

BITS AND SPURS – March, 2009 SPWBCH Newsletter

Mission Statement:

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Upcoming meetings

On Sunday March 15, 2009 SPWBCH is going to be having a mini packing clinic for members and possible future members. This clinic will start around 1:00 p.m. at the Bitterroot Therapeutic Riding Arena, 599 Popham Lane in Corvallis.

President's Note

Hello SPWBCH members!

Feels like spring-seeing trailers out and about. Dan and Dave are busy lining up possible projects for us, and Tommy has a Pack Clinic scheduled for March 15th. Luanne is busy constructing and fine tuning the Website...don't forget to send her your thoughts, photos, ideas, etc. Check out www.bchmt.org and give it a look! The state BCHM convention is the end of March in Helena. Terry's busy brainstorming our proposed SPWBCH brochure and Anne continues to roll out an outstanding newsletter. This small but mighty BCH chapter is feeling like a well-oiled machine thanks to all your volunteer work. My hat's off to you...thanks to all our members-you're making a difference!

Thanks, *Kathy*

Chapter Update- February General Meeting Minutes

General Meeting Feb 12 2009 - Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Kathy Hundley

Guest were introduced: Deborah Lay, she is from Reno Nevada & moved here in July 2008 & has two businesses- Mental Health with Horses and Equine Service Barefoot Trimming. Deb Gale, Forest Service. Brian and Sandy Cromwell from Victor, John and Sue Pearson-Stevensville & Christine G Waltz- Hamilton
Project Chairperson is - Dan Brandborg

Brought to our attention by Linda Habeck that there are individual's riding up a Calf Creek. Calf Creek is not open until April 15! These riders have taken down signs etc.

February General Meeting Minutes - Continued

At the Board Meeting there was a decision that a donation to Ravalli Fish & Wildlife of \$25 in Gary Habeck's name. The President, Kathy Hundley, read a thank you. Linda Habeck wrote the thank you.

A motion was made by Linda Habeck not to read the General Meeting minutes of December 2008. Second by Dennis Price. Motion passed

Treasurer Report given, moved and passed. The President, Kathy Hundley thanked Ann Eickhoff for this month's Newsletter.

Audit will be done at the end of April. A portion of our dues goes to State, then to National

Committee Reports:

Projects- Dan Brandborg is the New Chairperson. Joe Hundley has the SPWBCH equipment to give to Dan Brandborg. They are 1) peavey; 2) 4' New Zealand Cross Cut Saw 3) wood handle Axe 4) 3 wedges 5) 2 Plywood Pack Boxes.

Talked about Forest Service Chainsaw, NO on that but a maybe on a crosscut from the Forest Service.

Issues- Kathy Hundley- Wolves Feb. 26, 2009 may be delisted

Deb Gale- Forest Service- Talked about Grants from RAC, RTP, State. Talked about the stimulus pkg. We have until mid March to get a RAC Grant, needs to be fairly site specific- Sawtooth Trail. How can we help the Forest Service out this year 1) get the upper end of the trails open 2) multiple openings on trails. Deb Gale is going to the RAC for Grants for 1) Sheafman Trail for \$56,000 because of safety 2) MCC crew for 2 years. Need to talk to Bill Goslin about the Sawtooth Trail about materials to get this trail safe. Dan Brandborg will do this.

Programs/Membership/Expansion- Tommy Blumhoefer. Tommy wants to have a Packing Class-a beginner class. This will be held on March 14 or 15, 2009 at 1pm at Don Olson's indoor arena.

Website- Luanne Bauman showed cover page and will add the Constitution and Bylaws. Talk about adding the Membership List- this was tabled.

Brochure- Terry Reed is working on this with Luanne Bauman. This would be nice to give in the Membership packets and to have them with us on the trail to hand out.

Old Business:

Newsletter- Anne Eickhoff- needs more pictures for the Newsletter. Reports from Dan Brandborg on Projects, Paula Plettenberg Stories need more like this from others. DO Recipes, have a link to get to the website, Spotlight on animals, horses and mules. Training aids, Back Country/ Camping ideas, For Sale, Advertising. We again Thanked Ann for the nice job she is doing on the Newsletter!

Chainsaws: Want to buy one this year or not? Dan feels this is a personal tool, he likes to bring his own, Dave Schram also likes to bring his own, this gives the chapter multiple saws to use to help open the trail. The chapter needs to buy a gas/oil container and chains for the personal saws that are used. Motion made by Joe Hundley for Dennis Price to check out Lolo Saws. Dan Brandborg seconds this. Discussion followed. What size of saw, 20" inch saw- this motion passed Deb Gale- told us she is going to raise our \$800 to \$1,500 for this year.

New Business:

Address Change in the Constitution- Anne Eickhoff made a motion for the New P.O. Box Hamilton address change. Joy Price second this motion- passed.

Kathy Hundley read a portion of the Chapter's Constitution and Bylaws.

The Board had made a motion to make Bill Goslin an Honorary member of SPWBCH.

Convention is in Helena this year. We can send up to 8 delegates to this. State Directors have to go. \$70 to Register before March 1, 2009. Hotel expense is \$96 a night. Gas to Directors is \$50. How important is this? Very!

Linda Habeck made motion to pay for 4 delegates registration fee in full, 4 more delegates 50% for registration by registration deadline. Dennis Price second the- motion passed. The Chapter has a horseshoe lamp made by Dennis Price & a lamp shade donated by Luanne Bauman. Terry Reed will paint a picture on this. The chapter has their Picture Brag Board- will need pictures for this- Kathy and Terry will work on this.

Director State Board Meeting: Julie Schram reported on this from Chuck Miller's notes.

Deb Gale- Bill Goslin- having the upper end of trails clean would help a lot. 2008 first summer no complaints about Blodgett Canyon Trail! Deb gave the Chapter a big Thank You on this. Was good to know that the chapter is willing and available to help out like that. Charlie Mabbott- Swet Cabin porch needs to be replaced. Shearer Guard Cabin managed by Moose Creek Range Station needs pack support for food. May - August. 2x a month, NeeMee Poo Trail- the Chief Joseph/ Appaloosa Trail ride is there this year- up to 300 riders for this- trail needs to stay open and in tip top shape- it is 3 and half miles long. Forest Service is meeting with them on March 17, 2009 will know more then. Sawtooth- more work needs to be done here. Lost Horse to Fish Lake Trail needs work, Bass Lake to Lappi Lake needs work, South Fork of Big Creek needs work, Deb Gale also talked about the Chapter meeting with Selway/Bitterroot Foundation Group, Ron Mason.

Joe Hundley made a motion to adjourn- second by Julie Schram- motion passed.

9:15pm meeting ended.



“TUNE UP TIME”

SPWBCH Pack Clinic

Date: Sunday, March 15, 2009

Location: Bitterroot Therapeutic Riding Arena, 599 Popham Ln, Corvallis

Time: 1:00pm

Instructor: Boone Jones

Topics will include: putting together a basic gear list for packing (what to bring?), mantie vs. panyards soft/hard (this will be hands on), loading onto stock (hands on), and securing of stock (hobble, highline, picket, turn loose?). Boone will also bring some of his specialty packing gear that we may find useful.

Members attending please bring a mantie and mantie rope(s) for the clinic (if you have them). Members can also bring an assortment of gear that you would take into the back country to be used in the demonstrations. You will need to bring a lawn chair for the clinic and the BBQ that will follow after the clinic is over. SPWBCH members are asked to bring either a bag of chips or a dessert to go with the hamburgers and their own beverages. If time allows, we will end the day with a brief general meeting, if needed.

If you have any questions or ideas, please contact Tommy Blumhoefer at 531-2171.

DUTCH OVEN RECIPE “*A dutch oven in long-term storage is bad for the soul.*” -- Blaine Nay **Hunters' Dumplings**

Ingredients

- 2 cups diced chicken or leftover turkey
- 1/2 stick butter
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 large cans chicken broth or 2 quarts water with 8 bouillon
- 8 flour tortillas

Bring broth and seasonings to boil. Meanwhile slice tortillas into thin strips. Place in the boiling broth and cook for about 15 minutes. Add chicken pieces and cook for 15 more minutes uncovered. Serves 4-6.

(This Recipe and others can be found at www.legendsofamerica.com – dutch oven recipes)

SPWBCH STORE*

T- SHIRT:	\$11.00	LONG SLEEVE T- SHIRT:	\$12.00
TANK TOP:	\$10.00	CREW NECK SWEATSHIRT:	\$15.00
HOODED SWEATSHIRT:	\$21.00	ZIPPERED HOODED SWEATSHIRT:	\$27.00
BASEBALL CAP (embroidered):	\$12.00	DENIM LONG/SHORT SLEEVE:	\$15.00
SPWBCH LOGO PATCH	\$8.00	FLEECE VEST (embroidered front only)	\$26.00

*Items come in various colors. All items are screen printed with large logo on the back and small logo on the front. Screen print can be black or silver lettering.

Please contact Kathy for ordering information @ 821-0921 or montanakath@yahoo.com



BACKCOUNTRY NOTES – Chainsaw Safety

Check for overhead hazards before removing limbs from trunk.

Check for ground hazards such as stumps logs, rocks or young trees.

Plan an escape route – clear one if needed.

Be sure your footing is firm and turn saw off when moving more than 50ft.

Fuel the saw outdoors, on the ground or other non-combustable surface.

Allow saw to cool for at least 5 minutes before refueling.

Start the saw at least 10 feet away from fueling area.

KNOW YOUR CONSTITUTION!!

The constitutions of organizations are known to be boring and read by very few. We will be putting portions of the SPWBCH Constitution and Bylaws in the newsletter for your entertainment and review! I will have a Bonus Question at the next meeting-the winner will get a prize! Enjoy,

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be Selway-Pintler Wilderness Back Country Horsemen, hereinafter referred to as SPWBCH, and shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Montana as a non-profit educational corporation. The address shall be P.O. Box 88, Hamilton, MT 59840.

Section 2: Our purpose is to perpetuate the common-sense use of horses in America's back country, wilderness and roadless areas; to assist various government and private agencies in their maintenance of said resources; to work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use; and to educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise and sustaining use of the back country resources by horsemen and pack stock.

Article II: Membership

Section 1: Membership shall be either individual or family. Individuals shall be 18 years or older and interested in promoting the purposes as stated in Article I. Family memberships includes family members living in one household and children under 18 years of age. Family members under the age of 18 may participate in suitable club activities with adult supervision but will not be eligible to vote.

Section 2: Associate or sponsor membership may be acquired by individuals, businesses or organizations interested in supporting the purposes as stated in Article I.

Section 3: Calendar year dues shall be decided at each December meeting by a vote of the membership.

Section 4: A member in good standing must have paid dues for the current year by January 31st.

KNOW YOUR BYLAWS!!

Even more important than a Constitution, a chapter's Bylaws get to the nitty gritty of how an organization wants to function. They can be the guiding tools when questions arise. We wanted to "double" your fun this newsletter by giving you a sample of the SPWBCH Bylaws! Enjoy

Bylaws of the Selway-Pintler Wilderness Back Country Horsemen

We use equine stock in the wilderness and primitive areas of our country in a safe and reasonable manner. Our use of stock in the backcountry includes work projects and pleasure rides/pack trips. We are active in projects that maintain the use of trails in our region's wilderness and primitive areas. Our projects are in support of local agencies that are responsible for keeping primitive trails open and useable in the wilderness and roadless areas as well as access trails to these areas. We teach interested members of the horse and mule community how to safely enjoy the primitive wilderness with their stock while ensuring the continuation of our precious wilderness resources.

In order to keep the vision of the founders of the SPWBCH intact, the following bylaws have been created as a guide to remain on track.

PHILOSOPHY

- 1) We are a chapter of the BCH that is a **WORK** orientated group.
- 2) All members shall protect and promote wilderness and roadless areas.
- 3) All members shall promote non-motorized trails.
- 4) All projects and work shall be done on non-motorized, primitive, wilderness study areas, wilderness trails and access trails that lead to the above.
- 5) All members shall be responsible for themselves and their stock and shall hold other members and SPWBCH harmless.

PROJECTS

- 1) Yearly projects shall be determined by the executive committee or their appointed committee and shall be limited to only those that the work force can handle.
- 2) Projects may be either Forest Service related or personal choice by the SPWBCH.
- 3) SPWBCH is not responsible for individual membership insurance. SPWBCH will only provide day insurance on projects/functions that include nonmembers/public participation.
- 4) Only SPWBCH members in good standing will be allowed to participate in trail work projects.

MEMBERSHIP/DUES

- 1) **Individual** membership dues shall be \$30.00 per year and will require each member to participate or have an active support role in at least one club approved primitive/wilderness project a year thus entitling individual to one (1) vote. Exemptions will be approved by the board on an individual basis.
- 2) **Family** membership dues shall be \$40.00 per year and will require both adults to participate or have an active support role in at least one club approved primitive/wilderness project a year thus entitling each family to two (2) votes. Exemptions will be approved by the board on an individual basis.
- 3) **Single Associate** membership dues shall be \$30.00 per year. (No vote)
- 4) **Family Associate** membership dues shall be \$40.00 per year. (No vote)
- 5) **Business Sponsor** membership dues shall be \$30.00 per year. (No vote)
 - 5a) **Weekly Guest Membership** dues shall be \$1.00 per week per person. (No vote)
- 6) If a new member joins after October 1st then annual dues shall be waived for the remainder of the year.
- 7) Each member shall be required to fill out a membership form annually.
- 8) All members shall sign a Hold Harmless Waiver annually when renewing membership.

WE NEED NEWS!!!! Please send any articles, news, pictures or horse/mule/back country-related classified in to me for the monthly newsletter by the 22nd of each month so I can be sure to get it in. Send to Anne Eickhoff: phone 961-5584, Mail: 1433 Wild Apple Lane, Corvallis, MT 59828, e-mail: anne.eickhoff@earthlink.net
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MULE TRIVIA

Can a mule come in every color a horse can?

Yes, A mule can come in every shade a horse can, including solid colors, such as chestnut or black, to loud colors, such as pinto and spotted (Appaloosa.) They also come in shades a donkey comes in, which are usually different shades of dun and roan, and different types of loud colors.

Are mules slower than oxen?

No, Mules are actually faster than oxen and can walk over difficult terrain easier than a horse can.

Can a mule be gaited?

Yes, If a jack is bred to a gaited mare (such as an American Saddlebred or a Peruvian Paso), the resulting mule might be gaited. Gaited mules are prized, just like their gaited horse relatives, for their smooth gaits and easy ride

What can a Mule do better than a horse?

The mule actually outshines the horse in with high-jumping. Mules only 50 inches tall at the withers have been known to clear jumps of up to 72 inches. These jumps are not from a galloping approach, like Puissance, but from a standing start inside a marked area. Mules are also capable of striking out with any of their hooves in any direction so be nice to them!!!



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