

Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen



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Ponderings from The Prez's Saddle

Well, 2009 is closed and in the process of being archived.

As I reflect back on the year I wonder - Where to begin? We had so many successes this year.

We presented yet another well attended Back Country Skills clinic in the spring and hosted another fabulous Fun Day in October. We could not have provided either event if not for the dedicated work of the committees and excellent support by the volunteers.

While June was essentially rained out, we had a very busy July and August. We had excellent turnout for the projects. I'd like to think it was due to the commitment to the BCH mission, but I know it was, in fact, due to the fabulous FOOD – the potlucks and breakfasts, some with fresh huckleberries. As Rob says, "We are an eating chapter that just happens to ride."

Once again the 2010 BCHI calendar sale had great participation from SBBCH. SBBCH committed to 300 of the 2000 total calendars printed. SBBCH was one of the few chapters committing to such a high number. And very few, if any, of those 300 remain unsold. Most were sold by the November BCHI meeting. Great job everyone!

Our second year of the Memorial Weekend Saturday yard sale simply continued the success of its first year. We had many more items since we were more prepared. We plan to continue this sale in 2010. So as you put away the decorations and winter articles and bring out the summer wear, make sure to put the donations aside for this year's yard sale.

SBBCH would not be so very successful and energetic if it weren't for the continued efforts, commitment, and support of the membership. It is you, the members, that make SBBCH a great chapter. You bring the energy, the ideas, the humor, the experience, and the commitment to the chapter. I heartily Thank You for all that you bring to and do for SBBCH.

I thank the 2009 Leadership Team for their work in making SBBCH 'hum' like the well oiled machine it is in 2009. Without the fantastic leadership team, our chapter would not function in the superior manner in which it does. The President does not make the chapter work; it is the leadership team and the membership that makes the chapter the premier chapter that it is.

Thank you Vice President Tami Buthman. I greatly appreciate all your work organizing the outreach events and graciously handling everything else I delegated to you. You were my rock and right hand gal.

Thank you Treasurer Kay Ryan. You enabled me to focus on other things knowing our SBBCH bills and monies were in your very capable hands with your easy to read Treasurer's report format. I greatly appreciate your knowledge and your fabulous attention to detail.

Thank you Secretary Team Linda Hays and Linda Phillips. Without you, SBBCH could not function. I relied greatly upon both of you for the innumerable aspects of the running of the Chapter. You both proved that a team can not only share the vast Secretarial duties but that a team can enhance the capability and efficiency of the Secretary Position responsibilities. The Secretary position is a wide ranging position involving many diverse aspects. In many cases, things fall to the "Secretary" by default. You gave SBBCH the 'going forward' model for the Secretarial team.

Thank you to Project Coordinators Rob Adams and Tony Buthman. You have established critical relationships with the USFS folks. Your knowledge of our capabilities as well as your knowledge of the area needs' resulted in an unprecedented tactical plan for the year. Our SBBCH volunteer hours in equivalent monies success is due, in big part, to the wonderful, long term relationships that you have built with the managing agencies.

Thank you to the chapter's various committees: the Education and Foundation committee representatives Bill Conger and Bill Holt; the Public Liaison committee members Tony Buthman, Bill Holt, Chris Holt, and Robbin Schindele; our State Directors Rob Adams, Mary Beth Conger, and Phil Ryan; the Calling Committee; the 2009 audit committee; the Chapter Display committee who created the winning display; the 2009 nominating committee; and last, but certainly not least, our Christmas Party Committee co-chairs Nancy Harper and Chris Holt. Our annual party, once again, was a wonderful feast full of great fun. We would not have had such a party without your dedicated effort.

The end of 2009 also brings the end of my term as President. I have been President for the last three years – the maximum term per our Constitution. Term limits are great because they force a change in leadership. This enables fresh vision and new ideas to be infused within the chapter.

Welcome to the 2010 SBBCH Leadership Team. Thank to those folks that ran for the positions. All were unopposed and all were unanimously elected. Welcome to our new President Mary Beth Conger. She brings years of BCH knowledge and BCHI leadership experience to the office. Welcome to our new VP Shannon Schantz.

Shannon has been a member of SBBCH since nearly its inception. Welcome to our returning Treasurer Kay Ryan. Welcome to our Secretary team: returning member Linda Hays and new member Chris Holt. Welcome to our new State Director Robbin Schindele. Thank you all for joining the 2010 SBBCH Leadership Team. I will continue to serve this year as the Past President.

2009 was yet another fabulous year in the SBBCH history. 2010 will only be better!

See ya in the saddle in 2010 – Ellen



Squaw Butte Chapter of Backcountry Horsemen of Idaho Summary of Activities for 2009

Rob Adams

The chapter had a number of goals that were started in 2008 that we continued to pursue in 2009. A major emphasis was placed on continued and expanded outreach to the federal agencies, other outdoor groups, and the public. We accomplished this goal in a number of ways. We developed working relationships with the Payette and Cascade Ranger District as well as continued our long term relationship with the Emmett rangers. These relationships provided Squaw Butte with some very interesting projects to work on as well as gave us a voice on trail

management issue these districts administer. We also manned informational booths at horse events, hosted events for the public, and partnered with another trail user group for National Trails Day.

January: January was our planning month. The 2009 chapter leadership team met to wrap up the previous year, audit the books, and plan the upcoming season. Contact was made with all the local ranger districts to see for what projects they were interested in soliciting volunteer help. These projects were worked into the upcoming year's schedule.

February: February was our warm-up month. The chapter along with the other two chapters in southwestern Idaho took turns manning a BCHI information booth at the "Horse Affair" held at the Boise fair grounds. This was an opportunity to visit with the public about the organization and to advertise the upcoming "Back Country Skills Clinic". We also held our first ride of the season at Celebration Park along the Snake River. This area is likely to be snow free and it is a fun place to ride horses, which are often full of vim and vigor after a couple of months off.



March: By March we were 'back in the saddle' hosting rides and clinics and attending training. The Emmett Ranger District hosted a "First Aid Certification class" which was free to BCHI members. A first aid card is required before taking the Forest Service sawyer classes and having trained members make us all safer in the back country. The "Little Butte Ride and Dutch Oven Cook off Potluck" has become an annual tradition with the Squaw Butte Chapter. Combining riding and food it provides a social setting for riders and non-riding family members.

The last weekend of the month was our 6th Annual "Back Country Skills Clinic". This year members and guest participated in a full day of lecture and hand-on presentations. Each year the number of attendees grows and the presentations become more varied. Highlights this year included "What to bring and what to leave behind"; Buying, selling, and transporting stock; and One Step Horsemanship. Marybeth and Bill Conger led the presentation and discussion on "what to bring and what to leave behind" on a pack trip.

Larry Hayhurst, the state brand inspector, talked about buying, selling and transporting stock in Idaho. Larry answered a lot of questions and sparked a lively discussion.



Dr. David Hayes, Idaho state veterinarian and a very popular speaker at past clinics, kept his audience riveted to their rather cold wooden seats with his "One Step Horsemanship", insight into how horses think and how to safely work around them. Shannon Allison did a trail horse demonstration that was very well received. Always popular and very well attended was the hands-on Packing classes. Both beginner and more advanced packing techniques were demonstrated and attempted by all who were interested or just wanted to give it a try.



April: Squaw Butte sent a delegation to Lewiston to the spring Backcountry Outdoor Show & BCHI Convention. This event was a great time. The Idaho Horse Expo was held in April at the Nampa Horse Center. It is sponsored by the Idaho Horse Council and was another great opportunity to let the public know about BCHI and how to become involved. We also held our third ride of the year in the Hard Trigger area of the Owyhee Mountains.

May: We gathered for our annual clean up and pick up of our adopted 2 mile stretch of Highway 52 along the Black Canyon Reservoir. The Emmett Ranger District hosted a Sawyer A/B training class. The classroom portion of this training was held at the

ranger district office. The hands-on portion was held along Third Fork road, west of Sage Hen. The chapter ended the month with a yard sale. This sale turned out to be a very successful fund raiser and help members get rid of a lot of stuff taking up space in their barns and tack rooms.

June: Once June arrived we were ready to take on the weekend work projects that we had scheduled and planned back in January. Mother Nature was not on our side this year and all project planned for the month were weathered out and had to be rescheduled.



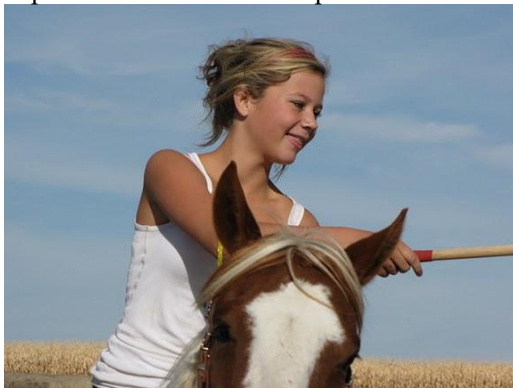
July: The highlight of July was a multi-day trip to the Bull Trout Lake. Members of the Squaw Butte and High Desert chapters spent a long weekend riding, clearing trail, eating and relaxing around the camp fire. The weather wasn't done with us yet, as it rained every day during the trip. We rescheduled the National trails day project with the Cascade ranger district. The "Men" of the group, built a replacement bridge to one of the hot springs, while the "Woman" spent the day riding the Yellow Jacket trail south west of Warm Lake. Both teams were dead tired when they finished.

After dinner a spectacular lighting storm provided entertainment until a heavy rain forced us into shelter.

August: Projects in August were in areas that still had snow in July. The chapter worked a number of trails on West Mountain, north of Ola. Trail projects for 2009 had excellent member turnout. This made the work go faster, allowed us to complete a lot more miles of trail and made for some really great potluck dinners after the work was finished.



September: We finished up the last of the work projects with a return to



Wilson Corral on West Mountain to complete work on two trails. Again member turn out was excellent, the weather perfect and the riding scenic. The chapter also spent a great weekend on the western edge of the Sawtooth wilderness camping at Grandjean. What a perfect way to end the project season.

October: With the coming of October our work season ended. As the hunters entered the high country, we moved our actives to Circle G River Ranch for the 4th annual "Packers Play Day". This open-to-the-public event is a great way to improve your horsemanship while having a great time playing on your horse. The Gem-Boise County 4-H Horse Program members catered the lunch as a fund raiser. Kids and adults who have attended the event in the past say that they really look forward to our play day because it is so much fun.

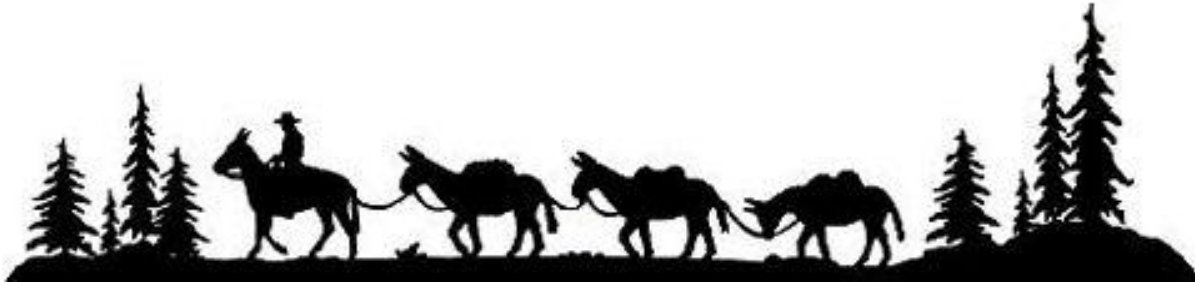
November: November brought a winding down of our activities. We gathered for the annual fall clean up and pick up of our adopted 2 mile stretch of Highway 52 along the Black Canyon Reservoir. As snow comes to the high country our rides move to the desert and a ride was held in the Owyhee's. The BCHI calendars were delivered and members were encouraged to sell them to friends, family and to consider giving them as Christmas gifts.

December: We finished off the year with the elections of the 2010 leadership team and the annual Christmas party.



Backcountry Horsemen of America
Volunteer Hours Report
State or Affiliate
2009 Volunteer Hours Report

	P1 Totals	Rate per hour/mile	Total Value	
Total Basic Hours	548	\$15.00	\$8,220.00	
Total Skilled Hours	342.5	\$25.00	\$8,562.50	
Total Trail Recon	90	\$15.00	\$1,350.00	
Total LNT - Education	624	\$15.00	\$9,360.00	
Total Public- Meeting	31	\$15.00	\$465.00	
Total Administrative Service	666	3% x hrs x \$15.00	\$299.70	
Total Travel Time	761	\$15.00	\$11,415.00	
Total Hours	3062.5			
Personal Vehicle	9674	\$.80/mile	\$7,739.20	
Stock Hauling	12294	\$1.00/mile	\$12,294.00	
Total Miles	21968			
Power Equipment	79	\$23.00/hr plus \$3.00/hr	\$2,054.00	Or local rate if known plus \$3.00/hr.
Heavy Equipment	0	\$78.00/hr plus \$3.00/hr	0	Or local rate if known plus \$3.00/hr.
Total Hours	79			
Total Stock (Pack and Saddle)	153			
Total Stock Days	197	\$100.00/day	\$19,700.00	
Total Donations	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Grand Total:			\$81,459.40	



Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen Hero

Teen's lifelong dream is in the bag

Submitted by Dan and Linda Phillips

Friday, Oct 16th, 2009

BY: Larry Coonrod

Hunting dream comes true for brain cancer survivor

As the three bull elk crossed the field toward where his son Colton sat in a tree stand 20 feet off the ground, Jim Phillips could hardly watch.

"Looking through the binoculars at those elk, I've never prayed harder," he said. "My heart was beating so hard the binoculars were moving because my eyeballs were moving from my heart beat."

Even as the elk moved to within 65 yards of Colton - an easy shot for most - it was far from a done deal that the young man would fulfill his lifelong dream of bagging a big game animal.

Colton, 18, has battled brain cancer since he was an infant. When he was two-and-half years old, doctors told the family that the end was nearing and they should make preparations.

"We went and bought a casket, a funeral plot, the whole nine-yards," Jim said. "They have no idea why he's alive today."

A senior at Columbia High School in Nampa, Idaho, Colton is an 'A' student, who interns teaching fourth grade history and broadcasts volleyball games for his schools AM radio station. But the removal of a large chunk from the left side of his brain, and years of chemotherapy have left him physically impaired.

His right leg and arm are weak, and he is blind in his right eye - big challenges for a boy who loves to go fishing, hunting, and camping with his family.

He passed the hunter safety exam two years ago with a 98 percent, and was the only one in his class to correctly answer a question on the difference between mule and whitetail deer.

Jim and Colton's grandfather, Dan, have taken him big game hunting before. Deer have jumped up right in front of him, but in the 15 to 20 seconds it takes Colton to get his rifle leveled and steady, they vanished.

Earlier this year, Dan Phillips and his wife Linda saw a story about the Outdoor Dream Foundation (ODF) on television, and filled out an application on Colton's behalf.



Founded in 2004, the Anderson, South Carolina-based ODF has provided fishing, hunting and even Alaskan dog mushing adventures to over 200 children.

Foundation director Brad Jones said ODF receives about 40 applicants a year, and has never turned down a request from a child with a terminal or life threatening illness.

Jones' father, Harold, sits on the ODF board, and is the real life "Coach Jones" portrayed by actor Ed Harris in the 2003 movie "Radio."

ODF contacted the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for help finding a place where Colton might have a decent shot at getting an elk.

When the Rocky Mountain Elk foundation approached Siletz landowners Ben and Debbie Hogevoll, they didn't hesitate to offer the use of their 160 acres.

"It's an honor to have it happen on our property," Ben Hogevoll said.

"The Hogevolts did everything humanly possible for success for this kid," Jim said. "They built a special tripod, trimmed the trail, laid ferns in the trail for padding for Colton to walk on and built a bridge over the creek. These people are amazing."

With the hunting site secured, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife issued a special youth hunting tag to Colton. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation helped with expenses as did many local businesses and individuals.

Since Colton found out in July that he was going elk hunting, his dad and grandfather have worked with him every weekend, firing hundreds of rounds of ammunition during target practice.

"It was important for him to make a one shot, one kill because we knew if he wounded it and it ran he'd never have a chance of getting it," Jim said. "We also knew it was important for it to die quickly to be humane."

Colton, who is afraid of heights, practiced climbing a ladder in preparation for getting into a tree stand.

"He's been on cloud nine since he found out about the trip," Jim said. "You don't know how this impacts kids' lives unless you have one and see it."

In the weeks leading up to the trip Colton received clothes from Cabelas and Mossy Oak, a rifle from Thompson Center/Arms, a scope from Nikon, and the Nosler ammunition company is making special boxes of ammo with his name on it. Newport area merchants pitched in as well, including the Best Western Hotel in Agate Beach and Oregon Coastal Cutters in South Beach.

"It was like Christmas in October," Colton said.

"More like ten Christmases," Jim added.

The three Phillips men drove to Newport from Nampa last Saturday. Sunday evening Colton made his first hunt with the Hogevolts' 22-year-old son Brady. After four hours in the tree stand, darkness fell with no elk.

"It'll happen. If not today, tomorrow or the next," predicted Ben Hogevoll, who has given the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation a 100-acre conservation easement on his property.

For Colton, the hours in the tree stand were excruciating.

"Brady said he thought he was going to have to duct tape him to the tree to make him hold still," Jim said.

"I get twitterpated," Colton said. "I can't stand still. I'm like a shaky dude."

Monday evening, Colton's luck changed. After nearly three hours of waiting, three bulls showed themselves. Four-hundred yards away, Ben, Dan the Hogevolts and others watched the final moments of the hunt unfold.

"We got a signal the elk were coming," Colton said. "It was Brady's mom screaming."

Sighting down at the elk, Colton placed the crosshairs of his grandpa's Browning A Bolt .270 on the front leg, followed it up to the shoulder line and then dropped down to the midway point, just as Jim and Dan had drilled into him.

"I was getting my gun ready, flicking it off safety. Brady was saying 'ready, ready' and then bam," Colton said.

"I think I bounced off about 10 trees. I was running around bawling and hugging Ben," Jim said. "I can honestly say there's nothing else I've done myself that I've had more joy or more nervousness or anticipation than this."

Colton gutted the 7X6 branch bull himself with a blade donated by Columbia River Knife and Tool. When they get it back to Idaho, he'll help with the butchering and canning of the meat. Ben figures the bull will feed the family for two years.

"I'm bringing home the bacon this time, the big bacon," Colton said.

Colton is bringing home more than just the bacon. Before his hunt Monday, he landed a 40-pound chinook on the Alsea River with guide Jim Sehl, who donated the trip.



"I'm the surf-and-turf killer," Colton proudly proclaimed.

Al Bohm of King City Taxidermy in Toledo is donating the labor for a shoulder mount and the Hogevolts are covering the material cost. Grandfather Dan is making a necklace with the recovered bullet.

Long after the meat is gone and family and friends have heard the tale too many times, the elk hunt will be a timeless bond between father and son.

"He conquered a lot of fears, a lot of doubts," Ben said. "He hasn't had a whole lot of success in his life other than surviving cancer. He's a survivor, and now he's a hunter."

"He said he's never been more proud of me, and I felt so good about that," Colton said. "I've gotten more confidence just shooting this elk. I feel like I can do anything."

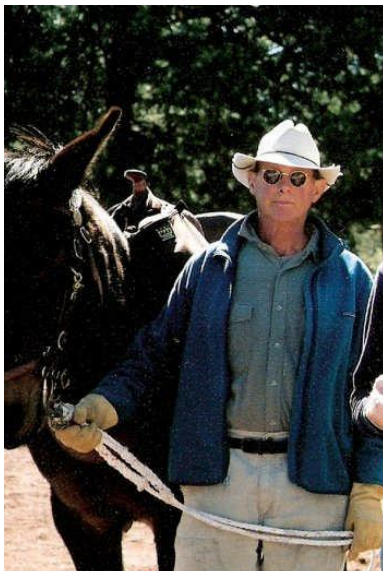
Although Colton's cancer is in remission, doctors are closely watching a spot on his front lobe, unsure whether it is a cyst or tumor.



Grand Canyon Pack Trip Continued

By Jake Lemon

Day 5, Monday, 4/19



The night was uneventful, as far as I knew. By morning, the butterflies had been replaced by a handful of other emotions; excitement, relief to be alone, determination, fear, grateful for the privilege, to name a few. I got up, said the mules, fed myself, broke camp, packed 2 mules, and swallowing into the saddle...headed NORTH! "Come on you guys, let's go. Come on, we are out here. Let's head up to Idaho, okay?" They all fell in. It was a fairly cold, cloudy day. We were on the freshly plowed main paved road connecting the Park to Jacob Lake (the BLM Arizona Strip Map is the best I found for this stretch). The official name of the road is the Kaibab Plateau North Rim Parkway; it's about 40 miles long. We briefly considered taking a portion of The Great Western/Arizona Trail that parallels the road, but most of it was covered in snow and/or swampy from spring snowmelt. Also, it was predetermined that the road would have very little traffic on it, as the North rim was not open yet. There was the occasional service vehicle coming in, but they were no problem.

It is about 12 miles from the rim to the main gate. Since grazing is not allowed in the park, our goal was to find camp outside of the park in the afternoon. On the map, there was shown a campground about 5 miles beyond the gate. A 17 mile day, after breaking camp and loading up was doable but it was going to be a long haul. No time to dally.

We arrived at the gate as anticipated. However, we found a formidable barrier; there was a cattle guard with no side gate to get through. On foot, I scouted for an opening along the stout boundary fence both ways for several hundred yards. Nothin'. One of the service vehicles stopped, offering assistance. He said that often he carries sheets of plywood that he could have put down over the cattle guard, but he was carrying no plywood this day. I had brought one of those multi-fencing tools, the pliers with the hammerhead and hook for potential fence work along the route. However, I had never anticipated having to disassemble a Federal Grand Canyon National Park fence in order to get out! I determined, as blatantly out in the open as it was, the best place to do the dirty work was right there beside the cattle guard. It was pretty well put together; it took a while to get the thing apart to the point where the mules could get through. Surprisingly I got it all put back together with no Rangers catching me in the act. The question arises, is packing around here so rare as to not justify a stock gate at the entrance to The Grand Canyon National Park, mule pack string capital of the world? As I thought about it, there undoubtedly is one where the Great Western/Arizona Trail enters the Park. We punctuated our covert escape from the park with a photo op with animals tied to the sign announcing "Entering Grand Canyon National Park".

Having just consumed about an hour of precious daylight making our escape, we had no time to waste on our home stretch of the day. The country was opening up a bit, allowing a progressively colder, cloudier and windier day to be our greeting to the outside world. We were now getting some snow squalls in our ears. However as far as all of us knew, we were all on top of our game. I had clothes for this weather. Some of this whether or came as no surprise as it was mid April at 8800 feet. I spent pretty much the whole day in the saddle because I was trying to heal up blisters from the one-mile of vertical down into the Canyon and then more than that out to the North rim.

The campsite, DeMotte CG suited us well. My GPS said we had climbed even higher than the Rim; we were now at 8,800 ft. The CG had some high ground that had been melted off long enough that it was not soaking wet. I did furl my brow while driving the two picket pins into the mushy ground, they might not hold. The weather was clearing a bit, but I pitched the tent for piece of mind. At bedtime, everything appeared as it should, but I was too tired to address the lingering uneasiness about the picket pins.

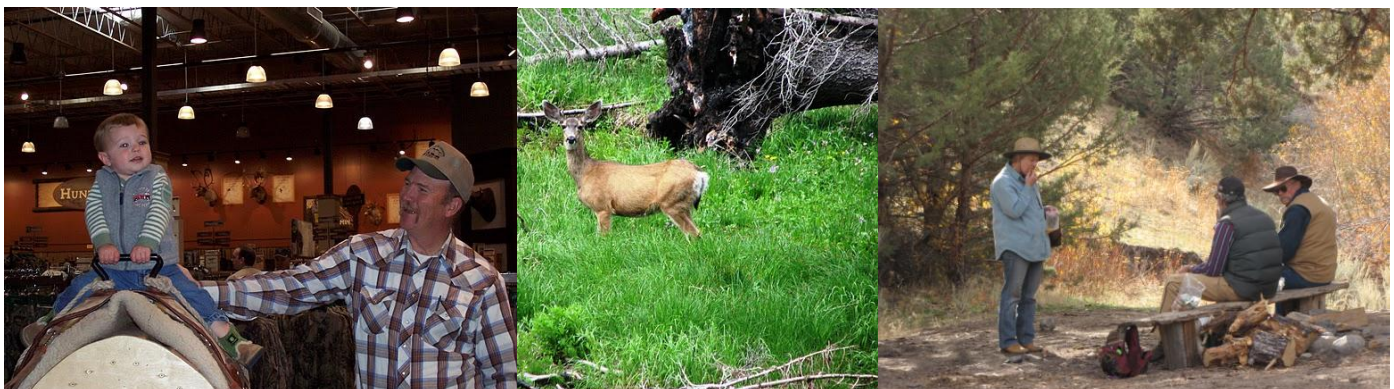
Recipes for the Month

Broccoli Salad from the Kitchen of Linda Phillips

- 1-1/2 pounds broccoli, finely chopped
- 1 small red onion, chopped
- 1 cup raisins
- 10 strips bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 1 cup sunflower seeds, shelled



In large bowl, combine broccoli, onion, raisins, and bacon. In small bowl, combine mayonnaise, sugar, and vinegar. Just before serving, toss dressing with salad. Sprinkle with sunflower seeds. Enough for 8 folks



SQUAW BUTTE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF IDAHO – CHARTERED 3/92

01/07/2010 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Marybeth Conger.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Marybeth

ATTENDENCE

13 members present and 3 Guests

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS

Stephanie Giles – Guest of Shannon Schantz

Cara & Bryan Marsh – New to area (Star) Former members of BCH in Twin Falls

PROGRAM

Presentation by Chuck Rolland, Gem County Sheriff was postponed to a future date.

RECOGNITION OF PAST DIRECTORS

Marybeth gives recognition to Past President Ellen Knapp with a gift (Talking Horse Wreath) for her dedication to youth and education. Acknowledgement to Charles Lox with a the gift that keeps on giving (yard sale purchase, Christmas party white Elephant gift) Special thanks to Past Vice President Tami Buthman and Past Secretary Team member Linda Phillips.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion to approve the Previous Meeting Minutes by Robbin Schindele, 2nd by Bill Holt and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Checking Account Balance: \$ 8,173.70

Deposits: \$526.00

Expenses: \$1410.20

Ending Checking Account Balance: \$7,289.50

Motion to approve the Previous Treasurer's Report by Ellen Knapp, 2nd by Phil Ryan and carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Calling Committee Report – Phil Ryan says he has emailed everyone who has an email address, it was suggested by Linda Hays that the Calling Committee stay in force and continue to call members that do not attend meetings and other events. Phil said we will discuss at director's meeting and will talk to the others on the committee.

Audit Committee (Feb) – Shannon Schantz and Robbin Schindele will per Bylaws review Treasurer's books for 2009.

Education Report – Newly appointed Nancy Harper has nothing new to report.

Foundation Reports – Bill Holt has nothing to report. Phil states at March BOD Meeting they will discuss Foundation.

Public Liaison Report – Robbin Schindele began discussing letter from the President of Trout Unlimited, Idaho of which Phil Ryan plans to elaborate on at a later time. A copy of the letter was sent out by Rob Adams prior to meeting. Phil and Robbin plan on attending the meeting on February 18th.

State Directors Report – Phil Ryan Chairman of BCHI – March BOD Meeting is moved to Lewiston, Idaho and will be hosted by Twin Rivers BCH.

Work Projects and Rides Report – Rob Adams

December: No scheduled rides. Christmas party all had fun/

January: Arena night at Lamb Arena, Emmett - can use indoor arena every third Thursday January through April starting January 21st. \$5.00 per person can bring 2 horses. Rob plans to have Broom Polo on the 21st.

Leadership Meeting January 30th at President Marybeth's house 0930 AM. All members welcome, only elected members can vote on upcoming year issues.

February: Celebration Park Fun Ride Feb. 20th

Lamb Arena 3rd Thursday.

March: 2010 Sportsman Show: first annual for SBBCH, Friday to Sunday, Shannon Schantz VP will be in charge of details, Volunteers needed to man booth, set up and tear down. Boise chapter of BCH has been funded by BCHI

\$500.00 towards events / shows for 2010. Shannon to communicate with TVBCH and BBCH on their participation.

April: Annual Little Butte Ride and Potluck at Ellen's and Charles, 1st Saturday of month.

Arena Night 3rd Thursday.

Horse Expo in Nampa, details to be discussed at a later date.

May: 4 mile Horse Mgmt Ride.

Spring Highway Clean-up

SBBCH 2 day Skills Clinic - Day 1 - presentations; Day 2 – hands on, defensive horsemanship, and beginning packing.

June-August: Projects

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2010 Sportsman's Show – Robbin to refresh booth to look more professional, Ellen will do printing, Lorraine Chick volunteered idea for Recipe handout.

Radios and training – Bill Conger to address in Aril.

NEW BUSINESS

North Fork Trail Grant – Rob: Deer Park along Boise River approx. 8 miles. Idaho City project possibility for Jul4th. Need letter of volunteer hours we can pledge to this project. Rob feels 96 hours (which equals 1 twelve man day) Pack in supplies, clear downfall, etc. Marybeth to write letter, Ellen to check files to see if she has hard copy for letter.

Letter of Support/"commitment to Emmett Ranger District regarding Back Country Law Enforcement related to four wheeled ATV's. 1 ranger for area, needs support, 350,000 acres to manage. Phil states support should target towards education of motor vehicles, examples have been sent out to members via email. Have meeting planned with Jim Thorp this month.

Commitment to Payette Sign project proposed from 2009 for Hitt Mountain and Council Mountain south slope. Marybeth to write letters of support.

2010 Committee list: MB will be making a committee list to get more people involved.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Open Discussion: Kay Ryan is going to apply for Tax Exempt Status for our Chapter (4990) State. IRS states all non-profit organizations who are not exempt will pay taxes. Kay further discusses topic and Robbin comments, continued by Ellen's Questions. Chapter has been progressing in direction of gaining tax status - 1. Has tax ID #. 2. Incorporation status done. 3. Apply for Tax Exempt status. Ellen will continue to file for Incorporation status.

Phils feels this topic will have to brought up in March at the BOD Meeting. More discussion followed regarding Storage and archiving SBBCH material and past records, to prevent lost of records or failure to past on records to next elected Director. Kay will check prices for storage and discuss at meeting Jan. 30th.

Program:

February : Presentation by Chuck Rolland, Gem County Sheriff if applicable.
Volunteer Hours

Notices: BCH sale items

ADJOURNMENT

Door Prize won by Shannon Schantz (Survival Kit)
Motion to adjourn the meeting by Robbin Schindele, 2nd by Bill Holt and carried.
Regular meeting adjourned at 08:21 PM by President Marybeth Conger.
Respectfully submitted by Secretary Linda Hays.

2010 SBBCH Officers and Board of Directors

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