

MARCH 2024

*Last Chance Back Country
Horsemen*

HORSE TRACKS



LCBCH MEETING

MARCH 6, 2024

7:00 pm @

Montana Wild Building

2023 Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation - Packer of the Year

Krissy Gillispie

Krissy was the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundations first Packer Apprentice back in 2016. Fast forward and Krissy is now a confident Wilderness packer with her own string of four mules, a BMWF Board member, and an integral part of the BMWFs packing program.

Raffle Ticket Prizes!!

Drawing to be held March 9, 2024

Need not be present to win

*Must pass background check for Rifle

Ruger 7mm PRC Rifle



Set of "Rawhide Gear" bags for your saddle



36" Blackstone Griddle Starter Set



\$250 Visa Gift Card

16" Dewalt 60V Flexvolt Max Electric Chainsaw + 3 batteries



Tickets 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20

Presented by the Mile High Back Country Horsemen

CONTACT KATY AT THE MARCH MEETING

**** 2024 BCHMT CONVENTION RAFFLE TICKETS ****

The state has been trying to get numbers of updated 2024 membership. I supplied them our list, but we have had very few members who have paid 2024 dues.

We are asking that all members pay their dues at our March 6 meeting. Please pay by exact cash or a check. Jim said a check allows for better tracking so that is what I prefer.

If you are going to miss the meeting, please make sure to mail your dues to:

LCBCH

PO BOX 4008

HELENA, MT. 59604

\$35 ind and \$45 family

(Note from Jody)



Jodie Ross was selected as the 2024 Packer Apprentice for the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation.

As one of the first programs of its kind the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation Packer Apprentice Program has welcomed two new apprentices each summer field season since 2016. The apprentices attend Smoke Elser's 9 Mile Packing Clinic, then complete a number of training trips with mentor packers.

It is the goal of the BMWF with the support of the Back Country Horsemen to establish this packer apprentice program. The program provides a unique opportunity for aspiring packers to train with some of the most respected packers in Montana

Jodie's first trip into the Bob Marshal with the Foundation was 8 years ago up and over Route Creek pass. Hiking speedily ahead to take epic pictures of the mules as they ascended the pass. For the past 8 years Jodie has tagged along on trips with Krissy Gillispie and Frank Vitale learning and enjoying many miles in the saddle. With much more to learn this summer brings an exciting opportunity and learning experience.