

BOARD MEETINGS:
1st Thursday, 7 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 7 PM
Silver Spur Arena
115 Dirt Road, Belgrade

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.

2013 OFFICERS, 1 YEAR

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

BOARD MEETING : SEPTEMBER 5, 7:00 PM
Silver Spur Arena, 115 Dirt Road, Belgrade

NEW
MEETING
SITE

STEAK RIDE : SEPTEMBER 7
Spanish Creek Trailhead

WEDNESDAY TRAIL CREW : SEPTEMBER 4, 11, 18, 25

GENERAL MEETING : SEPTEMBER 19, 7:00 PM
Silver Spur Arena

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:



Hello.

I hope everyone is out riding and having a great summer. The trail crews are winding down and only have a few trails to work on before the season's end.

It is time for a nominating committee to begin looking for next year's directors and officers, so please offer to help where you can and make suggestions to them.

We are planning on a couple more pack trips into the AB wilderness in Sept, so if you are interested, please let me or Rich know. You will need a reliable riding horse and pack horse for 15 mile days.

Karen Ososki's presentation was well attended and I hope that we can have more participation from club members with the new venue at Silver Spur Arena where we will be having our meetings for the the next six months as a trial. Thanks to Mr Graybull for his generous offer to GVBCH to use his beautiful arena for our meetings.

Be sure and check out our Facebook page for info on our members and their activities.

May God Bless the Trails You Ride.

Henry

Meeting was called to order by Henry Glenn, President. Officers, directors, and state board members attending were Debbie, Dan Porter, Larry, Marianne, Dan Marsh, and ex-officio Jim Allbright. Clark Kinney served as proxy for Mike Haugan. Also present were Rich Inman and Sonya Berg. There were no meetings in July so we did not have minutes to approve.

TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS

Debbie reported \$11,693.01 in checking and \$15,018.80 in savings. Dick Haines had submitted a bill for saw sharpening and oil for \$24.08; Clark made a motion to pay the bill, Marianne seconded, all approved. Larry submitted expenses of \$35.71; John made a motion to pay Larry's bill, Clark seconded, motion also approved.

MEMBERSHIP

No recent updates to membership.

ISSUES

Dan Marsh reported on the Tester/Baucus bill. Also, Cherry Creek access has been settled and the public is allowed back in.

TRAIL CREWS

Larry's crew "keeps pluggin" away at the trails. Larry re-rode the Poker Ride route and reported that it looks great. You can hardly tell that over a hundred horses had traveled over it. A bridge has been built.

PROGRAMS

John Mutter has been in talks with Karen Ososki/Riding Instructor to have a presentation on how the horse moves and more for our August 15 meeting. John made a motion to move the meeting to the Silver Spur arena (formerly Twisted Spur) so that Karen can have a horse for her presentation. Larry seconded the motion and it was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Talks are in progress to determine options for New World Gulch and Moonshine trails. The Mt. Ellis timber sale is not reaching that far. Rich is looking forward to some progress soon.

NEW BUSINESS

North Cottonwood trail: This trail crosses over two private properties right after the trailhead. One of the landowners is not giving access to the public any more and as a result FWP is trying to close the trail to all horse and bicycle traffic to protect deer populations. We have to track progress on this. Henry has sent a letter to Lisa (FS) already. Other options should be considered such as "shut off access to ALL in winter (including hikers) and keep open in summer".

Positive news from Washington are that some RAC funding (50%) has been released. Brian told Henry that our BCH RAC money will be one of the approved ones. Money should be coming.

Clark is putting together the winter practice/conditioning/riding sessions at Silver Spur. The arena has already been paid for. We will have use of the arena from 8 – 5pm on these Saturdays:

- January 11th
- February 8th
- March 8th
- April 12th
- May 10th
- May 24th

Members who want to participate pay just \$100 for the entire winter session. Clark would like to limit to 15 participants and 12 members have paid already.

The Wounded Warrior project is all wrapped up. It went well, was fun, and our group got to meet a neat group of guys. Bill Cohan made a \$5,000 donation to the Gallatin Valley BCH as a token of appreciation of what our club has done. (Assisted with 2 day horseback rides at Howling Wolf Ranch). Dan Marsh will use this project for the article requested by Chuck Miller (BCH chapter work with other groups).

POKER RIDE BUSINESS

Debbie reported an estimated income from the Poker Ride of \$2,748.00. She proposed that we need to think about uses for the money that we have earned. How about safety programs? Make trail signs that could be posted at the trailhead before the crew heads out, reading "BCH at work maintaining trails for all users" for example. Can we improve some of the bridges out there that are getting a bit spooky?

Dan moved to adjourn the board meeting, Clark seconded, all voted aye, and motion carried.

Submitted by Marianne Meyer

A large contingent of members and guests made their way to the Silver Spur Arena to watch Karen Ososki's presentation and her horse move with painted on muscles and skeleton.

Business meeting was called to order by Henry in the Silver Spur Kitchen and meeting area with all officers, directors, and state board members present: Mike, Debbie, Marianne, Jim Wing, Steve Thienes, Dan Porter, John, Larry, Beth, and Jim Allbright. No meeting in July, no minutes to approve.

TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS

Debbie reported a checking balance of \$6,657.30 and savings balance of \$20,018.80. A transfer of \$5,000 was made from checking to savings.

MEMBERSHIP

One former member renewed at the time of this meeting, bringing total membership to 84.

TRAIL CREWS

Larry reported that the Forest Service has had two crews out all summer, making the work a little easier on his crew. Larry re-rode the Poker Ride trail which shows very little impact from our event. They built a bridge on the trail.

PROGRAMS

Janice is looking for input on the type of programs we would like to see. She has been program chair for years and would welcome ideas. Two suggestions were made including a dental educational program and another horse trainer.

OLD BUSINESS

The Slough Creek cabin work is about 50% done. The first effort went great with a fun group who got a lot done.

Debbie had additional financials for the Poker Ride. We took in \$5,473 from registrations, silent auction, 50/50, an anonymous \$500 donation, etc. Expenses so far were \$2,015 for an income of \$3,458. Deducting the \$709 insurance we had to buy still leaves a net income of \$2,749.

Gerry Greybull offered his facility to our club at no charge for all meetings over the next 6 months. Larry made a motion to accept the offer and have all our meetings at Silver Spur, John seconded and discussion

followed. Both pro and con sides were shared and eventually Beth Merrick made a second motion to table the decision until the next meeting. Beth's motion was seconded and a vote was taken by show of hands. The nay's had it and the motion did not pass. Returning to Larry's motion and a bit more discussion, Henry eventually asked for a vote by show of hands. The ayes had it and Larry's motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Allbright will be handling the food for the steak ride. The ride is on Saturday September 7 (ride at your own leisure) with food being served at 5pm. RSVP with Jim by Labor Day @ 599-4620. Jim made a motion to let club members eat free and charge non-members \$10 for steak dinner. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jim also had information on the 2013 Christmas Party. The Gallatin Valley Saddle & Harness club has reserved Lee Hart's facility for December 7th and once again extends an invitation our way. On the menu is ham, chicken (catered by Betty) and potluck. The price will most likely be \$10 per person. Country Traditions will be the entertainment, who agreed to a fee of \$600. Jim made a motion to pay 50% of the entertainment fee, Beth seconded, and the motion passed.

Thanks to Bobbie Kinney for providing delicious treats for our break.

Henry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was made, seconded and approved in short order.

Submitted by Marianne Meyer



**SEPTEMBER PROGRAM:
READING THE HORSE'S STORY**

"He's fine until I go to put him in the trailer..."

"We can be going along down the trail and all of a sudden he starts bucking for no reason..."

"Sometimes she'll let me catch her and sometimes she won't..."

Any of this sound familiar?

Something I've learned in my 20 years of working with horses, horses who have been abused, traumatized and even developed aggressive behaviors, is that they always have a story to tell. It is only after we have listened to their stories that we can move forward in building a truly safe and rewarding relationship with them.

'Round Pen work...alright already.' Most people in the horse world have heard of Round Pen work, watched videos and even tried it at home. More often than not I hear "He's already been round penned, that's not the problem." My response is, "Well did it fix the problem?"

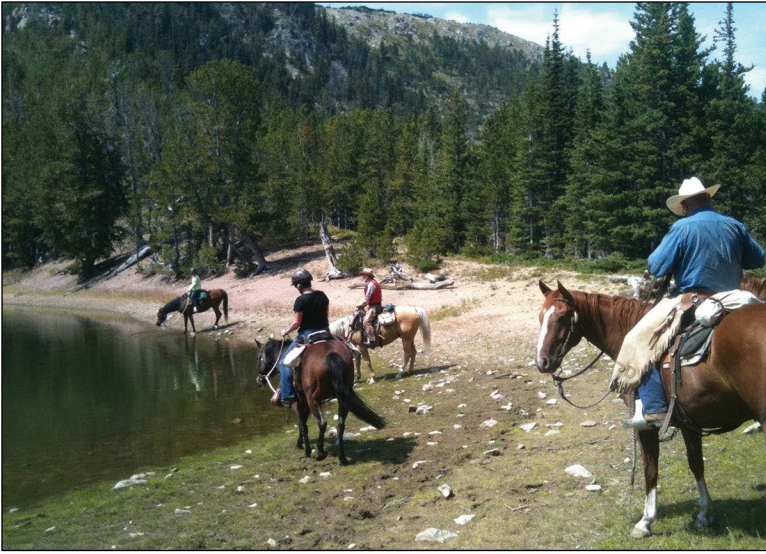
When doing round pen work we must understand what we are asking for and why. "How does running him around in a pen translate into safe trailer loading, forward movement under saddle and consistent haltering?"

Many years ago, I had the privilege of working under a certified trainer of a kind and gifted horseman named John Lyons. I absorbed all I could during this time and treasured every moment. Over the years, I have had the honor of seeing many horses through issues like those listed above from studying John's keen eye for the horse, going home and practicing what I learned and years of allowing the horses to teach me in their own language.

I hope to continue to pass this knowledge along, and to continue to help the horses tell their stories. Once we understand what they are telling us we can begin to build a closer, safer and more rewarding relationship with them.

Nicole Frost, LCPC
Certified EAGALA Equine Therapy

ARROW LAKE RIDE



Walter Becker

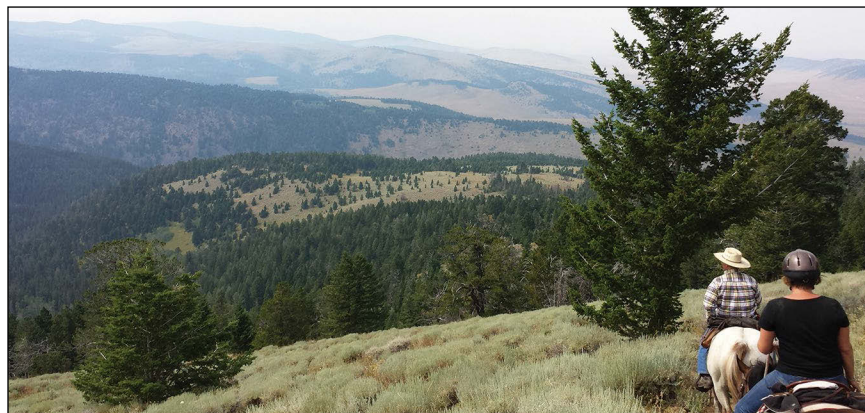


On Saturday 8-17, 5 members and 2 guests of GVBCH rode the little Hell Roaring Trail to Arrow lake. Two members turned back at 11 am but the other riders navigated the blow downs and cliff face to ride all the way to the lake. The ride up took 3.5 hours in the heat and the return ride 3 hours. Horse flies and other biting insects were not a problem until we returned to the trailhead at the end of the day. Members participating were Walter Becker, Gary Jones, Dan Porter, Beth Merrick, and Joann Haseleu. Two guests were Kelly Smith and Kim Heinemann. Horses were 1 palomino, 2 bays, 1 Fjord, 2 sorrels, and 2 appaloosas. Everyone enjoyed the ride. On the return trip we could see the smoke plume from a forest fire to the Southeast, possibly in Yellowstone park. The only wildlife encountered was one Piney squirrel and a flock of Clarke's Nutcrackers. We also saw one jogger and one hiker. There were other horse rigs at the trailhead but they had gone up other trails. Happy Trails.

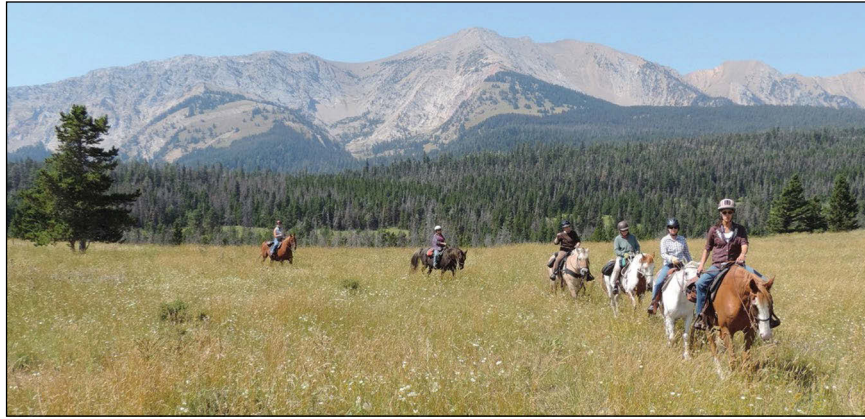
— Dan Porter



ARROW LAKE RIDE



BATTLE RIDGE RIDE



Teresa Kamerman, Anna Holstrom, Beth Merrick, Catherine Nelson, Sharon Fraser, Margaret Burns Vap & Janice Cartwright

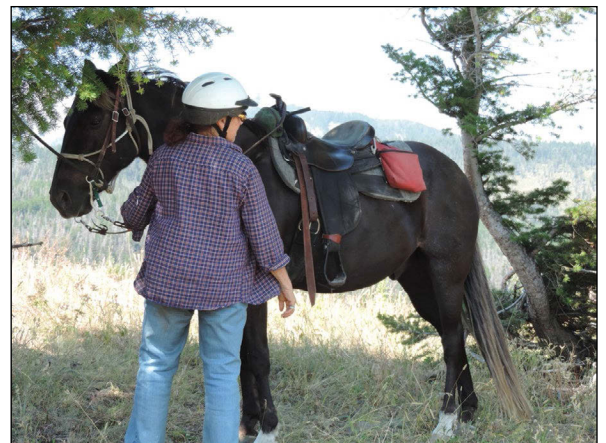


Anna Holstrom & Toby

Beth Merrick on Fern



Catherine Nelson & Beth Merrick



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