

Beartooth Back Country Horsemen Trail Tales

President's Pen

Happy New Year!

We had a great party in December to end the year. Thanks to all who helped with the Christmas party, especially Marilyn and John Simmons with the prime rib. And thanks to Louise Jenkins and Josie



and Nancy Thomsen for the decorating. And I'm happy we have taken care of all the requisite "end of the year" chapter business on the board of directors.

I'm looking forward to a busy year. We're still in the planning stages. We have a number of recertifications to do. The state convention is in person again. WOO HOO! Then our usual trail maintenance and pack projects with the ABWF, not to mention camp outs, fun rides, pack competition, pack clinic, and poker ride if we can fit it all in.

First, we'll need catch up on certifications: Defensive Horsemanship, Basic Life Support/First Aid (CPR) and Chainsaw. Stay tuned for information on those soon by email or newsletter; we'll try to start as early as possible this year. I think we should have as many members as possible certified so that we can always have more than one person on each trip with the necessary certs.

Last, let me talk up the **BCHMT STATE CONVENTION**. I would encourage you to attend. Information is included in the newsletter. Second weekend of March. The club will cover the registration fee for the delegates. Eight delegates are needed. One of my first and best experiences with BBCH was the BCHMT State Convention. Here are some of my recollections of prior BCHMT state conventions.

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I was a very new member to the club about 2015. Hadn't even been on a ride with the club yet. I don't think I had even been riding in the mountains with my own stock but a few times and had been on an overnight pack trip only two or three times -once with an outfitter. I didn't know anyone in the club either. I attended a winter BBCH meeting where a few members, including the president, encouraged me to attend. I thought "Why not?"

I learned what the BCHMT was about and how the different chapters were fulfilling the BCHMT mission differently. There were some educational sessions and a little business. And lots of great vendors. If you need tack or pack equipment, it's there. The auctions are a lot of fun. The raffle prizes are usually very desirable. Crosscut saw competition and photo contest - anyone can enter. But that's only part of the story.....

At my first convention I danced my boots off to live music. Louise and I hadn't danced in so long we stumbled around for a couple of songs before we finally quit stepping on each other's feet. At my second convention, I learned a certain club member had seen my auction number. He was using it to bid in the live auction without my knowledge. I won't mention names, but Dave said it was for a worthy cause – to raise money for the BCHMT. At another convention I purchased my crosscut saw. In Great Falls it was so cold a couple of members couldn't make it across the street from the local watering hole to the motel without their drinks freezing. True Story! And in Lewistown an expert USFS axe handler educated us. That was a memorable demonstration. Hope you can make it to Dillon this year.

John Jenkins



January 17th – 6:30 P.M. Potluck - Meeting @ 7:00

Fishtail Community Center

Education Program: Bryan Giordano, Montana Fish Biologist.

Bryan lives in Columbus and works with fisheries in this area.

NOTICES

A FEW GOOD HORSEWOMEN AND HORSEMEN NEEDED

The club is looking for members to serve on the standing committees. These include Education, Membership, Issues, Communications and Activities. Rarely are in person meetings needed. It takes very little time and is a good way to get more involved and meet other members.

Contact me or any board member and we'll can give you low down.

John Jenkins at 406 855 0238 or john.k.jenkins@gmx.us

DUES:

Yearly dues for 2022 are:

- Business Membership \$40
- Family Membership \$35
- Individual Membership \$25

You may pay in-person at our next meeting, or mail your checks to BBCH, PO Box 614, Absarokee MT 59001. Please send updated email, address if your contact information has changed. This information is only used for the BBCH and BCHMT Newsletters and is not shared.

BCHA 2022 WINTER NEWSLETTER

When was the last time you caught up on National BCHA News? It is only a click away.

<https://www.bcha.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/BCHAwinter2022newsletter.pdf>

BBCH APPAREL

BBCH T Shirts and Hoodies available soon. We'll try to have them at the next few meetings.

BCHMT – 2022 STATE CONVENTION

After a 2-year hiatus the BCHMT Convention is a go! The 2022 BCHMT State Convention is March 11-13, in Dillon, MT. It is time to mark your calendars and reserve your lodging! The following link includes the registration form and more information. [2022 BCHMT State Convention | Back Country Horsemen of Montana](#) Raffle and Photo Contest rules follow.

Support your local 3 Rivers BackCountry Horseman Chapter Raffle

- 1) Celebrate Montana's Biggest Weekend
 - 4 nights at The Meine Lodge (September 1-4)
 - 2 tickets to Dillon Jaycee Rodeo
 - 2 tickets to Dillon Jaycee Concert

- 2) Fish a Blue Ribbon Stream in Montana
 - A one day fishing trip with Frontier Angler
 - and a one night stay at Lover's Leap Lodging for 2

- 3) Ski the Maverick
 - 2 Ski passes to Maverick Mountain
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 - 1 Night for 2 at Grasshopper Inn B&B

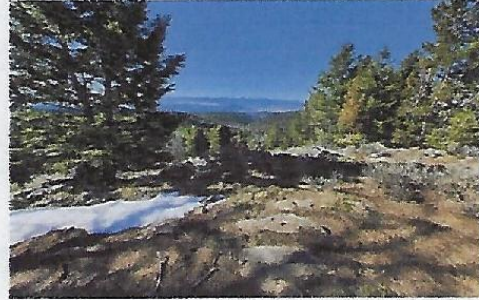
*All drawn for at Montana BCH State
Convention, March 12, 2022*

Need not be present to win \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20

**Tickets available at the Beaverhead County Fair
or by calling 406-681-3131**

2022 BCH of MT State Convention

Photo Contest March 11-13, 2022



Welcome and Thank You for entering your photo in our annual contest. Following are the contest guidelines. Please note that the convention attendees will decide the winner.

* Register your photo Friday afternoon or Saturday morning before 9:00 AM

* Photo contest will have 5 (five) categories. Members are limited to 2 (two) entries in each category.

* Categories

1-Stock & Wildlife: Horses, Dogs, Cats, etc.

2-Montana Landscape: Scenery, Mountains, Lakes, etc.

3-Kids Old & Young: People Young, Old, Not So Old

4-Back Country Horsemen at Work: Work Projects, Club Projects, Activities

5-Humorous: Comical, Funny, Makes you smile

Photos are to be taken by amateur photographers only and must be BCH members.

Photo size shall be 5x7 or 8x10 and must be mounted or matted (please, no frames).

Photographer's name, address & email/phone # shall be attached to the back of the photo.

Photos may be mailed to: Kathy Allard, 23385 Hwy 278, Dillon, MT, 59725

BBCH – CHRISTMAS GATHERING - 2021

In one word? This year's BBCH Christmas party was FUN! We had a great turnout, amazing prime rib (thank you John & Marilyn Simmons); festively decorated hall (thank you Louise, Nancy, and Josie); amazing side dishes and desserts (thank you chapter members); and a fun "white elephant" gift exchange! Chapter President, John Jenkins acknowledged Melissa Codner for her innovative ideas and commitment to the Chapter and presented her with a gift certificate. Her efforts are very appreciated. Wendy Galvin took the "prize" for the white elephant gift exchange – two WHITE ELEPHANTS! Truly it was a well-organized gathering, which focused on the members – not an agenda, where conversations flowed, and members had the luxury of laughter and great company.





LAUGHINGSTOCK






1/03/2022: First ride of the New Year. Beau, Aghy and I shared a lunch date in the ravine below "horseshoe bend." Nice 26+ mile ride.

Please send any submissions for the Newsletter to Robin Morris, junkerette@msn.com, by the 5th of each month. Thanks!

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