

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:

SWEET PEA PARADE : AUGUST 3

Downtown Bozeman

THOMPSON LAKE FS PACK-OUT: AUGUST 5

WEDNESDAY TRAIL CREW : AUGUST 7, 14, 21, 28

SATURDAY TRAIL CREW : AUGUST 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

HELLROARING PACK/REPAIR TRIP : AUGUST 13-20

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HYALITE FS PACK-IN : AUGUST 19

HYALITE FS PACK-OUT : AUGUST 23

SLOUGH CREEK : AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 3

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Hello Fellow Back Country Horsemen,

Summer is in full swing, and the trail crews have been very busy with lots of miles covered. If you haven't been out yet, please consider spending a day with one of the trail crews. Please contact Dan Porter for Saturdays, Lew Goodpasture for Wednesdays and John Mutter for the Madison District.

The A-B Wilderness crews have replaced the Porch Beam on the Buffalo Fork Cabin and will return to Buffalo Fork and Slough Creek in late August. Call Henry for details or any questions.

The Poker ride was a huge success with 198 paying riders. Thanks to Laurie and Devon for a very well run Poker Ride.

The Gallatin Forest Partnership launch of the Greater Yellowstone Conservation and Recreation Act has been a success and now we are working for our legislation to be introduced in the US Congress.

Be sure and not let Summer slip by and not get out with your horse. It is why we do what we do.

— Happy trails, Henry

Roll Call: Henry Glenn, Sid Boswell, Carmen Matzick, Kathy VanDyke, Bob Criswell, Dan Porter, Nanci Marx, Laurie Connelly, Lew Goodpasture, Devon Kerley, Dan Marsh, Chris Nygren, John Mutter

Called to order by Henry Glenn.

MINUTES OF JUNE 2024 MEETING

Nanci moved to approve the minutes as written; Bob seconded; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carmen reported on the chapter's savings and checking accounts. She received a donation from NW Energy for the Poker Ride. The Ride was a big success with 197 riders and net profit. Laurie moved to approve the report; Bob seconded; the motion passed.

Carmen suggested that Janice be reimbursed for signs that were used at the Poker Ride. Laurie moved to reimburse; Devon seconded; the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Poker Ride: Henry gave a big thank you to Laurie and Devon for their hard work in planning the Poker Ride. He's gotten a lot of positive responses from the participants. It was suggested that the club purchase some canopies for use in covering the food service area in the future.

WORK PROJECTS

The Rams' Horn corral project was completed and looks great. Henry thanked everyone who worked on the project. Chris will talk to Julie Cunningham about getting a sign placed at the corrals crediting GVBCCH with their maintenance.

The Buffalo Fork cabin project will start on July 22 and return on July 26 or 27.

The Hellroaring pack/repair trip will start on August 13. Let Henry know if you're interested in participating.

Adjournment: Carmen moved to adjourn the meeting; Laurie seconded; the motion passed.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

CALL TO ORDER

Henry Glenn called the meeting to order.

Minutes of June 2024 meeting: Stacie moved to approve the minutes as written; Laurie seconded; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carmen reported on the chapter's savings and checking accounts. She received a donation from NW Energy for the Poker Ride, \$200 from 50/50, and money from the silent auction (total unknown at this time). The Ride was a big success with 197 riders and net profit. Stacie moved to approve the report; Bob seconded; the motion passed.

Henry gave a big thank you to Laurie and Devon for their hard work in planning the Poker Ride. He's gotten a lot of positive responses from the participants.

Thank you to Henry and Molly for the outstanding chicken. It was a big hit.

It was suggested that the club purchase some canopies for use in covering the food service area in the future. It was also noted that a portion of the trail needs some rehab work.

OLD BUSINESS

Pack Trips: Lew stated that he needs help (especially additional pack animals) with several Forest Service pack trips. The dates are July 23, 29, Aug. 5, Aug. 19, and Aug. 23. He also noted that the Wednesday and Saturday tail crews are continuing their efforts.

Sweet Pea Parade: The trailer will be decorated on Aug. 2, and the parade is on Aug. 3. Mark Deopsomer noted that there is a \$132 cost for entry and parking. Bob moved to reimburse Mark for the expenses; Jim seconded; the motion passed.

Work projects: The Ramshorn corral project was completed and looks great. Henry thanked everyone who worked on the project and noted that efforts will be made to have a sign placed at the corrals crediting GVBCCH with their maintenance.

The Buffalo Fork project is July 21-27. Hellroaring is August 13-20. Slough Creek pack-in is August 27-Sept. 3. Contact Henry for additional info.

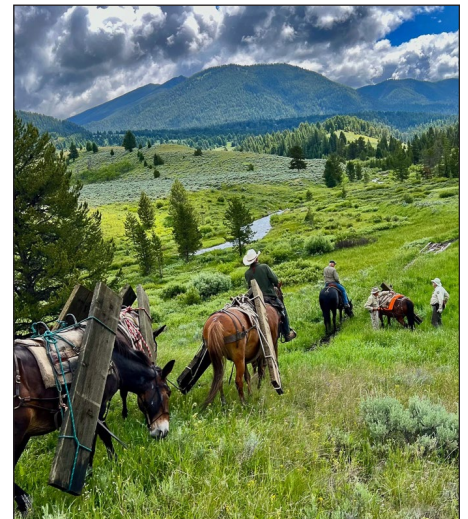
Adjournment: Corinne moved to adjourn the meeting; Laurie seconded; the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke



PORCUPINE CREEK — JULY 2

A group of volunteers met at Porcupine Creek Trailhead to pack in 20 - 6' x 12" x 3" wood planks. These members included Dan Marsh, Bruce May, Bonnie Hammer, Kay Tate, Curtis Settergren, Kenji Aoki and Lew Goodpasture. We met at the trailhead about 8:30, saddled up and began the loading process. We weighed each plank and paired each up with one of similar weight. The weight of each plank varied from 71 lbs to about 45 lbs. We loaded Bruce's packhorse and Lew's mule Yukon and Clyde, who was on loan from Kathy and Lawrence VanDyke. The destination to drop the load was just a mile and a half up Trail 34. Bonnie, Kenji and Kay helped out in the loading process, to keep animals calm and steady. Once those three had their loads they headed up the trail. The next group was Dan Marsh and his packhorse and Curt Settergren's two mules and one horse. They loaded them without much trouble and headed up the trail. So, seven pack animals delivered 14 planks without too much excitement. Once those fourteen planks were on the ground Curt, Bruce, Bonnie and Kay loaded up and headed home. Dan, Kenji and Lew packed the two mules and one horse for the last six planks, which we delivered without any problems. It was a beautiful day enjoyed by some good people. Thanks to those volunteers that participated. —Lew Goodpasture

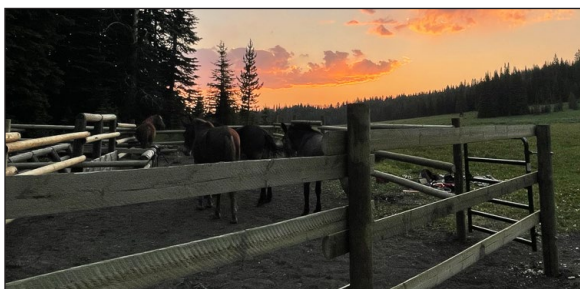


RAMSHORN LAKE CORRAL REBUILD JULY 11 - 14

The new corrals project at Ramshorn Lake is complete. Thank you to all the members who came in during the project to lend a hand. Although it was uncomfortably hot at the start, an adjusted work schedule got the job done. Shout out to Stacie and Sid Boswell, Tim Butler, Dan Marsh, Chris Nygren, Dan Porter, Lew Goodpatsture, Hunter Lacey, Curtis Setergen and Henry Glenn. It is a stunning place...now with new corrals!



RAMSHORN LAKE CORRAL — CONTINUED



TRUMAN GULCH PACK IN AND OUT — JULY 16

Lew Goodpasture along with Dan Marsh, Mark DeOpsomer, and Jim Wing packed the Forest Service Crew and MCC up Truman Gulch 3 miles so they could work behind an excavator and blasting to improve the Bridger Foothills trail. The Forest Service Crew went out on Friday, so we only had the MCC crew to pack out. We took in 2 pairs of food boxes and 2 sets of hard panniers with tools. On July 23, it was just Dan Marsh, Mark DeOpsomer, and Jim Wing that went in to pack them out. We put all the tools in one set of hard panniers and Mark and Jim loaded up the food boxes with whatever personal gear they could stuff in and out we came. Just before we headed up the trail, Mark commented my hitch on the trailer didn't look right and sure enough the coupler on the trailer had folded in half. Jim and Mark each took one of my horses home, and I went on the hunt for someone to weld up the trailer. I found Wapiti Metalworks had a portable welder and he came out that afternoon and fixed me up. — Dan Marsh



HELLROARING — JULY 20

Six members met at the Hellroaring Trailhead for Trail #81 to make sure the trail would be clear for the Forest Service Packin coming up soon. We were in the saddle by 8:45 am sharp with our trail maintenance sign already deployed and parking already at a premium. Hikers and canines were plentiful.

We rode in to the North Fork JCT which the sign says is 5 miles, however, Dean Vine's GPS indicated just under 12 miles traveled at the end of the day. We encountered only minimal obstacles, removing 5 deadfall as well as clearing 3 waterbars of sediment on the return trip. We ate lunch at the North Fork JCT and cleared two large deadfall that were blocking the stream crossing there just after lunch. One required some barefoot "hydrologic engineering" by Mark to ease the cut logs downstream and below the crossing.

The trail is in fairly good condition with generally very gradual gradient along rather steep sidehills but shrubs and saplings are beginning to encroach on the upper side of the trail in many places and will soon need attention.

All in all it was a nice day and a great ride in the mountains with cooler temperatures that were not nearly as appreciated as we could have— until we returned to the valley and exited our AC vehicles at home to 91 degree temps.

Thank you Larry, Carmen, Marianne, Dean, and Mark with his packhorse for enjoying another great day in the mountains together , "living the dream", and helping to keep our trails open to equestrian use. — Dan Porter



This pic shows Dean and I balancing the log that was blocking the crossing while Mark finishes the cut.



Larry Thomas



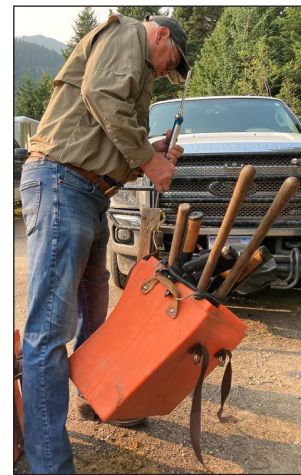
ASBESTOS CREEK — JULY 27

Seven GVBCH members met at the Asbestos Creek Trailhead at Karst with their equestrian companions. With a leg up by 9 am they headed up the trail with chain saw, silky saw, 2 cross cut saws and 2 combies. Nothing could stop them! They cut three large deadfall from the trail before entering the wilderness and "proceeded on", climbing up over 2,000 feet in elevation, crossing the bridge, negotiating multiple switchbacks, and eventually clearing a total of 16 deadfall from the trail. Thunder in the distance convinced them at 2 pm to head for lower elevations. Cool temps, light rain and almost zero flies plus wildflowers everywhere made it a wonderful day to spend in the mountains. Two ancient water bars received new life thanks to the combies. Pruners made short work of saplings along the trail. Thank you Hunter for bringing your pack horse. Thank you Marianne and "Q" for being there when we needed you. Thank you Tim and Esther for providing your knowledge and expertise to a great ride, and no ride would be the same without your help Mark.

I call it "Livin the Dream. — Dan Porter

HELLROARING TO THOMPSON LAKE — JULY 29

Dan Marsh along with Mark DeOpsomer, Tim Butler, and Clint Schwalm along with his son Evan met the Forest Service Crew of 9 folks at Hellroaring Trailhead. We loaded them up with 2 sets of bearproof food boxes and 2 sets of hard panniers for all the tools. We then had to top pack a duffle on one set of food boxes and a 6-foot crosscut and folding shelter on the other set of boxes. We got going at about 9:00AM and the trip was 11.3 miles into their camp and 4100 feet elevation gain to Thompson Lake. We got a few sprinkles of rain but few flies and cool temperature to ride in. We had lunch at the lake and Mark had good luck fishing and we headed back around 2:30PM. Clint got back around 6PM, I got back around 6:30PM, and Mark and Tim stopped to fish in the creek on the way back so were even later. We get to do it all again on August 5th to pack them out. — Dan Marsh



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