

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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WANTED: POKER RIDE COORDINATOR

a person with great organizational skills
for GVBCH's biggest fundraiser on July 14
call Henry Glenn for more information: 578-2084

UPCOMING EVENTS:

GALLEP ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING: MARCH 6, 6:30-8:30 PM

Bozeman Public Library

MARCH GERNERAL MEETING : March 15, 7:00 PM

Spencer Dominick presenting; Belgrade Alliance Church

FIRST POKER RIDE COMMITTEE MEETING: MARCH 15, 6:00 PM

Pickle Barrel, Belgrade

BACK COUNTRY ADVENTURE: MARCH, 24 9 AM-4 PM

Hands-on packing for registered students

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF MT STATE CONVENTION: March 30-April 1

Billings Hotel & Convention Center

CIRCLE L HORSE EXPO, CIRCLE L ARENA: March 31-April 1. \$Free

4350 Spain Bridge Road Belgrade [Map]

Details: Rod Cline & Lisa Armstrong

581-0697 or 570-5711

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Happy winter to everyone. Some might say, what winter? But a neighbor said there is still plenty of time to have winter.

The club had a great month and I wish more of you would participate in the meetings. We are making plans for the coming summer season and we want each of you to join in the fun.

Lots of issues on the table, a major one is the travel plan for the Gallatin Crest, which will have to be redone for the WSA only. There is a meeting at the Fairgrounds on Feb 29th at 5:30, sponsored by the Forest Service and open to the public.

We still need a Poker Ride Coordinator; I can assure you of plenty of help and assistance. As Beth Merrick said at the meeting, "We really only need someone to take credit for the position."

We also need a Trail Boss for the Monday Trail Crew. This is quite a commitment and I am sure there is someone who will step forward. I suppose you could do it any day you could get a crew. I want to take this opportunity to thank Dick Haines for his years of hard work as the Monday Trail Boss.

Lisa Stoeffler, Bozeman Ranger District and Brian McNeil were our guests at the February meeting and we discussed this summer's projects with them. On behalf of the club, I accepted a Certificate of Appreciation from Lisa for all the work that we did this past year. Each of you should be proud of our club for this recognition.

If you have any interest in going to the State BCH convention it is in Billings and we need 8 delegates. Please let me know. Deadline for early registration is March 15th.

I want to welcome new members Jeff Summitt and Colleen Burman.
May God Bless the Trails you Ride. *Henry Glenn, President*



Lisa Stoeffler presenting, Henry Glenn accepting, the USFS Award recognizing all the hours of work our volunteers have completed on our trail systems.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 2, 2012

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

Officers and directors present were: Henry Glenn, Michael Harney, Brenda Kessler, Marianne Meyer, Mike Haugen, John Mutter, Beth Merrick, and Larry Thomas. Also present were Rich Inman, Jim Allbright, Stacy Bragg, and Sonya Berg.

BUSINESS

Selection of a replacement to take Michael's spot as director on the board — Beth Merrick suggested Rich Inman. Rich had been contacted prior to the meeting to ensure he would be willing to fill the post. Stacy Bragg offered to fill the position as well. Discussion followed and the board accepted Rich as replacement for Michael. He will complete Michael's second year as director.

Audit of financial records — Beth Merrick and Vi Huffman worked on the audit which spanned the past two years when Charley Smith served as treasurer. They eventually turned the paperwork over to Dan Marsh who copied all records into Quicken to facilitate the audit. All three found that the records balance to the bank accounts and all the monies are there. Henry asked for a motion to accept the audit as finished by Dan Marsh. Jim made the motion, Larry seconded, and the motion passed.

POKER RIDE

The committee will meet at 6:00 pm on March 16th at the Pickle Barrel in Belgrade (prior to the General Meeting). Marianne will email Sherrie to find out how best to get the "Poker Ride Bible" from Sherrie to the committee before then. Stacy mentioned it might be easiest if Sherrie dropped it off at his house in Livingston.

TRAIL BOSS

We need a new trail boss for the Monday crew, which may not necessarily be a Monday crew. Main thing is, we need a second trail boss. Brian McNeil coordinates the trail assignments and trail work. He communicates this schedule with the trail crew leaders.

CONSTRUCTION OF PACK BOXES

The work is well under way for the pack boxes to be used at the Back Country Adventures. They are in the finish process, waiting to get sealer applied by hand.

DELEGATES FOR THE STATE CONVENTION

Our club has 8 votes at the state convention and we would sure like to fill all 8 spots. The state board members (Dan and Rich) definitely go. Rich, Dan & Alice, Jim and Brenda put their names on the list. Early registration ends 3/15. Henry asked if there are any resolutions we want to present — there are none.

CALENDAR

Henry asked that everyone check the calendar before they schedule a new project. Please do not schedule new projects on top of other ones. Let's communicate as we move forward through the year and bring project ideas to the meetings.

Beth presented "Trail Clearing Lite" — An opportunity for club members to participate in trail work on a lighter scale, shorter distances, less inclines, and flexible days.

BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE

Agri-Risk annual insurance bill for \$637 came in. Rich Inman offered to contact Markel about chances to reduce the amount.

Henry asked for a motion to approve minutes of the January board meeting. Jim made the motion, Beth seconded, motion passed.

ISSUES

GallEp has requested that someone represent the BCH at their equine community meeting on Tuesday 3/6 from 6:30-8:30. The board will bring this up at the February general meeting.

GallEp also sent out an email asking equestrians to call their senators to amend MAP 21 so that it will keep funding for RTP in place. As it stands now, MAP21 will eliminate this funding.

Henry asked for a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting. Jim made the motion, Michael seconded, and the motion was passed.

Submitted by Marianne Meyer, Secretary.

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2012**

Members enjoyed a wonderful Wild Game potluck, delicious desserts, and visiting with other members. The potluck was followed by Lisa Stoeffler's and Brian McNeil's update on what's happening at the Forest Service and what is planned for 2012. They promised to communicate well this year and encouraged everyone to look for information at www.beta-scout.com. Lisa concluded by presenting the GVBCH a "Certificate of Appreciation".

Henry called the meeting to order. Officers and directors present were: Henry Glenn, Michael Harney, Marianne Meyer, John Mutter, Mike Haugan, Beth Merrick, Larry Thomas, Rich Inman, state board member Dan Marsh, and ex-officio Jim Allbright.

Henry welcomed guests Jeff Summitt and Colleen Burman who learned about our chapter by searching the internet. They live in Gallatin Gateway and have trail horses. Henry then asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January general meeting as reported in the newsletter. Janice made the motion, Beth seconded, and the motion was passed.

ISSUES

MAP-21 — as it stands in the Senate now it will remove RTP funding. Email Tester and Baucus to keep RTP funding in place.

PROGRAMS

Janice arranged to have Spencer Dominick speak at our March general meeting. Spencer is a horse trainer and part of his program will be a Q&A session.

BUSINESS

State Convention in Billings — there is still room for voting delegates. If interested please contact Henry Glenn. Michael Harney said he and Margaret will go if those dates are open on his family's calendar.

Trail Clearing Lite — Beth Merrick is looking for "lite trail workers" to join her this summer to work on the trails. Lite trail clearing means shorter distances, less inclines, slower horses & people.

BC Adventures — the next date is March 24th. Those involved in the planning and presentations need to think about preparations.

Circle L Horse Expo — GVBCH has free booth space on 3/31 and 4/1. We need volunteers to take shifts to man the booth. Billie Thomas, and John and Barbara Mutter volunteered.

Honorary membership for Dale Moore — Rich Inman made a motion to make Dale Moore an honorary member of the GVBCH. Dale helped write the syllabus for the Back Country Adventures and contributed greatly to the success

of this project. Beth Merrick seconded the motion and the motion passed.

BILLS

Annual dues for the P.O. Box need to be paid before the end of February. No vote required as this is a recurring expense previously approved.

Henry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rich made the motion, seconded by Beth, motion passed and meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Marianne Meyer, Secretary.

CLICK FOR:
2012 GVBCH CALENDAR

Please bring photographs for the
State Convention Photo Contest to
the March General Meeting.
Instructions can be found by clicking
HERE
or visiting bchmt.org

WELCOME OUR NEW GVBCH MEMBERS

Jeff Summitt & Colleen Burman, Gallatin Gateway
found GVBCH through MT Equine Directory
& internet research

Laura Fedro, Bozeman
has lived in Bozeman since 1992 and used to work at the
Elkhorn Ranch

JoAnn & Spencer Simons, Belgrade
learned of GVBCH at the Belgrade Safety Clinic

**HORSEMANSHIP WITH SPENCER DOMINICK
MARCH 15 GENERAL MEETING**

Spencer Dominick is an accomplished and enthusiastic horseman. His partnership with horses began at the age of three. Within a few years, he was helping with the riding program at the 7D Ranch, a family operation run in Sunlight Basin, Wyoming. At this young age, he was riding to assist in managing range cattle, retrieving horses from pasture leased from Forest Service, and leading guest rides. Spencer spent 13 years wrangling for the 7D, Castle Rock Ranch, and Shoshone Lodge.

In 1988, he joined the packtrip crew at the 7D as a packer and cook. He began spending his summers on trips in Shoshone National Forest and Yellowstone National Park. In 1991, he took over the management of the packtrip program for the 7D, a position that combined his horsemanship skills and his talent of working with people to improve their own level of comfort and ability.

Spencer's professional horse training career started in the winter of 1999. He specializes in starting horses and mules as well as helping with problems in older horses. His training techniques are based on kindness, consistency and building trust with each horse. In addition, Spencer enjoys working with people and helping them to achieve a harmonious relationship with their horse through teaching communication, understanding and proper riding.

He teaches private lessons as well as several clinics each year in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, and Georgia. He does safety clinics for GALLEP in Bozeman, 4H clinics, and he is a teaching clinician for the Montana Horse Sanctuary and has assisted them with many rescues.



FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING & WILD GAME POTLUCK



Michael & GVBCH members-in-training



Margaret, Rich & Jim

Pres & VP pre-meeting conference



Enjoying the potluck dinner



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Ester & Sandy



WINTERFEST 2012

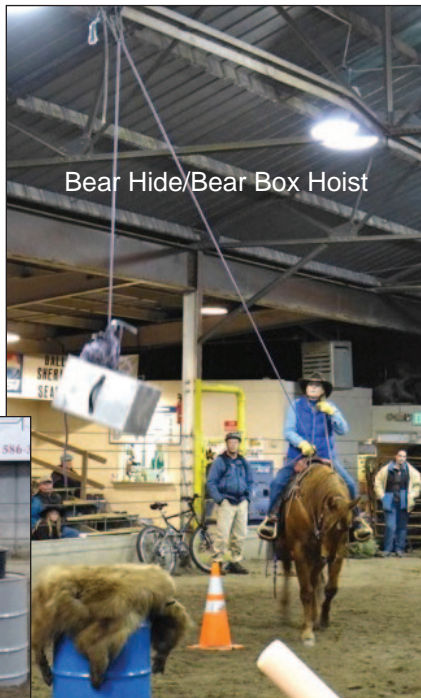


Al Huttinga, Nathan Kammerman & Ron Rassley

The Winterfest Trail Horse Battle was right up our club's alley (or is that trail?). The scene was a backcountry campsite with various obstacles (sort of) resembling items found in camp and on the trail. Janice Cartwright was the judge (and had a part to play in setting up the course, adding props, making safety a priority for all involved and adding a category of horsemanship to the judging sheet) along with assistants, Ron Laden and Henry Glenn. Vi Huffman provided the photography. There were 11 participants, of all ages. The horses represented all ages also and breed was not a factor this year. Prior to the event, there were 4 preliminary rounds held at various sites around the valley. The hardest obstacle...the water crossing. Enjoy Vi's photos of some of the obstacles on along the trail.



It's showtime! Janice



Bear Hide/Bear Box Hoist



Wall Tent & Pack Mule Gail (eye candy)



Side Pass-
Feed the
Chickens



Moving Bridge



Downfall
Obstacle



Moving Cows Out of Camp Obstacle



Backpacker & Fire Ring



Janice & Henry: Mission Accomplished

HORSING AROUND
SPOTLIGHT ON GVBCH MEMBERS

HEALING HORSES IN MONTANA— CATHERINE NELSON
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The horse had been overtrained, always expected to perform. He was tense, not unlike Type A people. To get him out of this mode for weeks Catherine Nelson put her hands all over his body until he trusted her. She encouraged him to hold his head down in a relaxed manner and breathe. He became softer, yet still sensitive and aware. The two approaches she uses to work with horses are TTOUCH, developed by Linda Tellington-Jones, and Pat Parelli's highly structured natural horsemanship program.

Catherine says, "The methods are similar and different. TTOUCH involves a lot of hands-on bodywork: with the ears, tail, legs, inside the mouth, all over the horse's body to help the horse come into balance physically, mentally, and emotionally. The Parelli method

focuses on relationship and trust between horse and rider. Both programs involve groundwork techniques and riding as well as kind and gentle ways of training a horse."

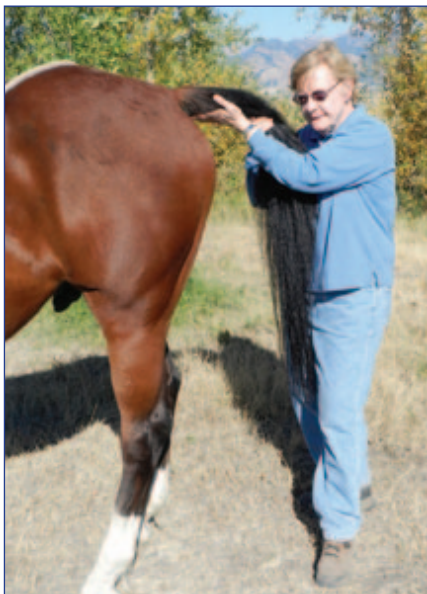
We need to understand that horses are prey animals, that they see potential danger everywhere unless trust and faith are established. Furthermore, horses have been abused, neglected, exploited and abandoned, not to mention sent to their deaths way before their time. They suffer joint pain, muscle and tendon strains, just as we do, especially in some accidental fall.

The modalities individuals use on injured horses are similar in name to what they use on people but different in application. They include chiropractic, craniosacral therapy, massage, structural integration, TTOUCH, and acupuncture.

[To read the rest of the article, [click here.](#)]



Catherine Nelson, Ph.D., is a Certified Pathwork Helper with a private practice in counseling and healing in Bozeman. She is a graduate and faculty member of the Barbara Brennan School of Healing, the only licensed school of healing in the US.



Editor's Note:
"Horsing Around" is a new feature for our newsletter. We will include stories about our members as interest and space allow. Please share your story or news about a GVBCH member.

WANTED: SLOWER HORSES & RIDERS

MODERATION IN ALL THINGS EXCEPT AGE:

- ★ INCLINES ★ DISTANCES ★ RIDE DURATION
- ★ TRAIL CLEARING EFFORT ★ TRAIL SPEED

WHEN: Tuesdays or possibly Wednesdays-- hit the trail at 9 am, and occasional evening rides
WHERE: Spanish Peaks, Bridgers, and others
WHAT: brushcutting, waterbar cleaning and clearing small downfall off the trail and occasionally work as sub-unit with others
DISTANCE: 8 - 10 miles round trip. Likely to ride in and clear trail on the way out
NEED: Long-handled clippers, hand saws & picks, gloves that you carry yourself
CONTACT: You must confirm 24 hours before ride starts
Beth Merrick bmerrick1@aol.com 388 4047.
SHARE: Transportation & gas expense

E-MAIL YOUR INTEREST ALONG WITH THESE:

- ★ day preference: Tuesday or Wednesday ★ if you can offer or need a ride,
- ★ commitment: weekly or occasional ★ contact info and address ★ email or phone



United States
Department of Agriculture

Certificate of Appreciation

Awarded to

**Gallatin Valley
Back Country Horsemen**

In recognition of nearly 1500 hours of dedicated volunteer service Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen contributed in 2011 to:

- maintaining over 1300 miles of trails on the Gallatin National Forest, keeping them open for public enjoyment in a manner that provides for excellent resource stewardship;
- restoration of two National Forest rental cabins;
- reconstruction and maintenance of stock handling facilities; and
- ongoing education efforts to further *Leave No Trace* backcountry horse use principles amongst club members and the general public.

Date **February 2012**

District Ranger

GVBCH IS INDEBTED TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES & MEMBERS
WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2011 POKER RIDE:

Ag Depot
All West Veterinary
Ardesson Boots and Shoes
Barnett's MT Gourmet Honey
Biggerstaff Construction
Big Sky Yoga Retreats
Bob Steinman & Assoc. Real Estate
Bozeman Saddle Outlet
Bridger Feeds
Bridger Glass & Windows
Bunkhouse Originals
CBU (Citizens for Balanced Use)
C'est la Vie Salon
Chalet Market
Cole Custom Saddles
Damasco's Restaurant
DJ Bar Ranch Stud Service
Double Diamond Halter Co.
Equine Solutions
Four Corners Saddlery
Freeway Enterprises
Gold's Gym / Jim Albrook
Greater Yellowstone Flyfisher

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Harrington's Beverages
Kountry Corner Cafe
Lee & Dad's
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Matt's Saw Shop
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