

The Shoshone Rider

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From the President, Kandy Christian...

Easter is coming up on the 17th of this month and I hope everyone gets out to enjoy all the new blossoms, the spring babies, and all the smells of the upcoming summer. The beauty of Easter should bring out all the joy that families and friends can share together. What I am looking forward to, is my three little grand-babies out with their Easter baskets looking for eggs in the yard. I can't wait!

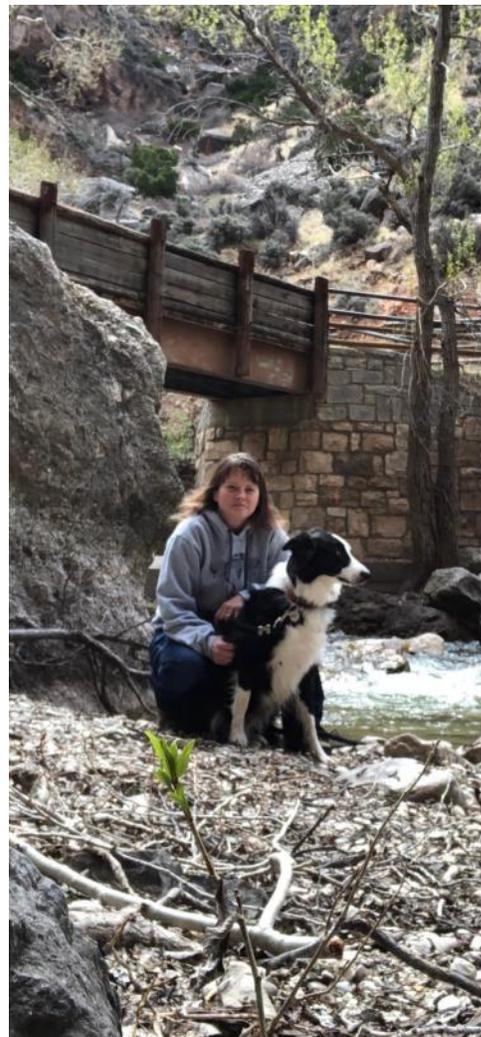
Last weekend was a wonderful time to have our annual clinic for Packing and for our Youth Clinic. Thank you to all who took part in the Packing and Youth clinic!

I think after all the hiccups our group did have, it worked out perfectly. With all the last minute changes, I am thankful for Silver Spur Ranch for accommodating us on such short notice. A **big thank you** to them and a **great big thank you to Marty** for putting it together!

Well, I think spring is coming up fast, and it is time to get all our gear out, cleaned up and ready to go. After taking the First Aid class, it reminded me to go through my first aid kit and make sure I had what I needed for the trails and that my medical supplies are not expired and are up-to-date.

Hope to see ya out on a trail somewhere.

Kandy



Secretary's report by Judi Blymyer...

The March 17, 2022 meeting of the SBCH was called to order by President Kandy Christian at 6:45 after a great St. Patrick's potluck dinner.

Kandy introduced new members, Heather Cole and Megan Turner plus returning members, Mike & Leslie Harlow. Kandy commented that we have nine new members since the start of the year and two returning members.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mike B. made a motion to accept the Treasure's report as written. MSP

Linda P. requested the following bills be approved for reimbursement: Kathi G., \$35.44 for newsletter printing and meeting supplies; Howard S., \$41.82 for bolts to use in Dead Indian feed bunk; Marty Morris, \$76 for ads in the Buyer Guide (Youth Funds); Shoshone Events, \$144 for rental of tables and chairs (YFs); Linda Putney, \$309.71 for Youth Clinic insurance, gift card for Saw artist, and WY SOS annual report.

From the Commissioner's Tag monies: UCI, \$1,827.96 for 24 FS trail signs and to Howard S. \$231.73, for hardware to use in trail signs and feed bunks. Cindy Geissler made a motion to pay these bills. MSP

Linda also reminded people she has hats, books and Bear Spray for sale.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Watch Dog: Mike reported he received the new USDF guidelines on 'Use of Equestrian Campsites' from the BCHA and encouraged everyone to download and keep a copy of the 'Horse Camp Incident Report Form' in their vehicles to use when they see an infraction of the rules. This will give us hard data to use for enforcement of the rules.

Mike suggested we look into getting a FS representative to talk with us about Workman's Compensation.

Activities: Marty said there is still one opening left for the desensitizing clinic on April 30-May 1.

Service: Howard said all the Trail Signs are in.

He brought a Leader Sheet for people to sign if they are interested in heading up a trail cleaning group.

A work date for the Dead Indian corral building is tentatively set up for 2nd week in April.

Putting in the Kirwin Fire Ring is now scheduled for last weekend in August.

After attending the First Aid class, Howard would like to update our first aid packs to include two Israeli Emergency bandages, two tourniquets, four CPR masks, and two compact AEDs. Jay York made a motion to include these items in our first aid kits. MSP

Our 4th of July get together and meeting will be held at Little Sunlight Ranger Station from June 30 to July 3rd. Our 5 year Cost Share Agreement with SNF ended and Bill Frost applied for a new one. We received a new Cost Share Agreement for \$7,000, up \$2,000 from last one!

Education: Cindy talked about the two upcoming clinics on March 26th. The Packing Clinic currently has 18 people, so they are going to split it up into a morning and afternoon group. Bruce Fauskee is heading up the food for 70 people and could use a few more volunteers.

Publicity/Newsletter: N/A

Social Media/Photo Gallery: Randi is receiving requests that she answers, from our FB page. She also gave an overview of what she does as the 'Social Media/Photo Gallery person' for the benefit of our new members.

Recruitment & Retention: Marty is hoping we will get some new members from the Packing Clinic.

OLD BUSINESS:

Carol Olson has a sign-up sheet for anyone wanting a SBCH shirt. Short sleeve are \$13, Long sleeve \$17, Sweatshirt \$25, and XL \$2 extra.

Linda gave us an update on the WY sales tax exemption. We are approved to get a sales tax exemption on materials we buy from companies directly. Howard will give the forms to the 3 companies we buy from. Members with questions can contact Linda or Howard.

Bre reported that our First Tack Sale was a success. Three new members were signed up at the sale.

There are only 32 Raffle Tickets left for the Painted Saw and we will have them available at the Youth and Packing Clinic.

If we want to nominate a person or persons for the Dennis Daley Award, we need to do it before the end of November.

The free Pheasant Hunt on Dave Rael's farm would happen next April if we want to raise funds for this.

Service by Howard Sanders

SBCH APRIL 2022 SERVICE REPORT

The NWC Rod Burners are making good time putting the Bucking Mule Falls Corral panels together. They have a dedicated group of students working on the project. Each one has a special task and the panels are looking great.

It's getting to be the time of year for us to start working on some of the trail head projects. If the weather permits, we will be working on a corral at Dead Indian Trail Head this week.

The saw certification, a couple of weeks ago, went well and it sounded like everyone enjoyed it as well as being reminded of the safety hazards to look for. It won't be long and we can put those skills to good use.

Remember, there are several trails that still need a leader....

Howard Sanders

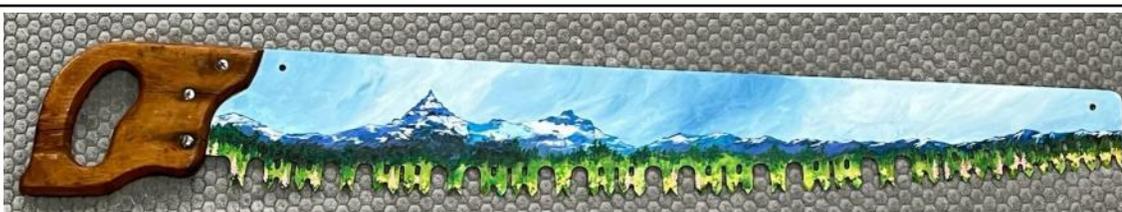
Service

"Spring is the time of plans and projects." ~ Leo Tolstoy

1st Aid Training and Re-Certification

The March 16 **1st Aid Re-Certification** class was well attended, with 20 members there. The roster included Eldon Sanders, Darrell Rood, Charles Miller, Pam Espinoza, Judi and Mike Blymyer, Bonnie Fauskee, Jim Hanchett, Kathi Gimmeson, Rhonda and Tom Faulkner, Carol Olson, Cindy Geissler, Neil Boluyt, Walter Haslett, Linda Putney, Ann and Howard Sanders, Mac Black and Kandy Christian.

The **Saw Certification Class** helped many SBCH members hone their skills as they learned about the hazards of various downed timber scenarios and how to use safe cutting practices. *Photos by Judi Blymyer*



Saw Raffle for Dano Youth Camp

All Raffle Tickets have been sold!

The winning ticket will be drawn and announced at the April 21st SBCH meeting.

Many thanks to all purchasers of tickets and special thanks to Frank & Bre Fagan for handling the raffle and most of the ticket sales!



"Do something now. If not you, who? If not here, where? If not now, when?"

~ Theodore Roosevelt

Activities by Cathy Ringler...

Hi Everyone,

Our first **Fun Ride** will be **May 7th** at McCullough Peaks. Please be ready to ride out **at 9:00 am**. We will make a 3 or 3½ hour loop and end up back at the trailers for lunch. This is mostly a flat ride with a few ridges thrown in to get your horses out and ready for summer.

We will bring the grill, hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, chips, and bottled water. If you'd like to make a dessert or a dish to share, that would be great.

Please email, cathyringler@yahoo.com or text (307) 202- 0335 by April 22nd, so we'll know how much food to buy.

Von and Cathy

Directions:

From the Cody airport, head east on Highway 14,16,20, (The Greybull Highway). Continue for 15 miles. Turn left off the highway. There is a BLM sign that says, "McCullough Peak Road 1212. There is a large pull off for rigs. Look for our white truck and trailer. We will be there early.

Don't be confused by the first McCullough Peaks road sign on the left. Travel the whole 15 miles and go to the second larger pull off.

The **April 2-3 Desensitizing Clinic** provided a controlled atmosphere with many challenges as Ron Ostrom guided SBCH members through progressive steps of leadership and bonding with their horses. His arena presented a variety of obstacles and fun activities designed to promote confidence for horse and rider.

Photos by Kandy Christian & Kathi Gimmeson





Horsemanship, Etiquette & Trail Tips

We will soon be out on the trails, enjoying springtime weather, legging up our horses and preparing for summer riding activities. Now is a good time to increase our horsemanship skills with upcoming clinics and training exercises.

We have a responsibility to work toward making our horses as responsive, desensitized and safe as we can. Group riding brings many challenges, especially for novice horses or riders. Take into consideration your abilities as well as those of your fellow riders, the type of activity, the number of riders in your group and the terrain you'll be in.

Before the Ride:

- ♦ *Prepare your horse for what he will encounter on trail.* Train your horse for control and confidence to ensure a relaxed and safe ride for you and those you ride with. Get your horse accustomed to trail conditions, rocks, bog, water and wildlife, as well as other riders, vehicles, bikers and backpackers. Get your horse physically fit.

At the Trailhead:

- * *Park considerately and arrive early* enough to be tacked up and ready to ride on time.
- * *Dogs and stallions* are generally not allowed; ask the trail boss in advance if you aren't sure.
- * *Alert others if:*
Your horse *kicks*. Give yourself extra space on trail and when tying up.
You have *health considerations*, ie: diabetes, severe allergies, heart problems, reaction to heat, sun, dehydration, etc. Instruct others in case treatment may be necessary.
- * *When mounting up*, don't ride off until everyone is ready. (This also applies to gate and water crossings)
- * *Clean up or disperse* hay, litter and manure before you leave. LNT

On Trail:

- * Most group rides are *walk only*. *If you must speed up*, alert others first and ask for permission; allow them time to prepare for you to speed up or pass (such as to open a gate).
If your group is mixed with fast and slow paced horses, consider dividing into two groups and ride in the group that fits your horse's pace and conditioning. Allow the faster group a head start to put enough distance between groups to prevent slower horses from feeling left behind.
While it is tempting for the faster group to slow down and wait for the slower group, it can cause anxiety for the slower horses when the faster group speeds away again. Try not to seesaw your riding speed and distance. *Undivided groups should pace themselves to the slower and less experienced riders and mounts*. Put them in front if necessary, to maintain their speed and safety.
- * *Don't crowd* the horse in front of you. Be mindful of your horse's comfort level, as well as horses in front and back of you. Try to leave a horse length between horses, even at stops. Allow extra space between horses on steep or difficult terrain and keep moving.
- * *Leave gates as you find them*. If a rider dismounts to open a gate, *everyone* in your group should *wait* until he/she has remounted before riding off.
- * *When crossing water*, allow the first horses to drink, then move up the trail and *stop!* Allow following horses to drink. The group *waits* until all have watered.
- * *Be courteous to other recreationists* on the trail, *initiate a greeting* in a calm and friendly manner and *set up safe passing* as much as possible. Use common sense according to the conditions, always with safety in mind for everyone.
Generally, smaller groups or pack strings *yield to larger groups or longer pack strings* or to *riders coming downhill*. Move off trail where it is safe for passing and wait.
Greet hikers, bikers and ATVs, encourage them to speak, stop and remain in sight of the horses. Generally, hikers and bikers yield the right of way to horse traffic and get off trail on the downhill side, but overall safety is more important than protocol.
- * *Respect the trail, forest and wildlife*. Practice Leave No Trace, stay on trail, tie safely to live mature trees for short durations, use hobbles and avoid damage to the environment. Pack out litter, disperse manure and dispose of human waste properly.
- * *Always keep an eye out for trouble*. Be mindful of others, changing conditions and avoid wrecks in the making!

"Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat." – *Laura Ingalls Wilder*

COMING EVENTS!

April 21 SBCH Monthly meeting @ 6:00, Park County Weed and Pest Building in Powell, Pot Luck Dinner.

April 30-May 1 SBCH Members Desensitization Clinic, Ron Ostrom's Arena, 9:00 am-3 or 4 pm.

May 7 SBCH Fun Ride in McCullough Peaks, to **ride out at 9 am** on a 3-3½ hour loop and end up back at the trailers for lunch. This is mostly a flat ride with a few ridges to get your horses ready for summer.

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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!

Be sure your SBCH Membership is paid for 2022!



If you would like to renew or join, use the membership forms below, or check out the website (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!



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"Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment."

~Will Rogers



NEXT MEETING:

April 21, 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.**