

BOARD MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 6 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 7 PM

Springhill Church
4769 West Babcock, Bozeman

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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

BCHMT STATE CONVENTION : APRIL 1-3

Holiday Inn, Great Falls

COPPER SPRINGS SALE : APRIL 9

HARDAWAY SPRING EQUINE EVENT : APRIL 11

Hardaway Veterinary Hospital, 5650 Jackrabbit Ln, Belgrade

SPRING RIDE : APRIL 16

Red Bluff Research Ranch, Norris

4-H CLINIC 4 : APRIL 23, 9:00 AM

BOARD MEETING : APRIL 21, 6:00 PM

Springhill Church

GENERAL MEETING : APRIL 21, 7:00 PM

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

This month I've one thing on my mind. I would like to honor a few of those who've gone before us. I'm speaking of the beginnings of the Gallatin Valley chapter of what was then the Back Country Horsemen of America. I'm told there were over 140 people at their first meeting! I would like to thank every one of them but it's proven to be impossible to name them all. So, it was decided to honor the very core of that group. Last night we nominated and elected all of the original Officers and Board of Directors as Honorary Members of the GVBCH. This membership is for life and carries with it all the rights and privileges enjoyed by regular membership, with the exception of voting rights.

Were it not for these folks' effort and forethought, the Spanish Creek trail system would be closed to public access and we as a group would not even exist. GVBCH does good work, lots of it and the Forrest Service knows our value. These "Founders" proved to the USFS that private citizens would fight for, and voluntarily do the work necessary, to keep public lands open to public access. They planted the seed of stewardship in the general population. I for one am immensely grateful for their efforts. I don't know what more I can do to honor them but list their names here and ask you all to thank them personally for their efforts.

So, without further ado, I would like to present the Founding Officers and Board of Directors of the Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen:

President: Barb Martin	Vice President: Ron Rassley
Secretary: Ray Bridgewater	Treasurer: Barb Hall
Board of Directors: Peg McKnight, Les Witmer, Ann Bennett, Gene Quenemoen, Shirley Herbst, Archie Huenergardt, Joyce Pearson	

Respectfully submitted, *John Mutter*

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 17**

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM by President John Mutter

In Attendance: Lawrence, Sue, Chris, Sharon, Dan, Rich proxy for Harry, Henry proxy for Carmen and Larry proxy for Mike.

Motion passed to accept minutes as published

Safety Training to meet FS requirements for all Volunteers will be held as May meeting program and field day will be on May 22 1 pm-4 pm at the Gallatin Co fairgrounds. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

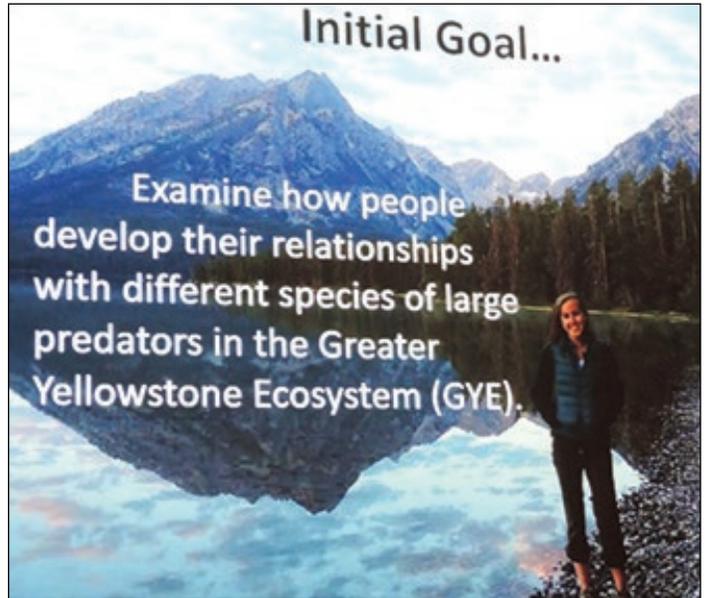
Motion to make all Charter Board and Ex Officers from the 1985 beginning Honorary lifetime members to show our recognition of their contribution to our history.

We will continue our Membership in PLWA as a associate membership.

Motion by Rich and Second by Henry to send \$250 toward BCHA full page add in USA Today Park Service Centennial issue to be printed for 2 1/2 months this summer and distributed to all National Parks and elsewhere.

Motion to adjourn 7pm.

Notes by *Henry Glenn*



**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 17**

Meeting called to order by President John Mutter at 7:10 PM. Program presented by Hannah Jaicks on Humans and Carnivores existing on the same Landscape.

She had several guests for her program

Minutes accepted as published.

Treasurers report accepted.

John explained about the Honorary Memberships for the Charter board and officers from 1985 and their significant contribution to our club.

Larry explained that the FS was reporting a lot of downed trees on the trails so expect a lot of hard work this summer season.

Larry also talked about recertification for the FS volunteers who use chainsaws and cross cut saws.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Notes by *Henry Glenn*

APRIL PROGRAM

Julie Cunningham is returning due to unanimous request of a follow up to her program from last fall. She will talk about recent population counts and trends for elk, mule deer, pronghorn, and bighorn sheep in the Bridger, Gallatin, and Madison areas. A large focus of the presentation will be the latest regarding the bighorn sheep capture and transplant work in the Taylor-Hilgard range.

Julie Cunningham
Bozeman Area Wildlife Biologist
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

photo by Dan Porter



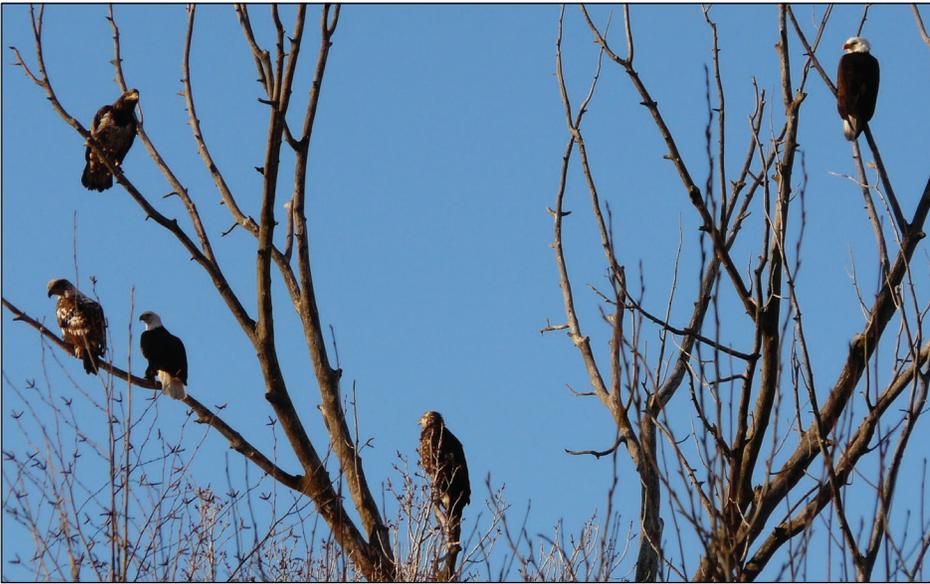


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EQUINE CHIROPRACTIC

SPRING
GRASSES/
TURNOUT

SPRING
EQUINE
VACCINES



HARDAWAY
— ECG —
**VETERINARY
HOSPITAL**

SPRING EQUINE WORKSHOP

Live demonstrations

Q&A

complimentary BBQ

APRIL 11TH

6PM COMPLIMENTARY BBQ

**6:30 EQUINE CHIROPRACTIC
DEMONSTRATION**

- Dr. Tamara Parrott, IVCA Certified

**7:00 SPRING GRASSES
& TURNOUT**

- Buford Howell, Purina Animal Nutrition

7:30 SPRING EQUINE VACCINES

- Dr. Rob Keene

At Hardaway Veterinary (388-8387)

PACK CLINIC



Hosted by the
Selway-Pintler Wilderness
Back Country Horsemen

For More Information Contact:
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To view course outline visit:
bchmt.org/spwbch-“Calendar of Events”

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Sunday, April 17th 9am-5pm

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