

SQUAW BUTTE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

PO Box 293, Emmett, ID 83617

February, 2007

State Convention Update

Pack Clinic Agenda

2006 SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES
AND THE USUAL STUFF

Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen

Meet the 1st Thursday of every month at La Costa Restaurant in Emmett, ID

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STATE CONVENTION UPDATE

by Robbin Schindele

Thought I would update those members who weren't at the last meeting. Planning for our sponsorship of the BCHI State Convention in Lewiston April 13 & 14 is going swimmingly. There are about a zillion details to organize and keep track of but you convention team is doing a great job.

Other chapters all over the state said we couldn't manage sponsoring a convention in Lewiston from down here in the south but we're proving them wrong. We expect about 150 registered BCHI members will attend the convention itself which is a meeting that runs all day Saturday April 15. It is open to all BCHI members and I hope to see many of you there. It's your chance to tell the state officers *your* point of view on *their* agenda. Registration packages, name tags and convention materials have to be created and organized for each attendee.

We serve a continental breakfast Friday and Saturday and supply registered convention attendees Saturday lunch (you get a lunch ticket fulfilled by any on site

food vendor with your registration.) That evening we expect to serve a sit down dinner to about 300 people.

Here's a rundown on each part of the entire operation and the name of the person you should talk to if you want to volunteer to help. **We will need help from Friday the 13th through Saturday's dinner. So if you're attending the convention please volunteer a little time.**

Convention Team Chair- Phil Ryan

Building rental from Lewiston Fair Board & all the chairs, tables etc necessary to run the meeting is DONE.

Food and Banquet- Rob Adams & Sally Schindele

The dinner caterer has been contracted. A great meal is planned with BBQ beef brisket, smokes pork and chicken breasts with salad beans, bread and soft drink. SBBCH will supply desert from local supermarkets/bakeries. There will be a cash bar as well. Saturday lunch has been contracted with the on site vendors. We will be supplying the continentals breakfasts

(Friday and Saturday) from local supermarkets. **We will need help running to the store, setting up each morning, if you're there please volunteer.**

Program- Marybeth Conger

Marybeth is contacting potential convention speakers and is developing the agenda.

State Raffle-Phil Ryan

The raffle is going well. Some of the chapters have already requested additional ticket (beyond their initial allocation.) Phil is staying on top of this and contacting all the chapters regularly. *Hope you're all working on selling your tickets. Remember 50% of the ticket sales comes back to SBBCH.*

Registration- Kay Ryan & Robbin Schindele

Vendors have been identified for all the registration packet components; folders, name tags, packet materials, etc. Kay is receiving and organizing the pre-registering people, quite a few have done so already. The days of the convention Kay and I will need help at the registration table inside the outdoors show. People trickle in both Friday and Saturday, to

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register for the convention and to buy dinner tickets, **so if you're there please help us out.**

Table Raffle- Leon and Margaret Berggren

There are two ways to participate in the table raffle. You can buy tickets or you can win them in a dice roll. The rules for the dice roll part of the table raffle have been worked out. The items to be raffled are in the process of being gathered. This dice game goes on whenever the doors to the Outdoor Show are open. That means Friday afternoon, evening and all day Saturday. It can get pretty intense sometimes because the public (anyone attending the Outdoors show) can play. **Another place we're going to need additional help.**

Photo Contest- John Bush

The rules and categories have been set and are posted on our website. Tables have been arranged for and a judge has been chosen. The registration table will serve as the submission place for entries and John will see they are displayed for voting.

Decorations- Joanna Stroeder

This is for the Saturday night dinner. Joanna has made most of the centerpieces. We had planned for 25 but figured out last meeting we'd need 37 so she's working on that. **She'll need help with these and the rest of the decorations in the short window between the meeting and the dinner, about 2 hours.**

Convention Gift-Robbin Schindele

This has traditionally been a kind of party favor given to each person who attends the dinner. This year we will be giving away a back country screen save to each person. We'll use our large collection of photos for content and I have started assembling that.

Chapter Display- Robbin Schindele

We will have eight photo posters (24 x 36") showing SBBCH at work and play. They have been printed (Thank You Ellen Knapp and HP!) Frames are being purchased and a "Lazy Susan" type rotary display is being built to display them on. These posters will be used at the Horse Affair, Horse Expo and our pack clinic as well.

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Door Prizes- Phil Ryan

We will be giving away baseball caps with the BCHI logo and magnetic trailer signs during the course of the show Friday and Saturday.



One other thing, the outdoors show has asked me to design the cover for their events program. This is a booklet given to everyone who attends the Outdoor Show. They asked that the convention theme and image we created be used on the cover (minus the pack string unfortunately.)



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The 2006 year was very busy for the Squaw Butte chapter of Backcountry Horsemen of Idaho (SBBCH). The chapter had two major goals for the year. The first goal was to increase our outreach efforts to the public and other horse-oriented organizations in Southwestern Idaho. A major emphasis was placed on doing more activities with the youth groups in the area, most notably the local 4-H chapters. The second major goal was to assist with the Frank Church Wilderness trails project spear-headed by the Alliance for Wilderness Education and Stewardship (AWES) out of Bellingham WA. The chapter also worked on a number of projects with a great Forest Service team in the Boise National Forest.

Our public outreach efforts were accomplished in a number of ways. In February a number of chapter members attended the winter meeting of the "Idaho Recreation Council". This council is made up of a majority of the outdoor recreation organizations in the state, both motorized and non-

motorized. Their goal is to protect the public's rights to use public lands and to assist in fostering cooperation among recreation groups. Squaw Butte BCH was the only horse organization at the meeting. The council leadership was very happy to finally have the horse segment represented.

In March the chapter held its fourth annual "Backcountry Skills Day" at the Circle-G River Ranch in Emmett. We had 75 attendees. It was a full day of lectures, demonstrations and hands-on sessions covering a wide range of skills. The BLM and Forest Service held sessions on the Wild Horse Program and on recreational opportunities in the Boise National Forest. Other sessions included wilderness first aid: both human and stock, LNT, packing skills, meal planning and Dutch oven cooking, great places to ride and camp with horses and equine hoof evaluation. The majority of the sessions are taught by SBBCH members.

In May and June SBBCH and the Emmett Ranger District put

together training opportunities for BCHI members. Chain Saw Safety and a First Aid / CPR class were provided by certified instructors leading to BCHI member certification necessary for using power tools for trail work.

In September in conjunction with the local 4-H chapters we sponsored the second annual "Treasure Hunt Ride" East of the Emmett Cycle Park. All proceeds from this ride go toward the Gem / Boise 4-H Horse Program. This ride is a great opportunity to work with local youth interested in horses. The day consists of a number of short sessions covering horse health, LNT and trail riding safety. A two hour ride was flagged, and SBBCH-manned stations to safely guide riders along the trail. At each station the riders learned a bit more about trail safety and LNT. A BBQ finished the day. This has been a very successful collaboration and the participants tell us how much they enjoy the event. An added benefit of this event is that we add members to our chapter.

In October, in collaboration with Circle-G River Ranch, Squaw Butte sponsored a horse skills day. The day is tailored toward improving horsemanship skills and having a great time in a very low pressure environment. Events held included a horsemanship obstacle course, pole bending, keyhole, barrels and a packing derby. These skilled events were broken up by some 'just for fun events' like horseback musical chairs and a three-legged race. Riders of all skill levels enjoyed the day and were introduced to BCHI.

The three BCHI chapters in Southwestern Idaho: Treasure Valley, Boise, and Squaw Butte, worked the BCHI booth at the Horse Affair in February and the Horse Expo in April. This is a great opportunity for members of the horse-oriented general public to learn about the organization and each chapter generally picks up a few new members. Members of Squaw Butte also presented packing and back country medicine sessions at the Outdoor Show in Lewiston during the 2006 BCHI convention.

BBQs were held. The chapter welcomed all guests who attended. These events enabled the guests to learn more about the chapter and the organization.

In May and November the chapter held its Adopt-A-Highway road cleanup. The chapter adopted a pretty section of Highway 52 along the Black

Canyon Reservoir that is heavily used and thus accumulates a lot of trash during the year.

Our partnership with the Alliance for Wilderness Education and Stewardship (AWES) resulted in two trail projects in the Frank Church Wilderness. The trail crew consisted of Jason (FS trail crews boss), Brad (AWES) and the volunteer trail crew members. The Rapid River volunteers were from the American Hiking Society. The volunteers had traveled from all over the country at their own expense to have the opportunity to spend a quality week in the wilderness making a difference. Squaw Butte provided logistic support for this team, packing in all their equipment and food to a base camp ten miles from the trail head. Members of the trail crew were invited to help with the packing and learned the value of stock in the wilderness. The Rapid River Trail required some major repairs and this team of volunteers did a super job returning this trail to four-star status.

The second project with AWES was in the Elk Creek area. The Youth & Adult Alliance from Hailey, ID teamed with Jason (FS) and Brad (AWES). Again Squaw Butte provided logistic support. Our success with having the volunteers assist with the packing was again employed and was one of the highlights of their experience

we were told afterward. Alliance for Wilderness Education and Stewardship (AWES) and Forest Service collaboration was a great success in the Frank Church. The AWES coordinating volunteer and the Forest Service providing expertise and leadership is a great model for the future.

SBBCH and the Lowman Ranger District teamed up to pack in bridge building materials into the White Hawk Basin area east of Deadwood Reservoir in August. Rex Arnett (FS) and members of SBBCH coordinated the bundling of the material into prepackaged loads with an average weight of 65 pounds per bundle. It was simply a matter of matching two bundles and a well tied basket hitch and we were ready for the trail. Shortly after we packed in the material, the Red Mountain fires closed this area. Luckily this area was spared so the bridges can be built in 2007.

In addition to all the above scheduled work, members of Squaw Butte spent a number of days doing trail work on West Mountain in the Boise National Forest and on some popular trails in the Sawtooth wilderness.

When the hours it took to accomplish these efforts were tallied and given a value. Squaw Butte Chapter contributed \$37,501.25 in volunteer effort in 2006.



PONDERINGS FROM THE PREZ' SADDLE

The board has been pondering the issue of member participation. At our January board meeting much discussion was devoted to how to get more folks to participate in chapter activities. The question is: what might be preventing folks from feeling welcome into the chapter and what might be preventing their participation.

As one way to help address this, we have created a calling committee. While we do send email reminders to all who have email addresses, I understand some folks do not check their email often. I want to thank the calling committee volunteers, Jennifer Bendorf, Margaret and Leon Berggren, Laura Beyer, Gail and Terry MacDonald, Sharon and Ralph Truax, and Erika Webb for volunteering to add the much needed personal touch to our meetings and

activities notifications. Our calling committee consists of both new members and returning members. We thank them in advance for their effort.

Another concept we discussed during our board meeting was that of mentoring new members. While new members join every year, we often lose them after that first year. I have received feedback that new members do not feel welcomed nor accepted, that they get the impression there is an established clique directing the activities and that new input is not welcomed. The leadership team wants to have an open, inclusive and accepting chapter. Without new ideas and new energy, we will stagnate. One way we get new ideas and new energy is from new members.

One concept that was proposed was that of 'mentorship'. This year we will pilot the concept. Seasoned members will volunteer to mentor new members. Mentors will call new members to remind them of and invite them to meetings and activities. The mentor will be available to answer questions and introduce new members to other members. Bob Howard, our past president, is very graciously and enthusiastically supporting the idea of mentorship and has stepped forward to volunteer to mentor new members. Contact me if you wish to volunteer.

A third concept, to help increase member attendance at our weekend activities, will be to

provide recreational rides in conjunction with our work projects. Work can proceed on one trail while recreational riding occurs on another trail in the same area. But the weekend activity is not only about work or riding. Food is a core value in this chapter and we usually have a delicious potluck Saturday night as well as lively conversation around the campfire.

Our spring tune up ride and potluck event is Saturday February 24 at Spirit Horse Ranch. Don't worry if you and your horse are not yet in shape for the season, that is the point of this ride; to get us all back in the saddle after the long winter. If you don't ride, come for the potluck. It is ALWAYS delicious and filling.

Remember that dues are due. If we have not received your dues by March 1, 2007 you will be dropped from the newsletter, email and calling list. We do appreciate email notification if you do not wish to continue your membership. That helps greatly in the maintenance of our email and newsletter lists.

We wish Happy February Birthdays to Nadine Burak, Russ Burdine, Kelley Creamer, Rose Gress, Jil Nichols, Dave Pitzer, Jim Seal, and Sharon Truax. Best Wishes to each of you for a fabulous 2007!

See ya on the trail!

Ellen





Our fifth Annual Pack Clinic will be held March 24, 2007 at the Circle G River Ranch. Registration starts 7:30 AM. Sessions begin at 8:30 and run until about 4:30PM, or until everybody goes home. Lunch will be served. We've added some interesting new presenters so it should be fun and educational for all comers. Admission is \$10.00 for BCHI members, \$20.00 for the general public. A discounted membership (\$10.00 off) to SBBCH will be offered to clinic attendees. Directions to the Circle G River Ranch are available at: www.circlegriverranch.com

Bleacher Sessions (Duration 55 Minutes)

Chris Robbins (BLM)

[A1] BLM Wild horse program

Larry Hayhurst (Idaho Brand Inspector)

[A2] Idaho Stock Identification – traveling / selling

Dr. David Hayes DVM

[A3] Safely working around stock (inside the horses head)

[A4] Muscles & Bones - horse structure & conformation

Melissa Smith

[A5] Healthy hooves - how to evaluate your horses feet

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[A6] Where to go – Riding & Horse camping within reasonable driving distances of Boise.

Dr. Sally Schindele & Kelley Creamer

[B1] Backcountry first aid - Human

Joanna Stroeder & Robbin Schindele

[B2] Backcountry first aid – Stock

Bob & Dee McFadden (DeeMac Mules)

[B3] Introduction to Mules (Mules 101)

Thomas J Clifford (Emmett Ranger District)

[B4] Horse opportunities in the Boise National Forest

Ralph Truax & Trudy Christensen

[E1] Dutch Oven Cooking – 2 hour class

Marybeth Conger & Terri Argo

[E2] Backcountry meal planning (fresh & dehydrated foods)

Drop By SessionsRob Adams, Ellen Knapp & Phil Ryan

[C1] Introduction to Packing equipment and tools (what we use and why)

Ellen Knapp & Charles Lox

[C2] Horse camping techniques & stock containment when camping

John Bush

[C3] Useful Knots (how to tie them and where to use them.)

Live Stock AreaRob Adams, Bob Howard (Sr & Jr), Robbin Schindele, Ellen Knapp,
Terry Macdonald, Phil Ryan & other members.

[D1] Packing skills (load building & securing loads to pack stock)

Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen – Chartered 3/92**2/01/2007 Regular Meeting Minutes**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>
Adams, Rob & Linda	X
Argo, Doug & Teri	
Berggren, Leon & Margaret	X
Beyer, Patricia & Tracy	X
Boeder, Jess	
Brewer, Vernon & Anita	
Burak, Nadine	
Burdine, Russell	
Bush, John & Jackie	
Buthman, Tony & Tami	X
Carpenter, Vern	
Conger, Bill & Marybeth	X
Creamer, Kelley	
Dann, Tony & Diane	
Davis, Justin	
Dineen, David & Tracy	

Edwards, Harold & Renee	
Farnese, Karen & Gary	
Fry, Lida	
Gaskell, Lou Ann	
Gress, Rose	
Gudmundsen, Bob	
Guinn, Lettie	
Harding, Bruce	
Hezeltine, Alex & Sherrie	
Holcroft, Steve	
Holt, William & Chris	
Howard, Bob	X
Howard, Robert & Donna	Robert
Leonard, Steve & Tonya	
Lox, Charles & Ellen Knapp	X
Lyons, Barney & Judy Hudson	
MacDonald, Terry & Gail	

Nichols, Jil & Michael Bryant	
Nielsen, Dolores	X
Richards, Tom	
Rindlisbach, Claudia & Fry, Martin	
Ryan, Phil & Kay	X
Schantz, Shannon	
Schindele, Robbin & Sally	X
Seal, Nate & Ruth	
Seel, Jon	X
Selkirk, William	
Stroeder, Joanna	X
Thielges, Jim	
Truax, Ralph & Sharon	Ralph
West, Bob & Alasya	
Young, Gene & Cheryl	

2007 SBBCH Officers and Board of Directors:President: Ellen Knapp, Vice President: Sally Schindele, Treasurer: Charles Lox, Secretary: Kay
RyanPast President: Bob Howard, Sr.State Directors (2): Joanna Stroeder (2), Robbin Schindele (1), Alternate State Director: Leon BerggrenFoundation Director: Margaret Berggren, Alternate Foundation Director: Bill Conger*Regular meeting brought to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Ellen Knapp***Pledge of Allegiance****Introduction and Welcome to Guests:** Rod & Karen Parks, Mark Bogar, Linda & Ken Hamilton, Mildred Bryant,
Cathy, Gary & Robert Kaar, Jenni Brauner**Introduction and Welcome to New Members:** Patricia, Tracy, Laura & Roger Beyer

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER & JANUARY MEETINGS

Robbin Schindele moved to accept the December and January minutes as distributed via email. Marybeth Conger seconded the motion which passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance:	\$2,411.38
Deposits:	+\$2,010.00
Expenditures:	- \$1,452.44
Ending Balance:	\$2,968.94

Linda Adams moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Joanna Stroeder seconded the motion and it passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Liaison Report: Leon Berggren said he had nothing to report.

State Directors Report: Neither Joanna nor Robbin had anything to report.

Education & Foundation Reports: Margaret Berggren said she has nothing to report.

Work Projects and Rides Report: Rob Adams discussed the report that he is sending to the state on the activities from 2006. Bottom line? He reported that Squaw Butte contributed a value \$37, 501.25 in hours and miles during 2006. Rob made a quick review of the anticipated activities in February and March.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2006 Audit: Rob said he and Sally conducted the audit and that everything balanced. They asked Charles Lox to list deposit entries on individual lines the same as check entries are made to make future audits clearer. Charles agreed.

2007 Budget Review: Charles passed out copies of the proposed 2007 budget for all to review. Discussion followed. Robbin suggested that Charles put the State Convention on a separate spreadsheet with the results as a single line item in the budget. Charles agreed. Rob moved to accept the budget and Sally seconded the motion which passed

Horse Affairs & Horse Expo Update: Robbin and Ellen showed posters that are being made up for the booth and that will be used later for the Chapter display at the convention. The posters will be mounted on foam core. Sally circulated a volunteer sign-up sheet and went through the materials list. Sally would like both State and National newsletters and reminded Kay to bring the cash box. Joanna said that Cabela's was offering something to raffle but she doesn't know what it will be. Sally will let volunteers know when and where to get their entry tickets.

Back Country Skills Clinic Update: Rob handed out sheets showing the clinic sessions. He explained there will be classes as well as drop-by sessions and said set up will be on Friday night. The only unknown is what to serve for lunch (chili, sloppy joes, etc.). Volunteers are needed to bring and serve the food. Sally said she would organize it.

State Convention Update: Mark Bogar introduced himself as the Director of the Outdoor Show and introduced Rod Parks as the person in charge of arrangements and Karen Parks as the person in charge of food. Mark also said that Steve Didier is in charge of the seminars schedule. He said they are advertising differently this year in hopes of drawing a bigger crowd. Sixteen hundred attend last year and they have set a goal of 3,000 for this year. Phil Ryan provided status from his list of action items. Questions, answers, and discussion followed including: table numbers (does our number include those for banquet?) and deadline (two weeks before event), banquet meal ticket deadline (first week of April, for vendors), lunch meal tickets (add place for actual meal price), registration (moved to Red Barn), dice game (discuss with Phil after meeting), event program cover deadline (March 25), get help from other Chapters, shotgun and rifle accountability (Mark to take guns now), trail report deadline (March 15).

NEW BUSINESS

Calling Committee: Sally said she has the call tree and will distribute it to everyone in the near future.

New Member Mentorship: Ellen tabled this until next meeting.

Newsletter schedule: Ellen said the schedule was discussed at the Board meeting. The schedule will be: 1) articles for the next month's newsletter will be submitted to Robbin no later than the Sunday following the meeting; 2) the newsletter will be submitted to the printer no later than the 10th of each month; 3) newsletters will be mailed no later than the 15th of each month.

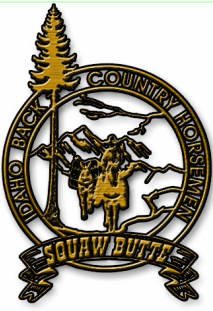
Advertising: Charles said as a Chapter money maker, he can add an advertisers' page to our newsletter. Ads would cost \$30 per year for a business card size ad, with 15 ads on a page. The ads can be in color. He doesn't anticipate any additional postage unless we have more than one or two pages. Reminders would be sent to the advertisers one month before their ad year ends so they can reinstate their ad if desired.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Door Prize: Guest Ken Hamilton was the winner of the door prize, a 50 lb bag of dog food donated by Pet Corral.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kay Ryan, Secretary, SBBCH



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