

SQUAW BUTTE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

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Riders wait to set out at the SBBCH/4H Treasure hunt Ride

By Ellen Knapp

I declare the 2nd annual Treasure Hunt Ride a success. SBBCH along with High Desert Feeds and the Gem/Boise County 4-H Horse program sponsored this event. All proceeds go to sponsor the Gem/Boise County 4-H Horse program.



The ride is held east of the Gem Cycle Park on Brad Little's land. Once again, Brad graciously provided us the use of his land.

This location provides the perfect venue for this type of ride. It is close to Emmett thus minimizing travel expenses for participants; the trail is suitable for all levels of horse and rider thus encouraging arena riders to get out on the trail; the trail rewards the riders with wonderful vistas of the Boise Front, the Emmett Valley, and the Owhyees; and shoes are not required thus reducing expenses further. The intent is to make it easy and fun to participate.

This year we moved the date up by a few weeks as Mother Nature tends to be fickle in September. Although Saturday 9/16 dawned dreary and a bit drippy, it didn't rain on us and the sun actually came out to make the day very pleasant. We had a great turnout of 45 participants. We had fabulous volunteer support from SBBCH with 19 of our members, plus a few additional family and

friends, volunteering support at the trail head and on the trail.



Prior to hitting the trail, Greg Scott, a consultant from Nutrena, gave a presentation on Equine Nutrition.

The Treasure Hunt questions focused a lot on Minimal Impact topics thus necessitating folks to read the posters and look at the displays I had set up.

Prize categories included oldest rider, oldest horse, youngest rider, youngest horse, and 2 drawings from all the correct Treasure Hunt answer sheets. High Desert Feeds generously supplied all 6 of the \$25 gift certificate prizes. Please

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remember to support High Desert Feeds for your farm needs.

Goff Plumbing gave us a discount on the porta potty. The bulk of the food was donated. So when all was paid for, over \$300 went to support the Gem/Boise County 4-H Horse program.

Kay Ryan, Margaret Berggren, and Gail MacDonald provided trail head support for the registration. The registration process went smoothly and allowed Melissa McDaniele, my co-coordinator in this adventure, to focus on other logistics, questions, and urgent issues. They also organized the lunch layout so it flowed without a hitch and they made sure the table always stayed full with food. Their work at the

trailhead was invaluable and streamlined the entire event. Charles Lox and Bruce Harding were the intrepid chefs manning the grills to cook mountains of hamburgers and hotdogs to feed all the hungry participants and volunteers. They made sure the returning participants and volunteers had lots of hot, tasty food.



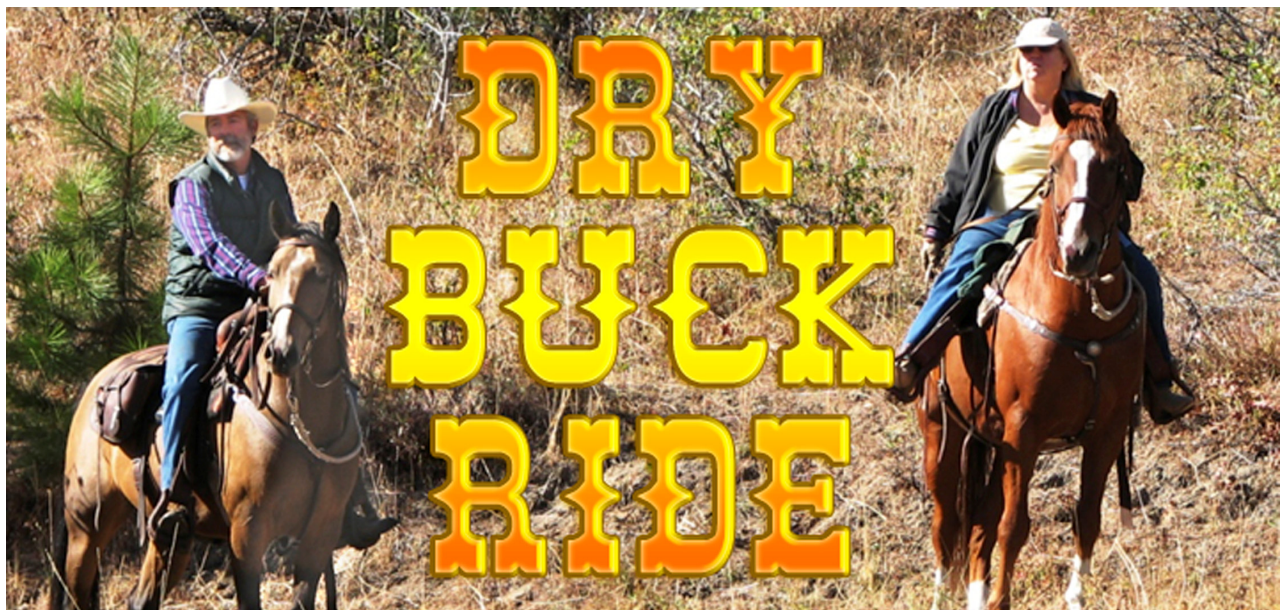
Phil Ryan, Kelley Creamer, Terry MacDonald and his daughter, Rob Adams and a Simplot co-worker, John Bush, Leon Berggren, Robbin

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Schindele, Doug and Teri Argo, Bob Howard and Bob Howard volunteered to man the 'clue' stations, monitor the trail, ride sweep and pull the trail marking flags.

We have one new member as a result of this ride and a number of interested members. This is a worthwhile outreach program. By sponsoring outreach activities like this we grow both current and future Back Country Horsemen.

The volunteer support from SBBCH is outstanding! Without all the SBBCH volunteer support, the ride would not have been the success it was. THANK YOU! Y'all made it a great ride for all our participants!



Terry and Gail McDonald watching the world go by

The loop ride at Dry Buck is a very pleasant ride in September. You're up high

enough so it's not likely to be too hot, the trail is a very easy combination of abandoned and

current NFS roads, there are some very pretty views of the Main and South Forks of the

Payette River and it's not far from Emmett.

So it's not surprising that a warm sunny Saturday brought 18 SBBCH members and guests up into the trees.



Calli Webb on Icing

Sally and I and guests Erica and Calli Webb arrived late. There were plenty of trailers in the meadow but no people. Erica and Calli had never been there before and I had so we figured we'd just head down the trail and catch up if we could. If not we'd probably see them when we got back.

We had met Calli and her Mom a couple weekends before when they rode in our 4H Treasure Hunt ride. Calli is a member of SBBCH member Terri Argo's 4h equine group. Erica said they both had a good time there and were glad to have another group of people to ride with. They have been to the website

and put every upcoming SBBCH ride on their calendar. The best thing about the Dry Buck ride occurs about halfway through the loop. The trail comes out of the trees and you can look down the mountain to the town of Banks. You can see the Main Fork of the Payette River flowing south and far down the canyon of the South Fork as well. It is a whole different perspective than traveling down highway 55.

After that the trail kind of loops to the west, there was a lot of logging down up there this summer so many parts of the trail are not as pleasant as they once were. At the same time, you get a lot more vista like views of the surrounding country.

About two-thirds of the way we started seeing another group of horse men ahead of us. I recognized Rob Adams and Willow bringing up the rear so I put my horse up into a trot.



Charles Lox and Brio

That didn't last long as Sally asked me to slow down after about a quarter mile. So I did and we went back to walking along the trail, which has become a road at the last gate. We caught up about half mile later. They had stopped for some impromptu horse training alongside a two foot wide creek.

Charles Lox is riding a three year old with very little experience with streams so he was coaxing him back and forth across the creek from the ground. I don't know how long he had been at it but in the 20 minutes following our arrival all he got out of him was some very handsome leaps.

When the entertainment was over we all headed down the road. The last quarter of this loop is on the flat valley floor. It is a broad gravel road with a couple places to get to water before returning to the meadow where we park the trailers. Good place and time for riding and chatting. We had some guests so it was a good time to talk up the chapter and learn about other people's horse activities.



The only donkey on the ride

When we got to the trailers there were still more people. They had ridden of rather than watch Charles and Brio practice their Lipizzaner act. Everybody unsaddled, opened a soda, talked about the beautiful weather and just generally jawed about nothing. Soon sodas gone, horses were loaded and one by one everyone headed for home.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear SBBCH Members,

I have been enjoying the cooler weather. Sure is a relief from what we had all summer.

This is a great time to be out riding your faithful steed. The fall colors are outstanding. We went up to Bear to admire the scenery and were struck by the vibrant colors of the trees and bushes.

It will be a great time to join in the rides and the play-day coming up. I hope to see you there. It should be a lot of fun.

We lost our old horse (30 years old) not long ago, it was very hard to accept but as long as any of us has animals we'll have to cowboy up and do the right thing by them when the time comes. He had been retired many years ago but always looked like he wanted to go every time we took the other animals. Happy Birthday to Linda and Rob Adams and Vern Carpenter.

See you in Camp!

Bob

Editor's Note:

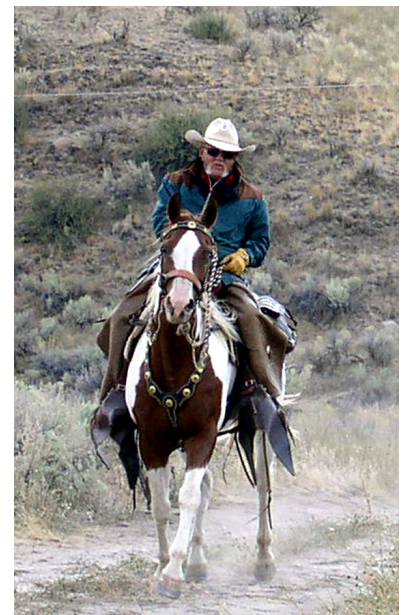
As many of you may have noted, your editor hasn't been as diligent as he should be and this newsletter has been arriving in a less than timely fashion the past few months. But in my defense there hasn't been much news to put in the letter. Things have started to slow down after all the summer trips so most of the news is about things I've written and you've read about before.

But that aside, to get myself back on schedule and serve you members better I've combined October and November into a single issue, this one. By the time you get this all of our October events will be over. For a list of November Events and activities please go to

www.sbbchidaho.org/activities.html

Some other news, the state convention committee is moving forward. Phil Ryan is overall honcho so if you want to get involved, *and we need your help*, give him a call at 398-8993 and we'll have more info at the November meeting so don't miss it.

Robbin





SBBCH members high above the Payette River

The SBBCH ride on Regan Butte is, like Dry Buck, getting to be a fall favorite. The butte, the remains of a volcanic cone, is rocky, rugged and steep. The views are spectacular and the ride varies from near vertical rugged side hilling to a flat section through willows and bull rushes alongside the Payette River. This year, as last, the ride was a compass/GPS orientation ride. Rob Adams had placed 12 paper plates somewhere on the butte and it was the riders job to find them using a map and compass or GPS coordinates. The day was cool in the morning but heated up to shirtsleeve weather by 10:00 AM. About 20-25 riders showed

up and were split into groups of 5-6 and set off with about 10 minutes between groups. The objective, find as many plates as you can.



Sally Schindele & Deanna Atteberry
Sally and I were teamed up with John & Jolene Erickson and Deana Attebery, all guests rather than members. The beginning of this trail is steep and rocky and as we started out John took the lead. I'm not sure when we left the "trail" but we did at some point

and he just kept going up. Pretty soon the whole of the Montour valley was in sight and we could see the group ahead of us far below on the trail. Well that was fine with me as I was there for the ride and didn't even care if I found any plates.



Regan Butte's "wild" horses

The nice thing about being that high was we got a good look at Regan Butte's "wild" horses. Actually they are a couple domestic horses turned out up

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there and left untouched for over a decade now. Not really wild but not really tame either they usually keep their distance. So as the other group wound around the butte on the trail far below us we did the same. As we started onto the south side I encouraged everyone to at least gradually ease down to where we knew now the trail was. So we did. And by golly pretty soon what had been two groups was one. They had found 5 five or six plates so far. We had found none.



John & Jolene Erickson

We just kind of meandered on in the general direction we had traveled last year. People were just enjoying the company, the view and the pleasant weather. Eventually we crossed the saddle as couple hundred feet below the summit and started descending the west side towards the river. What was steep going up wasn't any less so going down. While there is a trail, taying on it means your horse has to know how to sit down and slide on his/her rump so everyone made their own switchbacks through the sage

brush, picking their way or letting their horses steer for them.

Once we got to the bottom we found the trail again, and by golly, another plate too. It was number eight so we must have missed one, I having now joined the group that found the first six could say that. We know we had left out a part of Rob's map because when you get to the bottom you're supposed to head north to a beach on the river. We had skipped that so it must be where number seven was. We went south along the river, some times on the flood plain sometimes on the hillside. This part was where a road might have been once but now was pretty overgrown but easy riding. As we went along I was looking for a place to get the horses down for water but there were too many bogs or brush to get through.

Sure was pretty though. When ever we went up on the butte you could look down at the Payette and since its fall and the river is low, see right through the clear water to the wave like patterns of the sand on its bottom. Eventually I led the group, oh yeah we had added three more riders. They had come down the butte at us hollering, "hey can we join you? We're lost." Sure. Any way we went to the bottom and there was a river channel that had dried up with the low water so we followed it and did get to

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the river. The horses that were thirsty drank, some just pawed and played in the soft bottom shallows. We headed up the butte again and made our way via cow path to the final leg of the journey north along an old ranch road. Successfully it back to the trailers without finding another plate, until we got to the Adams' house that is. Now we often write about how hard we ride but we don't often tell people that we eat the same way. Once we were all assembled at Rob and Linda's we tucked right in. Ham, barbecued turkey, twice baked potatoes, baked beans, about six other side dishes and eight desserts disappeared to the sound of laughter and lies. Anyone who went away hungry was either a liar or a fool and by four o'clock most of us were headed home with another day of good times and good friends behind us.



Riding along the river

*Always remember, a horse without a rider is still a horse,
But a rider without a horse is afoot*



A Packers Play Day at The Circle G

By Teri Argo

Those of you who missed the play day on October 21, missed out on an excellent time and good entertainment. The day started out cold and frosty, but that did not deter 20-some riders from showing up at Circle G for a day of fun. The games began with poles and keyhole, which everyone seemed to enjoy and got several chances to run. We then moved on to the gait race, where you had to walk to one end of the arena, then trot to the other end, the gallop back without breaking your gait. Then, the egg race.....which I was doing

smashing (maybe not a good choice of words) until Rob told us to lope! Next was a nice calm game of musical chairs, NOT.....this turned into an out and out horse race at times. Very entertaining! We moved on to the three-legged race, (I will let your imagination fill in the blanks), barrels, and a packing relay. We finished up the day with speed roping and a timed trail course. We did break for a lunch of sloppy joes and peach cobbler. All in all, it was a great day. The families that were there really appreciated it, and they all got some exposure to Backcountry Horsemen. I would like to thank Rob, Lettie, and all the

volunteers that made this event a huge and fun success!

Comments on the above photo and how the pack relay was run by Rob Adams

A team of kids, mantied bails of hay, with SBBCH mentors and when Moosely or Mestena were ready another Kid raced the packed horse down around a barrel at the far end of the arena and back to make sure the load stayed in place. This young fellow was the rider for a team I mentored, He rode in every event, and had a blast. His twin brother & sister are also in the picture, riding black and brown horses.



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10/05/2006 Regular Meeting

Minutes

Name	Present
Adams, Rob & Linda	X
Argo, Doug & Teri	
Berggren, Leon & Margaret	X
Boeder, Jess	
Brewer, Vernon & Anita	
Burak, Nadine	
Burdine, Russell	
Bush, John & Jackie	
Buthman, Tony & Tami, Dillon	Tony
Carpenter, Vern	
Conger, Bill & Marybeth	
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	X
Leonard, Steve & Tonya	
Lox, Charles & Ellen Knapp	X
Lyons, Barney & Judy Hudson	
MacDonald, Terry & Gail	

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

2006 SBBCH Officers and Board of Directors:

President: Robert Howard, Sr., Vice President: Rob Adams, Treasurer: Charles Lox, Secretary: Kay Ryan
Past President: John Bush

State Directors (2): Phil Ryan, Bob Howard, Jr., Alternate State Director: Leon Berggren
Foundation Director: Sally Schindele, Alternate Foundation Director: Margaret Berggren

Regular meeting brought to order at 7:02 P.M. by President Bob Howard

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction and Welcome to Guests: Jennifer Gray-Bendorf, Rick Bendorf, John Fuquay, Tracy & Patricia Beyer, Earl A. Lilley, Christy Howard

Introduction and Welcome to New Members:

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING

Margaret Berggren moved to accept the minutes of the September meeting as read by Robbin Schindele. Sally Schindele seconded the motion which passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance: \$1,791.45
Deposits: +\$1,066.00
Expenditures: - \$ 80.50
Ending Balance: \$2,776.95

Ellen Knapp moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Sally Schindele seconded the motion and it was passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Liaison Report: No report as Harold Edwards was absent.

State Directors Report: Kay Ryan reported in Phil Ryan's absence that Phil has contacted the state lottery commission and Sherri Lionberger regarding the paperwork needed to conduct the raffle in April. Background checks will need to be made of the person in charge of the raffle (probably Phil) and the

treasurer (Charles) and \$100.00 paid in order to conduct the raffle.

Education & Foundation Reports: Sally Schindele said she had nothing to report.

Work Projects and Rides Report: For the benefit of our guests, Rob Adams summarized everything we've done so far this year and reminded everyone about upcoming events at Regan Butte and Circle G River Ranch. He also provided the following information as to what has been accomplished so far this year:

- 150 Education hours
- 190 Basic work hours that didn't include power equipment or packing
- 250 Skilled hours using power equipment and packing
- 6270 Hauled hours, driven and pulling a trailer
- 124 Stock days, such as 3 horses used one day = 3 days

Ellen reported on the success of the 4H Treasure Hunt ride where 45 individuals participated and 19 SBBCH provided support. She thanked everyone for volunteering and helping the 4H make \$300. Bob also thanked everyone for all their efforts and support for projects throughout the year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nominating Committee / Elections Update: Leon Berggren reported that he, John Bush and Terry MacDonald are the nominating committee and have been working on a slate of officers. He said they still need names of anyone interested in running for office. Several people spoke up, offering their names to the ballot.

2007 State Convention: Bob brought up the fact that we need to get committees started on the various aspects of the convention. Discussion followed and several people volunteered to take on projects. Kay pointed out that someone needs to be the overall coordinator. She volunteered her home as a meeting place to get things started. Everyone agreed that Phil should head up the group since he has the most experience. A meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00 PM at the Ryans' home to discuss our plan. Kay will put out an email to everyone.

NEW BUSINESS

Website Expenses: Robbin reported that about 300 people are visiting our website each month and that it provides good exposure for our mission. If we want to continue with the website, the fee is less than \$5.00 per month. Rob has currently paid the fee. Robbin moved that SBBCH reimburse Rob for the fee. Leon seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Ellen pointed out that we need to include this as an item in the budget in the future. The motion was voted on and passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Notices: Earl Lilley, a member of the Idaho Horse Council and Idaho Horse Board talked about how the Council and Board organizations were formed and the work they do. He encouraged our organization to consider supporting the change in legislation to increase the \$1.00 fee for brand inspections to \$3.00. He also asked that we participate in these organizations by sending representatives. He was very impressed with and commended us on all the work our Chapter has completed this year.

Ellen reminded everyone of the Civil War reenactments this weekend at the Gem Island Sport Complex. She and Charles will be there in full costume and she will have Warrior decked out as well and see how he reacts to cannon fire.

Door Prizes: Joanna Stroeder won a SBBCH magnetic sign.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36

Respectfully submitted by Kay Ryan, Secretary, SBBCH



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