

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:

WEDNESDAY TRAIL CREW : AUGUST 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

BBQ RIDE : AUGUST 6

Seitz Road, Wilsall; Contact: Henry Glenn, 578-2084

PONY HOMECOMING : AUGUST 6

Pony

HELLROARING CABIN RESTORATION : AUGUST 8-12

Contact Henry Glenn, 578-2084

BOARD MEETING : AUGUST 18, 6:00 PM

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GENERAL MEETING : AUGUST 18, 7:00 PM

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FUN RIDE : AUGUST 20

Cache Creek; Contact Dan Porter, 539-0879

SLOUGH CREEK/ BUFFALO FORK LOOP : SEPTEMBER 1-8

Contact Henry Glenn, 578-2084



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

It's hard to believe it's August already, the Poker Ride is a memory and the Summer is more than half over. I'm sure everyone knows what a success the Poker Ride was. If we keep fine tuning it every year, like we've been doing, eventually it will run itself.....NOT!

I've been pretty busy around our place this summer. We've got a new pole barn/equipment shed that's still needing the metal roof and siding. Finding help has been a real problem! It seems the building boom is back and anyone who is not already busy doesn't want to work at all.

I need to apologize to Larry for not making more trail crews. Every time I need to make an appointment or meet someone the only day they can do it is Wednesday. I miss going out with them.

It hasn't been only work this Summer though. Last weekend, Barbara and I took the horses up to Cache Creek for three days. We had a blast. Barb had so much fun that on the way home she said to me, "Why don't we buy a slide-in camper so we can still pull the horse trailer and not have to sleep in the tent". I replied, "That's the best idea I've ever heard." (I've been trying to get one for years). Anyway, we would like to invite everyone to bring their horses and come camping with us. The Summer is only half over, there's plenty of time left. We'll bring our new camper.

That's about it for this month.

Happy Trails and we'll see you in the woods.

—John

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 21

John Mutter called the meeting to order and took roll call. Tamara Erickson, Chris Nygren, John Mutter, Rich Inman, Sue Geske, Carmen Matzick, Dan Marsh, Lawrence VanDyke, Carl Blaskovich, Harry Huntsinger, Henry Glenn, and Mike Haugan, were in attendance.

MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING

Carmen Matzick made a motion to accept minutes from last board meeting, Dan Marsh seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

FINANCE REPORT

Sharon Fraser was not in attendance, so finance report will be held over to general meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

No new correspondence was reported.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ISSUES:

Dan Marsh gave a brief report on issues.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership stands at 51 with several new members from the poker ride.

PUBLICITY

John looked into the magnetic signs for trailers that was suggested at the last meeting, and found them to be expensive. He will discuss it with Beth to see if she may have some suggestions.

NEWSLETTER

We need short articles for the newsletter, please!

OLD BUSINESS

POKER RIDE WRAP UP

Wrap up pushed to general meeting.

4-H PACKING CLINIC

John reported on 4-H packing clinic progress. The final exam was held at the fair, and was judged by several members. John reported being very pleased with the kids' progress.

Harry Huntsinger also reported on 4-H. He stated that a sponsor, Corey Johnson of Mountain Sheet Metal, was so impressed with the packing clinic that he volunteered to create and administrate a 4-H Facebook page to gain publicity and document progress. Billings, Kalispell, and Havre branches have been in contact with Harry and are interested in also initiating packing programs.

Mike Haugan and Sue Geske reported on the pack trip into the Bob Marshal Wilderness. This year, the kids were asked to do more prep work for meals. They really stepped up to the plate and did a fantastic job. The experience helped the kids earn a greater understanding of what it takes to truly outfit a pack trip, including meal planning. There were no wrecks or incidences, and overall the trip was a great success.

Planning for the 2017 4-H Packing Clinic is underway, and reservations have been made at Circle L Arena on February 18 and March 18.

NEW BUSINESS

FUN RIDE

Dan Porter is leading a fun ride on Saturday, July 30th, and another on Saturday August 20th. Please contact Dan at (406) 539-0879 for more information and to check in if you'd like to ride.

HELL ROARING CABIN

Henry Glenn is leading a freighting trip to Hell Roaring Cabin. The plan is to leave the trail head on Monday August 8th. It is an option to arrive at the trail head Sunday afternoon and camp that night. The Forest Service cabin has been reserved for the week. There is room for 6 people to sleep comfortably. Henry is planning to go in through Specimen Creek, and take another route out to clear two trails along the way. It was mentioned that clearing trails while packing in maybe an issue, and it was suggested that Henry ask the Forest Service to have the trails cleared before the trip.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

John asked for a volunteer to head up the Christmas party. We have the same conflict this year with the state board meeting and our Christmas party dates. No one volunteered, and the topic was pushed for further discussion.

BBQ RIDE

There was a bit of confusion regarding the date of the Steak/BBQ ride, which will be held at Henry and Molly's place. Two dates were mentioned, August 6th, and August 20th, and it was determined that the BBQ Ride will be held on August 6.

A motion was made by Rich Inman to adjourn the meeting, Chris Nygren seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Tamara Erickson

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JULY 21

Welcome: John Mutter called the meeting to order and welcomed three guests, Isabelle, Andreas, and Theresa.

PROGRAM

Janice Cartwright gave a great, very informative program about bits and bridles. She used a display of many different types of bits to explain the mechanics of how they work in the horse's mouth, as well as proper usage. She also used two horses to demonstrate and answered questions.

MINUTES OF LAST GENERAL MEETING

John Mutter made a motion to accept minutes from last board meeting, Molly Glenn seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sharon Fraser accepted several new bills from the Poker Ride, and reported on the Poker Ride financials.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was reported.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

GVBCH currently has 51 members.

ISSUES

Dan Marsh reported on the state meeting. BCHA has a new management company handling the newsletter, membership lists, and other administrative tasks, but the representative assigned to the account did not communicate for a couple months due to personal issues. There are several problems that have arisen due to the system not working as originally planned, and they have created additional work for Dan.

2014 FARM BILL

A bill was passed to expedite cleaning up forest with damage from beetle kill. All governors were asked to choose areas to fast track. Governor Bullock designated 5 million acres, including some spots in our area.

PUBLICITY

Rich Inman and Janice Cartwright appeared on the KBZK morning program to help educate the public on the service provided by GVBCH, and also to promote the Poker Ride. They were both very well spoken, and did a great job. Thanks very much Rich and Janice!

<http://www.kbzk.com/clip/12562108/horsemen-club-to-hold-poker-ride>

Janice also contacted KGLT, who agreed to run a public service announcement that reads as follows:

The Gallatin Valley Backcountry Horsemen Club supports enjoyable, common sense use of horses in the back country and assists government agencies in trail maintenance and management. Volunteer crews are out working on the trails on Wednesdays. Community support comes in a lot of ways, including a big "hello" to folks you see working for all of us in the backcountry. More info on Facebook at Gallatin Valley Backcountry Horsemen.

NEWSLETTER

Please consider submitting a short article to be published in the newsletter.

TRAIL CREW

"It is Peachy Keen" - Larry Thomas. Sue Geske suggested asking Missy from KBZK to come along on a trail clearing for further publicity.

PROGRAM

Kevin Lauer is coming back to give the program on CPR. First Aid certification is required for sawyers, so sawyers should please plan to come to the August meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

4-H Packing Clinic: John Mutter began the report on the 4-H packing clinic wrap up. The final exam was held at the fair, and was judged by several members. John stated that he was very pleased with the kids' progress. The kids were enthusiastic about the program, and John mentioned how much they had grown and learned.

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POKER RIDE WRAP UP

Tamara Erickson reported that the poker ride turned out great once again, and thanked all volunteers for doing an outstanding job. The weather cooperated, and participation was good.

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
CONTINUED...**

The committee will hold a wrap up meeting soon, so if you have any observations, suggestions, or feedback you would like considered for next year, please contact TamaraErickson@msn.com.

There was a short discussion regarding two riders that tried to take a short cut, somehow got behind the sweep riders, and became lost during the poker ride. Several members stayed late waiting for the riders to return, and they were eventually retrieved by Henry Glenn and Dan Porter. Some suggestions were made on how to prevent that from happening in the future, and the issue will be considered by the poker ride committee.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

John asked for a volunteer to head up the Christmas party committee, but no one volunteered. If you are interested on heading up the Christmas Party Committee, please contact John Mutter. There is once again a conflict with the state board meeting and our Christmas party dates.

RTP

Rich Inman reported on the Recreation Trails Program: We had an opportunity to submit some work on July 1st, which Rich did, and they have asked him for additional information. Rich advised Sharon Fraser to expect a check for more than \$900 soon. There will be another opportunity to submit on August 1st, but we will be unable to utilize all the money available because of heavy restrictions on the way that it can be allocated. Rich will look into submitting bills for maintenance or chainsaws.

NEW BUSINESS:

FUN RIDE

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HELL ROARING CABIN

On Monday, August 8th, Henry Glenn will lead a freight party to Hell Roaring Cabin, and riders must bring a pack animal. If you have a pack animal and would like to be involved, please contact Henry for details.

The Forest Service cabin has been reserved for the week. There is room for 6 people to sleep comfortably in the cabin, so if the party consists of more than 6, tents or other sleeping arrangements will be necessary. Henry is planning to go in through Specimen Creek, and take another route out to clear two trails. It was mentioned that clearing trails while packing maybe an issue, and Henry has asked the Forest Service to have the trails cleared before the trip if possible.

BBQ RIDE

The Steak/BBQ ride will be held at Henry and Molly's place in Sedan. After some discussion regarding the date, Molly Glenn made a motion to hold the BBQ ride on August 6th. Tamara Erickson seconded the motion, and the motion passed. The Glenn's live in Sedan, and there are many possibilities for places to ride before the BBQ. Please bring a salad or dessert, and Henry will be serving BBQ. Please plan to arrive at the Glenn's around 3:00, and dinner will be served around 4:00.

MISC

John Mutter mentioned that last year, the club awarded Tamara Erickson a gift certificate for dinner at Land of Magic in recognition of her help with the poker ride. A discussion was held, and Harry Huntsinger made a motion for the club to give Tamara a gift certificate to Land of Magic, Barbara Mutter seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

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—Submitted by Tamara Erickson



29TH ANNUAL POKER RIDE BY RICH INMAN

The 29th annual poker ride is now history. From the feed back we received, it was one of the best ever poker rides.

The tent raising/potluck on Friday eve was great but challenging. About the time we started to put up the tents a thunder storm decided to help us. We had people hanging on every corner and side of the tents to keep them from blowing away while trying to stake them down. Once the tents were staked, the crew moved the potluck inside so we could dine while the rain fell. There were close to 20 people at the potluck. It rained off and on for a couple hours and settled the dust.

Around 7:00 a.m. on Saturday morn, Janice Cartwright's crew arrived to do the pre-ride on the flagged route. She had no more that left the parking lot when the pop stop and registration crews arrived. About 8:00 a.m. the horse trailers began to pull into the parking lot and the poker ride was on its way.

Jim Wing arrived about 11:30 with the lunch groceries to feed 214 registrants plus the camp crew. The lunch from Town & Country grocery in Belgrade consisted of fried chicken, cole slaw, potato salad, watermelon, cookies, and ice cold pop and water. There were many compliments on the lunch.

Our sponsors were great again this year and provided over 100 prizes. The sponsors are listed in our newsletter. Be sure you patronize them and thank them for their sponsorship. As far as we know, this is the largest equine poker ride in Montana.

By 4:00 p.m. the prizes had been claimed and the clean-up/tear down crew started in as another thunder storm approached base camp. As hard as we tried we could not beat the rain and the tents got slightly wet and were put in the trailer unfolded. We dried them and rolled them finally on the 15th.

My thanks go to each and every member who helped with the poker ride. You made it very successful. We grossed over \$6500 and expenses should be in the \$1500-2000 range. We also gained 2 new memberships. (Dr. Dan and Amy Alderman and family, Rob and Laura Hager). Until next year, ride the trails and enjoy the back country.



Sharon Fraser at Spanish Creek trail ride
photo by Janice Cartwright



Editor's Note:

You may have noticed in our newsletter, that some images appear clear and detailed and some are fuzzy or unfocused, especially if you receive the print version rather than the e-edition. Often, this problem is the result of low resolution images sent by cell phones. All but three of the images in this newsletter are less than 900 KB.

When you send me images to include in the newsletter, please send them "full size"; I cannot make images bigger, without losing quality, just smaller. If you send images taken by a camera, check your settings and make sure you have set "fine".

Thank you

When it comes to image editing, resolution is one of the toughest concepts to understand. It's also the most important concept to grasp when it comes to printing photos that look good. In this article you'll learn what the heck resolution really is, when you need to worry about it, and how to tie those concepts into your final printed image.

To make sense of it all, we'll start by taking a closer look at your digital photos to see what they're made of.

PIXELS AND RESOLUTION DEFINED

Open a photo in the image editor of your choice and zoom into it using the program's Zoom or Magnify tool (in both Photoshop and Photoshop Elements, you can press Command-+ repeatedly to zoom).

Before long, you'll start seeing coloured squares. These blocks of solid colour are called pixels (short for picture elements), and together they form the image you see onscreen. Depending upon the quality setting of your digital camera, your photo may contain a few hundred or several thousand pixels by width and height.

Pixels don't have any predetermined size, they can be microscopic or honkin' big. The measurement that controls pixel size is called resolution. Sure, the quality setting on your digital camera determines how many pixels are captured when you press the shutter button, but who knows how big they are? Before you send that photo to your printer, you need to make sure they're small enough so that they can't be seen by the naked eye.

In printing, resolution is measured in dots per inch (dpi), which makes sense because most printers print dots. For onscreen images, on a computer monitor, TV, plasma, or projector, resolution is measured in pixels per inch (ppi).

HOW PIXELS AND RESOLUTION WORK TOGETHER

Resolution controls the size of pixels by determining how many are packed together into a given space (think of it as pixel density). When you increase image resolution the pixels become smaller so more of them can be packed together. This results in a smaller physical print size because the smaller pixels cover less surface area than the bigger ones, though smaller pixels produce a smooth, high quality print.

Low-resolution images have fewer pixels packed into a given space, which allows them to be bigger. While this would result in a larger physical print size (the bigger pixels cover more surface space), the print may start to look like it's made of Legos because the pixels are so big you can see each one individually.

This concept is easier to understand by relating it to something in the real world. For example, pretend you're baking cookies. When you pour brown sugar into a measuring cup, the sugar might reach the one-cup line. But when you pack the granules firmly into the cup, the sugar is reduced to the half cup line.

You still have the same number of sugar granules (which are like pixels), they're just packed more tightly together in the physical confines of the measuring cup (your photo). The loosely packed granules you started with are akin to low resolution, and the firmly packed granules are akin to high resolution.

RESOLUTION MATTERS ONLY WHEN YOU PRINT

Printers are one of the few devices that can do anything with the resolution measurement. For example, you can print a low-resolution image (72 ppi) and a high-resolution image (300 ppi) and you'll get different results: one blocky print and one smooth. Computer monitors, projectors and other digital display devices are altogether different because the video driver, the software that controls what you're seeing on that screen, is controlling resolution for the display.

That's why a 72 ppi image looks exactly the same as a 600 ppi image, which is why the concept of resolution is so darn confusing, you just can't see resolution changes onscreen.

The truth is that resolution doesn't mean a hill of beans unless your photo is headed to a printer. If your image is destined for life onscreen, on a web page, in a presentation, or in a slideshow, resolution doesn't matter because viewers just can't see the difference between one resolution and another.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



THE PING-PONG PLAYING HORSES WERE ENJOYING THEIR GAME OF —

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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How to sack out a horse with a brand new pair of chaps.???...
Make him wear them!, says Dan Porter

**GVBCH IS INDEBTED TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES & MEMBERS
WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2016 POKER RIDE:**

TOP POKER HAND PRIZES:

Rocky Mountain Hat
Madison River Propane
Ardesson Boots & Shoes
Montana Canvas
Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply

SILENT AUCTION PRIZES:

Big Sky RV
Knife River
DJ Bar Ranch
Steer In Trailer Sales
Rich Inman
Ace Owenhouse
Beth Merrick
Meredith Kresge
Sorensen Veterinary Hospital
Montana Equine Veterinary
Four Corners Saddlery
Rocky Mountain Truck Center
Tru Value Hardware Belgrade
Tim McWilliams
Montana Horse Sense
Ben Masters
Steve Thienes

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Treasure State (Mike Haugan)
Troxel
Montana Horse Sense
Boot Barn
All West Veterinary
Three Forks Saddlery
Double Diamond Halter Company
Dan Marsh
Rich Inman
Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply
Barb Mutter
John Mutter
Chalet Market
Four Corners Saddlery
Beth Merrick
Big Sky RV
Montana Equine
Sorensen Veterinary Hospital
Rocky Mountain Truck Center
Freeway Enterprises
Double Diamond Veterinary
Rocky Mountain Supply
Town & Country Belgrade

Hardaway Veterinary Hospital
DaBrim
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