

The Shoshone Rider

June/July 2022

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TBA



From the President, Kandy Christian...

Summer is here!! I hope everyone has gotten the chance to get out and leg up those ponies or mules!!

Most of you all know I had to leave to go back east for my youngest son's Commissioning into the United States Army along with his college graduation this past month. I was amazed (and proud) at what he has accomplished in the last four years. One of the things he did ask me was: If he could have his horse Cowboy back, that I have been taking care of, as soon as he gets settled in his new station. Of course I told him he can have him back as soon as he pays the last four years past board on him. (Just kidding Kris). Since I've been gone, I myself got a little behind on having my critters legged up for this year. I do have a very busy month ahead of me this June.

I hope everyone will get a chance to be a part of the Wyoming Back Country Horsemen Rendezvous this year. It's the Mountain Man Chapter's turn to hold the annual Rendezvous near Pinedale Wyoming. I heard it's going to be a fun one!!!! I do plan on going this year, so if anyone knows they are going and wants to caravan, let me know. I believe the date is set for August 11-14, 2022.

Our July month sounds like it is going to be a busy one this year. We've got our Fourth of July meeting and ride coming up along with the Bucking Mule Falls corrals project set for Third weekend in July. I am looking forward to both of these.

I am very optimistic about this year in front of us. I know we have a lot of miles to be cleared, scheduling and planning that needs to be put down on paper, and pulling together to accomplish all of this, but with our groups, I know it can and will be done. With that I can't wait to see everyone out on the upcoming trail cleanings this summer.

Safety first! Enjoyment comes from knowing you will be riding with friends!

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen
President, Kandy Christian

Kandy's son, accomplished college grad
ready for a life of service

Photos
by Kandy



Kandy's
Rocky
colt &
future
trail
horse



Secretary's report by Judi Blymyer...

The May 19, 2022 meeting of the SBCH was called to order by Vice President Bre Fagan at 6:45 after a great potluck dinner.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Linda presented the following bills to be approved for reimbursement: Kathi G., \$68.54 for printing and postage of the Newsletter; Linda P., \$16.10 for postage to send a paid sweatshirt to a member; Dano Youth Camp, \$1010 for donation from sale of Raffle tickets; NWC Rod Burners Club, \$4249.12 for Bucking Mule Falls materials plus a \$500 donation from the club.

Deb B. made a motion to pay these bills. MSP

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Watch Dog: N/A

Activities: Cathy reported that 21 brave riders braved the wind, and while the ride was not as long as planned, everyone had a good time and enjoyed the lunch served by the SBCH's food truck (Ringler's trailer)!

Service: Howard said the Cost Share Agreement has come in and is signed, so we can now clean the selected trails. There are still opportunities to be a 'leader' for selected trails. If you are interested, call Howard and let him know. Howard also mentioned that although the South Fork of the Wood River is on our official trail list, it was agreed at the FS meeting that SBCH will not be responsible for this trail.

Eldon Sanders is currently building feed bunks for the Bucking Mule Falls project and Jay York said he may have access to another welder for that corral project as well.

Education: N/A

Publicity/Newsletter: Kathi reminded us this is the last indoor meeting and the June and July newsletter be a combination newsletter and then there will be no more newsletters until the Fall.

Social Media/Photo Gallery: Randi reminded us that we have two FB accounts. One is for our group only (members only) and can be used to do things like organize rides, and the other is open to the public.

Recruitment & Retention: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

While we did not receive the Double Diamond Award, it was agreed to share the Cabin Creek Corral Project write up in a future Newsletter.

Barry said the application for the Dennis Daley Award is now on-line. After a discussion on who to nominate for this award it was decided that Linda would send out an email for people to nominate someone. The executive committee will make the final decision on who to nominate and Cathy Ringler has offered to write up the application before the deadline of November 1st.

Linda went over the pros and cons of 501c3 vs 501c4 again and a discussion followed. Due to the fact that donations would be tax-deductible under a 501c3, it may encourage more people to donate money to SBCH. Therefore, it was decided we should apply. Deb Black made a motion to apply for a 501c3 organization with the IRS. MSP

NEW BUSINESS:

Barry Reiswig gave an update on the State and the National Board meetings. The State meeting was in Lander and due to sending 2 people to the National meeting (\$3500) they want to raise our dues by \$7. Barry said 31 states and 71 people were represented at the National meeting, which in his opinion is too many, so the executive committee basically ends up making all the decisions. After further discussion, Linda Putney made a motion that our chapter does not approve a \$7 due's raise. MSP

This year's rendezvous will be held in Pinedale by the Mountain Man chapter, August 11-14. Our club needs to donate 2 items for the silent auction. Barry said he has a 'stash' of horse stuff so he'll cover these two items.

Next year's National meeting will be held in Kalispell on April 16-19 as BCHA was started in Montana 50 years ago. There will be a commemorative Henry Rifle raffled off also.

Howard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45

MSP = Motion Seconded & Passed



"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there." ~ Will Rogers

**Treasurer's Report
by Linda Putney**

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen
Reconciliation Detail
for Period 05/01/2022 – 05/31/2022
--- For June/July 2022 Newsletter ---

Type	Cleared #	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
First Bank of Wyoming accounts					
CHECKING ACCOUNT Beginning Reconciled Bank Balance 04/30/2022					\$ 9,033.90
<i>Cleared Transactions</i>					
Check	05/12/22	1714 L. Putney	Youth port-a-potty; t-shirts	-499.00	
Check	05/11/22	1715 Walsh Signs	Additional t-shirts reim by members	-43.00	
Check	05/31/22	1716 K. Gimmeson	Newsletter printing; postage	-68.54	
Check	05/24/22	1717 L. Putney	Shipping of T-shirt; reim by member	-16.10	
TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments				-626.64	
Deposit	05/20/22		1-2022 Dues; T-shirt, shipping reim	93.10	
Deposit	05/20/22		2-2022 Dues; 1-2023 Dues	120.00	
TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits				213.10	
CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Reconciled Bank Balance 05/31/2022					<u>\$8,620.36</u>
<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>					
Check	05/19/22	1718 Dano Youth Camp	Donation from raffle ticket proceeds	-1,010.00	
Net Uncleared Transactions				-1,010.00	
CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Checkbook Balance 05/31/2022					<u>\$7,610.36</u>*
*Of this balance, \$1,837.41 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 04/30/2022					\$36,300.72
<i>Cleared Transactions</i>					
None.				-0.00	
TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments				-0.00	
Interest	05/31/22		March interest income	1.19	
TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits				1.19	
MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Bank Balance 05/31/2022					<u>\$36,301.91</u>
<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>					
Check	05/19/22	1528 NWC Rod Burners	Bucking Mule Falls panels; donation \$500	4,749.12	
MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Checkbook Balance 05/31/2022					<u>\$31,552.79</u>
12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Beginning Balance 04/30/2022					\$10,294.00
Interest		None		0.00	
12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Ending Balance 05/31/2022					<u>\$10,294.00</u>

Vice President, Bre Fagan was on hand at the **Dano'lope' Dash**, Saturday, June 4 to present a check from SBCH to Joyce Ostrom, founder of Dano Youth Camps.



SBCH donated the proceeds from raffling a decorated saw to help enable youth in Park County to participate in Dano wilderness adventure camps.



Photos courtesy of Bre Fagan

"A person wrapped up in himself makes a very small bundle."
~ Benjamin Franklin

Service by Howard Sanders

SBCH JUNE 2022 SERVICE REPORT

The NWC Rod Burners finished the corral panels for Bucking Mule Falls. The team that built them were all freshman, so they will be back next year and ready to go when we need them. I picked the panels up the other day and Bruce Fauskee helped me unload them into my hay shed until we need them in July. Bill Brazelton cut the parking delineators for the Four Bear parking lot, so we will get that project scheduled.

Remember my comment last month about the weather and scheduling trail cleaning? Well, there is a conflict between the two. Two trails that were scheduled for this week have had to be postponed due to high water. All I can say, is watch your emails for project scheduling.

Howard Sanders
Service

NWC Rod Burners & the Corral Panels they built for Bucking Mule Falls



Good Work!

Photos by
Howard Sanders

SBCH 2022 COST SHARE TRAILS

<u>Area</u>	<u>Trail Class</u>	<u>Trail Name</u>	<u>Trail #</u>	<u>O.W.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>Total Miles</u>	<u>Trail Boss</u>
Sunlight	Secondary	Elk Horn	#601	6.4		6.4	
	Way	East Painter	#627	5.0		5.0	
	Way	Windy Mountain	#604	2.4		2.4	
	Secondary	Reef Creek	#605	5.6		5.6	
	Secondary	Lodge Pole	#603	7.5		7.5	
	Way	Russell Creek	#626	3.5		3.5	
	Way	Gravel Bar	#601.3A	3.5		3.5	
				33.9	0	33.9	
North Fork	Secondary	Crow Creek	#751.2A		10.0	10.0	
	Secondary	Kitty Creek	#756	2.0	8.0	10.0	Linda Putney
	Way	Grace Creek	#760.5	3.5		3.5	
	Way	Pagoda Creek	#785	5.5		5.5	
	Way	Clock Tower	#784	2.4		2.4	Linda Putney
	Secondary	Mormon Creek	#754		6.9	6.9	Linda Putney
			13.4	24.9	38.3		
Wood River	Way	Aspen Creek	#654	5.4		5.4	Bruce Fauskee
	Secondary	Brown Creek	#667	3.0		3.0	Bruce Fauskee
Kirwin	Secondary	Bear Creek	#814	4.0		4.0	Jim Hanchett
	Secondary	Cascade Creek	#652	4.0	2.0	6.0	Jim Hanchett
	Secondary	East Fork Pass	#816	1.5		1.5	Jim Hanchett
	Way	Horse Creek	#814.3A	3.8		3.8	Jim Hanchett
	Primary	Brown Basin	#655	1.5		1.5	Jim Hanchett
Secondary	Meadow/Canyon	#670	7.5		7.5	Jim Hanchett	
			30.7	2.0	32.7		
Total Miles				78	26.9	104.9	

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen: Cabin Creek Project Entry for the 2022 Double Diamond Award by Cathy Ringler



Cabin Creek Trailhead 2017

The trailhead was a joke. Howard Sanders reflected on this fact as he drove his truck and trailer forty miles up the Southfork Road from Cody, Wyoming at 4:00 in the morning. The parking lot could accommodate three rigs if they all parked courteously. There were no corrals, no hitching rails and the closest toilet was two miles up a dirt path. Yet, the Southfork Trail is one of the entry points to the Washakie Wilderness. This area encompasses 704,274 acres in the southern Absaroka Mountains of Wyoming. Yellowstone National Park borders it to the northwest, Teton Wilderness to the west, and the Wind River Reservation to the southeast.

The trail follows that of the Shoshone people. The same trail that John Colter, mountain man and scout for Lewis and Clark, later traveled. After riding past deep canyons, volcanic rockslides and mountain meadows nestled in the pines, riders may choose to enter the Thoroughfare, the most remote region in the lower forty-eight states.

As Howard rode his horse twenty-two miles into Bliss Creek Meadow that evening, he entertained the thought of constructing facilities at the trailhead.

Fast forward to 2017. Howard, now Service Director of the Shoshone Back country Horsemen (SBCH), along with then President Rick Adair, and Eldon Sanders, presented a plan to the United States Forest Service (USFS). It included four eight-sided pipe corrals twenty-two feet in diameter. Each corral would have a feed bunk constructed of pipe, wood, and angle iron with a three sixteenth inch plastic sheet in the bottom.

After an archeological study was completed in 2018, the USFS granted approval for the location of the corral pad and the fire ring.

Casey McQuiston, District Ranger, states, "The partnership between the Shoshone Back Country Horsemen of America and the Shoshone National Forest has been vital to the Forest's trails program. The Shoshone National Forest has been able to provide training to the BCHA and in return they have helped clear trails that are utilized not only by equestrians, but also those hiking into the backcountry. In addition, Shoshone BCHA has helped to construct and maintain facilities, such as corrals, at various locations across the Forest. This relationship has been invaluable to the Shoshone National Forest."

Ron Ostrom, now retired Forest Service employee, agrees. "Our organization works well with SBCH. They are the most active and involved group I know of. They get the job done and they get it done right, whether it be trail cleaning, building and maintaining facilities, cleaning corrals or education."

The question then became how to fund the project. Dave Rael, one of Wyoming's Game and Fish Commissioners, donated his Commissioner's Tag to raise funds. The Commissioner's Tag provides a hunter with a once in lifetime opportunity to purchase a Wyoming deer, antelope, or elk tag in any open unit in Wyoming.

The tag was raffled off on the Game and Fish Website. Mr. Rael states, "I was happy to donate to Shoshone Back Country Horsemen for this project. Their work is essential for horsemen and others to access public lands."

The Rod Burners, a welding club at Northwest Community college in Powell, Wyoming, agreed to donate their time to build the panels for the corrals. In return, SBCH paid for the materials and made a donation to support this outstanding group of young people.

The community was further involved in the Cabin Creek Project through the cooperation of the Park County Road and Bridges Department. In 2019 work was slated to begin on the Southfork Road leading to the trailhead. An agreement was reached stating that the Road and Bridges Dept. would build a pad for the corrals from excess rock and dirt from the construction. The dept. would then use this as a staging area for their equipment while working on the road. When finished, SBCH would construct corrals on this pad. However, the road construction took longer than anticipated. Construction was not completed until late July 2020. By then SBCH's hands were full with trail cleaning and maintenance, so the Cabin Creek Project was postponed.



Finally, three years after submitting the project to the USFS, the last pre-construction meeting was held on May 3, 2021.

The construction officially began on the cold grey morning of May 17, 2021. Howard Sanders, Eldon Sanders and Bill Brazelton, a founding club member, began moving materials to the location and working on preconstruction. This was expedited by a donation of the use of a skid steer, mini excavator and welding machine from Woodward Tractor Co. in Cody, Wyoming.

Ten other club members showed up the following days. Kandy Christian, current club president states, "It was all about teamwork and I was proud to be a part of it. Sure, I did a little by operating the mini excavator, but everyone's contribution was important. Some people in the club fed us, some welded, but everyone's little pieces added up to get the whole job done."

The pad built by Park County Road & Bridges Dept.

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen: Cabin Creek Project Entry for the 2022 Double Diamond Award by Cathy Ringler, Cont.



A fire ring purchased from Pilot Rock Site Products was installed. The USFS agreed to procure a vaulted toilet within the next two years. The sun came out and the project was completed with a barbecue on May 24, 2021. The statistics tell part of the story:

All together, thirteen SBCH members helped with the project. There were 150 basic hours, 158 skilled hours, six recon days, seventy-four and a half travel hours, 3,022 vehicle miles, 124 power equipment hours and thirty-four heavy equipment hours. \$7,303 of the Commissioner Tag money was spent. The parking lot was expanded, and parking delineators were installed.

Fisherman, hikers, hunters, backpackers, ice climbers and others all benefit from The Cabin Creek project. This promotes connections and cooperation between the SBCH and the other groups who enjoy the use of the forest.

The greater story lies in the fact that with corrals at the trail head, folks can ride in for a day, a week or a month and know that their stock will have a safe place to rest at the end of the trail.

By working cooperatively with numerous agencies, clubs, businesses, and individuals, SBCH completed a project that promotes access for equestrians to some of the most rare and beautiful public lands in the United States.



Photos by Howard Sanders & Kandy Christian

“There is nothing like a dream to create the future.” – Victor Hugo

Highlights of the 2022 BCHA National Board Meeting from Barry Reiswig

4/11/22 National Board Business Meeting began; 4/12, Public Lands Session was in the morning, the evening session was on volunteer hours submittal process and the chapter locator update process. 4/13, Nat'l Board Business meeting reconvened in the morning with Banquet & Auction in the evening. Board meeting presentations and information are available at <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RRNSJS91C3KSc9wOnjAKXviklX5vsDNE?usp=sharing>
The National total of 2021 Volunteer Service Projects was valued at \$9,257,245.

Major Topics:

Committees: Any BCHA member can join a committee, including Education, Membership, Partnership, Volunteer Hours, Expansion, Fundraising, Public Lands (broken into regions), Youth, Marketing and Media and Grants Committee. Evening session, each of the committees set up booths and everyone had the opportunity to meet with the committees to learn more about what they do and sign up if interested.

Newsletter: 4 total issues, 3 digital and 1 hard copy. Reformatted for printing on letter (8.5x11). Need to have more articles submitted.

Budget:

Grants: Wind River Chapter received a \$705 Grant.

Public Lands: ~ New Memorandum of Understandings (MOU) ~ Continuing to collect data on the use of Horse/Stock Campgrounds by non-stock users. Please continue to use the form.

Partnerships: Many of the states and chapters are working with other non-profit organizations to maintain trails.

Saw Training and Requirements: Meet in smaller groups based on Forest Service Regions. Each FS region has a saw coordinator to set up training.

Website Updates: *Navigation of the website was brought up multiple times as an issue. *Many of the states have new updated websites for volunteer hours and allowing for new members to join or renew.

Expansion: Now BCHA has chapters in 31 states.

Future Goals: ~ Working on the Tread Lightly Campaign ~ Continue to keep eBikes off non-motorized trails
~ Expand Membership ~ Continue Fundraising

Officer Election Results:

Chairman, Sherry Copeland; *Vice Chairman*, Mark Himmel; *Treasurer*, Latifia "TIF" Rodrigues; *Non-Director*, Tom Thomas; *Director*, Craig Allen

2023 National Board Meeting: ~ Kalispell Montana, April 15-19 (National) ~ Montana Convention April 14-16 (State) Working on a 50th Anniversary Logo

COMING EVENTS!

- Work Project Dates TBD** Watch for announcements or call Howard to lead or be included in a special activity.
- June 30-July 3rd Work Weekend** at the **Sunlight Ranger Station** (See p. 4 of this issue for a list of Sunlight area trails to be cleaned. **July 2nd** Saturday evening Meeting & Pot Luck at the Ranger Station.
- July 14-17 Corral building project** at **Bucking Mule Falls** in the Big Horns.
- July 20-21 Kids in the Woods** at Swamp Lake on the way to Crandall.
- August 11-14 BCHWy Rendezvous** will be held in Pinedale by the Mountain Man chapter.

Trailhead Corral Inspection

Before putting your horse in a corral or tie stall, check panels, bunks and the ground for broken or sharp objects that may injure your horse. Remove twine or other debris that may be a hazard and an eyesore. Inspect feed bunks and remove old feed wastes that may be moldy or fermented to protect your horse's health. Practice Leave No Trace and enjoy your backcountry experience!

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.

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.

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen Membership

Membership is \$40 per year

Name (print) _____

Mailing address _____

e-mail address _____

Phone number(s) _____

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When your dues are paid, it is noted on your newsletter mailing label after your name (PD 2022). If you receive the newsletter via email, you can write to: shoshonebch@gmail.com to check if your membership is current.



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"Face fear with courage. Both are contagious and you never know who might need encouragement - yourself, your horse, your companion." ~Anonymous



NEXT MEETING:
July 2, 2022
at the Little Sunlight Ranger Station
Potluck Dinner at 6:00 with the
Meeting to follow at 7:00.