

October 2025

The Shoshone Rider

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen

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Committees

Watch Dog:

Barry Reiswig

Activities:

Deanne Yoder

Service:

Howard Sanders

Education:

Cathy Ringler

Publicity/Newsletter/Web:

Kathi Gimmeson

Social Media/Photo Gallery:

Randi Slaughter

Recruitment & Retention:

Connie Jack

WY-BCHA Delegates

Barry Reiswig

Kandy Christian

Alternate

Kathi Gimmeson

Past President:

Mike Blymyer



From the President, Kathi Gimmeson...

I hope you've been able to take advantage of the recent nice weather and beautiful fall colors. I've been fortunate to have enjoyed several such rides with member-friends and have them stored in my memory bank to reflect on this winter.

The warm weather seems to have enabled the elk to elude hunters and brought bears and bikers to share our trails. Be extra cautious out there!

Cathy Ringler, our Education Chair, did an outstanding job of advertising, organizing and managing the Youth Clinic at the Boot & Bottle Club. She even managed to choose a perfect, sunny fall day! A big thank you to Cathy and her volunteers who helped make the event a success, feed a crowd and leave the premises clean and tidy!

September wrapped up our trail cleaning commitments and allowed some down time to enjoy the fruits of our labor. That said, I know some members continued to open other trails and Howard took SNF Trails Coordinator, A'naka Smith and Paul Rau, Forest Recreation Specialist to West Timber Creek to survey the landslide damage found last month.

MANY THANKS to all our dedicated and enthusiastic members who get things done and further our mission!

Our next big event is the Membership Appreciation Party on October 18. Be sure to attend to enjoy the festivities and spend time catching up with friends, especially those we don't often see, but hold dear. You won't get a better meal at a restaurant and there's always a lot of laughter!

If you'd like to help out with the set-up, decorating or clean-up, give Howard a call. It's easy and another opportunity for fun service.

See you there!

Kathi Gimmeson
SBCH President

Plan to attend the SBCH Member Appreciation Party!
October 18 at 6:00, Heart Mountain Hall
at the Powell Fairgrounds!
*Prime Rib & Pot Luck Dinner, Door Prizes, Photo Contest
& Gift Exchange!*
Remember to RSVP by October 10!
Howard Sanders @ 307-202-1564

Secretary's report by Lydia Yoder...

SBCH Monthly Meeting Minutes 9/18/2025

Following a potluck dinner, the September 18, 2025 SBCH monthly meeting was called to order by President, Kathi Gimmeson at 6:38 pm at the Park Co. Weed & Pest Bldg.

New Members & Visitors: We welcomed new member, Rob McCray and visiting past member, Brad Meredith.

Secretary's Report: Cindy corrected the September minutes by noting that Linda Putney and Kristin Alcala assisted her with the Treasurer's audit. Connie Jack made a motion to accept minutes as published in the newsletter with the correction. Mike Blymyer seconded. MSP.

Treasurer's Report: The Sunlight Sports donation will be added to youth fund figures. Howard Sanders motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Mike Blymyer seconded. MSP

New Bills: Cindy Geissler presented a bill from Kathi for \$78 for stamps for the newsletter. Kristin Alcala made a motion to accept. Mike Blymyer seconded. MSP

Committee Reports:

Watch Dog: N/A

Activities: N/A

Service: Howard Sanders reported that the year end numbers have been put together. The club made \$111,103.25 in total contributions.

During the summer, 158 miles of trail were cleared. The number of participants were down, but the performance of those participants was phenomenal. Two corrals were put up at the Middle Fork of Wood River, as well as four at Bald Mountain in the Big Horns.

There will be a meeting to decide where to put the Beartooth corrals, which might be a project for next summer. Part of the project might be working to get a toilet set up at the corral site if they're to be at the old sheep pens.

Education: Cathy Ringler reminded the group about the Youth Clinic at the Boot and Bottle Club Saturday, September 27th. So far 11 kids have signed up. There will be several stations, including: First Aid, inReach, Obstacles, Leave No Trace, Horse Packing, Horsemanship, and Games on Horseback.

Publicity:

Newsletter: Newsletters will be arriving in the mail soon if they have not yet been delivered. All pictures received to date from summer events have been used. New work photos are being accepted for the upcoming newsletter.

Social Media: N/A

Recruitment & Retention: Connie Jack took newsletters to the new tack store in Powell and told them about the Youth Clinic. Two different articles about SBCH came out in the Powell and Cody newspapers. Kathi Gimmeson reminded group that there are many ways to be involved in the club even if trail riding is not a possibility.

WY-BCHA Delegate: Barry Reiswig reported there is a State meeting on Nov 3rd. The Dennis Daily award nominations are due Nov 1st.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

Bruce motioned to nominate Howard Sanders for the Dennis Daily award. Mike Blymyer seconded. MSP Howard Sanders showed a crosscut saw, painted with the American flag and an eagle to be raffled off to benefit Dano Youth Camps. Howard asked for help with the raffle tickets and spreading the word.

Connie Jack has a set of canvas panniers to give away. They might possibly be donated to the Christmas Party for a drawing.

The Member Appreciation Party will be October 18th at the Powell Fairgrounds. Howard Sanders will be putting together a planning committee. RSVP date to be decided. Bruce made a motion to serve prime rib again. Cathy Ringler seconded. MSP. Bruce motioned to spend up to \$2000 on the Christmas party. Howard Sanders seconded. MSP.

Secretary's report by Lydia Yoder, continued ...

Barry Reiswig reminded the club about the Roadless Act, which is in the process of being overturned. Howard Sanders brought up the 2026 Rendezvous, which we will be hosting. Moving forward will require picking a date, with the tentative plan sometime in July, after the Mule Sale. Howard will meet with the Forest Service to choose an available date to reserve the Sunlight Ranger Station facilities for the Rendezvous.

The next SBCH meeting will be October 16. Howard Sanders moved to adjourn, Connie Jack seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM. MSP

MSP = Motion Seconded and Passed

Service by Howard Sanders

SBCH OCTOBER 2025 SERVICE REPORT

The year end numbers are in and we had a good year of dollar equivalent contribution. We cleared a total of 158 miles of trail and completed two Trail Head projects. The total for the Cost Share Trails was \$54,343.81. The total for the Non-Cost Share Trails and Projects was \$56,759.44 for a Grand Total of \$111,103.25.

It was a good year for us. Everyone Worked Hard, Safely and We had FUN!

Remember the Member Appreciation Party for one last chance to have fun, as we wrap up the year.

Respectfully,
Howard Sanders, Service

Education by Cathy Ringler...

A huge thanks to all who worked to make our youth clinic such a big success!
Future members of SBCH rotated between stations while learning packing skills,
trail ethics, first aid and horsemanship.

The kids all had fun and the weather cooperated too!



Photos
by Cathy R.



"You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late."

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



**SBCH Member Appreciation Party!
October 18 at Heart Mountain Hall**



The SBCH Member Appreciation Party will once again celebrate our accomplishments and camaraderie in October to avoid busy schedules during the holiday seasons.

What a great night for sharing and laughing, reminiscing events of past years, meeting old friends and making new acquaintances.

You don't want to miss it!

Plan to come for the Pot Luck Dinner, Door Prizes, Photo Contest (with cash prizes) & Gift Exchange!

When: Saturday, October 18, Dinner @ 6:00

Where: Heart Mountain Hall, Park County Fairgrounds, Powell, WY

Please Bring: 1 side dish of your choice for the potluck

(Prime Rib, turkey breast and ham will be provided)

1 wrapped gift per person in your party for the gift exchange

(if you would like to participate, not expensive, just nice)

1 photo of a 2025 SBCH project for the photo contest if you wish to enter.

Everyone will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite photos.

There will be cash prizes for the top voted photos!



Please RSVP by October 10
Howard Sanders 307-202-1564 or email shoshonebch@gmail.com



Elk Fork in Fall Splendor

Upper photos in 2021 & 2022

below in 2025 on a drizzly morning

Photos by Judy B, Linda P & Kathi G

"My favorite colors are September and October."

~ Unknown

West Blackwater 8/5/25 At right: This big downfall presented a challenge to remove over a deeply washed out dogleg in the trail. Below: Bruce & Carter Fauskee. Lower right: Jeff Brock at work with his chainsaw. Photos by Howard S.



More images from the trail and at Sam Berry Meadow

"The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop away from you like the leaves of Autumn."

– John Muir

Coming Events

October 16 - SBCH Monthly Meeting at the Park Co. Weed & Pest Bldg, off Hwy 14A at 1067 Road 13, Powell, WY. Potluck diner at 6:00, with meeting to follow.

October 18 - SBCH Membership Appreciation Party at the Heart Mountain Hall, Park Co. Fairgrounds, Powell, WY

November 20 - SBCH Monthly Meeting at the Park Co. Weed & Pest Bldg, off Hwy 14A at 1067 Road 13, Powell, WY. Potluck diner at 6:00, with meeting to follow.

Fall scenes along the Shell Mail Trail
Photos by Kathi G



"I cannot endure to waste anything as precious as autumn sunshine by staying in the house.
So I spend almost all the daylight hours in the open air."

~ Nathaniel Hawthorne

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen Membership

Membership is \$40 per year

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shoshonebch@gmail.com *to check if your membership is current.*



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"Plant smiles. Grow laughter. Harvest love."
~ Anonymous



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