

The Shoshone Rider

March 2026

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen

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Officers

President:

Kathi Gimmeson

Vice President:

Rob McCray

Secretary:

Shannon Pils

Treasurer:

Cindy Geissler

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...

The February election is over and once again, I find myself in the President's chair for another year. I greatly appreciate the support and trust of our membership, and the officers and committee chairs who make my role so much easier!

As positions shift, we are fortunate to have Rob McCray step up as our new Vice President and Shannon Pils as our new Secretary. I look forward to serving with them and I know they will be great assets to our chapter.

Thank you to past officers and chairs for your service and dedication this past year and for taking positions that are sometimes hard to fill. Well done!

It seems like spring is beginning to fill the air, with longer days, more warmth to the sun and the return of many seasonal birds. The horses are starting to shed their winter coats and now a friendly stroke of their bodies or a routine grooming results in a flurry of shed hair. Beware the use of Chap-Stick or wearing fleece when currying your ponies!

Our next Chapter meeting will be March 19 at 6:00 at the Park Co. Weed & Pest Bldg. A'naka Smith, Shoshone National Forest Service Trails Coordinator, will be our featured speaker.

See you there,

Kathi Gimmeson,
President

February 7 Bear Encounter Video, Potluck and Game Day
Photo by Cathy Ringler



Secretary's report by Lydia Yoder...

SBCH Monthly Meeting Minutes 2/19/2026 By Lydia Yoder

Following a potluck dinner, the February 19, 2026 SBCH monthly meeting was called to order by President Kathi Gimmeson at 6:43 pm at the Park Co. Weed & Pest Bldg.

New Members & Visitors: Welcomed new member, Brian and visitor Lucas.

Secretary's Report: January's minutes were published in the February newsletter. Randi Slaughter motioned to accept the minutes as printed. Joe Childers seconded. MSP

Treasurer's report: The January Treasurer's report was published in the February newsletter. Mike Blymyer motioned to accept the report as printed. Anna Paris seconded. MSP.

Barry asked the Treasurer how much money the club has total and suggested buying materials for the Forest Service to use in their projects. Mike motioned to postpone the discussion until the next meeting. Barry seconded. MSP.

New Bills: Cindy Geissler presented two bills; \$19.72 for newsletter printing and supplies, and \$37.44 for printing raffle tickets. Bob Childers motioned to pay the bills. Randi Slaughter seconded. MSP

Committee Reports:

Watch Dog: Barry Reiswig reported the Senate is pushing a resolution prohibiting the selling of public lands to the state. He urged members to continue sending brief emails expressing opinions to their representatives. Upon a suggestion from the floor, Kathi asked him to draft a letter to our Representatives from the Shoshone Chapter, he agreed. Barry is trying to meet with Congresswoman Hageman.

Activities: N/A

Service: Howard Sanders reported on a meeting he had with SNFS, regarding the Sunlight Corrals Project. The club will be purchasing two steel gates, two new wooden gates, and several 12 and 16ft rails. Joe Childers is donating a dozen fence posts.

Watch emails for updates on trail cleaning and other projects.

Education: Cathy Ringer met with Marty about the spring clinics. The first clinic is full, but the wait-list is available for both clinics.

Anna has a pony she wants someone to use and work with, possibly a 4H kid.

Publicity:

Newsletter: Kathi asked that if anyone has pictures or interesting news to let her know.

Social Media: N/A

Recruitment & Retention: Kathi reported a Cody Frontier Festival rep asked if SBCH wants to do a packing demo the first weekend in June. It will be brought up in a later discussion for a decision. As part of our recruitment plan, Randi suggested SBCH use the fact that we clear public land.

WY-BCHA Delegate: Barry Reiswig announced there is a State meeting in May.

Old Business: Howard reported he got the raffle tickets from White Ink. He is selling them for \$10 apiece. As soon as all 200 are sold, the raffle will be drawn. Talk to Howard if you want to sell tickets.

Howard presented officer nominees that he, A'naka Smith and Bruce had nominated: Kathi Gimmeson as President, Rob McCray as Vice President, Cindy Geissler as Treasurer, and Shannon Pils as Secretary. No competitors. Kathi asked for nominations from the floor. She called positions for president, vice president, secretary and treasurer three times each. Howard motioned that there be a unanimous vote for the officers as presented. Randi seconded. MSP

New Business:

Committees are in place for the Rendezvous. Kandy will be back to report on progress next month.

Joe Childers updated the group on a new tack/harness shop that does leather work nearby. This could possibly be a resource for door prizes in the future.

Kathi reported that Vicky Snider announced that the Boot & Bottle Club is doing a tack swap May 2nd at their clubhouse. It is \$15 for a table spot. Vicky asked if SBCH would be willing to do a yearly host exchange for the event. This will be discussed at a later date.

Next meeting will be March 19th.

Mike Blymyer moved to adjourn, Howard Sanders seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM. MSP

Service by Howard Sanders

SBCH MARCH 2026 SERVICE REPORT

Not a lot of new info for this month. We did meet with Shoshone Forest Service and agreed to be involved with some GAOA (Great American Outdoor Act) Funds projects. These include: Logging out 7.8 miles of Blackwater Creek Trail #758 ahead of an MCC work crew. Probable date for this trail is May 11. Logging out 19 miles of Ishawooa Creek Trail #768 ahead of an MCC work crew. Probable date for this is July 6-8. Logging out 9 miles of Crandall Creek Trail #607 ahead of an MCC work crew. This needs to be done prior to September 1.

As you can see, we have plenty of work opportunities for the upcoming season.

Respectfully,
Howard Sanders, Service

Education by Cathy Ringler & Marty Morris...

The SBCH Desensitizing/Spring Tune Up Clinics to be held April 11-12 and April 25-26 have been filled or nearly so. Call Marty Morris at (307) 899-7510 to see if you can sign up or be put on a waiting list.



"There is a delight in the hardy life of the open. There are no words that can tell the hidden spirit of the wilderness that can reveal its mystery, its melancholy and its charm. The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased and not impaired in value."

~ Theodore Roosevelt

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen Are Blessed To Be Here! As we enjoy warmer temperatures and anticipate opportunities to enjoy and work in the back country, particularly on horseback, we should be mindful of our blessings. We have a bounty of goodness to enjoy in our corner of Wyoming with the vast expanse of beautiful, mostly wild public lands available to us. Let us not take for granted the treasures in our backyards.



Did you know? No other nation has the amount of National Forests, Parks, Monuments, Rangeland, Wilderness and natural rivers and streams as the United States. As American citizens, we own 565 million acres, thanks to the conservation efforts of President Theodore Roosevelt. While many of his time still considered America's natural resources as inexhaustible, Roosevelt saw and felt the need to preserve and protect them. After becoming president in 1901, he helped establish 150 national forests, 51 federal bird reserves, 4 national game preserves, 5 national parks, and 18 monuments covering over 230 million acres of public land.

Few horseback riders, hunters, fishermen or hikers own large acreages or secluded land, but all can enjoy our wealth of public lands. Without Roosevelt's efforts, we might all be riding in backyard arenas or paying to ride on private property!

As Shoshone Back Country Horsemen, we have the privilege and honor to steward and enjoy our priceless resources in NW Wyoming!

Review our Mission Statement and consider how your actions can make a difference to protect and preserve our heritage.

"We have fallen heirs to the most glorious heritage a people ever received and each one must do his part if we wish to show that the nation is worthy of its good fortune." ~ Theodore Roosevelt

Excerpted from Shoshone Rider, March 2021



Bear Encounter Video, Potluck and Game Day, February 7

Several SBCH members turned out for a potluck video afternoon. It was a beautiful warm day, so some left to enjoy the outdoors, but many stayed for some lively game fun.

Photos by Cathy Ringler



Tack Sale

The Cody Boot & Bottle Club is having a tack swap, May 2nd at their clubhouse. If you have tack you'd like to sell, reserve a table for \$15.

For more information, call Vicky Snider at 307-250-8603

SBCH Membership Dues were due in February!

If you haven't paid yours yet, please do so! We'd miss you and you'd miss out on what we're doing!

The February SBCH meeting provided an opportunity to celebrate Jim Hanchett's birthday. Jim was a vital member on our trail cleaning crews for many years, and rarely missed a work project. **Happy Birthday, Jim!**



Photos
by
Anna Paris



Know Your Horse's Vital Signs

You know your animals well enough to recognize when they're "off", but do you know their normal baseline numbers? Regularly checking their baselines sharpens your skills and ensures you can detect subtle changes early, giving you a head start in addressing health concerns. Your horse's vital signs should be taken while the horse is at rest and recorded along with any of your horse's individual peculiarities, like appetite and behavior.

Normal Vital Signs for Adult Horses

Heart Rate (BPM) = 28-40

Temperature (°F) = 99.5-101.5

Respiration (Breaths/Min) = 8-16

Capillary Refill Time (CRT) = ≤ 2 seconds

Mucous Membranes = Light pink, moist

Gut Sounds (Borborygmi)

Learn what is normal

Cause for Concern

(elevated rate from exertion, heat, pain, sickness, fright)

(102 rest & monitor; 103 should call vet; 104 requires vet; 105+ very sick)

(If the resp. rate exceeds its heart rate, horse is in serious distress)

(2-3 may be dehydration or shock; over 3 is serious, call vet)

(dry/tacky; pale/white; bright red or purple red; gray/blue; yellow)

(loud/excessive= inflammation; no sounds + fever or pawing, lying down and/or loss of appetite, call vet)



"An education is important, but riding horses is importanter."

~ Unknown

Coming Events

March 19 - 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.

April 16 - 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.

April 11-12 - SBCH Desensitizing/Spring Tune Up Clinics, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, and Ron Ostrom Arena, 258 Lane 10, Powell. Space is limited to 10 riders per clinic.

April 25 - 26 - Call Marty Morris soon at (307) 899-7510 to reserve your spot!

May 2 - Tack Swap at Cody Boot & Bottle Club

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

July 31 - August 2 - Big Creek Trail Project

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

Name (print) _____

Mailing address _____

e-mail address _____

Phone number(s) _____

How would you like to receive the newsletter? by mail _____ -or- by e-mail _____

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



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"Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value."

- Albert Einstein



NEXT SBCH MEETING:

March 19, 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.**