

# The Shoshone Rider

June/July 2026

## Shoshone Back Country Horsemen

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### From the President, Kathi Gimmeson...

Greetings!

Summer has arrived with a full slate of activities and opportunities to get in the back country with our ponies.

We've got a good start on clearing our cost-share trails, but snow has kept our crews from completing some of them. Not all bad, it gives us more saddle time to enjoy the beauty around us with friends.

A'naka has arranged for us to receive some grant money by SBCH partnering with the Forest Service in some additional trail work. We've already finished our commitment on the Blackwater trail to the fire memorial, but will be helping FS crews at Ishawooa and Crandall. These are trails we don't regularly maintain, so they will provide an opportunity to see some different country. Ishawooa will involve packing in for a couple nights. If you're interested in helping with these projects, contact Howard Sanders.

The registration deadline has passed for the Rendezvous and the event is just around the corner. I hope many of you have planned to come for the rides, activities, camaraderie and volunteering. It will be a fun time!

The summer meeting date and location has yet to be determined, so watch for announcements.

I hope to see you on the trail and at the Rendezvous!

Kathi Gimmeson,  
SBCH President



## Secretary's report by Shannon Pils ...

### Secretary's Report – May 2026 SBCH Monthly Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm at Park County Weed & Pest by President Kathi Gimmeson. Following a blessing given by Mike Blymyer and a great potluck, we had a guest speaker, Zach Lentsch, who presented on his Political Action Committee (PAC) "Protect Wyoming"

Zach is a native Wyomingite who is a lifelong hunter/angler. He currently runs a climbing outfitting business with permits on public lands throughout the state. Through his life experiences he has developed a deep appreciation for the value of wild public lands, and 2025 was definitely an eye-opener for him in terms of the political agendas developing that don't share that ethic. He doesn't like politics but loves public lands, and so created the "Protect Wyoming" PAC with a friend. Their main goal is to help win elections in support of public lands in the State of Wyoming. The PAC is not involved in federal elections and does not coordinate with any candidates or political parties. Instead, they seek to rate current and potential office holders on their records when it comes to voting and advocating for or against public lands. Their website posts the results of an accountability campaign of scoring candidates and their decisions relative to public land management. Zach noted that with only an 18% turnout of voters for the primaries, there are vastly more public land hunters than voters in this state.

The PAC's 3 pillars are: protect public lands, protect wildlife, and manage these lands in a sound, scientific manner. Their primary objectives are to inform voters and improve turnout of public land users. They run on small donations. Information is available on their website: [protectwyoming.org](http://protectwyoming.org).

The regular business meeting began at 7:10 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the April 2026 meeting were published in the May 2026 newsletter. No amendments were requested, and Mike Blymyer made the motion to accept the report as written. MSP

**Treasurer's Report:** The April Treasurer's Report was published in the May 2026 newsletter. Connie Jack made the motion to accept the report as written. MSP

**New Bills:** Two bills were presented for the upcoming Rendezvous, \$53.65 for games & \$90 for prizes for the games, Kathi requested \$6.71 for newsletter expenses. Kristen Alcalá made the motion to pay these bills, MSP.

#### Committee reports:

**Watchdog:** Barry Reiswig reported that the National BCH Board met in Kansas City in April. Nationally, we are down to approximately 7,000 members from 11,000 a few years ago. The National Board spends most of its money on a fairly expensive lobbyist and a contractor (about \$150k total). Heather Shultz from Cheyenne is the treasurer. The National Board meeting costs about \$100,000 for all 33 states to send 2 delegates each. A suggestion has been made to reduce the delegates to 1 per state except for the 3 states that make up the majority of the members (California, Montana, and Washington)

At the state meeting in Rawlins on May 2 & 3, a resolution was proposed to do finances differently by sending money to the national level, then back to the states. (Don't think that passed). Bill Hackney passed away, so the Pathfinder Chapter has become inactive. The state did vote to have physical membership cards.

Rumor was that a lot of out-of-staters want to come to Rendezvous. We have 65 spots, half were reserved as of this meeting. A proposal to get national liability insurance didn't go anywhere because the insurance companies won't support it. The state has \$4,500 in its treasury.

**Activities:** from Kandy Christian: Please let everyone know they need to get signed up ASAP, as time is ticking and it is getting very close to the deadline to sign up (June 15). Besides daily trail rides, there will be many activities with prizes for lucky winners. Cathy R. will lead Crosscut Sawing and Horse Packing contests. Kandy will create an obstacle course challenge, a best/worst hand card game and a treasure hunt for horseshoes hidden around camp to find. There will also be a silent auction. There will be a pie social and 2 meals provided by SBCH and a camp wide potluck dinner. Music will be provided Friday and Saturday evenings by our talented Lydia Yoder and her brothers, and Cowboy Church Sunday morning will be led by Debbie Black. We still need volunteers for the Rendezvous, so if you're interested, please give Kandy a call (307-578-7705). No matter how you can help, there will be plenty of time to enjoy the activities and camaraderie!

**Service:** Saw certification will be June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at the Shoshone National Forest Wapiti District Office. Howard had 7 names for the training. On Monday there will be a couple hours of classroom time, then head out to hands-on training. Both chainsaws and cross-cuts will be covered, bucking only (no felling).

Trail clearing has been slow. Only 2 miles of West Blackwater have been cleared, they did 40 trees then hit ice. Pagoda had 30 trees, and this looks like it will be typical. Mormon creek was scheduled for next Tuesday.

Howard still has raffle tickets for the painted saw to benefit Dano Camp. We have sold 102 tickets, and 98 more are available. Will draw the winner prior to the Dano Run in June.

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## Secretary's report by Shannon Pils, con't...

**Education:** Need people to help with games at the Rendezvous on Saturday.

**Publicity:** There will be 1 more newsletter for June/July, then the next newsletter will be in September. If you have pictures, get them to Kathi for the newsletter or to Randi Slaughter for Facebook. We have a public and a private page there, you must ask Randi to be added to the private Facebook group.

**Old Business: N/A**

### **New Business:**

Our last 1st Aid/CPR/AED training and certification was 2 years ago, so we're all in need of being current to meet our safety standards and the Forest Service insurance coverage for our activities. The FS is no longer offering this service, so an online 1st Aid/CPR/AED training and certification course with a group discount has been set up with the National CPR Foundation. Participants can log on at any time to go through the course and take the exam, with no time limit or expiration date for completion and certification. Certification is good for 2 years. If you would like to take the course, please let Kathi know so she can give you the group login information. The discounted cost is \$11.21/person and we can continue to sign up more members at any time. Currently, we have 28 members enrolled for a total of \$313.95, which Kathi paid to get enrolled and receive the 25% discount. Because SBCH has paid for this service in the past at a considerably higher cost, it has been presented to the BOD for consideration to pay for this service. Our Treasurer, Cindy, said the chapter is able to meet these costs. The Board unanimously agreed that SBCH should cover these expenses, since 1st Aid certification is required for all saw use and projects in the forests, is part of ongoing member education and is prudent for our activities. Howard Sanders made a motion for SBCH to pay for member 1<sup>st</sup> Aid/CPR/AED training and certification through the National CPR Foundation, recognizing that there will be additional costs as more members enroll. Mike Blymyer seconded the motion. MSP Randi Slaughter made the motion to include payment of the bill for \$313.95 for the 28 people already enrolled. MSP

### **Other new business:**

A'naka mentioned a "Stop the Bleed" training that is available locally. Cathy Ringler knows who does that program and will look into it.

Bruce Fauskee made a motion to donate to the Protect Wyoming PAC, but Zach Lentsch cautioned that it might jeopardize our status as a 503c organization. Individuals are welcome to donate as they see fit; the club can say it supports the effort.

Kandy got a bunch of old Shoshone Forest maps that were being deposed and made them available for members to take. They will also be available at the Rendezvous.

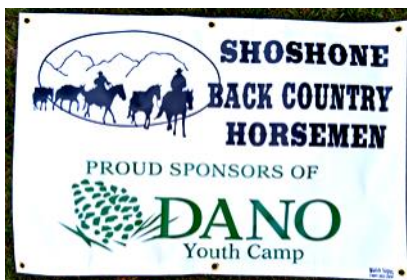
There may be a summer meeting of the SHBC, time and location to be determined. The next regular meeting will be on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Weed & Pest. Danny Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45, Howard Sanders seconded the motion. MSP

MSP= Motion Seconded & Passed

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## *Dano'lope Dash Fundraiser for Dano Youth Camps*

On June 6, Howard, Cindy and Kathi participated in the annual Dano'lope Dash race event held as a fundraiser for Dano Youth Camps. This being an anniversary year for Dano Camps and the Dano'lope



Dash, some long term sponsors, including Shoshone Back Country Horsemen were honored with awards. SBCH was presented a banner which we can display at various functions, including fund raising for Dano Camps. Thank you Dano Camps and the Ostrom family!

Although not all of the raffle tickets to benefit Dano camps were sold, we were able to present Joyce Ostrom with a check for \$1,110 from the proceeds. An anonymous runner drew Kathi Gimmeson's name to win the patriotic themed saw, but she declined to claim it, so the remaining tickets can be sold between now and the close of the Rendezvous, with hopes of more \$\$ for Dano. The saw will be displayed at the Rendezvous and tickets will be offered for sale to participants. The final winning ticket will be drawn at the Rendezvous. If you are interested in supporting Dano Youth Camps and/or winning the beautiful saw, text Howard Sanders at 307-202-1564.

It's not too late to purchase that winning ticket!

**Service by Howard Sanders**

**SBCH JUNE/JULY 2026 SERVICE REPORT**

Most of you should have completed your CPR/First Aid recertification. Thanks to Kathi Gimmeson for getting us a good price.

There will be chain saw/crosscut saw initial certification this coming week.

At the Dano Run last Saturday, we drew for the winner of the painted saw. Kathi Gimmeson won the saw, but chose to donate it back to SBCH, as we have quite a few raffle tickets left. We will continue to sell tickets and have the final drawing at the Rendezvous. We did issue a check to Dano Camp for \$1110.

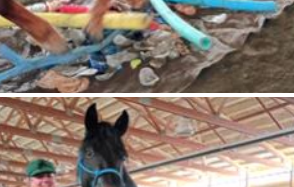
We have been working on clearing some trails: Pagoda /Grace, Mormon Creek (couldn't finish due to snow), Reef Creek, Elk Creek, Middle Fork of the Wood River, and Aspen Creek. Watch for announcements for trail scheduling.

See you on the trail,  
Howard Sanders, Service

**Mormon Creek 5/26/26** Jeff, Dave and Bruce were strong sawyers among a good crew, but all efforts to finish clearing the trail were brought to a halt by ever deepening snow! Photos by Howard S.



**2nd Spring Clinic at Ron's**



**Blackwater Trails 4/15/26**



"Your days are numbered. Use them to throw open the windows of your soul to the sun. If you do not, the sun will soon set, and you with it." ~ Marcus Aurelius

## It's not too late to sign up for 1<sup>st</sup> Aid/CPR/AED Certification!

Certification is necessary for SBCH Members to meet Forest Service insurance requirements for SBCH service activities and saw use within the Forest.

Even if you don't plan to participate in our work within the forest, it's good practice to have the knowledge and skills in case of an emergency.

SBCH is offering **free** courses through the National CPR Foundation's Standard 1<sup>st</sup> Aid/CPR/AED **online course**. Their coursework is self-paced and very flexible.

Email Kathi Gimmeson at [kathigim32@gmail.com](mailto:kathigim32@gmail.com) to sign up and get details to get started!

If you signed up, but have not yet completed the course, you can do so at any time.

Don't forget to take advantage of this free benefit to SBCH members!



### Back Country Horsemen Commandments

1. The horseman shall not keep horses longer than it takes to unpack or pack them in any campsite normally used by hikers.
2. The horseman shall not tie his stock, for more than a short period of time, directly to a tree.
3. The horseman shall not cut switchbacks.
4. The horseman shall not leave a campfire unattended.
5. The horseman shall properly dispose of all manure, baling twine, wire and waste hay in camp areas, trailheads or loading areas.
6. The horseman shall abide by the administrative rules and regulations affecting the area he/she is in.
7. The horseman shall recognize the fragility of the back country environment and practice minimum impact techniques at all times.

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## Coming Events

Anytime - Sign up for online 1st Aid/CPR/AED training & certification to qualify for saw certification and FS insurance coverage. Email Kathi at [kathigim32@gmail.com](mailto:kathigim32@gmail.com).

July 16 -19 - SBCH is host to the WY State Rendezvous at the Sunlight Ranger Station  
Plan to attend, volunteer and have fun!

TBA - SBCH Summer meeting. Watch for an email notice!

July 31 - August 2 - Big Creek Trail Project

*Not getting SBCH emails, Announcements or Newsletters?*

*Be sure to let Cindy Geissler (SBCH Treasurer) know  
or email your contact updates to*

*[shoshonebch@gmail.com](mailto:shoshonebch@gmail.com)*

### MISSION & PURPOSE OF BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN of AMERICA

- TO PERPETUATE the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness 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 and sustaining use of the back country resource by horsemen 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.

## Shoshone Back Country Horsemen Membership

Membership is \$40 per year

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"You have power over your mind - not outside events.  
Realize this, and you will find strength."

*~ Marcus Aurelius*



**NEXT SBCH MEETING:**

**TBD**

Sometime this summer

Watch for Announcements!