

The Shoshone Rider

April 2023

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen

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From the President, Kandy Christian...

Spring is almost here!! Shoshone Back Country Horsemen is hosting two desensitizing clinics coming up this month to get our ponies legged up for a long busy summer that is ahead of us. Hopefully everyone that wanted to attend got signed up? Ron does a wonderful job with the course he puts together for each of the days.

I want to congratulate Cindy Geissler for becoming SBCH Vice-President, thank you Cindy for stepping up. Also, Cathy Ringler will be taking over Education and Von Ringler will be our Activities Director for this year. Thank you both for stepping up to be part of SBCH Directors.

A friend of mine ended up buying a horse up in Montana and I invested in an another Mule this last month. I agreed to keep them at my place til I leave in April to go to my son's wedding.

So far, it's been interesting with two new critters that I don't know anything about. I decided to give them their shots just in case, but first let me tell you how I first introduced myself to this Mule. It was dark and I didn't think anything about it and walked straight up behind him, put my hand on his rear, ended up getting a double shot kick toward me. I fell to the left onto another mule that was laying down, which in turn jumped up and ran. Not a good first impression of me. No worries. I came out alive! Next day (daylight), I brought him a red delicious apple and made-up for MY mistake. We got both of them home with no problems.

Now back to the giving the shots. I ended up sticking the Mule in the neck three times in order to get the medicine in his neck; he really ended up mad at me!! It was like trying to put syrup in his neck with the medicine that I was giving. I tried the apple suck up trick again with no luck. Finally, on the third day after the shot incident, the Mule will take the apple along with some oats. I think he is finally training me!

I want to wish everyone a Happy Easter this season and God Bless you!!
Enjoy your families.

Hope to see everyone at our next meeting on April 20th. Please bring a delicious dish for spring.

Kandy
SBCH President



Secretary's report by Bre Fagan ...

The March 2023 meeting of the SBCH was called to order by President Kandy Christian at 6:35 after a wonderful potluck dinner, and there were a whopping 32 members in attendance!

Guest Speaker: A'naka Smith, Trails Coordinator from SNF, gave us a trails update. She tentatively has a crew of 10-11 people and has plans for log-outs on the following trails: Boulder, Eleanor, Jim Mt., 4 Bear, SF Wood River, East Fork, Papoose, Hoodoo, Pahaska, Red Creek, Jones Creek, Venus Basin, Deer Creek, Eagle Creek, and Dead Indian-Trout Peak. She also has crews from MCC (Montana Conservation Corps.) coming in to clean trails on hitches (approx. 5-8 days per hitch). They are hoping to do 4 hitches on Deer Creek, 3 hitches on Venus Basin, 1 hitch on South Fork, and 1 hitch on War House. SNF will also be doing hitches on Venus Basin with 3 hitches, Ishawooa for 4 hitches, and 1 hitch each for Deer Creek and Eagle Creek.

Correction to Previous Meeting Minutes:

The meeting with the SNF mentioned in the March service report was not just with Howard; Mike Blymyer, Kandy Christian, Linda Putney, and Steve Brock were also in attendance. Mike Blymyer made a motion to accept amended minutes. MSP

Treasurer's Report:

Deb Black made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as written. MSP

Linda requested the following bills be paid; Kathi G. \$7.61 for newsletter printing and Marty Morris \$311.70 for Youth Horsemanship and Packing Clinic advertising. Mac Black made a motion to pay the bills. MSP

Committee Reports:

Watch dog: On March 7th, Mike received a call from Mike LaFrentz, Recreation with SNF, asking if our club would be available to commit to some extra projects that would be funded by SNF. Mike said he would need to get with Howard, Linda, and Kandy to determine if we would be able to take on more projects. Mike then set up a meeting on Thursday March 9th with Mike LaFrentz, Paul Rau, and John Rhodes (JR) from SNF along with Howard Sanders, Mike Blymyer, Linda Putney, and Kandy Christian from SBCH to discuss possible projects and money available.

Three main things were covered at the meeting. The first was to use the proposed new funding for our current planned projects rather than previously designated funds and possible additional projects we could take on and accomplish by the end of the SNF fiscal year, September 2023. Second is where the SNF is with putting together their summer trail work and crew; and finally, to revisit the possibility of certifying fallers in our chapter so they can remove leaners.

Activities: Cathy R. discussed the 30th anniversary get together at Eagle Creek Trailhead starting at 1pm. Anyone who wants to help set up can contact Cathy.

She also discussed having another youth clinic at the Boot and Bottle Club on May 6th from 9-12. There would be three stations: LNT and trail etiquette, obstacle course, Liberty training, and then we would feed them pizza for lunch. The event will be funded with youth funds and will be approximately \$680. Marty Morris made a motion to approve the clinic. MSP

Service: Howard was tasked with coming up with costs for additional projects we may be able to take on with the possible additional funds from the SNF. There is the possibility of getting between five to ten thousand dollars toward these projects. If these funds come through, we could reallocate them for our already scheduled projects to take advantage of this additional funding from the SNF. There will be more information and decisions to be made by SBCH at the April meeting.

Education: The Youth and Packing Clinic has 16 kids signed up so far and the packing clinic has 10 people signed up.

There is still 1 spot available in the April 15 and 16 Desensitizing Clinic with Ron Ostrom. Cost is \$25 per person, check payable to Ron Ostrom, but given to Marty upon sign-up. Contact Marty to sign up for these fun events.

Publicity/media: N/A

Social Media/Photo Gallery: N/A

Recruitment/retention: N/A

Old Business:

We had two people step up and want the Vice President position, Cindy Geisler, and Frank Fagan. The membership voted and Cindy Geisler is our new Vice President. Our committee members were also appointed:

Mike Blymyer- Watchdog, Von Ringler- Activities, Cathy Ringler-Education, Kathi Gimmeson-Publicity/Media, Randi Slaughter-Social Media/Photo Gallery, Connie Jack-Recruitment and Retention and Howard Sanders-Service.

Linda Putney went over the amendment proposal for our bylaws to add a dissolution clause so we can get our 501c3 status. The membership agreed, and this amendment will be voted on at the next meeting.

Secretary's report continued...

Carol Olson brought up that the Clark Rodeo would be back this year and wanted to know if we would be able to donate \$100 toward a youth buckle for the rodeo. Frank Fagan made a motion to donate youth funds for the belt buckle. MSP

New Business:

We have received our 501c3 status with the agreement that our dissolution clause will be added to our bylaws. The meeting for April cannot be held at the Game and Fish building due to a scheduling conflict, so our April meeting will be at Weed and Pest Bldg. The May meeting will be at the Game and Fish building in Cody. Sunlight Sports in Cody is holding a Community Night on April 6th to meet the non-profits they will work with directly in 2023. We will have a table set up at the event manned by Barry Reiswig and Jesse and Kristin Alcalá.

The motion was made by Carol Olson to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm. MSP

MSP = Motion Seconded and Passed

**Treasurer's Report
by Linda Putney**

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen
Reconciliation Detail
for Period 3/1/2023 – 3/31/2023
--- For April 2023 Meeting---

Type	Cleared #	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
<u>First Bank of Wyoming accounts</u>					
CHECKING ACCOUNT Beginning Reconciled Bank Balance 2/28/2023					
\$ 8,758.33					
<u>Cleared Transactions</u>					
Check	3/14/23	1738 WY SOS	Amend Articles of Inc for 501c3	-25.00	
Check	3/17/23	1741 Marty Morris	Youth Clinic Advertising	-311.70	*
Check	3/30/23	1739 Equisure,Ins	Youth Clinic Insurance	<u>-177.77</u>	*
TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments				<u>-514.47</u>	
Deposit	3/13/23		7 – 2023 Dues	280.00	
Deposit	3/20/23		5 – 2023 Dues; Newsletter Ad	<u>300.00</u>	
TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits				<u>580.00</u>	
CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Reconciled Bank Balance 3/31/2023					
<u>\$8,823.86</u>					
<u>Uncleared Transactions</u>					
Check	3/16/23	1741 K. Gimmeson	Newsletter printing	-7.61	
Check	2/16/23	1742 Clark Rodeo	Sponsor Belt Buckle for rodeo	<u>-100.00</u>	*
Net Uncleared Transactions				<u>-107.61</u>	
CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Checkbook Balance 3/31/2023					
<u>\$8,716.25</u>					
*Of this balance, \$3,368.09 reserved for Youth: Donations in memory of: Jim Hillberry \$1,322; Dale Olson \$340; Charles Sheets \$380					
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MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Beginning Bank Balance 2/28/2023					
\$29,569.59					
<u>Cleared Transactions</u>					
None.				<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments				<u>0.00</u>	
Interest	3/31/23		March interest income	<u>5.35</u>	
TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits				<u>5.35</u>	
MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Bank Balance 3/31/2023					
<u>\$29,574.94</u>					
<u>Uncleared Transactions</u>					
None.					
MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Checkbook Balance 3/31/2023					
<u>\$29,574.94</u>					
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12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Beginning Balance 2/28/2023					
\$15,316.89					
Interest			Interest Income – Annual/Redemption	<u>0.00</u>	
12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Ending Balance 3/31/2023					
<u>\$15,316.89</u>					

Service by Howard Sanders

SBCH APRIL 2023 SERVICE REPORT

We, our Vice President, Treasurer, Watch Dog, and Service Chairman, had a meeting with the Shoshone Forest Recreational Supervisor, Trails Coordinator, and NEPA Coordinator on April 3rd. The good news we received was that there is additional funding for Trailhead projects, in the amount of \$10,000. These funds are to be used for materials, equipment, and supplies. The funds must be spent this fiscal year, by September 26.

Since we (SBCH) had some projects scheduled for this year and at our last SBCH meeting, we agreed, in anticipation of the April 3 meeting {with the SFS}, to move funding around and scheduled additional projects. So, this is where we are with Trail Head Projects:

Elk Fork Corral Cleaning, Jack Creek Corral Repairs, Clark's Fork Feed Bunk and Corral Repairs, Kirwin Feed Bunk Repairs, JoJo Feed Bunk Repairs, SF of the Wood River Feed Bunk Repairs, and 2 New Corrals at the Middle Fork of the Wood River (construction to be in 2024).

Add this to our list of trails, youth activities, Kidz in the Woods and there should be plenty of opportunity for involvement.

The other good news, we received at the meeting, was that the wrinkle has been ironed out as far as our qualifications to do our trail work. That being said, if anyone needs saw training and certification or would like a refresher, let me know. We were also told that they have all of the trail crews they were hoping for this summer. It was a meeting with only good news.

Howard Sanders, Service

Cost Share Trails:		Trail #	Wilderness	Non-Wilderness	Total Miles	Total ea. Area
Greybull	Franc's Fork/Haymaker	#657	3.0	14.4	17.4	W = <u>3.0</u> NW = <u>32.4</u> ALL = <u>35.4</u>
	West Timber Cr	#664		6.5	6.5	
Wood River	Dick Cr Lakes	#656.1A		1.5	1.5	W = <u>31.9</u> NW = <u>13.9</u> ALL = <u>45.8</u>
	Timber Cr/Deer Cr	#656		10.0	10.0	
North Fork	W. Black Water/Natural	#775		4.8	4.8	W = <u>0.0</u> NW = <u>24.6</u> ALL = <u>24.6</u>
	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	
Bear Tooth	Big Cr	#765.5	8.0	3.7	11.7	W = <u>0.0</u> NW = <u>24.6</u> ALL = <u>24.6</u>
	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	
Total Trail Miles			W <u>34.9</u>	NW <u>70.9</u>	ALL <u>105.8</u>	

Cowboy State Daily True Wyoming Horsepower Behind Efforts To Groom Trails, Lovers Of Western Values



Published on April 2, 2023 in the Wyoming Life/
Wyoming outdoors/News section by Wendy Corr.

SBCH Members, Marty Morris, Howard Sanders and Cathy Ringler recently interviewed with Wendy Corr of the *Cowboy State Daily*, to share the beginnings of Shoshone Back Country Horsemen, who we are and what we do.

Click on the link above to read Wendy's great article!

"Our mind is enriched by what we receive, our heart by what we give." ~ Victor Hugo

Education by Cathy Ringler



**Youth Horsemanship Clinic May 6, 9 am-12 am
at the Cody Boot & Bottle Club, Ages 10-18**



- ◆ Learn the Principles of Liberty Training for better **communication** between horse and rider.
- ◆ Learn to Navigate Trail Obstacles to develop more **confidence** on the trail.
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Entries are Free - Lunch provided - Register by May 3

Call Cathy Ringler at home: 307-645-3255 or Cell: 307-202-0335



Volunteers are Needed, Please!

If you can provide cookies and/or help serve lunch, please call Cathy!

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*If you need saw training & certification or to be re-certified,
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307-754-8242



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***SHOSHONE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN'S
30th ANNIVERSARY!***

WHEN: AUGUST 12, 2023 AT 1:00

WHERE: EAGLE CREEK TRAILHEAD, approximately 43 miles west of
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"The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts."

~ Marcus Aurelius

Marty gave us some good thoughts and spring reminders in 2017 & 2019 that are worth remembering.

Spring Reminders by Marty Morris

If you are like me, you didn't get much accomplished with your horses and mules this winter. It has even been hard to do much with them since winter broke with the kind of spring we are having. It would be a good idea to do some ground work and reminder lessons with them before you climb on if they have had the winter off. Just saddling them up and letting them stand for a while and think will serve as a reminder too.



Control their Feet & Gain Respect: One way to get them paying attention to you again is to *make sure you have control of their feet and their respect*. You can do this by lunging, ground driving or working them in circles loose in a pen. They should follow your direction to speed up or slow down and stop with any method you choose. You can use a flag or the end of a lead rope for cues and motivation. If your horse was doing well in the past, it wouldn't take long to get their respect and attention and it will be a nicer

ride for you when you are mounted.

Flexion is another area that I will be spending time on. Flexion through the body, control of the hind end (disengagement) and movement of the front end. When the horse is asked to move or walk off, que it to flex in one direction, go in a circle and ask to flex the other direction. Do this at least a couple of times each direction. More, if this is a problem area that needs work. Do this at times through the ride if you feel stiffness or resistance in the horse. Be as light as you can with your hands and body cues. Disengagement could help keep you out of a wreck someday, so work on that. Be able to move the body parts.

When I get on my horse, the first thing I do is *have it stand for a period of time* before I ask it to move. To establish and maintain leadership, you must control the horse's movement. This includes standing. It should be your idea to do this, not the horse's. I try to vary the length of time we stand still. When it stands, there is no pressure on the reins or any parts of my body. Sit relaxed with a loose rein until the horse is asked for movement. If it begins to move, simply que it to stop with voice, seat and hands. Use hands only as much as necessary to get him to stand.

Dental check, Deworm & Vaccinate: Have your animals' teeth checked each year, as problems with a horse's teeth can lead to all sorts of handling issues, not to mention the physical condition of the animal.



It is time to deworm again and vaccinate. It is a good idea to rotate wormers from the kind you used last fall. For example, I use Zimecterin Gold in the fall because it gets tape worms and bots along with the normal worms. In the spring, I use Panacur. Others have a different system so you might check around for ideas.

Make sure you vaccinate for the diseases that can be fatal to your horse: Tetanus, Eastern and Western Encephalitis and West Nile, and you may want to consider Potomac Fever. The others are optional. If your horse gets one of the other diseases it will probably have a snotty nose for a while and then be immune for the rest of its life. If you have a brood mare that is bred, vaccinate for everything.



Tick Control: The ticks are out again. If you live in an area where there is wildlife and brush, ticks will be around. You might consider treating your horses and dogs to prevent them from having ticks attach to them. Ticks can make dogs real sick and they can carry Lyme disease. There are products to use on horses that are applied every couple of weeks that will protect from ticks attaching on them. Equi-spot for one.

Clean Pads: For the next couple of months, horses will be shedding hair, so be sure to keep your blanket and pad clean after each ride. The shed hair might build up and make a sore on their back before you realize it.

Did you know?

US Cavalry: Allow your horse to graze 10 minutes per hour of march. Our horses work hard in the mountains, teach your horse to hobble and let him graze at lunchtime.



**"Work on a horse and that horse gets better.
Work on yourself and all your horses get better."** ~ Unknown

Coming Events

- April 15-16 SBCH Members Desensitization Clinic, Ron Ostrom Arena**, 258 Lane 10, Powell, at 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 20 SBCH Monthly Meeting @ Park Co. Weed & Pest Bldg**, off Hwy 14A at 1067 Road 13, Powell, WY. **Potluck Dinner at 6:00** with the **Meeting** to follow.
- April 29-30 SBCH Members Desensitization Clinic, Ron Ostrom Arena**, 258 Lane 10, Powell, at 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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Contact Cathy Ringler to sign up: 307-645-3255 (home) or **307-202-0335** (cell).

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"There is nothing like a dream to create the future." – *Victor Hugo*



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