

BOARD MEETINGS:  
1st Thursday, 7 PM

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

**OUR PURPOSE:**

Shall be to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in the back country and assist the various government agencies in their maintenance and management of the resource and to educate, encourage and solicit active participation by various members of the general public in the wise and sustaining use of horses, commensurate with our heritage and the back country resource.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

BOARD MEETING : FEBRUARY 7, 7 PM  
Belgrade Alliance Church

GENERAL MEETING : FEBRUARY 21, 6 PM  
Belgrade Alliance Church  
Forest Service & Wild Game Potluck

Please renew your  
membership  
[www.gvbch.org](http://www.gvbch.org)

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Hello Everyone,

We have a lot to look forward to in 2013 and I hope each of you will find your way to help Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen.

We have received a RAC grant for our trail clearing expenses in 2013. We need to be sure and help the Trail Crews this year as this will be our main focus. I want to thank Larry Thomas and Ron White for agreeing to be the Trail Crew leaders. We also are doing some maintenance on two cabins in the AB wilderness and will need lots of help with packing in materials. If you have pack stock this will be a great opportunity to get some experience packing. There will be some pack training sessions this spring so stay tuned to the newsletter for details. I am excited to announce a Poker Ride Coordinator. Debbie Moran has agreed to run the Poker Ride. She will need everyone's help to make our 26<sup>th</sup> Poker Ride a success. The time around the Fourth of July will be busy with Wounded Warriors and the Poker Ride so please pitch in and help our Club be the best it can be.

May God Bless the Trails you Ride.

*Henry, President*

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 3

Meeting was called to order by Henry Glenn, President. Outgoing and new officers, directors, and state board members attending were Mike Haugan, Debbie Moran, John Mutter, Larry Thomas, Beth Merrick, Marianne Meyer, Jim Wing, Dan Porter, Steve Thienes, Dan Marsh, Rich Inman, Brenda Kessler, Clark Kinney, and ex-officio Jim Allbright. Also present was member Sonya Berg. Henry welcomed our newly elected officers Jim, Dan, and Steve as well as our new treasurer, Debbie.

Minutes from the December board meeting were approved by a motion made by Beth and seconded by Larry.

### TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS

Debbie reported \$3,526.87 in checking and \$15,015.92 in savings. Brenda gave the post office box key to Debbie. There were no new bills.

### MEMBERSHIP

We have 21 paid memberships for 2013.

### NEWSLETTER

Brant included the membership renewal form in the newsletter. Staying on the topic of membership and dues, the board discussed sending out reminders by US Postal Service. Marianne will handle this in February, after the Wild Game Potluck which usually has really strong attendance. Reminders will be mailed to any members who have not renewed.

### PROGRAMS

January - no program; calendar planning instead.

February - Forest Service will share news, plans for 2013, and projects they have in mind for BCH. Followed by our annual Wild Game Potluck. The February general meeting starts at 6 pm!

March/April/May – Mini scale training and education about packing, biting, horse safety, and other topics. If you have something specific you'd like to learn, bring it up! Phone numbers for officers and directors are on the front page of each newsletter.

### OLD BUSINESS

Clark has been using the barn at Twisted Spur on Saturday mornings. It has great footing and is only \$10 per hour. Great place to start getting the kinks out of your mules. Contact Clark, Rich or Larry if you want to meet there.

The club will be packing pellets into the cabins (Slough Creek, Buffalo Fork) this summer. Great opportunity but if you plan to go remember to get your horses' Coggins test done. Dan Marsh will contact Hardaway Vet Clinic about a BCH rate for this test.

### NEW BUSINESS

Poker Ride – Henry kicked off Poker Ride planning by stressing that we need someone to step up and take the reins as coordinator for this important event. Last year, Rich Inman, once again, oversaw the preparation but it is time for someone new to step up and take over. The first item to decide on was the date and Marianne made a motion to have the Poker Ride on the first Saturday after July 4th, as per tradition, which will be July 6th. Beth seconded and discussion followed. Wounded Warriors will arrive for their retreat in Montana sometime between July 3rd – 9th. Butte Folk Festival is the weekend of July 12 – 14. Livingston Rodeo is on July 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Following discussion Henry asked for a vote on the motion and all voted in favor.

Making credit card donations possible – The board discussed the pros and cons of venturing into the world of on-line credit card donations. It was decided to just make donation information available on our home page for now, i.e. add a box that invites visitors to mail a donation to our P.O. Box. Dan Marsh and the treasurer have donation receipts.

Pre-registration for Poker Ride – Steve brought up on-line pre-registration and explained how he has helped with archery tournament registrations. He said he could help set up pre-registration for the club. Big advantages of pre-registration are knowing roughly how many folks are coming, having faster check-in lines the day of the event, and getting more and more people to pre-register every year. Steve offered to be on the PR committee. Debbie said she also had experience working with on-line payments for events and would help too. Then ... drum roll please ... she volunteered to be our PR Coordinator.

State Convention – We need delegates for the state convention and Henry asked Marianne to make a note to bring this up at the general meeting. Raffle tickets from the Back Country Horsemen of the Flathead have arrived and will be available at the general meeting as well. If anyone wishes to propose any resolutions, we need to have them submitted by 02-09-13.

Marianne moved to adjourn the board meeting, John seconded, all voted aye, and motion carried.

*Submitted by Marianne Meyer*

It is time to renew  
your GVBCH membership.  
The Assumption of Risk must be signed  
by each member, every year.  
We depend upon your dues to support  
our Mission and programs.  
— Thank you —

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 17**

Henry called the meeting to order shortly after 7pm. Officers, directors, and state board members present were Mike Haugan, Debbie Moran, Marianne, Jim Wing, Dan Porter, Steve Thienes, John, Larry, Beth, Dan Marsh, and Rich Inman. About 25 folks attended the meeting and Henry welcomed guest (and former member) Don Funke. Minutes from the December meeting were approved by a motion from John Mutter and seconded by Janice.

**TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE**

Debbie reported \$4,108.87 in checking (including checks just received) and \$15,015.92 in savings. Larry turned in a bill of \$56 for saw sharpening which was approved in short order.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Marianne reported 34 paid memberships.

**PROGRAMS**

Rich reminded everyone that the February meeting will begin at 6 pm with the Forest Service, followed by the annual potluck. March and April programs will be mini-sessions of education and may be held at Twisted Spur Arena. Rich and Janice will continue to co-chair programs for 2013.

**NEWSLETTER**

Janice brought up the fact that Brant would love to receive more content from members, especially pictures to make the newsletter more fun. Marianne and Henry added that some email programs will automatically resize a large file of images making them too grainy for Brant to use. So you should either resize them yourself before emailing or you can contact Dan Marsh for access to an ftp site. (An ftp site is a place that you can upload your large files to and then someone else can download them on their PC.)

**TRAIL CREWS**

Ron White emailed Henry and offered to be the Monday trail boss.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Dan Marsh completed an audit of our books. Everything balanced fine with 2 checks outstanding (not cashed) at time of audit. He posted everything in Quicken and had with him a couple of spending reports. Top category expenses in 2012 were Back Country Adventures (offset by income), insurance, state director and delegate travel, Christmas Party, and printing. Top payees were Murdoch's, trail bosses, the Pickle Barrel, Lee & Dads, and Markel. Dan had pie charts reflecting expenses which may be included in the next newsletter. Beth pointed out that the club owes a big thank you to both the auditor and treasurer for their work. It is much appreciated.

The state convention on April 5, 6, & 7 will be in Kalispell, celebrating the BCH's 40th anniversary. Our club can send 8 voting delegates and there is room for a couple more. So far, tentatively traveling, we have Henry & Mollie, Jim & Brenda, Dan & Alice, Rich, Mike Haugan, and Marianne. The state directors do not have to be the voting delegates. Early registration needs to be paid by March 1. After March 1 it goes up by \$10. Deb has the raffle tickets. They are \$1 each for a chance to win outstanding prizes including a Decker pack saddle, gun safe, White boots, set of 4 tires, or framed 1899 map of the future Bob Marshall. Contact Deb, Rich, or Henry to buy tickets. Need not be present to win.

**NEW BUSINESS**

This summer there will be packing opportunities as well as overnight projects involving the cabins north of Yellowstone in the Absorakees. Work at the SLOUGH CREEK cabin will include more chinking, digging a new toilet hole, fencing, spring house repairs, and cabin floor. This is more than two days of work and we'll probably take a whole week from travel in, work, to travel out. The ride from trail head to cabin is 14 miles. Henry is heading up this project.

Rich will head up the BUFFALO FORK project. This trail also starts at Slough Creek and is 14 miles as well. Among other duties, the cabin floor needs to be re-finished. This again should take a full week but members don't have to commit to a whole week. You can come in later or depart sooner as your schedule allows.

There will also be pellet pack trips to the HELLROARING cabin, a 28 mile round trip. To get in on any of these trips you need to be a club member, your horse must have Coggins papers, and you need to travel with your brand inspection and travel permit to cross state line. These rides all start IN Yellowstone NP and they WILL ask for papers at the gate.

Will at the Forest Service offered to sharpen saws over the next month. Drop off your saw anytime at the FS office with your name, phone, and GVBCB written in marker on the blade.

Henry asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting for recess. Janice moved, Mollie seconded, motion passed.

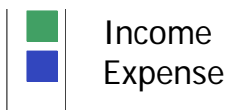
Everyone visited over refreshments brought by Rich (baked by Judy). The remainder of the evening was spent filling in the calendar for 2013. Be sure to refer to it online for upcoming events.

*Submitted by Marianne Meyer*

**GALLATIN VALLEY BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN 2013 CALENDAR**

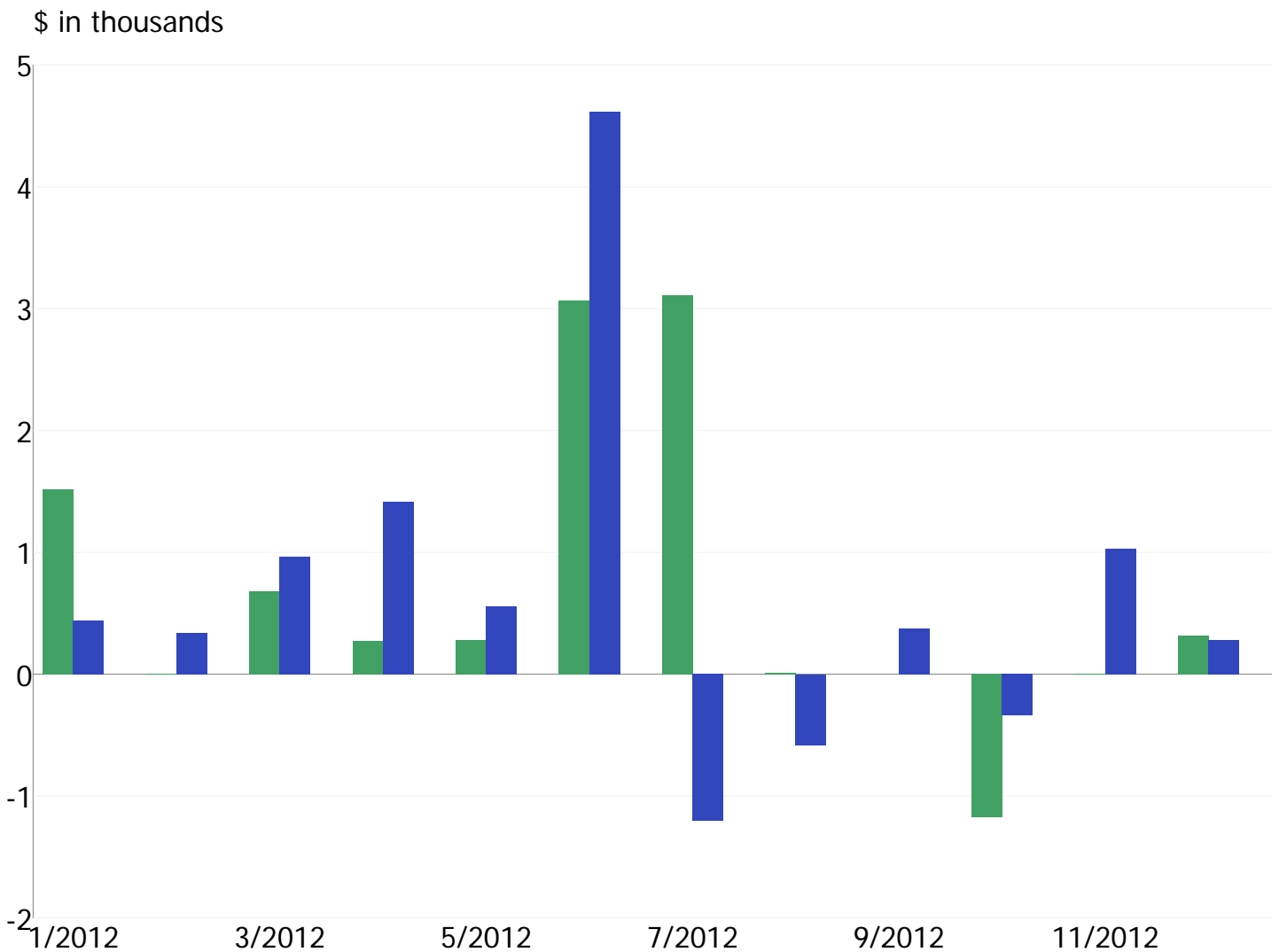
UPDATES POSTED TO: [HERE](#)

February	7	7:00 PM	GVCBH Board Meeting	Belgrade Alliance Church
	10	5:00 PM	Round Pen Life with a Purpose	Kountz Arena
	16 - 18		Wild West Winterfest	
March	7	6:00 PM	Poker Ride Meeting	Belgrade Alliance Church
	21	7:00 PM	GVCBH Board Meeting	
	21	6:00 PM	Poker Ride Meeting	
	28	6:00 PM	Poker Ride Meeting	Belgrade Alliance Church
	28	7:00 PM	GVCBH General Meeting	
30 - Apr 1		Circle L Expo		
April	4	6:00 PM	Poker Ride Meeting	Belgrade Alliance Church Red Lion Inn, Kalispell, MT
	4	7:00 PM	GVCBH Board Meeting	
	5 - 7		BCHMT State Convention	
	11	6:00 PM	Poker Ride Meeting	Belgrade Alliance Church
	18	6:00 PM	Poker Ride Meeting	
18	7:00 PM	General Meeting		
May	2	7:00 PM	GVCBH Board Meeting	Belgrade Alliance Church
	16	7:00 PM	General Meeting	Belgrade Alliance Church
	18		Red Bluff Trail Ride	
	25		Virginia City Poker Ride	
June	1		National Trails Day	Bridger Bowl
	5		Wednesday Trail Crew	Belgrade Alliance Church
	6	7:00 PM	GVCBH Board Meeting	
	12		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	19		Wednesday Trail Crew	1655 Harper Puckett Rd.
	20	6:00 PM	General Meeting	
	26		Wednesday Trail Crew	
29		Spanish Creek		
July	1		Poker Ride Clearing	Bridger Bowl
	2 - 4		Livingston Rodeo	Belgrade Alliance Church
	3		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	4	7:00 PM	GVCBH Board Meeting	
	5		Poker Ride Flagging	Bridger Bowl
	6		Poker Ride	
	7		De-flagging Poker Ride	Butte, MT
	8 - 10		Wounded Warriors	
	10		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	12 - 15		Montana Folk Festival	Belgrade Alliance Church
	17		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	17 - 22		Gallatin County Fair	
	18	7:00 PM	General Meeting	
	20 - 29		Slough Creek	
	20		Three Forks Rodeo	
24		Wednesday Trail Crew		
27		Spanish Creek Trail Clearing		
31		Wednesday Trail Crew		
August	1	7:00 PM	GVCBH Board Meeting	Belgrade Alliance Church
	2 - 9		Buffalo Fork	Belgrade Alliance Church
	3		Sweet Pea Parade	
	7		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	14		Wednesday Trail Crew	Belgrade Alliance Church
	15	7:00 PM	General Meeting	
	17		Potato Festival	
	21		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	24		Steak Ride	
	28		Wednesday Trail Crew	
31		Virginia City Poker Ride		
September	4		Wednesday Trail Crew	Belgrade Alliance Church
	5	7:00 PM	GVCBH Board Meeting	
	11		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	18		Wednesday Trail Crew	Belgrade Alliance Church
	19	7:00 PM	General Meeting	
25		Wednesday Trail Crew		
October	3	7:00 PM	GVCBH Board Meeting	Belgrade Alliance Church
	17	7:00 PM	General Meeting	Belgrade Alliance Church
November	7	7:00 PM	GVCBH Board Meeting	Belgrade Alliance Church
	21	7:00 PM	General Meeting	Belgrade Alliance Church
December	5	7:00 PM	GVCBH Board Meeting	Belgrade Alliance Church
	7		Christmas Party	Belgrade Alliance Church
	19	7:00 PM	General Meeting	



### Income/Expense by Category - Last year

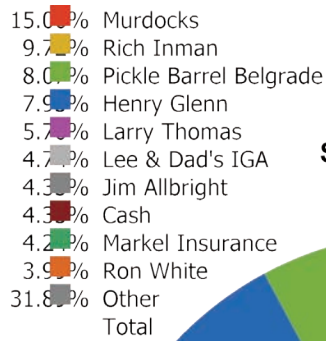
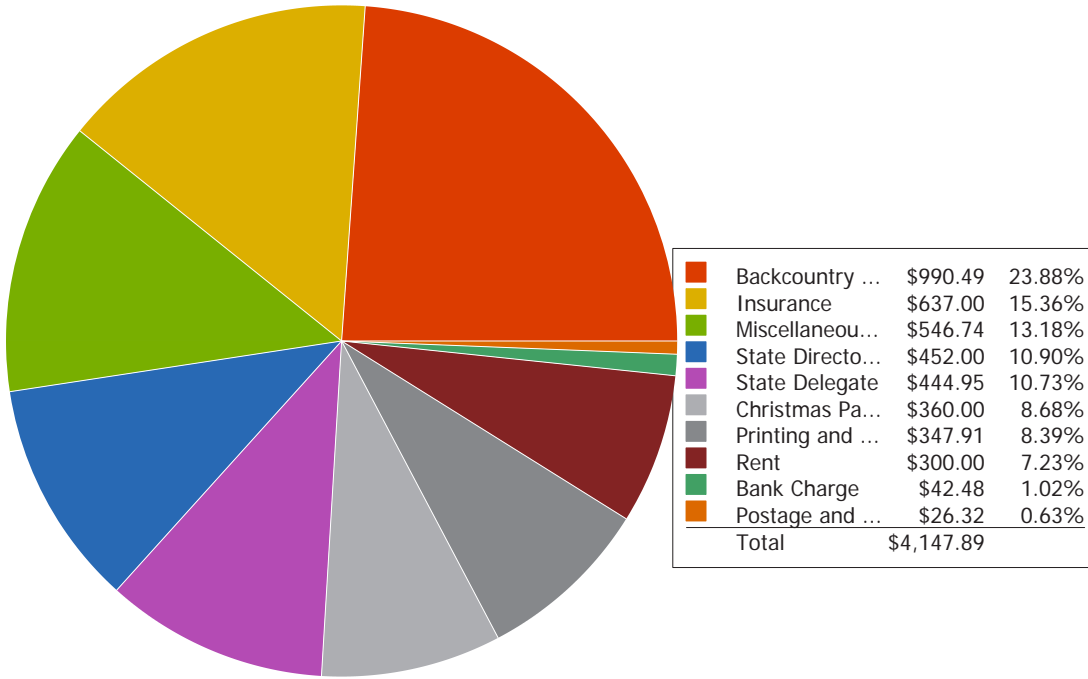
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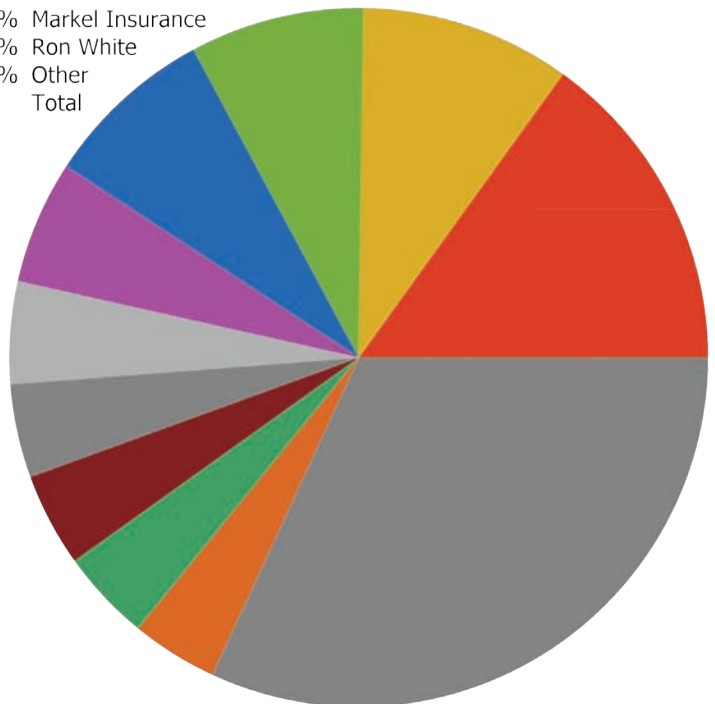
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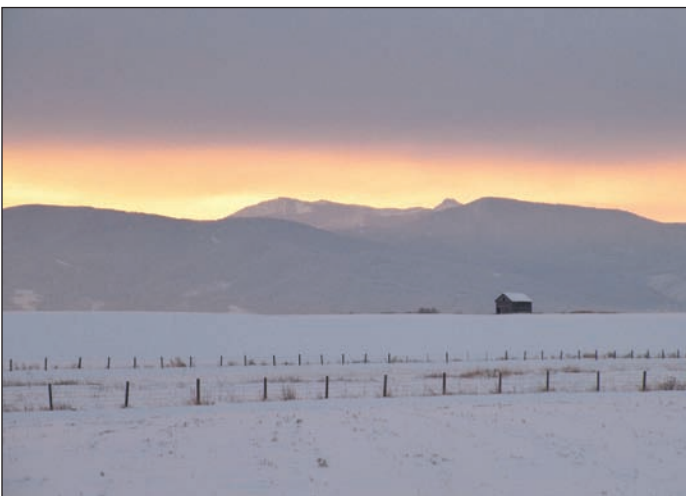
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Spending by Payee  
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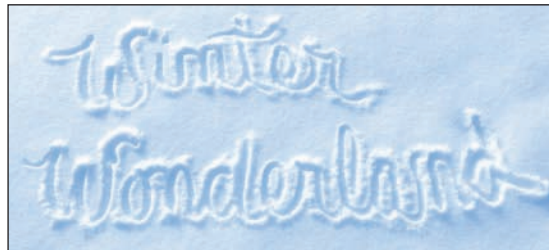
Ranch Warrior II (Virabhadra)



Small Ranch Warriors



custom hay feeder



horse sledding



Ron, Janice & Tango





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