

The Shoshone Rider

October 2022

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From the President, Kandy Christian...

As fall is upon us and hunting season is approaching, I do hope a lot of our members that are hunters or are fall riders, get in the saddle and go out to enjoy the trails that were cleared this year. With over 100 miles cleared, what a way to end this year!! I want to thank all of our members for all their efforts to make this happen!!

Taking a minute on our memberships, Shoshone Back Country Horsemen members are a big part of an organization that helps keep a lot of trails open for not only our members to enjoy, but for the many non-members that use them as well. Let's get out there and educate our fellow horse and mule riders on what we do and why we do it, as an organization. Shoshone will always welcome new members.

This is the month for our annual member appreciation dinner. Make sure you leave the 29th of October open to attend the dinner. We do need volunteers to help with the event, please let me know if you can help. A little help goes a long way. Make sure your dues are paid up to date.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our Annual Member Appreciation Dinner this October.

Kandy Christian
President Shoshone Back Country Horseman



Photo by Kandy Christian

Secretary's report by Judi Blymyer...

The September 2022 meeting of the SBCH was called to order by Vice President Bre Fagan at the Weed and Pest building after a potluck dinner.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Deb Black made a motion to accept the minutes as written. MSP

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Deb Black made a motion to accept the Treasure's report as written. MSP

Linda requested the following bills be paid: Kathi G. \$83.53 for newsletter printing, postage and potluck supplies, and Howard S. \$93.28 for Kirwin trail cleaning groceries. Deb B. made a motion to pay these bills. MSP

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Watch Dog: N/A

Activities: A fun Fall ride has been scheduled for October 22, probably over in the Red Hills area outside of Cowley. A club wide email will be sent out soon with more details.

Service: Finished all cost share trails and request for reimbursement has been submitted.

Howard gave an update on the completion of the four corrals at Bucking Mule Falls. While there was a good turnout for volunteer labor, the volunteer welding help was way down from previous years. Two more corral projects, Bald Mountain and Jaws trailhead, are being discussed with the Bighorn District and our club. More as this develops.

Howard and Ann went to Jack Creek Trailhead to look at the condition of the corrals there. These are wood rail corrals that now need a bit of fixing up. Howard gave an estimate of \$1200-1500 to fix these corrals up. After a short discussion, Linda Putney made a motion to fix these corrals using Jim Hillberry 'donated monies' instead of Commissioner's tag monies. Any additional needed will come out of Operating funds. MSP

Frank Fagan said the Crandall Trailhead grading project was a big failure. According to Frank it will be re-done by the County.

Education: Howard and Judi provided an update on the happenings at this year's KIW's experience day. There were 100 kids and adults being fed hot dogs, that they had to cook themselves over our fire pits, marshmallows and yummy watermelon, all provided by us. The kids were excited about seeing bear tracks plus some even saw a bear.

Publicity/Newsletter: N/A

Social Media/Photo Gallery: N/A

Recruitment & Retention: We have two new members.

WYBCH Report: Barry said this year's Rendezvous up at Freemont Lake near Pinedale was well run and fun. The Mountain Man chapter hosted around 85 people, took people on rides or showed people where various trails were plus there was a great demonstration on how mountain men use to pack horses in the 'old days'.

Howard shared the number of miles cleaned by our Club since 2006; 3,215 miles in the Shoshone area and 4,500 miles when counting in the miles done in the Battle Park area of the Bighorn NF. Howard and Barry will get together to talk more about writing this up for next year's 30th anniversary.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cathy has completed her write up for the Dennis Daley award and has sent it off to Barry for submission. After a quick discussion about reimbursing people for gas mileage while working on trail cleaning projects, it was decided not to reimburse any monies to anyone as we are a volunteer organization.

Linda gave an update on our 501c3 submitted application. It was accepted for consideration on July 28, 2022 but has not yet been assigned for review. This process could take up to a year to hear whether we receive it or not.

NEW BUSINESS:

Our Member Appreciation Banquet (formally called the Christmas Party) was discussed and Deb made a motion to hold it at the Fairgrounds on October 29 with a budget of \$2000. That will cover Hall rental, meat (turkey and prime rib), paper supplies, door prizes, service prizes and photo prizes.

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"Your every thought, word and deed are seeds to take root and grow. Be mindful of the crop you plant today for the harvest you reap tomorrow." ~ Anonymous

Secretary's report cont....

There are still long sleeve T- shirts and hooded sweatshirts for sale; all are medium size. The last State meeting of the year is on November 5 in Thermopolis. Some of our officers will be going but anyone interested in going are welcome. State is proposing \$15 dues increase. It takes 5 of the 7 seven state chapters to approve an increase. Our SBCH group voted no to an increase at our July meeting.

Barry has state pins available for sale for \$30. Barry bought and donated a pin to Bill Brazelton, in honor of being our charter member.

Finally, we talked about Carol Olson and how churches and community members have contributed to 'raise' a small house for her since her old house was destroyed by the big flood in June.

Kathi said she'd find out where to send donations, if people in the club wanted to help out. An email will be sent out after she finds the needed information.

Mac made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40. MSP

**Treasurer's Report
by Linda Putney**

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen
Reconciliation Detail
for Period 09/01/2022 – 09/30/2022
--- For October 2022 Meeting---

Type	Cleared #	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
<u>First Bank of Wyoming accounts</u>					
CHECKING ACCOUNT Beginning Reconciled Bank Balance 08/31/2022					\$ 7,401.36
<i>Cleared Transactions</i>					
Check	09/02/22	1721 Bonnie Fauskee	Kids in the Woods lunch groceries	-292.69	
Check	09/16/22	1723 H. Sanders	Kirwin trail cleaning groceries	-93.28	
TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments				-385.97	
Deposit	09/01/22		2022 Dues	40.00	
Deposit	09/12/22		2022 Dues	40.00	
Deposit	09/20/22		Donations: \$200 & \$15; Shirt sales \$25	240.00	
TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits				320.00	
CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Reconciled Bank Balance 09/30/2022					<u>\$7,335.39</u>
<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>					
Check	09/15/22	1722 K.Gimmeson	Newsletter printing, postage, mtg supplies	-83.53	
Net Uncleared Transactions				-83.53	
CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Checkbook Balance 08/31/2022					<u>\$7,251.86*</u>
*Of this balance, \$1,704.72 reserved for Youth: Donations in memory of: Jim Hillberry \$1,322; Dale Olson \$340; Charles Sheets \$380					
MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Beginning Bank Balance 08/31/2022					\$29,651.48
<i>Cleared Transactions</i>					
Check	09/01/22	1531 H. Sanders	Bucking Mule Falls materials	-93.84	
TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments				-93.84	
Interest	09/30/22		September interest income	1.03	
TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits				1.03	
MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Bank Balance 09/30/2022					<u>\$29,558.67</u>
<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>					
None.					
MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Checkbook Balance 09/30/2022					<u>\$29,558.67</u>
12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Beginning Balance 09/01/2022					\$10,294.00
Interest			None.	0.00	
12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Ending Balance 09/30/2022					<u>\$10,294.00</u>

"Between the great things we cannot do and the small things we will not do, the danger is that we shall do nothing." – Adolph Monod

Service by Howard Sanders

SBCH OCTOBER 2022 SERVICE REPORT

Last month I told you that we had finished the Bucking Mule Falls Corral project. What I didn't tell you was what went into the construction of that facility. There were 14 men and women who provided skills and labor, putting in a total of 177 hours of labor and 71 hours of skill. They spent 77 hours in traveling 2,211 miles to and from the job and put in 64 hours of running power and heavy equipment. The dollar equivalent for the volunteers was \$13,243 and with the materials bought and provided by SBCH coming at a cost of \$10,239, our total contribution for this project was approximately \$23,480. Great job! The dust from our leaving hadn't even settled when there were horse and mule campers taking down their highlines and moving into the corrals ... just as we had hoped. So far, I know of 3 of our members that have used these new corrals.

Be sure to take advantage of the nice fall days for some riding.

Howard Sanders
Service



Bucking Mule Falls Corrals Completed

The Sanders family with the finished corrals last July in the Bighorn National Forest. Above are Howard, Ann, Eldon and Bobby. At right the welders, Bobby and Eldon Sanders. Eldon was the primary welder, with Bobby coming to help the last two days. Great job, guys!

Photos by Howard Sanders



Kitty Creek

Cindy, Kandy, Rhonda and Linda pitched in to clear the Kitty Creek trail in late July.

Photo by Howard Sanders

Fall Fun Ride Saturday, Oct 22nd!

Cathy Ringler is planning a fun ride, possibly at the Crooked Creek trailhead/parking area, about 30 min. north of Cowley.

It's about a 3 hour easy trail loop in the red foothills of the Pryor Mtns. The plan is to meet at the trailhead ready to ride at 9:30 & be back at the trailers by 12:30 for lunch. The Club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs & chips. Feel free to bring a dish to share.



We'll have more detailed directions as the date gets closer. Interested riders can contact Cathy Ringler at cathyringler@yahoo.com or landline (307) 645-3255; text (307) 202-0335.



Kids in the Woods

SBCH members assisted the SNF crew for a Kids in the Woods Experience Day by feeding 100 kids & adults near the Sweetwater trailhead & Wapiti Campground on the Northfork. The kids enjoyed seeing bear tracks and cooking their meals over campfires in fire rings. SBCH provided the food and fire rings.



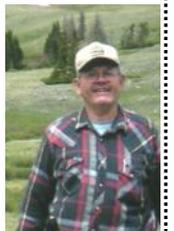
Photos by Judi Blymyer & Howard Sanders



Dennis Dailey Award Application



Using her research and writing skills, Cathy Ringler has written an outstanding justification to apply for the Dennis Dailey Award to honor Bill Brazelton and Bob Bessler as co-recipients. Although space limitations prevent printing her article, as the newsletter editor, I will do my best to honor her sentiments and the information she provided.



SBCH founders, Bill and Bob, truly embody the spirit of the Back Country Horsemen. For a combined ninety-eight years, they have been "Committed to protecting the access of equestrians to public lands." (*National Back Country Horsemen of America. Updated, 2022.*) Before formally beginning the chapter in 1992, Bill and Bob felt it was their duty and privilege to clean backcountry trails on their own. They redoubled their efforts after starting the Shoshone Chapter.

As hands-on service members, they have both held office, been project leaders and laborers and provided leadership and education with Leave No Trace, Packing, Clean Trail Standards and Trail Etiquette. Both of them helped to establish communication and working relationships with the USFS, BLM and WY Game and Fish. These liaisons with federal agencies helped facilitate trail and trailhead projects such as trail cleaning, creating water bars, safer water crossings, bridges, packing in supplies and improving facilities with tie rails, feed bunks, stanchions, new corrals and improved parking. Over the years, Bob has procured donations of materials and money from local businesses and the Park Co. Parks & Rec. to accomplish many building projects. For many years, Bill traveled putting on packing clinics, as well as continuing to act as a camp host at Battle Park. Through these services, he has met many people from all over the nation and used these opportunities to educate the public about "Their responsibility and stewardship, so public lands will always be available for the next generation." (*National Back Country Horsemen of America. Updated, 2022.*)

These gentlemen continue to be active members, and both enjoy educating and working with people to protect and preserve our backcountry resources and keep them open to equine use. Bill and Bob have followed in Mr. Dailey's footsteps by helping to educate, preserve and protect these resources for future generations.

Kathi Gimmeson, with information collected & shared by Cathy Ringler

Thanks to Marty for another great story of the past!

(You may remember Wes' cookie recipe in the May issue)

Bud and Wes By Marty Morris

This story begins in late 1969 when we moved to the Santa Ynez Valley. I knew Wes and had heard of Bud several years back when I was a student at Cal Poly. When I attended school, I had lived and spent most of my free time with horse and cattle people who were not connected to the college. Some didn't have more than an 8th grade education, but were very knowledgeable and I learned a lot from them. They told me about people like Bud and his brother Rod who had been a mentor to my friend, Ernie Morris. Bud and Rod were from Lompoc and were old-school horsemen in California's central coast area.

In early 1970, I was running a cow calf operation in the Santa Ynez Valley. It needed a lot of attention when I got there, but the job fit me well. It was mainly a horseback job with long days, especially at first. It wasn't long before I was able to tell my boss that I had the cattle and the place straightened out. He was delighted and toured the ranch, then asked me to take over a couple of other ranches for him. I was happy to do that. When he was telling me about one of the ranches which was in the Los Alamos area, he said there was an older man that was doing some day riding there by the name of Bud Howerton. My boss kind of laughed as he described Bud as old cowboy. I was anxious to meet Bud. I told my boss that Bud was a legend and a top hand with horses and cattle, which surprised him. He later said that he had learned more about Bud and agreed with what I had told him.

Bud and I hit it off from the start. I had a great deal of respect for him. He was 75 or 76, which was 50 years older than me, he still loved to ride and had more knowledge about horses than I could ever hope to have. Horses had been the central part of his life. He rode the old California style. Long stirrups which made him stand straight up in the saddle. Everything he did horseback was slow and deliberate, never rushed. He rode an older black horse most of the time. When we roped something outside to doctor or brand in the corrals, he was careful not to get rim fired and could pick up the heels with ease. He wore glasses with thick lenses due to cataracts, his vision wasn't the best.

I had heard a story about Bud and asked him if it was true. He said that was. It happened at a horse sale when he was young. There was a particular horse which was well known as a bronc that was going to be sold through the sale ring. Bud was at the sale and the people who were attending, knowing Bud's reputation, passed a hat for a purse and asked Bud to ride the outlaw. Bud accepted and as he mounted, he put a silver dollar between his feet and each stirrup. The horse didn't disappoint and neither did Bud. Both silver dollars were still under his feet after Bud had ridden him to a standstill.

I asked Bud how he learned to ride rough horses. He said that when he was young, he worked for a horse trader and his job was to ride everything that the man bought or traded for. It wasn't long before he could stick with them pretty good. He told me that he kept his weight in his stirrups and let the horse buck underneath him.

A year or so later Bud and I were visiting about something, and Wes Wimmer's name came up. Wes was well known for his old California style bit and spur making abilities and had cowboied for many years on several of the larger ranches along the central California coast. Bud said that he had a set of rawhide reins that Wes supposedly had braided. What had been always known as a set of bridle reins by older western style horsemen, are now called romal reins by horse show people. I asked to see them and stopped by Bud's house later that day. Bud sold them to me at a reasonable price. I don't think he used them very much. He told me that he had known Wes when they were kids in school and had heard of Wes off and on over the years, but they hadn't seen each other since 1906.

I took the reins to Wes on my next visit. Wes gathered them in his hands, sat down and laid them on his lap. He carefully looked them over from end to end without saying anything for several minutes. He handled them gently like they were an old friend or a favorite pet. They had brought back some old memories. When he spoke, he said that he had braided the reins in the 1920's one winter while in a bunk house when he was working on a ranch east of Paso Robles. He said that the keeper wasn't something he had made. I asked if he would build a keeper for me so the set would be authentic. He said he would, and he did. He was interested in hearing more about Bud.

It became obvious that Bud and Wes needed to get together for a reunion. Suzy and I planned a BBQ at our place, the old Woodstock Ranch, and invited several people who had known them both over the years. All the real old timers that they both had known were dead. Some of those who came hadn't seen the others in 30 years or more, but they had cowboied together back in the day. There was a lot of emotion in the eyes of those old cowboys when they met again. One of the stories that they laughed about when it was told, was how the kids at their country one room school had teased Wes one day when he brought a hard-boiled turkey egg for his lunch.

John Bacon from Los Olivos brought his team of mules which pulled an antique 2 seated surrey with a fringe top and took everyone for a ride. Arnold Rojas dedicated his book "Bits, Biting and Spanish Horses" to John. I had met Arnold through John. Arnold was the same generation as Bud and Wes.

We moved back to Nevada at the end of 1972, and I never saw either Bud or Wes again. I did keep in touch with Wes for several years. He lived into his 90's.

I still have the set of rawhide reins that Wes braided that I bought from Bud. They are attached to rein chains on a silver inlaid spade bit that Wes made for me. They are 100 years old as I write this. Les Garcia made the headstall for the bit. He was living in Reno at the time. I ordered it through Capraola's in Elko.

I would have liked to have met the horsemen that Bud and Wes learned from when they were young. That was the last generation that knew nothing but horsepower. They taught Bud and Wes well.



SBCH Member Appreciation Party! October 29 at Homesteader Hall

Formerly our annual Christmas party, the SBCH End-of-Year Party will once again celebrate our accomplishments and camaraderie in October to avoid competing for time and space during the busy holiday seasons.

Plan to come for the **Pot Luck Dinner, Door Prizes, Photo Contest with cash prizes & Gift Exchange!**

The club will furnish Prime Rib, Ham and Turkey breast.

When: Saturday, October 29, Dinner @ 6:00

Where: Homesteader Hall, Park County Fairgrounds, Powell, WY

Please Bring: *A side dish of your choice for the potluck, 1 wrapped gift per person in your party for the gift exchange (value up to \$20 ea.) and photos of 2022 work projects for the photo contest (opt).*

Please RSVP by Saturday, October 15!

Howard Sanders @ 307-754-8242 or
sandershoan67@gmail.com



Coming Events

- October 20 SBCH Meeting @ PC Weed & Pest Bldg, Powell. Potluck @ 6, meeting to follow.
- October 22 Fall Fun Ride, Contact Cathy Ringler.
- October 29 SBCH Member Appreciation Party. RSVP by Oct 15.
- November 17 SBCH Meeting @ PC Weed & Pest Bldg, Powell. Potluck @ 6, meeting to follow.

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen Membership

Membership is \$40 per year

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"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galations 6:9



NEXT MEETING:
October 20, 2022
at the Park County Weed & Pest Bldg.
off Hwy 14A at 1067 Road 13, Powell, WY
Potluck Dinner at 6:00 with the
Meeting to follow.