

BOARD MEETINGS:  
3rd Thursday, 6:30 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:  
3rd Thursday, 7:00 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.

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

BUFFALO FORK 2ND TRIP : SEPTEMBER 4-10

STATE BOARD MEETING : SEPTEMBER 7

Dinnerbell, Gold Creek

WEDNESDAY TRAILS DAYS : SEPTEMBER 5, 12, 19, 26

call Larry Thomas at 586-6878

SPANISH CREEK CABIN STEAK RIDE : SEPTEMBER 13-15

BOARD MEETING : SEPTEMBER 19, 6:30 PM

Springhill Church

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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello Horsemen,

As we wind down on this Summer, I want to take the time to thank all the Volunteers who have worked tirelessly for BCH.

We have completed one trip into the A-B Wilderness to work on the Buffalo Fork Cabin and are going back to help the trail crew with a major project.

As a Celebration for all the hard work, we are having a Cook/Camp out at Spanish Creek on Sept 13th and 14th at the Cabin. We will have the GVBCH trailer and set up a tent. There is a brochure in this newsletter explaining all the details.

I want to personally invite each of you to come and bring your family and friends. I am bringing my smoker down so we can feed a crowd.

There will be multiple opportunities to ride on Saturday. Plenty of room to park your rig and put your horses in a portable corral.

On Friday night we have a special guest, Jessica Eve, will be playing music for us. She is a really talented young lady so come and enjoy the sing-a-longs.

Let Molly or I know by September 11th so we can have plenty of food. Bozeman Saddleites and Saddle and Harness Club you are invited just let me know how many are coming.

May God Bless the Trails you Ride!.

—Henry

**BOARD & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**AUGUST 15**

Roll Call: Henry Glenn, Chris Nygren, Carmen Matzick, Lew Goodpasture, Dan Porter, Carl Blaskovich, Vern Campbell, Dan Marsh, John Mutter; Dan Porter stood proxy for Marianne Meyer

Called to order by Henry Glenn.

**MINUTES OF JULY 2019 MEETING**

Chris moved to approve the minutes as written; Carmen seconded; the motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Carmen reported on the club’s checking and savings accounts. Carl moved to approve the report; Vern seconded; the motion carried. Carmen next made a motion to donate \$500 to Heroes and Horses; Dan Porter seconded; the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Equine Wellness Fair: Carmen and Dan will “man” the booth at the fair on August 22. They will have photos and provide information about the club’s activities and membership info.

Spanish Creek gathering: Sept. 13-15. Friday and Saturday evenings will include dinner and entertainment. The cabin is available on Sunday as well.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Windhorse Equine Learning: Dan Porter reported that this group contacted the club seeking volunteers to help build run-in sheds on their property. The closing won’t occur until early September so the work would be sometime after that. A request will be sent out to the members next month.

Carl moved to adjourn the meeting, Vern seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

**PROGRAM**

Henry Glenn presented a slide show on the Buffalo Fork cabin maintenance trip followed by a program entitled, “What’s in your Saddle Bag?”

Henry Glenn called the meeting to order.

**MINUTES**

Dan Porter moved to accept the July 2019 minutes as written, Bob Steinmann seconded, and the motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Carmen reported on the club’s checking and savings accounts. She also reported that board has donated \$500 to Heroes and Horses. Bob moved to accept the report, Dan Porter seconded, and the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Poker Ride: The ride went well this year with no issues or injuries. Any suggestions for future rides should be given to Carmen Matzick or Dan Porter.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Spanish Creek gathering: Sept. 13-15. Friday evening will include dinner and entertainment. BYO drinks and chairs. 5:00 drinks, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 music. Saturday -- Ride all day then enjoy dinner and entertainment in the evening. The cabin is available on Sunday as well.

Windhorse Equine Learning: This group would like volunteers to help build run-in sheds on their property sometime in September. More info will be forthcoming.

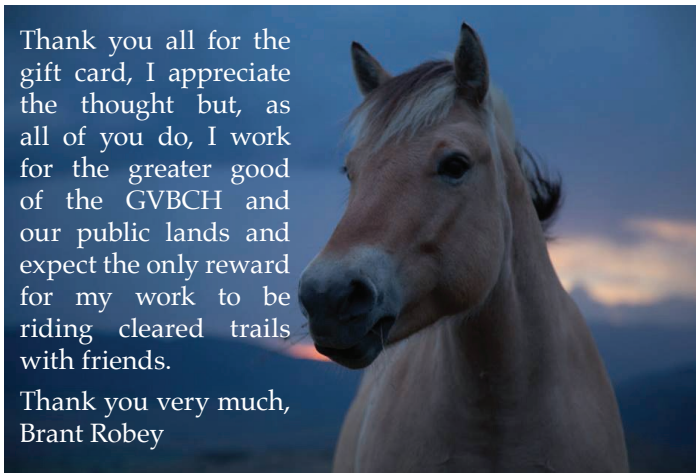
Free horse gear: Bob has lots of horse gear he’d like to give away. Call him if you want to look.

Saturday trail work: Dan Porter reported that the group has gone out on several Saturdays and will go out again this Saturday.

Health & Wellness Fair: The club will have a booth at this fair at Hardaway Vet Clinic on August 22. The event runs from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Everyone is invited.

Molly moved to adjourn the meeting, Carmen seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke



Thank you all for the gift card, I appreciate the thought but, as all of you do, I work for the greater good of the GVBCH and our public lands and expect the only reward for my work to be riding cleared trails with friends.

Thank you very much,  
Brant Robey

Celebrate the Work of the  
Gallatin Valley Back Country  
Horseman



Weekend of Great food,  
Campfire Entertainment and  
Riding

Spanish Creek trailhead

September 13th & 14th

The cabin at Spanish Creek has been blocked out for us to use as a Thank You from the Forest Service for re-roofing it several years ago. There is plenty of room for tents and campers around the cabin. Bring your horse and ride on Friday, Saturday or both. We will gather for dinner Friday night with a campfire and live music by Jessica Eve. Saturday Morning will start with a hardy breakfast for all in camp. We will finish our weekend fun with dinner on Saturday night. Tom Griffin will join us with his guitar and tales from the trails he has traveled. Several Forest Service personnel will join us as well.

**Friday night Menu:**

Brisket

Potatoes

Green beans

Smoked Salmon (appetizer)

**Saturday Breakfast:**

Pancakes

Sausage/Bacon

Fruit & Yogurt

Coffee (of course!)

**Saturday dinner:**

BBQ chicken

Corn on the cob

Spinach Salad

**If you are coming for dinner either night, please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. BYOB and we will try to get some of the drinks left over from the Poker ride to share.**

**We will need a count by 9/11/19.**

**Contact Molly or Henry Glenn: 406-578-2084 or [sedancowgirl@gmail.com](mailto:sedancowgirl@gmail.com)**

Please let us know if you will be coming for Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast (~8:30 am), or Saturday dinner...or any combination of the meals. If you stay over Saturday night, Sunday breakfast is on your own.

Feel free to invite friends to ride on Friday or Saturday, even if they just stop by for appetizers or to say "hi"...This is our chance to meet some of the trail users, and for them to meet us. Also, a chance to just hang out and celebrate all the work that gets done and why we are so passionate about the back country.



## WEDNESDAY TRAIL DAYS

On July 31st, the rather large 13 person Wednesday crew led by Larry Thomas along with Rich Inman, Dan Marsh, John Mutter, Clint Schwalm, Connie LeHocky, Mary & Vern Campbell, Lew Goodpasture, Wayne Frederickson, Laurie Connelly, Tim Butler and Kenji Aoki went in 13 miles on the Buffalo Horn #1 trail then Lindley Center to Highland past the cabin to the Teepee Creek #39 to Dailey Creek #100 to Sky Rim back down Dailey Pass #57 back to the Buffalo Horn trail. We cut out about 23 trees on a very wet and slick trail. The horse flies were really giving the horses a bad time. It must have really rained the night before and was threatening to rain on us again so we didn't stop to work on water diversions as planned and we got back to the trailers just as the rain started. We huddled under the horse trailer and had a cold drink before heading back home just before 5:00 PM. As we were leaving, the 320 Ranch was taking out a couple of dude strings and they were not dressed for the downpour!



## WEDNESDAY TRAIL DAYS

8/7/19 New World Gulch

Larry Thomas' Wednesday trail crew worked on the New World trail yesterday. With 8 people on board we started at the New World/Bear Canyon trail head and worked our way up trail #50 to Mystic Lake. Only one tree to cut on this section. From Mystic we worked trail # 430,53 and 442 to Bear Lakes. From Bear Lakes we worked parts of trail #441 and 440 back down the canyon to the trail head at New World/Bear Canyon. No down trees to cut on this section. We traveled 16.25 miles and enjoyed the great ride. Thank you to whoever removed one of the red steel posts at the bypass at the Bear Canyon road gate. We were able to get our pack stock through without damaging any equipment.

8/14/19 Porcupine to First Creek

On August 14, the Wednesday trail crew led by Larry Thomas started at the Porcupine Trailhead and went up to the Hidden Lake Divide on First Creek trail. We cleared over a dozen trees. Rich was out fishing so Dan Marsh was the packer for this trip. We rode in over 12 miles and went from 6000 feet to over 9200 feet which was quite a climb for the horses. Dan had some trouble with the pack saddle slipping back on the way up so the pack was adjusted up where it belonged and had a uneventful trip back out.

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8/21/19 Hellroaring

Larry's Wednesday trail crew started the day at an elevation of 5000 ft at the Hellroaring trail head and ended up at 9200 ft at Thompson Lake. This elevation change happened between 0900 and 1830 when we arrived back at the trail head. There were some tired horses and riders with sore knees. All in all, it was a great scenic 25 mile round trip. Only had to clear three trees as someone had cleared the trail a few days before us. I would guess that it was the party camped at Thompson Lake. that did most of the clearing. We did give Bonnie and Rich about 30 minutes to catch and release a few of the hungry cutthroats. Almost caught one on every cast.

8/22-25/19 Challenge at Challenge Cabin

Some Pictures from Challenge

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<https://photos.app.goo.gl/4NufH2dRngtSB2wR7>

8/26,29/19 Forest Service Pack In/Out Squaw Creek Trail

On Monday August 26, Dan Marsh and Rich Inman packed in a Forest Service crew to do maintenance on the switchbacks on the Squaw Creek trail that had been damaged by people cutting the switchbacks. We drove in 12 miles on Squaw Creek road to the trailhead which was a rocky winding one lane road. When we got to the trailhead we met three older gals that were going to hike over to Hyalite and go out that way swapping with another group coming from the Hyalite side. Once at the trailhead, we packed up the tools and food and the Forest Service crew put on their packs and hiked in their personal gear and did some clearing on the way in. We did some clearing of a few trees when we got ahead of the crew and waited for them when we got past the switchbacks. We went a bit farther up the trail when the crew arrived and found a better campsite. We had lunch and cleared a few more trees on the way back to the trucks. We met one guy going out that was kind enough to back to a wide spot on the road so we could get by.

The Pack out trip seemed to go a lot faster. We got to the parking lot early and Rich loaded his horse and mule in my trailer to minimize wear and tear and we got to the trailhead early and then to the campsite by around 11:00. On the way we stopped and did a little water diversion using sticks and our boots to divert the water because we didn't have any tools with us. We put some big rocks in place of the normal water bar. We were supposed to meet the crew at 1PM to pack out so we had lunch and relaxed until the crew came down from the Hyalite ridge where they did some trail work. The crew had their lunch and we packed up and headed out.

Pictures <https://photos.app.goo.gl/zTNhyA4Nrmme9ece8>

## SATURDAY TRAIL DAYS WITH DAN PORTER

Saturday Trail Crew log 08-03-2019

Lew, Mark, Carmen, and I took the High Lakes Trail #401 up Hermit Creek, cutting 2 trees that were blocking the trail and continuing on to the junction with trail # 412 which we took to Lake Solitude and a quick lunch. The 401 up Hermit Creek is not recommended for inexperienced man or beast due to steep side hills, multiple switchbacks, and narrow tread in many places. From the trail junction to Lake Solitude is pleasant, meandering thru alpine rolling meadows where we trimmed the occasional fir limb growing in to the "8 x 10 ". Flies were persistent.

Returning by the same route we arrived at the trailhead around 5pm. On the way back down the trail I noted to Lew that my saddle had begun to squeak to which he replied "My butt has started to squeak!" "Nuff said"

PS. The new "Trail Work Today" sign we have been posting at the trail head when riding has gotten a lot of attention from hikers as well as other equestrian users.



## SATURDAY TRAIL DAYS WITH DAN PORTER

Saturday Trail Crew log 08-10-2019

After getting a late start, Two BCH members and a guest rode up Trail 410 past Pioneer Falls, stopped on the bench above to enjoy the view and eat lunch, and then continued on for approximately 1/4 mile. I had packed loppers and army surplus "foxhole" shovels on my appy/walker. We dismounted and walked back down the trail trimming brush and cleaning water bars as needed. We stopped at the falls for a short break but near the junction with trail # 407 we "ran out of gas". Mounting up ,we continued on to Falls Creek to water horses and then returned to the trailhead at 5pm.

Encountered on the trail were numerous hikers and equestrian users, almost all accompanied by a dog, as well as one camp set up at the 410 jct with a pair of llamas. A Baneberry plant was spotted along the trail as well. Baneberry are native and common wildflowers with normally red porcelain like berries (sometimes white) that reportedly can cause cardiac arrest if eaten (aka China Berry and Dolls Eye).

We received a number of thank yous from those we met on the trail. They had seen the "Trail Work Today" sign that I had posted at the trail head in the morning. Instead of asking who, what, and why, they all expressed their appreciation for what we do.



Saturday Trail Crew log 08-17-2019

Lew and I rode in towards the Spanish Lakes, Trail 411. Along the way we stopped at the Mirror Lake "Y" to reinstall the Spanish Lakes Trail sign. The post had rotted off at ground level and it was horizontal. A little digging and the rotted part slipped right out and the remaining post right back in. The digging uncovered an old horse shoe which I suspect was placed in the hole when BCH members installed the sign last. Scott Brennan, Montana Director for The Wilderness Society, was back packing in to Summit Lake to make the loop back to Spanish Creek the next day. He stopped and we had a nice visit. He has horses and may join our group to help out too.

We continued on to "Rescue Rock" where many years ago Bob Steinmann and I had waited with a girl that suffered a broken leg when her horse slipped on the rock. We were surprised back then when instead of Search and Rescue showing up , an army helicopter working fires at West Yellowstone showed up to pick her up.

We parked the horses there and worked back down to the stream crossing cleaning water bars and trimming alders and saplings. Returning to our trusty steeds we ate lunch and then headed home, stopping on the way to drain bogs , clean water bars, and do more trimming. The wild bergamot is in full bloom now but as we drew closer to the trail head the knoxious weed Hoary Alyssom became the dominant flower along the trail.

It was a 9 to 5 day and a good time was had "by all"...Livin the dream !

The plan next Saturday is to ride all the way in to the Spanish Lakes. Tom Lamb will be back from Florida and he has never seen them. It's a rocky trail and steep at times, but all are welcome to go.

Dan Porter

## SATURDAY TRAIL DAYS WITH DAN PORTER

8-24-19

Three BCH members, Laurie, Tom, and myself were joined by new volunteer, Scott Brennan, of the Wilderness Society at Spanish Creek, ready to ride at 9am. We rode the 407/411 towards the Spanish Lakes and were joined along the way by Mark Deopsomer who had arrived at the trailhead late and caught us about 2 miles below the lake.

We made the steep rocky climb up to the lower lake and after a brief lunch and look at it, started back down the trail. We cleared two down trees, did some light trimming in places, and reworked a number of water bars on our way, reaching the trailhead at 5:45 pm.

It made for a long day. An overnight stay at the lake would would make the steep ride more worthwhile.







THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2019

DAILY **COMICAL**

TUNDRA

NORMALLY, WHEN SOMEONE FALLS OFF A HORSE, I'D SUGGEST THEY JUST GET BACK ON...

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**THE TRAILHEAD**

As Back Country Horsemen, how the public views us can begin at the trailhead!

Always clean up any manure, shavings or straw left by your stock. Be a responsible BCH member and clean up trailheads even though the mess may not be caused by you. We need to set a good example to maintain our reputation and not give other users such as hikers and bicyclists a reason to frown upon stock users.

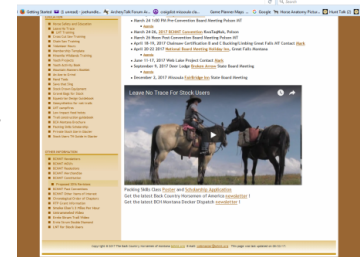


**DID YOU KNOW?**

You can now watch hosts Smoke Elser and Bob Hoverson in the “Leave No Trace for Stock Users” video by going to BCHMT.org website homepage and clicking the YouTube link. This video series was produced by the USDA and the US Forest Service National Technology & Development Program in cooperation with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics.

- **PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE**
- **TRAVEL AND CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES**
- **DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY**
- **LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND**
- **MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE IMPACTS**
- **RESPECT WILDLIFE**
- **BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER VISITORS**

Go to [www.bchmt.org](http://www.bchmt.org)



**USFS REGION 1 INFORMATION**



~Proposing fee increases at some campgrounds, lookouts, cabins, etc.

~Looking at a 5% cut in trail budget across the board for 2018

~Conservation Stewardship Program-YCC/Youth funding being explored-Joni Packard has more info

**EDUCATION:** The Bitterroot National Forest would be willing to host a “Trail Building” training session for Back Country Horsemen in the spring of 2018. Do we have BCHMT members from around the state that would be interested?



**HORSE HEALTH**

**White Line Disease**

The white line is the junction between the hoof wall and the sole on the bottom of the horse's hoof. White Line Disease is a widening of the white line, or a separation of the hoof wall from the sole. This separation is then invaded by bacteria and fungi, leading to infection that progresses up towards the coronary band which produces a white or gray powdery material. It is usually first noticed by the farrier during a routine trimming because only severe cases actually cause lameness.



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