

GALLATIN VALLEY BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN  
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# THE PICKET LINE

October 2005



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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."

## Board Meeting

Wed., October 5th, 7pm

Janet Castro's 388-0966

## General Meeting

Thurs., October 20th 7pm

Belgrade Alliance Church

Cameron and Hofman Sts

## Program

Winterizing your horse

By Dr. Warren, DVM

Hardaway Veterinarian Hospital

DUES ARE DUE

Your application is enclosed on last page  
Due must be payable by January 1st 2006.

October program *by Donna*

Dr. Warren, our scheduled speaker for the meeting on October 20th is an equine vet at Hardaway Veterinarian Hospital. He has been practicing locally for 4 years. Previously he had been in Kentucky working with Thoroughbreds in reproduction and radiograph analysis. The focus of his program will be winterizing the equine. It is my understanding that Dr. Warren has had a "too" busy summer. We are fortunate to be included on his calendar this time of year to benefit from his advice on what to do as the days shorten and hopefully slow down. His business phone is: 388-8387. The office is at 5650 Jackrabbit Lane in Belgrade. At this time there is not computer access.

Hello Fellow BCH'ers,

At the writing of this letter the fall season is just 10 days away. It was a very busy summer and it slipped away quite quickly. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did.

On August 8-12 the Nine Mile mule pack string was here to help us with a gravel hauling project on our adopted Spanish Creek Trail. By days end on Thursday we had hauled about 24 thousand pounds of gravel and ridden 52 miles. I do not know how many individual buckets the support crew loaded but it was a bunch (my guess was around 600). Many thanks to the support crew who kept the mule string loaded. I also want to thank Brown Parsons and his company for donating the 20 yards of gravel. After the first couple of loadings, you guys really had it down to a system that worked well. Bob and Mark were pleased with how you handled the task.

August 27th was our Steak Ride day in Spanish Creek. This year Donna McGeein did an excellent job of arranging for the Belgrade Chamber of Commerce to serve us a pitch fork fondue. If you were not there to eat a good meal and see how it was actually done with pitch forks then you missed out on a great day of riding, food and fellowship. The club had to pay for the 39 reservations that were made by individuals and only 22 individuals actually showed up and paid for the meal. I am asking that the 17 people, who made reservations and did not pay, please reimburse the club the \$12.50 that we had to pay for each reservation. I am sorry that for some reason you were not able to join us but we still had to pay for your reservation. Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

My last note on the Poker Ride is a huge thank you to Janet Castro for writing all the thank you letters to the various vendors that supported our ride with donations.

Remember the Christmas Party is December 9th at Four Corners. It will be a 2 meat buffet with all the trimmings. Plan to come join in as we close out 2005 and get ready for a great 2006.

I need a few volunteers to serve on a nominating committee. In December we will be electing a new president, vice president, treasurer, 3 maybe, or even 4, new directors, and 1 new state director and an alternate. Please let me know if you are willing to help with the nominating or serve in one of these positions. I thank you in advance for your willingness.

Take care out there and may God bless you as you travel the trails and backcountry. Please pray for the victims of Katrina.

Rich Inman, Your President

(Last of the season) Trail Report *by Chick Hale*

**September 1** Larry, Donna, Wally and Chick rode up Garnet Mt trail about three miles to the end of our last work day. We dug 310' of trail putting it back to Forest Service specifications. This included two wood and two rock water-bars and the usual rock removal. Donna did a great job of pruning. The heavy growth was caused by the wet season especially on the upside of the trail. The additional growth tended to hang over the uphill side of the trail and push both hikers and horses to the outside onto the newly placed fill. We stopped our days work at a place where the trail had been short-cutted which ran straight up the hill. Erosion and slippery conditions indicated a relocation of the trail is advisable. We will explore this in the future and will seek approval from the Forest Service if a change in trail location is needed.

Jan Elpel has a new email address

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### **GVBCH Board Meeting September 7, 2005**

The president called the meeting to order at 7:04. Officers present were Rich, Dan, Joellyn, Beth, Wally, Bettye, Donna, Chick proxy for John and Jiffie proxy for Trina.

**Treasurer's report:** Bettye reported on the fondue steak ride. Motion made by Dan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chick to pay \$318.75 for balance cost of the steak ride and \$37.00 to reimburse Jiffie for stamps for NL.

**State Board** report by Dan. The Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting will be open to members at Bennington's, 10-4, and info can be read on the web: [www.bchmt.org](http://www.bchmt.org)

**Issues** reported by Chick on rerouting Garnet Mt trail. An improved trail will be suggested to the FS for their review and approval. The ARC kids are back to school. Our work program was enjoyed by them and was one of their most enjoyable experiences. Discussion of our problem with the FS and our volunteer work being removed or changed by the FS. The Lava Lake trail was discussed being a wonderful trail with good spots for parking horses near lake. Parking is the problem at trail head.

**Old business:** Motion by Dan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joellyn to write letters to those people who made reservations but did not pay for their pitch fork fondue steak ride meal. The total was \$120 @ \$12.50 each.

**New business:** A motion by Joellyn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna that Ernie, our hiker friend, be made an honorary member for his outstanding trail maintenance working alongside our crew.

The Christmas party reservation has been made for December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Kountry Korner Café @ Four Corners. \$15.50 each for a 2-meat buffet.

Decision was made to cancel the Belgrade parade due to the VS disease.

Jiffie states that Sandy Archer has expressed an interest in becoming an editor for our newsletter.

Cinda has submitted her resignation as treasurer. Bettye White has volunteered to fill the post.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Respectfully submitted by Jiffie, proxy for Trina, sec.

**GVBCH General Meeting Minutes September 15, 2005**

Officers & Directors in Attendance: Trina Frederickson, Rich Inman, Janet Castro, Donna McGeein, Brown Parsons

Dr. Ray Ansotegui provided a very informative evening covering topics including Brand Laws, feed needed when riding on state lands and Vasicular Stomatitis. For those of you who aren't already familiar with the legalities surrounding branding and would like to have a livestock brand, please note that you must make an application for your brand or risk the fine of up to \$1,000. A Brand Inspection is required for county-county travel. However, if you plan to travel out-of-state, you need to ensure that you have a Permanent Brand Inspection for each of the horses traveling. The permanent inspection is good for the life of your horse or until there is a change of ownership. Failure to have the correct inspection is a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of \$50 - \$500 or six months in jail. The cost increases to \$2,000 or three years in jail for removal of the animal from the state without the appropriate inspection. A negative Coggins test as well as a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is also required when traveling into and out of the state. NPS, USFS, BLM and State Land all require the use of Certified Weed Seed Free forage when accessing their lands. The fine is \$5,000 and six months in jail if you can't provide appropriate evidence and do not have certified feed. Ray also advised that to be fully in compliance with this rule, a horse should be on the feed for 96 hours prior to setting foot on these lands. To be safe, it is advised to check with the various agencies prior to making your trip.

Vasicular Stomatitis has become a real worry for livestock owners in Montana over the last couple of months. The disease, which closely resembles Hoof and Mouth disease, can cause sores to appear on the lips, tongue, muzzle, coronary bands and udders of horses. It is very uncomfortable for the infected animal and highly contagious. Because of the discomfort, horses may be reluctant to eat, causing rapid weight loss and possibly bringing on other problems, i.e., colic. Farms that have infected animals are placed in quarantine with a ten mile buffer zone surrounding them. The last time Montana had a case of VS was in 1982. The disease will die out following a couple of hard freezes.

Motion by Brown Parsons to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2005 meeting; second by Jiffie Hale.

Bettye White provided Treasurer's Report. Membership dues are to be paid to the state in October.

Rich advised that the costs associated with the Defensive Horsemanship Clinic will be transferred from the Volney Steele fund to our checking account — once the CD comes up for renewal.

We received various newsletters from other clubs and an Christmas dinner menu from the Kountry Korner Café. Our Christmas dinner party will be held at the Café on December 9, 2005.

Rich has requested assistance with the Nominating Committee. Our chapter will be looking for a new President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, State Representative and alternate and three or four Directors. Please contact Rich Inman if you'd like to volunteer for one of these positions.

Janice Cartwright has volunteered to bring treats to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Total Attendance: 16

Treasurer's report by Bettye White as of 9-15-05

Checking a/c balance as of 9-15-05		<b>\$4,123.29</b>
Bills paid	Rich Inman	\$156.25
	G.V. Ag. Committee (fondue)	318.75
	Jiffie Hale (NL stamps)	<u>37.00</u> <u>\$512.00</u>
Balance		\$3,611.29
Deposits		
Donna McGeein	\$25.00	
Fondue receipts	<u>225.00</u> <u>\$250.00</u>	
<b>Balance as of 9-15-05</b>		<b>\$3,861.29</b>
Petty Cash	\$55.96	
Stamps to treasurer	<u>7.40</u> <u>\$48.56</u> <b>Petty Cash balance as of 9-15-05</b>	
Money Market Fund	\$1,965.96	

THE GALLATIN VALLEY BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN ARE INDEBTED TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES  
AND MEMBERS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2005 POKER RIDE.

WE THANK YOU ALL.

AG DEPOT  
ALL WEST VETERINARY  
ARDESSON BOOTS AND SHOES  
BIG SKY RV  
BITTERROOT TRAILER SALES  
BOB WARD & SONS  
BOZEMAN SADDLE OUTLET  
BRIDGER FEEDS  
CASHMAN NURSERY  
CENTURY 21- DAN PORTER  
CHALET MARKET  
CHALET SPORTS

CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION  
COSTCO  
DJ BAR RANCH-JEHNET CARLSON  
DOUBLE DIAMOND HALTERS  
FREEWAY ENTERPRISES  
GORMET GAS STATION  
DICK HAINES  
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LEE HART  
JOELLYN AND JOHN HOWELL  
RICH INMAN  
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