

## 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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## DOUBLE EDITION NEWSLETTER!

### NEXT MEETING

**Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018**  
**Hamilton Forest Service**  
**Board Meeting @ 5:30**  
**General Meeting @ 6:00**



**President's Note** – As your Vice President, I will be stepping up as President until the end of the year due to Christy Bennett's resignation to take a job in the Selway at the Running Creek Ranch. She and her husband Jarrett are the new ranch managers. We wish them luck on this new opportunity and adventure that they could not turn down!

It has been a busy summer for all I'm sure! I look forward to catching up at our first fall meeting in September. I apologize for not getting the June newsletter out. It seems like I could never get caught up!

I would still like to pick a day when we can make another push into Sawtooth canyon with chainsaws and see if we can log out to the wilderness boundary. If all goes well we could even consider clearing to the crossing at 5 miles. Now that the BCHMT RTP grant funds have been approved, all work we do will be reimbursable.

The fall colors are just beginning, bringing some of the best riding in the mountains. I hope you all can get out and enjoy them!

Happy Trails, *Kathy Hundley*



## Health & Training



### **DON'T HESITATE TO GET OFF**

If you're on the trail and your horse is reacting badly about going over an obstacle and you feel unsafe, don't hesitate to get off him and send him over it from the ground. Dismounting is not a "cop out." It doesn't mean that you are letting the horse get away with disrespectful behavior. Rather, it puts you in a position to see to it that the horse navigates what's in his path, and it keeps both of you safe.



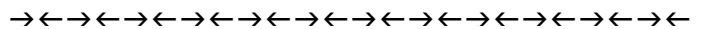
When I apprenticed with Ian Francis, he told me: "There are a lot of heroes in the graveyard." Too many people try to play the hero by riding a disrespectful or fearful horse through a situation, and they end up getting bucked off. They break their necks and die because they didn't use their heads. There's no shame in getting off the horse and working through his fear or disrespect on the ground, especially if it puts you in a safer position. You can move the horse's feet forward, backwards, left and right on the ground just as well as you can from his back. A lot of people are under the impression that you should never get off a horse when you run into trouble because the horse will get away with his bad behavior and think that he won. The horse only "wins" if you get off and put him away, not if you get

off and hustle his feet forwards, backwards, left and right.

Personally, I would much rather solve a problem on the ground than be in the saddle wishing I were on the ground. Once you have the horse confidently going over the obstacle from the ground, you can get back in the saddle and ask him to step over it. You only have one body, and you need to take care of it.

Keep in mind that the better prepared you are with groundwork and the more obstacles you've introduced to your horse at home, the better your trail ride will go. When you come across something that you're having trouble with, you have another way of communicating with the horse and showing him that he can trust you. You're not there to put him in any danger, or in any trouble. You're there to help lead him and build his confidence.

*Clinton Anderson*



## **~CAMPFIRE COOKING ~**

### **Angels on Horseback**

#### LUNCH

Ingredients:

- 1 pkg. hot dogs & buns
- 12 oz. uncooked bacon
- cheese
- toothpicks



Split hot dogs without going the whole way through. Tear strips of cheese and tuck into the slit. Wrap entire hot dog with a slice of bacon and fasten with toothpicks. Roast over an open flame until bacon is crispy and hot dog is heated through.

## ~CAMPFIRE COOKING ~

### Chocolate-Peanut Butter Wraps

DESSERT



Ingredients:

- ½ cup creamy peanut butter
- 4 (8-inch) flour tortillas
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- ½ cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips

Spread 2 tablespoons of peanut butter on each tortilla. Sprinkle ¼ cup of marshmallows and 2 tablespoons of chocolate chips on half of each tortilla. Roll up, beginning with the topping side. Wrap each tortilla in heavy-duty foil; seal tightly. Grill, covered, over low heat for 5-10 minutes or until heated through. Unwrap and enjoy!

### Apple Pie on a Stick

DESSERT



Ingredients:

- 1 Jonathan or Rome apple per person
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 Tablespoon cinnamon

Push a stick or dowel through the apple top until the apple is secure on the stick. Place the apple 2 or 3 inches above the hot coals and turn the apple while roasting it. As the apple cooks, the skin browns and the juice drips out. When the skin is loose, remove the apple from the fire (but leave on stick). Peel the hot skin off very carefully. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Roll the apple in the mixture, then return to roast over the coals, letting the mixture heat to form a glaze around the apple. Remove and cool.

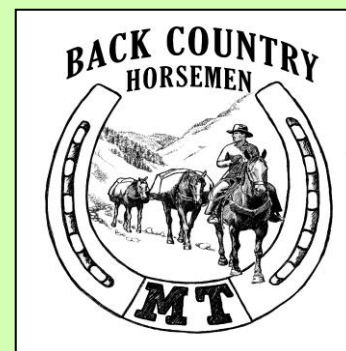
#### 2018 BCHMT Officers

**Chairman**-Rich Carl  
**Vice Chairman**- Sherri Lionberger  
**Treasurer**-Dan Marsh  
**Secretary**-Keni Hopkins  
**National Directors**: Mark Himmel/Mack Long  
**Alternate**: John Chepulis

### BCHMT State Director's Meeting Highlights

May 19, 2018

Attended by Trish Foster



1. There is about \$1800 left in the Challenge Cost Share fund provided by the Forest Service for training. This has allowed for Connie Long to train in FA/CPR and for Mark Himmel to complete saw classes.
2. National BCHA Issues
  - Still wrestling with the relationship of BCHA to the states and chapters. Should it be more top down or bottom up? How will this decision affect growth and effectiveness?
  - Should we trademark the BCHMT name? A committee was created to look at this.
  - BCHA has done well at promoting the preservation of public lands
3. The next BCHMT State Convention is March 1, in Great Falls
4. Constitution booklets are now available after the 2018 approved updates. I brought a few with me and will have them available at the next meeting.
5. Website-please consider converting to Word Press. Get a login and password from Dan Marsh. SPWBCH needs to update our site to make it compatible with others.
6. Youth Programs-neither Kathy nor Greg was available but Smoke laid out the four youth programs we are participating in this summer. Contact Kathy or Greg if you are available to help.
7. RTP-BCHMT was awarded \$90,000. This grant money is available for reimbursement to individual volunteers only. For mileage, stock and trailer use, per diem, etc. Individual reimbursement forms must be filled out by the individual and submitted on a more centralized form for the chapter. There will be a one-time draw for this grant (October, 2019). An RTP page will be developed on the state website and forms will be available soon. Funds will be available for use for projects completed after July 1 of 2018.(updated-grant was approved/signed August 7)

## BCHMT State Director's Meeting Highlights continued

8. CDT-BCHA will pursue doing a joint grant and multiple projects to maintain the CDT. If the CDT exists in your area, plan to participate. This will probably be funded by an RTP grant for 2019.
9. Regional Foresters' Pack Trip-June 6.7.8. Limited to 15 riders but dinner on the 6th is open to all who want to attend. BBCH will cook. This will occur at the North Fork Trailhead up Route 200. See the BCHMT website for details. **(update-cancelled)**
10. Joni Packard (FS) described a Distance Learning program the FS is involved in; May be partnering with National Geographic for the next segment on public lands. She asked that BCH Chapters send in project pictures to Mark Himmel.
11. The state board voted to participate in a PBS project on public lands; more info to come.
12. Next meeting: September 21, location to be determined.

*Trish Foster, SPWBCH State Director*

### 4-H Trail Horse Project 4-H Packing Project

SPWBCH sponsored both projects; Kathy Hundley-Chairman; Trail Horse-6 students; Packing-3 students

SPWBCH member Kylie Rhoades seen at right with her mom, Renita, on a 2 night pack trip at Big Lake. She won Grand Champion in 4-H Horse Packing Project Level 5 & Senior Trail Horse.

Congratulations Kylie!!



# BCHMT State Convention

Hosted by Judith Basin BCH  
Lewistown, MT~April 6-7-8, 2018

**SPWBCH Delegates:** Mike & Trish Foster, Christy Bennett, Kathy Hundley

Delegates from around the state battled a snowstorm creating high winds and treacherous roads to reach this year's convention! Saturday's lunch was a ride aboard the Charlie Russell Chew Choo Dinner Train. Guests were entertained by a train robbery complete with bandits and saloon girls...one who happened to put a big smooch on Mike Foster!! The SPWBCH auction item was a "Couples Camp Package" featuring a cowboy quilt and apron made by Terry Reed, along with essential, and some silly, camping items. The long awaited BCHMT Constitution update was finally approved. Next year's convention will be in Great Falls and hosted by the Charlie Russell BCH chapter.



# BACK COUNTRY HORSEBACK SCAVENGER HUNT



**SATURDAY, MAY 19**

**10am-2pm**

**BBQ LUNCH 2pm-3pm**

**LAKE COMO-ROCK CREEK HORSE CAMP**



Hosted by  
Selway-Pintler Wilderness  
Back Country Horsemen



Win Prizes!  
Test your detective skills!  
Join the Hunt!

For more Information and to  
Register contact Christy @ 361-  
0767 or Kathy @ 363-8230

**ADMISSION IS FREE**

- \*Register by May 12-Space is Limited
- \*Camera and/or Smartphone Required  
(Items will be photographed)
- \*Riders will receive a trail map  
and a treasure map

No Dogs, Stallions or Alcohol on Ride  
Rider Required to Sign Waiver  
Rain or Shine-Bring a Chair

The chapter hosted a spring “digital” Scavenger Hunt at Lake Como in May. Eighteen riders enjoyed the day hunting 20 items on the north ridge above Lake Como. Mike and Trish Foster volunteered to cook pork and chicken on the grill and southern pinto beans. Patty Hascall provided desserts. The event was free to the public. Winners won prizes which included a \$50 gift card to Murdochs. Some of the “tokens” are shown below. Hunters were given a map of tokens to find and could also earn bonus points by finding extra items listed on the map.

## TREASURE MAP



## BACK COUNTRY HORSEBACK SCAVENGER HUNT





**25 points**  
**Live Sighting**  
Bear  
Moose  
Elk  
White tail  
Mule Deer  
Eagle  
Hawk



**5 points**  
**Bring Back**  
Feather  
Litter  
Pine Cone  
Old Bird Nest  
Mossy Stick  
Sparkle Rock  
Berries



## So, You Want To Go On a Pack Trip? By Jennifer Ginn

That was the question my dad asked my friends and I after our year end rodeo. Everyone thought he was crazy, but we never had any doubts. Two weeks in the saddle, ten horses, three 12-year-old girls, and one loyal dog proved to be just the summer adventure we'll never forget.

After countless hours of planning, piecing together maps, borrowing and legging up horses, and collecting pack gear, the time had finally come to start our big pack trip. I've always admired my dad for his persistence and MacGyver-like ability

to make something of out nothing. This trip was no different from the start, when our old stock trailer was packed to the gills with horses and tack and we still had more to bring. Of course, the natural solution was to back our (cleaned out) high-side dump truck to just the right hill and pile the rest of the horses inside. I still wish I had a picture of just the tips of their noses stretched out above the sides, as we drove down the road toward Magruder Ranger Station.



At this point our group consisted of my dad, grandpa, and our neighbor, plus us three girls. When we checked in with the Forest Service Ranger, he gave us one look and suggested we find a trail better suited to our odd group. But our minds were made up and we were committed. So after mapping out our journey and check in points, and getting one night to rest up, we were on our way. As it turned out, that Ranger had led his own pack string down the trail the previous day clearing trail. Oddly enough we came up on his crosscut handles and hardware just a day or two in, and managed to catch up and return it further down the trail. Not long after we



found a few bags of grain left for us as a thank-you. We continued to see our Ranger friend every so often at our check in points, and he always seemed surprised to see us.

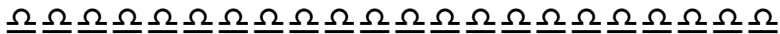
From Paradise we followed the Selway River along Shearer and detoured around Shearer Peak past Bitch Lake and over Puzzle Creek to make it to the famous Moose Creek pack bridge. Considering that trail hadn't seen much (if any) traffic and hadn't been cleared in years, we felt pretty good about getting lost only once along the way. Moose Creek Airstrip was our half way point, where we were resupplied by plane (I still remember how excited I was to see a sub sandwich in the

backcountry!). At that point my grandpa and neighbor flew out, and another family friend tagged in.



After a few nights rest our journey continued on the slightly more traveled trail to Indian Lake – where I can definitely recommend swimming on horseback. Then the final push took us over Wahoo Pass, ending at Twin Lakes.

All the hours in the saddle, laughs, occasional tears (pre-teen girls remember!), mishaps, sawing, and lessons learned made this a trip I'll always cherish. While this crazy journey started with a simple question, the lifelong passion it instilled just can't be put into words in one short story. Anyone who's had the privilege to get into the rugged backcountry will understand that. And if you haven't done it yet – why wait? Amelia Earhart said it best, "***The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity.***"



## SPWBCH Board/General Meeting Minutes May 10, 2018

Meeting brought to order 5:45pm

April minutes read. Lionel motion to approve; Duane second.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Christy reported on chainsaw class, said it went well - lots of good information.

Kathy reports Rich Inman has refused to accept the \$50 thank you for delivery of our tent, has returned the check to us.

**TELLER** 6pm Friday setup; Saturday event, we need volunteers.

**SCAVENGER HUNT-** 15 signed up so far, now opened to our members. It's suggested we move the lunch at 1pm. Christy and Jarrett will have fire radios with permission/ability to contact emergency services. Christy will also bring walkie talkies.

**NEW BUSINESS:** DL has submitted a formal resignation for "local board" position. Christy nominates Lionel, Duane second, nomination accepted.

**ADDITION:** Joe and Kathy would like to purchase shelving to store the new tent off the ground/ away from critters, it should be no more than \$100, no objections.

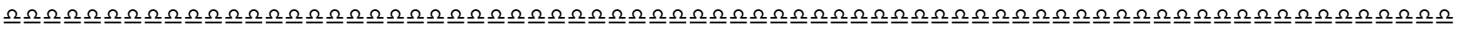
Meeting called to end, motion by Lionel, second by Duane.



### CROSSCUT/CHAINSAW TRAINING

The SPWBCH formed in Sept 2006 and partnered with the Forest Service under a Challenge Cost Share Agreement until last year, when all volunteer groups were required to also sign a Volunteer Agreement. The agreements are different, and both have their pros and cons. As of last year, SPWBCH members who wish to use a chainsaw and crosscut must now be certified and go through a training course approved by the FS. On Sunday, April 15, 2018 seven members took the training. Four members also trained for crosscut certification the end of April. If you plan to help on projects and use saws, you will need to be certified next spring if you don't have the card or your certification will expire.





**TELLER YOUTH CONSERVATION  
& EDUCATION EXPO**

**May 13**

SPWBCH members brought some new games to Teller this year. Kids played “Kick the Can” and “Boot in the Bucket”, designed by Joe Hundley, along with packing demos, roping steer dummies and hobble racing! Patty and Kathy did peach and blueberry Dutch oven cobbler desserts. Teller Youth Expo is where kids draw for our other youth camps such as Magruder and Scripps Ranch.



Education is learning what you didn't even know  
you didn't know.



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**Remember-Please send me your stories and photos throughout the year if you would like to see them featured in the newsletter!**  
**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

*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](mailto:montanakath@yahoo.com)*

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### **TRAINING TIP: Weather Affects Your Horse**

Weather plays a huge role in a horse's behavior. When the weatherman says that it's going to be a cold, rainy and windy day, he might as well be saying, "Hey, if you own a horse, get ready to die." Changes in weather can make your horse hypersensitive, and therefore more reactive.

On cold days, horses are friskier and have a lot more energy. They throw their heads up in the air and race around the pasture. Just after it rains, the temperature drops a little, and they love to gallop and kick up their heels. On windy days, horses are hypersensitive to noises, feelings and sights, and the wind carries sounds farther. Your horse might spook at a plastic bag flying through the air, leaves rustling on the ground or a dog barking a mile away.

Take the time to practice groundwork with your horse to ensure he's using the thinking side of his brain before you get in the saddle. If you don't, you could very well be setting yourself up for failure. Remember, the more times you pick yourself up off the ground, the better your groundwork gets.

*Clinton Anderson*

## MAGRUDER & SCRIPPS YOUTH CAMPS

July 17-18-19

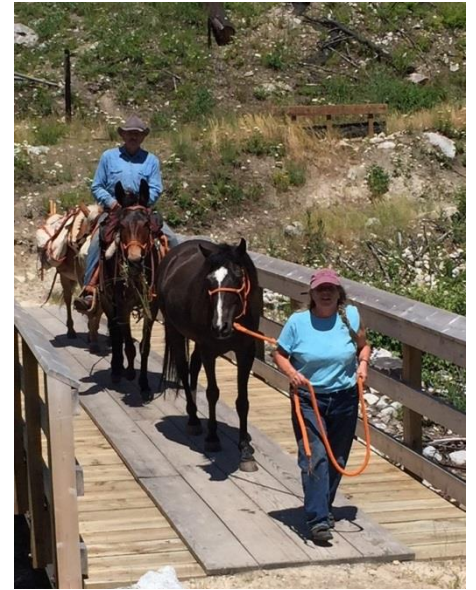
Members Terry Reed & Kathy Hundley volunteered to educate kids on horse packing, Light on the Land (LNT) and back country camping.



## SAWTOOTH

June 24

SPWBCH members Kathy Hundley, Duane Krown and Lionel Lavallee rode in and scouted the log blocking the exit from the creek 3 miles in. Members Jarrett & Christy Bennett and guest Marcus Miller hiked and did tread work. Unfortunately, Carol John's horse was lame and she stayed at the trailhead.



## SAWTOOTH

July 15

SPWBCH members Joe & Kathy Hundley, Gary Peters and Keith Brown rode in and removed the log blocking the exit from the creek 3 miles in and logged approx. another 1/8 mile.

