

The Shoshone Rider

June/July 2023

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From the President, Kandy Christian...

Summer is finally here! It has been a really good start to this year with some projects already completed and checked off our list. I hope at least everyone has gotten out and legged up their ponies for this upcoming summer and been riding some trails.

Congratulations to a few members with new mounts this year to ride. I really hope they work out for you and am looking forward to riding with you.

Our next meeting will be in July out in the field. Hopefully everyone can come out to help on the trails, enjoy delicious food, or just to enjoy the company and camping. I am looking forward to try and help at the trailhead this year. I am going to try and cook my cobbler since I'll be staying back at the trailhead. The last time I cooked one was in the Smokies back in 2017. We'll see how it turns out!

As you all probably heard by now, I was in a terrible horse incident in Tennessee. I somehow fell in the back of my horse trailer with horses in it. I was stomped, stepped on, and kicked out the back of the trailer. I ended up with two broken legs, torn ligaments, bruised ribs, and broken pride. I went over it in my head again and again and I tried to figure out if I did this or that, it would be different. I know now it was one of these things that it just happened and no matter what I did, I cannot go back and change it. The two horses that were in my trailer were not my ponies. The Ortho doc said it will take time, but I will heal. I thank God everyday that this is all that has happened and I will heal to ride again next year.

God Bless,

Kandy Christian
President SBCH

Our prayers and best wishes
for your speedy recovery,
Kandy, from SBCH!

We can't wait for you to be
healed, on your feet and back
in the saddle again with this grin!



Secretary's report by Bre Fagan ...

The May 2023 meeting of SBCH was called to order by Vice President Cindy Geissler at 6:30 PM after a great potluck dinner.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mike Blymyer made a motion to accept the minutes as written. 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., newsletter printing, 2 months postage, and new flyers, \$159.55; Cathy R., \$184.92 pizza for youth clinic; Howard Sanders, \$12.44 vet wrap for the first aid kit; Linda Putney, \$27 WY Annual Sec of State report, total \$383.91 from the operating account.

Committee Reports:

Watch dog: N/A

Activities: N/A

Service: Howard and a group of 5 men and 5 women cleaned 8 corrals at the Elks Fork Trailhead on May 10. He is looking for volunteer welders to fix the welds on the corrals at the Clarks Fork Trailhead this month. Howard also needs volunteers to help some seasonal workers from the FS replace rails and posts at the corrals at Jack Creek on May 25th.

There are lots of opportunities to get out and help this year with all the projects we have coming up so get ahold of Howard if you are willing to help.

Education: Kids clinic had a great turn out, lots of kids cannot wait until we do it again next year.

Publicity/ Newsletter/Web: June will be the last newsletter until September.

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

Recruitment and Retention: N/A

Old Business:

Barry Reiswig gave a summary of the state meeting. BCHA purchased the Light on the Land logo and will be using it for educating people on Leave No Trace. The Wyoming State Rendezvous will be put on by the Teton Chapter the weekend of August 4th at Willow Creek Trailhead.

Our state chairperson has been lobbying with the governor to get a second non-motorized person on the State Trails Council.

New Business:

Howard gave us an update on Kandy's condition, after her horse accident.

The club discussed donating \$1000 to Dano Youth Camps out of the Youth activities account. Howard made a motion to go ahead with the donation. MSP This donation will be presented to Joyce Ostrom at the June 3rd Dano'lope Dash.

The next SBCH meeting will be held at the Timber Creek Ranger Station southwest of Meeteetse on July 1st.

Howard Sanders made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM. MSP

MSP = Motion Seconded & Passed

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen Website Photos!

Randi has posted new photos on our website Gallery ([Shoshone Back Country Horsemen of Northwest Wyoming -- Photo Gallery \(shoshonebch.org\)](https://www.shoshonebackcountryhorsemen.org)) of 2023 events. Check them out to see what's been going on!

If you have photos of 2023 SBCH activities to share, please forward them to Randi at rslaughter@nemont.net



**Treasurer's Report
by Linda Putney**

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen
Reconciliation Detail
for Period 5/1/2023 – 5/31/2023
--- For June 2023 Newsletter ---

Type	Cleared	#	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
<u>First Bank of Wyoming accounts</u>						
CHECKING ACCOUNT Beginning Reconciled Bank Balance 4/30/2023						\$ 6,641.34
<i>Cleared Transactions</i>						
Check	05/19/23	1749	K. Gimmeson	Newsletter printing, postage, brochure	-159.55	
Check	05/22/23	1751	H. Sanders	Vet wrap for 1 st aid kit	-12.44	
Check	05/23/23	1752	L. Putney	Annual WY Sec of State report	-27.00	
Check	05/30/23	1753	Woodward Tractor	Skid Steer rental for Elk Fork Corrals	-206.01	
TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments					<u>-405.00</u>	
Deposit	05/11/23			Donations from Youth Clinic	15.00*	
Deposit	05/16/23			3 – 2023 Dues	120.00	
Deposit	05/23/23			Hat; D. Johnson tack sale donation, YC \$50	70.00*	
Deposit	05/30/23			1 – 2023 Dues	40.00	
TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits					<u>245.00</u>	
CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Reconciled Bank Balance 5/31/2023						<u>\$6,481.34</u>
<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>						
Check	04/20/23	1746	K. Christian	Candy for Sunlight Sports Comm Night	-12.30	
Check	05/18/23	1750	C. Ringler	Youth Clinic pizza for lunch	-184.92*	
Check	05/26/23	1754	Keele Sanitation	Roll-off dumpster for Elk Fork corrals	-607.00	
Net Uncleared Transactions					<u>-804.22</u>	
CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Checkbook Balance 5/31/2023						<u>\$5,677.12</u>
* Of this balance, \$2,846.62 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 4/30/2023						\$23,735.56
<i>Cleared Transactions</i>						
	05/03/23		Harland Clarke	Check re-order	-33.72	
TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments					<u>-33.72</u>	
Interest	05/31/23			May interest income	3.02	
TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits					<u>3.02</u>	
MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Bank Balance 5/31/2023						<u>\$23,704.86</u>
<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>						
None.					<u>0.00</u>	
Net Uncleared Transactions					<u>-0.00</u>	
MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Checkbook Balance 5/31/2023						<u>\$23,704.86</u>
12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Beginning Balance 4/30/2023						\$15,316.89
Interest	Interest Income – Annual/Redemption				0.00	
12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Ending Balance 5/31/2023						<u>\$15,316.89</u>

Mission Statement & Purpose of Back Country Horsemen of America

1. To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness areas.
2. To assist the various government, state and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
3. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resources by stock users and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
4. To foster and encourage the formation of new state Back Country Horsemen's organizations and BCHA.

A go-getter is a rider whose horse got away.

Service by Howard Sanders

SBCH JUNE 2023 SERVICE REPORT

We have started working on our 2023 Service projects. On May 10th, ten of us cleaned the 8 corrals at the Elk Fork Trail Head. With the use of a skid steer and a 20 cubic yard dumpster, we contributed 21,000 lbs. to the compost at the Cody landfill. The work was finished by 12:30, just in time for lunch.

Bruce Fauskee took the lead on cleaning the Deer Creek portion of Trail #656. We cleared 20 trees in the first 3 miles and hit snow, so it will have to be finished at a later date.

Linda Putney took the lead on Clock Tower Creek May 20 and even though there was only 1 tree to clear, it was a nice day for a short trail and lunch.

May 25th was the day 3 of us from SBCH and 8 from the USFS Seasonal Crew completed the corral repairs at the Jack Creek Trail Head. We replaced 4 posts and 44 rails. It was a good day with moderate weather and the sightings of several game animals, including cow elk, antelope, mule deer, turkeys, a cow and calf moose and a grizzly bear on the hillside heading up Jack Creek.

We have also started the repair work at the Clarks Fork Trail Head, with more to follow.

So, watch for emails of other scheduled events. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to join in.

Howard Sanders
Service

Clocktower Trail (top row & bottom left)
Howard, Jim, Steve, Rhonda & Linda cleared the trail and took out a good sized tree. *Top row photos, Linda P*



Jack Creek Corral Repair A crew from SNFS helped Howard & Ann S & Cindy G replace poles.
Bottom row photos by Howard S



“A GOOD LEADER KNOWS THE WAY, GOES THE WAY AND SHOWS THE WAY.”

As members of SBCH, we are role models, whether we realize it or not, and every encounter we have has the potential to impact the welfare and continued access of the backcountry and public lands by stock users and nonstock users alike. As you interact with others and enjoy our public lands, be sure you know the way and show the way in all you do to protect and sustain our public lands. A good start is to follow the principles of Leave No Trace and to practice courtesy and safety on shared trails.

LEAVE NO TRACE

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare:

Know the area, regulations and what to expect with weather, elevation and travel conditions before heading into the backcountry. Let someone know where you're going and when you plan to return.

Prepare for emergencies, hazards and the worst conditions the country and time of year might offer.

2. Camp and Travel on Durable Surfaces

Use durable surfaces, such as designated trails and campsites, sand, rock, snow, dry grass, and pine needles. Choose established campsites 200' away from water sources and trails.

Travel single file on the trail, even when muddy and don't cut across switchbacks. Spread out in pristine areas to prevent damage and creating new trails or campsites.

3. Dispose of Waste properly: Pack It In, Pack It Out

Pack out all litter, food scraps and garbage. *In bear country*, hang all food, toiletries and garbage 300' from camp. Hang items 12' high and 5' from a vertical support.

Bury human waste 6-8" deep in cat holes at least 200' from water, camp and trails. Pack out toilet paper in plastic bags, because it does not decompose readily in our environment.

Minimize soap use and scatter the gray water 200' from water sources and camps.

Scatter fish or hunting remains discretely, well away from trails or camps, at least 300'.

4. Minimize Fire Use and Impact : Know regulations, weather conditions and if fires are allowed.

Use lightweight stoves for safety and the least impact.

If fires are allowed, use existing fire rings, keep fires small and burn only small dead, downed wood. In remote areas, use fire pans or mound fires. Be sure fires are dead-out cold before leaving.

5. Leave What You Find

Preserve the past and leave natural features, plants and trees undisturbed and without damage. Minimize site alterations by choosing established sites and durable surfaces.

6. Respect Wildlife

Keep a safe distance from wildlife, don't feed, follow, disturb or approach them, especially if they have young.

Be *Bear Aware* and make your presence known in areas of dense foliage or blind corners.

7. Be courteous to others

Be friendly and courteous to others on the trail and practice trail etiquette with common sense and safety for all.

Keep noise levels low, let nature's sounds prevail. Listen and watch for other trail users to prevent spooks and unsafe passing situations.

TRAIL COURTESY & SAFETY

Train Before you go: prepare your horses to safely meet other trail users, wildlife, obstacles, varying trail conditions and to stand tied quietly or be hobbled.

Look & Listen: Be alert to other trail users, wildlife, changing conditions and potential problems.

Wait for Everyone: Be sure everyone is mounted and ready before moving off.

If you need to stop, ask the group to stop and wait for you until you are ready to move on.

Adjust speed to slower or less experienced riders & mounts or divide into 2 groups, with the faster group leaving first, getting well out of sight before the slower horses move on.

Most group rides are *walk only*. If you must speed up, ask permission and give others time to prepare for you to speed up or pass by. *Don't crowd* the horse in front of you; slow down or move to another position.

At streams, let the first horses drink, move out of the way and wait for all to finish before moving off.

Leave gates as you find them.

Be courteous to other trail users, greet and encourage them to speak and stay in sight so horses don't spook. Be able to explain safe passage for both parties, with an effort to promote understanding between different user groups, as they may not know yielding practices or how to encounter horses.

Generally, all trail users yield to horses; smaller groups yield to larger groups, pack strings and uphill traffic unless they choose to pull over. Hikers and bikers should step to the downhill side of the trail if possible.

Keep pets under control at all times or leave them at home.

“Your life is written with actions, not words.” ~ Unknown

BIG LOG!

Frank Fagan shared this FB post that had been sent to him. Randi found the post on the FB page of the Territorial Riders chapter of BCHO and put it on the SBCH FB page for others to see.



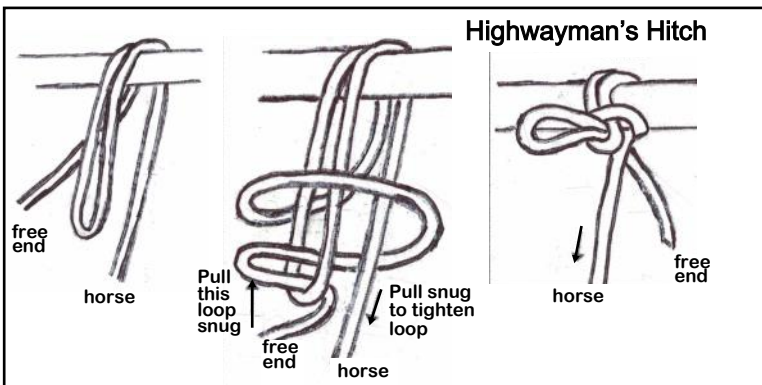
Back Country Horsemen of Oregon - ... X
Territorial Riders Chapter

Suggested for you · 1d ·

Here is a beautiful tree now a log that was up rooted in a storm. Tim and Dan both had to cut it out using more than one tank of fuel. It's south of the Warm Springs River on the PCT. Guessing it's over 200 years old.



Tie your horse with the Highwayman's Hitch or the Bank Robber's knot for quick release knots that jerk free easily even after they've been pulled on, since the pressure isn't against the knot itself. Even though the Highwayman's hitch looks complicated, it's easy to tie with a little practice.



Know Your Horse's Vital Signs

Normal resting heart rate is 28-40 bpm. Rapid breathing, depression and obvious signs of pain may signal a rapid heart rate. Pain may elevate it to 64 bpm. Shock or a twisted gut may elevate heart rate to over 80 bpm and remain elevated, while a spasm may cause a temporary spike.

Normal respiratory rate in a resting horse is 12-24 breaths/minute.

Normal temperature for an adult horse at rest is anything less than 101° taken rectally. An exercising horse's temp should return to normal with 20 minutes of rest. If rectal temp exceeds 103.5°, the horse is overheating.

Check for **hydration** with a skin pinch test at the point of shoulder. Normal snaps back, skin that remains tented and refuses to return to normal position may indicate serious, life threatening dehydration. There are many levels of dehydration in between.

Mucous membranes should be pink and moist, like the pink under your fingernails. Pale pink indicates decreased circulation, anemia, blood loss or systemic illness. Bright red membranes indicate moderate stages of shock.

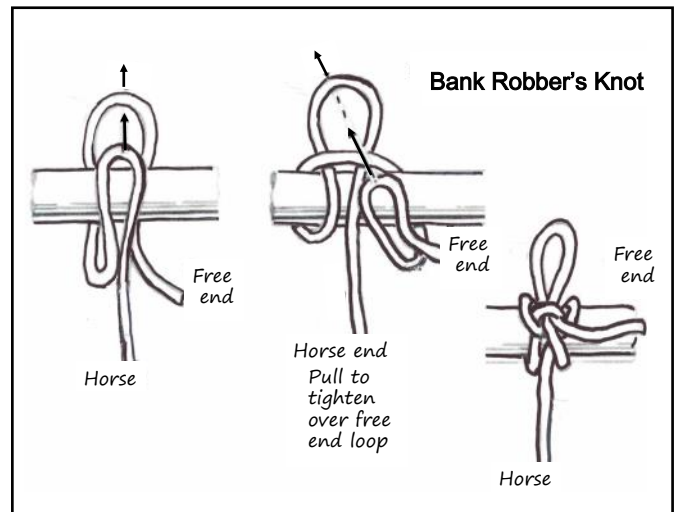
Back Cinch Fit for Function and Safety

The back or flank cinch is often left loose and is sometimes thought to more useful for ropers than for trail riders. However, it is designed to hold down the back of the saddle on steep terrain and distribute weight evenly across the saddle's tree.

A loose back cinch can be dangerous if it hangs too far down, as the horse could catch a hoof between his belly and the cinch. To fit properly, adjust the flank cinch to be snug, not tight, against your horse's belly.

This enables the cinch to work as intended, and will hold the saddle down and in place.

Use a leather hobble strap to connect the front and back cinches to prevent the flank cinch from sliding back, which could cause a wreck by becoming a bucking strap!



"Your horse can only be as brave as you are." ~ Anonymous

Coming Events

- June 19-20 Kitty Creek Trail Clearing (Monday & Tuesday) If those dates don't work out, we'll try for the following week, June 26 & 27. *Watch for announcements!*
- July 1 SBCH Summer meeting at the Timber Creek Ranger Station, Potluck @ 6 before the meeting.
- July 5-6 Big Creek Trail Cleaning, accessed from Star Hill Ranch. More details to come.
- July 18-19 Kidz in the Woods Tuesday & Wednesday, behind Swamp Lake off Hwy 296, (Chief Joseph Hwy).
- July 25-26 *and/or* August 15-16 - Crow Creek.
- August 8 Mormon Creek
- August 12 SBCH's 30th Anniversary Celebration, 1:00 at Eagle Creek Trailhead, Northfork Hwy.

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A friendly reminder from your Treasurer

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Membership is \$40 per year

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Learn to enjoy nature's beauty — it's the handwriting of God.
- Unknown



NEXT MEETING:
July 1, 2023
at the Timber Creek Ranger Station,
SW of Meeteetse, WY.
Potluck Dinner at 6:00 with the
Meeting to follow.