

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 : MAY 2, 7:00 PM
Belgrade Alliance Church

POKER RIDE COMMITTEE MEETING : MAY 16, 6:00 PM
1655 Harper Puckett Road, Bozeman

GENERAL MEETING : MAY 16, 7:00 PM

1655 Harper Puckett Road, Bozeman
Come dressed for the weather and bring a chair to sit on.
Gordon Hardaway, DVM: Trail First Aid

PRACTICAL PACKING : MAY 18, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Twisted Spur Arena, 115 Dirt Road, Belgrade

VIRGINIA CITY POKER RIDE : MAY 25

Directions
HERE



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello everyone, Spring may be here. Now for all the chores we have been putting off until warm weather.

Thanks to everyone who attended the State Back Country Horsemen convention in Kalispell. We had eight delegates represent us.

The Poker Ride is getting closer and I hope you will help Debbie make it a great success. Planning seems to be on track for our 26th Poker Ride.

I want to encourage everyone interested in packing to attend the Practical Packing at the Twisted Spur Arena on May the 18th. Bring your riding and pack stock and let our experts help you out with any rough spots and equipment issues you may have. It is free and lunch is provided, the club covered the cost of the Arena, so come on out.

Dr. Hardaway will be our guest at Montana Horse Sense's arena on Harper Puckett Rd for our May meeting come and learn about first aid for your horse.

We are going to do a short clinic at the Spur Line in Livingston on June 8th. Rich and I would welcome your participation.

May God Bless the Trails You Ride

Henry, President

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 18

[There was no Board Meeting as many board members were traveling to the State Convention.]

PRESENTATION NOTES

Over 30 members of the GVBCH attended the April general meeting. Mike Haugan introduced our speaker Jason Matzinger who produces Into The High Country. Members enjoyed watching one of the episodes featuring our own Clark Kinney and Mike Haugan packing Jason and his team into the back country for a bear hunt. Jason also talked about the value of having a SPOT and explained how he uses his just to keep family at home informed on his trip. In case of a serious accident, this device is a life saver.

BUSINESS MEETING was called to order by Henry at about 7:55 pm with officers, directors, and state board members Mike Haugan, Debbie Moran, Marianne, Jim Wing, Dan Porter, John Mutter, Larry, Beth, Dan Marsh, and Jim Allbright present. Minutes from the March meeting were approved by a motion from Madeline and seconded by Clark.

TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS

Debbie reported \$3,665.22 in checking; \$15,017.42 in savings. No new bills. (Some delegates for state convention were reimbursed for travel expenses. This does not need to be approved.)

MEMBERSHIP

Marianne reported 69 paid memberships plus 4 just received from Debbie for a total of 73.

ISSUES

Dan updated everyone on the following issues:

- HB 147 – Revise Hunter Trespass Laws. Would raise fines 5-fold, require restitution. Passed both houses.
- SB 299 – Civil Penalty for Trespass \$1,500. Someone can take a picture of you and get a \$1,500 penalty against you for an alleged trespass. Failed in House!

NEWSLETTER

Brant would really like some interesting articles for the newsletter. Pictures should be sent as a large file so they show up well in print. (1MB)

TRAIL CREWS

Larry has not heard from Brian (FS) yet. It's still a bit early to get too excited about trail work. It will be a while before we can get far on mountain trails.

PROGRAMS

- May 16 general meeting will be at Janice's on Harper Puckett Road. Regular time from 7 to 9 pm. Gordon Hardaway will be our speaker with a focus on trail safety. Poker Ride committee will meet at 6:00 pm prior to general meeting, also at Janice's.

- June general meeting will also be at Janice's, but will start at 6:00 pm to allow time for the Ice Cream Social and campfire chat. Bring yer own folding chairs!!

OLD BUSINESS

Mark your calendar for Saturday 5/18/13 (9 am – 3 pm) and come to a practical day of packing, asking questions, testing out your critters and your gear. This education and training clinic will be at Twisted Spur Arena, (Belgrade), no charge and lunch is provided. PLEASE RSVP by email [\[HERE\]](#) with Rich so he will have a head count for lunch. The day will start off with a demonstration including the bicycle group (9 am). Great opportunity to work your horse around bicyclists in a controlled setting. If you plan to go on the back country cabin pack rides you're strongly encouraged to bring your packing equipment on 5/18 and have it checked over. The day of our pack trip is not the time to discover equipment flaws!

POKER RIDE BUSINESS

Debbie needs a couple of volunteers very soon. One to oversee PR poster distribution, another one to handle PR advertising. Several members offered to distribute posters (Billie in Four Corners, Clark in Twin Bridges, Dillon, Jim Wing would help in Bozeman, the Mutters in 3 Forks, Toston, Janice in Wilsall and Clyde Park). Marianne agreed to handle the poster distribution organization. Debbie did not get a volunteer to handle advertising. The board will need to decide how much to spend on advertising. Janice suggested that once we have a pdf of the poster it should be emailed to all members who in turn can send it to friends.

Barb Mutter pointed out that it is not too early to think about raffle prizes.

NEW BUSINESS

Henry received a request from Spur Line Tack in Livingston to hold two 30-minute presentations on Saturday June 8th. They have asked him in previous years too and Henry agreed to do something for them this year. He would appreciate any help.

STATE CONVENTION REPORT

Jim Allbright reported on the discussion over National's proposal to raise dues by \$5. BCHMT voted against a fee increase, however the rest of the country will likely accept.

Rich reported on the organization's goal of reaching out to youth organizations, going to schools, and bringing younger members into our chapters. Rick Potts challenged all chapters to get a youth program going and will match with a \$2,500 contribution! Locally, 4H has a packing project in Gallatin Valley (presented by Greg Benjamin), that we may want to get in touch with.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 18

Dan Marsh went over the volunteer hours that were summarized at the state convention. Our chapter contributed close to \$100,000 worth of labor, materials, pack stock use, etc which was a huge portion of state total. Here are some impressive numbers from 2012:

Basic hours	1,056 hours
Skilled hours	979 hours
LNT training	753 hours
Administrative Service	220 hours
Personal vehicle	900 miles
Stock hauling	10,147 miles
Pack/saddle stock	284

Total stock days 354 (worth \$100 per day)

These hours and miles are converted into dollars and the overall total this chapter volunteered and donated in 2012 came to \$99,170! You can see the full report with all details on our website. Jim Allbright added that we accomplished all that work without any accidents or injuries.

Beth moved to adjourn the meeting, Jim seconded, motion passed.

Submitted by Marianne Meyer

Jason Matzinger and Barrett Haugan spoke about their program "In To High Country" on the Sportsman Channel. Some of our members helped them pack in and out for their one week hunting trip.



**WELCOME TO OUR
NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS**

As of April 28 we have:
46 single
27 family
73 memberships

Jim Allbright, Gallatin Gtwy
Mike & Jeannie, Anderson, Belgrade
Tom Anderson, Bozeman
Dan & Nancy Bates, Manhattan
Walt Becker, Bozeman
Sonja Berg, Belgrade
Corey & Jeannie Biggers, Belgrade
Carl Blaskovich, Bozeman
Jim Boorman, Belgrade
Jehnet Carlson, Belgrade
Janice Cartwright & Ron Laden, Bozeman
Doreen Chaika, Ennis
Gary Cline, Bozeman
R.J. Conti, Bozeman
Bill Crosland & Sylvia Benton, Belgrade
Mark Cunnane & Lisa Bogar, Bozeman
Brenda & Swep Davis, Bozeman
Don Drake, Whitehall
Jan Elpel, Bozeman
Tamara & Dal Erickson, Bozeman
Esther Fishbaugh, Bozeman

Sharon Fraser, Bozeman
Wayne & Trina Frederickson, Bozeman
Don Funke, Bozeman
Henry & Molly Glenn, Wilsall
Nancy Greeno, Ringling
Rob Hager, Bozeman
Dick Haines, Bozeman
Bonnie Hammer, Manhattan
Mike Haugan, Belgrade
Anna Holstrom, Bozeman
Rich Inman, Belgrade
Mary Jane Johnson, Gallatin Gtwy
Gary Jones, Three Forks
Lain Kay, Gallatin Gtwy
Brenda Kessler, Bozeman
Clark & Bobbi Kinney, Belgrade
Kent & Lynell Knatterud, Bozeman
Sandy Kypfer, Bozeman
Madeline Lieb, Bozeman
Ed Long, Belgrade
Ken & Teri Lorenz, Terre Haute
Ray Madson & Susan Jenkinson, Big Sky
Dan Marsh & Alice Pilgeram, Bozeman
Nanci & David Marx, Bozeman
Beth Merrick, Belgrade
Marianne Meyer, Belgrade

Jennifer Miller & Tim Herzog, Bozeman
Debbie K & Rod J Moran, Belgrade
Jan Murphy, Ennis
John & Barbara Mutter, Three Forks
Peter Naclerio, Emigrant
Catherine Nelson, Bozeman
Chris & Julie Nygren, Bozeman
Maire O'Neill, Bozeman
Brenda Papera, Bozeman
Dan Porter, Belgrade
Ron Rassley, Bozeman
Brant Robey, Livingston
Ronald Rohletter, Belgrade
Alan Sebens, Bozeman
JoAnn & Spencer Simons, Belgrade
Charley Smith, Ringling
Sherm & Bonne Sollid, Bozeman
Kurt Stabenau, Three Forks
Kay Tate, Bozeman
Steve & Rosann Thienes, Wilsall
Larry & Billie Thomas, Bozeman
Rick Toot, Ennis
Bettye White, Bozeman
Ron & Sherrie White, Wilsall
Jim & Veronica Wing, Bozeman
Ken Yankelevitz, Bozeman

MAY PROGRAM: TRAIL SAFETY & FIRST AID

Gordon Hardaway, DVM, Hardaway Veterinary Hospital will be speaking to our club about **TRAIL FIRST AID**. The meeting will be at Ron and Janice's house (1544 Harper Puckett Road). Please bring a chair. If the weather allows, we'll be outside. If not, we'll be in the indoor arena. We hope to have the business portion of the meeting around the campfire. Bring a friend. All are welcome. Please park to conserve spaces and keep all cars on the Gravel. Our Grass is reserved for horses.

Directions to Horsecamp / Bozeman Facility Montana Horse Sense

1655 Harper Puckett Rd. Bozeman, MT 59718

From Jackrabbit: Turn East onto Valley Center Rd.
Continue for 3 miles. Turn right (South) onto Harper Puckett.

From 19th Street: Take Valley Center Rd. West (behind
Costco) for 3 miles.

Turn left (South) onto Harper Puckett.
Go ½ mile (South) on Harper Puckett Road.

When the road turns sharply to the left, turn right into our
driveway. Look for the large, white dome (indoor arena) behind
our home—can't miss this. Also, the horses, trailers, arena
& shelters are in full view. There is an antique tractor & a
Montana Horse Sense sign at the entrance.

Please park on gravel facing the long side of the indoor arena.
Grass is saved for the horses. Conserving parking spaces to
allow maximum number of vehicles is appreciated.

Mike (alarm dog) will be barking as you arrive. Please ignore
him and let him check you out. He'll stop barking and will then
become your best friend.

Janice: 579 3445 or Ron: 223 2442

THE COGGINS TEST detects equine infectious anemia (EIA), a highly contagious & potentially fatal viral disease of horses.

In the acute form of EIA, horses experience fever, lethargy, and loss of appetite and may die within weeks even if they receive aggressive treatment. The Coggins test detects antibodies to the EIA virus. The only way to help prevent the spread of this highly contagious disease is to identify infected horses and then separate or isolate them.

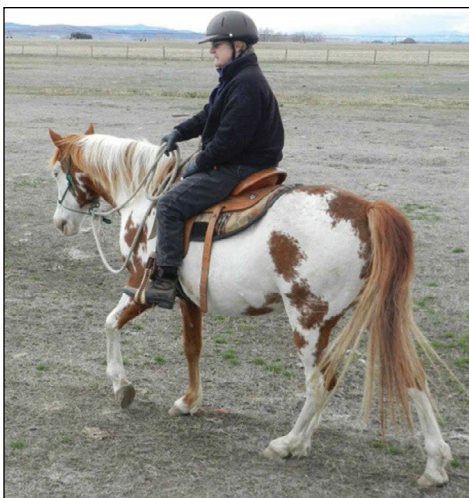
If your horse attends equine events or is transported across state lines, you will probably be required to show a current, negative Coggins test result.

The Coggins test is performed to identify infected horses and help prevent the disease from spreading to healthy horses. Horse owners should have Coggins tests performed annually and test all new horses arriving on their farm. Horse owners are usually required to submit a current, negative Coggins test result when they attend equine events. A current, negative Coggins test result is required to transport horses across state lines. Most stables require new boarders to provide a negative test result.

HORSING AROUND

Catherine Nelson, Barbara Mutter & Beth Merrick enjoying a field ride outing.

Catherine & Gaucho



Beth Merrick & Fern



HORSING AROUND



Barbara & Hijo working on flexing



Fern checking out the "unstable" footing



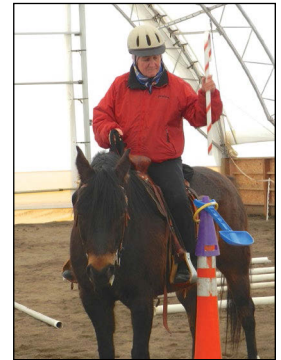
Beth Merrick & Fern



Bend & Stretch

Both Barbara Mutter and Beth Merrick have new mounts for the upcoming riding season. The women and their horses are spending "getting to know you" time and "let's all get in shape together" time. Fern (a 14 yr. old Norwegian Fjord), found Beth through Eaglemount (where Fern lived for 10 years). Barbara bought Hijo last fall. The exercises in the photos are all aimed at better communication through good balance, soft hands, use of legs and patient repetitions until the objective is met by both horse and rider. They are also getting practice with hauling, loading and unloading.

Take time to prepare your horses and yourself to avoid injury and sore muscles. Take time to practice whatever did not go so well last year so that it will go better this year! Here's to a safe 2013 season for all.



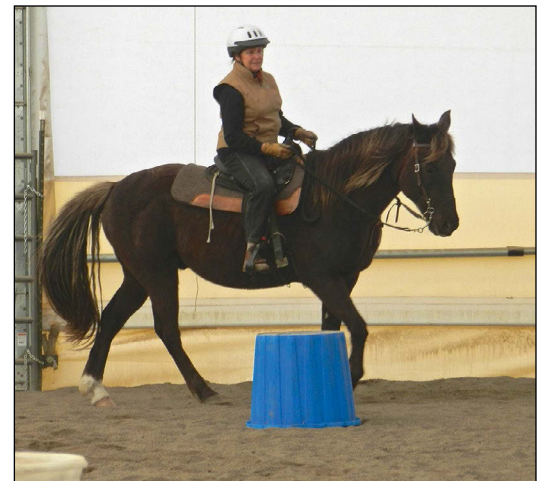
Barbara & Hijo practicing for Trail Clearing: stand and wait

Don Funke (GV BCH member) has been a licensed animal chiropractic since 2004. He moved to Bozeman in 2005 and trained horses for three years before starting his human practice. He has been around horses for most of his life. He has started dozens of colts and competed in ranch horse and ranch roping competitions. He has farmed with draft horses and worked as a farrier's assistant.

He recently came to look at Janice's Toby, who was exhibiting discomfort above his flank. He showed this discomfort last fall so we gave him four months off at the ranch. Upon his return to Bozeman, a few weeks ago, the same discomfort level remained. Don found some "stuck" vertebrae and a related area with muscle spasms. He worked on it and I've added daily linament massages for a week with stretches. Toby is feeling much better. Moral of the story: If your horse's attitude has changed from his normal state, locate the source. Most likely, something has changed and it's not working for your horse.



Anna Holstrom & Toby working out (or rather, "in" the indoor arena).



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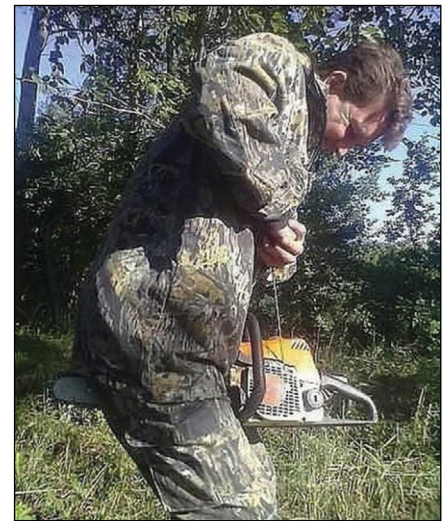
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- Jack Hardman



No safety glasses or hearing protection!!!

