

# The Shoshone Rider

October 2023

## Shoshone Back Country Horsemen

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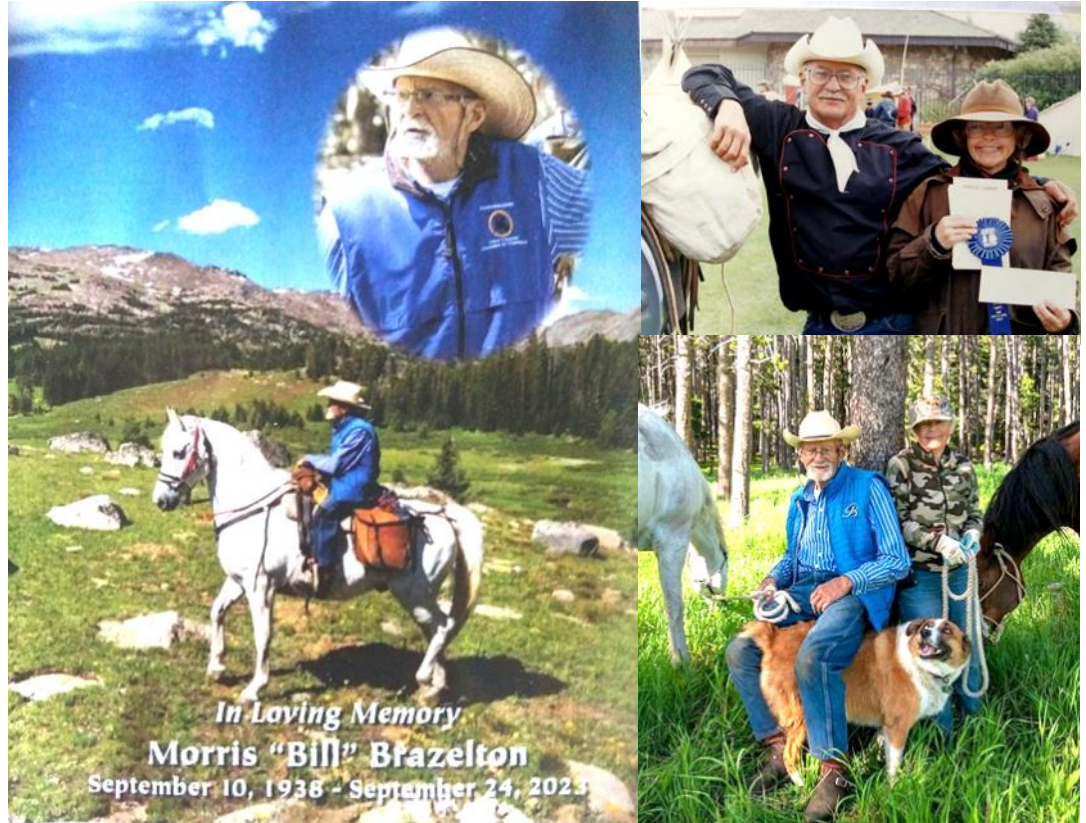
#### WY-BCHA Delegates

Kandy Christian

Bre Fagan

#### Alternates

TBA



*In Loving Memory*  
**Morris "Bill" Brazelton**  
September 10, 1938 - September 24, 2023

*"A life that touches others goes on forever."*

It is with a sense of loss mingled with gratitude, and perhaps a bit of wonder that we who knew Bill Brazelton reflect on his life.

A founding member of Shoshone Back Country Horsemen, Bill loved horses, the mountains, people and Jesus. Bill never knew a stranger, had a servant's heart and lived a life of service for others and his Lord.

A horseman, packer, conservationist, educator, mentor, welder and "fixer", Bill enthusiastically shared his skills, knowledge and faith. It is impossible to know how many lives he impacted through his packing clinics, the people he met at Battle Park and other mountain adventures, and the service work he helped inspire and accomplish in Shoshone Back Country Horsemen. Add to these, his friends, neighbors and all whose furnaces, vehicles and trailers he fixed.

Thank you, Bill for enriching the lives of so many. You will be missed, dear friend, until we meet again.

SBCH President, Kandy Christian has asked our membership to please remember Bill's family in your prayers and thoughts.

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## **Secretary's report by Bre Fagan ...**

The September 21, 2023 meeting of SBCH was called to order by President Kandy Christian at 6:34 PM after a great potluck dinner.

**Guest Speaker:** N/A

**New Members:** N/A

**June Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the previous minutes by Randi Slaughter. MSP

**Treasurer's report:** Howard Sanders made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as written. MSP. Linda requested the following bills be paid; Kathi G., newsletter printing, and supplies (2 months), meeting supplies, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary books, \$306.31. Howard Sanders, Clarks Fork feedbunk project lunch, materials, and saw blades \$90.78. Carol Olson, Big Creek Trail cleaning food \$266.18. Cathy Ringler, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake and Kathi G's gift, \$130.63. Kandy Christian, food for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party, \$133.04. Bonnie Fauskee, Kidz in the Woods food, \$360.15. E&C Welding, Eldon Sanders for welding on the Clarks Fork feed bunks, \$825. Frank Fagan, food for the Beartooth Trail cleaning, \$115.86. Linda Putney, food for Kitty Creek Trail cleaning, \$76.63. Debbie Black made a motion we pay the bills MSP.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Watch Dog:** On August 21, Mike, Howard, and Kandy met with Paul Rau on the proposed fee increases at certain sites. From our understanding, 95% of the fee increases are for established campsites, NOT the equestrian areas, and the increases will only apply to already established fee areas. Howard Sanders made a motion to have SBCH draft a letter about no fee increases for facilities we built and are maintaining MSP. Mike also said it would be a good idea for each of us to go to the website and voice our opinions on this topic.

**Activities:** Cathy Ringler thanked everyone for all the hard work and wonderful turn out at the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party. They are planning a fun ride for Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at 9 am, more details to come.

**Service:** Howard announced that all the cost share trails have been finished, along with a lot of other trails. He also let us know that the projects at Jack Creek, Clarks Fork, and Elk Fork have all been completed. Howard spoke with JR at the USFS and there has been an approval to put in two corrals at the Middle Fork of the Wood. Howard, Linda, and Jim rode into Red Creek with A'naka, Jamie and Marla from the Forest Service trail crew and they are trying to get a grant to put in a new bridge at Red Creek; this may take a while, but the wheels are in motion.

**Education:** N/A

**Publicity/media:** Kathi G. could really use some more pictures.

**Social media/Photo Gallery:** We are getting a lot of traffic after the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pictures were posted to Facebook.

**Recruitment and Retention:** N/A

## **Old Business:**

The Dennis Daily award nominations are coming up again. A motion was made by Mike Blymyer to re-nominate Bill Brazelton, Bob Bessler, and add Bruce Fauskee for the Dennis Daily award this year MSP. We have decided to nominate them as a group because SBCH works as a group, not individuals. Cathy Ringler offered to draft the letter again and Kandy suggested adding pictures to make it more personal.

SBCH was the organization of the month for WYOREC, Park County Outdoor Recreation Collaboration (PCORC).

The Member Appreciation Banquet will be held October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Homesteader Hall at the fairgrounds. The cost to rent the fairgrounds has been waived due to the club's 501(3)c status. As a thank you to SBCH, Joyce Ostrom has put together a feed bucket with lots of snacks and t-shirts that will be used as door prizes at the Member Appreciation Banquet.

## **New Business:**

Sunlight Sports will once again be donating \$3,000 to youth activities.

BLM Rec. Plan has been released and they are looking for feedback.

Forest Service Trails crews have been out doing lots of work fixing trails.

Joe Childers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47PM. MSP.

MSP = Motion Seconded & Passed

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**Treasurer's Report  
by Linda Putney**

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen  
**Reconciliation Detail**  
for Period 09/01/2023 – 09/30/2023  
--- For October 2023 Newsletter ---

Type	Cleared	#	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
<b>First Bank of Wyoming accounts</b>						
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT Beginning Reconciled Bank Balance 8/31/2023</b>						<b>\$ 3,866.59</b>
<i>Cleared Transactions</i>						
Check	09/26/23	1760	Cathy Ringler	30 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Cake & gift	-130.63	
Check	09/27/23	1761	Kandy Christian	30 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Groceries	-133.04	
Check	09/25/23	1763	Linda Putney	Kitty Creek trail cleaning groceries	-76.63	
Check	09/25/23	1764	Howard Sanders	Materials: repl. saw blades, etc.	-90.78	
Check	09/22/23	1766	Carol Olson	Big Creek trail cleaning groceries	-266.18	
Check	09/22/23	1767	Frank Fagan	Beartooth trail cleaning groceries	-115.86	
Check	09/25/23	1768	E&C Welding	Clarks Fork feed bunk project	-825.00	
ACH	09/27/23		Harland Clark	Check re-order	-45.23	
<b>TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments</b>					<b>-1,683.35</b>	
Deposit	09/25/23			Sale of 3 hats	45.00	
Deposit	09/25/23			Sale of 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. albums	75.68	
<b>TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits</b>					<b>120.68</b>	
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Reconciled Bank Balance 09/30/2023</b>						<b><u>\$2,303.92</u></b>
<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>						
Check	09/21/23	1759	K. Gimmeson	Newsltr, mtg. supplies, 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Albums	-306.31	
Check	09/21/23	1762	B. Fauskee	Kids in the Woods groceries	-360.15 *	
<b>Net Uncleared Transactions</b>					<b>-666.46</b>	
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Checkbook Balance 9/30/2023</b>						<b><u>\$1,637.46</u></b>
*Of this balance, \$1,835.52 reserved for Youth: Donations in memory of: Jim Hillberry \$1,322; Dale Olson \$340; Charles Sheets \$380						
<b>MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Beginning Bank Balance 8/31/2023</b>						<b>\$23,503.77</b>
<i>Cleared Transactions</i>						
Check	None.				0.00	
<b>TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments</b>					<b>0.00</b>	
Interest	09/30/23			Sept interest income	3.00	
<b>TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits</b>					<b>3.00</b>	
<b>MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Bank Balance 9/30/2023</b>						<b><u>\$23,506.77</u></b>
<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>						
None.					0.00	
<b>Net Uncleared Transactions</b>					<b>0.00</b>	
<b>MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Checkbook Balance 9/30/2023</b>						<b><u>\$23,506.77</u></b>
<b>12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Beginning Balance 8/31/2023</b>						<b>\$15,378.01</b>
Interest				Interest Income – Annual/Redemption	0.00	
<b>12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Ending Balance 9/30/2023</b>						<b><u>\$15,378.01</u></b>

**From the President, Kandy Christian...**

Happy Fall to everyone,

Our trails are cleaned, our horses are happy, and we enjoyed all the fun activities that were put on this year! What another wonderful summer everyone had! Thank you, everyone. Sad I had to miss out this year, hopefully I am planning to be back in the saddle for next year's trails and events.

Hopefully a lot of you got out and enjoyed some of the trails that were cleared this year. I was looking forward to seeing some of the areas that were cleared since I have never been down them. Hopefully next year.

We do have one more adventure this year on October 28: the Annual Members Appreciation Dinner to be held for every member of the Shoshone Chapter and guests. Please bring a delicious plate and enjoy the activities. We will send out an email for more information on this event.

Linda sent out an email from WYOREC that had Shoshone Back Country Horsemen as the Organization of the month. If you didn't see it, the link is on page 7 of this newsletter.

We are also working on sending in a few members' names for the Dennis Dailey Award again this year. Our deadline is November 1st, 2023, so I will keep you informed on how it's going. I will be attending the State meeting in November and will release the names and an update at the November SBCH meeting.

I will see everyone at the Oct 19th meeting and at the Members Appreciation Dinner, Oct 28.

Enjoy the Rides!! SBCH President, Kandy Christian



*Service by Howard Sanders*

## **SBCH OCTOBER 2023 SERVICE REPORT**

This was an interesting year for tracking our volunteer hours. There was our usual Cost Share trails work, some Non-Cost Share Trails work and for the first time, some Special Projects with additional funding to account for.

So, let's talk about the Cost Share numbers first. We contributed a total of 1,347 hours clearing 106 miles of trails and traveling 10,522 miles. We operated equipment for 119 hours and used our own stock for 192 days. This equates to a total dollar contribution of \$82,067.

For the Non-Cost Share portion of our contribution, the numbers were the following. We contributed a total of 487 hours clearing 43 miles of trails, putting up trail signs and traveling 2,945 miles. We operated power equipment for 69 hours and used our own stock for 66 days. This equates to a total dollar contribution of \$28,962.

Now, here are the numbers for the Special Projects portion of our season. We contributed 215 hours of labor, operated equipment for 22 hours, and spent 92 hours traveling 3,337 miles to get the work done. This equated to a dollar equivalent contribution of \$13,271.

Our total dollar equivalent contribution for the 2023 season was \$123,805. We did get the additional funding spent, but have some Special Projects to finish in 2024.

I want to thank all of you for a SAFE and FUN 2023 season.

Howard Sanders  
Service

**Mormon Creek** continued to be a challenge with the last two work days on 8/22 and 8/28/23. The final day's work was capped by spectacular views from the top. Thanks to all who helped and put their muscle into saws and swamping!

*Photos by Howard S.*



### **Shoshone National Forest Fee Change Proposal**

*Open the above link to see the fee proposal sites by Ranger District*

**The Shoshone National Forest is proposing fee changes at recreation sites across the forest. Existing campground fees have been in place since 2006. The public is invited to comment on the below proposals in one of a variety of formats:**

- Submit a comment by email to [shoshoneCG@usda.gov](mailto:shoshoneCG@usda.gov)
- Submit a comment by visiting <https://usfs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=c6ccf2cf19e44e39995868ccf0ce70fc>
- Comment cards will also be provided at the District office, campgrounds, and Sunlight Rangers Cabin. Please mail your comment cards to [Shoshone Forest Service, Attention: Paul Rau, 808 Meadow Lane Avenue, Cody, WY 82414](#)
- Oral comments must be provided in person at the Shoshone National Forest to Paul Rau during normal business hours (Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) or by calling 307-578-5140 indicating you would like to provide comments on the proposed recreation fee changes.

***Please provide input by 10/31/2023***



### **SBCH Member Appreciation Party! October 28 at Homesteader Hall**

Formerly our annual Christmas party, the SBCH Member Appreciation 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 .*

**When: Saturday, October 28, 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.),  
1 photo of a 2023 work project for the photo contest if you wish to enter.*



#### **Feed Bunk Inspection and Evaluation**

Howard, Kandy & Eldon checked out some old feed bunks to see if repairs are needed.

These look pretty bad!



~ Victor Hugo

*“The great acts of love are done by those who are habitually performing small acts of kindness.”*

**BUILD A BETTER BOND WITH YOUR HORSE Horse & Rider 7/31/23**

*Do you know the difference between negative and positive reinforcement in horse training? It's not what it sounds like. Do you know that you can improve your relationship with your horse by smiling when you're around him?*

This online article gives some insight to how horses respond to human interaction and some training methods.

It's generally known that horses respond to humans' body language, touch, tone of voice, and emotions. What we may not think about is that horses also watch our facial expressions.

Horses have the ability to evaluate expressions of people in photos, frowning or smiling, then recognize the person when meeting them. Their response reflects their initial perception; horses tend to look at angry faces with their left eye (right hemisphere thinking which processes fear provoking stimuli) and smiling faces with their right eye (left hemisphere for processing more pro-social stimuli).

Smiling while handling your horse helps both you and your horse relax and process things in a different light. The next time things aren't going well between you and your horse, assess your emotions and expressions as well as those of your horse. Take time to slow down, relax, smile, find humor in the situation if possible and try another approach.

It's hard to be tense when you find something to smile about.



**Clark Fun Ride**

All these smiling faces should make happy horses!

Ringlers' fun ride out of Clark was a fun day of riding, camaraderie and feasting!

*Photos courtesy of Cathy Ringler*

*"Learn to master your own movements, thoughts, emotions and behavior rather than the horse's."*

*~ Unknown*



"No philosophers so thoroughly comprehend us as dogs and horses."

~ Herman Melville

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen was selected as September's Organization of the Month by WYOREC and PARK COUNTY OUTDOOR RECREATION COLLABORATIVE (PCORC)!

PCORC is one of 7 collaboratives which make up WYOMING OUTDOOR RECREATION (WYOREC), which was initiated by former WY Governor Matt Mead, to promote the outdoor recreational industry in Wyoming.

If you missed seeing the article, open the link to check it out, or go to Wyoming Outdoor Recreation > News & Resources, The Collaborative Connection Newsletter Archive, Volume 1, Issue 8.

### Coming Events

October 19 - SBCH Monthly meeting at the Park Co. Weed & Pest Bldg, Potluck @ 6 before the meeting.

October 28 - Member Appreciation Party at Homesteader Hall at the Park Co. Fairgrounds

November 16 - SBCH Monthly meeting place TBA, Potluck @ 6 before the meeting.

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If you haven't already done so, please **Do pay your Dues** and **Don't let your membership lapse!**  
A friendly reminder from your Treasurer

## Shoshone Back Country Horsemen Membership

Membership is \$40 per year

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Autumn goes by all too quickly and is immediately followed by thoughts of spring!  
~ Anonymous



**NEXT MEETING:**  
**October 19, 2023**  
**at the Park Co. Weed & Pest Bldg,**  
**Hwy 14A at 1067 Road 13, Powell, WY.**  
**Potluck Dinner at 6:00 with the**  
**Meeting to follow.**