

# The Shoshone Rider

January 2024

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## From the President, Kandy Christian...

Happy New Year's!!

Hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas and enjoyed the season. It has been very nice weather here the last few weeks to get those last-minute things done around the house and barn. I think we are blessed with where we live, with the mountains at our fingertips, you can see something different at every turn you make, and the winter smells are just amazing. Yes, I do love living here.

As you all know WY Back Country Horsemen held the state meeting in Casper. I will get a few things printed out to pass around at our January meeting.

Heads-up, the 2024 Rendezvous will be led by Wind River in South Pass around first week of August 2024. Also, for some good information, ideas, and to see what other BCHA are doing please visit: [BCHA](#)

On May 24-25-26, 2024, BCH of BC (British Columbia) is having their yearly Rendezvous at Valemount Rodeo Grounds in BC. I would think it would be fun just to visit and see what other neat things are done at the Rendezvous of Back Country Horsemen of BC. Just something fun to think about.

It is that time of year to gather a few folks to put together names, to vote on our next year's President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please come to the January meeting to discuss your opinions and ideas.

There is going to be some useful information at our next meeting so see ya there!

Kandy

President, Shoshone Back Country Horsemen



Look who's  
back in the  
saddle!

Way to go,  
Kandy!

No Secretary's report, since there have been no meetings since October.

**Treasurer's Report  
by Linda Putney**

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen  
**Reconciliation Detail**  
for Period 11/01/2023 – 12/31/2023  
--- For January 2024 Newsletter ---

| Type  | Cleared # | Name        | Memo                                  | Amount           | Balance                   |
|---|-----------|-------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| <b><u>First Bank of Wyoming accounts</u></b>  |           |             |                                       |                  |                           |
| <b>CHECKING ACCOUNT Beginning Reconciled Bank Balance 10/31/2023</b>  |           |             |                                       |                  | <b>\$ 14,259.77</b>       |
| <i>Cleared Transactions</i>   |           |             |                                       |                  |                           |
| Check   | 12/13/23  | 1714 WY BCH | 2023 Dues 79 members @ \$30           | -2,370.00        |                           |
| <b>TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments</b>  |           |             |                                       | <b>-2,370.00</b> |                           |
| Deposit   | 12/27/23  |             | 4 – 2024 Dues                         | 160.00           |                           |
| Deposit   | 11/06/23  |             | 1 – 2023 Dues                         | 40.00            |                           |
| Deposit   | 11/09/23  |             | 3 – 2024 Dues                         | 120.00           |                           |
| Deposit   | 11/29/23  |             | 1 – 2023 Dues; 2- 2024 dues           | 120.00           |                           |
| Deposit   | 10/29/23  |             | Donation for B. Brazelton memorial    | 20.00 *          |                           |
| <b>TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits</b>   |           |             |                                       | <b>460.00</b>    |                           |
| <b>CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Reconciled Bank Balance 12/31/2023</b>   |           |             |                                       |                  | <b><u>\$12,349.77</u></b> |
| <i>Uncleared Transactions</i>   |           |             |                                       |                  |                           |
| Deposit   | 12/30/23  |             | Sunlight Sports donation; 1-2024 dues | 3,040.00         |                           |
| <b>Net Uncleared Transactions</b>   |           |             |                                       | <b>3,040.00</b>  |                           |
| <b>CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Checkbook Balance 12/31/2023</b>   |           |             |                                       |                  | <b><u>\$15,389.77</u></b> |
| * Of this balance, \$4,815.52 reserved for Youth: Donations in memory of: Jim Hillberry \$1,322; Dale Olson \$340; Charles Sheets \$380; B.Brazelton \$20 |           |             |                                       |                  |                           |
| <b>MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Beginning Bank Balance 10/31/2023</b>  |           |             |                                       |                  | <b>\$23,509.67</b>        |
| <i>Cleared Transactions</i>   |           |             |                                       |                  |                           |
| Check   | None.     |             |                                       | 0.00             |                           |
| <b>TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments</b>  |           |             |                                       | <b>0.00</b>      |                           |
| Interest  |           |             | November interest income              | 2.89             |                           |
| Interest  |           |             | December interest income              | 3.00             |                           |
| <b>TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits</b>   |           |             |                                       | <b>5.89</b>      |                           |
| <b>MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Bank Balance 12/31/2023</b>   |           |             |                                       |                  | <b><u>\$23,515.56</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 12/31/2023</b>  |           |             |                                       |                  | <b><u>\$23,515.56</u></b> |
| <b>12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Beginning Balance 10/31/2023</b>   |           |             |                                       |                  | <b>\$15,378.01</b>        |
| Interest  |           |             | Interest Income – Annual/Redemption   | 0.00             |                           |
| <b>12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Ending Balance 12/31/2023</b>  |           |             |                                       |                  | <b><u>\$15,378.01</u></b> |

*Service by Howard Sanders*

**SBCH JANUARY 2024 SERVICE REPORT**

There should be no shortage of project opportunities for everyone to be involved. Besides the trail clearing, there are several Trail Head projects, some new and some to finish, as part of the special projects of 2023.

Corral projects include: Bald Mountain and the Middle Fork of the Wood River Trail Heads.

Feed Bunk restoration includes: Kirwin, Jo Jo, and South Fork of the Wood River.

The crosscut saws have been sharpened and returned, so they just need to be put to use.

Hope to see you all out there.

Howard Sanders  
Service

**Membership Appreciation Party** The end of year Appreciation party was well attended and participants enjoyed a delicious dinner, a lively gift exchange and lots of trading! The flamingoes returned, were exchanged & somehow ended up where they started! Photos by Randi Slaughter



To see more Party photos, check out the SBCH website [Photo Gallery!](#)

From the January 2018 SBCH Newsletter

Education by Marty Morris...

### Winter Training Ideas

Our winter has been open so far when compared to last year. It would be good to spend some time with your horse or mule and work on any issues that bother you when you are on the trail and around camp.

Be sure you can control the movements of your horse in any direction. Be able to move the front shoulders and hind end to either side. This might prevent you from being kicked or prevent your horse from kicking another.

You need to be able to slow down or speed up at your cue. Work on obstacles and manners around other horses and respect for people and their space.

Lead another animal from the saddle and get them used to a rope under the tail.

Teach them to quietly stand tied to a high line (or fence or hitching rail).

One thing that is handy for most of us is to teach the horse to step over to us when we are mounting and then stand still until we are ready to move. You can mount from a rock or log easier if the horse learns how to move over toward the rider.

If your horse isn't broke to hobbles, winter is a good time to teach that. Learning to stand when restrained can keep your horse from serious injury if it gets a leg caught in a fence or in something else. This ties into standing good for the farrier as well.

Most of our animals have something that we can help them get better at doing and most of these things will make them safer for you. Just a little lesson at a time as often as weather and time allows can make a big difference in the end. Don't try to accomplish too much at once and end the lesson when things are going well.



**Happy New Year!**

*May your year be blessed with good health, good friends, good horses and many happy trails!*

### More Winter Reminders

- \* Horses can be frisky when they are cold and hungry, so train your horses to stay back while you are feeding to avoid being bumped or kicked from disrespect or horseplay.
- \* Increase hay intake as needed and provide free choice ice free water and salt.
- \* Monitor body condition and dental needs.
- \* Provide a windbreak or shelter for your horses.
- \* Maintain routine hoof care, which gives your horse better traction and less snow buildup on his feet.
- \* Applying petroleum jelly to hooves may help prevent snow and ice buildup.
- \* Warm your horse's bit before using.
- \* Ride at a slower pace to avoid falls and prevent your horse from sweat-induced chills.
- \* Make sure your boots are stirrup-safe to prevent being hung up, and consider using stirrup covers or tapaderos.

### Normal Vital Signs for Average Adult Horses at Rest

**Body Temp:** 97<sup>0</sup> -101.5<sup>0</sup>

**Heart Rate/Pulse:** 30-40 beats per minute (BPM)

**Capillary Refill Time (CRT):** < 2 seconds

**Gum Color:** Pink and moist

**Respiratory Rate:** 8-20 breaths per minute

**Skin Tenting Recovery:** Immediate

**Intestinal Sounds:** Assorted gurgles, squeaks, pipings & scrapings on both sides



Shorty never learned to spell 'cause the teacher kept changin' the words.

## MISSION & PURPOSE OF SHOSHONE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

- TO PERPETUATE the common sense use and enjoyment of recreational stock use in our nation's back country, roadless areas, wilderness areas and other public lands.
- TO WORK to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
- TO ASSIST the 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 the back country resource by recreational stock users and the general public commensurate with our heritage and Leave No Trace" principles.
- TO FOSTER and encourage the formation of new state Back Country Horsemen organizations.

### Looking Back... and Ahead... *Ruminations from the Editor*

With fresh fodder for the SBCH Newsletter being a little lean this time of year, I looked backward to our beginnings, how we've progressed and where we are today.

At the time Shoshone Back Country Horsemen was organized in 1993, there were many diverse stock users interested in improving and developing the trails and trailheads in the Shoshone National Forest and nearby public lands. They came together with common goals, not to create another recreational trail riding club, but to join forces with the Back Country Horsemen of America as a non-profit service organization of volunteers, committed to protecting the access of equestrians to public lands, with an eye on stewardship.

In the last 30 years, SBCH has done a remarkable job of succeeding in its mission and purpose, as well as in establishing the trust and appreciation of the government and local agencies we partner with. Besides the many miles of trail clearing and trailhead improvements, perhaps the most remarkable accomplishment has been the ability of members to work together enthusiastically, maintaining an atmosphere of optimism, friendship and appreciation.

This didn't just happen. It has been a continued commitment of individuals to work together harmoniously and tirelessly to accomplish common goals with a passion for the mission. Members have selflessly given of their time, talent and effort to work together, recognizing that success depends on teamwork, relationships and partnerships, not through personal ambition or recognition. Holding to high standards and agency regulations while focusing on mission goals has built integrity and earned the trust of the public and the agencies we partner with. As a result, SBCH has received many vital donations, grants and assistance to fund and further our goals.

Where are we today? As I see it, we're still a vital, active organization working together to accomplish our mission goals. Unfortunately, we're getting older and maybe a little slower, and we have fewer younger members to carry us into the future. With the culture changes of the day, economy and the busy-ness of young families, it seems harder to recruit them into membership. It would seem that perhaps the "younger" folks to recruit would be newly retired equestrians!

We're blessed to still have quite a lot of members, and it seems that now is the time for us to come together with a concerted effort to participate, contribute and be active in the workings and activities of SBCH! The fact that you are a member aligns you to some aspect of who we are and what we do. I'll bet you have something of value to contribute! It's a fun way to get to know each other better and to discover abilities and fresh ideas. None of the administrative positions and projects are stand-alone efforts, but are best carried out by working together for maximum efficiency and effectiveness. Physical strength and riding are important, but experience, wisdom and a positive, cohesive attitude of teamwork grease the wheels. Many hands make light work and they make it a lot more fun!

It is important for the success of SBCH's future that we all get involved, find ways to serve, get to know each other and maintain our enthusiasm, unity and integrity.... and have a lot of fun in the process!

Thanks to you all, and I hope to see and get to know many more of you in the coming year! Kathi



**More Mormon Creek Clearing**  
*Photos by Linda Putney*

## U Horseshoe Trivia U

- \* The Celts were using nailed-on horseshoes by the 5th or 6th century B.C.
- \* An ancient practice of putting a horse's shoes on backwards -toe to heels- was to mislead a pursuing enemy. It was used in the 11th century by King Alphonso in his escape from the Moorish King Ali Maymon of Toledo, Spain; in 1303 by Robert the Bruce in his escape from King Edward; and in 1530 by Duke Christopher of Wuurtemberg in his escape from Emperor Charles V. And if you believe the movies, it was a common practice in the Old West.
- \* The word 'farrier - one who shoes horses' comes from the Latin ferrarius, "iron worker"
- \* Horseshoes are considered a symbol of luck with the origin unknown, but there are many stories behind the belief. Here is an Irish story:  
*"One day a blacksmith was working hard in his shop forging horseshoes. Suddenly, the devil appeared and demanded his own shoes. The blacksmith, recognizing the devil, took a burning hot shoe and nailed it deep into the devil's hooves. After walking away, the devil was in such excruciating pain, he ripped the horseshoes off and swore he would never go near one again."* Thus began the tradition of hanging a horseshoe over the entrance of a house to ward off evil spirits. U

### Equine Veterinary Resources

At the January 2018 SBCH meeting, Dr. Amanda Marsh discussed equine wound care and shared practical information regarding evaluation and treatment strategies, including up-to-date techniques and new drug choices available. A backcountry trail rider herself, she offered tips relevant to equine wound care in the backcountry.

Dr. Marsh referred to 2 books, *First Aid/Emergency Care* and *Wound Management and Bandaging*, both by Erin Denney-Jones, DVM, which she highly recommends and are small enough to pack for on-trail reference.

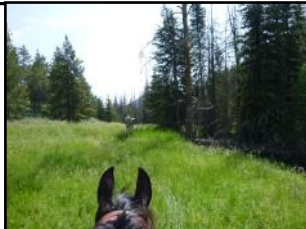
In addition, she recommended the website [www.aaep.org/horseowner](http://www.aaep.org/horseowner) (American Association of Equine Practitioners) for routine and emergency care information. This practical website offers horse health information by choosing topics of interest, Ask-the-Vet for specific personal answers to your questions and Get-A-DVM to find an AAEP-member veterinarian in your area (especially great if you're traveling with your horse). If you carry a smartphone and are within cell service, you're only a few clicks away from professional help.

"It is a great waste to do nothing because we think we can only do a little."

~  
Unknown



"Between every two pines



is a doorway to a new world."

~ ~ John Muir



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## Coming Events

**January 18, 2024 - SBCH Monthly Meeting at 6:00 PM at the Park Co. Weed & Pest Bldg, off Hwy 14A at 1067 Road 13, Powell, WY. Potluck dinner @ 6, with the meeting to follow.**



### Remembering Bill Brazelton

SBCH would like to remember and honor Bill with a memorial for him at Battle Park.

We are accepting suggestions for an appropriate type of memorial that would be a remembrance of his life and many years of service.

If you would like to make suggestions or donations to fund the memorial, please contact SBCH at [shoshonebch@gmail.com](mailto:shoshonebch@gmail.com) or send them to: PO Box 465, Powell, WY 82435.

### Dano Youth Camps Fundraiser

Frank Fagan built this handsome coffee table as a fundraiser for Dano Youth Camps. The table is made with old barn wood, has used horseshoes embedded in a resin top and measures 48"L x 24"W x 20"H.

Tickets are \$10.00 each, with 250 tickets to be sold. If you would like to buy or help sell tickets, please contact Frank (254-0012) or Bre Fagan (254-0013).

All proceeds (\$2,500) will go to Dano Youth Camps when all tickets are sold and a winning ticket has been drawn.



### \$ ~ Dues & Don'ts ~ \$

If you haven't already done so, please **Do pay your 2024 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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*"It's easier to make decisions if you know what your values are."*

*~ Unknown*



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**January 18, 2024**

**at the Park Co. Weed & Pest Bldg,  
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Meeting to follow.**