

MISSION VALLEY BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

The Packstring



**Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year**

December 2015



**You are invited to the MVBCH
Christmas Party & Pot Luck Dinner
December 12th 6:00 p.m.**

Hosted by Susan & Charley Hahn...

~ 39626 Eli Gap Rd, Polson ~

883-6750

Contact Susan for details and directions.

If Your Last Name Begins with...

A - H:

I - Q:

R - Z:

Consider Bringing...

Salad

Main Course

Dessert

Plates and Utensils, Soda, Teas and Coffee, Main Course Meat provided by MVBCH.

Please bring additional beverages (BYOB) that you wish to enjoy.

How the exchange works!!!

Each guest brings a wrapped and unlabeled gift valued near \$15. Please choose gifts that are inspired by life our life in Montana, horses or ranching. Those bringing a gift will be given a number for the exchange. Your number will determine the order in which gifts are drawn, opened and traded.

After dinner we gather for an entertaining evening of "Secret Surprise Gift Exchange". The person with #1 begins the fun, they choose and open a gift. Next, #2 can either steal #1's gift or open a new one. If it is a steal, #1 gets to open another and on the evening will go until everyone who brought a gift has one to take home.

Please Note:....a gift may only be stolen 2 times, it is then the property of the person who has possession. Our Hostess will have the final word should there be ANY DEBATE.



See you there...



2015 Officers, Board and Chairpersons

Officers

President:	Dennese Schauss	883-5876
Vice-President:	Scott Kiser	883-2186
Treasurer:	Charley Hahn	883-6750
Secretary:	Laura Nelson	544-5103
State Board:	David Crawford	2 Year 675-4293
	Scott Kiser	1 Year 883-2186
Alt:	Laura Nelson	544-5103
National Director for the State:	David Crawford	675-4293

MVBCH Board of Directors

2 Year	Carol McCrum	676-8114
2 Year	Larry Ruffatto	676-8114
2 Year	Sherri Hopper	529-8930
2 Year	Carl Schauss	883-5876
2 Year	Paula Weaver	253-7136
1 Year	Bill Dupuis	675-3549
1 Year	Marie Hall	676-0231
1 Year	Mack Long	670-9244
1 Year	Louis Polinsky	544-5103
1 Year	Connie Plaissay	644-5001

Committee / Event Chairpersons

Audit Committee:	Scott Hopper	260-8398
	Scott Kiser	883-2186
Day Rides:	Dennese Schauss	883-5876
	Laura Nelson	544-5103
Education & Safety:	All Board Members	
Hwy Clean-Up:	Susan Hahn	883-6750
Issues:	David Crawford	675-4293
	Scott Kiser	883-2186
Leave No Trace:	David Crawford	675-4293
	Scott Kiser	883-2186
Membership:	Marie Hall	676-0231
Newsletter:	Bonnie Kiser	883-2186
	Dennese Schauss	883-5876
	Marie Hall	676-0231
Photo Album:	Bill Weaver	253-9704
Publicity:	Paula Weaver	253-7136
	<i>(newspaper notification)</i>	
	Carol McCrum	676-8114
	<i>(member correspondence)</i>	
Steak Ride: 2015	Dennese Schauss	883-5876
Work Projects:	Scott Hopper	745-0012
	Laura Nelson	544-5103
Youth Involvement:	Laurie Crawford	675-4293

More information on the web at www.bchmt.org



Letter From the President

Hi, We had a pretty quiet summer. Due to the extremely dry conditions we had to rearrange a few things on our trail cleaning schedule. Good news is that we were able to meet our commitment with the Forest Service for another year.

Due to the dry summer weather our Saddle Mountain Ride had to be postponed. We weren't even sure if we would get to ride at all. But then it rained a bit so the ride was re-scheduled for Sept. 19th. Eighteen members rode, we had a beautiful day and a nice ride, after which LeRoy and Virginia Dumontier once again hosted Bar-B-Que/Pot Luck at their home. Thank you LeRoy and Virginia for another Great Day.

Winter is almost upon us, so now is the time to look to next Year's activities, the Steak Ride, our trail cleanings, hopefully some overnight rides, clinics and in 2017, we will be hosting The Back Country Horsemen State Convention. Thanks to all of you for help and support this past year. Please join us for the Club's Annual Christmas Party, December 12th hosted by Charley & Susan Hahn at their home.

Merry Christmas and the Best of 2016 to Everyone...

Dennese Schauss

Upcoming Event ideas????

Bowling, Horse Play Day at an indoor arena, Pack Clinic and Horse Safety Clinic.

If you have a request for an event, please let one of your Board Members know.

This is the time of the year to plan.

Are you interested in a week-long pack trip with the chapter this summer????? Let us know.



Questions to ponder..?..?..?

Why are you a member of Back Country Horsemen and Women?

What do you love about our organization?

What are we doing well? and... How do you see us improving?

What can WE do and what can YOU do????

Respectfully, Your Editor... Bonnie Kiser

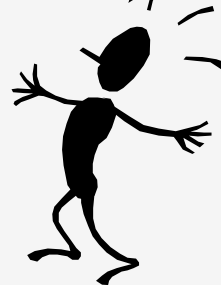


Elections for the 2016 Year

December 1st, 2015 General Meeting 7:30 PM

Please plan to attend, volunteer and vote!!

How may I HELP??



Nominations for officers and directors may also be made by members **from the floor**, prior to election. Read how YOU can nominate from the floor on the next page!!

Nominating Committee's Recommendations are.....

Candidates for Officers

President.....Dennese Schauss Secretary:.....Scott Kiser
Vice President:.....Laura Nelson Treasurer:.....Charlie Hahn

Candidates for Local Board of Directors

Board of directors to be elected for a 2 year term: Remaining on The Board of Directors one more year.

Vote for 5 of these Volunteers

Bill Dupuis, Marie Hall, Mack Long
Jim Murphy, Connie Plaissay or Louis Polinsky

Not up for Re-Election

Sherry Hopper, Carol McCrum, Larry Ruffatto
Carl Schauss & Paula Weaver



Candidates for State Board of Directors

(Not up for Re-Election).....David Crawford has 1 Year Remaining of his first 2 Year Term.

The nominating committee recommends Mack Long be elected to the State Board of Directors.

(Up for election) Alternate for 1 Year Position - Recommendation - Laura Nelson or Scott Kiser

State Directors may serve in 3 consecutive 2 year terms. Alternate may serve an unlimited amount of 1 year terms.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact one of our committee members.

Laura Nelson 544-8809 or Dennese Schauss 883-5876

Thank you Committee members for your dedication.

The following is excerpted from Mission Valley BCH Constitution.

Article VIII Elections

Section 1. All officers and directors shall be elected by a majority vote at the regularly scheduled meeting and their term of office shall be the calendar year next following the date of such election.

Section 2. Directors vacancies will be filled by two (2) year terms with the five (5) vacancies occurring one year and five (5) the following year.

Section 3. No officer shall hold the same office for more than three consecutive terms. There shall be no limit for service by directors.

Section 4. A nominating committee of three officers who have served at least one year shall be appointed by the current president on month prior to regular election of officers.

Section 5. The purpose of the nominating committee shall be to provide a list of suitable candidates for this organization's Officers and Directors to the membership. Nominations for officers and directors may also be provided by the membership from the floor, prior to election.

Section 6. State Board Directors from MVBVH will consist of two (2) directors and one (1) alternate director. Terms will run for 2 years and no director shall serve for more than 3 consecutive terms. Alternates will be elected annually. State Board Directors are elected every other year. If a director cannot complete a term, the alternate will complete it and a new alternate will be elected by the MVBCH Board.

If you would like a copy of the complete Constitution, please contact any Officer or Board Member.

Mission Valley B.C.H. follows

Robert's Rules of Order as to how to hold meetings, generate discussion in an orderly fashion and for guidance during elections.

? Learn more? or contact Connie Plaissy 644-5001.

<http://robertsrules.com/>



How a nomination is made from the floor during an election??????

“The following information is excerpted from Robert's Rules of Order and is a **example** of procedure.” During the meeting, the current President will begin the elections.....

The Nominating Committee Chair delivers report....

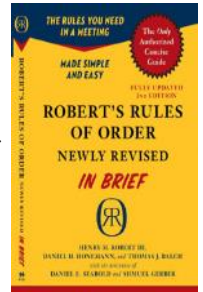
President: The nominating committee nominates Judy Smith for president, Dave Jones for vice president, Ricky Shores for secretary, and Sarah Thomas for treasurer. Nominations are now open from the floor. Are there any further nominations for president?

Nominations from the Floor

As soon as the president opens nominations from the floor, any member can bring forth a nomination. However, the rules for a member nominating a candidate are the same as for the nominating committee. A member should know beforehand if the person he or she wishes to nominate is both eligible and willing to serve. When the nomination is from the floor:

- A member does not have to get recognition, and often in small assemblies, a member can call out a name while still seated.
- A person can nominate himself or herself.
- A nomination does not need a second.

- A member can be nominated for more than one office.
- A member can't nominate more than one person for an office until everyone has had the opportunity to make nominations.
- Nominees do not have to leave the room during the nominations, when the vote is taken, or when the vote is counted.
- The presiding officer can continue presiding, even if he or she is one of the nominees for the office.
- A member can rise and decline the nomination during the nominating process.
- After each nomination, the president repeats the name to the assembly. For example, the president says: President: Tom Ford, for president. Are there further nominations for president?
- A motion to close nominations is usually not necessary unless it is apparent that members are nominating people just to honor them, and that the nominees have no intention of serving.
- Usually the president closes nominations when no further nominations come forward from the assembly.
- If at any time during the nominating process a member realizes that he or she will be unable to serve if elected, the member should stand and request that his or her name be removed from nomination. Removing your name during the nomination process is better than waiting until after you are elected.



I accept your nomination!



Mile Marker 12 Is Clean Again

For many years Mission Valley Back Country Horsemen members have met at Mile Marker 12 twice a year to clean a two mile stretch of Highway 35 on the East Shore of Flathead Lake. It would not be too farfetched to describe this part of Highway 35 as one of the most beautiful byways in Western Montana. Perched high above Flathead Lake, the vistas are beautiful from almost any direction. This community cleanup project is performed twice a year, in October and April and is currently headed up by Susan Hahn. Our most recent cleanup was conducted on a beautiful October 22 afternoon, after which the cleanup crew had dinner at 4 B's Café. The cleanup crew included Carl and Dennese Shauss, Hugh and Sue Henderson, Pete and Candy Weimer, Charley and Susan Hahn, and guest George Ross. Mark your calendars and join us at Mile Marker 12 for the spring cleanup on April 21, 2016 at 5:30 pm.



L-R: Candy , Pete, Charley, Hugh Scott H, Sue H. Carl, Dennese and Susan.

Submitted by Charley Hahn

General Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2015 VFW Hall Ronan

Meeting called to order by Dennese Schauss

Pledge of Allegiance led by Dennese

Guests: Mary & Dave Vega (do Hope I have this right)

New Members – Dr. Mike Righetti & Carlene Moes

- **General Meeting Program** – History of the Back Country Horseman presented by Connie Long, chairperson of our own BCH MT. Thanks Connie!!!!!! I thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and honestly learned a lot. BCH was started in Montana with the Flathead Chapter in 1973. The passage of the Wilderness Act was the driving force behind all of this. By 1979 BCH had 3 states – MT, ID, & WA. The First major project in the wilderness was the Salmon Fork Bridge. It was going to be abandoned because the FS did not have the funds or the man power to repair. That is where our organization comes in. The Salmon Fork Bridge is still in use too day. *The point that I personally want to make – BCH started in Montana and is now a national organization that encompasses 27 states from coast to coast. The state chapters are the backbone to this organization in doing the work. We have a good voice at both the state level and the National level, allowing members of the individual chapters to do what we love to do. It is an Organization that I am proud to be a part of. Connie – Thank you!!
- **Secretaries Report** – Laura Nelson
- No changes or corrections to the October General meeting minutes. Corrections to the Board meeting dates for both November & December. You will find those corrections in the Schedule of events that go out with the minutes. Hugh Henderson made the motion to accept the minutes as sent out, 2nd by Louis Polinsky Motion Accepted & Passed
- **Treasures Report** – Charley Hahn Charley reviewed the financial report. Request permission to pay the bills and State dues. State dues will be for 14 Singles and 24 families, VFW rent for both General and Board meetings, Food bank Donations 150.00 for each Polson, Ronan, & St Ignatius. Have not received the Forest Service Payment for this year's trail work yet. Hugh Henderson made the motion to pay the bills, 2nd by David Crawford
- **Highway Cleanup** – Susan Hahn, 10 members participated in this event picking up about 6-8 bags of trash. Everyone met at the 4B's afterward. Good Job and of course good company! Next highway cleanup will be in April 2016.
- **Question and Answer Clinic** - This was held at the Hahn Residence with Carl Schauss teaching it. We covered saddle fitting, Bits to a certain degree, getting your horse to move and stand where you want it, Spanish hobbles, to name a few. There were 14 members that participated in this event. I thought it was awesome!
- **Trail Heads** – Carl Schauss - Carl has been looking into some alternate trailheads for Day Rides. He is looking in the Swan area. Most of what he has looked at so far has a lake about 5-7 miles in for those of you that would be interested in doing some Fishing.
- **Dave Crawford Presented The Bear Creek Trail head** as a work Project. This is in the Metcalf Wilderness down by Ennis. He will be talking to Gordon Nash the Ranger down there.
- **Parking** – Marie Hall - Marie and Connie are addressing the parking with the Pioneer Rodeo Committee. Nothing to Report
- **Poker Ride** - This is being held at the Jette Trailhead November 14-2015, Ride Starts at 10:00am. Bring a light lunch and some hot Coffee or Chocolate, Afterwards we just might meet for some food! Yeah we can't do without that!
- **Newsletter**- We discussed getting one out by December
- **Board Meeting**-Starting in November the Board Meeting will be held at the VFW hall in Ronan. This was approved at the October board meeting and subject to availability.
- **Member-Ship Drawing** – Marie Hall- Doria Murphy was the winner of \$5.00 – not present. Next month will be \$10.00
- **50/50 drawing** – Carol McCrumm, Carl Schauss was the winner – not sure how much he won. In any event Dennese is holding it!
- **Meeting Adjourned** – Unanimous Laura Nelson - Secretary

Please note, the above minutes are **Draft**, subject to approval or revision at the next General Meeting to be held December 1, 2015. Any corrections or additions will be made at that time.

MISSION STATEMENT OF MISSION VALLEY BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in Montana's road less backcountry and
- to assist the various government agencies in their maintenance and management of said resources and
- to educate, encourage and solicit active participation by various members of the general public in the wise and sustainable use of horses and people, commensurate with our heritage and backcountry's resources, and
- to work with and abide by Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribal regulations and permits.

"Quoted from the MVBCH Club By-Laws, adopted 01/31/05"

Day in the Woods - October 10, 2015

On Saturday, October 10th, Hugh and Sue Henderson hosted a Fun Day in the Woods. This horse/people friendly obstacle course was situated in Henderson's woods, and involved a great deal of creativity, and hard work. The weather was perfect! Ten people helped with the setup. There were 19 riders and 26 people for pot luck. There was a series of 20 challenges or more. Riders could do them all, or pick and choose. The course began with commonly found trail obstacles, beginning with a wooden bridge. For some of us, this was a routine matter. However, for some riders this was a great learning opportunity for their horses and could pay off dividends in future trail riding. Another great challenge along this course was the dreaded BACKPAKER!!! Big, looming backpacks have sent fear through many an equine heart while sending the unprepared rider to the ground. In the past, we spent hours lurking around trees with backpacks and took turns riding nervous horses past the "monster". You never know how narrow the trail may be when backpackers are coming around the bend! Of particular interest, was the variety of challenges. Some addressed traditional fears, such as backpackers and bridges, while other challenges focused on noises and physical feats. Ringing the bell and lifting a clanking bag of who-knows-what made some horses understandably nervous. The neat thing about Fun in The Woods was that you could take as much time as you wanted, or needed, to desensitize your horse. Eventually, the clanking and ringing becomes a non-issue. This course was truly fun! One station had an elevated garden hose that zig-zagged across the trail. That looked daunting. Then there were the tires! My horse and I were a bit doubtful about those. Into play, came another great feature of Fun in The Woods, support and help from BCH members! Don, of Don's Mustangs, rode his mustang calmly through the tires, so Nate, my 9 year old Foxtrotter, followed him. Then we did it again, and again. Two other challenges that were fun to watch were the Wall of Death and Pull the Post. Most horses haven't had to ride thru moving strips of tarp and were naturally cautious. Leroy Dumontier offered me post pulling advice; back up and drag the post toward you before dragging it behind you. We tried it and it worked. Thank you Leroy! A special family scene that we both enjoyed was watching Scott and Bonnie Kiser getting a workout leading their 3 year old granddaughter Sarah on a 28 year old mule named Rosie. According to little Sarah she was mounted on a "really fast, black horse" (run, Bonnie, run), and we are willing to bet that Sarah and her fire-snorting, steed aced this course. The grand finale was cowboy polo, an opportunity to hit balls with a broom in a small arena. This involved multiple skills and would take more than a few minutes to become competent. Once again, Leroy wowed us with his Chevy horse. He raced around the small arena and wacked that ball from one side to another. We could see that he had definitely done this more than once! Fun in The Woods ended with a delicious potluck, friends sharing with friends. This was an educational event for horse and rider. This was a safe environment to learn more about what your horse can, and cannot do, and there were experienced folks to give support and ideas.



Kent and Charlene Krone



Dennese Schauss & Sue Henderson



Leroy Dumontier- Cowboy Polo



Sarah and Rosie go thru the 'Wall of Death'



Mack and Connie Long sharing Horseback Cowboy Polo with their grandchildren.



Bonnie & Scott's granddaughter leading Rosie



Leroy and the Krones try the bridge.



Charley Hahn

This was a tremendous service performed by the Mission Valley BCH.
Thank you for a fun day!
Kent and Charlene Krone

Question & Answer Clinic October 24-2015

Led by Carl Schauss at the Hahn Residence



Carl demonstrates fitting a britchin and crouper.

This event was just what it called – Questions and Answers. There was no set agenda, you had a question and it was answered by Carl with input from everyone attending. It was informal but I tell you what, it was educational. I liked it because of the different avenues seen for solving a problem and all of them appear to work. Some work better than others but that is why we did this. Learn to get your horse or mule to do what you want it to do when you ask. Carl demonstrated the importance of good ground work in his mule, and how that is important in moving forward to riding or packing. It is also very important in teaching trust and taking out the Buck!!!

We reviewed simple things like getting your horse positioned next to a mounting block and staying there while you got on, not heading for the next county with you standing behind or with one foot in the stirrup. How to fit a saddle was a hot topic. Where the bars should ride on the animal & how the saddle pad can be used to help fit what you have and when it won't. We touched base on bits, sacking out your stock, desensitizing your stock to different stimuli and Spanish hobbling. Yes you can use a rope halter for Spanish halters.

We tend to take for granted what we know and how our stock responds to us. This little reminder – if that is what you want to call it – helps bring us back to the basics and reminds us that we can always learn something new or just jog our memory on things that will make training easier and safer for both us and the animals that love.

I want to THANK Charley Hahn for hosting the event and Carl Schauss for all of his input and training techniques. Sue Henderson provided a horse, Carl had a young mule there and Dennese had April. The weather was good, little chilly, but good! We had about 15 members present for this event and yes, we all had something to share at some point in time! Charley provide hot beverages and we had the treats! All in all a good day and as always good company with members and friends!

Submitted by Laura Nelson

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On 10/24 we got together at Charlie and Susan Hahn's. Henderson's brought a horse and Schauss brought a mule and a very large horse. All 3 animals were put to use so people could do hands or see an example on tack use and/or fit. Once everyone was fortified with coffee and treats it



How to fit a bit to your horse or mule.

was question time. Some of the questions addressed were saddle fit, teaching an animal to get into the right position to use a mounting block or any other mounting device plus questions of different bits. Any question that was asked was answered usually by more than one person. It became apparent that each question had more than one correct answer. Everyone had a good time and learn something new or different, therefore, we are hoping to have another Q & A session in the near future.

*Submitted by Marie Hall*

*(Editor note: Thank you to Laura and Marie for your submissions.)*



Carol and Marie watch as Carl helps Sue maneuver her horse up to a mounting block.



### General Meeting October 6, 2015 Back Country Safety Presentation Oktoberfest Pot-luck

Our speaker for the evening was Dr. Michael Righetti, MD and member Mission Valley BCH. He presented a very informative talk on Back Country Medicine for ourselves and our horses. After the talk he distributed goodie bags donated by Providence Health & Services of Western Montana.

Dinner this year consisted of Baked Ham, potatoes, with lots of really good side dishes, and as always, wonderful desserts, all non—fattening, of course. Thanks again to Dr. Righetti and everyone who contributed to our dinner. See you next year.



# Mission Valley BCH ACTIVITIES!

Plans are subject to change, please call for details prior to the event.



|                    |          |         |                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------------|----------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>December 1</b>  | Tuesday  | 7:30 PM | <b>General Meeting</b> , Ronan VFW Clubhouse<br>Round Butte Rd. <b>Election of officers for 2015 Year</b>                               |
| <b>December 5</b>  | Saturday | 10 AM   | <b>State BCH Meeting Missoula</b><br><b>Contact Scott Kiser 883-2186 or David Crawford 675-4293</b>                                     |
| <b>December 12</b> | Saturday | 6:00 PM | <b>MVBCH Christmas Party Potluck and Secret Surprise Gift Exchange</b> at Susan and Charley Hahn's home<br>Contact: Susan Hahn 883-6750 |
| <b>December 14</b> | Tuesday  | 7:30 PM | <b>Board Meeting</b> Ronan VFW Clubhouse, Rnd Butte Rd.                                                                                 |
| <b>January 5</b>   | Tuesday  | 7:30 PM | <b>General Meeting</b> , Ronan VFW Clubhouse, Rnd Butte Rd.                                                                             |

## Mission Valley BCH Annual Poker Ride - *We ride every year rain, snow or shine....*



L-R: Carl & Dennese Schauss, Sherry & Scott Hopper, Scott & Bonnie Kiser and Rick Weiss  
Photo taken by Charley Hahn

We held our Annual Poker Ride on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. We met at the Jette Trailhead on what promised to be a chilly day. The ride started with Scott Kiser dealing us each the first of 5 cards. We headed up the trail at 10am. Thanks to Rick Weiss for guiding us along an unfamiliar route in Jette. Good to explore a new trail. We practiced leaving a place better than we found it by picking up and packing out trash left behind by others. Every little bit of Leaving No Trace we practice does make a difference. Even if only because we KNOW we helped. Every so often we would stop the ride and draw another card. We could trade cards back and forth after each draw but once the last card was drawn there was no more trading. Pretty common on this ride to hear, "Hey, what card do you have?". Just as often the reply is, "What do YOU have????". Prizes were awarded for high and low hand. I won high hand with 4 of a kind for a bag of candy and Charley Hahn won low hand for a prize of insulated gloves that he quickly gifted to Carl Schauss. This year the weather gave a bit of a threat but once we were on the trail it was really a good day for a good ride with good friends. See you next year.

*Submitted by Bonnie Kiser*

# Connie's Convention Corral \*2017\*

Well here's a bit of a heads up on OUR convention. We will be hosting the 2017 convention here in Polson. It is on March 24, 25, and the 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be having it at The Red Lion Inn. It might seem like a long ways off but it is happening and time will move fast. We have to get vendors, programs, and entertainment. Also we will need "CLUB Apparel" something to set our members aside (like shirts, vests etc.).

So far we have a small group of involved members to start with. Scott Kiser, Charlie Hahn, Laura Nelson and yours truly. We kept it small so that we could move on certain main points. Such as the hotel location, possible need of a large tent, and of course "Costs". Please don't feel neglected! There are more workers needed than I can count. The areas that are of the greatest importance now are arriving at costs and sale of vendor space. I will be going to the State Board meeting to get some ideas on these subjects. They will be giving out the 2016 convention packets. This will give us some input as to costs and sales.

Just start thinking of how you can jump in and help. Just a few thoughts!!!! We need registration people at the desk for the 3 days, we need silent auction clerks, we have to have raffle items, we need.....OH MY we need a lot of help. I will be back after the State Board meeting with more information. Laura Nelson and I will make sure our e-mail lists are correct and up to date..."You Will be receiving updates from our team via e-mail from "Connie's Corral" Meetings will be set up and I feel it will run like clockwork (We need everyone's help" ).

Please know this is an all hands on deck type of show. Any questions just let me know.



Connie Plaissay accepting the honor of convention..... Last time \* Convention 2006\*

*Here to serve, Connie Plaissay*



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
MISSION VALLEY BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN  
P.O. BOX 604, RONAN, MT 59864



Mission Valley Back Country Horsemen  
www.bchmt.org

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

If applying for family membership, please list children under 18:  
\_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

~~~~~ MEMBERSHIP DUES ~~~~~  
_____ FAMILY \$40 /YEAR or _____ SINGLE \$25 /YEAR
Membership is renewed on a calendar year basis expiring on December 31st.

PLEASE READ!

Serious injury or even death can result from horse riding and related activities. There are risks inherent in equine activities, and these dangers, or conditions that are an integral part of equine activities include, but are to limited to;

- The propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm to, or death of person on or around the equine.
- The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as medication, sound, sudden movement and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals.
- Hazards, such as surface and subsurface ground conditions.
- Collisions with other equines or other objects.
- The potential of another participant to not maintain control over the equine, or to not act within the person's ability.

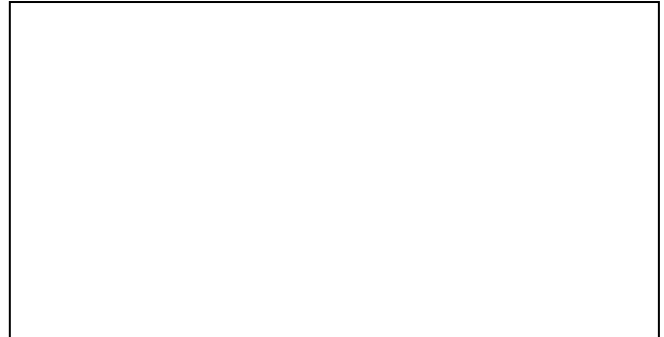
Participants in any activity shall act in a safe and responsible manner at all times to avoid injury to themselves and others, and shall be aware of the risks inherent in equine activities.

THE MISSION VALLEY BACK COUNTRY HORSMEN SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INJURY TO, OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT AS A RESULT OF THEIR VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION IN ANY SPONSORED ACTIVITY.

I certify that I have read and understand the above notice.

Signature Date Signature Date

Mission Valley Back Country Horsemen
P.O. Box 604
Ronan, MT 59864



**Reminder: Please renew your annual membership.
Membership renews for everyone effective January 1st.**

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**Interested in horses in the Back Country??
Join us at the Next General Meeting.**

**General Meetings, 7:30 pm * 1st Tuesday of the Month
VFW Club in Ronan
Contact: Marie Hall: 676-0231**