

BOARD MEETINGS:  
1st Thursday, 7:00 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:  
3rd Thursday, 7:00 PM  
Belgrade Alliance Church  
205 West Cameron

**OUR PURPOSE:**

To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness. To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use. To assist various agencies responsible for the maintenance and management of public lands. To educate, encourage, and solicit active participation in the wise and sustained use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public, commensurate with our heritage. Foster and encourage formation of new Back Country Horsemen organizations.

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Rich Inman... 388-1564  
Mike Haugan ... 539-0538

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Larry Thomas ... 586-6878  
Beth Merrick ... 388-4047

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

WEDNESDAY TRAIL CREWS: JULY 4, 11, 18, 25  
contact: Larry Thomas, 586-6878 for full day;  
Beth Merrick, 388-4047 for short day.

BOARD MEETING : JULY 5, 7:00 PM  
Belgrade Alliance Church

POKER RIDE TRAIL CLEARING: JULY 9

POKER RIDE SET-UP: JULY 13

POKER RIDE: JULY 14

Bridger Bowl

GENERAL MEETING : JULY 19, 7:00 PM

Summit Air Ambulance Service Hangar

GS&H / GVBCH RIDE: JULY 27 & 28  
Taylor Fork

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2012 GVBCH CALENDAR

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Location

**PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT:**

Hello Everyone:

One wedding down and one to go. Been busy at the Glenn Ranch but good. It was great to see the family all together and happy.

The trail crews are in full swing and I hope each of you are planning to participate when you can. The schedules are floating around if you don't have one please let me know. The materials have been flown in to Windy Pass and are awaiting our arrival on August 16th to build the corrals. I hope everyone has that date on your calendar. Most of the poles have been cut and peeled for the Buffalo Horn Corrals project which is coming up on August 3rd & 4th. Check the calendar on the Web site often for updates. The July meeting will be at Summit Air at the Airport. We will talk about when to call them and where they can land if we have a backcountry emergency. I hope everyone will come to this very important meeting.

It appears that everything is set for our 25th annual Poker Ride. I am anticipating a large crowd so lots of volunteers are needed. We still need people to fill holes and fill in for those who have signed up but have things come up out of their control. Please come and help! It is the biggest fund raiser of the year and a great time is had by all. I want to take this opportunity to thank Rich Inman for his hard work organizing the Poker Ride. It is members like Rich that make this club a success and fun.

I hope that each of you have a happy 4th of July and remember what a great country we live in, how we got here and the sacrifices that were made so we can enjoy the freedoms we have.

See you at the Poker Ride on July 14th.

May God Bless the trails you ride,

Henry Glenn, President

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 7, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Henry Glenn, President.

Officers, directors, and state board members present were: Henry Glenn, Michael Harney, Brenda Kessler, Marianne Meyer, Clark Kinney, Rich Inman, Mike Haugan, John Mutter, Larry Thomas, Beth Merrick, Dan Marsh, and Stacy Bragg. Also present was Sonya Berg.

Clark Kinney moved to approve the minutes from the May board meeting as published in the newsletter. John seconded, motion passed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE

Brenda reported \$2,139.07 in checking and \$15,012.39 in savings. The previously approved transfer of \$3,000 was going to be made in the next couple of days. No mail or other bills were submitted since the new post office box keys did not find their way to the secretary or treasurer until this board meeting.

### MEMBERSHIP

Marianne did not have an exact number as she was expecting some membership forms at this board meeting (from the last general meeting). Approximate number is a little over 60.

### ISSUES

The U.S. District Court ruled in favor of the NPS and stock packers in a lawsuit filed by the High Sierra Hikers Association. Judge Richard Seeborg ruled that while the NPS had not violated the National Environmental Policy Act in regards to recreational packstock, the agency had violated the Wilderness Act. Concern that the 2012 packing season could be in jeopardy reached Congress, and leaders were quick to address the issue. The legislation was signed by the President and is now the law of the land. The legislation will help preserve commercial packing opportunities in Sequoia-Kings Canyon until the Park Service completes its needs assessment and will ensure that park wilderness remains accessible to all visitors.

The Forest Service will enforce permits in the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness. Permits are free, but lack of a permit can result in a \$50 - \$75 fine. Registration forms are in boxes at wilderness trailheads and deposited in secure lock boxes.

Stacy is now on an exploratory committee as a result of attending the WSA meeting earlier this spring. Dan Marsh is on the steering committee.

### PUBLICITY

Stacy will start getting the word out to community calendars, radio stations, Belgrade News, etc for our Poker Ride. PSA's are free of charge. Advertising in the Mini Nickel will start 2 weeks prior to the event. We will have a 3x3 B&W advertisement; Beth will design it and send to Stacy. Cost \$49.50.

### TRAIL CREWS

Wednesday crew started on June 6th on Spanish Creek, our adopted trail, up to the Mirror Lake Y. National Trails Day June 2nd a crew of 8 worked at Bridger Bowl. Beth will submit a report to Brant Robey. Ron White is working on a Monday schedule. Henry will have a crew on Tuesday 6/26 to clear Shafthouse Trail, meet at 09:00. Monday July 9th we will clear the Poker Ride trail.

### PROGRAMS

We have two possible wonderful programs for July and September. Ben King with Summit Air Ambulance has offered to do a program at his operation at the airport. Topic will be backcountry search and rescue and promises to be very educational and interesting. Bill Cohen with Wounded Warriors will also present a program about his organization. Watch the newsletter for schedule updates.

### OLD BUSINESS

The FS asked for 4 men with saw equipment to help cut rails for the Buffalo Horn corrals. Trees will be cut in Squaw Creek area on Thursday, June 14th. They have the truck/straps etc ready; just need help with cutting and peeling. The logs will be transported to and stored at Buffalo Horn until August when GVBCH will build the corrals.

Beth obtained bids for aluminum signs featuring our logo in burgundy color for our trailer. Two large signs (24x36) for the trailer sides and one smaller sign for the trailer's back will cost \$289 total. John Mutter made a motion to approve getting the signs. Rich Inman seconded, all were in favor and motion passed.

Rich reported briefly on the work accomplished on National Trails Day with 8 members. Thanks to those who showed up despite uncertain weather conditions. Beth's write-up will be in the newsletter.

### NEW BUSINESS

Clark is working with Bill Cohan on a wonderful opportunity to give back to the warriors who fought in recent wars and returned home with severe injuries. Clark is looking for support from the club to assist Bill Cohan. Wounded Warriors is looking for a few volunteers from our club who can help and feel confident in assisting disabled veterans on horseback field trips. Work will include saddling horses in the morning and accompanying the veterans on their ride. Michael Harney made a motion that GVBCH support this great cause. Larry seconded. All voted in favor. Contact Clark if you want to help with this worthwhile cause. (There are 7 dates, Clark has the details.)

Dan Marsh received an email from Shannon Freix, who served on the Continental Divide Trail (CDT) which folded in December but is now receiving support from the Montana Wilderness Society. They ask to contact her if you work on any part of the CDT or trails leading to the CDT.

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More information at: [www.cdtmontana.org](http://www.cdtmontana.org)

The remainder of the board meeting was dedicated to the Poker Ride. Beth presented her final drafts of our 2012 poster and registration form and gave a stack of the posters to Marianne to take to Murdoch's. This will allow people to actually take one and not remove our advertising. Rich gave a run-down of volunteer names and positions that are **RED FLAGS** at this point. Marianne took notes and a work roster will be emailed to all members.

- Call or email any of the board members to put your name on the list!

- Deadline to get prizes to Beth is June 21st!

- One volunteer for each pop stop needs to go to Bridger Bowl Friday night so they can be shown how to get to their pop stop. All three pop stops can be reached by road.

Henry asked for a motion to adjourn; Jim Allbright made the motion, Larry seconded, and the motion was passed.

Submitted by Marianne Meyer, Secretary.

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 21, 2012

The meeting was called to order by presiding Vice President, Michael Harney. Beth Merrick was appointed to record meeting minutes in Marianne Meyer's absence.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous General Meeting were approved by voice vote as published by a motion moved by Dan Marsh and seconded by Jim Albright.

**TREASURY**

Brenda Kessler reported the following: Checking Account Balance \$3,927.42; Savings Account Balance \$12,012.31; \$3000 was moved to checking by vote of the Board. Payments include: \$1,000 paid for corral posts for Windy Pass will be reimbursed by a RAC Grant. Lee & Dads \$138.13 paid from Adventures account; Bozeman Printing \$158.20 for Poker Poster and Registrations. Reimburse Rich Inman \$24.98 for Poker purchase of 2 trash cans. Reimburse Brenda Kessler for \$16.49 cash box for Poker Ride.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Continental Divide Trail-Montana announcement of trail work- Salamander Lake June 24-29, Deadman Lake July 8-13 July, Stemple Pass - Trail Rehab July 17-19, High Divide Jamboree - Stemple Pass July 20-22, and Rainbow Pass, Anaconda/Pintler Wilderness July 22-28, Hellroaring Creek August 4-11, Bowl Creek, Bob Marshall Wilderness August 19-26, Gallatin CD Trails September 10-15, Granite Butte Lookout Restoration I September 17-19, and Granite Butte Lookout Restoration II September 20-22. Questions about projects or CDT Montana? Contact Shannon Freix, CDT Program Manager, at [sfreix@wildmontana.org](mailto:sfreix@wildmontana.org) or (406) 781-0627.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Brenda Kessler reported 2 new paid memberships with an unofficial membership approaching 70 members.

**ISSUES**

Dan Marsh reported that HR 2578 passed the House of Representatives. It included HR1505 assigning a 100 mile

boundary to Homeland Security and nullifies Endangered Species, EPA and FWP standards within that area. Members were encouraged to express opinions to US Senators before the vote in the Senate. GVBCH member Bettye White was reported as ill while state BCH past-chairman Kurt Dyer has recently suffered the death of his wife Susan.

**PUBLICITY**

Deferred to Poker Ride under New Business.

**TRAILS**

Larry reported the crews have cleared as far as they could to Spanish Lakes and have cleared the 401 trail. Hikers reported the Mirror Lake trail was clear.

**PROGRAMS**

July meeting will be at the Hanger of Summit Air Ambulance Service. Ben King will address the membership before the general meeting that will be held at the hanger which is located down the first driveway on the right beyond the entrance drive of the Airport. August meeting will feature Bill Cohen speaking on the Wounded Warriors program.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Rails and posts for the Windy Pass corral project were purchased at Murdoch's, delivered by Henry Glenn to the Shenango Creek heli-base and flown by helicopter to Windy Pass cabin. The club will pack in to Windy Pass on August 15th to complete the project. Henry Glenn is the contact for this project. Rails for the Buffalo Horn corral Project are a work in progress. We cut and peeled what was available and loaded them on the FS Trailer for delivery to Porcupine Station for storage until we build the corrals later this summer. Rich Inman marked another 115 rails for the FS to cut, peel and deliver to Porcupine Station as they have time. Both projects are RAC grand supported and must be completed by September of this year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Poker Ride progress and assignments were reported and additional recruitments made:

Trailer Signs nearing completion within the week.

50/50 Handler assigned: Joanne Simons Pop Stops to be shown to Pop Stop folks by Dan Marsh and Larry Thomas on Friday along a trail defined by Kay Tate.

Pop Stops will be manned by: 1 Pete Naclerio and Ron Rohletter; 2 Larry and Billie Thomas; 3 Carl Blaskovich and Ken Yankelevitz. Pop Stop staff needs to bring: card table, umbrella, cutting board, knife, cooler with refreshments, knife, deck of cards and green pen.

Coolers from Carl, Beth, Charlie, Dan and need to be delivered to Larry Thomas or Big Sky RV by 4 pm on Friday before the ride for pick up by Larry Thomas. Tables from Dan, Larry, Janice, Beth need to be there on Friday or early Saturday. Easels will be provided by Charlie, Raffle Signs will hang on tent. Posters will be circulated electronically by Dan Marsh who will set up links that can be pasted into emails that members may wish to send to potential participants.

Poster Posting was assigned by Vi Huffman:

Joanne Simons: Rocky Mountain Supply and Belgrade; Rosauers, Bank of Bozeman; John Mutter: Willow Creek and Three Forks, Clyde Park; Clark Kinney: Twin Bridges and Hamilton areas; Billie Thomas: Gallatin Gateway and 4Corners; Sandy : Cottonwood; Vi Huffman: Mainstreet businesses, Bozeman, Norris, Ennis, Big Sky; Beth Merrick: West Yellowstone/Park via NPS contact; Rich Inman: Helena, Townsend; Dan Montana State University; Unknowns: Helena Livingston Gardiner

Prizes get them to Beth 388-4047, 2445 Outlaw Ln, Belgrade

Ag Depot: Kay Tate

Bridger Feeds & RO Brooks: Janice Cartwright

Montana Equine: Barbara Mutter

CSR: no ask

Sanitary Engineer: Mike Haugan and hopefully with Wally Becker assist.

Adjournment: Sandy moved and Vi Huffman seconded that the meeting be adjourned, the motion passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Merrick

**WELCOME OUR NEW GVBCH MEMBERS**

Sherm Sollid, Bozeman

Gary Jones, Three Forks

Jim & Veronica Wing, Bozeman

Gallatin Valley  
Back Country Horsemen's **25th Annual**



# POKER RIDE

## July 14 ● Bridger Bowl

### Poker Hand Prizes

- ↻ **Custom 50% Beaver Hat** ↻  
Rocky Mountain Hat Company
- ↻ **100 Gallons of Propane** ↻  
Northern Energy Propane
- ↻ **Tony Lama Bullhide Boots** ↻  
Ardesson Boots & Shoes
- ↻ **Pannier/Bedroll Cover/Manties** ↻  
Montana Canvas
- ↻ **Murdoch's \$250 Gift Card** ↻  
Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply

**12** mile ride or **8** mile shortcut

**\$20 Adults:** includes Poker Hand,  
Raffle Prizes and Dinner

**\$10 Children:** (under 12) includes  
Raffle Prizes and Dinner\*

**\$10 Lunch only**

**Registration 8:00 - 10:00 am**

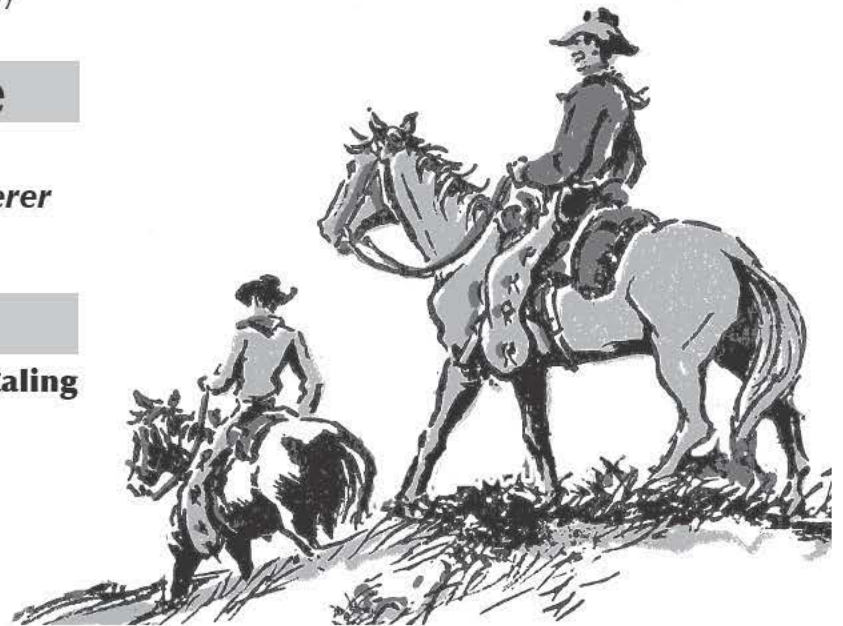
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Stud Service for your mare  
with *Gen. Beaudroe* or *Texas Wanderer*  
at DJ Bar Ranch

### Raffle Prizes

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over **\$2500**

**No DOGS**  
**No STALLIONS**



### For More Information

contact Rich Inman at [rmules04@yahoo.com](mailto:rmules04@yahoo.com) 406.388.1564

\*All minor children must have a release signed by a parent or legal guardian.  
All participants are subject to Montana Equine Liability Law.

**Stop Weeds! Feed Certified Weed-Free hay at and before the ride!**

## SPANISH PEAKS 401 TO SWEDEN CREEK—JUNE 20

Ron & I were late and so missed our ride to clear the 401 in Spanish Peaks with Larry. We drove up later and saw where they had split and some gone up Big Brother. We saw one saw cut as far as the North Fork where we had lunch. While eating, Larry and Gary Clutter (a retired fire department friend who joined BCH) showed up (they were the ones up Big Brother). Then Rich's group returned from near Sweden Creek with the same results, very little work. We all lunched together at North Fork. On the way out, Ron did some lopping and the guys used the chain saw on small trees at a clear cut and again where aspen had intruded on the trail, and of course, Rich cleaned water bars on the way out. I had watermelon for everyone's reward. Riders were: Rich Inman, Ron Rolater, Brenda Kessler & Jim Albright, Larry Thomas & Gary Clutter, Kay Tate & Ron Rassley.  
—Kay Tate

On Wednesday, Larry's trail crew consisting of Larry Thomas, Gary Clutter, Kay Tate, Ron Rassley, Ron Rohletter, Brenda Kessler, Jim Albright, and Rich Inman headed up trail 401 (Cherry Creek) out of the Spanish Creek trail head. It was a beautiful ride all the way to just before the Big Brother trail junction where we encountered our first blowdowns. Jim and Larry made short work of the three jack strawed trees and we moved on. When we arrived at the Big Brother junction, Larry and Gary went up toward Big Brother Lake and cleared a few trees. The rest of the crew went on around to Willow Swamp with no more trees to saw. Ate lunch there and enjoyed the beautiful view looking down on bison grazing in the meadow. We returned to North Fork of Spanish Creek crossing where we found Larry and company eating lunch. After a few great stories by Ron Rassley and Larry about Wally Becker and his horsecapades we headed back toward Spanish Creek. Along the way out, we cleared brush and trees along several sections of the trail passing through old clearcuts and aspen stands. When we got to the last 1.5 miles, Jim Albright, Ron Rohletter and Rich grabbed their combies and cleaned waterbars back to the trail head. Back at the trail head, Kay Tate had fresh, cold watermelon waiting for us. Thank you Kay.

All in all, it was a great trip. The weather was cool but the sun was warm and bright. Everything was a rich awesome green and even got to see bears, elk and bison on the way in.  
—Rich Inman

# WANTED: SLOWER HORSES & RIDERS

## MODERATION IN ALL THINGS EXCEPT AGE:

- ★ INCLINES ★ DISTANCES ★ RIDE DURATION
- ★ TRAIL CLEARING EFFORT ★ TRAIL SPEED

**WHEN:** Tuesdays or possibly Wednesdays-- hit the trail at 9 am, and occasional evening rides  
**WHERE:** Spanish Peaks, Bridgers, and others  
**WHAT:** brushcutting, waterbar cleaning and clearing small downfall off the trail and occasionally work as sub-unit with others  
**DISTANCE:** 8 - 10 miles round trip. Likely to ride in and clear trail on the way out  
**NEED:** Long-handled clippers, hand saws & picks, gloves that you carry yourself  
**CONTACT:** You must confirm 24 hours before ride starts  
Beth Merrick [bmerrick1@aol.com](mailto:bmerrick1@aol.com) 388 4047.  
**SHARE:** Transportation & gas expense

### E-MAIL YOUR INTEREST ALONG WITH THESE:

- ☺ day preference: Tuesday or Wednesday ☺ if you can offer or need a ride,
- ☺ commitment: weekly or occasional ☺ contact info and address ☺ email or phone



## NATIONAL TRAILS DAY—BRIDGER BOWL—JUNE 2

With a weather-window-of-opportunity permitting, eight GVBCHers gathered to build water bars just south of Bridger Bowl Lodge to celebrate National Trails Day. And what a great crew it was! Under the tutelage of a Master Water Bar Authority Rich Inman, Clark Kinney, John Mutter, Mike Haugan, Dan Marsh, Jim Wing, Marianne Meyer and Beth Merrick diverted the rivulets flowing down the trail connecting the upper parking lot with the logging road further uphill by constructing 16 new water bars.

And there were many other “diversions” as well:

Beth was sucked into a mud hole after her over-shoes became mired in mud. Mud Olympics Judge Clark Kinney awarded her a perfect 10 score for her slow-motion entry into the mud being packed below the newly placed water bar log cut and fashioned by Rich. The watching crowds cheered as an “impressive” two-point butt print landing was made.

Herds of brown terrestrial slugs joined our crew on the trail, ranging in size from 1 to 4 inches in length. These slow-moving gastropods prompted a discussion of California’s diverse gastropod fauna: galloping abalone (a delicious marine snail) and banana slugs (a yellow slug of even larger size that is common in northern California forests). This dialogue was expanded on by members of GVBCH who all turned out to be Scuba Divers who left their boats in the Pacific for horses in the Rockies: John Mutter, Dan Marsh and Beth Merrick. The discussion quickly jumped to Ace Abalone Diving (collecting 2 or more abalone on a single breath hold dive) which quickly led to Depth Diving (John has been to 300 feet below the surface on a single breath



Mike, Dan, John, Marianne, Clark, Jim Ivy, Rich, Beth

hold as a dive pro in Southern California) and being spyspotted (whale comes out of the water to look at you) by a 40 foot Gray whale. The trio is rumored to be organizing an underwater trail clearing group here in Montana.

The virtues of Kangen Water were discussed by Mike Haugan and Clark Kinney. Dan Marsh is straight-ditch challenged, but one terrific post pounder, as is Jim Wing. Several recently licensed or renewed chain saw operators couldn’t figure out how to start GVBCH’s machine. Marianne took incriminating photo evidence, and all had a great time. Rich thoughtfully offered up a diverse pharmacopeia for dessert: aspirin or tylenol.

A group of riders from GVBCH helps out with the Wounded Warriors program



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