

# The Picket Line

Back Country Horsemen of Gallatin Valley

NOVEMBER 2010

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### 1 year

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Alt: Stacy Bragg 1 year

## Membership

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## Mission Statement

The purpose of this organization shall be (1) to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in Montana's back country and (2) to assist the various government agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource and (3) to educate and solicit active participation by various members of the general public in the wise and sustaining use of horses and people, commensurate with resource, of our heritage and the back country's

## Coming Events

**NOVEMBER** General meeting. Thursday the 18th at 7:00: Belgrade Alliance Church, 205 West Cameron, **Belgrade** ( business meeting– create a nominating committee )

**DECEMBER** General meeting– December 16-Election of new officers and Directors. We will need nominations for President, Vice president, secretary, treasurer, 3 directors, 1 state board member, and 1 alternate state board. This is an opportunity for new and old members as well, to support and guide the GVBCH thru the next year. If you would like to see changes, have new ideas, and a little time....Now is the time.! *Please volunteer to serve!*

**Also in December:** Copper City cleanup- Three Forks- scheduled for 12/4/10 ..This is a club service project !

**Christmas Party-12-17-10—** “ Reservations to Terri Stillwaugh” : 222-5993

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## Report from your President

**Howdy fellow GVBCH,**

**Well, this year is quickly coming to a end and both crews have cut and removed a lot of down fall off the trails. Thank you all ,who got out and worked on trails, helped on the poker ride and built corrals. Keep in mind to make your reservations for the Christmas party, as it has to be paid for in advance if you plan on attending. I hope to see as many of you there as possible. Also, at this November meeting, we need to get all the names in for next year's officers. It has been a very interesting, rewarding, and learning experience for me as your president. I would be honored to be your president next year, as well as continuing to be your state board member for the next two years. So for right now, see you all at the November meeting and until then, stay safe!**

**Your pres, Jim Allbright**

As An additional note:

Shane McClaflin, owner and lead guide of Sunrise Pack Station, was our program speaker for the October general meeting. Shane has been in the back country of Yellowstone National Park since 1990. His Associates degree in backcountry horsemanship and wildlife management, B.A. in History, and years spent teaching history and literature in a private school lend to his storytelling ability and knowledge of Yellowstone's back country. We thoroughly enjoyed his tales about trails and (almost ) wrecks. A big Thank You goes out for Shane's donation of his time and experiences to our program that night. (*And thank you, Janice for inviting him and bringing the goodies !*)

### **Board Meeting Minutes October 7, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Allbright.

Directors present were: Brenda Kessler, Dan Porter, Marianne Meyer, and Stacey Bragg.

Officers present were Jim Allbright, Rich Inman and Charley Smith. Also present was Sonja Berg.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting was made by Stacey Bragg and seconded by Dan Porter. The motion was passed.

#### **Bills**

No new bills were presented

#### **Programs**

The October General Meeting will be held at the Belgrade Alliance church, 205 West Cameron, Belgrade Montana .

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### **Membership**

One new membership application was received bringing the total memberships to 83.

### **Old Business**

Charley Smith stated that he had a meeting with Barbara Mutter during the afternoon prior to the board meeting and that he would be sending her information that would allow her to get started on the application for 502(c)3 status.

The Copper City Project is now scheduled December 4<sup>th</sup>

A motion was made by Rich Inman to deposit \$15,000.00 of the money in our checking account into a savings account. The motion was seconded by Stacey Bragg. The motion was passed

### **New Business**

Dan Porter volunteered to work on an application for a cash grant to subsidize our work on trail maintenance and corral building.

A motion was made by Rich Inman and seconded by Dan Porter to close the meeting. The motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted by Charles D. Smith,  
Secretary

## **Minutes from the General Meeting**

**October 21, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Allbright.

The officers present were: Jim Allbright, President, and Charley Smith, Secretary and Treasurer.

A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Jim Mutter and seconded by Michael Harney. The motion was passed.

### **New Bills**

Janice Cartwright presented a bill in the amount of \$43.21 for flagging tape for the Poker Ride. A motion to pay the bill was made by Dan Porter and seconded by Sandy Kypher. The motion was passed.

### **Old Business**

Barbara Mutter talked about the progress in our application for 501(c) 3 status.

Dan Porter talked about the application for grant money that he completed for our corral building project next year. Now he is waiting to hear back from the Committee.

Jim Allbright lead a discussion about the annual elections. Sandy Kypfer and Marianne Meyer will be the nomination committee.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Esther Fishbaugh and seconded by Larry Thomas. The meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted by Charley Smith, Secretary.

**Friday October 22 2010**

**Working on the Bridger Bowl Bog:**

Ron Rassley, Kay Tate, Larry Thomas and Walt Becker drove to the south fork of Brackett Creek Trail head at 11:00 (waiting for it to warm up). Packing "Sport" with tools, (Ron's horse) it was only a 30 minute ride to the bog. We started by cleaning out the log pieces that others had thrown in and discussing the best way to start the draining process. Larry and Walt dug two ditches from the spring that feeds the area into the one that Kay and Ron dug down to the fall line to disperse the water. They cut two logs to hold back the sidewalls of the ditch and pegged them into place. Because of the late time of year, it won't have time to dry out before snow so we'll revisit the problem in June and see how it looks then. Kay cut a small go around to keep people out of the mud as much as possible for the time being. One biker passed by and complimented BCH on all their hard work everywhere. (always nice to hear)

Larry found he wore "too short" boots and poured water out at the end of the day. KT

**"The Bog !" starting the drain**



**Packing & posing**

Larry, Ron and Walter

**Trail report & pictures**  
by Kay Tate

**Pictures below: (Wednesday crew) November 3rd, 2010: Out for a ride up Lick Creek—Beautiful day for a ride (note snow)**





**Janice Cartwright has graciously shared these pictures of several of her rides.**

With the glorious weather continuing late into the riding season, we managed to get in 2 more trail rides in early October. The Hyalite Creek Trail (Forest Services trail #427) was the first time for Janice and it was great. **THE PICTURE is the group riding up to Hyalite lake.** The Forest Service records this trail as 8.6 miles long, however, the lake is about 4-5 miles from the trailhead. It is a beautiful and usually well kept trail, with hikers and bicycles users along with the horses

In early September, Janice also offered a ride at the Double T River Ranch in Clyde Park (pictures below). We enjoyed a leisurely ride through the ranch next to the Shields River. Addie Foster was our hostess and we toured the



facility and rode on all of the numerous trails in and around and over the place. The day was crisp and clear, the scenery was lush (being on the Shields with many bird habitats around) and the company was delightful. Catherine Nelson and Margaret Burns Vap were especially delighted with the owl sighting.



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