

The Shoshone Rider

Nov/Dec 2022

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From the President, Kandy Christian...

Well its getting closer and closer to the end of the year, with the Holidays approaching upon us very fast, along with the winter months moving in. From the excitement of eating Thanksgiving dinner with our loved ones, to finding that perfect gift to put under the Christmas Tree for the ones you love. I personally love the month of December, with all the smells of winter, to the spirits of Christmas joys and all the memories to be made with your families.

Our Member Appreciation Dinner this year was a big success!!! Everyone seemed to be having such a good time and the food that everyone brought was truly amazingly delicious!!! I will send some of the pictures I took to be put on our web page by the end of the month. I got the Christmas tree that was on the gift exchange table planted in my yard last week. Hopefully it does good since I do not have a green thumb. Thanks to Eldon for helping me dig it up for this event.

I can't say this enough, I truly believe that we as a group can and will accomplish many great things for our equine community in the state of Wyoming. I am learning so much from everyone, Thank You!

Our next meeting is November seventeen. Please join us for a pre-Thanksgiving potluck. We will have a lot of new information for our Chapter. Our Wyoming State meeting was held this past Nov 6th, so news from the meeting will be also be discussed.

It is that time of the year again, that we need to put together a Nomination Committee for next year. Come join in and help put that together for another successful year with Shoshone Back Country Horseman.

Kandy Christian
President



Kandy & Eldon digging the Christmas tree

Photo by Kandy C

Secretary's report by Judi Blymyer...

The October meeting of the SBCH was called to order at 6:40 pm, by President Kandy Christian, at the Weed & Pest building following a great potluck dinner. There was no special speaker.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Howard 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 paid: Kathi G. \$42.94 for newsletter printing and potluck supplies; Cathy Ringer \$25.65 for Fun Ride groceries.

Howard made a motion to pay these bills. MSP

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Watch Dog: Mike gave an update on e-bikes on Federal Lands that was printed in the BCHA latest newsletter which is sent out to all our members.

Activities: Cathy reminded us of the upcoming fun ride outside of Cowley in the red rocks area and the Member Appreciation Banquet on October 29.

Service: Weed & Pest continues to be unable to get any 'Canada Thistle' eating bugs.

Howard said there is no new information about developing Jaws trailhead or Bald Mountain trailhead from the Big Horn NF.

We are in need of new volunteers to help with our projects! 2021 saw 41 member volunteers, while in 2022 there were only 35 volunteers.

Education: N/A

Publicity/Newsletter: Kathi reminded us there will not be a December Newsletter.

Social Media/Photo Gallery: Randi would like to see more photos being sent to her for posting!

Recruitment & Retention: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

State meeting is on November 5, where it will be decided whether to increase State dues. State needs 5 chapters out of 7 to approve this proposal. Our club has already voted to disapprove the increase of dues. Barry will also bring up the idea of reducing the number of delegates from two to one. This would reduce the amount of money the State needs.

The county has agreed to redo/finish the dirt work needed on the Crandall trailhead, but there is no specific date to do this yet.

No update on the 501c3 status as of now.

The review of accounting records was completed on July 7, 2022 by Deb Black and Cindy Geissler.

A Nomination Committee for upcoming officers will be formed by the end November for elections in February.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 50th anniversary of BCHA's Convention Meeting will be held in Kalispell, Montana on April 14-19.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm.

*"Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need;
the remainder is needed by others." – Saint Augustine*

*"A generous person will prosper;
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." ~Proverbs 11:25*

*"Use your smile to change the world; don't let the world change your smile."
– Chinese proverb*

Treasurer's Report
by Linda Putney

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen
Reconciliation Detail
for Period 10/01/2022 – 10/31/2022
--- For November 2022 Meeting---

Type	Cleared #	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
<u>First Bank of Wyoming accounts</u>					
CHECKING ACCOUNT Beginning Reconciled Bank Balance 09/30/2022					\$ 7,335.39
<i>Cleared Transactions</i>					
Check	10/03/22 1722	K. Gimmeson	Printing, postage, meeting supplies	-83.53	
Check	10/20/22 1725	Cash	2022 Xmas party service awards	-750.00	
Check	10/24/22 1726	K. Gimmeson	Printing and meeting supplies	-42.94	
Check	10/24/22 1727	C. Ringler	Oct Fun ride lunch ride groceries	-25.65	
Check	10/31/22 1728	H. Sanders	2022 Xmas party; door prizes, prime rib	-924.93	
TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments				-1,827.05	
Deposit	10/13/22		USDA Forest Service Reim	7,000.00	
Deposit	10/27/22		2023 Dues	40.00	
TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits				7,040.00	
CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Reconciled Bank Balance 10/31/2022					<u>\$12,548.34</u>
<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>					
Check	10/29/22 1724	PC Events	2022 Xmas party hall rental	-150.00	
Check	10/29/22 1729	C. Ringler	2022 Xmas Party Ham	-21.46	
Net Uncleared Transactions				-171.46	
CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Checkbook Balance 10/31/2022					<u>\$12,376.88*</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 09/30/2022					\$29,558.67
<i>Cleared Transactions</i>					
None.				0.00	
TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments				0.00	
Interest	10/31/22		October interest income	.94	
TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits				.94	
MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Bank Balance 10/31/2022					<u>\$29,559.61</u>
<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>					
None.					
MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Checkbook Balance 10/31/2022					<u>\$29,559.61</u>
12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Beginning Balance 09/30/2022					\$10,294.00
Interest		None.		0.00	
12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Ending Balance 10/31/2022					<u>\$10,294.00</u>



VETERANS DAY
*HONORING ALL
WHO SERVED*
*Thank You
for your Service!*

*"It is easy to take liberty for granted, when
you have never had it taken from you."*
Author Unknown



*"The life of the nation is secure only while
the nation is honest, truthful, and virtuous."*
~ Frederick Douglass



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.

Service by Howard Sanders

SBCH NOVEMBER 2022 SERVICE REPORT

I thought you might be interested in knowing how our final Total Volunteer Hours report turned out.

Total hours, including work, education, and travel were 2,007.

Total trail miles cleared, wilderness and non-wilderness were 145.

Total travel miles were 14,458.

Total equipment hours were 159.

Total stock days were 187.

Total donations, including materials, food, etc. were \$13,864.

This gave us a *total dollar equivalent contribution of \$114,493.*

Thank you for your positive attitude, hard work, time, talents and making sure we had a safe and fun season.

Remember to spend time with your riding stock, so you both stay in shape.

Howard Sanders
Service

Activities by Cathy Ringler... **October *Fall Fun Ride* north of Cowley**



I think that the 8 hardy souls that braved the cool, cloudy morning had a great time. I know Von and I did!

Another thing I thought was neat, was the mother daughter, grandpa/ granddaughter duos getting to ride and enjoy the trail together.

Cathy

Photos by Cathy Ringler

“Start each day with a grateful heart and then choose kindness and laugh often.”

– Quote Unknown

River Wrecks and Close Calls By Marty Morris

Wrecks with horses eventually happen to about everyone who rides or drives. It doesn't matter how good a hand you are or how gentle your horse is, someday, someday, a wreck will likely happen. It may not be your fault and it might not be your horse's fault, you may have just been in the wrong place at the wrong time and it happened. Everything may have been going well up to that point.

A little over 50 years ago Bidge Duncan Jr. was an all-around cowboy on the Nevada rodeo circuit. He was in his late 20s and was a very good outside cowboy as well as in an arena. He roped and broke mustangs on a regular basis and handled range cattle on his family's Nevada cow outfit. Their cattle ran outside year around. A horseback outfit with no pens or feeding hay and there were no fences except along the highway. The Duncan Ranch was a Nevada rawhide outfit. Bidge Jr. had won the title of Nevada's all-around cowboy and was in the running for it again. He rode rough stock and was a good roper.

The Duncan Ranch is located up the Humboldt River a few miles from Lovelock, Nevada. Bidge Jr. grew up there; the river runs close to the homestead. The Duncan's range land is on both sides of the valley. Bidge was about to leave for a rodeo, and he wanted to tell his dad something before he left. He saw his little sister riding her horse bareback near the river. Her horse was gentle and well-broke. She told him that their dad was on the other side of the river doing something. He asked to use her horse to cross the river so he could talk to their dad.

It was summer and the Humboldt was running high with irrigation water for the Lovelock Valley. There was a place close to the house where the Duncan's regularly crossed the river horseback. Bidge rode the horse into the river, the horse stumbled and went under which caused Bidge to slip off its back and disappear under water. The horse came up, but Bidge didn't. After searching for the body for couple of days with no luck, the flow of water from Rye Patch Dam was shut down. The dam is just a few miles upriver from the ranch. Bidge's body had washed under the riverbank close to where he disappeared. He had been kicked in the head when he slipped off the horse and was likely knocked unconscious before he drowned. It was a sad time for everyone that knew the Duncans.

The cattle operation I ran for years summered about 800 cows and calves near Battle Mountain, Nevada on pasture that belonged to the irrigation district. The 35,000-acre ranch was the Mule Shoe, and the Humboldt River ran through it. We always weaned our calves early in the fall when the quality of the feed began to drop off. Usually there was enough help at the pasture to gather the cattle and ship the calves to Lovelock, but not this year. I brought three cowboys from the feedlot to do it.

The river runs low in late summer and follows wide braided channels through the part of the pasture the cattle were in. There are patches of tall brush and a few scattered cottonwood trees; it is mostly flatter and gentle country along the river. Gathering was easy except for a few cattle that brushed up.

Our cows were Brangus, some were a little high headed and trotty, but they handled well horseback. We were getting the cattle bunched together and had them started in the right direction along the north side of the river when a handful of them made a break across the river on my side of the herd. They crossed in a wide shallow place where the water was below their knees. My horse and I were at a gallop before we hit the river. I was going to turn them back to the main bunch and my horse knew what needed to be done. I was well mounted, but about halfway across both my horse's front feet found a hole in the river bottom. He turned a full cartwheel which threw me over his head into the water like I was shot from a slingshot. Luckily the water broke my fall and both my horse and I were okay. The cowboys got a good laugh out of it after they saw that I wasn't hurt. My horse and I were soaking wet, but it was a warm day and no harm was done. Things happen fast in that kind of situation and sometimes a person reacts before he does much thinking.

Well over 100 years ago a common practice in the far west when driving range cattle any distance, if a critter, was a consistent bunch quitter, the buckeroos would head and heel it with their raitas and rub Bull Durum tobacco in its eyes. When they let it up it would run back to the middle of the herd and stay there. Buckeroos in those days rolled their own smokes.

Rainy Pass Lodge is the oldest hunting lodge in Alaska and is located near the top of the Alaska Range. In September 1993, I was guiding my second hunter that fall and we had come back to the lodge from a spike camp on the north side of the range to finish the hunt. At the lodge the outfitter sent a green kid with me that was about 18 to "help" with the horses and however else I could use him. The outfitter liked to keep a couple of these young fellows around for cheap labor and give them some experience. This kid didn't know much about horses and was almost as dull as Joe Biden, but the hunter had some horse experience.

I was headed for a black bear honey hole that was below a mountain capped with fresh fall snow. Its side ridges were covered with blueberry bushes that the frost had turned red and the berries were ripe. There was plenty of other game in the same area and it seldom got hunted. I had scouted it during my horseback travels in prior years and gotten a fat blueberry bear for myself. To get there you needed to cross the Happy River, which was dangerous during high water. I always rode upriver past a couple of sizable tributaries that entered the Happy before I crossed.

This day the river was safe to cross on a horse, but running at a fast flow from glacier melt the day before. I led the way, the hunter followed and then my helper. After I crossed the river, I stopped and turned to watch and wait for the others. The horse that my helper was riding stumbled a little, probably from a rock on the river bottom. The helper fell off the right side, which was the downstream side, about midriver. Luckily, he had a death grip on the reins and the horse drug him though the current to where he could get some footing. If he had been swept down the river there wasn't anything I could have done to help. People are lost in the rivers of the north every year, many are never recovered.

The hunter blew the stalk on a black bear that day, but he did get a nice Barren Ground Caribou. I was constantly trying to keep my helper safe when he was with me, so I left him at the Lodge fleshing capes the rest of the hunt, hoping that he wouldn't lose a finger doing it.

When it comes to the horse wrecks that I have been in, if I look in a mirror I can see who put the horse in the situation that caused the wreck. Whether wrecks with teams or with saddle horses, if I had been smart enough to have done something different before the wreck started, it wouldn't have happened.

*Give Thanks with a
Grateful Heart
Happy Thanksgiving!*



IRISH BLESSING

*Count your blessings instead of your crosses.
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes.
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears.
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean.
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth.
Love your neighbor instead of yourself.*

Some photos of Summer Trail Cleaning from Howard Sanders



Kitty Creek below left



Mormon Creek above

Crow Creek below



"Helping another halves the work, doubles the results and multiplies the enthusiasm."

~ Anonymous

"There is great power when like-minded people come together to work toward the same goals."

~ Unknown



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
which is **Christ the Lord.***

Luke 2:11

*Our Hope for a bright future,
Our Peace in times of need,
Our Joy for all Eternity*

Coming Events

November 17 **SBCH Meeting** @ PC Weed & Pest Bldg, Powell.
Potluck @ 6, meeting to follow.

~~ **No December Meeting!** ~~
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

January 19 **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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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



NEXT MEETING:
November 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.