

BOARD MEETINGS:  
1st Thursday, 7:00 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:  
3rd Thursday, 7:00 PM  
Belgrade Alliance Church  
205 West Cameron

**OUR PURPOSE:**

To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness. To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use. To assist various agencies responsible for the maintenance and management of public lands. To educate, encourage, and solicit active participation in the wise and sustained use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public, commensurate with our heritage. Foster and encourage formation of new Back Country Horsemen organizations.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

WEDNESDAY TRAIL CREWS: AUGUST 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
contact: Larry Thomas, 586-6878 for full day;  
Beth Merrick, 388-4047 for short day.

POKER RIDE WRAP UP: AUGUST 2, 6:00 PM

BOARD MEETING : AUGUST 2, 7:00 PM

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BUFFALO HORN CORRAL PROJECT: AUGUST 3 & 4

contact [Henry Glenn](#), 578-2084 or 599-4100—See: [page 2](#)

WINDY PASS CORRAL PROJECT: AUGUST 15-20

Windy Pass Cabin

*No August General Meeting*

STEAK RIDE WITH GUESTS GS&HC: AUGUST 25

Spanish Creek Trail Head

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2012 GVBCH CALENDAR

**PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT:**

Hello to All,

Molly and I were married on July 21st and we want to thank everyone who sent well wishes. We also want to thank all those who covered for me in my absence. Molly is looking forward to being active in the club.

Summer is in full swing and the 25th Poker Ride is in the history books. The Poker Ride went off without a hitch and a good time was had by all. I was disappointed that more club members did not participate in this fun event. If we don't support our own fund raiser how can we expect the public to do so? Our numbers were down to 150 so there is not much profit to be had. Thanks to Rich Inman and everyone else who worked so hard to make this Poker Ride a wonderful event for those who did attend.

The Corral building project is on schedule for August 3rd and 4th at Buffalo Horn trail head in the Gallatin Canyon. Please come and help with this worthy project. We are partnering with the Forest Service to improve the trail head for horse use and Camping.

The Windy Pass project is on to build corrals and improve the spring so people can drink out of it. You can camp around the cabin.

Wounded Warriors Project is going very well. I thanked one of the warriors for his service and he immediately thanked me for taking my time to help him learn to ride a horse. What a great bunch of men. Our thanks to all who have served in our Military.

I hope everyone is getting out and riding this summer, if you clear a trail, be sure and let me know so we can record it.

May God Bless the trails you ride,

*Henry Glenn, President*



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 5, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Henry Glenn, President.

Officers, directors, and state board members present were: Henry Glenn, Michael Harney, Brenda Kessler, Marianne Meyer, Clark Kinney, Rich Inman, Mike Haugan, John Mutter, Larry Thomas, and Beth Merrick. Also present was Sonya Berg.

### TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE

Brenda reported \$3,589.62 in checking and \$12,012.39 in savings. Bills presented for payment were from Janice (ice cream social \$83.30), Larry (\$20 for Ron Rassley's chain), Rich (\$10.00 for Poker Ride water). A motion was made to approve the bills presented, it was seconded and all voted aye to pass.

Michael Harney moved to approve the minutes for the June board meeting as presented in the newsletter. Larry seconded, motion passed.

### MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 62 paid memberships.

### ISSUES

HR. 1505 went through Congress and is now sitting before the Senate.

### PUBLICITY

Stacy has all announcements and ads for the Poker Ride out.

### TRAIL CREWS

Larry's trail crew is going like gang busters. They go until they hit the snowline & then come back. This week, teams were out on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday.

### PROGRAMS

Next regular meeting will be at Summit Air Ambulance at airport. (7/19/12). There will be no regular meeting in August due to the Windy Pass project – most officers and directors will be there & unable to hold a general meeting in town. A program for the September meeting has not been booked yet; Bill Cohen from Wounded Warriors will come on October 18th.

### OLD BUSINESS

Windy Pass Cabin project of building corrals; materials have been flown in. The cabin is reserved for the project from 8/16 – 8/21. Members can also bring tents and camp. There is limited trailer parking @ the trail head so parking further below and riding up may be advised. Mike Haugan will bring a generator to run drills.

Rich went over Poker Ride business and reported that Big Sky RV had repaired both awnings on the trailer. All volunteer positions for the event have been filled now. Henry has radios to send to each pop stop.

### NEW BUSINESS

GVBCH Steak Ride is on the calendar for 8/25. Michael suggested moving meal time to a little later in the day to give members more time to ride. The board tabled the discussion to be brought up again at the general meeting.

Clark said he and Bill Cohen could still use more help on the days the Wounded Warriors are taken on horseback rides. Even if you are not riding, you can help with the cooking or other tasks. Dates are July 30th, August 25th, and August 27th.

Rich moved to adjourn the meeting, Michael seconded, the motion was passed and meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Marianne Meyer, Secretary.

Hello to All GVBCH,  
We are in the final planning stages of the **Buffalo Horn Corral Project this week end**. The Forest Service has confirmed a Bobcat with a auger for Friday the 3rd. the Poles will be delivered by 9am the 3rd. I will be at Buffalo Horn on Thursday night. Things to bring are post hole diggers, digging bars, shovels, picks, Drills suitable for running #40 bit and 8" screws. I will have one generator but we will need at least one more plus extension cords. We will need a couple of chain saws and axes and draw knives. Please bring any of the above items that you have. We will have plenty of tools and will need several willing bodies both on Friday and Saturday. Please come and help where you can Bring a lunch with you and you can camp at the trailhead if you like, I am.

Directions:  
Travel South on 191 past Big Sky to the 320 Ranch turn in their drive and bear left at the Y on pavement. Bear Right be up by cabins next to the hill. The trailhead is about one mile up.

**Time: 9am Friday and Saturday  
August 3rd and 4th.**

Hope to see you there.  
Please call me if you  
have questions.  
Ranch: 578-2084  
Cell: 599-4100  
Henry

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JULY 19, 2012

Michael Harney called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Officers, directors, and state board members present were Michael, Brenda Kessler, Clark Kinney, Rich Inman, Mike Haugan, John Mutter, Larry Thomas, Beth Merrick, Marianne Meyer, and Jim Allbright. General meeting minutes from June were approved.

### **BILLS, TREASURER'S REPORT, & CORRESPONDENCE**

Brenda reported that the deposit from Poker Ride income came to \$3,804.00. The bill for food came to \$1,377.23 and has been paid. More bills will be coming in so net income from the event will be calculated later.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

We currently have 64 paid memberships.

### **NEWSLETTER**

A new sponsor list has been sent to Brant Robey so she can update the back of the newsletter for the next 12 months.

### **TRAIL CREWS**

Larry and crew are wandering around the woods cutting logs. He recommends that you take a saw of some kind on any trail ride right now. His crew had cleared the trail up to Thompson Lake but on the way back down, found that more trees had come down. Ron Rassley reported that Sage Creek is in bad shape and requires a crew with several people and more equipment. Michael Harney presented a saw complete with accessories that was donated to our club by Jim Mylam, owner of the Lee & Dad shopping complex.

### **PROGRAMS**

There will be no August general meeting due to the Windy Pass cabin project. The program in October is Bill Cohan from Wounded Warriors.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Barb Mutter made notes right after the Poker Ride. Rich said that we will have a Poker Ride wrap up meeting again where all such notes and observations will be very helpful for planning next year's event.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

➤Sonya reported that the Gallatin Valley Saddle & Harness Club had cancelled their plans for the Taylor Fork ride and overnight stay on 7/28 & 29 because too many folks had conflicting events. Dan Porter asked if there was any interest to participate (the ride is approximately 20 miles) but there was little to no response.

➤Buffalo Horn corral project is scheduled for August 3 & 4. The trail crew is clearing Buffalo Horn on Monday, 7/23.

Beth Merrick moved to adjourn the meeting, John Mutter seconded, and the business meeting was adjourned, followed by the evening's program.

Submitted by Marianne Meyer, Secretary.

### **PROGRAM**

Ben King from Summit Air Ambulance welcomed us to their business at Gallatin Field Airport. The company is based in Boise and has three bases, Bozeman, Elko, and a maintenance base in Boise. They opened in Bozeman on January 14th and have been on over 90 flights already. Each flight is operated by a pilot with over 10 years of experience, accompanied by a critical care flight paramedic with at least 6 years of experience, and a critical care nurse. They provide a critical care ambulance, which is more than just a helicopter rescue. They have the training to begin medical treatment while en route to a hospital.

The helicopter is a 2-engine Agusta 109E which is specialized for high elevation and high temperature transports. It is equipped with night vision goggles and its cruising speed is 165 mph. It has room for one patient.

If you find yourself needing a rescue air transport, you need to have the following information:

- Location is absolutely critical. GPS is the golden standard, but knowing the trail number and general description of the area will also work.
- Description of the patient including weight (think in 25# increments) and condition.
- Landing site nearby? Incline should be less than 5%.

The members attending this meeting had the privilege to see the helicopter not only arrive back from a flight, but also see the crew get called out to a new emergency while we were there. They were called to Lake Clinic in Yellowstone National Park, a flight of approximately 30 minutes.



Kay looks on intently as trail work continues along the Hidden Lake trail



## SHAFTHOUSE TRAIL CLEARING

Tuesday, June 26

A crew of 8, including Henry Glenn (and pack horse), Steve Thienes (and pack horse), Rich Inman (plus pack horse), Ron Rassley (with pack horse), Kay Tate, Bonnie Hammer, Ron and Sherrie White, cleared the Shafthouse trail on Tuesday, June 26. The group cleared several trees until they got close to the top where they ran into snow across the trailing. It was decided that one group would attempt to go off trail in order to go up and over and then return on logging roads. The other group would double back to work on water bars and clearing some trees to widen the trail where pack horses were a little too snug on the trail. Ron, Kay and Henry went up and over and cleared four more trees on their mission.

Meanwhile, the rest of the crew back-tracked to tackle some projects. Rich and Steve worked on water bars all the way down to the bridge; Ron thinned some of the trees that

were scarred from packs banging into them in a few tight squeeze areas. At one point, Steve's horses got away from him and they ran down the trail behind Sherrie and Mocha and Mocha jumped out of the way. Unfortunately, there was a down slope bank right there so it was a big jump and Sherrie landed in the dust (ruffled but unharmed). The safety lesson learned: while doing trail work, horses should either be securely tied or held by someone else.

The two groups met at the bridge where they trimmed excess brush and trees to open up the walkway.

The winds were howling most of the day, and smoke filled the air as they returned to the TH. Henry and his bride-to-be, Molly, hosted a mighty fine BBQ at their home following the work day. Pulled pork sandwiches, pasta salad, fruit salad, watermelon and homemade chocolate chip cookies were delicious and much appreciated.

—Sherrie White



Henry, Ron Rassley and Kay pause as they make their way off-trail to avoid deep snow on the trail



Rich seems awfully darn happy about the water bar work he'll tackle later



Steve and Henry remove debris as Rich uses the chainsaw to slice a fallen tree





## MONDAY (OR OTHER DAY) TRAIL CLEARINGS

Monday, July 2

Fortunately, we had a big crew to clear Trail #34 from Porcupine TH to Ramshorn Lake where 50-something trees awaited our attention. On the trail were Dick Haines (with pack horse), Ron Rassley (with pack horse), Kay Tate, Bonnie Hammer, Swep and Brenda Davis, Susan O'Neil, Ron and Sherrie White. It was an "over-time" work day, with 20.25 miles logged; we sure were happy to have so many to share the workload. Back at camp, those who were staying to clear the next day were joined by Henry and Molly and we dined on BBQ ribs, chicken, baked potatoes, salad, corn on the cob and key lime pie.



Bonnie Hammer observes as Dick Haines saws and Swep Davis removes logs



Dick Haines cuts one of the 50+ trees of the day as Susan O'Neil holds horses



Kay moves in to clear branches after Ron White had finished trimming

Tuesday, July 3

A crew of seven left the trailhead to clear the trail to Hidden Lake on a day that proved to be hot as a pistol. Henry (with pack horse), Molly, Ron Rassley (with pack horse), Kay Tate, Bonnie Hammer and Sherrie and Ron White took the "long cut" to the Hidden Lake trail and tackled over 30 trees on their way to the top (15 mi. roundtrip). We rolled off the trail, hot, dusty and hungry and were treated to ice cold watermelon and dinner of beef stroganoff, corn bread with honey and salad, courtesy of Bonnie Hammer.



Henry Glenn leads out with his pack horse, along with Molly who is hot on his trail



At the top Ron Rassley takes a break before heading down. His saddle horse lost two shoes at the top and came down the steep, rocky trail without front shoes.



## POKER TRAIL CLEARING

Monday, July 9

On the trail to clear the Poker Ride route were Kay Tate (our route finder), Ron Rassley, Henry Glenn (with pack horse), Molly, Steve Thienes (with pack horse), Rich Inman, Ruth Hall, Ron Rohletter, Ron and Sherrie White. The crew removed a few trees from the trail, worked on a water bar and lopped heavy brush to clear the 9.75 mile trail. Flaggers will mark the course on Friday.



Henry removes a nasty metal obstacle along the trail



Steve Thienes, Henry Glenn and Ruth Hall stop for the breathtaking views from Pop Stop #2



Rich does some preliminary flagging while Ron Rohletter looks on



Steve moves a tree into place as a barrier to keep riders on the correct trail



Crew pauses for a view at their scenic lunch stop while clearing on Monday



Ron Rassley and Rich Inman work on water barriers



## BUFFALO HORN TRAIL CLEARING

Tuesday, July 24:

Teepee to Trail #100 to Buffalo Horn Lakes Trail #57

We had a report that there were LOTS of trees down on the Ramshorn Lake trail, so we were glad to know we'd have a pretty big crew today.

However, when we arrived Sunday afternoon to camp at the trailhead, we got the word that the trail had recently been cleared and was completely open. It was decided that we'd split the crew of nine into two groups and cover both scheduled trails in one day. Five riders (Larry Thomas with pack horse, Billie Thomas, Sandy McManus, Marsha and Nolan Powell) rode the trail to the lake; and four of us (Ron Rassley with pack horse, Kay Tate and Sherrie and Ron White) tackled the Elkhorn trail (#199) toward Porcupine.

Both groups discovered that while you could get around or step over fallen trees, the trails really weren't "completely open." The Elkhorn trail group cut 19 trees; the Ramshorn Lake crew cut a bunch as well. Both groups cleared about the same distance (14.5 miles).

Since both of the scheduled trails had been completed on Monday, we added another route not on our schedule. Tuesday morning we rode past the Buffalo Horn cabin and took a left to clear the trail that skirts Yellowstone National Park and eventually hooks up with Dailey Pass, the Skyline Trail and Buffalo Horn Lakes trail. Our crew of five dwindled to three when Kay Tate and Marsha and Nolan Powell had to return to camp for various reasons. Soon after, the skeleton crew of three including Ron Rassley, with pack horse and Ron and Sherrie White came upon the first of 34 trees cleared that day. At the junction of Dailey / Skyline / Buffalo Horn Lakes, we took a left onto Buffalo Horn Lakes trail; that trail is seldom used so there was a lot of downfall. As it got later in the day and after spending an hour repairing the chainsaw, we realized we'd have to chop our cutting short or we'd be returning in the dark. So we stepped over or rode around at least 20 trees at the end of the 14.25 mile trail. Our tired trio rolled into camp at 7 p.m. and vowed to return to cut out the rest of the trail in the near future. To be continued . . .



Ron Rassley on Jesse with packhorse, Sport, on a scenic overlook on the Trail #100 off Teepee going toward the Buffalo Horn Lakes Trail #57



Another fine mess encountered by the crew of three; we didn't get back to camp until 7 p.m.



The first of 34 trees removed from the trail that day with Ron White sawing and Ron Rassley waiting to remove sections of logs

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