

The Shoshone Rider

September 2026

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen

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Education:

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From the President, Kathi Gimmeson...

Greetings,

I hope you've all had a good summer and are looking forward to more outdoor and riding adventures with the coming of fall. The cooler temperatures and changing colors will be a welcome bonus.

Trail work and activities were met with a variety of conditions and weather this season. Some early trail cleaning was stopped by snow drifts, followed by a hot, dry summer and plenty of wind. In spite of the heat, July brought havoc with bursts of torrential rain which temporarily flooded the Rendezvous, washed out trails, downed trees and moved debris.

Needless to say, riders and volunteers were met with challenges in various endeavors, but persevered with can-do attitudes and smiles to accomplish their goals. It seems that many SBCH activities are accompanied by good food, and this summer was no exception from the Rendezvous and Big Creek meals to trail snacks and camp-out feasts.

Thank you to all our selfless volunteers who do so much for SBCH! You are the heart and soul of our mission goals and objectives and key to our success!

Our Education Chair, Cathy Ringler has organized and scheduled a fall Youth Clinic for September 26 at the Boot & Bottle Club. She will need volunteers for a variety of fun events. Give her a call if you'd like to lend a hand, learn something new and have fun with the kids!

Howard has reserved the Heart Mountain Hall at the P.C. Fairgrounds for October 10th to celebrate our annual Membership Appreciation Party. Be sure to reserve the date and watch for details to come!

Our next meeting will be September 17, at the Park Co Weed & Pest Bldg. Plan to come and eat, swap stories and get a little business taken care of!

See you there,

Kathi Gimmeson
SBCH President



Secretary's report by Shannon Pils ...

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen Meeting Minutes, August 13, 2026

President Kathi Gimmeson called the general meeting to order at 6:00 pm, Howard Sanders said a blessing and we had a great potluck. There was no guest speaker. The business meeting began at 6:35 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's report: The May meeting minutes were printed in the June/July newsletter. No requests for changes were made. Danny Stewart made the motion to accept the report as written, seconded by Anna Paris. MSP.

Treasurer's report: The May Treasurer's report was printed in the June/July newsletter. Howard Sanders made the motion to accept the report as written, Connie Jack seconded. MSP

New bills from Cindy: Miscellaneous Beartooth Corral project supplies from Howard Sanders totaling \$792.88 to be paid with commissioner tag monies. Rendezvous expenses – Keele sanitation, 2 portalets (Keele's donated one of the two) \$250; \$140 for swag bags; Post-office box annual renewal \$194; Various other expenses from Kathi Gimmeson totaling \$172. Judi Blymyer made a motion to pay these bills, it was seconded by Rhonda Faulkner. MSP

Cindy is still waiting on some other Rendezvous receipts. The event took in \$6,332 and spent under \$2000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Watchdog: None Barry Rieswig was not present

Activities: Kandy suggested we hold the next meeting on horseback! She gave updates from the Rendezvous. It was muddy but everybody had good attitude, suggests not putting up corrals early next time or doing the self set-up. The Trail Creek end of Lodgepole was impassable due to washouts, those occurred not far up Windy Mountain as well. Despite the weather impact, people were happy with what rides they got to do. Clint Sauerwine from Lander won the DANO raffle saw, and intends to re-affle it.

Service: Howard said all trails on the Forest Service list but Kitty creek and Crandall were cleared. He heard that someone from the public had cleared Crandall with a chainsaw.

Work on Beartooth corrals will occur next Wednesday – Saturday (August 26th – 29th). Bruce Fauskee will head up efforts to remove old wire from the old sheep corrals. The new corrals will be put near those corrals, where they will help block an illegal route. The Forest Service will ask Federal Highways to install a toilet for the area during the next phase of reconstruction

Kitty Creek will be done Monday or Tuesday next week, Howard will send an email. Howard also noted that lots of folks have been using chainsaws.

Education: No report

Publicity: Newsletter/Social Media: Kathi said Randi posted great pictures she & Anna took of the rendezvous, and asked that folks share work photos, please, for newsletter and website.

Recruitment & Retention: Nothing new from Connie

WY-BCHA report: None

OLD BUSINESS: See above about the DANO saw, Howard said we totaled about \$1,300 on the raffle.

NEW BUSINESS: Kandy says think about the Christmas party, perhaps in late October? Need ideas for a theme for the party.

The club received a \$500 donation from Harris Haston & Carlene Lebous in memory of Sue Lyke. Shannon will send a thank you card.

Kathi asked about getting new t-shirts. Mike Walsh in Powell has a screen printing business, Judi noted that he had lots of options when the dressage club did theirs. Kathi will check on that.

Howard says thank you very much to everyone who helped with panels and Kathi gave many thanks for everyone who helped with the Rendezvous.

The next meeting will be on Sept 17 at the Weed & Pest. Anna P. made a motion to adjourn, and Howard Sanders seconded at 7:05. MSP

MSP = Motion Seconded & Passed

Service by Howard Sanders

SBCH SEPTEMBER 2026 SERVICE REPORT

It has been another busy summer of trail clearing amid other BCH activities. We finished clearing Big Creek, West Blackwater, Crow and Kitty Creek trails and have completed our cost share projects for this year. Part of our trail clearing commitment to receive a grant included a 3 day/2 night pack trip on Ishawooa Creek with A'naka and her 2 person FS crew.

With the final go-ahead, work started on the Beartooth corral project September 25, and the old wire sheep fence was removed. Unfortunately, there were many delays blocking progress in building the corrals, and rain often forced a halt, but 2 corrals were completed.

Thank you to all who participated and contributed on all our projects this summer. Enjoy the fall weather and continue to exercise your ponies.

See you at the September meeting.

Howard Sanders, Service



Cindy G, Jeff B, Kathi G Kitty Creek 8/26



Cindy Geissler & Howard Sanders Kitty Creek 8/26



Who brings a jack to clear trails? Howard Sanders that's who!



Rhonda Faulkner, Kathi Gimmeson & Jeff Brock Kitty Creek 8/26



Howard Sanders w/Peavey aka cant hook & Jeff Brock Kitty Creek 8/26



Rhonda Faulkner & Howard Sanders Kitty Creek 8/26



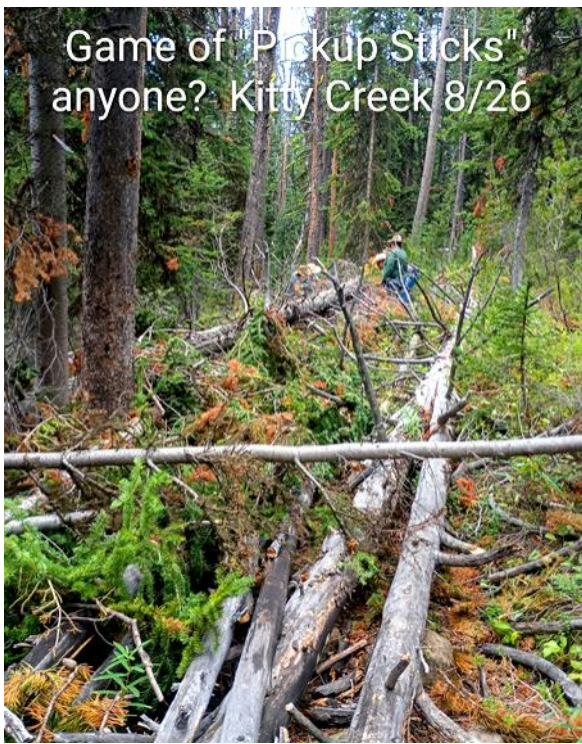
LUNCHTIME! Kitty Creek

Kitty Creek Work
Photos & Captions
by Anna Paris

More photos on
next page



Howard Sanders & Jeff Brock Kitty Creek 8/26



Game of "Pickup Sticks" anyone? Kitty Creek 8/26



Pickup Sticks piling up!
Kitty Creek 8/26



Anna Paris, Howard Sanders, Rhonda Faulkner
Kitty Creek 8/26



Jeff B, Howard S, Rhonda F,
Cindy G, Kathi G Kitty Creek
8/26



Rhonda Faulkner & Kathi Gimmeson
Kitty Creek 8/26



Cindy G, Howard S, Kathi G,
Rhonda F & Jeff B. Winners
of the "Pickup Sticks"! Kitty
Creek 8/26



"You can choose to give up, give in or give it all you've got!"

~ Unknown



Rendezvous at
Sunlight Ranger
Station
Photos by Randi S,
Anna P and Kandy C.
More on SBCH website.



Rain
Sun
Fun!



It's not too late to sign up for 1st 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 1st Aid/CPR/AED **online course**. Their coursework is self-paced and very flexible.

Email Kathi Gimmeson at 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.

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

"How can you explain that you need to know that the trees are still there, and the hills and the sky? Anyone knows they are. How can you say it is time your pulse responded to another rhythm, the rhythm of the day and the season instead of the hour and the minute? No, you cannot explain. So you walk." (**or ride!**)

-- Author unknown

Coming Events

September 17 - SBCH Monthly Meeting at the Park Co. Weed & Pest Bldg, off Hwy 14A at 1067 Road 13, Powell, WY. Potluck dinner at 6:00, with meeting to follow.

September 26 - Youth Clinic, 9:00 am-1:30 pm. at the Boot and Bottle Club. Contact Cathy Ringler for details and volunteer to help.

October 10 - SBCH Member Appreciation Party, Heart Mountain Hall, PC Fairgrounds in Powell.

Anytime - Sign up for online 1st Aid/CPR/AED training & certification to qualify for saw certification and FS insurance coverage. E-mail Kathi at kathigim32@gmail.com.

"The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it."

~ William James

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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*"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments,
but what is woven into the lives of others."*

~ Pericles



NEXT SBCH MEETING:

September 17, 2026

**at the Park Co Weed & Pest Bldg,
Hwy 14A at 1067 Road 13, Powell, WY**

**Potluck Dinner at 6:00 with the
Meeting to follow.**