

Mission Statement:

Our purpose is to perpetuate the common sense use of horses in America's back country, wilderness and roadless areas; to assist various government and private agencies in their maintenance of said resources; to work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use; and to educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise and sustaining use of the back country resources by horsemen and pack stock.



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SUMMER BREAK- No Meetings until fall



President's Note – As usual, members of the SPWBCH started off the year with Blodgett trail clearing on National Trails Day. No leisurely trail riding for this hard working group. Thanks so much to those who toiled in the hot sun all day long. They, along with other members enjoyed a ready cooked meal and cold drinks at their return off the mountain. As I write this note today, the weather has changed and I kicked in my heater this a.m. Such is life in Montana and those of us who live here wouldn't have it any other way.

On my little acreage, I'm fortunate to see fawns, baby moose, goslings and all that nature offers us. I forget that there is another way of life, along with how and where people live. With the senseless violent acts recently in other parts of the U.S., I have to remember to count my blessings to be able to live in such a beautiful valley where I sincerely believe that mankind is still good at heart and respectful to one another.

That said, so begins another year of hard work, friends working side by side, camaraderie and memory making. The project list is in the newsletter. If you aren't on the list and want to be, contact the project leader. Ride safe and have a great summer.



Health & Training



DUTCH OVEN RECIPE



Dutch Oven Enchilada Casserole

Ingredients:

- 1 Bag Doritos, save 2 cups for casserole topping
- 2 Tbsp. onion, chopped
- 1 10 oz. can chili with beans
- 1 10 oz. can enchilada sauce
- 1 8 oz. can tomato sauce
- 1½ cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese

Topping:

- 2 cups Doritos
- ½ cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup sour cream

1. Lightly oil or spray Dutch oven. You can also line with tin foil and coat with non-stick spray. Reserve 2 cups of Doritos from bag for topping. Crumble remaining 6 cups Doritos into a large mixing bowl.
2. Add the onion, can of chili, enchilada sauce, tomato sauce and 1½ cups Cheddar.
3. Stir with a rubber spatula to combine; pour mixture into prepared Dutch oven.
4. Bake at around 375 degrees (20 on lid and 6 underneath) for 20 minutes or until cheese has melted and mixture is bubbling. Remove lid from Dutch oven.
5. Spread sour cream over the top of the casserole with large spoon or spatula. Top with remaining 2 cups of uncrushed Doritos; sprinkle with remaining ½ cup Cheddar cheese.
6. Cover with lid and bake for 5 minutes or until cheese has melted. (Serves 4)

Start Your Colt in a Hackamore



I start all of my colts in a hackamore, and continue to ride them in a hackamore for their first 10 to 15 rides because it gives them a chance to

learn how to give and soften to pressure while I'm up on their backs without having to deal with a bit just yet. It also allows a smooth transition for a colt going from responding to a halter on the ground to responding to the same type of pressure under saddle. My theory is: The softer you can get a horse in a hackamore, the softer he'll be in the bridle.

The hackamore is also more forgiving and allows for mistakes on the rider's part. In the early stages of riding, especially for more inexperienced riders, you don't want to haul on the colt's mouth or pull when you shouldn't be pulling. If the horse is wearing a hackamore and you accidentally pull when you're not supposed to, you're not going to damage his mouth.

~Clinton Anderson~



HORSE WEIGHT CALCULATOR LINK

<http://www.thehorse.com/article:adult-horse-weight-calculator>



~Interest Story~

Reprint from Pro Rodeo Sports July 12, 2008
by Johnna Espinoza

Hidden gem: 1959 Bucking Horse of the Year "Trail's End" was previously a packhorse



He was destined by birth and circumstance to be a workhorse, but he became a rodeo star. This is the story of Trail's End.

A shepherd, wanting a saddle horse, sent him away to become a packhorse because he could not be broke to ride. The horse refused a saddle or an adult, but he let a young boy sit on his back. Missoula stock contractor Oral Zumwalt discovered the gelding in 1958. He paid \$125 and a rodeo ticket for the horse who became a powerful bucker when the spotlight was on him, but was easy-going and affectionate after the whistle blew.

Trail's End lacked prestigious bloodlines, but rose to the sport's highest stage. He was suited for the rodeo arena, not hauling a load, and once he got the chance to buck, he made the most of it.

The story of the famed saddle bronc and bareback horse Trail's End should be told, according to Teresa King of Coulee City, Wash., who nominated him for the ProRodeo Hall of Fame as a tribute to the horse and to her father-in-law Bud King, a former owner of Big Bend Rodeo Company in Washington.

"Trail's touched a lot of people's lives - from Big Bend Rodeo Company families, to the cowboys who competed on him, to the rodeo fans who cheered him on," she said.

Trail's End was owned by Zumwalt from 1958 until Zumwalt's death in 1964. Bud King and his Big Bend Rodeo Company partners Ed Ring and Bill Hutsell purchased the horse in 1964 for \$4,400, which was reportedly the highest price paid at the time for a bucking horse in the Rodeo Cowboys Association (RCA). Bud King, of Odessa, Wash., later became the sole owner of Big Bend Rodeo Company and owned Trail's End until the horse's death on Feb. 11, 1980, at the age of 28.



Trail's End was selected RCA Bucking Horse of the Year in 1959. He earned 11 trips to the National Finals Rodeo from 1959 to 1971 and was named best saddle bronc at the NFR in 1960 and 1961.

"In great horses and in great people, it's the desire to do it, and he was a real athlete, that horse," said Shawn Davis, three-time world champion saddle bronc rider and general manager of the Wrangler NFR.

Trail's End was admired by many, but was especially close to Zumwalt, Bud King and caretaker George Williams, who looked after the horse in Oklahoma in the last four years of his life.

Trail's End will be inducted into the ProRodeo Hall of Fame on Saturday in Colorado Springs, Colo., where he will be represented by Bud and Geraldine King. It will be a

proud moment for those familiar with the legendary horse who made bucking an art form.

"He would get in the air, and it was like a painted picture. He spent that much time in the air," said Davis, who rode the horse in his prime bucking years and again later in his career.

Trail's End's appeal goes beyond his magnificent ability. The twists and turns on his way to greatness drew Teresa King to his story. During a Washington winter, she came to know Trail's End through photographs, letters and scrapbooks.

"My father-in-law gave me the old rodeo photo albums, and I started going through them and organizing each animal by name," she said. "Trail's story just kept coming back to me again and again."

The horse who became Trail's End was born in the Bitterroot Valley on the Walter Sutley Ranch and was originally named Dexter, after the Dexter packsaddle. (**See footnote) Sutley gave the horse to shepherd Selman Eldridge of Victor because Dexter could not be broke to ride.

Eldridge also could not turn Dexter into a saddle horse, so he sent the horse to the Pierre family, who lived in Arlee, on the Flathead Indian Reservation. The family used Dexter to haul Christmas trees and for other tasks. One fall, Dexter got away with a pack on his back and was not caught until the spring, according to King. He carried scars on his back from wearing the pack the rest of his life. He never again submitted to being packed and would buck when ridden.

Dexter later went back to Eldridge's place, where he was spotted by a father and son who told Eldridge he should sell the horse to Zumwalt as a bucking horse.

Reaching the National Finals Rodeo seemed impossible for a descendent of a stud range horse, but Zumwalt unearthed the precious gem. The tremendous skill and power of the chunky sorrel resulted in "the end of the trail" for many cowboys, so Zumwalt changed the horse's name to Trail's End, and a professional bucking career was born.

Trail's End took to rodeo like a fish to water, as if he were making up for lost time. He began his rodeo career in 1958, and in 1959 the Zumwalt Rodeo Company standout, then 8 years old, was selected as the Bucking Horse of the Year.

Some of the sport's top cowboys matched skills with Trail's End, including six-time world champion saddle bronc rider Casey Tibbs and Larry Mahan, a six-time world all-around champion.

Cowboys remember Trail's End fondly and vividly nearly 30 years later. "He was awfully fast," said former RCA saddle bronc rider Wes Mapston of Arlee. "He was so snappy. If you got out of time with him, he had you."

Trail's End was featured in numerous magazines during his pro career, including Life magazine in 1960. Trail's End was retired from rodeo competition in 1973. However, he made an appearance at the 1976 National Finals Rodeo in Oklahoma City, Okla. The champion bucking horse, led around the arena by Williams, received a standing ovation, and looked right at home in the spotlight. "Everyone was grinning from ear to ear," Williams said in an interview about that night. "It was the highlight of the performance."

Johnna Espinoza, a former Missoulian reporter, works for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

**They probably meant to write Decker vs. Dexter?



Trail's End at King Ranch & Arena, Coulee City, WA – July 1976

SPWBCH 2016 Summer Projects



#1. Blodgett: June 4 (National Trails Day)
Trailmaster-Kathy Hundley **(Complete)**

#2. Sawtooth: Dates to be determined
Trailmaster-Bruce Scott

#3. High Lake Pack Support: In-July 14 & Out-July 17
Trailmaster-Bruce Scott

#4. Watchtower: July 22 & 23 Annual
campout/logging/brushing
Trailmaster- Kathy Hundley/Terry Reed

#5. South Fork Lost Horse: July 30 Logging
Trailmaster-Joe Hundley

#6. South Fork Big Creek Pack Support: In July 31 & Out August 6
Trailmaster-Bruce Scott

#7. South Fork Bear Creek: September 18
Logging
Trailmaster-Duane Krowen

National Park Service Celebrates 100th Anniversary!

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The Back Country Horsemen of America entered into an agreement with Special Edition Publications to purchase a full page, four color ad for the May 9th, USA Today's 2016 Salute to National Parks System Centennial Commemorative. The magazine will go on sale across the United States and USA Today expects to sell in excess of 500,000 copies over the 2 ½ months the publication will be on the newsstands. In addition, 10 million downloads will be sent to such organizations as the World Wild Life Foundation and the Student Conservation Association and others.

State Director's Meeting Highlights

Deer Lodge-Saturday, May 21
Attended by Kathy Hundley/Julie Schram/Trish Foster
SPWBCH State Directors

BCHA: John Chepulis, BCHM National Director: Association Resources group replacing BCHA Secretary, Peg Griewe; BCHA only group to represent horse use in Washington DC
RTP Grant: Next draw July 2016; BCHMT will reapply in 2017

Saw Policy: All chapters will be required to certify sawyers in 2017 including CCSA chapters
New Volunteer \$\$ wages: Basic Work-\$23.56/hr; Skilled Labor-\$35.34/hr; Mileage-\$.90/mile; Stock Hauling-\$1.10/mile; Stock Day Use \$100/day; Equipment-\$81

FS Budget: Region 1 budget made whole for 2016/allocation model on hold with help from MT officials and BCHMT

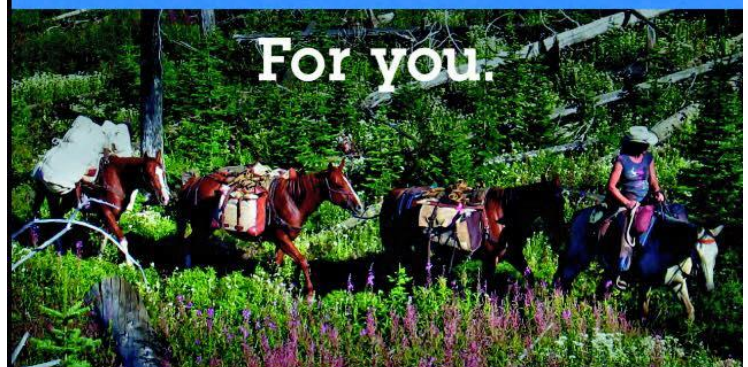
Regional Forester Pack Trip: June 22-23/Potluck at Monture June 21 6:30pm

Educational CCSA Agreement between FS and BCHMT for \$10,000

*****For a complete review of all information given at the State Director's Meeting check your emails- Draft BCHM meeting minutes have been mailed to all members.*****



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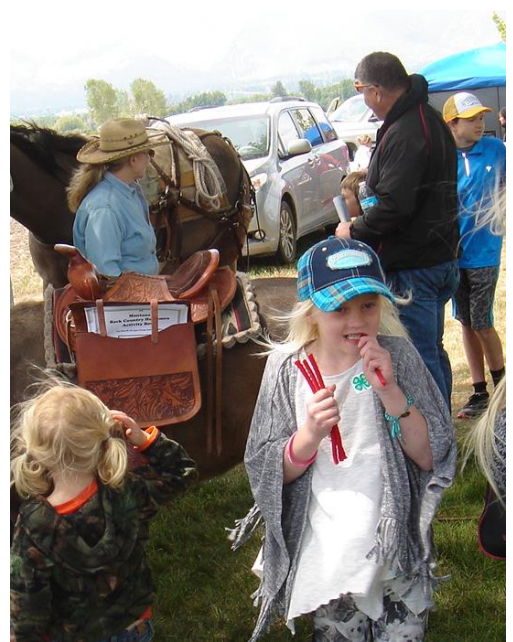
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**TELLER YOUTH
CONSERVATION &
EDUCATION EXPO**

May 14, 2016

SPWBCH members, along with Gus and pony Gingerbread, spent the day demonstrating packing, tying knots and playing Scats & Tracks, with a peach Dutch oven cobbler for snacks! The Bitterroot National Forest gave students a taste of pulling the “misery whip”.



MT Mule Days Packing Demo

June 11-Ravalli Co Fairgrounds

Approximately 30 Mule Day's fans gathered for the packing demo in which SPWBCH Kylie Rhoades demonstrated her mantying skills and retired Forest Service mule "Reba" made her social debut! Duane & Maxine Krownen, Gary Peters, Renita & Kylie Rhoades and Joe & Kathy Hundley (and Missy Gray Mule & Reba) all pitched in to entertain and demonstrate the fun and skills of horse and mule packing.



When you're young and you fall off a horse, you may break something. When you're my age, you splatter. ~Roy Rogers



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SPWBCH Bits and Spurs will now be printed quarterly.



Please help make our newsletter interesting, fun and informative by sending in articles, stories and photos! We love to read about your horses, mules, dogs, pack trips, campouts, hunting trips and good 'ole horse & mule sense! Trail history and updates are great too! Please send articles, news, pictures or horse/mule/back-country-related classifieds in to me for the quarterly newsletter at any time! Send to Kathy Hundley: 3448 Wright Way, Darby, MT 59829; prefer by e-mail: montanakath@yahoo.com

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Horses Have Incredible Long Term Memories: Researchers believe that horses can keep memories for around 10 years without needing to experience it again. More impressively is how easy a horse can shift a memory from short term to long term, especially if it's something that scared them.





**National Trails Day-Blodgett
June 4**

SPWBCH members Bob Driggers, Bruce Scott, Betsy Hepburn-Day, Karen Hedges, Joe & Kathy Hundley, Gail Shulund, Duane Krown and Tom Mannat (and friend Annie) cleared approx. 150 trees trying to reach 7 mile meadow. Downfall was extensive and difficult to clear. One 13” downed tree lay in the trail tread and had to be cut 15” in order to roll with peaveys uphill and out of the trail. Back at the trailhead they were treated to a dinner served up by Linda Habeck and helpers.





PACK CLINIC-Featuring Smoke Elser
April 17-CMAX Stables
Approximately 120 SPWBCH members and guests enjoyed a day “packed” full of fun, stories and skills from the legendary Smoke Elser. Blue skies, cool weather and a tasty BBQ pulled pork luncheon completed the amazing day!!