

THE PICKET LINE

June 2004



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Backcountry Horsemen Mission Statement

"The purpose of this organization shall be (1) to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in Montana's road less back country and (2) to assist the various government agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource and (3) to educate and solicit active participation by various members of the general public in the wise and sustaining use of horses and people, commensurate with our heritage and the back country's resource."

Director's Meeting

Wednesday, June 2nd, 7pm at Sharon Lowry's 587-4013

General Meeting & Program

Thursday, June 24th, 7pm Potluck Supper & Clinic

At Jehnet Carlson's, see page 2 for more details

Please note the date change from 3rd to 4th Thursday

Rides

Sat., June 5 National Trails Day

See page 4 for details

Sat., June 12 Sage Creek trail ride

Rich Inman 388-1564

Sat., June 19 Middle Cottonwood trail ride

Linda Roffe 586-2142

Sun., June 27 Trail work @ Spanish Peaks

Chick Hale 763-4105

See page 4 for details

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO APRIL ROSTER

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HELP WANTED FOR POKER RIDE

Janet Castro needs more volunteers for our Poker Ride...

- Lunch Crew needs a couple servers. Food has been taken care of completely.
- Pop Stop #3 needs a body or two.
- She really would appreciate if you members would get your contributor's prizes to her ASAP. They have missed being printed on posters as the prizes were not in her hands.

She appreciates all the help you members are giving to our 17th annual fund raiser. Thanks folks.

Call Janet @ 388-0966 or email: Hoselay2@aol.com

Potluck Supper and Mule People Clinic at Jehnet Carlson's

Thursday, June 24th at 6 pm.

This date has been changed to make accommodations for Steve Edwards, trainer, competitor, clinician and professional packer. He will present us with a free packing demonstration this night. His June 24-27 packing clinic has been limited to 4 participants.

Please be sure to bring your eating utensils and plates— And your casserole!

Directions: Follow Jackrabbit through Belgrade over the railroad tracks to stop sign and turn right. Go to next stop sign and turn left onto Broadway which will become Dry Creek Rd. Follow sign to Manhattan. Go past an old church and an old school house on left and past Northwest Equestrian on right. Take next right onto Spaulding Bridge Rd. Follow to Round Mountain Rd on right. Jehnet's log house with stone chimney is on northwest corner. Entrance has log arch and you will see her big red barn. Park along road.

If you have questions call Jehnet 388-7463 or 581-7443.

Few ride reports by jiffie hale

First of the season ride.

Our opening ride for the season was Sat., May 1st and this brought out 11 riders, two young ponied mules and a beautiful day. After our "treasure hunt" in finding Jehnet's house (due to my inaccurate directions) we started out at 10:15 then returned to her house to enjoy our bagged lunch and a special treat to view her young mules. We rode about 8-10 miles over hill and dale, viewing deer and clear views in all directions. The ride was nice and easy, not taxing to horse nor rider and just about right for our first ride of the year.

For any future directions call the trail boss!

Red Bluff Ride

It was a fun day when seven riders consisting of Donna McGeein, Coral Dickey, Janet Castro, trail boss Rich Inman with daughter Joy and Chick and I rode an 8 to 10 mile ride at the Red Bluff (sheep ranch) on Sat., May 15th. The weather was beautiful with just a bit of wind. We had some nice views as the picture shows. We had no mishaps, but Joy and Rich changed horses at the lunch stop and Chick and I switched a bit later. Janet had her gaited mare out for the first time and she behaved very well.

Janet behaved well too!



Photo by Donna McGeein

Trail Work Project, by Chick Hale

Since the last trail report of April 23rd in the May NL, we have been hard at work. On April 27th on the Hell Roaring Trail #81 Larry, Wally and I completed 180'. We also added a post to the roto-tiller to help keep it in a level position. We also removed 6" of snow to find the trail (it was like shoveling your walk with your feet). On May 4th we completed 330' and then set some kind of world record on May 6th with the completion of 432' of new tread. Again on May 14th, 285' succumbed to our frantic efforts. But May 20th saw a day of infamy. Wally, the field superintendent, was unavailable for medical reasons. Larry and I ascended to the work

site this time with sledge hammers and chisels. With at least three large rocks in the trail that were too large to remove we spent the day pounding, chipping, bleeding and cussing. At the end of the day we had restored just 30' of tread. To make matters worse, it rained from lunchtime until we got wet, disgusted and quit. It's a good thing Boss Wally wasn't there!

*Good judgment comes from experience,
And a lot of that comes from bad judgment.*

Trail Maintenance Club Projects *by Chick Hale*

As per our schedule, approved by the membership, June 5th and June 27th are listed as workdays to service our adopted trail, Spanish Creek Trail.

Those persons planning on coming out to work should call a few days in advance to allow the trail boss to obtain enough tools from the Forest Service:

- * **Sat June 5th** contact Wally Becker 587-9607
- * **Sun June 27th** contact Chick Hale 763-4105

It is planned to have our new handmade gravel bags, thanks to Janet Castro, ready to go along with drain pipe to rebuild a section of trail. Other routine work is also planned.

The Adolescent Resource Center Crew will be ready to work after school is out. They are planning to work Tuesdays and Thursdays. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. This project is brand new and will be a first in this area.

Also, the Forest Service called to request us to pack tools, food, etc., into Fox Park on the South Cottonwood Trail on June 15th and later to pack them out. The purpose is to complete the bridge that had begun last year.

There is plenty to do so plan on giving us some of your time. We can find work to suit everyone's ability.



How come when you mix flour and water together you get glue?

And then you add eggs and sugar and you get cake. Where did the glue go?

Well, you know darned well where it went! That's what makes the cake stick to your butt!

GVBCH Director's Meeting Minutes, April 7, 2004

Attendance: Janet Castro, Dan Marsh, Chick & Jiffie Hale (proxies for Jim Nelson and Dave Read), Amy Waring, Kay Tate, Joyce Haner, Sharon Lowry, Wally Becker, Linda Roffe, Sonja Berg, & Joan Holborn. Cinda Eichenfels and Rich Inman absent.

Motion by Amy 2nd by Dan to accept minutes as printed in NL. Passed.

Defensive horse safety course: Discussion brought to board by Dan and Linda about possible need to verify volunteers working on forest service trails.

L.N.T. Linda is designing a LNT equine logo for Smoke Elser for BCH since NOLS has not given BCH a position in their LNT program.

Grant form: Chick informs board that Bill Walker is in charge of grant application for trail work. Apparently there is \$800,000 available. Form given to Janet. Kay adds that Barry Jacobsen, from Ag/Bio science volunteered to write grant for club.

Poker Ride: Janet has sent a letter of request to use Bridger Bowl for club fundraiser.

Gravel bunks: Chick requests approval from the board to purchase 2 sets of gravel bunks. No motion followed.

Steak Ride: Janet reports Spanish Creek cabin has been rented for that Sunday.

Insurance Quotes: provided to the board by Janet for review, discussion resulted in a **Motion** by Sharon, 2nd by Joan to send application for insurance to Agri-risk, passed.

Volney Steele fund: Discussion to determine criteria to apply to requests for fund use. No motions. Dan recommends using BCH mission statement. Kay requests money used to seed a grant to secure funds and keep fund intact to seed further projects.

Many thanks to Sharon for her hospitality.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Holborn, Sec

GVBCH General Meeting Minutes, April 15, 2004

Attendance: Rich Inman, Janet & Jose Castro, Cinda Eichenfels, Amy Waring, Wally Becker, Joyce Haner, Dan Marsh, Dave, Lisa, Jessica, & Brandon Read, Dave Schiltz, Chick and Jiffie Hale, Jehnet Carlson, Billie Thomas, Joellyn Howell, Sonja Berg, Ray Rice, & Joan Holborn..

Motion by Joellyn, 2nd by Wally to accept minutes as printed in March NL. Passed.
Treasurer's report of April 15, 2004 by Cinda Eichenfels

Checking a/c balance 3/19/04 **\$1,217.69**

Deposits (+)

Dues 4/15/04	\$66.00	
Dues 3/18/04	196.00	
Video sale	15.00	
Dues	108.00	
Bank credit	<u>37.00</u>	<u>+\$422/00</u>

Checking a/c balance **\$1,639.00**

Bills paid (-)

Postmaster Apr NL	\$37.00	
Kinko's (pd on a/c)	<u>110.00</u>	<u>-\$147.00</u>

No Other Debits (-)

Checking a/c balance 4/7/04 **\$1,492.69**

Other Assets

Petty Cash	\$23.96	
Money Market	1,933.90	
Three (3) month CD (V.S.)	<u>3,084.71</u>	<u>\$5,042.57</u>

Outstanding Bills

Kinko's	\$40.66	
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Motion by Dave 2nd by Chick to pay kinkos bill for \$40.66 for NL. Passed.

Poker Ride: Janet reports Bridger Bowl has given club permission to hold fund raiser in July. Thanks Janet!

State Convention: Dan gives written and verbal report from convention. Also he reports the club rec'd a DVD showcasing the Lacense Tour field program for the club library.

Trail work: Chick and Wally relocated 235 Ft. of trail on Hellroaring. Good Job!!

Trail Pictures: Jiffie request pictures of trail work from members.

IRS exemption 501C-4: Club may apply thru BCH of America, need to be incorporated with State first. Dave S. to speak to Peg from BCHA.

Gallatin National Forest: Rich spoke to Steve Christianson who is charge of the EIS due out in August. That is when we can re-examine and make comments. Of concern are closures for "seasonal" purposes, ex: due to wetness, they are guidelines and not set in stone yet, Rich states. Dave S. raises concern of closures in the Beartooth plateau and urges us to take a closer look. Rich reminds club there will be a mtg. with Kim S. in July concerning the possible changes to travel plan.

Volney Steele Fund: criteria discussed with **Motion** by Chick & 2nd, that the BCH mission statement will be the evaluation criteria for application of fund use. Projects will be submitted to the board of directors for compliance to mission statement with qualifying projects to be brought to the general membership for approval. Passed by majority voice vote.

Many thanks to Dr. Warren, DVM for O & A session. F.Y.I. Eastern and Western encephalitis has not presented itself in MT. since late 1980's. Do you vaccinate? He recommends at least investing in West Nile and Strangles vaccine.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Holborn, Sec.

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