

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.

#### 2017 OFFICERS, 1 YEAR

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

BOARD MEETING : JANUARY 19, 6:00 PM  
Springhill Church

GENERAL MEETING : JANUARY 19, 7:00 PM  
Springhill Church

CHRISTMAS PARTY : JANUARY 28  
Hart Ranch; Contact: Connie Lien 586-2885



#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

First off, I'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Despite the difficult weather, the GVBCH election of officers came off without a hitch. And, although I don't feel that I make the best President, I would like to thank everyone for your continued trust in my leadership. I'm very grateful and appreciative of your support.

Remember, the Bozeman Saddle and Harness Club will be sponsoring the Christmas Party at Lee Hart's ranch this year. So be sure to put Sat. Jan 28th on your calendar. The party will start with BYOB cocktails at 5PM. Dinner will be served at 6PM. The meat and potatoes will be provided and cooked by Henry Glenn but salads and desert have to be potluck. (Hint: I'm a Chocoholic!) Barb and I are looking forward to seeing everyone there. It's always our favorite event of the year.

Gallatin Valley has always been a productive BCH chapter. This year alone we donated over 2300 hours of our time, hauled our horses almost 9500 miles to clear 348 miles of trail. The USFS values our efforts at a whopping \$92,900. Not bad. Not bad at all!

2016 has been a good year for our little club and I'm sure all of you are looking forward to another fun and productive season. So, in order to facilitate that fact, be sure to attend the Jan 19th meeting. We'll be establishing the calendar for the year. Please bring all your ideas to the meeting with you.

We've done great things but 2017 is right around the corner and we've got plans to do even more. I for one can't wait.

*Happy Trails, John*

**BOARD & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 15**

There weren't enough Directors present for a quorum so no official board meeting was held.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

No new bills, state dues paid, air med check sent, RTP grant check arrived and mileage reimbursement checks have been mailed.

**THE ELECTION RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

President: John Mutter  
Vice President: Carmen Matzick  
Secretary: Tamara Erickson  
Treasurer: Sharon Fraser  
Board of Directors:  
Carl Blaskovich, David Crisp, Dan Porter  
State Board: Dan Marsh  
State Board Alternative: Jim Albright

Sean Tuttle, from Heroes and Horses, was our program presenter. This organization is a small, but powerful, non profit located in Manhattan, MT. Their Mission Statement :

Heroes and Horses is a unique program that uses the remote wilderness and the horse/human connection to challenge and inspire personal growth in veterans suffering from mental and physical scars.

Mountain Sky Guest Ranch provides the setting for their "in camp" intense training. Participants are taught how to ride and how to pack. The program is in 3 phases, the emphasis being on the packing and heading out into the rugged mountains. Their training motto is "DO EVERYTHING 5 TIMES" while learning. When not in camp, they cover 30-40 miles on most days. Phase 2, last year, involved heading into the BOB. Most of the participants have had no horse experience prior to their arrival.

They are increasing their herd this year with quite a few BLM mustangs. Some of these horses will be in training with the MSU colt starting class and the others will be heading to Gallatin River Ranch. Horses have 500 miles of training on them before they are used by participants. This program emphasizes Struggle = Value, Change the Challenge, Nobody's a Victim. Check out their website at [heroesandhorses.org](http://heroesandhorses.org). for more information on the program and how you can help. They are hosting a packing clinic, open to the public, on January 28 and 29. They also have yearly fundraiser.

**#NOTAVACATION**

There were no "secretaries" present so Janice jotted down some notes. They'll have to suffice.

Minutes were approved from November's meeting. First - Jim Allbright, Second - Brenda Kessler.

**Membership reminder: renewals are due and can be done [online](#).**

Summer projects for 2017 - build hitching rails at various trailheads. Cabin Creek, Spanish Creek, suggestions for any other sites?

Our Holiday Party is now a Winter Party at Broken Hart Ranch on January 28. Dinner is at 6pm, 5-6pm appetizers, BYOB. Meat and potatoes are supplied and Henry's cooking. The rest is up to us with our yummy potluck dishes. RSVP to Connie Lien by January 21st, 586-2885/ home, 548-8193 (since she's hard to find at home). This event is free to members. Guests are welcome (a donation of \$10 is requested).

Our annual election was held. Every position was covered so we're good to go.

Next meeting is when we "build" our 2017 calendar. Bring some program ideas, be ready to host a fun trail ride, offer to cover snacks for a meeting, add other horse events to the calendar and/or volunteer. Some new members would be nice too.

The State Convention for BCHMT is in Polson this year. They have already listed some nice prizes. Get those photos ready for the contest to represent our club. Digital images can be sent to Dan (that would be Marsh, not Porter).

*—Respectfully submitted by Janice Cartwright  
#notasecretary#itried#itllworkfornow*



Q: Why do they geld horses in Montana?  
A: So they don't freeze them off.



# 2 DAY MULE PACKING

2 - Day Mule Packing Clinic with **HEROESANDHORSES** Led by Russ Lewis

JAN 28 - 29th 2017 | Copper Spring Ranch  
601 Pine Butte RD, Bozeman, MT 59718

**SUGGESTED DONATIONS**

\$75DAY | \$150 BOTH DAYS

Includes, participation, food, coffee, and a good time.

\$10DAY for viewing

Includes food, coffee, and a good time

*Purchase tickets online at* | <http://tinyurl.com/gmb7aw5> | *or call* 406-284-2870

- DAY \_01 • Parts, pieces and fit of pack saddles
- Stowing/maintenance of ropes
- Basic basket hitch, basket hitch with a poor man, basket hitch with a crow foot, basket hitch with a top load.
- Manty hay bales.
- Box hitch using a sawbuck saddle

- DAY \_02 • Manteeing barrel hitch loads
- Packing a decker saddle using the barrel hitch.
- Packing a decker using a single lash rope top load.
- Pack race-winner will receive a **H&H** buckle.

*» Participants get a chance to bring out their own saddles and loads to for us to help load them on either our stock or their own stock.*

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WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2016 POKER RIDE:**

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Montana Equine Veterinary  
Four Corners Saddlery  
Rocky Mountain Truck Center  
Tru Value Hardware Belgrade  
Tim McWilliams

Montana Horse Sense  
Ben Masters  
Steve Thienes

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Troxel  
Montana Horse Sense  
Boot Barn  
All West Veterinary  
Three Forks Saddlery  
Double Diamond Halter Company  
Dan Marsh  
Rich Inman  
Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply  
Barb Mutter  
John Mutter  
Chalet Market  
Four Corners Saddlery  
Beth Merrick  
Big Sky RV

Montana Equine  
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Rocky Mountain Supply  
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DaBrim  
The Coffee Pot  
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Bozeman Saddle Outlet  
Outback Steakhouse  
Kountry Korner Café  
Corral Steakhouse & Bar  
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