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BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN MISSION STATEMENT

1. To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's backcountry and wilderness areas.
2. To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
3. To assist the various government, state and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
4. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise and sustaining use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
5. To foster and encourage the formation of new back country horsemen's organizations.
6. To cooperate with other B.C.H.A. organizations.



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A Message from Our President

Greetings Members:

Governor Bullock has advised that any gatherings of 50 or more individuals should be cancelled. In response, and with consultation with the BCH of MT board, the 2020 BCH of MT convention has been cancelled. Also, our regular monthly general membership meeting is cancelled. These are prudent measures given the expansion of Covid-19 cases in Montana.

I want to thank our 2020 BCH of MT Convention committee for their dedication and hard work in preparation for the convention. I suspect that there were some tears shed when the cancellation decision was announced. Even though the convention has been cancelled, there is still much to be done. The raffle will still take place, vendor fees are to be reimbursed, meal commitments must be reconciled, etc.

I also want to thank those that sold raffle tickets. The revenue raised through these sales will help offset those expenses we have incurred in preparation for the convention. Please make sure that your sold ticket stubs and money (checks please) are received by Christy Schram-Duggan by the end of the day Friday. You should have received instructions on this from Christy by now. If you have any questions, or need help getting these to her, please let Christy or me know.

This has been a disappointment for us all. However, the health and safety of our members and associates is paramount. I ask that you take prudent precautions in your daily activities, as we look forward to a return to normalcy once this situation.

Gene Merrell, president

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Presentation to Bitter Root Backcountry Horsemen, March 2020

General Meeting Cancelled for March

2020 BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN CONVENTION

The Convention has been **CANCELED** due to the pandemic. The committee members listed below have – over the last 2 years – gone above and beyond to make this a success. Please give them your acknowledgement and thanks.

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Theme - 2020: Clear Trails Ahead			
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Due to the Covid-19 outbreak and social distancing rules, there will not be a printed, mailed version of the March issue of Nag News. If you are aware of a fellow member who doesn't have Internet access, please print up the web version for their benefit.

Thanks, from your editorial staff.

TRAINING

Defensive Horsemanship

The demonstration portion is scheduled in the C-Max arena on Bass Lane in Corvallis April 4. Four sessions of Obstacle course training will be on April 25 and May 2. Save April 4 and one of the other two dates!

Chainsaw and Crosscut Saw classes

These classes will be starting in April, weather permitting. Sawyers needing a renewal will be able to renew while on projects (*if last certified under new saw regs*) when an instructor is available. Those new to the current Forest Service guidelines will need to have a more in depth training, starting in April. Remember that First Aid/CPR needs to be current to remain certified or get a new card.

Congratulations to the Smoke Elser Packing Scholarship winners: Beau Duggan, Travise Grinnell, and Joe Kirkland!!



In The News: Coronavirus

Is equine coronavirus the same or similar to the disease currently making headlines for initially infecting people in China and other countries?

Posted by Peter Timoney, MVB,
MS, PhD, FRCVS | Jan 27,
2020 | edited for length

Q. I've recently read two articles on TheHorse.com about coronavirus in horses, which I'd never heard of before. Now I'm seeing news reports about coronavirus in humans in China, with cases now identified in the United States. However, I'm confused because the news is talking about a respiratory disease, while The Horse is describing a stomach bug. Is this the same disease that horses get, and is it contagious among different species?

A. The recent reports in the news media of cases of respiratory disease in humans in the P.R. China have linked these occurrences to infection with a previously undiscovered member of the coronavirus family. This family of viruses is so named because of their crownlike shape when visualized using an electron microscope. The virus is distinct from two other coronaviruses that also cause respiratory disease in humans: SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome), which was first discovered in China in 2002, and MERS (Middle East respiratory syndrome), which was first identified in Saudi Arabia in 2012. These three viruses are very important human pathogens, highly contagious and capable of causing widespread disease and a variable mortality rate. Members of the Coronavirus family also cause disease in certain domestic animal species, including horses (equine coronavirus infection), swine (transmissible gastroenteritis), cattle (winter dysentery), chickens (infectious bronchitis), and cats (reline infectious peritonitis), to name several.

Coronavirus infection in horses is a relatively recently recognized disease affecting the enteric (intestinal) tract of adult equines. A variety of outcomes have been reported following oral exposure of horses to equine coronavirus. Many experience only an asymptomatic (showing no clinical signs) infection. Others develop fever, diminished appetite, and a variable degree of depression, but no signs of enteric involvement. About 20% of infected horses develop signs of clinical disease, with soft feces and evidence of colic in certain individuals. Fewer than 5% of cases might exhibit signs of neurologic involvement believed to be attributable to hyperammonia in the enteric tract.

It's evident from the foregoing that coronavirus infection in the horse is an enteric and not a respiratory disease. This

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is similar to coronavirus-related diseases in swine and cattle. The coronavirus that affects chickens, although primarily a respiratory pathogen, can also infect the urogenital and gastroenteric systems. Feline infectious peritonitis in cats is an immune-mediated disease. The primary clinical syndrome caused by members of the Coronavirus family will vary depending on the virus in question and the host species it infects.

It remains to be established whether the newly found human coronavirus can infect other species. It's now known with respect to the two other important human coronaviruses (SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV) that each originated from bats, before jumping species and infecting the masked

palm civet in the case of SARS-CoV and the camel in the case of MERS-CoV; the latter two species serve as intermediate hosts between bats and humans. It's possible that the origin of the new human coronavirus may be similar. That said, current conjecture is also focusing on snakes (Chinese krait and Chinese cobra) sold at a local market in the Chinese city of Wuhan where the first cases were reported as a possible source of this virus infection for humans. Much remains to be done before we're likely to determine the new human coronavirus' origin.



Lemon & Chicken Vegetable Soup

This soup is an excellent addition to your table during our cold spring days.

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 leek, quartered, white part sliced
- 2 carrots, peeled and diced small (if you can find multi-colored carrots, those are beautiful)
- 2 cloves garlic, pressed through garlic press
- Salt
- Black pepper
- 1 teaspoon herbs de Provence
- 4 cups chicken stock, hot
- 1 cup fresh English peas (or frozen peas)
- 1 cup baby zucchini, small dice
- 2 cooked chicken breasts, shredded or cubed (you can use rotisserie chicken for convenience)
- 2 teaspoons lemon zest
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 cups cooked quinoa
- ½ cup chopped, fresh basil leaves
- 4 lemon wedges, garnish

Instructions

1. Place a medium-large soup pot over medium heat; add in the butter and olive oil, and once melted, add in the sliced leek and diced carrots, and sweat for about 3-5 minutes, or until slightly tender and the leeks are becoming translucent.
2. Add in the garlic, and once that becomes aromatic, add in a pinch or two of salt and pepper, and the herbs de Provence; stir to combine.
3. Next, add in the hot chicken stock, and bring to a gentle simmer; cover partially with a lid, and cook for about 15-20 minutes, or until carrots are tender.
4. Turn the heat off; add in the English peas (or frozen peas), the diced baby zucchini, the shredded or cubed



chicken breast, and the lemon zest and juice; stir to combine, and allow the peas/zucchini to become crisp-tender and bright green in the hot stock, about 3-4 minutes; check to see if additional salt or pepper is needed.

5. To serve, add about ¼ cup of the cooked quinoa to a bowl, and ladle some of the soup with the veggies and chicken over top; sprinkle over some of the fresh basil, and squeeze in some additional lemon juice from the lemon wedge garnish, if desired

**BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
DRAFT GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, February
20, 2020**

The February 2020 general meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order by President Gene Merrell at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held at the Corvallis School Cafeteria with 42 members present. Gene Merrell led the Pledge of Allegiance to start the meeting.

Guests: Juliet Liedle

Program: Dan Maiyo introduced Chris Truax and his wife Brittany from Evans Ace Hardware in Hamilton. Evans Ace Hardware donated the 251 EZ 18" Blade Pull Chain Saw that is one of our 2020 BCH State Convention Raffle items. The chain saw package consists of the following: 45.66 CC/3 AMP largest homeowner chainsaw, 1 Stihl cap, Stihl combo ear/hearing protection, file and handle, spare chain, bar oil, and 1 case of fuel mixture (adds 2-year warranty). The saw is 20% more gas efficient and weighs about 12 to 15 lbs. The winner of the chain saw can take it to any Stihl dealership to get it tuned and registered. Total value \$500.

There was not a quorum of officers at this meeting.

BUSINESS

Minutes: There were no corrections to the January minutes. The minutes will be approved at the March general meeting if there is a quorum.

Treasurer's Report: Tim Meyer presented the February treasurer's report. The report will be approved at the March general meeting if there is a quorum.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee/Water Volunteer Signup Sheet: The signup was passed around to fill two spots for coffee in April and May.

Training Sign-up: Bonnie Morgan passed the training signups around.

Update on some of our members: Gene discussed health and family updates for some of our BRBCH members. BRBCH received a donation from Gillilan Estate.

BCH Pocatello: Called to ask how we fundraise and stay successful. Our chapter is noticed by other chapters not just in Montana but from other states as well.

RAC Grant: Julie Schram discussed that the Forest Service is bringing back the Ravalli RAC –Resource Advisory Committee. Looking for 2 to 3 members

from the BRBCH to apply. Applications are at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/bitterroot/workingtogether/advisorycommittees>.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Issues: Lionel discussed the Bitterroot Land Trust Support Letter and the White Memorial Fishing Access, which is not feasible for equestrian usage. The Bitterroot Front Project encompasses from Sula to Lolo, and the Forest Service has asked our chapter to get involved with the project. A committee was created, first meeting is taking place February 27th.

Projects: Still need a coordinator for the July 3 – 5th fun weekend. Project signups will be at the April general meeting.

State Directors: Next meeting is at the March Convention. No Resolutions. Emails will be coming out from the National BCH on two bills that deals with increasing the RTP Grant funds.

Membership: Equine Emergency form emailed and handed out on the tables. There are Mountain Manners brochures on all the tables. There are 69 memberships and 118 members. Membership forms are on the tables – all new and renew memberships need to fill them out to confirm information and for insurance purposes. If you want new membership cards, see Kathy.

Training: Defensive Horsemanship: April 4-Demonstration—Let Bonnie know if you would like to be on the committee to plan the demo or obstacle course. April 25 and May 2 – 2 sessions each day for obstacle course riding. For the obstacles the first choice for times go to members needing a new card. Others may fill in to renew and spring tune your equine. A sign-up for First Aid/CPR was passed around; required for saw cards to be current. Saw training: first class for chainsaw certification is April 25 and is full. Sign up if you still want to be certified. For renewals, the Coyote Coulee project on May 23 is an opportunity to renew your card.

Outreach: Article was submitted to the Decker Dispatch with a great article on our youth. The chapter had a table at the Skip Horner talk last Thursday. Handed out membership forms, even got a new member from the event.

Program: April program: Wind River Bear Dog Institute, May program: Steve Brown, Stevensville District Ranger, and June program: Jan Bullock on Backcountry Medicine.

Sunshine: If anyone knows of a member who needs a get well, congratulations, or condolence card, let Cindy Beck know.

2020 Convention: We have a great mix of vendors. All of our speakers are confirmed and all the

members are welcome to attend the breakout sessions taking place 2pm to 4pm. Mustang Matt: Mustangs in the Back Country, Kyle Kelley: Equine Dental Maintenance, Janie Lambert: Mohair Cinches, and Brent Race: RML Researcher on CWD. Any BCH member can observe the business meeting. If you have a question during the business meeting, ask one of the BRBCH delegates. BRBCH members are encouraged to attend the Friday night social, check out the vendors, observe the business meeting, breakout sessions, silent auction, live auction, and enjoy the live music on Saturday night. Dan Maiyo presented the posters and the raffle flyer. Assistance was requested to hang the posters and the flyers – various members will provide that effort.

OLD BUSINESS

2020 Budget: Gene discussed the Budget Committee and the 2020 Convention to help the BRBCH fundraise. Will bring to the March meeting to vote since there was no quorum.

NEW BUSINESS

Is there a booklet for a Project Leader? Yes, please see the Project Leaders.

OTHER BUSINESS

Newsletter: Gene discussed that we need someone to take over the newsletter from Lionel.

Who made the peanut butter cookies? Please go talk to Nancy who wants the recipe.

Next Meeting: March 19th at the Corvallis School Cafeteria with the potluck dinner starting at 6:30 pm. Coffee – John O'Brien, hot water – Betsy Rogan.


The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm. The motion carried.

Christy Schram-Duggan, Secretary BRBCH

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NEXT BRBCH MEETING

Thursday, April 16th

Location: Corvallis High School Cafeteria

March Meeting Cancelled

Potluck at 6:30

Meeting at 7:00

Guests are welcome!

