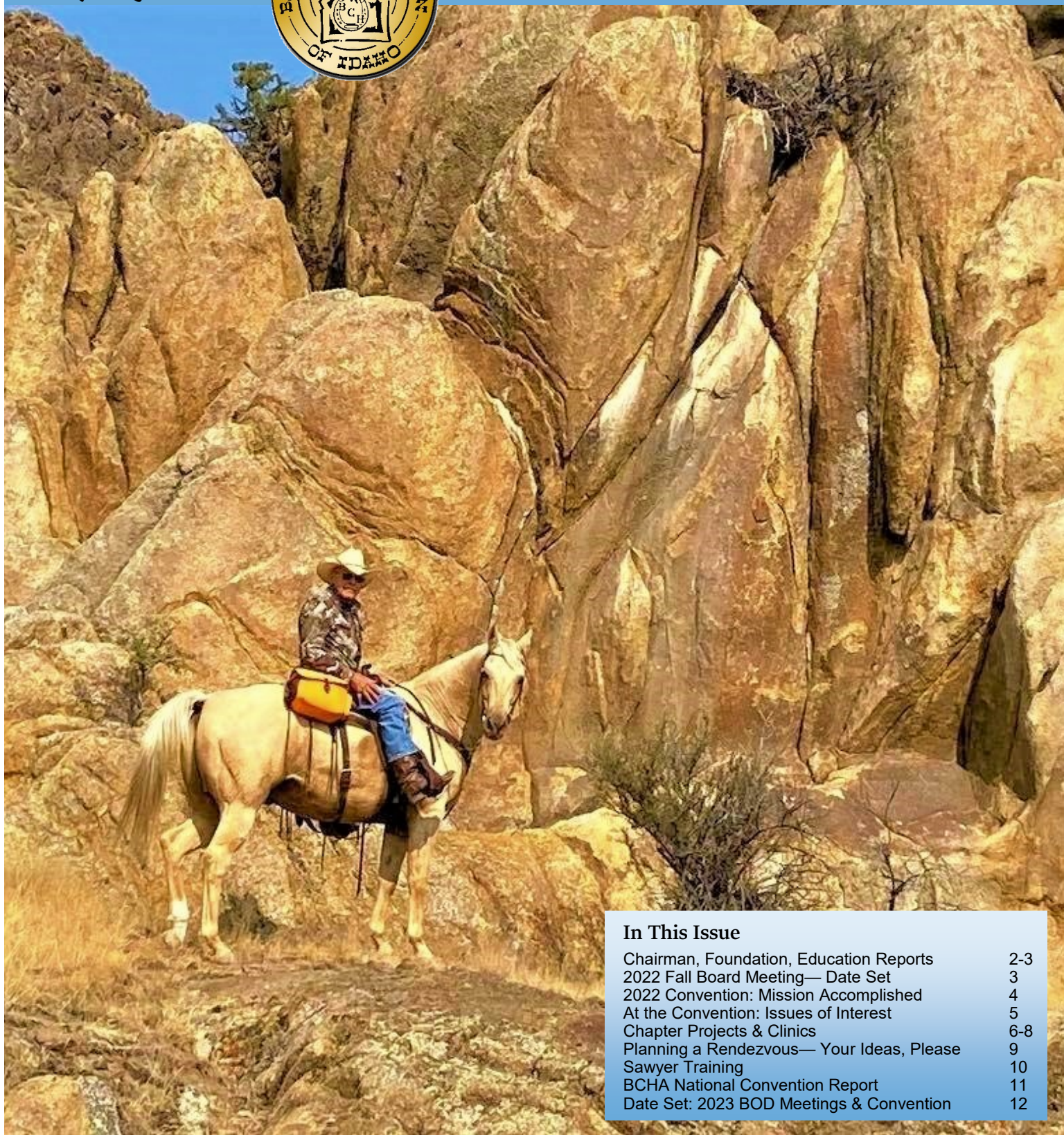




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View from the CHAIRMAN'S SADDLE



be safe.

*"Before anything else, preparation is the key to success."**— Alexander Graham Bell**Chris Reed
BCHI Chairman***Back Country Horsemen of Idaho**

FOUNDATION NEWS

Grants We've Made in 2022 Foundation Has War Chest to Fight Weeds!



The Back Country Horsemen of Idaho Foundation Inc has spent money and received money since the Annual Convention. Grants have been made to:

- Twin Rivers BCH for a saw (\$170)
- Salmon River BCH for CPR training and a saw (\$647.13)
- Teton Valley BCH for a saw and replacement blade (\$520)

Receipts include: AmazonSmile donation of \$213.03; Anne Martin of Kuna, ID, donated \$500; Cache Peak BCH shared \$1,000 from their BCHI Convention receipts; and, Phil Ryan of Squaw Butte BCH donated \$32—whenever he wins the raffle at the monthly SBBCH meetings, he sends his winnings us. (We wish Phil continued good luck.)

Remember: Last year the Foundation received \$3,000 from North Central Idaho BCH that they earned doing weed control: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation had awarded North Central the \$3,000 for continued work killing weeds, and North Central BCH send it on to the Foundation. That money is ear-marked for weed eradication, so if your chapter hates weeds, we have money to help kill'em.

*John Millington
Foundation Treasurer*

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MISSION STATEMENT

To perpetuate the commonsense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country & wilderness.

To work to ensure that public land remains open to recreational stock-use.

To assist the government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resources.

To educate, encourage, and solicit active participation in the wise and sustaining use of these resources by horsemen and the general public.

To foster and encourage the formation of new Back Country Horsemen state organizations.

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www.bchi.org

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Front Cover—Boise BCH member Curtis Elton riding in Diamond Basin in the Hardtrigger area of the Owyhees with fellow BBCH members. **Back Cover**—Boise BCH President Scott Nichols on the trail with his fine mules.

Education Report—Education Equals Back Country Horsemen of Idaho

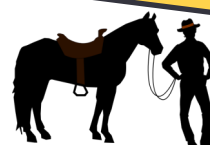
One of the components of our mission is **Education**. Along with Public Lands and Service Projects, education is a vital element of our outreach and success in partnerships with agencies, land managers, users, and members. What follows is a summarization of the many ways our members provide outreach to teach, train, and provide valuable information (all of which should be documented in chapter Volunteer Hours Reports):

- Saddle and stock packing - organizing loads, weighing loads, tying loads, high loads, and special loads
- How to highline, and other ways to contain stock
- Sawyer Safety Instruction – proper tool use, OHLEC, and removing downed trees from trails
- CPR/First Aid and Equine First Aid
- Communications – radio and GPS instruction
- Trailer Safety – know before you tow
- Leave No Trace – The Seven Principles of front country/back country ethics
- Leadership Classes – training members on the role and duties of each officer
- How to work with Public Agencies – collaboration techniques and tips
- Partnerships – developing and maintaining relationships with groups who share our mission
- Social Events - monthly rides, pack trips, fishing trips, county fairs, parades and holiday fun
- Dutch Oven Cooking – a favorite for all
- Fund Raising – clinics, yard sales, tack sales, and more
- Youth Programs – reaching out to keep traditions and skills alive
- Outreach – 4H, FFA, Idaho Horse Expo, Sportsman Show
- Annual Convention – a gathering of chapters to brainstorm and share ideas
- State Directors – disseminating important information to the state & membership
- Foundation – source of revenue for chapters to enable projects
- National Directors – representing BCHI Idaho in National meetings
- Social Media/Websites – keeping current with information and issues
- BCHI newsletter – contributing; best communication tool
- Saddle, Tack, and Equipment -- Proper fit & use

Education is a piece of the BCHI puzzle and amassed together with our other skills will equate to hundreds of volunteer hours. So, whether you are out trimming trails, bucking downfall, working on your chapter website, creating a flyer, or working on an event, all these contribute to the success of our organization. Documenting your volunteer hours is mandatory and necessary in order to assess our value to our public lands.

Picture at right —Lisa conducts Leave No Trace Awareness training at a Backcountry Horsemen of California Annual Rendezvous in Bishop, CA.

Lisa Deas
Education Co-Chair



BCHI Board of Directors Meeting September 10, 2022 in Priest River, Idaho at the Senior Citizens Center

4th & Jackson, 1 block north of Hwy 2

8:00 am —Coffee, Breakfast Refreshments & Greetings

8:30 am —Meeting Called to Order

Lunch provided by Priest River Valley BCHI at no cost to attendees

Lodging—

- Only lodging in town is the Eagle's Nest Motel, so book early —208-428-2000 or online
No continental breakfast — room pricing is from \$110 on up
- Member Bob Savage invites folks to camp in his pasture with RVs & Horses —208-448-2457
 - The Pee Wee Campground is 7 miles from town





Cache Peak, Thank you for a Successful Convention

In March, there was a full house when Cache Peak chapter put on the Annual BOD Meeting & Convention in Burley, and it WOWED! It began with the easy-peasy registration and marvelous convention-day swag bags, a well-appointed area for chapter displays and displays for photos and fun, then the fun continued right through to Saturday presentations, dinner, and auctions.

Speaking of presentations, all three speakers were interesting: Forest Service employees spoke about the “coming soon” revamp of the Sawyer Certification Program; master rawhide braider Charles Liesen spoke about the art and craftsmanship of braiding rawhide tack; and Flight Nurse Cheryl Bice gave a very enlightening presentation on applying first aid in back country emergencies—her message thought-provoking, her delivery sidesplitting.

After a fine dinner, youthful fiddlers and cloggers provided a little bit of country with their music and high-flying moves. Then it was all business with the live auction...Not!—The action was fast and fun and items ran the gamut for stock users, from tack to pack boxes and bags, and from framed artwork to firepits. Thanks, Cache Peak, for a great venue and a great experience.



At the Convention...

BCHI Reacts to BCHA Revised Volunteer Hours Report

—Rod Parks & Pat Bogar, Twin Rivers BCHI

The new 2021 BCHA Volunteer Hours Reporting Form that BCHA used in 2021 to show work accomplished by BCH chapters eliminated specific areas to record our accomplishments, throwing them into a category called "Non-Trail Hours". The original BCHA Volunteer Hours Reporting Form was designed to provide a record of our accomplishments in specific areas relating to the BCHA Mission Statement such as trail miles cleared, education, LNT, administration, public meeting attendance, and a record of the number of stock used. The concern: losing a record of what our founding members had intended BCHA to become, by not specifying where we earned our hours.

After a discussion over the changes made by BCHA, and a unanimous vote by those attending Saturday morning's business meeting, BCHI addressed this change by drafting a letter to BCHA, asking that the previous form be reinstated. Rod Parks and Steve Didier drafted the letter, which was voted on and approved to be presented to BCHA. Follow-up: Page 11 in Pat Bogar's report.

Steve Didier (L) and Rod Parks (R) draft a letter with Jill Nebeker's help.



E-Bikes: Be Informed

Once again, a discussion was had about the use of E-Bikes on trails designated as non-motorized.

Take-aways from this:

When we come across cyclists riding E-bikes on non-motorized trails, we should document the incident with information about the trail, number of riders, etc., and if possible, take pictures (especially of the bike sticker, if possible), then report this to the land managing agency.

Also, the onus is on cyclists to know which trails E-Bikes are allowed on and which trails they are not: **pleading ignorance about the status of a trail is no excuse for being on non-motorized trails with an e-bike or motor-assist bike.**

Note: Stock-users should also know which trails in their area are non-motorized. Different agencies have different designations for trails, and trails within the same area, managed by the same agency, may not all be classified the same.

In addition, **if a cyclist tells you that they are not using their engine, that it is turned off, it does not matter**; they legally cannot be on a non-motorized trail.

ISSUE: Non-Stock Users Occupying Equestrian Campsites GET ON BOARD—BCHA Recruits Us to Bring About Awareness & Change

The issue: You drive into the Equestrian-designated campground only to find that some or all of the campsites are taken by non-stock users. (Damn it!) The problem with non-stock users camping in horse campsites is two-fold: First, if all the equestrian campsites are taken, the problem is finding a camping spot big enough to accommodate a truck & horse trailer with access to feed bunks, corrals, and/or water close to the trailhead. **And, remember, campers with livestock are not allowed to stay at USFS campsites not designated for equestrian use.** Second, *if we camp with non-stock users*, there's the safety issue of non-horse-savvy people around our stock; campers' kids & doodles investigating the high-lined stock unawares is problematic.

Over the past few years, this issue has grown exponentially. Because of the concern by BCHA and other groups, "the U.S. Forest Service offices nationwide will begin addressing this problem beginning this summer and released a memo Nov. 15, 2021, to all national forests and national grasslands titled "Recommended Best Practices for Managing Stock Use Sites at Developed Campgrounds" outlining the need for action to raise awareness of the intended use of horse campgrounds" according to BCHA.

And while BCHA is hoping the proposed efforts help, the organization and its allies are prepared to take legal action if members continue to have problems accessing horse campsites. Yes, stock-users, a line is being drawn in the sand. And, they could use our help. Read on.

BCHA website: "BCHA and its allies developed a *Horse Camp Incident Report Form* for members to record incidents where parties without stock are occupying Forest Service equestrian campsites... to support BCHA, *should we need to make the case for new regulations* to prevent parties without stock from occupying equestrian campsites... By collecting your accounts of incidents in the field, we might better document the magnitude and geographic extent of the problem."

You can find the form on the BCHA website under Public Lands. BCHA is also asking that members take pictures—exercise caution if you do this—and reminds members to foster goodwill among all public lands users.



The WYE Campground on the Weiser River Trail off Hwy 95.

- **Always be courteous.** It's likely that any party without stock has occupied an equestrian campsite because regular campsites were already taken or reserved.
- **It's not illegal for others to camp in an equestrian campsite.** Plus, most folks will not know why occupancy of an equestrian site causes problems for us.

Teton Valley BCH members were out at the Bovine trailhead near Driggs, ID, holding a Trail Safety Awareness Outreach on National Trails Day. Say President Melissa Pangraze, "For this special day, we thought we would go to a part of our valley that allows motorcycles, ATVs, and bikes. Our Objective: to increase awareness of safety around equines on multi-use trails. For a few hours we offered candy and chatted to any passer- byers who would listen. The 'wheeled' recreators proved to be incredibly open to sharing their trail experiences relating to horses."

It was a friendly, positive experience, and we will be sure to repeat each June!



They came up with a plan for the event with the following steps:

- Step 1: Make posters
- Step 2: Find outgoing volunteers
- Step 3: Identify National Trails date
- Step 4: Choose a trailhead
- Step 5: Buy candy
- Step 6: Bring horse
- Step 7: Outreach



On her horse is member Lacy Garten.

Twin Rivers BCHI cleared Fordyce and Cabin Creek Trails on April 24. Fourteen members cleared these two trails off the Lick Fork drainage of Asotin Creek for the Washington Fish and Game and USFS. As many of you know the area was damaged heavily by the Asotin Complex Fire. Lick Creek area was one of the 3 fires that made up the Asotin Complex and burned over 88 square miles. The devastation to flora and fauna was immense but signs of new growth was hopeful. Both trails were heavily covered with down trees and brush. Burnt tree root holes filled with ash. The weather was perfect for the day. No wind and overcast clouds kept us cool during the workout. Both Fordyce and Cabin creek trails are cleared for now, but speculation remains for how long, with the amount of damaged trees in the area.



Treasure Valley and Boise BCHI chapters combined forces to construct a 25 ft. bridge over Lamar Creek just south of the Whoop um Up Equestrian Campground in the Boise Nat'l Forest, just off Hwy 21 on National Trails Day. Alice Millington, TVBCH Trail Coordinator, put the project together with Matt Nance of the Idaho City RD, but reached out to members of the Boise chapter when more hands were needed. Boise stepped up and the rest is history: on June 4th, members from the chapters along with Matt and two other FS employees, Tyler and Cheyanne, hauled sills and planks; dug holes; hauled rocks; set heavy sills and large laminated stringers; nailed on planks; etc. to nearly complete the bridge. TVBCH voted to purchase materials to construct curbing for the bridge, which President Bill Murphy & wife Lois did; and, BBCH purchased material to build footings for a second, nearby bridge, constructed two weeks later by President Scott Nichols, member Craig Potcher and Bill Murphy. The chapters pitched in to get the bridges done as the FS was out of funding; (insufficient) grant monies had paid for materials at inflated prices. On June 29th, we will again combine forces to build two more bridges in the area, once again providing materials for footings to get the bridges done.



Eagle Rock chapter members joined more than 50 volunteers who made a five-mile trek via horse-back, dirt bike, bicycle, or foot to help install a bridge on a section of single-track trail that crosses Bear Creek in the Caribou-Targhee National Forest. This bridge install was the last step to a larger project which began in 2020. ER members Joe and Aline Brinkmann packed lunch and water into the crews building this bridge. Working together with other agencies to get projects completed is what we are all about. The Forest Service secured funding for the project through a grant awarded from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. Anheuser-Busch Foundation and The National Forest Foundation also provided funds to purchase explosives and to hire temporary employees to re-route about a mile of the trail last year.



Panhandle Responds to a Call for Help

—Arnie Wilkins PBCHI

In April, after receiving a call from the local Forest Service Ranger District requesting help to clear downfall on the trail at English Point State Park, Pres. Karen Kimball, Jim Kimball, Ray Heilman, and I responded. Karen led a pack-horse with our gear while the others walked in, about 2 miles round-trip, hardly long enough to saddle up and ride in. There were 7 trees all total, ranging from 12" to 30" across. We had our work cut out for us, no doubt about it.

Jim started cutting with the chapter's new Stihl battery-powered chainsaw and did pretty good for the size of the saw and size of the trees. Arnie hit the big trees with a 20", 5.9 gas Echo, which proved to be the answer for making little logs out of very big logs. Three hours later and we headed back to the trail-head, a little less energetic than the start, but a job well done.



Picture at right: Arnie bucking a large downfall that was blocking the trail.

The Squaw Butte Annual Pack Clinic a Success

—Heather Donesky, Squaw Butte BCHI

On April 30, under unsettled skies, the Squaw Butte chapter, based in Emmett, put on a free backcountry skills and packing clinic for the general public. Fortunately, we had the use of a covered arena at the Gem County Fairgrounds in case of rain, so members set up several different packing practice areas for: knot tying, Leave No Trace, lightweight packing demo, and Dutch oven cooking. A lot of questions were asked and answered, and skills were demonstrated then practiced. 30-40 people showed up to enjoy the activities, some driving 4 hours each way! The Treasure Valley chapter's Dutch oven station was popular, especially when the three different deserts were served; chocolate and cherry, pineapple and peach, can't be beat. Good turnout & day. The clinic officially started at 09:00 but attendees started arriving shortly after 08:00, some after making long drives; one couple drove in from La Grande, OR, and another from Pocatello, ID.



“0” to “60” Explained!

—Melissa Pangraze, Teton Valley BCHI

“0 to 60”. You might think we’re talking about the weather in Teton Valley Idaho; while most riders are already enjoying summer in the rest of the country, Teton Valley Idaho is still experiencing *spring* conditions; snow one day and then 60° temperatures the next. Patience as a rider in this neck of the woods is key.

If you think about “0 to 60” in the calm to busy realm, well then we are experiencing that as well. From calm winter days with only monthly board meetings and grants to write, to suddenly very busy months of offering our pack clinic, tack sale, BBQ fun, 4th of July parade, outreach events such as National Trails Day, Tin Cup donation challenge event, as well as starting our Forest Service projects, fulfilling our adopt a trail obligations, etc. Whew —It’s “0 to 60” for sure!

As a new chapter, we try to be open to lots of ideas and creativity as we establish ourselves. It’s been a lot of fun so far and our board has been instrumental in keeping up our momentum. Now to finish up our ride calendar and that website of ours to help get the word out and increase our chapter member’s awareness of all that’s going on as we hit the trails at last!!!

Teton Valley’s first Tack Sale & second Pack Clinic were great successes on Memorial Day weekend! TTBCCHI had 40 plus people attending. All BCH members were free and it was \$25 for non-members— this money would be donated to the Hapi Trails program; or, for \$40, they could attend and become members of TTBCCHI—we encouraged them to sign up for membership instead of just pay the \$25. We had people come from Pocatello, Idaho Falls, and even Hailey. We plan to hold the Clinic/Tack Sale every other year. Also, we allowed people to bring their own horses and actually lead a pack animal over obstacles. *They really loved it.*

Coming Soon:
www.TTBCCHI.org



About the Tack Sale: People could drop off tack sale items the day before. There was a 15% commission to TTBCCHI, list \$1 per item. The Saturday Tack Sale started at 8 AM, early bird for \$10. Tack sale—free from 9 to 1. Unsold tack items—picked up from 1 to 4, or they were donated.



Removing Big Downfall from a Popular Trail

—Information from Marcella Hendricks and Celeste Bingham, Salmon River BCHI

Six riders split into two saw teams to cover over 30 miles of trail from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on June 16th, clearing the Wagonhammer Complex. There weren’t many trees down, but the downfall was big. The pictures below were taken by one team of workers—Sawyer Terry Hershey, Celest Bingham and Marcella Hendricks—who cut out a huge downfall across the trail. It was



“hard work”, Marcella said for these 3 older members. The weather was perfect except when the temperature reached 89 degrees. Thankfully a nice wind came up toward the end of the day when tired stock and tired riders hit the last leg of the trail to the trailers. One team found evidence of a grizzly in the area, which had been reported previously by Fish and Game to watch out for. Fish and Game are busy setting out trail cameras to hopefully catch a glimpse of the bear.



Planning a Rendezvous—the Goal: To Increase Membership

—Condensed from an inquiry, by Carl Gates, Boise BCHI

**Talk the following over with your chapter and put together a response.
Please forward the response to Carl Gates at rendezvous@bchi.org.**



Carl Gates offering water to his dog Rosco.

I would like chapters to brainstorm and collectively respond with their members opinions, ideas, and suggestions about holding a rendezvous for the purpose of increasing membership in BCHI. So, what do we want in a rendezvous? I was thinking that we needed a place where we could invite the equine public to meet us, camp with us, ride with us, and create some new friends. In the process we would lightly expose the non-BCHI members to what we do and maybe get some new longtime members that are young enough to continue our mission.

We need the following: a level place that can handle a large number of vehicles, a site close to the middle of the state, and a place with many trails to ride. To create interest, we could ask our visitors to join in projects to improve the area for equines while they are there. We would have to provide camping amenities, such as potable water, stock water, and toilets.

In addition to riding and projects, what else could we offer? Fishing; music and dancing; cook-offs; presentations; training such as Sawyer and Leave No Trace; etc. And, what kinds of things would be put in place to improve the site: signs, headquarters, firewood, camping sites, marked trails, etc. And, should we establish rules: No dogs

on trails, dogs okay in camp, no shooting, no 4-wheelers, etc. We also should plan for big problems, such as a quick alternative place if we have a local fire.

Discuss what you think we need. If you have some locations that would meet most of these requirements, please let us know. Also, what would your chapter offer to do to help put on this event? If we have a site or two. where we could establish a presents in equine activities annually, we could carve out our own niche. One site that I know of that may offer us a chance to do this is Bear Valley. It does not offer excitement for a lot of the other sports, but with some work, I believe we could use this for our passion for riding and camping. Thank you for your time and interest.

To see more ideas about holding a rendezvous, please email Carl for the entire inquiry.

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Golden Wings Horseshoes—I Like Them

By Alice Millington, TVBCH, **Comments?** millington0606@gmail.com

In the March issue, I told you that I was going to try the Golden Wings synthetic horseshoes on my trail horse, Duke. The challenge, I thought, would be to get my farrier on board. I was right; my experienced farrier trimmed to his specifications...what he thought was right for the horse. I can't argue with that. (Although he didn't measure as per instructions, his angles were close; I got a hoof gage and measured them a week or two later.) Although the toe could have been a little shorter, I had Duke shod with the Golden Wings. The farrier thought that Duke would be fine in the shoes. And, Duke was; nary a problem.

Because the farrier had used synthetic shoes before, he told me to keep an eye on three things: nails beginning to work their way out; heels that seem loose; and shoe contact with the horse's sole. These are generic concerns with synthetics.

It was exactly seven weeks from the date Duke was first shod with the Golden Wings horse shoes when my farrier was back in town to pull, assess, and re-shoe. What we found: the shoes stayed in good contact with Duke's feet for the seven weeks, though a few nails on one rear foot were beginning to work up...just a tad.

The inner edge of the shoe did flex in towards the horse's sole, but no problem there to Duke. Duke's feet looked good and the shoes held up. The farrier re-set them and he refined the trim a little more. The only obvious signs of use: the toes on the shoes were slightly rounded, as were Duke's hooves in the front, which is considered normal wear in these shoes.



Duke had no complaints on an 18-mile trip after his first shoeing.

I'm happy with the shoes, with their toughness, and will continue to use them. My farrier is also interested in the shoes, as compared to other synthetics. And, so far, so good with him.

To those who inquired about them, please call or email me again for details. I'd appreciate it.

208-475-4107



Sawyer Training at Stanley Ranger Station & Stanley Lake

—Rob Adams, SBBCH

On the weekend of May 21-22, 2022, BCHI Volunteer Sawyer Instructor (VSI) Rob Adams lead a sawyer workshop with the Stanley Ranger District. Trails & Wilderness Supervisor Caitlin Frawley and Wilderness & Trails Coordinator Tom Winter hosted the event and led the Crosscut portion of the field day on Sunday. R4 Saw Program Manager Brian Burbridge, R4 Trails & Recreation Program Manager Larry Velarde and R4 Deputy Saw Program Manager Mike Scott attended the classroom secession on Saturday and worked as mentors and evaluators at the field day on Sunday. Four different volunteer trail organizations had members who attended, working on their first certifications, renewing certifications, or just refreshing their knowledge base. This is a wonderful time to be in the Stanley area with few visitors, and lots of wildlife, out and about.

On Saturday morning, driving to the ranger station from Stanley Lake, I saw over 50 elk, a dozen or more antelope, and deer in a yard next to the local bakery and fresh snow on my windshield. The businesses in Stanley started opening this weekend, so I had dinner at the Stanley Supper Club on their first night open for the season. The beer and bratwurst were excellent. On Saturday night it was dinner at the Sawtooth Hotel which has great food, their second night. Great location for training.

At 08:30 on Sunday, the team met at the Stanley Lake overflow area for a safety meeting and briefing on how the day was going to work. Two were hoping to re-certify as B-Fallers, the rest "A" & "B" buckers with



Crosscut and Chainsaws. We broke up into small groups and got to work. As a team completed work with one mentor, they would move on to another until at 15:00 we completed the work, finished the paperwork, and all packed up for the day. Brian, Larry and Mike were heading to McCall to participate in sawyer training in that ranger district. What an amazing weekend, thanks to all who attended.

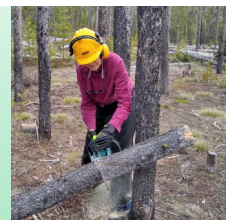


How To Find Sawyer Certification Training

I asked Rob Adams, Region 4, how to find out when sawyer safety workshops are being held. He said to contact one of the following Sawyer Trainers (in your region) or a Ranger District.

Region 1 —Todd Brown email idahopoleguy@gmail.com or call **208-451-3161**

Region 4 — Rob Adams email Moosely.Adams@gmail.com or call **208-781-0548**



Sawyer Certification Training — Informative & User-Friendly Process

—Alice Millington, TVBCH & HBCH

This spring, members from both Region 1 and Region 4 attended sawyer workshops and field days to earn their sawyer certification or to re-certify. As one of those who has gone through the process, twice now, for both crosscut and chainsaw, I encourage members who have thought about becoming certified sawyers, to do so—many of you use the chainsaw and/or crosscut saw, so it could be easily accomplished. I took my training in Stanley (R4) over a weekend this May. Although I didn't have to attend the workshop, as I was re-certifying, I did; it was a valuable reminder of all things safety (OHLEC) and new ideas were introduced since my last class three years ago. In the workshop, no tests involved; just listen, ask questions, discuss.

*In the workshop, no tests involved;
just listen, ask questions, discuss.*

As to the field day, or hands-on portion of the training, a person need not sweat bullets as to whether they will pass: the instructors don't just say "Cut this" then stand back. In the field, the instructors keep teaching so that you get it done right.

*In the field, the instructors keep teaching
so that you get it done right.*

They tell you what to buck, take you through the safety protocol (OHLEC—Objective, Hazards, Leans, Escape Route, Cut Plan) then allow you to begin sawing when it is determined it is safe and you have a plan. In the field, instructors want you to pass. And, you can download their scoring sheet to know what you will be evaluated on—Google *Chain Saw Evaluation Form*.



This picture: Sawyer field day for both crosscut & chainsaw near Stanley Lake on May 22, 2022. **Little picture, above:** Alice at the training, bucking with her Makita electric saw.

News From the BCHA NATIONAL CONVENTION

—Pat Bogar, BCHI National Director

The BCHA National Convention was in mid-April in Kansas City. First, I would like to thank BCHI for sending me to this meeting as I learned a great deal and was able to network with many of the attendees that I only knew thru Zoom meetings. These in-person meetings are very much worth attending. Here's a brief rundown on the meeting and some of the outcomes:

- Volunteer Hours Report— It was concluded that state organizations may use a version of the Volunteer Hours Report Form that best suits their needs. Versions of the forms that both BCHA and BCHI use are on the BCHA website.
- As of the April convention, BCHA has 12,795 members, 212 chapters, 31 states (with recent addition West Virginia). We had 19,766 Facebook followers.
- The Forest Service gave a couple of good presentations— the FS has 191 million acres, 10 regions (including Alaska), 154 National Forests, 20 Grass Lands, 600 Ranger Districts and 160 thousand miles of trail. The main Forest Service challenges at this time are: workforce, weather, data collection, trail sustainability and agency process. During the Saw Program discussion, the one important item was that the Forest Service is supposed to furnish PPE for volunteers per the agreement. Not sure how each of our chapter's deal with this, but it sounds like many areas do not receive this service.
- According to Randy Rasmussen, BCHA Public Lands Advisor, the Forest Service trails program is becoming more professional; they are actually doing a business plan for trails and a business model. Randy also asked if any of the states/ chapters have a trail design person in their membership; he is looking for that person.
- The Public Lands main issues are still: bikes in the wilderness, E-bikes in general; prioritizing stock users in equestrian campgrounds; and advocating for increased trail funding.
- **The following committees can use additional members, any BCH member can join these committees:**

Contract Review - Mark Himmel
Expansion - Freddy Dunn
Membership - Dennis Serpa
Volunteer Hours - John Chepulis

Chapter Support Grants - Bob Wagner
Marketing & Media - Mark Himmel
Partnership - Darrel Wallace
Youth - Greg Schatz

Education - Craig Allen
Fundraising - Tif Rodriguez
Public Lands - Brad Pullen
Nomination - Jim Allen

The 2023 National Board of Directors Convention will be held in Kalispel, Montana, April 16-19. They are asking that we bring what we do as a state and as chapters, as well as a display.



Robert's Rules of Order

Here's a question for General Robert:

In determining the result of a vote, what is considered a majority?

General Robert's answer: The word "majority" in this context means, simply, *more than half*.

The use of any other definition, such as 50 percent plus one, is apt to cause problems. So, if you have 17 members vote; 9 members voting Yay will pass the motion.

How about a two-thirds vote, General Robert, can we round to the nearest number in computing the result of a vote?

For example, since two-thirds of 101 is 67.33, will 67 affirmative votes out of 101 votes cast meet the requirement of a two-thirds vote, will 67 be enough?

General Robert's answer: No. The requirement of a two-thirds vote means *at least two-thirds*. As a consequence, nothing less will do.

A simple method of determining whether a motion has attained a two-thirds vote is to observe whether the affirmative votes are at least double all the other votes.

Lost at the Convention Old Brown Cowboy Hat

A Cache Peak member lost a **cherished cowboy hat**. It had been used on the CP chapter display at the convention. It may have been placed on top of a vehicle in the parking lot...but not retrieved. We hope someone picked it up and still has it.

If you have information about it,
please contact

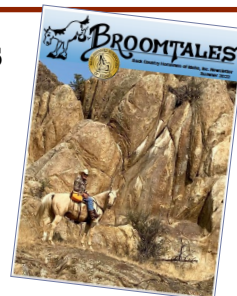
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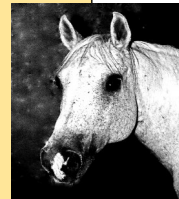
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Salmon River BCHI to host the 2023 BOD Meeting & Convention

Friday, March 17 –
Saturday, March 18

LOCATION:

Elks Lodge, Salmon ID

Chapter Display
Theme:

Tales from the Trails

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Marcella Hendricks & the Salmon River
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