

# The Shoshone Rider

May 2023

## Shoshone Back Country Horsemen

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From the President, Kandy Christian...

## Back Country Horsemen Celebrate 30 Years of Service

*Cody Enterprise*  
Apr 26, 2023

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen were recently

featured in the *Cody Enterprise*, when it announced SBCH's 30th anniversary and highlighted who we are and what we do as a service organization. President Kandy Christian shared with the *Enterprise* that over the past 30 years, SBCH has cleared more than 4,500 miles of trails and improved more than 15 trailheads for stock use. With the help of Shoshone Back Country Horsemen, the north half of the Shoshone National Forest now has more trailhead stock facilities than any other national forest in the United States.

“Our members have worked tirelessly over three decades to keep trails open and to provide access to the back country on a national forest that has more designated wilderness than any other in the nation,” Christian said.

“Our chapter has taken the lead in protecting our ‘right to ride’ on public lands in Park County, as well as the rest of Wyoming through active participation in various planning processes on national forest and BLM lands. We have made a determined effort to ensure that public lands stay in public hands...”

To more fully appreciate the *Enterprise's* great coverage of our chapter's accomplishments, click on the link for the full article.



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

The April 2023 meeting of SBCH was called to order by President Kandy Christian at 6:29 PM after a great potluck dinner. Several guests were welcomed, as well as new member, Dirk Cozzens.

**Guest Speaker:** Joe Childers was able to tell us a wonderful story about a pack horse in the Korean War named Sgt. Reckless. Staff Sergeant Reckless (1948-1968) is a decorated war horse that served with Fifth Marine Regiment during the Korean War. The Mongolian breed mare was purchased in October 1952 at a racetrack in Seoul, Korea and then trained to be a pack horse for the Recoiless Rifle Platoon, Anti-Tank Company, Fifth Marine Regiment.

**Correction to the March meeting minutes:** Mike LaFrentz is the Forest Staff Officer and Paul Rau is the Forest Recreation Specialist. Deb Black made a motion to accept the amended minutes. MSP

**Treasurer's report:** Mike Blymyer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as written. MSP Linda requested the following bills be paid; Kathi G., potluck supplies \$6.33, newsletter printing \$7.91, postage \$63.00, Youth Clinic Flyers \$7.15 and water \$7.90; Howard Sanders, boards for various upcoming projects \$571.80, Miller's Fabrication for steel and superslide \$1,414.32; Kandy Christian, Easter candy for Sunlight Sports Community Night \$12.30, Powell Tribune for Youth Clinic ads \$256.50; Cathy Ringer for Boot and Bottle Club rent for upcoming youth clinic, \$150.00; total from operating account, \$2,497.21; Northwest College Rod Burners for corral panels, \$4,498.93 and a \$600 donation; Howard Sanders for pressure treated boards for the Bald Mountain Corrals, \$744.52; total from Commissioner's tag account, \$5,843.45. Joe Childers made a motion to pay the bills. MSP

### **Committee Reports:**

**Watch dog:** On April 3, 2023 Linda, Howard, Cindy and Mike met with JR and A'naka from the SNFS, where Howard was able to give a wonderful financial report to SNFS regarding the use of the additional \$10,000.

**Activities:** There will be an adult activity following the Youth Clinic at the Boot and Bottle Club where the SBCH members can ride the obstacle course. Also, the planning for the 30th Anniversary is coming along nicely.

**Service:** The \$10,000 we were recently awarded from the SNFS can be used to purchase supplies for upcoming projects; however, the projects do not have to be completed within this fiscal year. We are waiting for NEPA approval for two new corrals at the Middle Fork of the Wood. If NEPA approves, most likely the SNFS will also approve. We are still working to get approval for corrals on the Beartooths, across the highway from Little Bear Lake.

If anyone needs saw training (chain or cross cut), get in touch with Howard.

**Education:** May 6th, we will be having our Youth Clinic at the Boot and Bottle Club; so far there are 17 youth signed up.

**Publicity/Newsletter/Web:** N/A

**Social Media/Photo Gallery:** Send pictures please, and tell Randi who is in them.

**Recruitment and Retention:** N/A

### **Old Business:**

The Club has been discussing amending the bylaws to include a dissolution clause in order to get our 501c3 status. This being the third reading of the changes, Mike Blymyer made a motion to amend the bylaws to add the dissolution clause as presented. MSP

Frank Fagan is still actively trying to sell the left over tack that Deb Johnson donated to the club, and all the proceeds would go toward youth activities.

Sunlight Sports held a community night on April 6th and the turnout was great. SBCH ended up getting 40 tokens, which is \$200. We even got a couple of new members.

Barry Reiswig gave a recap of the BCHA 50th anniversary meeting in Kalispell. BCHA has grown, with 190 chapters in 32 states, and a new chapter in Texas. He also went over a lot of BCHA statistics, including financial information, volunteer hours (which equates to over \$12 million) and successful campaigns to keep equine activity on public lands, etc.

There was also discussion about a \$5 dues increase at the BCHA level which would take approximately three years to implement.

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Secretary's report continued...

**New Business:**

Frank F. wanted to let everyone know that if they knew of any kids that wanted to go out and learn how to clean trails he is willing to mentor them.

The date for Kidz in the Woods is Tuesday, July 18 and Wednesday, July 19 behind Swamp Lake.

Deb Black and Cindy Geissler audited the SBCH books and everything looks good.

Mike Blymyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM. MSP

MSP = Motion Seconded and Passed.

**Treasurer's Report  
by Linda Putney**

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen  
**Reconciliation Detail**  
for Period 4/1/2023 – 4/30/2023  
--- For May 2023 Meeting---

Type	Cleared	#	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
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**First Bank of Wyoming accounts**

**CHECKING ACCOUNT Beginning Reconciled Bank Balance 3/31/2023** **\$ 8,823.86**

Cleared Transactions

Check	04/13/23	1740	K. Gimmeson	Newsletter printing	-7.61	
Check	04/05/23	1742	Clark Rodeo	Sponsor youth belt buckle	-100.00	
Check	04/27/23	1743	K. Gimmeson	Youth Clinic flyers & water	-15.05 *	
Check	04/27/23	1743	K. Gimmeson	Newsletter, postage, mtg supplies	-77.24	
Check	04/21/23	1744	H. Sanders	TH bunk project materials	-571.80	
Check	04/26/23	1745	Miller's Fab	TH bunk project materials	-1,414.32	
Check	04/28/23	1747	Powell Tribune	Youth Clinic Ads	-256.50 *	
Check	04/26/23	1748	C. Ringler	Boot & Bottle arena rent, youth clinic	-150.00 *	

**TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments** **-2,592.52**

Deposit	04/03/23			1 – 2023 Dues + donation	50.00	
Deposit	04/11/23			1 – 2023 Dues	40.00	
Deposit	04/26/23			8 – 2023 Dues	320.00	

**TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits** **410.00**

**CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Reconciled Bank Balance 4/30/2023** **\$6,641.34**

Uncleared Transactions

Check	04/20/23	1746	K. Christian	Candy for Sunlight Sports Comm Night	-12.30	
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**Net Uncleared Transactions** **-12.30**

**CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Checkbook Balance 4/30/2023** **\$6,629.04**

\* Of this balance, \$2,946.54 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 3/31/2023** **\$29,574.94**

Cleared Transactions

Check	04/24/23	1532	NW Rod Burners	Bald Mtn corral panels + \$600 donation	-5,098.93	
Check		1533	Void			
Check	04/21/23	1534	H. Sanders	Bald Mtn corral project	-744.52	

**TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments** **-5,843.45**

Interest	4/30/23			April interest income	4.07	
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**TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits** **4.07**

**MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Bank Balance 4/30/2023** **\$23,735.56**

Uncleared Transactions

Harland Clarke check order					-33.72	
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**Net Uncleared Transactions** **-33.72**

**MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Checkbook Balance 4/30/2023** **\$23,701.84**

**12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Beginning Balance 3/31/2023** **\$15,316.89**

Interest				Interest Income – Annual/Redemption	0.00	
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**12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Ending Balance 4/30/2023** **\$15,316.89**

Service by Howard Sanders

### SBCH MAY 2023 SERVICE REPORT

The NWC Rod Burners finished building the panels, gates, and feed bunks for the Bald Mountain project. We just need the pads to be done this summer.

The weather is warming up, snow is coming off the low country and projects, beginning with Trail Heads, will be coming up.

Cleaning the Elk Fork corrals is scheduled for May 10.

The Jack Creek Corral repair is scheduled for May 25 and 26, if we need 2 days. Watch for email updates and scheduling.

Howard Sanders, Service

### 2023 Trail Cleaning Projects

Cost Share Trails:		Trail #	Wilderness	Non-Wilderness	Total Miles	Total ea. Area
<b>Greybull</b>	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	
<b>Wood River</b>	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	
<b>North Fork</b>	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	
<b>Bear Tooth</b>	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	
<b>Total Trail Miles</b>			<b>W <u>34.9</u></b>	<b>NW <u>70.9</u></b>	<b>ALL <u>105.8</u></b>	

### SHARPEN YOUR SAW SKILLS!

The trail cleaning season is around the corner.

If you need saw training & certification or to be re-certified, give Howard Sanders a call.

307-754-8242



Fun at Ron's 1st Desensitizing Clinic!  
More photos on page 5  
Photos courtesy of Randi S. and Kathi G.





More Fun at Ron's Desensitizing Clinic!



The Youth Horsemanship Clinic on Trail Skills, LNT & Communication was a fun day of learning new skills and concepts. *Photos by Jim Ingram, cont. on p.6*





### Youth Horsemanship Clinic, cont.

Backpacker/Hiker Cindy looked bearlike on the hill and the wind blew, but the fearless horses & riders navigated with ease!

Upper left photo by Cathy Ringler

**Marty Morris** shares thoughts from his friend and horseman, Pastor Mike Sheridan, about how horses think in **Horse Stages: HOW DO YOU “TRAIN” A HORSE?**, on our SBCH Website Feature page.

Pastor Mike wrote “I'm sitting around this cold, snowy day just thinking about how horses (might) think about things, So, I wrote down some stuff to ponder and how it may effect the way we deal with them. These aren't "cast in cement" concepts, but are based on years of experience with horses, and how it seems they might be thinking - and that of course, is a stretch too. I actually doubt whether they logically "think" that way, but it seems at least, that's the way they "feel" based on how they act.”

In his essay, Pastor Mike addresses not only our questions, but those of the horse.

#### HOW DO YOU “TRAIN” A HORSE?

**INTRODUCTION:** If you love horses or own them, you almost always want them to be a friend, or “partner”. That is, one you can trust, knows what you want, and is willing to do it. And the good ones also seem to know how you feel and are empathetic, or at least, we like to think so. For those who have adopted a “wild mustang”, the saying “wild to mild” can be a mystery. So, how do we get there? And is the process really any different than with a domestic horse? *After all, a horse is a horse, right?* But, what does that even mean? *Is it that all horses are the same?* The answer to that is YES, and NO. Let me explain.

**ANSWER #1** - A horse is a horse - YES .....

**ANSWER #2** - A horse is a just a horse -NO .....

#### QUESTIONS THE HORSE ASKS

1. WILL YOU HURT ME?
2. WHO IS IN CONTROL?
3. WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?
4. CAN YOU TEACH ME WITHOUT CONFUSION?
5. DO YOU CARE ABOUT ME?
6. CAN WE BE PARTNERS?



Check out the full article on the SBCH website for more insight on how horses think and react to how we interact with them.



“The rider will have no joy if his horse does not enjoy his work.” ~ Anonymous

## Coming Events

May 18 - SBCH Monthly Meeting at the WY Game & Fish Bldg, 2 Tilden Trail, north of Cody, WY off Hwy 120. Potluck Dinner at 6:00 with the Meeting to follow.

May 25 - 26 - Jack Creek corral repair, 1- 2 days as needed. The USFS has promised a crew to help with the project. Contact Howard for more info.

July 18 - 19 - Kidz in the Woods Tuesday & Wednesday, behind Swamp Lake.

August 12 - SBCH's 30th Anniversary Celebration, 1:00 at Eagle Creek Trailhead, Northfork Hwy.

*"A smooth sea never made a skillful sailor...  
a perfect horse never made a horseman"*

~ Unknown

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*“Wearing lip balm or fleece is not recommended during shedding season.”*  
~ *Anonymous*



**NEXT MEETING:**  
**May 18, 2023**  
**at the WY Game & Fish Bldg, 2 Tilden**  
**Trail, north of Cody, WY off Hwy 120.**  
**Potluck Dinner at 6:00 with the**  
**Meeting to follow.**