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## A LETTER FROM ABROAD

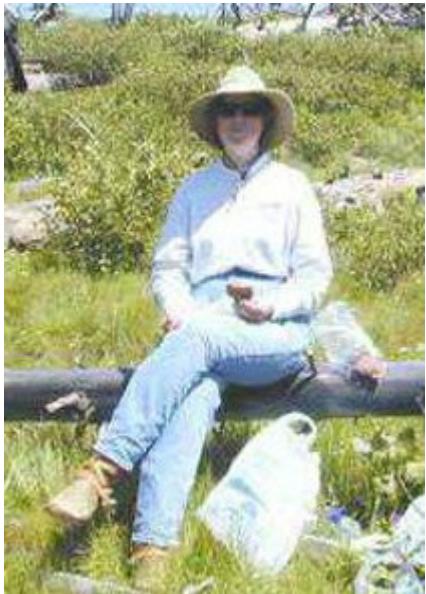
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CHRISTMASS PARTY PHOTOS

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# A Letter From Abroad



**Editor's Note:** Many of you readers may not know that SBBCH member Dr. Shannon Shantz is doing a year of military duty in Germany. While not too horsey here is her Christmas letter to those of us left behind.

Frohe Weihnachten & Happy New Year!

The weather turned cold, so it seems like winter now but no snow. We have had a lot of rain. The locals say there isn't much snow in winter in this part of Germany. I bought a 1998 Peugeot at the end of November as I am on call for out patient problems. We get flights in everyday, including the weekends. On weekends the clinics are closed so it is a busy time for us getting the meds, etc that they need until Monday. I'd say we are busier on weekends than weekdays.

Anyway getting a car was like being let out of jail. The

freedom of the road was before us and every bit of time off is filled with sightseeing. Two weekends ago, I put 1300 km on the car visiting the Christmas markets. The markets seem to be the major method of celebration for Christmas. Booths with cakes, cookies, hot food and the Gluwein. There are more booths of Gluwein (Christmas hot wine) than anything else with the biggest crowds. The market seems to be the biggest social event. The fixed stores have a few decorations but not much. Some houses have a Santa climbing the wall, and if they are ambitious will put a spot light on the figure at night but there is very little outside lighting. Probably the expense of electricity. Most houses seem to be decorated on the windows inside and you can glimpse a little thru the window. The only outdoor lights were in housing on base. Though I was glad not to be hit over the head with the commercialism of the States, I guess I have been indoctrinated and it was hard to feel the Christmas spirit. A few of us did go to an organ concert in Rothenburg, the year round Christmas city. The music in the cathedral was phenomenal. Sometimes in the day, if you are

there at the right time you hear the choir and the organist practicing, particularly on weekends.

Right now, the age of the cities and the antiquities are impressive. I can't help but wonder if you live here all the time though, that you don't become blasé about it. It makes the States feel so juvenile. Instead of tearing down their old buildings they adapt them and it gives a wonderful feel of permanence and age as well as beauty to the area. Of course the buildings that have endured are of stone, not wood and steel. I went to a house of a 12th century middle class tradesman that has been restored to its original condition.; no heat, no light, no latrine, 17 people crammed into a three level space that totaled less than 700 sqf, and half of that was the trade shop. The children were all stuffed into 3 small beds smaller than a modern day crib. The servants had it best. They had a room and bed to themselves. I'm glad I was born in this century! I wonder if in a few centuries people will shudder at our living conditions. While there I visited a torture museum from the dark ages. It was very thorough. I was surprised to learn that the motivation for the severe

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punishments and methods were not sadism but concern to save your IMMORTAL soul. The goal was life in the afterlife, have you thank your torturer for their concern, and kill you before you could sin again. Again, I'm thankful to be born in this century!

Last weekend a group of us went to Trier, which is the oldest city in Germany if you start counting from Roman times. They had a very impressive museum of items excavated from the Roman times. Their ruins are not very well restored as in Spain and Portugal and made of different material. In some areas where the ruins are excavated, it is apparent that about 20 -30 feet of dirt and silt has filled in the

old Roman city with the new city on top. In a few areas, the fill was deliberate but in most it was natural. I wonder how all the dirt got there. I sure don't feel like my land is rising. In fact it feels like it blowing away most days.



The cathedral was constructed

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around an old Roman ruin, but there is very little left of the Roman structure through the changes over the centuries. They have a relic, the robe of Christ enshrined behind the altar that was brought to the area in 300 AD by the mother of the Roman governor I think. I couldn't find out any more about it as all was in German and no one spoke English well enough to explain. The altar is one of the most beautiful I have seen - a room within the altar. And then the organ practicing in the background.

Well that is all for now.

Frohe Weihnachten,  
(Merry Christmas)  
Shannon



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# FEBRUARY EVENTS

**SBBCH Monthly Meeting**-Thursday, February 01, 2007, 7 PM, La Costa Restaurant, Emmett ID

**Horse Affairs**-Friday-Sunday, February 16-18, 2007-Expo Idaho Fair Grounds

**Little Butte Spring Ride & Dutch Oven Cook Out** - Saturday February 24, Spirithorse Ranch, Emmett (Ellen & Charles' Place) Ride between 10 AM & 1 PM, Potluck starts 1:30 PM. Detailed directions at [www.sbbchidaho.org/html/directions.html](http://www.sbbchidaho.org/html/directions.html)



## ***PONDERINGS FROM THE PREZ'S SADDLE***

Happy 2007 to all of you. I hope you all have had a great holiday season. I know that I have been going non-stop since Thanksgiving. I welcomed January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I want to thank our 06 president Bob Howard and all the 06 officers for their hard and dedicated work last year. SBBCH was one of the top 3 (of 15) chapters in the state for activities and volunteer efforts. I and this year's officers have some big shoes to fill in order to just maintain that level of success.

Now, its time to get focused on our 07 activities. We don't have much time to rest on our 06 laurels. February brings the Horse Affair and our first ride and potluck of the year; March, the annual Leave No Tracks Pack Clinic at Circle G River Ranch; and in April SBBCH is hosting the 07 BCHI Convention in Lewiston. These next 3 months bring plenty of opportunities for everyone to get involved. There are still lots of volunteer opportunities, both small and large, available, so no one should feel left out.

The New Year also brings SBBCH membership renewal. Dues are due and we all need to complete the 07 membership application with the submittal of our dues. Family memberships remain at \$40 and individual memberships remain at \$25. Please get your dues in to our treasurer, Charles, as soon as you can.

Rob Adams, our projects coordinator, has generated a tentative schedule of activities complete with place holders for yet to be identified rides. Ideas for ride locations are needed. If you have a favorite place you like to ride or one you want to try please tell Rob so it may get added to the list of possibilities.

So start getting your saddle, tack, and trailer ready for the coming riding season as it starts as soon as February.

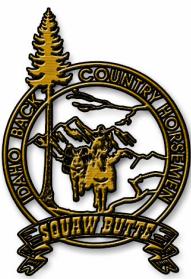
See ya on the trail.

*Ellen*

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**DUES ARE DUE**

Mail to: Charles Lox, Treasurer  
2790 East Black Canyon Highway  
Emmett, ID 83617



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**Squaw Butte Chapter  
Back Country Horsemen of Idaho  
2007 Membership Application**

\$25.00: Individual Membership      \$40.00: Family Membership

Make check payable to SBBCH

Mail to: Charles Lox, 2790 E. Black Canyon Hwy, Emmett ID 83617

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es):  
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Birthday Month(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Names of family members if this is a family application:

Name	Birthday Month	Name	Birthday Month

- What types of demonstrations or information would you like to have at the monthly meetings?
- What level do you consider yourself and/or family in camping?  Beginner  Some Experience  Experienced
- What level do you consider yourself and/or family in packing?  Beginner  Some Experience  Experienced
- What activities or committees would you be interested in helping with?

Trail Maintenance	Newsletter
Phone Calls	Parties
Meeting Demonstrations	Education
Organizing rides, work projects, or other activities	Other – Specify: _____

- What training or certifications do you have?

Current FS Chain Saw Certification	Current FS Cross Cut Saw Certification
First Aid Certification	CPR Certification
LNT	Other – Specify: _____
Do you have Pack Stock?	Other – Specify: _____

Applicants 18 and over please read the following paragraph carefully and sign below. (If a family membership is being applied for, then all adults over 18 living in the household should sign.) Thank You!

Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for accidents whenever livestock use is involved which can cause injuries to livestock, riders, and spectators and also recognizing the fact that Back Country Horsemen chapters, officers, directors, or members cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience of the riders or animals taking part in BCH functions, I do hereby release the above mentioned from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children, and/or my livestock.

➤ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Trail Etiquette and Safety** Submitted by Ellen Knapp

We all try to be considerate of our fellow riders. But horses and people get excited and accidents happen. As we begin the 2007 year of riding, it doesn't hurt to review these common sense guidelines to help ensure a pleasant and safe ride for all. These are not meant to restrict anyone, but to help us all, as we ride in a group – sometimes in a BIG group. Let's enjoy our saddle time.

### **Lead and Drag Riders**

- These two riders are for keeping everyone going in the right direction and to make sure stragglers don't become lost.
- Don't pass the leader or trail boss and don't fall behind the drag rider.

### **Stay With The Group**

- Keep up with the group and don't fall behind.
- Don't leave the group without telling someone.

### **Passing**

- Don't pass without informing those you are passing.
- A simple 'on your right' or 'on your left' alerts the rider ahead of you.

### **Dismounted Rider**

- Wait for the rider to remount before moving off. This helps to keep his/her horse quiet and standing still while he/she is mounting.

### **Spooking Horse**

- If someone's horse spooks and misbehaves, **STOP**.
- Wait for the rider to regain control before moving off.

### **Water Stops**

- Make room for other horses at a water stop or take turns if there is not enough room for all.
- Watering stops have to be chosen very carefully. They need to be flatter, more open areas where horses can spread out. Having horses stacked up waiting in line on steep side-hill trails makes for dangerous conditions for those waiting behind if horses get nervous, start quarrelling, kicking or etc.
- Do not water horses at every stream you cross. This is a practice that becomes more of a habit than necessity for the horses, and creates unsafe conditions for those around you.

### **Kicking Horses**

- If you have a horse that is a kicker, tie a red ribbon in its tail to alert other riders to keep away.
- Always be alert to kicking potential – ears back, tense body, tail clamped, moving into kick position, etc.

### **Control**

- Keep your horse under control. Out-of-control horses cause accidents!

### **Crowding**

- Stay one horse-length behind the horse ahead, except when passing.
- Stay single file unless the trail is wide enough for more than one horse.

### **Stay On The Trail**

- This protects the adjacent land from erosion.

### **Gates**

- Leave all gates as you found them.

### **Rest Stops**

- During rest stops spread out or turn horses sideways in the trail if there is room to help prevent horses from kicking and quarrelling.
- Before stopping for any reason, make sure all horses are in a relatively safe location and not halfway up or down a steep incline or near a precarious drop off.
- Periodically stop and wait for all riders to catch up and regroup.

### **Loping**

- Loping horses is discouraged as it excites other horses around you, creating a variety of problems.
- Keeping your gait at a walk or slow trot insures safer riding conditions for everyone.

### **Dogs**

- Dogs are not permitted on any SBBCH ride.

# Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen – Chartered 3/92

## 12/07/2006 Regular Meeting Minutes

Name	Present
Adams, Rob & Linda	Rob
Argo, Doug & Teri	
Berggren, Leon & Margaret	X
Boeder, Jess	
Brewer, Vernon & Anita	
Burak, Nadine	
Burdine, Russell	
Bush, John & Jackie	
Buthman, Tony & Tami	X
Carpenter, Vern	X
Conger, Bill & Marybeth	X
Creamer, Kelley	
Dann, Tony & Diane	
Davis, Justin	
Dineen, David & Tracy	

Edwards, Harold & Renee	
Farnese, Karen & Gary	
Fry, Lida	
Gaskell, Lou Ann	
Gress, Rose	
Gudmundsen, Bob	
Guinn, Lettie	
Harding, Bruce	
Hezeltinge, Alex & Sherrie	X
Holcroft, Steve	
Holt, William & Chris	
Howard, Bob	X
Howard, Robert & Donna	X
Leonard, Steve & Tonya	Steve
Lox, Charles & Ellen Knapp	X
Lyons, Barney & Judy Hudson	
MacDonald, Terry & Gail	

Nichols, Jil & Michael Bryant	
Nielsen, Dolores	X
Richards, Tom	
Rindlisbach, Claudia & Fry, Martin	
Ryan, Phil & Kay	X
Schantz, Shannon	
Schindele, Robbin & Sally	X
Seal, Nate & Ruth	
Seel, Jon	
Selkirk, William	
Stroeder, Joanna	X
Thielges, Jim	
Truax, Ralph & Sharon	
West, Bob & Alasya	
Young, Gene & Cheryl	

### **2006 SBBCH Officers and Board of Directors:**

President: Robert Howard, Sr., Vice President: Rob Adams, Treasurer: Charles Lox, Secretary: Kay Ryan  
Past President: John Bush

State Directors (2): Phil Ryan, Bob Howard, Jr., Alternate State Director: Leon Berggren  
Foundation Director: Sally Schindele, Alternate Foundation Director: Margaret Berggren

***Regular meeting brought to order at 6:58 P.M. by President Bob Howard***

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Introduction and Welcome to Guests: Chris Robbins, Cassie Nielsen

Introduction and Welcome to New Members:

### **MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING**

Robbin Schindele moved to accept the minutes of the November meeting as published in the December newsletter. Bill Conger seconded the motion which passed. Marybeth moved to rescind the motion because of an error in the ending balance of the treasurer's report. Ellen Knapp added to the motion to correct the ending balance to \$2,738.01 and accept the corrected minutes. Phil seconded the motion which passed.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$2,738.01</b>
<b>Deposits:</b>	+\$ .00
<b>Expenditures:</b>	-\$ 247.26
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$2,490.75</b>

Vern Carpenter moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Bill Conger seconded the motion and it passed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public Liaison Report: No report as Harold Edwards was absent.

State Directors Report: Phil reported that he and Marybeth Conger attended the Board of Directors meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup> along with all but 3 or 4 other Chapters. He talked about some of the events scheduled for the Outdoor Show and State Convention, including the Dutch Oven contest, photo contest, and who the guest speaker might be. The Dutch Oven Cooking Organization will be judging two-person teams and a \$500 prize is offered. There will also be prize money offered by the Outdoor Show for the photo contest. They are looking at Ian Barlow or Brad Tuininga as possible speakers but that is still up in the air. He also reported that raffle tickets were distributed to the other Chapters along with large and small flyers and reported that registration forms for the convention as well as the raffle flyers are available on the website.

Education & Foundation Reports: Sally Schindele reported that she has been trying to get information about the Ambassador equipment but has had no response to her requests.

Work Projects and Rides Report: Rob reported on what he learned about the National membership directory data inquiries that everyone has received. Everyone seemed surprised that the National office thought this would be a way

to make money. He reported that Rosie's Ribs will be providing the dinner at the convention but that SBBCH is responsible for the dessert. Rob said that he received a \$60.00 donation from Bill Selkirk to pay for our website and pointed out that we have been getting more internet activity. He thanked Robbin for all his hard work on keeping the site updated and for adding the newsletters. Rob said he has been working on the 2007 Packing Clinic, talking with a lot of individuals about sessions they would like to present.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Election of Officers:** The slate of officers nominated are: Ellen Knapp, President; Sally Schindele, Vice-President, Kay Ryan, Secretary; Charles Lox, Treasurer; JoAnna Stroeder, Phil Ryan, State Director. Sally brought up some questions concerning the Foundation Director and Alternate Foundation Director positions as no one was nominated for these positions. She explained the duties of the office, the voting rights, and nominated Margaret Berggren for Foundation Director. Bill Conger was nominated for the Alternate position. Marybeth discussed the voting rights of the State Directors positions. Chapters are entitled to two votes but only if both individuals attend meetings. Phil withdrew his nomination for State Director because of a potential conflict with a BCHI position. Robbin volunteered to run again. The ballot was corrected. Bob Howard Jr. resigned his position as State Director effective immediately. Vern moved that nominations cease and Bill added that a unanimous ballot be cast for the slate of officers. Sally seconded the motion which passed. Because the vacated State Director position is for one-year and the other State Director position is for two years, a coin was tossed to determine who would fill each position. JoAnna Stroeder will serve as the two-year State Director and Robbin Schindele will serve in the vacated position as a one-year State Director. Leon Berggren remains as the Alternate State Director.

**2007 State Convention Update:** Phil said he would like to have everyone take 40 tickets and both large and small flyers. He reminded everyone to be sure to put their name and phone number or his name and phone number on the flyer so people will know where to get tickets. Tickets will be issued after the meeting.

**Christmas Party Update:** Ellen says she has reservations for 35 and is hoping for more to come. She needs people to set up before the event and clean up after. Rob & Linda and Kay & Phil volunteered to set up. No one volunteered to clean up. She reminded everyone of the White Elephant gift and said there will be some changes to the gift exchange process.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**2007 Horse Affairs & Horse Expo:** Bob said he had received an email from Alice Millington asking about the Chapter's intended participation in these two events in 2007. Discussion followed and it was decided that this should be discussed by the new Board of Directors.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Notices:** Chris Robbins, BLM Boise District's new Wild Horse and Burro program person indicated they have a sorrel mare mustang available for adoption for a \$25.00 fee. The horse is not broken.

**Presentations:** Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Rob Adams, Bob Howard, Charles Lox, and Robbin Schindele for their generous donations and continued support of BCH and its mission.

**Door Prizes:** Bob Howard Sr. was the winner of the door prize, a 50# bag of horse feed donated by Pet Corral.

Bob Howard thanked everyone for all their hard work during the year and for their support during his tenure.

***The meeting was adjourned and raffle tickets were distributed.***

Respectfully submitted by Kay Ryan, Secretary, SBBCH

#### **A HEARTY THANK YOU TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY COMMITTEE**

Thank you all so much for your help setting up before and cleaning up after the SBBCH Christmas party.

Those of you that set up - THANK YOU for taking care of slicing and presenting the meat, cleaning up the kitchen, organizing and presenting food on the table, and taking out the garbage. You really were a BIG help. Thank you for your continued kitchen attention throughout the party.

Those of you that helped cleanup - THANK YOU so much. You were a wonderful help in moving chairs back to their locations, gathering and taking out garbage, and storing food. In a blink of an eye, everything was put away!

You all made it so much easier and more enjoyable for us hosts! THANK YOU!



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