

Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen

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The Naked Man is still out there on the Trail

By Marybeth Conger, President



It seems the unknown naked man really enjoys that trail. A small group went back to “investigate further” and sure enough he was still out there. Now the question that comes to mind, what should that trail sign say? Now that I have your attention, let’s think about 2010.

This year was another successful year for the SBBCH chapter thanks to all of you. Our membership continues to be strong and we grew the number of family memberships. Our calendar was full of Rides, Trail projects, Broom Polo events, Back Country Skills Clinic, Packers Play Day, Trail Safety Sessions, Sawyer class, First Aide/CPR, overnight Horse camping adventures to name just a few. There is

something on our Activities list to appeal to most everyone.

Even in this economy, our finances grew thanks to the annual Yard Sale, your continuing membership fees, Donations from our website advertisers, and the % the chapter gets from the BCHI Calendar sales. We even spent some of this money in 2010. The two Radios purchased will help keep us safe on upcoming Trail projects and chapter events. We can use that rather large Saw to clear trails in Wilderness areas.

There was a tremendous amount of public meeting attendance by SBBCH members traveling at times all over the state to promote the goals and objectives of our organization. The chapter was well represented at the Sportsman’s Show and Horse Expo too. So how ever you contributed to SBBCH chapter be it trails projects, rides, education, public outreach, meeting attendance please take a moment to log your hours on our website.

I had a tremendous amount of fun sharing the trail with you in 2010 and hope to do it again in 2011, once the snow melts a bit.



For information on Membership

Contact Marybeth Conger at 208-365-9864 or president@sbbchidaho.org

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Roving Reporter

Phil Ryan

This RR is thinking their Master Training Educational approach to Backcountry of Idaho might have a long ear perspective.



School Days for Payette

Rob Adams

In late October, I enrolled my youngest equine child, Payette in elementary school. He had reached the age where he was big and strong enough to start the riggers of going from a pasture pet to a working trail horse. While still a long way from a fully-grown horse, he is 3 1/2 this November, his mind is mature enough to start that transition. Over the three year that he has lived with me, Michelle Hart who does his feet, and I have worked with him on his ground manners, loading into a trailer, and other skills a trail horse needs. i have been ponying him over many miles of trail, he has stood patiently tied to a high line, crossed creeks, mud and bridges.

For this next step in his training, I contacted Shannon Allison, a friend and horse trainer, who worked for many years starting horses used by the Simplot Company at their ranches and feed lots. Shannon and I agreed that he would work with Payette for around a month, continuing his groundwork and starting him under saddle.



On a sunny afternoon, my mother Mary, who was visiting from Michigan, and I loaded up Payette, without one of his buddies in my old green trainer and started the long drive to Grandview, ID where Shannon's ranch is located. Poor Payette, was not a very happy camper, he likes riding in the trailer, but not alone, I am sure he was convinced bad things were going to be happening, but my mom and I had a lovely visit as we made the trip. Once we arrived, Payette was unloaded and introduced to the pen he would be staying in. Shannon and I discussed expectations and he outlined his training plan for the first two weeks. Those of you who have ridden with me, know my preferred headgear is a hackamore. Shannon showed me his collection; some are real works of art, and the one he planned to use during Payette's training.

I was out of state for the next few days, attending training for my job but kept in touch by email to find out how he was doing. Shannon assured me that he was setting in, and holding his own with the other horses. Shannon also said that he was popular with the girls that work with him. I was able to go visit Shannon and Payette at his two-week point to see how he was progressing with his lessons. Payette seemed happy to see me and greeted me at the gate; he was calm while I put a halter on him. I took him over to Shannon's round pen and Shannon demonstrated many of the things they had been working on. It was like going to your child's parent teacher conference & school open house. The only thing missing was picture the kids had drawn.

This first two weeks, a lot of the lessons Payette had been learning were to deal with and give to pressure. Some of these lessons he understood right off the bat, but others he has been resisting. He is a proud mustang. To get over his aversion to having bug spray applied, Shannon has emptied dozens of spray bottles of water on him until he now just stands there, not very happy but still.

They have started the under saddle lessons, and Payette has so far not tried to buck, but Shannon said it is like riding a tightly coiled spring. The lesson plan for the next few days is to work at loosing the coils a bit, and starting rides out side of the round pen.



Horse Hair: Potentially Dangerous!!!

In a press release today, the National Institute of Health has announced the discovery of a potentially dangerous substance in the hair of horses.

This substance, called "amo-bacter equuii" has been linked with the following symptoms in female humans:

- Reluctance to cook
- Reluctance to perform housework
- Reluctance to wear anything but boots
- Reluctance to work except in support of a horse
- Physical craving for contact with horses (may be an addiction)



Beware: If you come in contact with a female human affected by this substance, be prepared to talk about horses for hours on end.

This has been a public service announcement.

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**Meetings: First Thursday of every month 7 PM at LaCosta Restaurant,
Emmett Idaho**

BCHA 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
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EDITORS CORNER

By Linda Hays

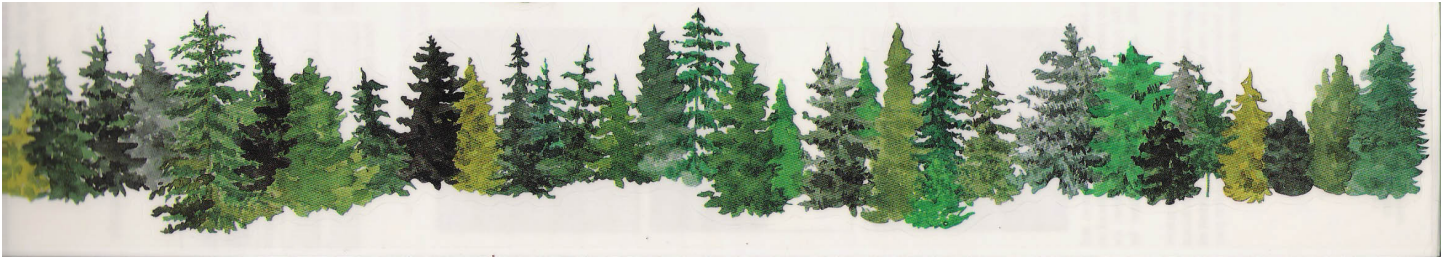
Newsletter Items Needed

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



LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP



**Check out the Wilderness Pack
Clinic Website**

at

www.wldernesspackclinic



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and

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**A chance to win a fully paid
scholarship to the
Back Country Horsemen of Idaho
Wilderness Pack Clinic**

The winning SBBCH member's name will be drawn
at the monthly SBBCH meeting, May 5, 2011, 7:00 PM
at the LaCosta Restaurant in Emmett

Visit

<http://sbbchidaho.org/Forms/2011MembershipApp.pdf>
for a membership form

Activities / Coming Events 2011

January 2011

SBBCH Monthly Meeting-Thursday, January 06, 2011 - La Costa Restaurant, Emmett, ID

CONTACT: Marybeth Conger president@sbbchidaho.org 208 365-9864

SBBCH Leadership Team Meeting - Sunday 16, 2011 - Location Bill & Marybeth Conger Home - 10:00 to 15:00

(Pot luck lunch) CONTACT: Marybeth Conger president@sbbchidaho.org 208 365-9864

SBBCH Arena Night Ride - Thursday 20, 2011 - Old Lamb Ranch Indoor Arena-

18:30 to 21:00 CONTACT: Charles & Lorraine Chick education@sbbchidaho.org 208 870-6289 [Directions](#)

Chick & Lorraine will be leading some ground school games you can play with your horse. Bring a 12-foot lead rope.

Rope halters preferred. [Download Horsenality Profile](#) Special chapter rate of \$7.50 per rider (two horse max per rider). We will bring some cones for those who want to challenge themselves and their stock.

February 2011

SBBCH Monthly Meeting - Thursday, Feb 03, 2011 - La Costa Restaurant, Emmett, ID. CONTACT:

Marybeth Conger; president@sbbchidaho.org 208 365-9864

SBBCH Arena Night Ride - Thursday 17, 2011 - Old Lamb Ranch Indoor Arena- 18:30 to

21:00 CONTACT: Charles & Lorraine Chick; education@sbbchidaho.org 208 870-6289 [Directions](#)

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SBBCH Fun Ride - Saturday 26, 2011 - Celebration Park, Snake River Birds of Prey - 10:00 to 16:00

CONTACT: Robbin Schindele webmaster@sbbchidaho.org 208 365-2373 [Directions](#) This is a great ride between the cliffs and the river. Safe ground even if it has snow on it, which is rare. Good parking and bathroom facilities open year round. [Pictures](#) from past event. [Click here to sign up for this event.](#)

March 2011

SBBCH Monthly Meeting- Thursday, March 03, 2011 - La Costa Restaurant, Emmett, ID

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Idaho Sportsmen Show - Back Country Horsemen of Idaho Booth

Thursday-Friday-Saturday-Sunday 3, 4, 5, 6, 2011 - Expo Idaho (fair grounds)

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Show Hours: Thursday 5-10pm, Friday 5-10pm, Saturday 11am to 10pm, Sunday 11am to 5pm.

<http://www.idahosportsmanshow.com/> Members of Squaw Butte will be manning a BCHI information booth.

Contact Phil to volunteer to work a booth shift.

