

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.

2014 OFFICERS, 1 YEAR**PRESIDENT**

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

BOARD MEETING : FEBRUARY 6, 7:00 PM

Silver Spur Arena

WILD WEST WINTERFEST : FEBRUARY 15-16

Gallatin County Fairgrounds

GENERAL MEETING : FEBRUARY 20, 6:00 PM

Belgrade Alliance Church

Wild Game Potluck

Forest Service volunteer coordinator will share 2014 news & plans

Please renew your
membership
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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Hello Everyone:

A new year is here and I want to welcome the new officers and board members.

We are in the planing stages for 2014 activities. If you have a project you want on the calendar, please let us know. The club will host a 4H packing camp on March 22nd and April 12th at the Silver Spur, call Clark Kinney or Rich Inman for details. The New World Gulch trail is on the agenda and we are talking to the DNRC and FS now, details to come in the Spring.

We are currently planning on working on the Spanish Creek area and the 401 trail the last 2 weeks of June so check the web site for details.

The State convention is in Missoula this year on April 4, 5 and 6 and the details are on their [web site](#). If you want to be a Delegate for GVBCH please let Sharon know. The February Meeting will be our annual Wild Game pot luck and we will have a Representative from the Forest Service as our guest. Please bring your best dish and enjoy the fellowship. A reminder that the February meeting will be at the Belgrade Alliance Church for the pot luck.

A reminder to renew your membership as soon as you can, the details are on our [web site](#) and page 7 of this newsletter.

May God bless the trails you ride.

Henry

The January Board meeting was called to order by Henry Glenn, President. Officers, directors, and state board members attending were Rich, Debbie, Sharon, Dan P, Jim, Steve, John, Larry and Dan Marsh. John Mutter made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 2013 board meeting as printed in the newsletter, Dan M seconded and motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT/BILLS

Checking \$3,882.78 Savings: \$20,022.50

Larry Thomas made a motion to pay Belgrade Alliance Church \$300 for 2013. Dan Porter seconded, vote was unanimous in favor and motion passed.

Thank you to The Bozeman Women’s Activity Groups (BWAGS) who made a \$50 donation to the chapter in appreciation of trail maintenance work.

ISSUES

Dan M had news on the Cherry Creek Rd (south of Big Timber) project. The new road is nearly completed across private land. Next step is for the Forest Service to continue the road on forest land. New route will be called West Deer Creek Road No. 421. It was determined the club did not need to submit further comments.

No new news on the YNP outfitter rule changes. Henry has submitted comments.

TRAIL CREWS

There was much discussion about Spanish Creek trail projects including adding corrals at the cabin and initiating much needed work on trail 401 and the possibility of reserving the cabin for the club while work is being done.

Also, New World Gulch trail improvement was brought up for discussion. Other ideas for projects put forth include a well at the Sage Creek corrals and building corrals at Cache Creek (Taylor Fork).

PROGRAMS

For the January general meeting, events put on the calendar need to have the organizer’s name included. Program ideas for future meetings and newsletter content submissions are encouraged.

NEW BUSINESS

Silver Spur Arena would like to put up a BCH banner. It was determined the club may already own a suitable one.

Dan P presented ideas for changing the Christmas party with the goal of making it more convenient for more people to attend. Possibilities include scheduling it for a Saturday afternoon.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rich is finalizing dates for the 4-H packing clinic to be held March 22 & April 5th or 12th.

The Continental Divide Trail Assn pack trip in YNP was brought up for discussion by Henry. It will be in September the week after Labor Day or thereabouts (Labor Day is Monday, September 1st this year.)

Motion to adjourn the board meeting was made by Dan Porter, seconded by John Mutter, and passed.

—Respectfully submitted by Sharon Fraser



GENERAL MEETING — JANUARY 16

The general meeting was called to order by president Henry Glenn. Officers, directors, and state board members present were Dan M, Larry, John M, Jim Wing, Dan P, Rich, Jim A, Sharon and Debbie. A motion to accept the minutes of the December general meeting as printed in the newsletter was made by Jim A, seconded by Dan M and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS

Debbie reported \$3,543.18 in checking and \$20,022.50 in savings. Marianne gave 2nd key to the post office box to Sharon. There were no new bills.

MEMBERSHIP

Marianne has volunteered to be the membership coordinator, many memberships have come in.

ISSUES

GVBCH continues to keep abreast of the New World Gulch Trail issue.

PROGRAMS

The February General Meeting will be the Wild Game Potluck at 6:00. Forest Service volunteer coordinator will be in attendance to share news and plans for 2014.

The March General Meeting will feature Shane McClaflin of Sunrise Pack Station. Shane has been a backcountry guide in Yellowstone National Park for 17 years. He will be going over the YNP stock rules and other relevant topics.

EVENTS

The 4-H packing clinic is scheduled for March 22nd and April 12th, and will be at the Silver Spur Arena.

NEW BUSINESS

The state convention is April 4, 5 & 6 at the Hilton Inn in Missoula. Be sure to buy a raffle ticket from Dan M, tickets are \$2 apiece. Our club can send 8 voting delegates. Jim A reported that he and Brenda will be going. The club will pay the \$90 entrance fee. The convention room rate is \$100.

The remainder of the evening was spent filling in the calendar for 2014.

Everyone enjoyed yummy cake brought by Molly.

Henry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rich motioned, Dan seconded, no one opposed.

—Respectfully submitted by Sharon Fraser



GALLATIN VALLEY BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN 2014 CALENDAR

FEBRUARY	6	7 PM	Board Meeting	Silver Spur Arena
	15 - 16		Wild West Winterfest	Gallatin County Fairgrounds
MARCH	20	6 PM	General Meeting	Belgrade Alliance Church
	6	7 PM	Board Meeting	Silver Spur Arena
	20	6 PM	Poker Ride Meeting	Silver Spur Arena
	20	7 PM	General Meeting	Silver Spur Arena
	22	9:30 AM	4H First Session	Silver Spur Arena
APRIL	4 - 7		Montana BCH Convention	Hilton Inn, Missoula MT
	12	9:30 AM	4H Second Session	Silver Spur Arena
	17	6 PM	Poker Ride Meeting	Silver Spur Arena
	17	7 PM	General Meeting	Silver Spur Arena
	26	9:30 AM	Spring Ride	Red Bluff Sheep Station
MAY	1	7 PM	Board Meeting	Silver Spur Arena
	15	6 PM	Poker Ride Meeting	Silver Spur Arena
	15	7 PM	General Meeting	Silver Spur Arena
	24		Virginia City Poker Ride	
JUNE	4		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	5	7 PM	Board Meeting	Silver Spur Arena
	7		National Trails Day	
	7		Townsend Riders Horse Club Poker Ride	
	11		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	16 - 28		401 Trail maintenance	Spanish Creek Cabin
	18		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	19	6 PM	Poker Ride Meeting	Silver Spur Arena
	19	7 PM	General Meeting	Silver Spur Arena
	25		Wednesday Trail Crew	
JULY	2		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	3	7 PM	Board Meeting	Silver Spur Arena
	7		Poker Ride Trail Clearing	Bridger Bowl
	9		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	11		Poker Ride Flagging	Bridger Bowl
	12	8 AM	Poker Ride	
	16		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	17	7 PM	General Meeting	Silver Spur Arena
	20 - 25		Buffalo Fork Packing	
	23		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	30		Wednesday Trail Crew	
AUGUST	6		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	7	7 PM	Board Meeting	Silver Spur Arena
	13		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	16		Steak Ride	
	20		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	21	7 PM	General Meeting	Silver Spur Arena
	27		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	30		Virginia City Poker Ride	
SEPTEMBER	3		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	4	7 PM	Board Meeting	Silver Spur Arena
	8 - 13		CDT Packing Trip	
	10		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	17		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	18	7 PM	General Meeting	Silver Spur Arena
	24		Wednesday Trail Crew	
OCTOBER	2	7 PM	Board Meeting	Silver Spur Arena
	16	7 PM	General Meeting	Silver Spur Arena
	6	7 PM	Board Meeting	Silver Spur Arena
	20	7 PM	General Meeting	Silver Spur Arena
DECEMBER	4	7 PM	Board Meeting	Silver Spur Arena
	18	7 PM	General Meeting	Silver Spur Arena

HORSEMANSHIP CLASSES FOR WOMEN

After having a number of people approach me about this I have decided to create a "ladies only" class. This class is geared to adult women who have the desire to learn to ride and learn more about horses but haven't found the right person to teach them. Our Horsemanship Classes go beyond riding lessons. Our goal is to create a well-rounded horseman or horsewoman, one who knows how to care for their horses health, feeding, and basic veterinary care.

The riding is generally western but we cross disciplines to learn how to jump and do a variety of arena exercises. We stress keeping you safe, your horse safe and the land safe, in that order. Someone who has completed our system of education will have confidence taking care of their own horses and hitting the trail in this great state we live in. They will be able to ride confidently in the backcountry or in the arena. They will know how to shuttle their horses to shows and properly care for them or stay overnight in a backcountry camp. They will become confident well-rounded horsemen and women.

We offer a variety of horsemanship classes. They include Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced, First Class and beyond. Classes last an hour and are held at the excellent Gallatin County Fairgrounds facilities. We ride indoors and outdoors so come dressed for the weather. Our class size is six or less to keep all of the participants safe. Interested participants can contact me for a placement test if they think that the beginning level is not appropriate for them.

The Elementary Class is held on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m., Intermediate classes are at 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Advanced I is at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday and Advanced II is 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. Adult ladies Only Class Elementary is at 6:00 p.m. and Intermediate is at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Classes are \$35 per hour and run Tuesdays or Thursdays starting February 4th

Classes are held at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds or the Barn on Manley Road.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Name _____ **Spouse's Name** _____

Mailing Address

_____ **\$45 Family Membership**
_____ **\$35 Individual Membership**
_____ **\$35 Associate Membership**

Phone # _____

E-Mail _____

(Please print clearly)

Assumption of Risk

I understand and agree that I am a participant in an equine activity as set forth in Montana Equine Law MCA 27-1-725 - 728 and I agree to accept responsibility and assume the risk for my actions while participating in the clubs events.

I recognize that there is a potential for accidents wherever horse use is involved which can cause injury or death to horses, riders, and spectators. I also recognize that the Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen officers, directors, or members cannot always know the conditions of trails or experience of the riders or horses taking part in trail rides or other Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen functions. Therefore, I do hereby release the above named from any claims or rights for damage which might occur to me, my minor children, horses, other tack or equipment.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please check any committee(s) on which you are willing to serve:

Social Activities Trail Rides Issues Fund Raising Newsletter Projects
 Planning Clinics Audit Trail Maintenance Serve on Board Refreshments

What skill, talent or resource are you willing to share with the club?

Name of the advertisement or person that introduced you to the Back Country Horsemen?

GVBCH IS INDEBTED TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES & MEMBERS
WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2013 POKER RIDE:

Ardeson Boots & Shoes
Montana Canvas
Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply
Northern Energy Propane
Rocky Mountain Hat Company
DJ Bar Ranch
Ag Depot
All West Veterinary Hospital
B&B Plumbing
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Big Sky RV
Bozeman Saddle Outlet
Bridger Glass & Windows
Bunkhouse Originals
C'est la Vie Salon
Chalet Market
Double Diamond Halters
Faithful Friends Animal Clinic
Four Corner Saddlery
Freeway Enterprizes
Hardaway Veterinary Hospital
Knife River
Kountry Korner Café

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Mama Mac's
Matt's Saw Shop
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Center
Montana Side Saddle
Owenhouse Ace Hardware
Remuda Coffee
R.O. Brooks Custom Leather
Rocky Mountain Supply
Rocky Mountain Supply
Rocky Mountain Truck Center
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Steer In Trailer Sales
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