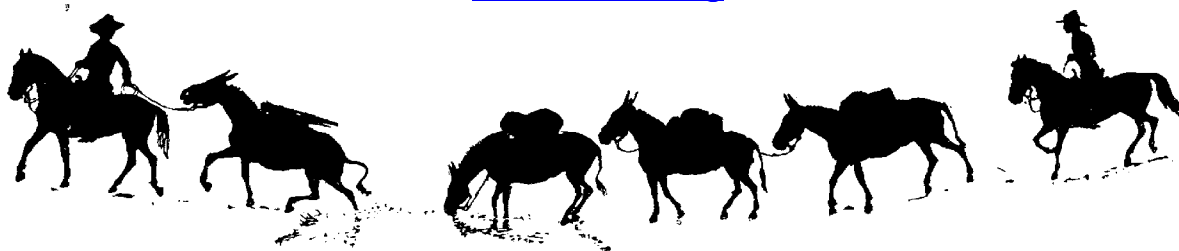


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## Meetings

### Director's meeting

**Wednesday June 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

Sharon Lowry's  
160 Lake Rd.  
587-4013  
Members are welcome

### GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

Belgrade Alliance Church  
Cameron and Hoffman

### Program

Horse Liability  
And  
Litigation  
Presented by  
Bonnie Morgan

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Poker Ride Update

## Events

**Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**National Trails Day**  
See information on page 3

**Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Elk Calf Ride 10 am.**  
**@ Taylor Fork**  
This ride is weather dependent  
You must call first  
Trail Boss: Rich Inman  
388-1564

**June 16<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**People and Mule Clinic**  
See enclosed flyer

**June 17<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Pack in, pack out to Fox  
Creek Cabin for Montana  
Conservation Corp.**  
See information on page3

**June 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Spanish Creek Lower Trail  
Clearing**  
See information on page 3

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President's letter

Our yearly Poker Ride is just two months away and a lot of preparation work has already been completed. We still need some volunteers. Please contact Beth or Sharon if you can help. Because our treasury is getting pretty low, we should try to make this Poker Ride a financial success. You can help by inviting your friends and neighbors to go on the ride. They will get an enjoyable ride out of it and we could make a profit to build up our treasury. So, if you know anyone who rides, encourage them to come to our Poker Ride at Bridger Bowl on July 12<sup>th</sup>. We have good prizes, good food and a beautiful place to ride that is not open to public riding. There are still a lot of people who do not know about our Poker Ride, so get the word out and bring them to Bridger Bowl.

Brown

Hay for sale

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> cutting straight alfalfa \$80/ton  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> cutting 1/2-1/2 alfalfa/grass \$75/ton  
Each bale approx 85-90#. Hay has been covered,  
no mold. Beautiful hay.

Bettye White 586-2301

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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.

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Also: 2 new canvas horse blankets, brown lined .Med & Lg \$40/OBO

Rich Inman 388-1564

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

Jehnet Carlson 388-746

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***If you always do  
What you have always done,  
You will always get  
What you've always got!***

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**Letter from Bruce Ward of the Continental Divide Trail Organization**

For the third year in a row Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and his wife, Linda, are inviting key individuals to participate on the Continental Divide Trail Senate Ride in the great state of Montana, August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003. Senator Conrad Burns will serve as our host Senator for the state of Montana along with his wife, Phyllis. This historic event will be coordinated with the support of the Continental Divide Trail Alliance (CDT)

The Senate Ride is intended to educate members of the Senate, the Administration and legislators on the significance and needs of the Congressionally designated Continental Divide Trail (CDT) and our public lands in general. Selected federal land managers and citizen groups will also participate.

We anticipate a total of 50 participants on the trail ride with others joining us at various meals and receptions associated with the event. Some participants may choose to hike a section of the Trail instead of riding our horses.

The plan is to get together on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> for an orientation and dinner in Big Sky, MT. The next morning, after breakfast, we will travel to the Continental Divide Trail for a trail ride/hike on the CDT. We will also provide briefings and discussions on the significance of the CDT and the importance of stewardship of our public lands. Saturday and Sunday evenings will be spent at the beautiful Big Sky Resort near Bozeman, MT.

Congress designated the CDT in 1978 as a National Scenic Trail. It epitomizes the unique history, culture and beauty of the American West.

The trip is being coordinated in conjunction with the Continental Divide Trail Alliance, a 501c-3 non-profit organization. I sincerely hope you will join us on this historic journey on the CDT.

**Also:**  
Our request of the Backcountry Horsemen would be, **specifically**, to assist with the set up for the trail side lunch on the 17<sup>th</sup> near Targhee Pass. The Wind River Chapter of the BCHA assisted last year and BCHA President Al Sammons and his wife participated. In addition, Dick Inberg, President of the Wind River Backcountry Horsemen is a member of the CDTA board

**Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>–9:30 am National Trails Day @ Garnet Mountain**

Please note! Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> is National Trails Day. The last few years we (the club) has spent a day working on South Cottonwood Trail.

This year something special. Montana Wilderness Assoc. has agreed to work with us as a team effort. Work site to be about 2 miles up Garnet Mt. Trail #85.

Give Rich Inman 388-1564 a call prior to work day so he can pick up sufficient tools for the two groups.

We will meet at Garnet Mt. Trailhead at 9:30. Bring horse, gloves, water and lunch.

**Please make an effort to come so we can show Montana Wilderness that we mean business.**

**Rich Inman @ 388-1564**

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**Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Pack in and out to Fox Creek Cabin for MT Conservation Corps**

June 17<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup> are two days that we have been asked to pack in and pack out tent, supplies, tools, etc., for the Montana Conservation Corp. They will be spending the week in the area of Fox Creek working on Blackmore Trail #422 and history Rock Trail #424.

This will be a relatively easy pack trip (one day each way). The group (MCC) is depending on us for support, so packers let me know if you will be able to assist.

If this works out there will be other calls for packing work. **Chick @ 763-4105.**

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**June 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> weekend for the Lower Spanish Creek Trail Clearing**

This is one of two weekends in the whole year that we spend working on our adopted trail at Spanish Creek. Because the trail is 9 miles long and snow will still be in the upper half of the trail our efforts will be devoted to that portion from the trailhead approximately to the junction to Mirror Lake.

Blow downs, water bars , rocks in trail, pruning and other work to keep the trail in condition to make travel easier and reduce erosion are part of the job.

Because National Trails Day is June 7<sup>th</sup> and Spanish Creek work weekend have been club functions for some many years your participation as a member of the club is expected. **Chick @ 763-4105.**

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**Hard work spotlights the character of people:**

**Some turn up their sleeves,**

**Some turn up their noses,**

**and**

**Some don't turn up at all**

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**Bridger Trail Schedule 2003 (Mondays with Tues as makeup day if needed)**

All trailhead departures @ 9:30am. Bring water, gloves, raincoat.

Questions? Call Bill Shields @ 586-3865

**June 9<sup>th</sup>** Bridger Bowl Parking Lot---**Trail #538 So---** clear trail

**June 16<sup>th</sup>** Bracket Creek Y parking lot---**Trail #538 No & 525---**clear trail

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>** So. Cottonwood Trailhead---**#422 So to Fox Cr---** clear trail to Fox Cr.

**June 30<sup>th</sup>** Bear Canyon Trailhead---**#50 New World Gulch-Mystic Lake---**clear trail

**July 7<sup>th</sup>** Spanish Cr. FS cabin east of Sp. Cr. Trailhead--- **#401 to 446 to jct 413---**clear trail, install post & sign. Note: Permission granted for overnite and park trailers at Sp. Cr. cabin.

**July 8<sup>th</sup>** Location as above---**#401- Little Hell Roaring---**clear trail

**July 14<sup>th</sup>** Indian Ridge Trailhead off Rt 191 below Squaw Cr---**#444, Logger Cr---**clear trail & install sign at trailhead.

**July 21** Turn left on Seitz Rd off Wilsall Rd to trailhead---**#540, Shafthouse to Fairy Lake---**clear trail

**July 28<sup>th</sup>** New parking area approx 5.5 mi No of Corbly Gulch turnoff on Springhill Rd---**#545-No Cottonwood to Sacagawea Pk---**clear trail.

**Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>** Middle Fork of Bracket Cr to row of stones---**#500-Fairy Lake---** clear trail

**Aug 11<sup>th</sup>** Corbly Gulch Rd off Springhill Rd, park just before cattleguard---**#544 – Corbly Gulch to Sacawagea Pk---**clear trail

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## The "unofficial" *Autobiography of José Castro*

**I** was asked to write a little about myself, so here is my story - part true/part urban legend. I was born the son of Lillian Valentine Castro and José Castro in the year the very best car was built, the 1957 Chevy. My parents immigrated from Puerto Rico and Mexico so I'm either a Puertocan or a Mexirican. I was born and raised in central Los Angeles, California. It was a close community of mostly minority peoples and was a great place to learn about other cultures and their norms.

I always had a passion for the outdoors and fondly remember our visits by the natural resource agencies that brought wild critters to my school. I spent most of my free time in the large city parks like McArthur and Griffith Park. I also really enjoyed the beaches of Southern California, especially the tidal pools and sea life. After graduation, I knew that though LA was a melting pot for America, it was not for me. I entered the army and was shipped to North Carolina where I served honorably with the Army Special Forces (Green Berets) from 1975 - 1979. After military service, I moved to New York to be close to my sister, eventually working in various jobs in and around New York City.

It was while in NY that I attended a college fair and got my first interest in natural resources as a career. I attended a small college in upstate NY and earned my first degree in Forestry. It was there that I also met my beautiful wife, Janet. Janet introduced me to horses on her parent's upstate farm. I was instantly "hooked" by the beauty, grace and intelligence of these animals. We married, and the two of us then moved to Plattsburgh, NY where I continued my education. Several years later, I earned my degree in Environmental Science. Little did I know that a degree in both Forestry and Environmental Science would prepare me so well for a career with the US Forest Service?

After college, Janet and I stayed in Plattsburgh for a year. Plattsburgh is a nice city close to the Canadian border and near Lake Placid in the Adirondack Mountains. One Easter Sunday, we were looking at a foot of new snow and got the idea that we wanted to move to Florida. So we loaded up the car and moved (ah, to be young again). We lived in Orlando and I worked various jobs and Janet landed a job at Disney World. Her job was cool and we spent many days exploring behind the scenes of Disney and Epcot. We then decided that Florida was too hot, so we moved to Virginia and that was just right. This was where I landed my first Forest Service job and the rest is history.

While in Southwest Virginia we lived in a 100-year old farmhouse on 80 acres, nestled against the southern Appalachian Mountains. We were able to get some horses and about 20 head of cattle. Janet's dad even had some sheep for a while, but that is another story. We also started a family and now have two great sons, Joe, 16, Danny, 13 and a beautiful little girl, Gabriella, 6.

Janet and my family have lived and worked in some beautiful places, but Southwest Montana is by far the best. I hope to enjoy many years riding the range in my job and with my new friends in the Backcountry Horseman.

*José is our Gallatin National Forest District Ranger  
and is extremely well thought of and respected in the FS  
and by the volunteers that work with him.  
José also likes to ski at Bridger Bowl*

**Did you know?**

The Bob Marshall Wilderness Area was designated on August 16, 1940 by Act of the Secretary of Agriculture from three primitive areas: the South Fork, Sun River and Pentagon. It is a memorial to Bob Marshall, a forester who did work on the wilderness system on our national forest. Later additions to the complex were the Great Bear Wilderness, headwaters of the middle Fork of the Flathead River, and the Scapegoat Wilderness and headwaters of the Blackfoot River.

**And do you know about Bob Marshall?**

Bob Marshall was born in 1901 in New York. He received a Master’s Degree from Harvard in Forestry and a Doctorate Degree from John Hopkins University. He was an avid hiker and outdoorsman and one of the founders of the Wilderness Society. He spent time in Alaska with the Forest Service and as forestry directory for the Indian Department and later as Chief of Recreation and Lands for the forest service. He passed away at the age of 38. He was a wilderness and wild land advocate. It was only fitting that the Secretary of Agriculture dedicated the area we know as the “Bob” to this man of vision and foresight.

*This information obtained from  
‘Horse Tracks’ LCBCH, Helena*

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**GVBCH BOARD MTG MINUTES APRIL 10, 2003**

Attendance: Brown Parsons, Bettye White, Bonnie Hammer, Sharon Lowry, Ron Rassley, Beth Merrick, Aaron Linton, Harry Boughton, Chick Hale(proxy for Jim), Jiffie Hale(proxy for Joyce), Rich Inman absent, & Joan Holborn.

Treasurer’s Report submitted by Bettye as follows:

Beginning Balance March 29,03	\$1,519.34
Dues deposit:	+ 54.00
Cash on hand	1,573.34

Expenses:

Kinkos	\$48.00
USPO	37.00
Rassley	70.00
Tate	70.00
Inman	70.00
Parsons	150.00
White	70.00
Roffe	307.32
Boughton	229.32

Total expense:	<u>-\$1051.91</u>
Balance	521.43
Money Market Acct	+ 1924.54
Total Revenue on hand	<u>\$2,445.97</u>

Beth made a motion to adopt minutes from last month, Bettye 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Issues: Chick discussed upcoming National trails day on June 7<sup>th</sup> to work with Mt. Wilderness Association. Need a person in charge to line up tools. Brian McNeil from Forest Service will let us know where.

State Convention: Harry and board discussed issues or lack of at this years convention. Other clubs are also concerned with the expense to attend.

The Continental Divide Trail ride out of Big Sky will be the end of July. Contact Bruce Ward @ 1-888-909-2382 for info.

Steak Ride will be August 16, Harry and Sharon will chair.

Thanks Sharon for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Holborn, Secretary.

**GVBCH BOARD MTG. MINUTES MAY 7, 2003**

ATTENDANCE: Brown & Sammylu Parson, Chick & Jiffie Hale, Sharon Lowry, Linda Roffe, Joyce Haner, Sonja Berg (proxy for Aaron Linton), Rich Inman, Harry Boughton, Bonnie Hammer, Beth Hammer, Beth Merrick, Jim Nelson & Joan Holborn.

Treasurer Report by Bettye accepted as follows:

Checking a/c beginning balance as of 5/7/03		\$629.43
a/c payable: Kinko's (Apr NL)	(52.59)	
Balance		\$576.84
Petty Cash		35.00
Money Market		\$1,924.54
Total on hand		<b><u>\$2,536.38</u></b>

ISSUES: Chick reports Rebecca from the Forest Service working on benchmark travel management with 6 alternate plans.

Discussion at length regarding expenditures to attend State Convention resulted in a motion by Beth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown to table issue till next board mtg., motion passed.

Jim requests letter sent to state to place a request to State to reduce # of delegated attending convention, Harry suggests resolution. Jim & Harry will work on resolution. Beth will review.

Poker Ride update by Sharon: Price raised to \$15.00, Child @ \$8.00 & eligible for raffle. Raffle prizes to be drawn at noon. Breakfast set at \$5.00, Lunch \$8.00; Poker hand \$5.00, Extra Poker hand, \$5.00 & will be for a 50/50 pot, not for prizes. Raffle prizes/winners posted at the tent. Poker hand prizes-must be present to claim.

Thanks to Sharon for healthy snacks and refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Holborn, Secretary

**GVBCH GENERAL MTG MINUTES MAY 15, 2003**

ATTENDANCE: Brown & Sammylu Parsons, Bettye White, Ron Rassley, Sharon Lowry, Harry Boughton, Linda Roffe, Dan Marsh, Aaron Linton, Bonnie Hammer, Rich Inman, Joyce Haner, Wally Becker, Jose & Janet Castro, Tom Griffith, Bob Steinman, SonjaBerg, Kay Tate, Beth Merrick, Reggie Clark, Chick & Jiffie Hale & Joan Holborn. Visitors: Chandra Moris (Rocky Mountain Hat Co.), Dee Trano, Catherine...?

Treasurer Report by Bettye accepted as follows:

Checking Account beginning balance		<b><u>\$576.84</u></b>
Less a/c payable:		
Kinkos (May NL)	63.86	
Bettye White reimburse stamps	37.00	
Public Lands Access dues	10.00	
BCHA pamphlets	30.00	
USPO stamps	37.00	
Gallatin County trailer license	19.50	
Total a/c payable	(197.36)	\$379.48
A/c receivable (dues)	44.00	\$423.48
Petty cash	35.00	
Less Poker ride exp. to Beth Merrick	(6.80)	
Balance petty cash on hand		28.20
Money Market		\$1,925.57
Grand Total		<b><u>\$2,377.25</u></b>

ISSUES: Chick reports no definitive decisions on benchmark made as yet.

Chick & 9 attendees passed certification for bear spray use. Chainsaw certification was great. Wally, Tom & Chick are certified sawyers. Chick needs CPR & 1<sup>st</sup> aid training.

National Trails Day is June 7, possibly at Storm Castle or Garnet Mt. Please contact Rich Inman, 388-1564 so he can plan # of tools.

Brown reminds members to have current Coggins test to ride on Park Lands.

Poker ride prizes need to be given to Rich.

CONSTITUTION CHANGES were circulated: Article VI Elections: All officers and directors shall be elected by a majority vote (including absentee ballots) at the scheduled December Meeting and their term of office shall be the next calendar year following the date of such election. Article VII Removal of Officers Section 2 Any Board of Directors Member missing three (3) Board of Directors meetings with a twelve (12) month period shall be replaced by the Board at the next Board meeting. (Refer to Article III, section 6, for Board member responsibility to obtain a proxy in case of absence.) Article III Meetings Section 6 Voting Board members may appoint any members in good standing to serve as proxy representation for the purpose of voting at Board Meetings. It is the responsibility of the Board member to obtain proxy representation. If the Board Member fails to attend or obtain proxy representation, the Board member shall be considered absent from the meeting. Bob Steinman made a motion to accept changes, Rich Inman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed by unanimous vote.

A beautiful power point slide presentation by Linda was enjoyed by all. Thanks Linda.

Thanks to Rich for bringing a delicious Texas mud cake to share, created by his wife, Judy. Thanks Judy.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Holborn, Secretary.

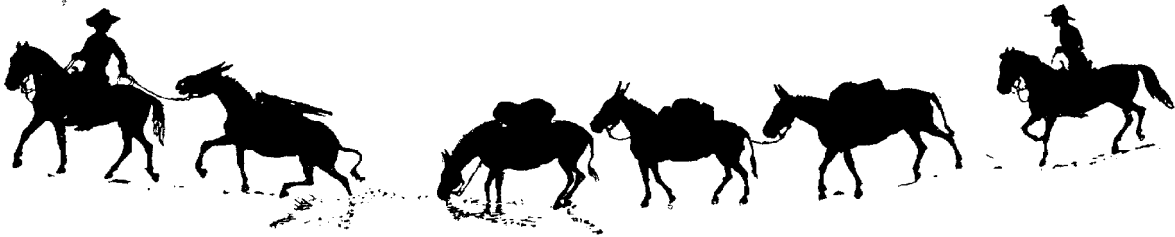
**Committee:** *A group of people who individually can do nothing but as a group decides that nothing can be done. A double meaning?*

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