

# The Shoshone Rider

March 2023

## Shoshone Back Country Horsemen

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TBA



### From the President, Kandy Christian...

News for all our members:

For the members that could not attend the February 16th meeting, the attendees elected me for another year as President of Shoshone Back Country Horsemen. I want to thank everyone for the trust they put in me to continue as their President. Hopefully we can continue pushing forward as a team and make the most of what we do to enjoy our back country of Wyoming.

The attendees also voted for Linda Putney as Treasurer and Bre Fagan for Secretary of the club. Next month we will announce our Vice-President along with all the Directors for the club.

I want to thank Linda Putney for stepping up for another year as our Treasurer and Bre Fagan for also stepping up to take the Secretary's position. A big thank you to Judi Blymyer for all the years and dedication as SBCH Secretary!

Please get with Marty to sign up for Ron's clinic's this year, slots are filling up fast.

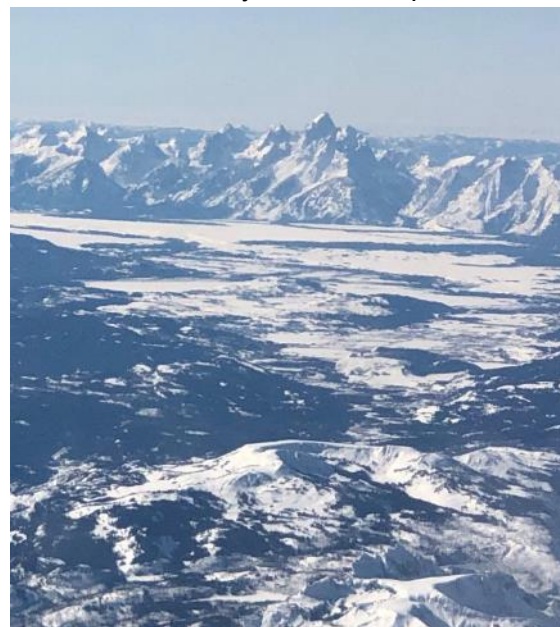
I am sitting here looking outside at my snow covered ponies standing in their shed looking back at me. Sometimes I wish I knew what they would say to me (or maybe not!). A few things that come to mind are: "We should have gone to Arizona this winter to ride" or "when can we go for a ride somewhere to do something besides this?". Hopefully all are wintering well.

This year is going to hold a lot of different events for everyone to be a part of.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone being a part of all or some of the projects and clinics that we will be having this year.

See ya on the trails,

Kandy Christian  
SBCH President



Above: Kandy shared this view of the North Fork  
as seen from the South Fork

and

Left: Elk Fork

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

The February 2023 meeting of the SBCH was called to order by President Kandy Christian at 6:43 after a great potluck dinner.

**Guest Speaker:** Carissa from Refresh Energy gave an informative presentation on health and nutrition and her businesses, Good Vibes in Powell and Refresh Energy and Nutrition in Cody.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** Howard Sanders made a motion to accept minutes as written. MSP

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Faulkner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as written. MSP  
Linda requested the following bills be paid; Kathi G. \$92.48 for newsletter & Youth & Packing Clinic poster printing and postage and Linda Putney \$136.49 for Garmin In-Reach annual fees. Deb B. made a motion to pay the bills. MSP

## Committee Reports:

**Watch dog:** N/A

**Activities:** Cathy mentioned there was not much interest in a tack swap this year. However, there is one in Riverton in April, if anyone is interested.

She suggested another youth clinic this year for ages 10-18 years old at The Boot and Bottle Club around May 6<sup>th</sup>. No decisions were made on whether to do this clinic or not.

The SBCH 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be celebrated at Eagle Creek, August 12. The Celebration starts {tentatively} at 5 pm, potluck at 6 pm. Set up the day before and she will look into overnight camping. Cathy also mentioned gift ideas for our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and buying gifts for the four founding couples of SBCH, no definitive decisions were made. More details at a later date.

**Service:** Howard had a meeting with the SNF on our Cost Share trails for this year. They agreed to the list of trails we presented.

Red Creek Bridge is being revisited to replace the bridge; more information to come.

Bald Mountain project dates are unknown as we wait for the dirt work on the pads, so the corrals can go in.

4th of July will be at the Timber Creek Ranger Station, Thursday, June 29 through Sunday, July 2.

**Education:** Marty said there are still a few openings for the Desensitizing Clinics at Ron Ostrom's, April 15-16, and April 29-30. The cost is \$25 per person to cover arena costs, clinics are two days. Contact Marty for more info, or to sign up.

Also, the Youth and Packing Clinic is fast approaching, Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Silver Spur Arena. Contact Marty for more info, or to sign up.

**Publicity/media:** N/A

**Social Media/Photo Gallery:** N/A

**Recruitment/retention:** N/A

## Old Business:

Barry gave a summary on the recent February State Meeting:

Three resolutions were proposed: online membership sign-up for each chapter; to create a committee to investigate the cost-of-living increase related to the dues; and the resolution to reduce the number of delegates to national meetings, which was unanimously opposed. The other two will move forward.

Dennis Daley award nominees need to be submitted before November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

A second equestrian, Phil Hocker, was added to the state trails committee.

Next State meeting is in Lander May 7<sup>th</sup>. The National Board meeting will be held in Kalispell, April 19-21.

Barry mentioned that our club's volunteer hours were half of the State totals.

The Rendezvous will be hosted by the Teton Chapter, August 4-6. More details to come.

**New Business:** The 501c3 letter was received to tell us that in order to continue looking at our application, our club's bylaws will need to state where our assets would go in case of dissolution. Barry made a motion to revise our bylaws to add a dissolution clause. MSP

There was some discussion about archival of records at the library in Cody, it was tabled until we have more information about what can be archived there.

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**Secretary's report continued...**

Elections took place and the officers are as follows: President, Kandy Christian; Vice President (vacant); Secretary, Bre Fagan and Treasurer, Linda Putney. Deb B. made a motion to accept the officer nominations. MSP

Motion made by Deb B. to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. MSP

MSP = Motion Seconded and Passed

Type	Cleared #	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
<b>Treasurer's Report by Linda Putney</b>					
<b>Shoshone Back Country Horsemen Reconciliation Detail for Period 2/1/2023 – 2/28/2023 --- For March 2023 Meeting---</b>					
<b>First Bank of Wyoming accounts</b>					
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT Beginning Reconciled Bank Balance 1/31/2023</b>					<b>\$ 10,380.28</b>
<i>Cleared Transactions</i>					
Check	2/01/23	1733	K. Gimmeson	Newsletter printing, meeting supplies	-13.98
Ck Fee	2/03/23	Fee	1 <sup>st</sup> Bank of WY	Stop payment on lost check, WY BCH	-30.00
Check	2/07/23	1735	WY BCH	2022 Nat'l and State dues, 83 @ 23	-1,909.00
Check	2/24/23	1736	K. Gimmeson	Youth clinic flyer printing	-5.81 *
Check	2/24/23	1736	K. Gimmeson	Newsletter, printing, postage, supplies	-86.67
Check	2/21/23	1737	L. Putney	Garmin renewal, 12 mos.	-136.49
<b>TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments</b>					<b><u>-2,181.95</u></b>
Deposit	02/13/23			6 – 2023 Dues	240.00
Deposit	02/21/23			8 – 2023 Dues	320.00
<b>TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits</b>					<b><u>560.00</u></b>
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Reconciled Bank Balance 2/28/2023</b>					<b><u>\$8,758.33</u></b>
<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>					
Check	2/18/23	1738	WY SOS	Amend Articles of Inc. for IRS language	-25.00
<b>Net Uncleared Transactions</b>					<b><u>-25.00</u></b>
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Checkbook Balance 2/28/2023</b>					<b><u>\$8,733.33 *</u></b>
<i>*Of this balance, \$3,957.56 reserved for Youth: Donations in memory of: Jim Hillberry \$1,322; Dale Olson \$340; Charles Sheets \$380</i>					
<b>MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Beginning Bank Balance 1/31/2023</b>					<b>\$29,565.05</b>
<i>Cleared Transactions</i>					
None.					<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments</b>					<b><u>0.00</u></b>
Interest	2/28/23			February interest income	4.54
<b>TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits</b>					<b><u>4.54</u></b>
<b>MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Bank Balance 2/28/2023</b>					<b><u>\$29,569.59</u></b>
<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>					
None.					
<b>MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Checkbook Balance 2/28/2023</b>					<b><u>\$29,569.59</u></b>
<b>12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Beginning Balance 1/31/2023</b>					<b>\$15,316.89</b>
Interest				Interest Income – Annual/Redemption	0.00
<b>12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Ending Balance 2/28/2023</b>					<b><u>\$15,316.89</u></b>



**Activities by Cathy Ringler...**

***IT'S A CELEBRATION!***  
**PLAN TO JOIN US FOR**  
***SBCH'S 30th ANNIVERSARY!***

**WHEN:** AUGUST 12, 2023 AT 1:00  
**WHERE:** EAGLE CREEK TRAILHEAD, NORTHFORK HWY  
**WHAT:** POTLUCK, FELLOWSHIP, MEMORIES & MORE!

***MORE DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED***



Service by Howard Sanders

## SBCH MARCH 2023 SERVICE REPORT

I think we are on the down hill slide toward spring. It is getting closer to the time when we will be headed out for riding clinics and other ways of getting our riding stock and ourselves conditioned for group and mountain travel. These activities are followed very quickly (weather permitting) by Trail Head projects and before we know it, we will be clearing trails and getting the back country opened back up.

I am starting to get volunteers to take the lead on some trails, so let me know if you are interested.

Howard Sanders  
Service

### Trail Head Projects:

Jack Creek corral repairs  
Kirwin feed bunk repairs  
Clark's Fork feed bunk and corral repairs.

<b>Cost Share Trails:</b>		<b>Trail #</b>	<b>Wilderness</b>	<b>Non-Wilderness</b>	<b>Total Miles</b>
<b>Greybull</b>	Franc's Fork/Haymaker	#657	3.0	14.4	17.4
	West Timber Cr	#664		6.5	6.5
<b>Wood River</b>	Dick Cr Lakes	#656.1A		1.5	1.5
	Timber Cr/Deer Cr	#656		10.0	10.0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>35.4</b>
<b>North Fork</b>	W. Black Water/Natural	#775		4.8	4.8
	Clock Tower	#784		2.4	2.4
	Kitty Cr	#756	8.0	2.0	2.0
	Crow Cr	#751.2A	10.0		10.0
	Mormon Cr	#754	5.9	1.0	6.9
	Big Cr	#765.5	8.0	3.7	11.7
		<b>Total</b>	<b>31.9</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>45.8</b>
<b>Bear Tooth</b>	Deep Cr	#613.1D		2.2	2.2
	Bear Tooth Loop/ Stockade	#613.1A		1.9	1.9
	BT Loop Little Rock	#613.1B		3.9	3.9
	BT Loop Hauser	#629		2.6	2.6
	Tolman Mountain	#613.1C		4.9	4.9
	High Line	#613		9.1	9.1
			<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>24.6</b>
<b>Total Trail Miles</b>		<b>34.9</b>	<b>70.9</b>	<b>105.8</b>	

### Ways to Stay Connected with your Horse in When You Can't Ride

Winter weather often keeps us from riding or spending time with our horses. Unfortunately, horses often deepen their bond with their herd mates during long layoffs instead of staying connected with us. This can present challenges when the weather warms and we're ready ride again.

A few minutes of consistent, planned handling throughout the winter will help keep your horse tuned in to you, respectful and minding his manners.

- Catch your horse, lead him to the barn or hitch rail and tie him. Take some time to groom him, clean his feet and inspect his body condition. Let him stand tied for a while, with or without being saddled.
- Your horse watches your body language, so be mindful of the messages you send, particularly if he becomes pushy or disrespectful. This is especially important at feeding time. Establish your boundaries with ground work. Teach him to lead correctly, stop and stand still when asked.
- Practice lowering his head and do yielding exercises by moving his feet forward, backward, left, and right. Teach him verbal commands.
- Longe your horse with the purpose of gaining his focus and controlling his feet; work on direction, speed and transitions. Teach your horse to turn on the haunches, and on the forehand.

The time you spend on the ground with your horse will pay off when you're ready to ride!

## Training Yourself

By Marty Morris, October, 2019

Do you have the idea that you want to change the way your horse or mule does certain things, improve some of its movements or change a bad habit? Here are some thoughts to consider about getting this done.

The first thing to remember is that changing the way your horse or mule does anything is your idea not his. In order to accomplish your goal, you will be working with your animal's mind. You reach an animal's mind through its body. You need to be able control the body. The horse or mule has the natural ability to do the things that you want it to do but you need to teach it how to respond to your ques so it does what you want when you would like it done. Your ques and the timing of your ques need to be correct. Remember during this process that we are dealing with our animals not only physically but mentally and emotionally.

We need to have experience and ability to train ourselves in order to improve our animals with any degree of success. No matter what our level of experience is, we all plateau when it comes to self-improvement on our own. That is when you can't figure out what you are doing wrong (or right). Sometimes admitting that we don't know something becomes a barrier to learning. Even with a lot of experience it is amazing how some bad habits can develop. If we have physical limitations that affect our training progress there are ways to work around those limitations, but we need to find ways to get that done.

An easy way for help with training ourselves, so we can improve at training our animals, is to attend a clinic. A clinic situation with good coaches, will give you a tune up at a reasonable cost in both time and money. Go into the clinic with a motivation to learn, listen and observe. Don't let your ego prevent you from learning. The end benefit will be a better partnership with your horse or mule.



### **More of Marty's thoughts...Competence in Horsemanship**

If you needed someone to help you with your mule or horse's training, would you hire someone with your current skill level? You need to be honest with yourself. Would you be more comfortable getting help from someone with a higher level of skill than you have? Perhaps you should consider investing more time and resources in your own education and training.



We can research books, magazines, videos and practice by ourselves, which all should help but the best method of improving our skills would be with actual hands on instruction. The instructor should be someone who has more experience with horsemanship than you or I have.

It takes practice and hard work to become a competent horseman. We need to be practicing the right exercises and not continuing to make the same mistakes.

Ideally, we should be able to recognize our strengths and weaknesses or have them pointed out by someone with more experience. We should work on our personal areas of weakness more than most

of us probably do. We need to get to the point where we recognize that there is so much about horsemanship that we don't know and pursue more skill and knowledge.

A few years ago, while I was having a private conversation with the clinician Chris Cox, I mentioned that I had plateaued several times through the years in my horsemanship. He told me that we all do. I was glad to hear that. With some thought, recognizing that you are on a plateau has a lot to do with understanding your personal skill level, meaning that you know at least some of your strengths and weaknesses. If you are trying to gain horsemanship skills and you are the smartest person in the room, you are in the wrong room.

Much of horsemanship is learning about ourselves as well as how the horse or mule thinks and reacts. With some effort on our part, over time we will recognize progress and be rewarded with a horse that is safer to be around, handles better and has more confidence in us. That is a big reward.



"The ability of the rider is reflected in his horse." ~ Anonymous

Education by Cindy Geissler

The Annual SBCH Youth Horsemanship & Packing Clinics are scheduled for Saturday, April 1st at the Silver Spur Arena on the Badger Basin Road. If you would like to help with lunch, let Kandy know.



The SBCH Members' Desensitizing Clinics will be held at Ron Ostrom's arena April 15-16 and April 29-30 (Saturdays & Sundays). Attendance will be limited to 10 riders per clinic, so call Marty soon for reservations! 307-899-7510. Due to rising costs, Ron will be charging \$25 to each participant for a 2 day clinic. Please make your checks payable to Ron and give them to Marty.

### Shoshone Back Country Horsemen Mission Statement:

- ◆ To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
- ◆ To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
- ◆ To assist various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
- ◆ To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of backcountry resources by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
- ◆ To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters in the state organization.

SBCH is a multi-faceted service organization whose objectives cannot be achieved without the help of **all** of its members, working together as a team.

Every project and club function is a collaboration of effort to make it happen.

SBCH recognizes and celebrates group success, as well as individual efforts.

Each member is important and appreciated!



### Reasons to join and be active in SBCH



1. **Time in the Backcountry:** Enjoy our trails and trailheads while spending meaningful time as stewards of the backcountry .
2. **Fun:** Enjoy the camaraderie of like minded people. Whether on horseback or not, working together on projects, attending meetings or social events, we strive to have fun in what we do!
3. **Food:** We eat well and often! Discover the culinary skills our members bring to the table.
4. **Have a Purpose:** Pursue common goals as part of a team to achieve our mission's work and find satisfaction in our accomplishments. Everyone has talent, experience, knowledge, wisdom and ability. There are many jobs and services within SBCH that can benefit from what you can do.
5. **Education:** Learn or teach new skills. Some of the benefits available to members are horsemanship clinics, packing classes, trail etiquette, Leave No Trace skills, trail maintenance, first aid for humans and equines, chainsaw and crosscut saw education and certification.

*"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."*

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

Find your joy in being useful!

## Coming Events

- March 16 SBCH Meeting @ the Park Co. Weed & Pest Building**, off Hwy 14A at 1067 Road 13, Powell. Potluck @ 6, meeting to follow.
- April 1 Youth Horsemanship Clinic & Packing Clinic**, 9 am-3 pm, **Silver Spur Arena**, 721 Road 18 (Hwy 294), Powell, WY. Contact Marty Morris (307-899-7510) to help or attend.
- April 15-16 SBCH Members Desensitization Clinic, Ron Ostrom Arena**, 9:00 am-3 or 4 pm. Clinics are limited to 10 riders and openings fill quickly, so *sign up soon* with Marty Morris at 307-899-7510; *event fee is \$25/person, payable to Ron Ostrom.*
- April 29-30 SBCH Members Desensitization Clinic, Ron Ostrom Arena**, 9:00 am-3 or 4 pm. Clinics are limited to 10 riders and openings fill quickly, so *sign up soon* with Marty Morris at 307-899-7510; *event fee is \$25/person, payable to Ron Ostrom.*

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SBCH  
Membership  
Dues  
are due!*

*Renew your  
membership  
at the  
March  
Meeting  
3/16/23 at  
the P.C.*

2023			MARCH			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

*Weed & Pest Building, Powell!*

*Don't forget to update your  
phone # or address if they've  
changed!*

## Shoshone Back Country Horsemen Membership

Membership is \$40 per year

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

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\_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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*"If you wonder why somebody didn't do something,  
remember that you're somebody." ~ Unknown*



**NEXT MEETING:**  
**March 16, 2023**  
**at the Park Co. Weed & Pest Bldg,**  
**off Hwy 14A at 1067 Road 13, Powell, WY.**  
**Potluck Dinner at 6:00 with the**  
**Meeting to follow.**