

# Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen



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**P.O. Box 293 - Emmett, ID. 83617**

**July 2011**

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## July President's corner- Come Join Us

While at the Co-Op buying a plant, my phone rang. It was a local TV reporter who, after checking out our Website, viewing the photos, & reading the May/June Newsletter was hoping to film some recreational riding activities with SBBCH. He is reviewing his schedule and plans to get back with me, but how cool is this that he called? Everything we do, such as Meeting attendance, Public outreach clinics, Photo submission, Education endeavors, Articles from us for our Newsletter, Volunteer hours, Rides and Trail activities, updates by our Webmaster, etc. is making a difference and getting our message out there. People are noticing.

In July we have some outstanding fun projects, so please come to what you can. There is the Crooked Creek Trail Project July 2, 3, 4 in Idaho City that has some beautiful scenery. Next is the July 23 and 24 Grand Jean North Baron Creek trail Project. There are only so many heart beats on the trail project but the rest of the group could enjoy a fun ride in another area. This is a great area for our members to recreate in, so please consider this one.

Now, I would like to acknowledge the new members that have joined SBBCH this year, so please welcome them to our Chapter when you see them: Mildred Bryant, Heather Holloway along with Ron and Diane Woods - Jan 2011, Tia Davis- March 2011, Sharon Prindel, Jim Reid, along with Bob and Pam VanHooser- April 2011, and lastly Bill and Lois Murphy June 2011. Let's always make them feel welcome. So..... how about making a quick phone call to a new member that might be close to you and invite them to an event.

Next, I would like to give kudos to Dan Murphy who joined the Chapter in 2008 with his wife Connie. You will recall that Dan put together the Radio package (x four) which helps us to communicate on the trail and stay safe. He also volunteered his time and taught First Aide/CPR to us and is willing to teach a more advanced course to members. YEAH! Your BOD approved the \$200 course cost with more details to follow. He is also working on the Chapter First Aid kit with Doc Shannon and Ellen, offering his practical insight. I am sure they will be upgrading the kit and training all of us on what's in there in the near future.

The July photo is a picture of Phil Ryan, setting up a highline for my Horse Fred at Grand Jean, as he (Phil) is always the gentleman. It is nice to have friends and members that are willing to trailer share.

See you on the trail, MB Conger



## Recipe of the Month

From the Camp of Brian Dix

### Brian's Trailhead Bourbon Bons

Ingredients: ½ cup brown sugar, ½ cup ketchup, 1 cup Whiskey and 2 packages Smokie links.

Details: Cook 275 for 3 hours and do not uncover. Let cool and freeze. Defrost on the way to the trailhead. Reheat with either a Dutch oven or pan - propane stove. You can figure out when it is warm. Serve using toothpicks or you can always use your knife.

I am a computer technology person - you get what you get.

PS- if Hot Dogs are on sale, you can use them but cut ¼ .



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## Sawyer Training 2011

By Heather Holloway



May 14 marked the date of this year's annual Chainsaw Safety Course offered by the US Forest Service to volunteers who wish to participate in maintaining Idaho's multiple-use trails. Due to difficult economic times these days, volunteers help the Forest Service in a major way by taking on projects that the agency's tight budget simply cannot afford. With so many popular recreation trails in this state, it serves to reason that volunteers would be a necessary element to uphold optimum trail conditions. And since our chapter makes good use of these beloved trails, we are instinctively driven to be stewards of the land.

Held just outside the picturesque town of Garden Valley, Idaho, this course offered essential safety information to people of all skill levels, as well instruction for using proper techniques for operating and maintaining a chainsaw, bucking and limbing downfall, and felling dead and dying trees that may pose a hazard to trail users. The course attendees consisted mainly of gentlemen over fifty, with one young lad and two tenacious ladies tossed in for good measure. Probably a fairly accurate representation of the types of people most interested in sawing logs in the backcountry, but that is just my personal biased opinion. Several members of the USFS Hot Shot Crew of Garden Valley quickly, yet thoroughly walked us through a PowerPoint presentation that covered all the basics. These down-to-earth guys even managed to their own flair to the otherwise bland talk by speaking candidly about personal stories and sharing backcountry humor with the group.

Due to the relatively low number of participants in the course, and the ominous forecast for the following Sunday, the instructors (volunteering their time to teach us) decided to attempt to finish the normally two-day event in just one intense Saturday. The plan worked beautifully. We spend the entire morning in the classroom, but around noon, we all grabbed our sack lunches and headed out to the location of the field portion of this course. A few miles up Old Crouch Road, just past Tie Creek Campground, we corralled the trucks and prepared ourselves for an afternoon of fun with potentially dangerous equipment.

Rob, Janine and I slipped into some Kevlar chaps meant for use during chainsaw operation, and lugged our equipment up a steep incline to the cutting site. The attendees were then split up into groups according to skill level, which facilitated the hands-on education, and gave everyone an experience more attuned to their current level of sawyer certification. Because of this fieldwork, I have decided that it I enjoy the powerful feeling if running a chainsaw, and I am very much looking forward to putting my newfound skill to good use!

Janine and I acquired a level A Sawyer Certification, and Rob refreshed his B Sawyer status, and got in more time with the saw. All in all, it was a fantastic and worthwhile experience, and a great excuse to get a group together and play with powerful tools. I highly recommend this course to anyone interested in learning how to operate a chainsaw, as well as those who simply want to better understand the safety information and practices for trail maintenance in Idaho backcountry.

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## **NATIONAL TRAILS DAY**

June 4, 2011

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Imagine sauntering along a wide, shaded, two-track, flat trail, through a few small pine trees, trimming a few limbs and branches and hacking out a few bushes along the way. The trail/road meanders along the mountainside high above the clear, cold, snow-water of the south Fork of the Payette River, sometimes coming close enough to the edge to give hikers an excellent view down to the river or at the mountains across the valley where the highway runs from Lowman on to Stanley. This was the picturesque setting for our workday for National Trails Day.

Zach Poff, the Trail Coordinator for the Lowman Forest Ranger District, was our guide and director for the day. He had chosen an old abandoned logging road to turn back into a one track, non-motorized, day-use trail. The trail is being designed as an easy-to-moderate ability trail to run from Highway 21 along the river into the Sawtooth Mountains. Our mission, if we chose to accept it, was to re-claim the old logging road from the forces of nature and to build said trail. It was a perfect day for such a swell project in one of our National Forests. Zach and three of us from SBBCH, Rob Adams, Robbin Schindele and myself, geared up with two chain saws and all our PPE, a shovel, a couple Pulaski's, and pruning shears and headed off down the two-track 'road', following pink flags marking the 'trail'. As we went, Zach explained how to build a trail; how the tread

has to be laid down, which in the case of where we were walking meant scratching an occasional little path through a small hump of forest floor and/or vegetation. He explained that the trail needed to be about 24 inches wide, and brush and limbs would need to be cut back to accommodate hikers and horseback riders. I asked why, in an area like we were in, did the trail actually need to be defined, and the answer is: To direct people where you want them to walk, so everybody doesn't just spread out and create a trail wherever they want to, which, over the years, would end up being a mess for the environment. So you actually lay tread where you want the trail to be, then as animals and people start using the path of least resistance, so to speak, the trail becomes more well defined and becomes worn in. Viola! The perfect hiking trail! And all this time I thought these trails just naturally happened.

And so we progressed for a few hundred yards or so. It was ideal; we got to practice our newly learned sawyer techniques of bucking and limbing--and felling! -- an occasional sapling, and learned that cutting out those springy-limbed bushes that were over-taking the trail was not as fun as you might think it would be. In fact, it was downright maddening, because it's hell on chain saw chains and is an excellent way to cause the chain to come off the saw bar. But, you get to rest for a minute while the guys do the repair work on the saws, and if you *don't* cut out those bushes, they will over run the trail again in no time. Along the way we were joined by two more workers, Charles and Lorraine Chick, their young grandson and his friend, and two more dogs that scampered all over the hillside, which added to the enthusiasm of the day.

The vegetation gradually got denser and we were beginning to have to cut our way through stretches of downed trees and heavier brush. The track gradually got narrower the farther we went along the hillside, and we occasionally had to move a few rocks out of the way to help designate and widen the path the trail would take. The two-track road was becoming more of a single-track game trail. In fact, we encountered a few bones—probably elk-- of a fairly recent kill by wolves or bears.

Somewhere along this part of the trail we realized we were all getting hungry, but had left our lunches back at the vehicles. Lorraine volunteered to hike back and retrieve lunches and more water while the rest of us toiled on. Our pace was slowing as the beautiful day heated up a bit, the terrain got a little steeper, and the brush got thicker. We were glad to finally see the lunches and water coming back down the trail. Lorraine reported that it had taken her and the kids about 40 minutes to hike out, and about 20 minutes for Lorraine to hike back unencumbered by tired boys. From that we judged we had cleared about a mile or mile and a half of trail so far. Lunch was a welcome break, but then it was time to get back to work. We had more trail to build, as Zach had previously flagged about 2 miles of trail to work on. As we got back to work after lunch, we came over a little hump on the hillside and looked in front of us....

Picture a rockslide totally covering a 45-degree slope, high above the clear, cold, rushing snow fed waters of the South Fork of the Payette River. Very picturesque, leaning into that hillside, looking down into that river, yessirree..... And imagine not only trying to walk along this steep hillside, where it was hard to stand up straight, but, also operating a Pulaski to dig into the mountainside to pull out dirt and rock to form the base of a 24-inch trail. I have no idea how the guys in front were doing that; I was having trouble balancing on the hillside trying to place bowling-ball size rocks on the outside edge of the trail to build up the outer edge of the trail like Zach was teaching us. To build a trail on a steep hillside such as this, you have to dig back into the hillside at a 30 to 45 degree angle and pull the dirt and rock out so the trail is actually built into the hillside. If you try to just flatten out the hill into a trail it won't be supported and the trail will slough off and collapse, so the hillside has to be dug out, then rocks and dirt placed on the outer edge so the outside edge of the trail is supported. The hillside we were working on was so steep, that if you tossed a rock where you wanted it to be, if it didn't stay in place, it rolled all the way into the river below! I found myself crawling on my hands and knees along the trail fitting rocks into place..... And thus we struggled and sweated for the next hour or so, until Zach finally deemed "Enough trail built!" as we had come to the end of what he had flagged. Hallelujah!! I think the guys in front with the Pulaski's were beginning to wonder where they were headed and how they were going to get there!

But as we walked back along that rugged, rocky trail we'd built, it was a darned fine trail! It wasn't a finished project, but it was passable, and there was actually a path through that rockslide high above the pristine waters of the South Fork. Time, weather, game and another work crew would mold it into a fine trail indeed. We were

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proud of what we'd accomplished! Tired, and proud; we were trail builders! And we owe a LOT to all those Forest Service Rangers and CCC workers that came before us, who toiled and sweated on steep, rocky hillsides and built all those magnificent trails we have the pleasure of riding through all our State and National Forests. With our help, may those trails be forever passable.

Safe and Happy Trails to all, Janine Townsend



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## **Eight Stages of Horseback Riding**

Stage 1: Fall off pony. Bounce. Laugh. Climb back on. Repeat.

Stage 2: Fall off horse. Run after horse, cussing. Climb back on by shimmying up horse's neck. Ride until sundown.

Stage 3: Fall off horse. Use sleeve of shirt to stanch bleeding. Have friend help you get back on horse. Take two Advil and apply ice packs when you get home. Ride next day.

Stage 4: Fall off horse. Refuse advice to call ambulance; drive self to urgent care clinic. Entertain

nursing staff with tales of previous daredevil stunts on horseback. Back to riding before cast comes off.

Stage 5: Fall off horse. Temporarily forget name of horse and name of husband. Flirt shamelessly with paramedics when they arrive. Spend week in hospital while titanium pins are screwed in place. Start riding again before doctor gives official okay.

Stage 6: Fall off horse. Fail to see any humor when hunky paramedic says, "You again?" Gain firsthand knowledge of advances in medical technology thanks to stint in ICU. Convince self that permanent limp isn't that noticeable. Promise husband you'll give up riding. One week later purchase older, slower, shorter horse.

Stage 7: Slip off horse. Relieved when artificial joints and implanted medical devices seem unaffected. Tell husband that scrapes and bruises are due to gardening accident. Pretend you don't see husband roll his eyes and mutter as he walks away. Give apple to horse.

Stage 8: Go to see horse. Momentarily consider riding but remember arthritis won't let you lift leg high enough to reach stirrup — even when on mounting block. Share beer with grateful horse & recall "good old days".

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**SQUAW BUTTE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF IDAHO – CHARTERED 3/92  
06/02/2011 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Regular meeting called to order at 7 PM by President Marybeth

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS – Marybeth Conger**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – Marybeth Conger**

Motion to approve the Previous Meeting Minutes as published by Phil, 2nd by Bill H and carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Kay Ryan**

Beginning Checking Account Balance: \$ 2,552.15

Deposits: \$ 2,923.52

Expenses: \$ 243.59

Ending Checking Account Balance: \$ 5,232.08

Money Market: \$ 6,032.68

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Robbin, 2nd by Chick and carried.

Any overages that require approval? None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Education Report – Charles & Lorraine Chick**

- Sawyer class went well and was only one day
- Thank you to Dan M for providing the First Aid and CPR Class

**Yard Sale – Ellen Knapp**

- Was VERY successful

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- Also received donations from Antiques and Things and Rocky Mountain Gun and Pawn
  - Ellen action item to send info to Marybeth for Thank you letters, include Key Bank
- THANK YOU to all who helped!
- We are getting repeat customers
- Next year we may
  - Want a PortaPotty
  - Want to be more selective in the items we accept as donations
- Netted \$2880.57

## State Directors Report – Robbin and Phil

- July BOD Meeting – 7/8/11
  - First time BCHI will use video conferencing. Treasure Valley chapters will be at the U of I in Caldwell. Members can attend. Contact Phil if interested in attending
  - 6/2/11 will be the only SBBCH meeting before the BOD meeting so email Robbin if there are any issues you want taken to the BOD
  - Phil will be picking up 2012 calendars sometime in July and distribute to chapters. SBBCH has committed to 250

## Work Projects and Rides Report – Rob Adams

- June Events
  - SBBCH Trails Project- Saturday/Sunday June 4 / 5, 2011, [Warm Spring Guard](#) Station, Lowman District Boise National Forest - This is our National Trails Day event. We will be working on a new section of trail. Project leader: Rob Adams [projects@sbbchidaho.org](mailto:projects@sbbchidaho.org) 208 584-3780. Horses not needed Saturday.
  - Squaw Butte Trails Project- Saturday/Sunday, June 18/19 2011-[Middle Fork Payette - Peace Creek Trail Head](#) [USFS\[034\]](#). Project leaders: Rob Adams [projects@sbbchidaho.org](mailto:projects@sbbchidaho.org) 208 584-3780. We may need a different project lead as Rob may be unavailable.
- July Events
  - SBBCH Project Weekend- Saturday/Sunday/Monday July 2-3-4, 2011. Idaho City - [Crooked River Trail](#), Project leaders: Rob Adams [projects@sbbchidaho.org](mailto:projects@sbbchidaho.org) 208 584-3780
  - SBBCH Monthly Meeting-Thursday, July 07, 2011 - La Costa Restaurant, Emmett , ID. CONTACT: Marybeth Conger [president@sbbchidaho.org](mailto:president@sbbchidaho.org) 208 369-0769
  - SBBCH Trails Project- Saturday/Sunday, July 23/24, 2011 - Sawtooth - North Baron Creek Trail - [Grandjean Trail Head](#). Project leaders: Rob Adams [projects@sbbchidaho.org](mailto:projects@sbbchidaho.org) 208 584-3780

## Newsletter – Marybeth

- Check out the website and look at the latest newsletter
- Next edition will be July
- This is our newsletter, we need to provide input
- Marybeth sent around a article sign-up sheet, Linda will send out reminders signees
- Article submittal cutoff date is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month

## UNFINISHED AND ONGOING BUSINESS

- Public Meeting Update – Phil Ryan
  - Fencing project is scheduled for August
  - FS can't get into the trail head due to the precipitation, but they still plan to build it this year

## NEW BUSINESS

- New Event Reporting- Rob Adams
  - Gave an overview of the use
  - < [http://www.superaas.com/schedule/sbbchidaho/Squaw\\_Butte\\_Events](http://www.superaas.com/schedule/sbbchidaho/Squaw_Butte_Events) >

- Event Gas Cards- Marybeth
  - Idea – get 10 \$10 gas cards and offer to those who attend the work project
  - Discussion regarding the incenting folks to attend work projects
  - Discussion regarding how to provide info on trail type/conditions for novice riders. Maybe we should emphasize our safety, radios, etc.
  - Bill and Lois Murphy willing to host a novice rider trail ride from their place; Maybe an end of year ride or get on calendar for next year. Perhaps a joint BoiseBCH/SBBCH event
  - Marybeth will send out options via email for voting and will bring results to next meeting
- Membership- Marybeth & Shannon
  - All new members are getting handwritten Thank You card for joining
  - Please acknowledge new members and welcome them at events
- Storage Shed – Shannon
  - Use the sign out sheet hanging in the shed when you take/return items
- Trail Blazer Magazine – Kay
  - Trail Warrior Award went to Phil Ryan
  - Thru Phil's efforts BCHI has forged strong relationships with other organizations
  - Rob submitted the article
- Ads for BCHA National Newsletter – Robbin
  - The person is asking for leads; see your email
- First Aid Kits
  - Restock Human
  - Create Equine
  - Have a training on what is in the kits and how to use
  - Discussion regarding carrying current medical info

### **PROGRAM OR GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- **Any Notices - None**
- **Any other items - None**
- **Program - none**

### **DOOR PRIZE AND ADJOURNMENT**

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM by President - Marybeth Conger  
Respectfully submitted by Co-Secretaries Ellen Knapp and Chris Holt



## 2011 SBBCH Officers and Board of Directors

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### Back Country Horsemen of Idaho Our mission

- To perpetuate the common-sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
- To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
- To assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resources.
- To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise and sustaining use of the back country resources by horsemen and the general public.
- To foster and encourage the formation of new Backcountry Horsemen organization

## EDITORS CORNER

By Linda Hays

Please send articles by the 20<sup>th</sup> of Month  
newsletter@sbbchidaho.com



1. Things of interest, short stories about our rides, Include pictures you would like to go along with it.
2. Favorite photos, send your own or favorite pick of the month from our web site.
3. Personal pack trips and vacations you would like to share with others.
4. Favorite potluck dish or Dutch oven recipes.
5. Clever anecdotes or jokes related to Cowboys or Muleskinners, Packers, etc. for the month.
6. Monthly Packing, Riding, Safety tips for the month.
7. News items of importance to BCH and SBBCH
8. Anything you would like to be included in the Newsletter.

## Happy Trails

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**Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen Meeting:  
First Thursday of every month 7 PM at LaCosta Restaurant  
517 North Washington Avenue  
Emmett, ID**



**LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP  
From  
July 2 to August 14  
July 2011**

**SBBCH Project Weekend-** Saturday/Sunday/Monday July 2-3-4, 2011

**Idaho City - Crooked River Trail**, see directions page for map and information about where we will be camping.  
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**PACK-IN Trail Crew** Selway-Bitterroot Foundation- Marble Creek in the Frank Church Wilderness July ??, 2011 (Packers Only - Please) Contact Phil Ryan [projects@sbbchidaho.org](mailto:projects@sbbchidaho.org)

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**PACK-OUT Trail Crew** Selway-Bitterroot Foundation- Marble Creek in the Frank Church Wilderness Sunday August 06, 2011 (Packers Only - Please) Contact Phil Ryan [projects@sbbchidaho.org](mailto:projects@sbbchidaho.org)

**(new date) SBBCH Trails Project**- Saturday/Sunday August 13/14, 2011

Location **West Mountain - Squaw Creek Trail Head** [USFS\[131\]](#) [USFS\[134\]](#) . Project leaders: Rob Adams [projects@sbbchidaho.org](mailto:projects@sbbchidaho.org) 208 584-3780

