



# EAST SLOPE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

FOUNDED 1978 38 YEARS OF TRAIL TAILS JANUARY 2016

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**Montana BCH Web Site**

[www.bchmt.org](http://www.bchmt.org)

## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL,

Le Ann and I would like to extend our wishes to all members for a Healthy and Happy New Year. This is going to be a big year for our club with the convention coming up.

Members have stepped up to the plate and done some exciting projects. Marsha McCubbins put together a Dutch oven cook-book which will be highlighted in the newsletter. Ron Ries presented his metal project at the Christmas meeting and Fred has done an exceptional job getting the convention information together. April 1st will be here before we know it.

The upcoming annual meeting will be held at Dr. Dick and Mary Jane Kinyon's January 16th at 4:30 pm. Please let LeAnn or Dick know if you are attending for prime rib planning purposes. This is a change from the previously schedule January 10th meeting. We will be holding election of officers and directors. If you are interested in an office, please contact Bob Hermance 289-0120, Lisa Schmidt 450-0357 or Helen Suta at 450-0714. To become active in the club a directors position would be a great way to start.

Looking back from the past three years we have completed many work projects and completed the "Trail from Hell". Our trails behind Swift Dam suffered with the fires this summer. We will have a completely different look for our Poker Ride in 2016 on the north and west side of the dam.

Hope everyone had a successful 2015 hunting season. Our hunting crew went into our same favorite spot and they filled their tags. This year I did not draw a permit but still enjoyed helping retrieve the game. Looking forward to next year. See you on the 16th,

*Bob*

January 16th 4:30 PM Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. Prime Rib Pot Luck dinner to follow. Please mark your calendars.....



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

K. Joe Suta  
Zane Drishinski

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dick Kinyon  
Steve Hutton  
Clete Gregory  
Hannah Nieman  
Gale Gustafson

East Slope Back Country Horsemen  
Regular Meeting/Christmas Pot Luck  
Dick and Mary Jane Kinyon Home  
December 6, 2015

President Bob Hermance called the regular meeting to order at the home of Dick and Mary Jane Kinyon at 6:30 P.M. on December 6, 2015. There were 13 members in attendance: Joe and Helen Suta, Bob and LeAnn Hermance, Steve Hutton, Lisa Schmidt, Abby Hutton, Keith Alltucker, Sue McNeal, Ron and Debbie Ries, Fred Fitzpatrick and Dick and Mary Jane Kinyon.

### Minutes

Bob asked the members if they had read the minutes that were published, and if they had any corrections or additions. There were none, and the minutes were approved as published.

### Treasurer's Report

LeAnn gave the Treasurer's report. She reported the current checking, savings and CD balances. Checks were written in the amount of \$430 for National dues, and \$286.46 for convention raffle tickets. She also transferred \$600 from savings to the checking. Merlyn Huso was given a check for \$68 for mileage in October that has been lost. The members gave approval to replace the lost check. There were no bills submitted. Dick made a motion to approve Treasurer's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve.

### State Committee Report

Ron and Fred attended the State meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December and gave a report. The Highline BCH Chapter has been dissolved due to lack of attendance. Ron reported that there was a lengthy discussion on cost share vs volunteer work with no resolution at the end of the discussion.

Chuck Miller, National Director, There was discussion about the possibility of doing away with some of the National officers and hiring a Marketing Management company. Also doing away with an officer doing the National Newsletter. They noted that they have a

few companies in mind, and this topic will be brought up at the State Convention in April.

A mountain bikers' group is challenging the Wilderness Act, and BCH has been asked to put some input into the issue. Keith commented that he felt there was little chance of the challenge being successful, because the argument could be made that it was long past the time for efforts to be made to change the Act.

There was a horse safety report made, and there were no accidents reported. A new Forrester for Region I has been hired. There was a committee formed to look into doing a pack trip with the new forester.

A report on travel plans stated that there is a lawsuit under way from a mountain biker's group in the Galatin National Forest. There was a report that since 1988, 3/4 of the Bob Marshall has burnt, some places more than once.

Fred reported that there is RTP grant money available. Four chapters received money from a previous grant, but not what they wanted. The money comes from the highway bill fund and remains the same for 5 years. We will need to decide if we want to apply for money for a project.

The State Constitution is under review for possible changes and updates. A committee has been formed, with Fred as a member, to study needed changes. Some of the proposed changes are having new State Directors coming on board before rather than after the convention, changing BCHM to BCHMT to designated Montana from Missoula chapter, and a proposal for no term limits due to chapters with few members. A lot has to be done to make changes to the constitution. I needs to be published twice, and then requires a 2/3 majority at the convention.

There will be a permanent mailing address for BCHMT in the future. They are hiring a mail marketing service in the amount of \$160 per year plus \$1 per transaction. The mail is currently going to Butte, but the person that has been handling it can't do it anymore. The State Board went ahead and voted for the change.

Fred and Ron handed out all of the packets to the present chapters for the convention. There were 4 not in attendance, and LeAnn will mail those packets out.

### Old Business

Dick commented that he spoke to some clients who hunt in the Lange Creek area, and they gave him some advice on how to approach the weed project that has been unsuccessfully located in the past.

### New Business

Election of officers for next year will be coming up at our next meeting, and Bob formed a committee consisting of himself, Lisa and Helen to make recommenda-

tions.

The annual meeting will be held on January 16 at the Kinyon's with Dick cooking the prime rib. Members attending need to bring a desert or salad. A motion was made for the club to pay for the prime rib by Lisa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keith.

Bob talked about the possibility of the club having a meeting and campout at a Beartooth cabin that is about 10 miles in sometime this summer. He thought it would be a nice reward for all the members' hard work with the convention this year.

### Convention Progress Report

A discussion on the number of vendors was had. We want to be sure and not overlap vendors with duplicate services. Keith said he would talk to his daughter who is in charge of the vendors for the Red Ants Pants Festival for ideas.

Fred said there are several things that need to be done yet before the convention. He needs to get the agenda nailed down and sent to State Pres. Connie Long for approval. The convention packets will need to be done then. The packets should contain a welcome letter, vendor list, agenda, sponsor list, photo contest instructions, etc.

Lisa said she spoke to a photographer about being a speaker, and also a lady who could talk on fire management. She will look into it further. Ron said he spoke to Mark Himmel, and he is willing to run the crosscut saw competition. He also heard that Weyerhauser has bought out Plum Creek and will start charging for access to their land. Ron also found out about the gun engraving. It will cost \$150 to have the logo digitized and \$200 to have it engraved. LeAnn spoke to Steve Keller about either providing DJ music or having his band for Saturday night. The price is \$800 and he is open for April 2. It was agreed that the DJ performance would be best. Hermance's also spoke to Jim Sargent about providing the video screens and speaker system for the convention. Bob and Fred will share the master of ceremony job at the convention.

There being no further business, Lisa made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve. Meeting adjourned, and there was a potluck dinner and gift exchange after.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Helen Suta, Secretary ESBCH

Continental Divide Trails help request

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
JANUARY 16, 2016 4:30 PM  
DICK AND MARY JANE KINYONS home  
PRIME RIB and pot luck sides  
Rsvp please by January 12th

Hello Friends,

CDT Montana has their project scheduled lined out for 2016 and we are now hoping to fill our packing schedule before we open up the trail crew volunteer recruitment. We hope you'll be interested in taking a look at our line-up and consider packing with us next summer. We really appreciate your support and work to help us reach our goals. Also, our volunteers and staff are incredibly grateful for your skills to get heavy gear and food to camp. BCH is a HUGE partner in our work so thank you in advance for your time, energy and work to improve our shared trails. We sure appreciate you!

Signing up for a CDT packing project is as easy as 1-2-3!

Check out the requirements on the [CDT Packer Page](#).

Choose the project you are able to pack and make sure you have enough buddies/animals to help out. [Here is a spreadsheet with more project details](#).

Contact Sonny Mazzullo, CDT Field Coordinator, to lock it in. He is copied on this email so you have his email address. His phone number is [301-651-5818](#).



To receive a copy of Marsha's cook book you can contact her by cell 250-1032 or the email is [marshamccubbins@gmail.com](mailto:marshamccubbins@gmail.com).

Thank you Marsha for putting this together and for all of the members who submitted recipes. What a great idea.

# ESBCH ELECTIONS

The following positions are up for election; They include president, vice president, secretary, treasurer (these are one year terms), one state board director (this is a two year term) an alternate state director (one year term) and three chapter directors (these are two year terms).

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

STATE BOARD DIRECTOR

ALTERNATE STATE BOARD DIRECTOR

CHAPTER BOARD DIRECTORS (3 positions)

If you would like to run for any of these positions please notify a member of the nominating committee.

Lisa Schmidt - 564 Graham Ranch Lane - Conrad, MT 59436 - (406)278-0159 E-mail; [alandofgrass@3riversdbs.net](mailto:alandofgrass@3riversdbs.net)

Helen Suta - P.O. Box 495 - Shelby, MT 59474 - (406)434-2135  
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Bob Hermance - P.O. Box 967- Conrad MT 59425 - (406)278-5378  
E-mail; [hermance@3rivers.net](mailto:hermance@3rivers.net)



# **2016 Back Country Horsemen STATE CONVENTION**

*Hosted by: East Slope Back Country Horsemen*

*Convention Theme:*

***Reminded of our Past, Planning for our Future***

***Holiday Inn and Convention Center 1100 5th Street South***

***Great Falls, Montana 59405 Phone: 1-888-HOLIDAY***

***Local: (406)727-7200 Fax: (406)268-0472***

***There has been a block of rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn for all convention attendees, just let them know that you are attending the Back Country Horsemen State Convention. More rooms are available if needed.***

***Featured Banquet Entertainment***

***Wylie Gustafson***



*Wylie is an American singer-songwriter who has toured nationally and internationally with his band Wylie and the Wild West. Wylie also breeds and trains cutting horses.*

**Live Auction**



Auctioneer: Zane Drishinski (Z-Man) Renowned rodeo clown and auctioneer.

***Each Chapter is asked to bring one item for the State Organization as this is the fund raiser for BCHMT.***

***(Item should be at least \$50.00)***

**Silent Auction**

Auction items will be on display at the convention. Individuals can also donate items.

Any chapter can also donate an item for the silent auction.

*Contact: LeAnn Hermance (406)278-5378 (hermance@3rivers.net)*

*Vendors*

*The vendor areas will be on display throughout the convention. If you have or know of somebody interested in having a booth, please let us know. Contact: R. Fred Fitzpatrick (richfitz@3rivers.net)*

***Crosscut Saw Competition! Photo Contest! Workshop/Seminars!***

Other Accommodations Near By: Super Eight, 1214 13th St South, Great Falls, MT (406)727-7600- Townhouse Inns, 1411 10th Ave S., Great Falls, MT (406)761-4600 – Fairfield Inn, 1000 9th Ave South, Great Falls, MT (406)452-9581- Motel Six, 2 Treasure State Drive, Great Falls, MT (406)453-1602

For complete listings see the Yellow Pages, or go online.

***We Hope the 2016 Back Country Horsemen of Montana State Convention will meet your expectations!***

***Thanks***



## *Agenda*

### *Friday April 1, 2016*

- 12:00 P.M. Nominating Committee Meeting at the Holiday Inn (Ford Room )
- 1 - 5 P.M. State Board Meeting (Pre Convention) at the Heritage Inn (Ford and Wheeler Rooms)
- 4 - 7 P.M. Friday Evening Registration at the Holiday Inn (Lobby)
- 4 - 7 P.M. Friday Evening Photo Registration at the Holiday Inn (Executive Room)
- 7 - ? P.M. No Host Cocktail Hour at the Holiday Inn (Lounge)

### *Saturday April 2, 2016*

- 7 - 8 A.M. Convention Registration at the Holiday Inn (Lobby)
- 7 - 8 A.M. Photo Contest Registration at the Holiday Inn. (Executive Room)
- 8:00 A.M. Introductions Convention Area (Aronson-Mansfield-Trailsend Rooms) (Bob Hermance)  
(Coffee Available in Convention Area)
- 8:15 A.M. Presentation of the Flags / Pledge of Allegiance (Montana Air National Guard)
- 8:40 A.M. Invocation (Clete Gregory)
- 8:50 A.M. A year in Revue Slide Show Presentation by The East Slope BCH
- 9:00 A.M. General Session Begins
- 10:30 A.M. Morning Break (View Vendor Displays)
- 11:00 A.M. General Session Continues
- 12:00 P.M. Lunch Convention Area (Aronson-Mansfield-Trailsend Rooms) (Tickets Required)
- 1:00 P.M. Silent Auction Begins (View Vendor Displays)
- 1:00 P.M. General Session Continues
- 1:30 P.M. Crosscut Saw Competition
- 2:30 P.M. Afternoon Break (View Vendor Displays)
- 3:00 P.M. Workshops (Equine 1st Aid, Richard Kinyon.- Back Country 1st Aid, ?.) Workshops will be held in conjunction with each other and will be in the Convention Area (Aronson-Mansfield-Trailsend Rooms) If you choose not to attend you may visit the vendors.
- 5 - 6:00 P.M. View Vendor Displays
- 5 - 6:00 P.M. No Host Cocktail Hour Convention Area (Aronson-Mansfield-Trailsend Rooms)
- 6:00 P.M. Banquet Convention Area (Aronson-Mansfield-Trailsend Rooms) (Tickets Required)
- 7:00 P.M. Entertainment (Wylie Gustafson)
- 8:30 P.M. Silent Auction Ends
- 8:45 P.M. Live Auction Convention Area (Aronson-Mansfield-Trailsend Rooms) (Zane Drishinski Auctioneer)
- 9:30 P.M. Announce the Raffle Drawing Winners
- 9:30 P.M. Dance Convention Area (Aronson-Mansfield-Trailsend Rooms) ( Music Provided by Jim Sarjent- DJ)

### *Sunday April 3, 2016*

- 6:30 - 7 A.M. Cowboy Church Holiday Inn (Balcony)
- 7 - 8:30 A.M. Breakfast at the Holiday Inn Convention Area (Aronson-Mansfield-Trailsend Rooms)
- 9:00 A.M. General Session Reconvenes Convention Area (Aronson-Mansfield-Trailsend Rooms)  
(Coffee Available in Convention Area)
- 10:00 A.M. Photo Contest Results (Joe and Helen Suta)
- 10:30 A.M. Morning Break

# East Slope Back Country Horsemen

## RAFFLE DRAWING

**1 for \$5  
6 for \$20**

**Drawing Date:**

April 2, 2016

**Event:**

2016 Back Country Horsemen of  
Montana State Convention

**Location:**

Holiday Inn  
Great Falls MT 59404

Purchase Tickets From  
Any East Slope  
Member or Call:  
(406)278-5378



Custom Engraved  
Marlin Model 1895G 45/70 Gov't Caliber  
Saddle Gun



State Convention 2016  
Picture of Engraving on Rifle  
Receiver



Custom Hand Made Decker Pack Saddle  
by Saddle Maker  
Thales Mullanex of Hayford Saddle Shop  
Conrad, Montana

\$500.00 Town Pump Gift Card to be spent at any  
Town Pump Store



East Slope Back  
Country Horsemen

PO Box 967  
Conrad, MT 59425

For more raffle tickets;  
Contact: LeAnn Hermance  
406-278-5378 or E-Mail:  
hermance@3rivers.net

- Each ticket is good for 1 chance at each item.
- Marlin Lever Action Saddle Gun in 45/70 US Gov't Caliber
  - Original Handmade Decker Pack Saddle
  - \$500.00 Town Pump Gift Card

# Convention Registration

## 2016 BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF MONTANA

APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> THRU 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2016

*Hosted by: The East Slope Back Country Horsemen*  
**Holiday Inn and Convention Center, Great Falls Montana**

<b>Convention Participant</b>
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Back Country Horsemen Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Voting Delegate: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee: Until March 10, 2016 is \$90.00 after March 10, 2016 the fee is \$95.00**  
 Registration Fees Include: Breakfast Saturday and Sunday with Lunch and Banquet on Saturday.

Registration Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Spouse and/or Guest's of Participant</b>
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Tickets	Fee	Number of Tickets	Total	Guest Total
Saturday Breakfast	\$15.00	X	=	\$
Sunday Breakfast	\$15.00	X	=	\$
Saturday Lunch	\$20.00	X	=	\$
Saturday Banquet	\$35.00	X	=	\$
Banquet Choice	Please Make	Selection	Below	
Roast Beef/Au jus				
Baked Halibut				

Guest Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Registration Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Grand Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **East Slope Back Country Horsemen or ESBCH**  
 Please mail form to: ESBCH – P.O. Box 967- Conrad, MT 59425  
 All registrations should be received by: March 10, 2016  
 Holiday Inn and Convention Center, 400 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. S, Great Falls, MT 59405 (406)727- 7200  
 For further assistance please contact:  
 LeAnn Hermance - Phone: (406)278-5378 / E-Mail: hermanca@3rivers.net  
 Debbie Ries – Phone: (406)278-3727 / E-Mail: riesrd@outlook.com



# *2016 Back Country Horsemen of Montana State Convention Photo Contest and Display*

## Photo Contest Categories

- Animals; Horses, Wildlife, Dogs, Cats, etc.
- Scenery; Mountains, Lakes, Streams, Trees, etc.
- People; Friends, Kids, Family, etc.
- Work Projects; Club work projects, Activities or Events.

## Photo Contest Rules

- Photos are by amateur photographers only and must be Back Country Horsemen.
- Photo size shall be 5 x 7 or 8 x 10 and must be dry mounted or matted (no frames).
- Name and address shall be attached on the back of the photo.

Photos can be registered on Friday evening  
and Saturday Morning  
At the Holiday Inn Executive Room  
(1<sup>st</sup> Floor straight up the stairs).

Photos will be judged by Convention Attendees.  
Awards will be given and announced on Sunday morning.  
There will be a people's choice award for one over all entry.

Photos can be picked up on Sunday Morning  
(Photo contest coordinators Joe and Helen Suta - Phone 406-434-2135)



*State Convention 2016*

# NOTICE

**January 16, 2016 Annual Dinner and Elections at Dick and Mary Jane Kinyons in Conrad, MT at 4:30PM**  
**(Please RSVP by January 12th so we can have the correct number for dinner.) Dick is cooking Prime Rib and everybody is asked to bring a dish of some sort. You can bring a salad, Dessert or bread or buns would be good. Bring whatever you would like.**

**You can contact Dick Kinyon (406) 278-5288 or [E-mail Dick](#). or Call Leann Hermance (406) 278-5378 or [E-mail LeAnn](#).**

Ron and Bob competing in the Cross Cut saw competition at a previous State Convention.

If you are interested in joining in the fun, please contact Ron Ries;  
E-mail: [riesrd@outlook.com](mailto:riesrd@outlook.com) or Phone: (406) 278-3727 or 278-3015.



# Happy New Year

## Everybody



*Happy New Year!*