to my five-year-old perspective, they were enormous. Prince was black with a white blaze and three white stockings. Flossie was a bay, blind in one eye. During visits to the farm, we would sometimes be allowed to ride Flossie but never Prince. Prince had a reputation for biting, and was otherwise not to be trusted with little kids.

Grandpa had a high, white board fence around the barnyard. Someone would lead Flossie alongside the fence, and we would climb onto her back by standing on the top rail. She put up with a lot. One time we had seven cousins on her simultaneously! I well remember being up so high on her broad warm back, and feeling the power in her strides. I felt like a knight of the round table and a cowboy all at the same time. That is when I began to love horses.

She never ran, tossed her head or bucked, but I did witness one time when she demonstrated her displeasure. My brother, Larry and I were the only two with her at the time. I led her alongside the fence for my brother to mount, but she wouldn't get close enough. Larry, being two years older and therefore able to manage any situation, began whacking on her side to move her over. She bent her big head down to look at him with her good eye, lifted one massive hoof, and gently placed it on my brother's foot. It was spring, and the barnyard was soft and muddy, so his foot wasn't injured only pressed into the mud. No amount of hollering, thumping or crying could induce her to move. I ran to the farmhouse to get Grandpa's help, and he led her off with no resistance. My brother would never have anything else to do with horses after that. He still won't.

Sometimes I would be allowed to ride with Grandpa while he was mowing hay

or spreading manure. One time he let me ride on Prince while we were mowing. I'm not sure how long I rode, but I went to sleep between the two, brass horns that extended from the horse collar. That was the happiest that I had ever been up to that time.

Grandpa put hay up into the barn with horsepower. Hay hooks that would hold four bales were attached to a long rope through a pulley system. The other end of the rope was attached to Prince. He would pull the bales up to one of my uncles waiting in the haymow. Prince would move forward, stop and back up with voice commands. Grandpa let me ride him during this work, and I thought I was in command. It wasn't until years later that I realized that I wasn't.

Grandpa bought a tractor in nineteen fifty-one. He sold his horses, but I will always have fond memories of those times.

*Jim is our contributing member this month
and our new director*

Winter/spring is that time of year to bring in your harness and tack and clean it up. Five suggested steps:

1. Assemble all the things you will need., i.e., vacuum, rags, soft brush, Murphy's oil soap, leather new or glycerin.
2. Remove all mud.
3. Either suck up, brush off or blow away dust and loose dirt.
4. Clean with Murphy's and dry.
5. Apply leather new or glycerin. Now was that tough? It is always nice if you can take everything apart before beginning, but that means you have to be able to put it back together again.

Submitted by Kay Tate

A Young boy had just returned home from a week at a dude ranch and was excitedly describing his week to his Mom.

"I even saw the man who makes the horse," he exclaimed.

"Are you sure?" his mother asked.

"Yeah," he replied, "he was almost finished when I saw him. He was just nailing on the feet."

Submitted by Bonnie Hammer

GVBCH January 7, 2003 Board Mtg

Attendance: Brown & Sammylu Parsons, Bettye White, Sharon Lowry, Bonnie Hammer, Margo Doohan, Rich Inman, Ron Rassley, Chick & Jiffie Hale Joyce Haner, Jim Nelson, Linda Roffe, & Joan Holborn.

Treasurer's report from Sammylu accepted as follows:

Checking Acct Balance:	...	\$2,046.41
Includes deposit of \$538.00 collected for xmas dinners		
<u>Money Market Acct. as of 11/29/02</u>		<u>\$1,919.30</u>
	Total Cash	\$3,965.71

Bills paid since last report:

Sharon Lowry-Postage for newsletter	\$ 148.00
Sammylu Parsons-reimbursement of Nov. mtg refreshments	16.19
Korner Kafe-45 xmas dinners + tips	607.50
Linda Roffe-Mileage & meal at Dec State Board Mtg	109.38
Kinko-Nov	59.27
Checking adjustment for new check order	27.75
Bozeman Trophy (trophy engraving)	10.00
<u>Kinko -Dec.</u>	<u>48.78</u>
Total Expenses	\$1,026.87

Issues: Chick reports skiing is lousy.

Post Office Key will be given to Bettye as she takes on position as treasurer.

State Board Mtg- Linda attended in Dec. at Smoke Elser's home. She reports the State convention in March at Hamilton. Each club is required to donate one or more items for the raffle, contact is Earl Philips.

Expo will be in Helena May 17 & 18, 2003. State wants to have expo in Bozeman 2004.

Motion made by Brown to adopt state allowance for mileage reimbursement for mandatory travel by delegates at rate of .28cts/car & .48cts/truck w/ trailer, 2nd by Sharon and passed by unanimous voice.

State Convention: Members planning to attend are, Brown & Sammylu, Linda, Harry, Rich, Ron, Kay & Bettye.

Motion by Sharon to have registration paid to club prior to convention with reimbursement after will help ensure representation. 2nd by Rich, motion carried by all.

Brown brought concern if possible to change board mtg to Wednesday evening to accommodate attendance for Beth. No conflicts among those present, motion 2nd by Jim and carried by all. Sharon has offered her residence for next mtg if necessary.

Newsletter: Jiffie reports Dan is putting newsletter on website. If you send an article to Jiffie or Dan please send it by email with article as attachment if possible, many thanks.

Ron would like newsletter to come out after board mtg and before general mtg., discussion ensued about logistics.

Many thanks to Rich and Sammylu for providing refreshments.

Remainder of meeting members broke into 3 groups to plan the coming year activities.

Missing: 1 round card table, last seen at Expo, contact Beth with any information.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Holborn, Secretary

GVBCH GENERAL MTG MINUTES January 16, 2003

Attendance: Brown & Sammylu Parsons, Bettye White, Sharon Lowry, Bonnie Hammer, Ron Rassley, Rich Inman, Jim Nelson, Harry Boughton, Chick & Jiffie Hale, Wally Becker, Joyce Haner, Sonja Berg, Kay Tate, Beth Merrick, Jean Griffith, Reggie Clark, Marianne Meyer, David Read, Brian McNeil from the forest service, Guests, Janet Jarrett of Livingston, formally from CA BCH, Don Regal, & Joan Holborn.

December minutes approved.

Treasurer's report by Bettye accepted as follows:

Checking Acct:	\$1086.41
<u>Money Market Acct:</u>	<u>1920.89</u>
Total	\$3007.30
Bills Paid: State Dues	\$960.00

Correspondence: Ron rec'd convention raffle tickets for sale to members. 1st prize are 2 tickets to National Final Rodeo in Las Vegas, 2nd prize is a custom western hat valued at \$450.00 from Double H Hat Co. 3rd prize is a weekend getaway at Deer Crossing B&B, dinner at the Homestead and a float trip guided by Fred Weisbecker.

State Convention in Hamilton is March 28-30. Photo contest has 4 categories. Hand delivered entries will be accepted Friday night at the convention. Contact Brown.

Convention cost was brought to discussion by Beth, a motion to send a resolution before the state to reduce # of voting delegates from each club from 8-4 to reduce expense for clubs was 2nd by Sonja, hand counted vote, motion defeated. A motion by request of Harry to direct our state delegates to address state to find ways to reduce cost of delegates attending state convention, 2nd by Brown, passed by unanimous voice vote.

Silent auction donation, Sharon suggested donating a pottery piece given to the club be sent to state convention, all agreed.

December State Board Meeting: Harry reports a vet book will be coming to clubs on equine 1st aid to be available possibly by March.

Resolutions: Harry reminds the club that any resolution for the convention is due by Feb. 1st, contact Harry, Linda, or Brown.

Rendezvous will be May 17 & 18 in Helena, Harry will be working on leave no trace.

Weed free hay, Harry informs us that any questions may be directed to 1-406-444-7819 for valid answers.

Club Banner-Margo found the old banner safely packed in the club coffee pot.

Future Board meetings will be held on the 1st Wednesday of the month, starting February 5th at Sharon Lowry's home.

Respectively submitted, Joan Hollborn, Secretary

GV BCH Board Mtg. February 5, 2003

Attendance: Brown & Sammylu Parsons, Chick & Jiffie Hale(proxy for Bettye), Aaron Linton, Bonnie Hammer, Sharon Lowry, Rich Inman, Ron Rassley, Jim Nelson, Joyce Haner, Sonja Berg, Linda Roffe, Beth Merrick, & Joan Holborn.

Treasurers Report accepted as follows:

1/16/03 Checking Acct Balance:	\$1086.41	
1/21&23/03 Deposits from dues:	282.00	
Money Market Acct:	1920.89	
Petty Cash Acct:	<u>35.00</u>	
	Total Revenue:	\$3324.30
		Less Bills Paid:
Harry Boughton –State Mileage \$82-\$22.00 for dues=	60.00	
Kinkos-Jan. Newsletter	31.90	
Petty Cash	35.00	
<u>USPO- Stamps</u>	<u>43.29</u>	
	Total Expense:	-\$170.19
	Acct.Balance:	\$3154.11

Expo Question-Linda raises question to board about club interest in participating in Expo May 17th & 18th in Helena, discussion followed with Brown suggesting to wait for more information before committing.

Trail Maintenance: Chick is beating the bushes. Chick has contacted Theresa Flannigan at the Law & Justice Center to determine if citizens assigned to community service could be used to assist in trail maintenance. Discussion followed and Chick distributed information from the county. Brown and Chick will contact our insurance provider and report back to the board. Beth has volunteered to chaperone.

GET OUT your calendar and a pencil for this year's coming events-you won't want to miss the fun and learning coming this year.

State Convention Photo Contest-bring your pictures to the next meeting, GET DIGGING.

Many thanks to Bonnie, Sharon, & Annmarie(my daughter) for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Holborn, Secretary



Last year with 2
ski dates set up, a
total of 1 person
showed. If anyone
is willing to line
up some skiers for
a day, I would
like to join them.
Chick

GVBCH VIDEOS

17 tapes are stored @ Kay Tate's for weather protection

If you want to check one out call Kay @587-2758

C.1 Horse Sense, A guide to minimum impact horse packing (66min)

C.2 as above

A Guide to Low Impact Camping---Family camping Series (54 min) Learn to Camp in Comfort, While Preserving Our Wilderness. A gift from Bill Brewster.

"Ghost Riders Leave No Trace" presented by Banff Nat. Park (35min)

Mountain Manners – Backcountry Horsemen of Idaho (12 min)

C.1 Bear Pepper Spray – Bear Encounter Series

C.2 as above

Welcome Home Wild One – (20min) BLM wild horses

From Foundation to Finished – Wil Howe training program (23min)

These Few Acres – SCS – managing small acreages

C.1 Perceptions of Wilderness Planning, Dennis Dailey, Apr.'00

C.2 as above

GVBCH BZN Convention '97, Homer Shanholtz CRBCH

BCH Promo Video (unedited)

GVBCH Trail Manners Tape 2002

GVBCH Trail Cleaning and Poker Ride '93

Virginia City, The Rise and Fall of Frontier Justice (30min)

Quick and easy microwave GRANOLA

Using a microwaveable deep dish or square dish 9" or thereabouts, mix these 6 ingredients:

2 cups regular oats

½ cup wheat germ

1 cup chop pecans

1 cup slice almonds

¼ cup flour

1 Tablespoon cinnamon

Add evenly on top 3 tablespoons water, ½ cup canola oil and microwave 4 minutes. Stir thoroughly. Add 1 cup raisins and 1 cup of white raisins and stir again. Microwave this again for 3 minutes. You will have many ways to enjoy this other than as cereal and milk. Try it on top of applesauce, ice cream, etc.

Do you have a simple recipe that you would like to share? Send it to me to share with members.

The man called in sick today because his wife is going to have a baby. The next day they asked him if it was a boy or girl and he told them they will have to wait 9 months.

Helmets For Safety

Your editor has received a lengthy and informative letter from Sonja Berg extolling the attributes of helmets when riding our horses. She makes the suggestion that BCH members consider the purchase of this safety item. Sonja further requests the club add a statement to the liability release that the use of a safety helmet is recommended. Her thinking is that it fits in with our trail clearing projects with the Forest Service where a hard hat is required. She quotes from Sandy Gagnon from MSU, "...MSU has put out an administrative edict on helmets in their program." Sonja assumes this edict will carry through to 4-H.

Sonja further states that since wearing her helmet, she has experienced incidents where her helmet "may have saved my life." She has found her helmet to be comfortable, warm, yet cool in the summer. She ends her letter by saying, "Wear a helmet, be safe and have a great 2003 riding year."

Ed note: Montana does not have a law regarding the use of helmets while riding a motorcycle and lives have been lost or maimed. Yet, we do have a law regarding seat belts where lives have been saved. Is there a correlation between these three riding methods?

Note:

Your editor and staff will be only too happy to receive further items of interest relevant to our club and related activities. We will accept hand written articles or if you wish to be interviewed, please contact me. Jiffie Hale



HAY FOR SALE

Bettye White @586-2301

**1st & 2nd cutting straight alfalfa \$80/ton
1st & 2nd cutting ½ & ½ alfalfa/grass \$75/ton
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.

We end this month's newsletter with words of wisdom from Rich Inman:

How beautiful from on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news who proclaim peace and who bring good tidings,

Issiah 52:7

At the last board meeting we discussed the treatment of each other professionally, respecting each other's views and uniting together to enjoy the fellowship of our Backcountry Horsemen.

**A Heartfelt Thanks to these businesses and
Individuals that supported our Gallatin Valley
"2002" Poker Ride. Please support them!**

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