

BOARD MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 6:30 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 7:00 PM

First Security Bank
2046 Cattail St & 19th St

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:

TRAIL CREW WITH MARK DEOPSOMER : MAY 6,

Asbestos Creek TH/Karst

BCHMT STATE BOARD MEETING : MAY 9, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Deer Lodge Elks Lodge 1737 230 Main St, Deer Lodge

WEDNESDAY TRAIL CREW WITH LEW GOODPASTURE : MAY 20, 27

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SATURDAY TRAIL CREW WITH DAN PORTER : MAY 23, 30

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY : JUNE 6

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Happy Spring!

The weather has been beautiful, and all of us equine enthusiasts are glad to be back outside and working with our stock. Foals are here or will be soon. It's the best time of year.

First, an apology. We canceled the April meeting, and I know that's not exactly the Montana way. But we had members dealing with significant snow, and the roads in Bozeman were wet with all that wet heavy snow after the storm. With temperatures dropping to the mid-20s that evening, we weren't comfortable asking folks to be out on what could have been a skating rink. We'll make up for it in May.

And there is plenty on the agenda. Poker Ride planning will be front and center — July 11 is coming faster than it feels like, and we need volunteers in several key positions. We will also wrap up the convention financials now that Elizabeth has had a few weeks to reconcile everything.

Our trail crews get back to work starting this month — Wednesday crews kick off May 20 with Lew Goodpasture as Trail Boss, and Saturday crews start May 23 with Dan Porter as Trail Boss. Contact either of them if you would like to get out with your equines and take a look at what our early season will look like after a windy winter and spring.

The Gallatin Valley Tack Swap took place April 25 at Springhill Community Ranch. Mark DeOpsomer led a packing demonstration that was well received. Also this past weekend (May 2nd and 3rd), several members attended the Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue (TLAER) course. We look forward to hearing a recap from those who attended at our May meeting.

Our May meetings are Thursday, May 21 at First Security Bank on Cattail Street. Board meeting at 6:30pm, general meeting at 7:00pm. We will have a program to kick off the general meeting before getting into business.

Finally, National Trails Day is June 6. We will likely have a day of service with lunch and potentially time for fun rides in the afternoon. We also have some exciting opportunities in the works to have corporate and other volunteer organizations join us. After conversations with MeatEater and Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, both are looking for opportunities for a day of service, and we are in discussions about partnering with them on a project. More details to come. See you May 21.

— Sid Boswell, President, GVBCH

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