

BOARD MEETINGS:
1st Thursday, 7 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 7 PM

Silver Spur Arena
115 Dirt Road, Belgrade

OUR PURPOSE:

Shall be to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in the back country and assist the various government agencies in their maintenance and management of the resource and to educate, encourage and solicit active participation by various members of the general public in the wise and sustaining use of horses, commensurate with our heritage and the back country resource.

2014 OFFICERS, 1 YEAR

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Rich Inman ... 388-1564

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Jim Wing ... 587-8880

TWO YEAR TERM

John Mutter ... 285-0516

Larry Thomas ... 586-6878

Dan Marsh ... 587-7578

STATE BOARD MEMBERS

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

BOARD MEETING : MARCH 6, 7:00 PM

Silver Spur Arena

POKER RIDE MEETING : MARCH 20, 6:00 PM

Belgrade Alliance Church

GENERAL MEETING : MARCH 20, 7:00 PM

Belgrade Alliance Church 

4H FIRST SESSION : MARCH 22, 9:30 AM

Silver Spur Arena

MONTANA BCH CONVENTION : APRIL 4 - 6

Hilton Inn, Missoula MT

Please renew your membership [HERE](#)



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello All,

So far, Old Man Winter has not loosened its grip on Southwest Montana. I hope everyone is staying warm and safe. The wild game pot luck was a lot of fun. I feel sorry for everyone who was not there, the food was amazing.

The State Back Country Horsemen convention is being held in Missoula. We still need some delegates so let us know if you want to attend, the deadline is drawing near.

Clark and Rich are working on the 4H packing project for March 22nd and April 12th. This is a great opportunity for the Club to provide the youth of our community a connection to the Back Country.

Shane McClafin from Sunrise Pack Station is making a presentation at the March meeting on how to take stock into Yellowstone National Park. Please come out for this important meeting. Mark your Calender for the last 2 weeks of June for a project at Spanish Creek, the Forest Service Cabin is reserved for us during that time. We plan on working on the trails in that area including a major make-over of Trail 401.

Remember to check the web site for current information about club activities.

Stay safe and warm.

Henry

THERE WAS NO BOARD MEETING IN FEBRUARY

The February General Meeting was called to order by Henry Glenn, President. State board members, directors and officers present were Jim Allbright, Dan Marsh, Larry Thomas, Steve Thienes, Dan Porter, Sharon Fraser. A motion was made by Jim Allbright and seconded by Janice Cartwright to accept the minutes of the January General Meeting as printed in the newsletter.

TREASURER REPORT

\$4493.18 checking \$20022.50 savings, no new bills

BCH STATE CONVENTION

8 voting delegates are needed for the state convention in Missoula on April 4, 5 & 6. Dan Marsh has raffle tickets for \$2, prizes and information on their website.

More information is available [HERE](#).

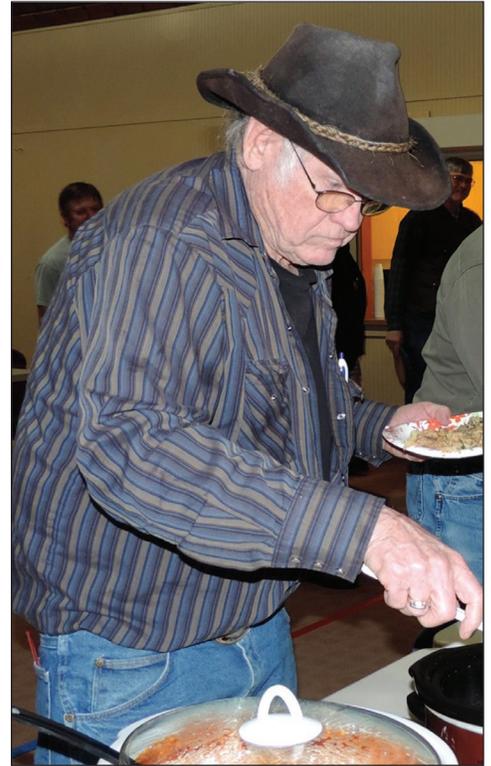
PROGRAMS

4-H Packing Clinic is at the Silver Spur Arena on March 22 and April 12, 2014

March program will be a presentation by Shane McClafin of Sunrise Pack Station on packing/stock use, do's and don'ts for Yellowstone Park. The program will be held at the Belgrade Alliance Church.

A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Janice to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye.

—Respectfully submitted by Sharon Fraser



Jim

Henry, Molly and Alice



FRIDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 4-6, 2014
STATE CONVENTION & BOARD MEETING
MISSOULA AT THE HILTON GARDEN INN

RAFFLE FLYER

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

PHOTO CONTEST

VENDOR INFO

MISSOULA ATTRACTIONS VIDEO



DOWNLOAD THE STATE NEWSLETTER [HERE](#)



Back Country Horsemen of Montana State Convention April 4, 5 & 6, 2014, Hilton Garden Inn, Missoula *Raffle Items*

Mission Mountain Getaway Cabin

Win a relaxing and enjoyable four night stay for four people at this lovely cabin located 13 miles south of Swan Lake on MT Hwy. 83. This 530+ square foot cabin with modern conveniences offers a welcome break from hectic daily life and is just minutes from trails into the Mission Mountains and the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Horses are welcome! Facilities include corrals and pasture. *Donated by Scott Tuxbury.*



Ruby, The Ninemile Mule



This bronze sculpted by Bill Ohrmann of Drummond is of Ruby, a mule that was assigned to the Ninemile Ranger District. She was one of the Northern Region Pack String that made the trip to Pasadena in 1991 for the Rose Parade. Ruby died at age 29 on the District. Ruby has special meaning to us as we celebrate BCH Missoula and BCH Montana 40th Anniversary this year. *Donations were made to the National Museum of Forest Service History that holds Mr. Ohrmann's Letter of Authenticity for reproductions and to the Bronze Horse Foundry in Corvallis for casting. Donors are: Earl Tidball & Lana Hamilton, Gary Salisbury & Caroline Bauer, Richard & Diane Tamcke, John & Myra Mumma.*

Bob Marshall Wilderness Outfitter Pack Trip

Enjoy a five to seven day pack trip vacation for two. Mack and Connie Long will take you into pristine back country for a memorable Bob Marshall experience that will inspire you for life. Imagine waking up to smells of campfire coffee and fresh mountain air. Your Wilderness trip will include a variety of activities from adventure to relaxation. This is the trip of a lifetime! *Donated by Bob Marshall Wilderness Outfitters, Mack and Connie Long.*



Decker Pack Saddle with O. P. Robinette Tree

The first Decker pack saddle was used by an Arapaho packer in the Idaho mining boom of 1898-1900. Decker brothers made improvements to the Arapaho cover, or "half-breed" as it is known today. The modern Decker pack saddle tree was improved by blacksmith/saddle maker, Oliver P. Robinette (OPR) of Kooskia, Idaho shortly after 1906. Robinette and the Decker brothers combined ideas and marketed the tree as the Decker. This is a fine piece of equipment for any Wilderness back country pack trip. *Pack saddle tree donated by Smoke Elser; leatherwork by Larry Henderson, leather donated by BCH of Missoula.*



For Raffle Tickets Call Jan Rach, 531-9027

\$2.00 Each

Drawing at the Banquet April 5, 2014

HORSING AROUND





**Gallatin Valley
Back Country Horsemen
Post Office Box 3232, Bozeman, Montana 59772-3232**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Name _____ **Spouse's Name** _____

Mailing Address

\$45 Family Membership
\$35 Individual Membership
\$35 Associate Membership

Phone # _____

E-Mail _____

(Please print clearly)

Assumption of Risk

I understand and agree that I am a participant in an equine activity as set forth in Montana Equine Law MCA 27-1-725 - 728 and I agree to accept responsibility and assume the risk for my actions while participating in the clubs events.

I recognize that there is a potential for accidents wherever horse use is involved which can cause injury or death to horses, riders, and spectators. I also recognize that the Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen officers, directors, or members cannot always know the conditions of trails or experience of the riders or horses taking part in trail rides or other Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen functions. Therefore, I do hereby release the above named from any claims or rights for damage which might occur to me, my minor children, horses, other tack or equipment.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please check any committee(s) on which you are willing to serve:

Social Activities Trail Rides Issues Fund Raising Newsletter Projects
 Planning Clinics Audit Trail Maintenance Serve on Board Refreshments

What skill, talent or resource are you willing to share with the club?

Name of the advertisement or person that introduced you to the Back Country Horsemen?

GVBCH IS INDEBTED TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES & MEMBERS
WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2013 POKER RIDE:

Ardeson Boots & Shoes
Montana Canvas
Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply
Northern Energy Propane
Rocky Mountain Hat Company
DJ Bar Ranch
Ag Depot
All West Veterinary Hospital
B&B Plumbing
Big Shooters Espresso
Big Sky RV
Bozeman Saddle Outlet
Bridger Glass & Windows
Bunkhouse Originals
C'est la Vie Salon
Chalet Market
Double Diamond Halters
Faithful Friends Animal Clinic
Four Corner Saddlery
Freeway Enterprizes
Hardaway Veterinary Hospital
Knife River
Kountry Korner Café

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Mama Mac's
Matt's Saw Shop
Montana Equine Medical & Surgical
Center
Montana Side Saddle
Owenhouse Ace Hardware
Remuda Coffee
R.O. Brooks Custom Leather
Rocky Mountain Supply
Rocky Mountain Supply
Rocky Mountain Truck Center
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Steer In Trailer Sales
The Coffee Pot
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Touch of Sense Massage
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