



EAST SLOPE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

30 YEARS TRAIL TAILS FEBRUARY 2015

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www.bchmt.org



CHILI FEED FEB. 22nd

5:00 PM

Happy Valentine's Day to All,

Time is going fast and we are looking forward to a productive 2015. I want to say "Thank You" to all the club members for their dedication to our organization. We will be busy this year with projects and planning for the 2016 Back Country Horsemen of MT convention. This year's convention will be in Hamilton and for those of us going, we will be looking at how they are doing things different.

A reminder, it is time for membership renewals. In the newsletter will be a copy of the renewal form, but if you plan to go on any work projects, we need the complete application filled out. We have printed out copies or you can print your own off the ESBCH website. Make sure you print off the membership form bundle. Copies will be available at the February 22 chili feed meeting at Ron and Debbie's. Thanks to Fred for keeping the website current.

I have received a list of projects to consider from Ian Bardwell. We will look at these and suggestions from the club members for projects they would like done. A committee will look at dates for these projects and have them by the March meeting. Also a meeting schedule will be developed which will be published in the newsletter. If you have dates that will not work for you please let us know so we can consider them while we set our schedule.

Again, the next meeting will be the Chili Feed on February 22nd, 5:00 PM. Ron and Debbie again have graciously agreed to let us meet at their house. We always have plenty of food so bring guests who might like to join in on the fun.

We also would like to send out congratulations to Wylie Gustafson and his little Pilipina cowgirl (his words) on their upcoming addition to the family. We hear it's a boy.

Bob



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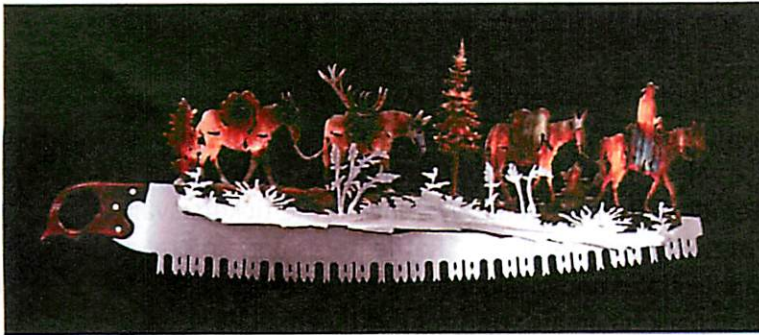


2015 Back Country Horsemen Of Montana State Convention

March 27-28-29, 2015 Hamilton, MT



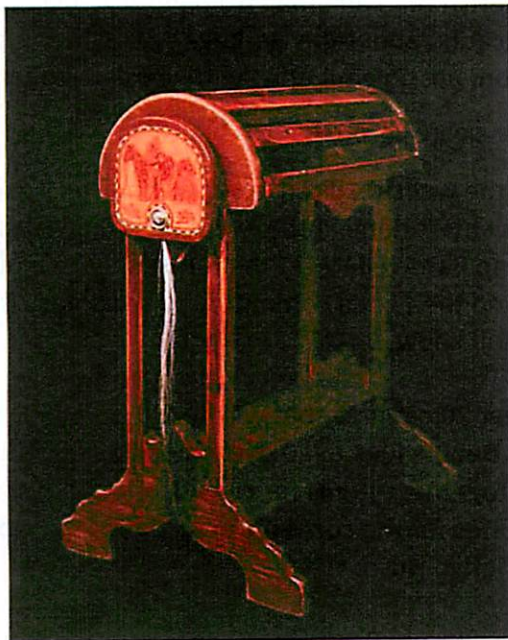
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Member Information
Year 2015

Name	Birthdays	Last four digits of your S.S. #
_____	_____	_____
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Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip & Postal Code _____
 Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____ Fax _____
 E-mail _____
 Membership Type _____ (New, Renewal or Secondary)

Single \$27.00 per year or \$12.00 for Secondary
 Family \$39.00 per year or \$24.00 for Secondary Amount Enclosed _____

East Slope Back Country Horseman members often participate in the Forest Assistant Program sponsored by the USFS. Please complete all the requested information on the top of the form in addition to the information below. Livestock info is needed for any stock used on any work project throughout the year. S. S. # is needed for workers compensation on work projects.

Member Signature _____ Spouse Signature _____
Don't Forget to sign your membership, they will not be accepted without a signature.
 Your membership privilege is subject to approval by the Chapter Board of Directors.

Name	Livestock Information Breed	Color
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Area Code and Phone Number _____

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 Conrad, MT 59425

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