

# The Shoshone Rider

March 2022

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Rhonda Faulkner



From the President, Kandy Christian...

It's almost spring time and most of you already know what that means for all of us!! It's time to get our ponies in from the cold and start legging them up for our upcoming season that is approaching us pretty fast. A lite ride in the saddle along with a good partner and you will be set for all the riding and hard work we've got planned for this year. I believe we have over one hundred miles put down on paper for this year alone to ride. Looking forward to riding with everyone again.

I started today with cleaning out my horse trailer, making sure everything I think I might need for this year is in it. Looking at some of the stuff I have collected over the last few years, I thought "why or when would I ever use this"? So I put it in a pile for our tack sale this month. After I finished cleaning the tack area, again I looked at the extra stuff and thought "I will use it, or someone might need it", so I ended up putting it all back in my trailer (just in case).

During our last meeting, we held our board election. I want to welcome Bre Fagan as Vice President and Rhonda Faulkner as second Secretary onto the Shoshone Back Horsemen Country Board for 2022 along with a thank you to Linda, Judi, and Rhonda who are our Treasurer and Secretaries for this year.

We have two Desensitizing Clinics coming up in April, so sign up early with Marty. Both will be held at Ron Ostrom's arena. It's a good way to start up your ponies this year.

See ya out on the trails,  
Kandy Christian  
President SBCH



At left, near Deer Cr Trailhead on the SF,  
above right, a warmer day in '21.  
Photos by Kandy Christian

## Secretary's report by Judi Blymyer...

The February 17, 2022 meeting of the SBCH was called to order by Vice President Kandy Christian at 6:35 pm after socializing together and a great potluck dinner.

### PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Mike B. made a motion to accept the minutes as written. MSP

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mac B. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as written. MSP

Linda requested the following bills be approved for reimbursement: Kathi G. \$112.45 newsletter printing and postage, plus Youth Clinic Fliers; Howard S., \$79.46 for Dead Indian Feed bunks; Frank Fagan; \$28.72 for Tack Sale materials; Linda Putney, \$143.40 for Garmin In Reach (12 months to add credit to account); Park County Events, \$275 for Homesteader Hall rental for Tack Sale; Randi Slaughter \$26 for 3 week ad in Buyer's Guide for Tack Sale; Cash of \$100 for Tack Sale change which will be put back in general funds after Tack Sale; and from CT money, to Howard, \$59.27 for Plywood for Bucking Mule Falls sign. Mike made a motion to pay these bills. MSP

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

*Watch Dog:* Mike reported on two FS meetings. Mike, Howard, Linda, Bob Bessler, and Bruce Fauskee went to the first meeting that concentrated on which trails we would clean this year, and what to do with 'leaner trees'. The second meeting that he, Linda and Howard went to was about available monies from the Great American Outdoor Act. So far no actual money has been put into SNF coffers, but there are plans on how it will be used.

*Activities:* Bre went over the packet of information from the Department of Revenue that Vendors will be responsible for collecting and paying Wyoming State 4% sales tax on items sold. Our Club does not have any responsibility/liability for this, as it is up to each vendor.

Bre passed around a picture of the hand painted 4' saw that is being raffled off. Tickets will be available at the Tack Sale and the drawing will be held after all 500 tickets are sold or at the Dan-O-Lope run on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Service:* Howard will have an itemized list of the trails that are on our 'Cleaning List' for this year in March's Newsletter. There is a total of 104.9 miles. He was happy to report we have some 'repeat trails' this year which will make them easier to clean instead of a 3-year rotation cycle!

He reported that Eldon is building feed bunks for Dead Indian trailhead and the Rod Burners are working on Corral Panels for Bucking Mule Falls. Also, we are going to trade out the railroad ties at Four Bear Trailhead for pipe ones. BLM said we can keep the 40 Ties to use in rebuilding horse stanchions. Lastly, all this year's Trail Signs have been ordered. Howard reminded us of the upcoming First Aid class and Chain Saw/Crosscut Saw certification or re-certification classes on March 16,17 & 18.

*Education:* Marty and Howard made a recording for a Kodi radio program that will be aired on February 25 and March 9 at 8:30 am on the Youth Clinic and what the SBCH is doing in Park and Big Horn Counties.

Marty reported that all the details are falling into place for the March 26 Youth Clinic. We do need tables, chairs and cookies.

The two Desensitizing Clinics are scheduled for April 2-3 and April 30-May 1. Members only and it is free. Sign up early with Marty at 307-899-7510 as each clinic is limited to 10 people/horses. Spectators are encouraged to come watch.

*Publicity/Newsletter:* N/A

*Social Media/Photo Gallery:* Randi is going to post a picture of the painted Saw on our website and FB and say when the drawing will be.

*Recruitment & Retention:* N/A

### OLD BUSINESS:

Linda has completed the Club's Inventory and has copies for anyone that wants one. Thank you, Linda, for doing this.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Carol Olson made a motion to purchase a \$100 gift card for the artist that hand painted our 'Raffle Saw'. MSP We will be applying for the BCHA's Double Diamond Award on the Cabin Creek Trailhead Project we completed last year. Cathy Ringler is writing the proposal for us which has a March deadline.

David Rael has offered to sponsor a free all day pheasant hunt for 4 people with the stipulation that two of the people are kids. More on this as details develop.

Linda suggested that we look into obtaining a State Tax exemption which would benefit us by not having to pay WY sales tax when we sponsor clinics like the Youth Clinic and Packing Clinic. The Tack Sale would not qualify because we are only using 'space', not a tangible thing. Carol O. made a motion to have Linda look into SBCH receiving State tax exempt status. MSP

Steve Brock said he read in the National Newsletter about how volunteers, when they got hurt and if they were following all the National Forest rules, would be covered by insurance. Howard offered to see if someone with Insurance knowledge at SNF would come and talk to us about this option.

Finally, Howard commented on how Walter Haslett and Greg Bierei will be getting certified as instructors at March's Saw Training so they will be able to certify us.

Barry Reiswig talked about the Safari Club Convention he went to where they were selling "e-bikes".

### Secretary's report by Judi Blymyer cont...

It was shown how one e-bike can be modified to go 3 different levels of speed. There is now a national push to keep e-bikes off horse trails.

This year's Rendezvous is being hosted by the Mountain Man Chapter and will be at Kelly Park, August 12-14, near Pinedale.

The State BCH is planning a trail ride June 4-5, somewhere near S. Pass cutoff on the Oregon Trail.

Barry showed us one of the Dennis Daley wooden plaque Awards. Dennis Daley was the main force behind getting BCH up and running. We can nominate up to two people or a group to receive awards. Nominations don't have to be trail oriented. Nominations must be submitted before November meeting.

Barry, after listening to Howard's talk which included hours, miles, monies spent that we have contributed since 2010, suggested Howard write that up for everyone to see. The report could be distributed to the Chamber of Commerce, County Commissioners, newspaper articles, etc. to show the community what we contribute to Park and Big Horn Counties.

As per the SBCH By-Laws, Article III, section 2, Elections are to be held at February meetings. Elections of Officers. The Nominating committee presented the following for the offices:

President: Kandy Christian Vice President: Bre Fagan  
Treasurer: Linda Putney Secretary: Judi Blymyer, with Rhonda Faulkner assisting as needed

As no additional nominations were received from the Floor, Deb Black made a motion to vote the Slate of Officers in. MSP

Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. MSP

MSP = Motion Seconded & Passed

### Treasurer's Report by Linda Putney

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen  
**Reconciliation Detail**  
for Period 02/01/2022 – 02/28/2022  
--- For March 2022 Meeting ---

Type	Cleared #	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
<b><u>First Bank of Wyoming accounts</u></b>					
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT Beginning Reconciled Bank Balance 01/31/2022</b>					<b>\$ 6,674.07</b>
<i>Cleared Transactions</i>					
Check	02/18/22	698 H. Sanders	Materials for D.I. Feed bunk	-79.46	
Check	02/18/22	699 F. Fagan	Materials for Tack Sale	-28.72	
Check	02/24/22	1701 L. Putney	Garmin In-reach 12 mos	-143.40	(Chg in ck seq)
Check	02/23/22	1702 R. Slaughter	Tack Sale, Buyer's Guide Ads	-26.00	
DDA	02/25/22	DDA Bank discrepancy	Corrected in March 2022	-80.00	
<b>TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments</b>				<b><u>-357.58</u></b>	
Deposit	02/08/22		5-2022 Dues; \$1000 Sunlight Sports don.	1,210.00	
Deposit	02/24/22		21-2022 Dues; \$25 tack sale, \$10 don.	875.00	
<b>TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits</b>				<b><u>2,085.00</u></b>	
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Reconciled Bank Balance 02/28/2022</b>					<b><u>\$8,401.49</u></b>
<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>					
Check	02/17/22	697 K. Gimmeson	Newsletter printing, postage, Y.C. flyers	-112.45	
Check	03/04/22	700 Park Co. Events	Tack Sale Hall Rental, Fri & Sat	-275.00	
<b>Net Uncleared Transactions</b>				<b><u>-387.45</u></b>	
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Checkbook Balance 02/28/2022</b>					<b><u>\$8,014.04</u> *</b>
<b>*Of this balance,</b>					
<b>\$1,935.76 reserved for Youth: Donations in memory of: Jim Hillberry \$1,322; Dale Olson \$340; Charles Sheets \$380</b>					
<b>MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Beginning Bank Balance 1/31/2022</b>					<b>\$38,568.96</b>
<i>Cleared Transactions</i>					
Check	02/18/22	1524 H. Sanders	Materials for Bucking Mule Falls sign	-59.27	
<b>TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments</b>				<b><u>-59.27</u></b>	
Deposit	02/28/22		Refund from Miller's Fab/Bloedorn; material < than quote	76.99	
Interest	02/28/22		January interest income	1.19	
<b>TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits</b>				<b><u>78.18</u></b>	
<b>MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Bank Balance 02/28/2022</b>					<b><u>\$38,587.87</u></b>
<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>					
None.				0.00	
<b>MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Checkbook Balance 02/28/22</b>					<b><u>\$38,587.87</u></b>
<b>12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Beginning Balance 1/31/2022</b>					<b>\$10,294.00</b>
Interest		None			
<b>12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Ending Balance 02/28/2022</b>					<b><u>\$10,294.00</u></b>

*Service by Howard Sanders*

### **SBCH MARCH 2022 SERVICE REPORT**

Our 2022 Cost Share Trails meeting with the USFS was on February 9. We agreed to a total of 104.9 miles of trails, 78 miles outside the wilderness and 26.9 miles inside the wilderness. The following is the list of trail names:

- \* Elk Horn, East Painter, Windy Mountain, Reef Creek, Lodge Pole, Russell Creek, Gravel Bar,
- \* Crow Creek, Kitty Creek, Grace Creek, Pagoda Creek, Clock Tower Creek, Mormon Creek,
- \* Aspen Creek, Brown Creek, Bear Creek, Cascade Creek, East Fork Pass, Horse Creek, Brown Basin, and Meadow/Canyon Creek.

There should be plenty of work for everyone and some really great country to see besides. Let me know if you are interested in taking the lead on any of them, although Linda Putney and Jim Hanchett have already stepped forward for some.

I put some volunteer trail numbers together that I thought might interest you. 2005 was the first year for SBCH's Cost Share agreement. Between 2005 and 2009, there were 667.2 miles of Cost Share trails cleared. From 2010 through 2021, the Total numbers for Cost Share and Non-Cost Share are as follows:

- \* 2,031 miles of trail (2,698 miles total 2005-2021),
- \* 19,570 Hours of Labor for trails, projects and youth events,
- \* 125,592 miles of travel,
- \* 3,017 hours of equipment,
- \* 2,869 stock days.

This amounts to \$1,029,362 equivalent donations. Good job!

Howard Sanders  
Service

### **MISSION & PURPOSE OF BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN of AMERICA**

- .. TO PERPETUATE the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness lands.
- .. 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 resource.
- .. TO EDUCATE, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise and sustaining use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage and Leave No Trace" principles.
- .. TO FOSTER and encourage the formation of new state Back Country Horsemen organizations.

BCHA members offer time and equipment to government agencies for such tasks as packing out trash, clearing trails, building trailhead facilities and other projects which will benefit both horsemen and non-horsemen. A main contribution is to educate people to reduce environmental impact. BCHA has a guidebook available with suggestions and information from commercial outfitters and packers, backpackers, horsemen, professional foresters, resource managers, "Leave no Trace" personnel, and state BCH organizations.

We have a responsibility as stewards to preserve the wealth of our backcountry resources for our children and future generations. With the proper guidance and discretion, back country resources could last forever, but if neglected and misused, they may be only memories in a short time. BCHA is dedicated to future generations so they, too, may find the same peace and beauty we now enjoy in the back country and to the people working diligently to keep it wild.

*Credits: BCHA & BCHA Guidebook*



**"People may hear what you say, but they'll remember what you do."**

~ Anonymous

Education...

**Get Tuned Up for the Season's Riding!**

As the weather warms, many of us are anxious to get horseback and begin enjoying time in the saddle. However, we may find our horses are a little fresh, or at least a little rusty. Practicing some basic maneuvers will get your horse's attention, give you more control and strengthen your relationship with your horse.

Marty Morris submitted the following article last spring, and it's well worth reading again. The exercise he describes is a great addition to your horsemanship toolbox.

If you find the terminology of the maneuver a little confusing, Martina Bone offers an easy-to-understand explanation in her on-line article, [Turn on Forehand, Turn on Haunches, made easy!](#). There are many on-line resources to further explain how to teach your horse these basic maneuvers. To get started, turning on the Forehand is easier than turning on the Haunches. Practice a few steps as you start, work on both directions and reward your horse's effort. Each step in the right direction is a building block for the next.

**The Oldest Known Horsemanship Maneuver** by Marty Morris

Early this spring I saw Howard Sanders for a short time and our conversation turned to horses, which should not surprise anyone. During our visit, we both agreed that through the generations that came before us, there were some very smart people when it came to horses and horsemanship. Those people were dependent upon the horse for a great many tasks, including their livelihood and they spent much more of their time with horses than we do in modern times. Horses weren't simply a hobby or a pastime as many are today.

The oldest known maneuver in horse training is just as important today as it was when it was first documented more than 2,300 years ago by the horseman, Xenophon in "The Art of Horsemanship". It is unfortunate that I spent most of my life not knowing about this maneuver or using it. It would have been a big help to me with my horsemanship over the years if I had practiced this. Many of you know it and I hope that you practice it regularly. If you don't know it, begin practicing it as soon as you can. Practice it until you can't get it wrong and do it regularly after that.

It is a *turn on the front end and then a turn on the haunches* put together, or hind end under, front end across. This is done continuously with forward motion throughout the maneuver. This maneuver allows a horseman to gain control of the horse by disengaging the hindquarters and bringing the front end through. This is a foundation used to change direction. When done correctly all four feet are controlled by the rider.

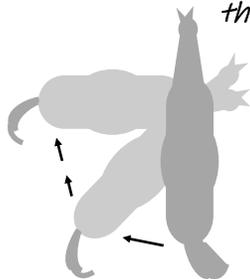
*When a horseman is in control of where the feet are placed, he is in control of the horse.*

Several clinicians use this maneuver in their clinics. Buck Brannaman for one. Jack Brainard doesn't do his own clinics any longer at 100 years of age, but when he did, he began teaching this by breaking it down into two parts. He would start with the hind end under, going both directions and then do the front end across going both directions. Turning away from the fence each time. This is a good way to get started, depending on the horse and rider. With some practice and when it is feeling right put the complete maneuver together.

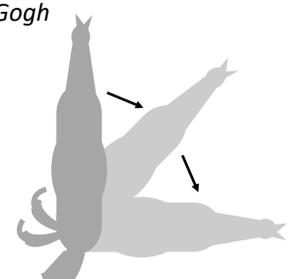
When I practice this in an arena or pen, I begin by turning away from the fence. After doing a complete 360-degree turn, I continue walking in the same direction that I was going before starting the maneuver. After doing this several times, I ride in the opposite direction which changes sides on the horse. It is also a good maneuver to practice outside when you on level ground. You can change sides of your horse while traveling in the same direction when you are riding outside. Keep forward motion going all through this maneuver and practice it until you and your horse get it right. It will take some time before that happens. Continue doing it throughout your pursuit of horsemanship.

*"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together." ~ Vincent Van Gogh*

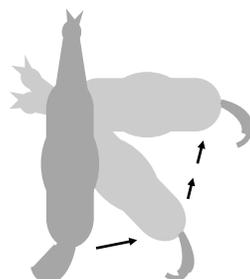
**Turn on the Forehand (Left)**  
The hindquarters move left to pivot on the forehand.



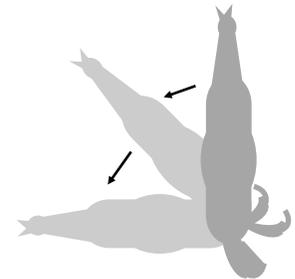
**Turn on the Haunches (Right)**  
The forehand moves right to pivot on the haunches.



**Turn on the Forehand (Right)**  
The hindquarters move right to pivot on the forehand.



**Turn on the Haunches (Left)**  
The forehand moves left to pivot on the haunches.



## SBCH TACK SALE & SWAP

Thank you, thank you, to everyone who helped out in support of the Tack Sale!  
I definitely couldn't have done it without you!! Hopefully it's a building block for the future. Frank.



**SBCH's Tack Sale, March 4-5**, successfully brought together like-minded horse people to buy, sell & swap tack & related items. It was a great time of fellowship with friends, old & new, meeting new people, supporting Dano Youth Camps & our local FFA youth.

*Ready for business, Friday morning.  
Photos by Kathi Gimmeson*

### WHY VOLUNTEER HOURS ARE IMPORTANT

- ◆ **Volunteering helps keep trails open** for all. It shows us as good neighbors with the community and other user groups.
- ◆ **Volunteering helps overcome negative opinions** about sharing trails and enhances our image as equine users on trails.
- ◆ **Volunteering promotes education** for ethical backcountry use, horsemanship, etiquette, trail safety and training for saw use and First Aid.
- ◆ **Volunteering is our clout.** Volunteering gives credibility to BCH during discussions with land managers and legislators. They recognize that our volunteer hours are an asset, and that volunteers perform work that may not otherwise get done because money is not available due to budget cuts.
- ◆ **Volunteering shows that as a user group, we take responsibility** for keeping our public land in good condition for future generations.
- ◆ **Volunteering gives a sense of pride, promotes teamwork and brings a positive attitude** to our chapters. Volunteering is the core of our organization.
- ◆ **Volunteering provides opportunities for community outreach.**

## COMING EVENTS!

- March 16 SBCH 1st Aid Training** (Contact Howard Sanders for details)  
**March 17 SBCH Saw Certification** (Contact Howard Sanders for details)  
**March 17 SBCH Monthly meeting** @ 6:00, Park County Weed and Pest Building in Powell, Pot Luck Dinner.  
**March 18 SBCH Saw Certification** (Contact Howard Sanders for details)  
**March 26 Youth Horsemanship Clinic & Adult Packing Clinic**, 9 am-3 pm, Double Doc Arena, 117 Sunset Rim, Cody, WY (S. of U.S. Hwy 14/16/20). Contact Marty Morris (307-899-7510) to help or attend.  
**April 2-3 SBCH Members Desensitization Clinic**, Ron Ostrom Arena, 9:00 am-3 or 4 pm. Limited to 10 riders, openings fill quickly, sign up soon! Contact Marty Morris at 307-899-7510.  
**April 30-May 1 SBCH Members Desensitization Clinic**, Ron Ostrom Arena, 9:00 am-3 or 4 pm. Limited to 10 riders, openings fill quickly, sign up soon! Contact Marty Morris at 307-899-7510.



*Don't miss out on news, activities, events, great camaraderie and opportunities for community service. Ride new trails or old favorites in great company. Enjoy all that and a great Christmas party for only \$40 a year!*

**2022 SBCH Dues are Due in February!**



If you would like to renew or join, membership forms are below, or check out the website ([shoshonebch.org](http://shoshonebch.org)) and pull down *Contact Us* on the *Info* button. **Please mail the completed form with your check to: SBCH, P.O. Box 465, Powell WY 82435.** Or, simply come to the next meeting to renew in person! To ensure continuous coverage of the newsletter and important SBCH announcements, be sure to update your address or email address!



## Shoshone Back Country Horsemen Membership

Membership is \$40 per year

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail completed form with your check to: SBCH, P.O. Box 465, Powell WY 82435

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"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for anyone else."  
Charles Dickens



**NEXT MEETING:**  
**March 17, 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 at 7:00.**