

BOARD MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 6 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 7 PM

Springhill Church
4769 West Babcock, Bozeman

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.

2014 OFFICERS, 1 YEAR

PRESIDENT

Henry Glenn ... 578-2084
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VICE PRESIDENT

Rich Inman ... 388-1564

TREASURER

Debbie Moran ... 509-999-6561

SECRETARY

Sharon Fraser ... 539-2783

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ONE YEAR TERM

Dan Porter ... 388-0290, 539-0879

Steve Thienes ... 578-2124

Jim Wing ... 587-8880

TWO YEAR TERM

John Mutter ... 285-0516

Larry Thomas ... 586-6878

Dan Marsh ... 587-7578

STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Rich Inman (2 years) ... 388-1564

Jim Allbright (1 year) ... 599-4620

John Mutter (Alternate) ... 285-0516

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

CHRISTMAS PARTY : DECEMBER 6, 4:00 PM

Broken Hart Ranch

BCH STATE MEETING : DECEMBER 6

Guesthouse Inn, Missoula

BOARD MEETING : DECEMBER 18, 6:00 PM

Springhill Church, West Babcock

GENERAL MEETING : DECEMBER 18, 7:00 PM

Springhill Church, West Babcock



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello Everyone:

This will be my last letter as President of the Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen. It is bittersweet, on the one hand, I will miss the involvement and interaction with everyone and all the state and federal agencies that I work with to accomplish the stated purpose of the GVBCH. On the other hand, I am ready for a break and to hand the reins over to someone else. It has been such an honor to serve as your president. What a great group of people to work with and fellowship with.

Please participate in the upcoming election to select your new officers in the coming year. Please don't wait until a crisis arises to get involved. We must remain active in our community and trail work in the Gallatin NF.

The Christmas party is this December 6th at Broken Hart Ranch, Social hour starts at 4:00 pm and Dinner at 5:00 pm; please bring a side dish or desert.

I have it on good authority that we are having Smoked Beef Brisket. I hope everyone will come and enjoy the fellowship and food with our fellow club the Gallatin Saddle and Harness Club. Please thank Lee Hart for the generous use of his facility and thank the people who decorate and clean up. If you would like to help decorate, they will start about 10:00 am and clean up will be after the party so help where you can.

May God Bless the Trails you Ride.

Henry

**BOARD & GENERAL MEETINGS MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20**

Minutes from Board and General Meetings held November 20, 2014 at Springhill Church in Bozeman.

Meetings were called to order by Henry Glenn, President. Officers and Directors in attendance at board meeting were Rich Inman, Debbie Moran, Sharon Fraser, Dan Porter, Jim Allbright, Jim Wing, John Mutter, Larry Thomas, Dan Marsh.

A motion to approve minutes from October meetings made by Jim A, seconded by Jim W, all voted in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT

Checking account has a balance of \$8,305.24.

Rich called for a motion to approve spending \$250 for beef for the Xmas Party. Jim seconded, all voted aye.

MEMBERSHIP

Thank You to Jan Elpel for sending copies of the newsletter to members requesting it by mail.

Members will soon be able to renew online through GVBCH website. Look for an informational email soon.

Next month's general meeting presentation will be by 4-H kids about their upcoming project with our chapter of BCH. Also there will be the election of officers and directors and representatives.

Motion to adjourn board meeting made by Jim Allbright, seconded by Debbie Moran, all voted in favor.

Motion to adjourn general meeting made by Bobbie Thomas, seconded by Molly Glenn, all voted in favor.

There was no presentation at the general meeting but all enjoyed the delicious baked goods made by Molly Glenn. Thank you, Molly!


JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

REWAA
UNMIS
DOWASH
CAPEUT

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THE SIGN ON THE LADIES' ROOM AT THE HORSE RANCH SAID —

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: " [] - [] "



GVBCH OFFICERS & STATE DIRECTORS BALLOT

Gallatin Valley BCH Members,

If you are unable to make it to our December meeting please vote using this absentee ballot. Your name and email on the form are necessary to verify your membership and avoid duplicate entries. All family memberships can vote twice but individual and associate memberships can only vote once. Please vote for one each of the officers and state directors and vote for 3 board of directors. The directors and state director have a two year term while the rest of the officers and alternate state director run for one year. If you would like to stay involved with the chapter please consider helping out with one of the committees.

Please follow [THIS LINK](#) to vote for your new slate of officers and directors for 2015.

GVBCH 2015 OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT

PRESIDENT-----Dan Marsh _____

VICE PRESIDENT (vote for one) ----- Harry Huntsinger _____

----- Dan Porter _____

TREASURER ----- Sharon Fraser _____

SECRETARY ----- Tamara Erickson _____

DIRECTORS--two year term--- (vote for three)

Clark Kinney _____

Carl Blaskovich _____

Mark Deopsomer _____

Chris Nygren _____

Connie Lien _____

Jim Albright _____

STATE BOARD DIRECTOR -(two year term) (vote for one)

Jim Albright _____

Henry Glenn _____

ALTERNATE STATE BOARD DIRECTOR -(one year term)--- (vote for one)

John Mutter _____

Dan Marsh _____

HORSE & BIKE SAFETY CLINIC

On Sunday, November 23, 2014, the GVBCH and the Montana Mountain Bike Alliance put on a safety clinic that demonstrated how horses and mountain bikes can safely share common use trails on public lands. Horses and bikes went through a series of different exercises all designed to help horses and mountain bikes safely interface with each other on mountain trails.

One exercise started with a bike riding tight circles and a horse riding larger circles around the bike and in the opposite direction. The horse circles eventually tightened and the bike circles enlarged until they were riding right next to each other.

Another exercise involved a bike following a horse from far back then finally closing the gap to right behind the horse and eventually coming along side the horse. We also had an exercise where horse and mountain bike met each other face to face. This was all done under controlled conditions in the nicely heated Circle L arena.

I want to thank the following for their facilitation and/or participation:

- ◆ Clark Kinney for handling the logistics of putting this all together.
- ◆ Larry Thomas, Mike Haugen, Carl Blaskovich, John & Barb Mutter, Deb Moran, Greg Benjamin and Harry Huntsinger for helping where needed.
- ◆ Bobbi Kinney for the excellent chili, rolls, hot drinks, cookies and delicious cinnamon rolls. Great lunch and snacks.
- ◆ Tim Hawke, Greg Beardslee, Dave Clevidence, Bob Allen, and Stela Villesenor for providing the mountain bikes and riders.
- ◆ Kay Tate, Ron Rassley, Marianne Meyer, Beth Merrick, Jim Allbright, Joann & Nicole Carlin, Ruby & Sophie G., Amanda Benjamin, and Kimberly Alberda for participating in this clinic and appreciating the value of it.
- ◆ Thank you, Rod Cline for the discount on the arena.

Happy Thanksgiving to all and remember to give thanks for the many blessings of living in a free country.

—Rich Inman



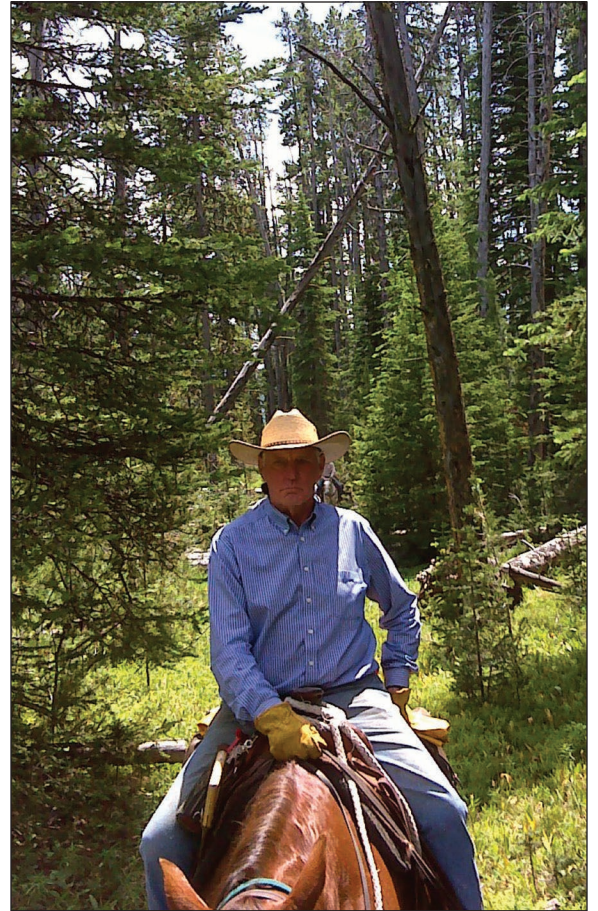
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GVBCH TRAIL WORK—MIRROR LAKE



GVBCH TRAIL WORK—ELKHORN



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