

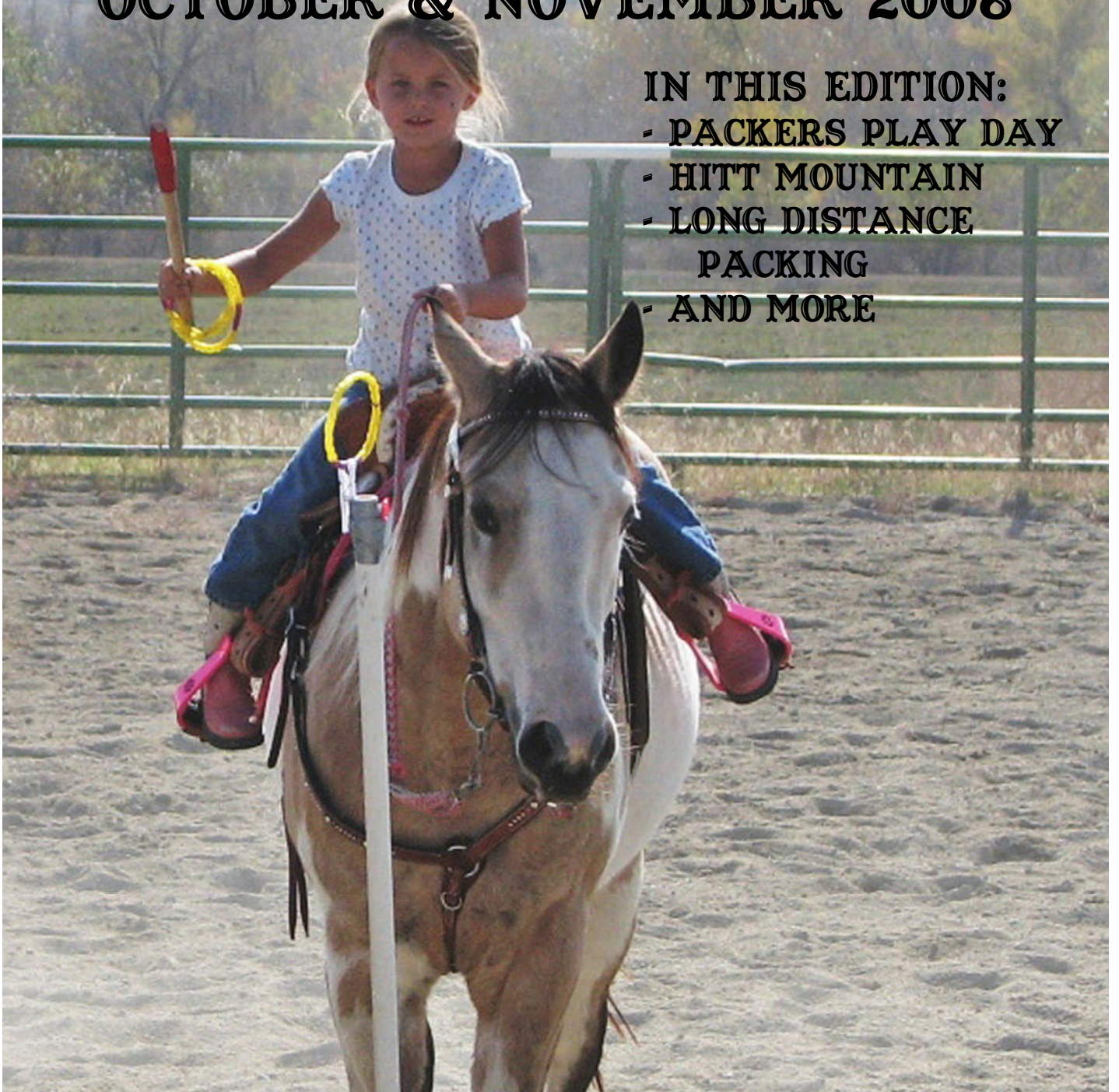
# SQUAW BUTTE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

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IN THIS EDITION:

- PACKERS PLAY DAY
- HITT MOUNTAIN
- LONG DISTANCE  
PACKING
- AND MORE



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## *Presidential Ponderings*

Dear Members,

We are coming to the end of another fantastic year for SBBCH. Linda Hays has submitted a preliminary end of the year volunteer hours report. In 2008, SBBCH contributed the most hours since the last 4 years that we have been tracking hours. It isn't that we got more people to attend, but we figured out how to better utilize the people that attended. Instead of everyone riding down a single trail, we split into smaller teams and worked multiple trails simultaneously. Here are some of the preliminary numbers. Hours: 1868 including 414 Education hours; miles driven: 14,952; hours operating power equipment: 106; Stock and Saddle horse days: 181. This equates to \$62,901 of economic value. So, why is it important to track this? These numbers will be submitted to BCH Idaho and will be rolled into

the Idaho report. The Idaho report will be submitted to BCH America and will be included in the national report. Like I wrote in the previous newsletter, the amount of volunteer effort provided by the various back country horsemen and horsewomen is amazing! Give yourself a pat on the back for another good years of jobs well done.

As with the winding down of one year, it is also the start of the following year. 2009 SBBCH memberships are due by January 30, 2009. Again, we are offering a very reduced price Life Flight membership with our SBBCH membership. Be sure to get your SBBCH membership in EARLY as demand is high and availability is limited, at this time, to only 100 Life Flight memberships. Don't wait until the March Pack Clinic to renew your membership. Family memberships are \$51 and include 2 Life Flight memberships. Individual memberships are \$31 and include 1 Life Flight membership. Additional Life Flight memberships may be purchased for family members for \$6.00. Everyone, including renewing members, must fill out an application form. It is critical that the correct name and contact information is supplied to Life Flight.

It is also election time. Elections will be held at the December meeting. You risk being nominated and voted into an office if you don't show up to the meeting. Just kidding. But all joking aside, there are plenty of opportunities for you experience a leadership role in SBBCH and most of the offices require very little time commitment each month. Most involve being a point of contact for information coming into SBBCH and then disseminating that information to the SBBCH membership. The following opportunities are available for the 2009 year: Public Lands Liaison, Education Chair, Foundation Director, Alternate Foundation Director, 2 State Directorships as well as the usual President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Here is a brief run down of the responsibilities of the less familiar roles. The State Director represents the Chapter at the BCHI State Board of Director's (BOD) meetings which are held quarterly, conveys resolutions, concerns and information from the Chapter to the State BOD meeting and reports actions and discussions reviewed at the State BOD meeting back to the Chapter. The Foundation Director and Alternate Foundation Director represent the Chapter at the State Foundation meetings which are held in conjunction with the State BOD meetings and report on the status of grant funds collected and disbursed. The Education chair co-coordinates with the Project and Rides Coordinator training events for the Chapter, schedules training and speakers, and coordinates outreach with other organizations. The Public Lands Liaison tracks public lands issues and informs the general membership, and is a liaison to the public lands agencies, BCHI and BCHA.

I urge you consider volunteering for one of the above SBBCH leadership roles. None of these roles operate in a vacuum and you will not be 'fed to the wolves' if you volunteer for any of these roles. All of us on the leadership team support each other in the various roles. But without volunteers willing to step forward and try out a

leadership role, this organization cannot move forward; SBBCH is truly dependent upon its volunteers, its members, and the diversity they provide.

SBBCH needs \*YOU\*. See ya on the trail, *Ellen*

## PACKERS PLAY DAY REVIEW

History and thought behind the  
Packers Play Day

By Rob Adams

Play days are very common in South Western Idaho, almost every horse club or group hold one or more of them each year. They are generally fund raisers for the club and generally have the same events: pole bending, barrels and keyhole.

The Squaw Butte play day came from different roots. Back in the 1960's I attended and later worked at a summer camp in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Every Sunday this camp held a rodeo. In the very early days of the camp, it was very much like the big loop rodeo held in Jordan valley. They had wild mule riding, the colt race, packing races and some roping events. As the years passed and insurance became an issue most of those events went by the wayside. Also the campers came more and more from city backgrounds and didn't have the same riding skills as the farm and ranch kids. The Sunday rodeo became more like the play days of today, with a variety of events that were fun and allowed the campers to improve their skills with rope and on horse back. For example, pole bending at the camp was a match race affair with six horses running at the same time. Points were given for

1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Campers were also grouped as 12 and under, 13 and older. At the end of the season the three campers in each group with the most points were crowned Rodeo King or Queen at the final campfire. Needless to say, rodeo day was a big deal and sometime the competition was fierce. Historically the 12 and under champion was the high point winner for the season, as older campers were out in the back country at least one or more Sundays during the season.

Three years ago when Squaw Butte started thinking about holding a play day, I used my experiences at the camp as a model for how the day would operate. Events like musical chairs, the three legged and walk-trot race came directly from those rodeos. We wanted our play day to be fun, and different from what other clubs were doing. In the first year, barrel was not a scheduled event; the kids asked that it be added and we did. We also wanted it to be fun for all riding levels so while we time the events, it is only for the riders' information.

Our first year the riders were mostly 4-H kids and all had a great time. The second year we held the play day, the date conflicted with a 4-H event so the number of kids dropped, but the word had gotten out to local adults and Squaw Butte chapter members. We added some new events and ended the day with a trail course that proved to be very popular. This year's goal was to

have an event that required the horse and rider to do new things. Many of the 4-H horses see a pole bending course and will run it without the rider doing anything except not falling off. We wanted some new challenges; to change the standard event in ways that required both the rider and horse to work together as well as be fun and different.

Some of the new events included 4 leaf clover, barrels and tennis balls, and the ring run. The ring run was a hybrid of the State of Maryland official sport: jousting, and cowboy action shooting. Twelve poles were set up in two six pole rows with a spacing of twenty five feet between them. On alternate poles, three per row, a three inch diameter rope ring was attached with a clothes pin to the top. The rider had an eighteen inch wooden dowel and the object was to run the poles like in pole bending while trying to collect the rope rings on the dowel. This event turned out to be a lot of fun for riders of all ages and skill levels. Next year we will add the option of using small rings.

Another new event was 4 leaf clover. This event came from a story in Western Horsemen about how to keep your barrel horse from souring while still working on the skills necessary to excel. It required thinking and a number of riders did it more than once.

We also tried a training exercise I saw for roping and ranch horses. The tire drag turned out to be a huge

Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen success. A small tire was attached to a 30 foot piece of rope. One horse and rider slowly pulled the tire across the arena. Other riders followed the tire. The riders following the tire were desensitizing their mount to something weird and maybe scary moving along the

ground, the rider pulling the tire was desensitizing their mount to a rope over there back, and being chased by something weird and maybe scary. We also set up a trail course that included riding through a camp complete with a table umbrella and flags.

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Members are already looking for and thinking up new events for next year, as we want the Squaw Butte Packers Play Day to be the unique fall event of its kind.

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## HITT MOUNTAIN TOOL CACHE PROJECT AUGUST 23-24, 2008

By Tony Buthman

The Payette National Forest, 268/270, trail project was a great success with 11 riders and 8 head of pack stock in support. Most folks arrived Friday evening, setting up camp and visiting. This trailhead is very spacious with lots of open areas for high-lines, electric corrals, and panels. We had a nice open area in the center for a fire pit, food preparation, and a lot of elbow room for eating. As far as eating, I think I gained 5 pounds over the weekend. We always eat very well on our trail projects.

The trail work on the 268 trail was not too difficult. The crew, Phil, Robbin, Chelsea, Linda, and Bob reported that they were back to camp around 2:00. The Forest Service had used a mini excavator to establish a new tread from the trailhead to the intersection of Trail 270, then up the 268 trail for approximately a third of a mile. The crew has some concerns about possible channeling of run off. I met with the Forest Service about those concerns and was assured that they

were going to install water bars and checks this fall. That is one of the reasons that they requested our assistance in clearing and brushing, so that they could concentrate on tread work.

Trail 270 was an adventure to say the least. There are no trail markers, it took some scouting to find any trail blazes. The blazes were extremely healed over and 50 yards or so into an old timber sale where tread, trees, and trails were all missing. Cow trails were everywhere, so needless to say we went up when we should have gone down, a couple of times. After more scouting at the west edge of the timber sale we realized we were about 100 yards above the trail. The route we took to get back down to the trail was a little precarious, but good stockmen,(and women), and stock made it without any trouble. Once into the timber, the trail was very visible, however there was a lot of work to be done. Quite a bit of blow down, one area looked like pickup stix. We used two tanks of saw gas, and several pairs of loppers and muscle power to work this area.

The tread was actually in pretty good shape, other than some rock out croppings that are passable, but need to be fixed. I reported this area to the Forest Service, they said they would blast these places the

following week. This crew, Charles, Ellen, Bill, Chris, Tony and Tami, really earned their keep on this trail. We made it about ¾ of the way through this trail, returning to camp around 5:00. On Sunday the riders that worked the 268 trail on Saturday rode the 270 trail to Benton Saddle, which was the end of the trail. They reported that the trail was in pretty good shape at that end.

The views from these trails are spectacular and easy to access from the trailhead. We could see West Mountain, Council Mountain, Cuddy Mountain, the Seven Devil wilderness to the North. The Halfway and Richland Valley as well as the Imnaha Mountains and Eagle Cap wilderness in Oregon to the West.

Thank you to the SBBCH members for the support on this project. We appreciate all the support we got, this was the first project that I was coordinating and it was a great success because of all of the members. Hopefully this was the first of more projects on the Payette National Forest.





# LONG DISTANCE PACKING DAY 2

by Jake Lemon

Day 2 Friday, April 16, 2004

Frank and I accompanied Wendy up to the Phantom Ranch Lodge, where the packers were taking their time loading and reloading their mules. This was a supply pack string, venturing down off the South Rim in the wee hours of practically every morning, in the dark. There were no dudes riding in this string. Wendy did not want to ask her mule, Roy, to carry her as well as her gear, so she paid \$53.80 to have 21.5 lbs. of her stuff hauled out to the South Rim on a Grand Canyon mule. Wendy, a lifelong, well seasoned mule/horse person, maybe **because** of her experience, is a bit afraid of heights. She was noticeably nervous about riding as opposed to leading Roy up the switchback trail. Their route was to be up the South Kaibab Trail, not the Bright Angel that we had taken down the day before. However it was reasonable to anticipate there would be steep and long drop-offs, as there were on the Bright Angel Trail. By about nine o'clock, they were on their way. We waved our goodbyes.

None of the rest of us was all that anxious to move after such a big moving day yesterday. However, the Grand Canyon Park has to be very tight in their management of the campgrounds. I had made

arrangements for us to move up the North Kaibab Trail to Cottonwood Campground, a distance of about 6 miles on this, day two and have a layover day there, meaning two nights.

With Jed, Riley, and now Bernie Girl all loaded, we were all on foot this day. Frank took the lead with Riley. I led the other two, while Phil and Elizabeth brought up the rear. It was easy livin'. The trail itself was more normal in that, unlike yesterdays trail, it had not been traveled so much, especially by shod mules, and was not pulverized into powder.

The map showed a small loop detour to Ribbon Falls. We all thought we had time and energy to take it. The bottom end of the loop had no bridge, so we decided to go up the main trail to where the loop rejoined it. The map showed a bridge across Bright Angel Creek up there, so we could keep our feet dry. As we approached, it became apparent that the 50 yard approach to the bridge was quite steep with some rather tall ledges to step down. I seemed to think it was out of the question to tie the animals there and walk over to the falls. The bridge from the main trail was a good looking steel bridge. Frank and I took Riley and Jed down to cross the bridge. We left the rest of our party up top until we had the situation scoped out. Riley, my boldest mule was the obvious choice to lead down this challenging slope. There did end up to be one long step down a ledge that Riley did not like the looks of. It was about a long drop with the "riser" at an angle that made me think of glissading down it. I was

convinced Riley, the smallest of the three mules, could do it. Respecting her judgment, I took the approach of coaxing her down using instantaneous reward of a slack lead rope at any indication that she was thinking about doing what I wanted her to do. In about 15 minutes, she said "okay" and did it. She decided to let her front hooves slide down the slick-rock face of the ledge to the bottom, stretching her body out, then slid her back feet down, tucking them under herself. Jed, tied to the back of her saddle with a piggin' string, was alarmed at this bold move! He pulled back in protest. The piggin' string didn't break, as it is designed to with a hard jerk, and Riley was pulled back into her sit position. She appreciated having her kitchen boxes securely lashed on and got up. But Jed, still nervous, pulled her back into a sit. The next time she stood up more slowly, to not excite Jed. It worked. I let the two of them regain their composure, then eased Riley along so that Jed wasn't rushed. He decided everything was okay and rather gracefully negotiated the ledge.

We came to the bridge about 50 feet further. Trouble; it was not a pack bridge! It was too narrow! No way would the mule's packs fit through there. Next, we all suspected the trail was too narrow to turn both animals around and get them headed back up. We tried. I know from experience that they (sometimes) will cooperate with each other and not hog the trail. Jed stepped over to the edge as far as he possibly could to let Riley pass. Their loads bumped into each other and it didn't take

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long for all four of us to realize “this ain't gonna work.” There was only one thing to do; take Riley's kitchen boxes off her, lead her across the bridge, turn her around and come back. On a narrow trail, steep banks down on both sides, taking a load off of an animal; one false move by either packer or packee and you've got a wreck. Riley's load was lighter than Jed's, so I elected to unload her. She's very collaborative at that type of stuff, so off the kitchen boxes started to come.

Wouldn't you know it, in the middle of this delicate operation, along came a lone hiker named Shane, wanting to cross the bridge from the opposite direction? After getting one box off, I paused to ask if he was in a hurry. He said “no”, my camp is already set up.” Luckily, he was content to watch the show, stood back and was not overly anxious to help. Finally the boxes were safely unloaded and stood on the edge of the bridge abutments.

Shane, who was watching from the bridge, had to walk back to the other side as I led Riley across, unloaded. This bridge crossing was far spookier for me than it was for Riley. As we stepped out onto the plywood deck, I realized it had not been speced out to hold a mule! Yikes! The plywood deck on the bridge under Riley's foot sounded awful thin! Oooh, I was steppin' light, trying to set an example for the girl. All I could imagine was Riley putting a foot through the probably half inch plywood, exploding it into splinters and torn flesh within seconds. Gulp. Some how we made it over and back to the scene of the crime.

It was then time for her to get around Jed with only her pack saddle on. Piece-o-cake. He got a little belligerent though. The brute stood his ground, not giving Riley quite as much room as he was before. He had his reasons; he no longer felt so much compassion for Riley Girl because all she had on was her pack saddle. He had, including tack, over 200 pounds mantied on his back. In his mind, he was standing close enough to the edge of a steep, rocky bank down into the drink. On the side that Riley was to pass, there was a bit of an inside curve to the trail, although her bank was every bit as bad as Jed's. She disliked the look of this deal even more than the big step down off the ledge. She thought about it long and hard. She got to nudging Jed's pack with the front bronze arch of her Ray Holes pack saddle. In fact, she was getting in, under his load a bit, trying to push up and over. She was doing this of her own will. I was behind Jed, at the end of her loosely held lead rope. She did however; know what I wanted her to do. I felt no need to do much sweet talking or tautening of her lead rope. I was letting her do her own analysis. She had Frank mesmerized with her facial gestures, body movements, and quite frankly (no pun intended), train of thought. Frank was falling in love. Unfortunately, Jed was unimpressed and was not “giving to pressure”.

Riley Girl finally decided she could do it and leapt across the bend in the trail! The bronze arches of her pack saddle hung up a bit on Jed's manty, but she had tested it sufficiently to be convinced it would give enough to not hang her up and throw her into the nasty fall down

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into the creek. She made it, sending me scrambling to get out of her way. She didn't tell me she was thinking of jumping! Frank and I were jubilant. I led Riley up to the top; Frank got Jed turned around and led him up too. We let Shane go by. He didn't say much.

Today, with the hind site of a couple thousand miles, one of the reasons Riley balked at the jump is because her lead rope was only 11 feet long. She didn't want to crash into me. As I said, she sent me scrambling to get out of her way.

I led Riley back down to reload her beloved kitchen boxes. It was not an easy assignment for a Packer. It was more difficult to load her than to unload her on that narrow trail; steep rocky banks off into the drink on both sides. Complicating the situation, she now thought we were preparing to cross the bridge again. I finessed one box on, but she kept thinking we were preparing to cross the bridge. I had to tie the tail of the loaded kitchen box lash rope across the bridge to make a closed the gate. Talk about a delicate operation! My being on the edge of the trail loading those boxes, I was the one to take the 30 foot tumble down to the water. With some tight risk calculations and some strain, the boxes were lashed on and we proceeded on up to Cottonwood campground. Frank, not having had much time around mules was mesmerized by their intelligence, will, and degrees of cooperativeness. I call it Mule Logic.

The outcome of our side trip to see Ribbon Falls turned out to be avoiding the bridge wreck. It was now past time to be headed to Cottonwood Camp Ground. Phil and Elizabeth had been holding Bernie at the top and could not see

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the show from there. They decided to lead Bernie on ahead and get started making camp. Frank and I started up the trail with the two mules. About a half mile up, I discovered Riley was missing her Easy Boot. I held the two animals while Frank went back to find the Boot. It was going to be fairly easy to find since the distance was not great and we had not been off the trail. I waited and waited. Finally, I started to lead the two animals back to see what the problem was. I met Frank on the trail. Someone had seen the Boot and put it up on a rock, where someone looking on the ground would not see it...

Except, about half a mile up the trail, I discovered Riley had lost her easy boot in the ordeal. Frank went back to find it. I waited...and waited. Finally I started back down to find out what happened to him. It turned out, someone had seen the black rubber easy boot, picked it up and set it on top of a rock where it could be easily seen. Trouble is, Frank was understandably looking down on the trail. Frank did finally spot it and life really was good this time.

In the meantime Phil and Elizabeth, not able to see the show from the

top, had decided to take Bernie on up to Cottonwood campground. Of course, being separated from her herd, she became very cantankerous. She is my salad mule, but in this case was packing the gold plated hay. Phil, not knowing any better, and exacerbated her bad mood by stacking the hay just barely out of her reach from in the corral. Phil's protracted altercation with Bernie was the low point of the trip for him. It was my fault; I should have known that Bernie would resent being separated from the herd.

After these first two days; actually after the first day, all of our feet were hamburger. We were all glad to be settling into a camp for two nights. Things were going anything but smoothly, but we were this far and still all in one piece and speaking to one another. The mules were healthy, that's important. We smoothed out whatever rough edges there were by breaking out the traditional margaritas. I have a simple margarita mix for the trail; tequila and lemon-lime Gatorade, filtered Creek water, no shaved ice. We were eating pretty high on the hog too. My guests had food assignments but aren't all that

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weight conscious. "Guiding" ain't all it's cracked up to be. In this case, the food that was brought was wonderful, but a bit heavy. The flipside was Wendy cursing me under her breath for overloading the animals. Like I said, the mules were healthy and eating all they wanted, so life was good at this camp, sort of.

We did decide to delegate some authority. Phil and Elizabeth were in charge of food preparation. Frank was in charge of the kitchen. It was a bit windy that first evening. By that time, Frank had the experience of setting up and tearing down the kitchen boxes about three times. As any leader is expected, I had noticed out of the corner of my eye, this fourth set up of his looked a bit wobbly. That evening, the wind picked up and blew the assembly over. Among other things, this sent the stove flying down and embankment. I half anticipated this would happen, however I have a really tough time balancing instruction with expectation of others responsibility.

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## DECEMBER EVENTS

**SBBCH Monthly Meeting**-Thursday, December 04, 2008, La Costa Restaurant, Emmett ID, Social Hour: 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM. CONTACT: Ellen Knapp: [president@sbbchidaho.org](mailto:president@sbbchidaho.org) 208-365-0737.

**Annual Christmas Party**-Saturday, December 06, 2008. Bring a dish to pass (including serving spoon) and your favorite beverage. SBBCH will provide the meat, pop, paper products, and utensils. Bring a White Elephant for each person attending. The White elephant should be under \$10. The intention of a White Elephant gift is that it is not new, but is 'recycled'. Something you got as a gift or purchased but don't want, something in good shape that you have never used or something gently used. LOCATION: Charles & Ellen's home - Spirit Horse Ranch, Emmett. TIME: 6PM - 'til the cows come home. CONTACT: < [www.sbbchidaho.org](http://www.sbbchidaho.org) >Ellen Knapp [president@sbbchidaho.org](mailto:president@sbbchidaho.org) 208-398-7279.

**Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen – Chartered 3/92  
10/2/2008 Regular Meeting Minutes**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>
Adams, Rob & Linda	Rob
Argo, Doug & Teri	
Armstrong, Tom & Char	
Becker, Mike & Carol	
Berggren, Leon & Margaret	
Beyer, Tracy & Trisha	
Burak, Nadine	
Buthman, Tony & Tami	x
Carloy, Karen	
Carpenter, Vern & Judy	
Conger, Bill & Marybeth	x
Creamer, Kelley & Trudy	
Davis, Justin	
Forman, Shell	
Foruria, Tony & Lisa	
Gaskell & Brasfield, Lou Ann & Bill	
Gertch, Shane & Korenia	
Gilmore, Kristin	
Gudmundsen, Bob	

<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>
Guinn, Letti	
Halone, Josh & Ester	
Harding, Bruce	
Hays, Linda	x
Hoffer, Rick & Vanice	Vanice
Holt, Bill & Chris	x
Howard, Bob & Christy	Bob
Howard, Diana	
Howard, Donna	x
Jarman, John & Ava	
Kayser, Gary & Rochelle	
King, George & Margie	
Knapp, Geraldine	
Lemon, Jake	
Lowe, Bill & Linda	
Lox & Knapp, Charles & Ellen	x
MacDonald, Terry & Gail	
Mallea & Collins, Ken & Nancy	
McFarlane, Timothy & Tempe	

<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>
Murphy, Dan & Brad	
Nail, Ed	
Phillips, Dan & Linda	Linda
Pitzer, David & Patricia	
Poertner, Robert	
Roelofsz, Joy	
Ryan, Phil & Kay	x
Schantz, Shannon	x
Schindele, Robbin	x
Seel, Jon & Dianne	
Selkirk, William	
Stroeder, Joanna	x
Truax, Ralph & Sharon	
Waddell, Gina	
Webb, Erika	
West, Alasya	
Wight, Ron & Judy	
Wood, Jack	

**2008 SBBCH Officers and Board of Directors:**

President: Ellen Knapp, Vice President: Tami Buthman, Treasurer: Charles Lox,  
Secretary: Linda Phillips, Linda Hays, Past President: Ellen Knapp  
State Directors (2): Joanna Stroeder (2), Robbin Schindele (1), Alternate State Director: Phil Ryan  
Foundation 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 of Guests:** Bruce & Marcia Nave, Tess Lytle

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Motion to approve the September Meeting Minutes by Robbin Schindele, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Holt and carried

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Beginning Checking Account Balance:** \$ 9714.01

**Deposits:** \$ 73.73

**Expenses:** \$ 0.00

**Ending Checking Account Balance:** \$ 9787.74

**Total:** \$ 9787.74

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Marybeth Conger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joanna Stroeder and carried

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Liaison Report:** Leon Berggren absent

**State Directors Report:**

- Phil Ryan - picking up state calendars on Monday, by Wednesday our chapter should get our copies. We will decide how to get them passed out.
- Update on Pistol Creek Bridge – they are going to rebuild the bridge. The engineer will come from Salt Lake. They have no money, it won't be this year. We have to keep bugging them so that it will be rebuilt.
- State convention in Salmon on Nov 14 and 15 - Phil will be in Kansas and Joanna has to work so someone needs to go to represent our chapter. Marybeth and Rob will go. Robbin nominated MaryBeth as interim state director for voting at the convention, Joanna seconded and carried. We need pictures of historical work that the chapter has done, Ellen will look through CD's and get those done for the convention.

**Education & Foundation Reports:** Margaret Berggren absent

**Work Projects and Rides Report:** Rob Adams

- Riding season is almost over, we cleared a lot of trail and we should be proud of our efforts
- West Mountain Again – Results – trail is now clear



- Diamond Basin Fun Ride – Results - great success, very dusty, 6 folks came, great trail
- Packers Play Day – 10/18 at Circle G River Ranch, non-competitive, really fun. Ellen was contacted by Tonya Leonard of Gem/Boise 4-H program. They are trying to raise money to send kids to a national event. She suggested they provide food for play day and ask for donations. Monetary donation from SBBCH to 4-H to defer food expenses? If we donate money to them then they will be responsible for set up, serving and clean up. Robbin Schindele made motion to donate \$150.00, Phil Ryan seconded. Unanimously carried. Robbin and Ellen will work with them on getting this set up. We will provide the paper products. Advertising for our event is in the papers.
- November – one more ride in the Owyhees. Road cleanup
- December – Christmas party
- SBBCH Volunteer hours – need to submit (Linda H)
- Rob has been talking to Cascade Ranger District, Emmett Ranger District and Payette Ranger District for projects for next year. We need to start thinking about what we want to do. There was lots of work done on Peace Creek Trail this summer. We should go up and take a look at it next year.
- Tony – Heartland Chapter did some work on the Arlene trail. They want to work with us next summer on completing the trail. They want us to work from the top and meet them, coming up from the bottom. They have cleared about two miles.
- Phil mentioned how many volunteer hours the BCHA donated in 2007, over \$5.6 million in value to the public, the highest ever in the 22 years of organization's existence, over \$37 million in value to the public over the last 13 years.
- Payette National Park released newsletter, south fork of Salmon River, lower half of Frank Church. 470 miles of trail cleared this year. They worked on major trail routes into Chamberlin Basin and Big Creek.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Incorporation and Idaho Secretary of State Registration – Ellen - Bill will have it done next week.
- Calendar orders – Linda H - we are at 171 promised calendars. Charles will solicit our advertisers in our newsletter when the calendars come in.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Newsletters – on-line vs smail – if you want a hardcopy let Ellen know
- Robbin needs volunteers to answer phones at Boise State Radio Fall membership drive. Robbin will let everyone know the dates
- Joanna - Cabellas is looking for non-profits to come in any time to advertise organizations. Robbin suggested that we wait until close to our pack clinic so we could advertise our event. Charles suggested that we also do it in November/December. Others suggested maybe February just prior to Horse Affairs. Members will have to volunteer to take a day. Kay suggested we might need to have some sort of portable displays. Bill suggested we ask them if we could demonstrate packing on a mannequin horse. It would be a demonstration but also a membership drive to promote BCH. We need to decide what the focus will be for each one. Joanna will talk to Cabellas. Tony suggested that rather than commit to a certain number of times we should see what our feedback is after the first time. Tony suggested a committee be formed. Joanna will chair, Tony, Robbin and Phil will be on the committee. Anyone else can join. Discussion continued.
- Life Flight – discussion needs to happen because we ran out of memberships last year.

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#### NOTICES

- Emmett Fall Festival, River Through Time – Ellen - Emmett Gem Island Sports Complex, Free, Saturday and Sunday 10AM – 5PM
  - Cowboy Horsemanship – Joanna - Last clinic had a terrible turn out. There will be a Colt starting clinic in Vale on 10/11, \$10/person. Clinic working on building trust with your horse, laying them down will be held at Red Top Blazer Ranch, Wilder, 10/26, (208)834-2363, cell (208)598-3189, limited to 12 horses, \$50
  - Hidden Valley Ranch – horse sale – paints, contact Joanna
  - Tony – Northwest Horse Source – nice article on things that can happen on the trail
  - Rob – reminder – if you go on a ride, submit an article for the newsletter
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  - Ellen again passed out free software to anyone who wanted it
- Door Prize Winner:** MaryBeth Conger



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Respectfully submitted by Linda Phillips, Secretary, SBBCH

**Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen – Chartered 3/92  
11/6/2008 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Name	Present
Adams, Rob & Linda	x
Argo, Doug & Teri	
Armstrong, Tom & Char	
Becker, Mike & Carol	
Berggren, Leon & Margaret	
Beyer, Tracy & Trisha	
Burak, Nadine	
Buthman, Tony & Tami	x
Carloy, Karen	
Carpenter, Vern & Judy	
Conger, Bill & Marybeth	x
Creamer, Kelley & Trudy	
Davis, Justin	x
Forman, Shell	
Foruria, Tony & Lisa	
Gaskell & Brasfield, Lou Ann & Bill	
Gertch, Shane & Korenia	
Gilmore, Kristin	
Gudmundsen, Bob	

Name	Present
Guinn, Letti	
Halone, Josh & Ester	
Harding, Bruce	
Hays, Linda	x
Hoffer, Rick & Vanice	
Holt, Bill & Chris	x
Howard, Bob & Christy	
Howard, Diana	
Howard, Donna	
Jarman, John & Ava	
Kayser, Gary & Rochelle	
King, George & Margie	
Knapp, Geraldine	
Lemon, Jake	
Lowe, Bill & Linda	
Lox & Knapp, Charles & Ellen	x
MacDonald, Terry & Gail	
Mallea & Collins, Ken & Nancy	
McFarlane, Timothy & Tempe	

Name	Present
Murphy, Dan & Brad	x
Nail, Ed	
Phillips, Dan & Linda	Linda
Pitzer, David & Patricia	
Poertner, Robert	
Roelofsz, Joy	
Ryan, Phil & Kay	Kay
Schantz, Shannon	x
Schindele, Robbin	
Seel, Jon & Dianne	
Selkirk, William	
Stroeder, Joanna	x
Truax, Ralph & Sharon	
Waddell, Gina	
Webb, Erika	
West, Alasya	
Wight, Ron & Judy	
Wood, Jack	

**2008 SBBCH Officers and Board of Directors:**

**President:** Ellen Knapp, **Vice President:** Tami Buthman, **Treasurer:** Charles Lox,  
**Secretary:** Linda Phillips, Linda Hays, **Past President:** Ellen Knapp  
**State Directors (2):** Joanna Stroeder (2), Robbin Schindele (1), **Alternate State Director:** Phil Ryan  
**Foundation 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 of Guests:** Jennifer McCown, Dale Parker

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING**

Motion to approve the September Meeting Minutes by Rob Adams, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Adams and carried

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Beginning Checking Account Balance:** \$9787.74

**Deposits:** \$1000.00 calendars (will go to the state)

**Expenses:** \$254.62 (stamps \$4.62, Gem Boise 4H \$150.00, Crohns & Colitis Foundation Memorial to Sally \$100.00)

**Ending Checking Account Balance:** \$10533.12

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Joanna Stroeder, 2<sup>nd</sup> by MaryBeth Conger and carried

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Liaison Report:** Leon Berggren absent, Ellen reported

- BLM sponsoring Four Rivers Resource Management Plan Economic Workshops to discuss conditions, trends and strategies with BLM managers and staff. The results from these workshops will be used as background in the development of the Resource Management Plan (RMP) and its associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Field Office. See email from Ellen.
- Forest Service has provided an interim final rule on the new Forest Service Trails Classification System. See email from Ellen.

**State Directors Report:** Joanna Stroeder, Robbin Schindele, Phil Ryan

- **November Convention:** Joanna will not be able to make it to state convention in Salmon. Mary Beth – the convention is the one time we as members can make our voice heard to the state directors. Every chapter can have eight people voting. Anyone who wants to go, can, see MaryBeth. Phil, MaryBeth and Robbin going, Nov 14 & 15.
- **AIS (Animal Identification System)** - MaryBeth - needs input on AIS from Squaw Butte chapter, support or not? – This program would be implemented by Department of Agriculture in animals, it does apply to equines. It could be mandatory, it is voluntary now. Pros - if problem with disease can track animals. Cons - Big Brother, general rule. Idaho Horse Council is supporting this due to health reasons. It has been discussed at state level. The tag would have GPS capability. Tony - There would have to be a property id for this to happen – would be a huge paper chase. Most horse organizations throughout the country are against it. Discussion. We have serious concerns about

implementation and scope. Tony made a motion to send a directive to state directors that we as a chapter do NOT support AIS as currently written. Chris Holt seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Education & Foundation Reports:** Margaret Berggren absent

MaryBeth Conger reported that she and her co-chair have been working for six months on updating the education brochure. New information on Safety, Membership Growth, Minimum Impact Equine Camping: Leave No Trace. All information will come back to the chapters after the convention; the information will also be on the state web site in 2-3 weeks.

**Work Projects and Rides Report:**

- Packer's Play Day report –3<sup>rd</sup> year. Some standard events, some not. Rob shared some of the events. 4-H did lunch, that turned out great. Ellen read thank you note from 4-H they received \$397.20 between our donation and food donations. It will help them to go to Nationals. About 90 people attended, over 60 horses. It was a great day, good mix of kids and adults.
- Linda H and Rob went to Tripod Peak, beautiful day; saw a beautiful golden eagle. Rob's horse was in extreme discomfort on the way down (6 miles). He had to lead him all the way home. The horse was treated for colic at the vet and Rob will lose both toenails. Lessons learned: Good idea to take shoes you can walk in. Be sure to monitor your horse carefully when riding. Always carry first aid kit, even on a day ride.
- Owyhee Fun Ride – 11/8 – weather is iffy. Rob will not be able to go. Hard Trigger area. If nice weather Ellen will lead.
- Highway Cleanup – 11/15 – Charles in charge, Rob will be there. Just show up at 10 am at Wild Rose Park.
- SBBCH Volunteer Hours – We did the most hours in the 4 years we have been tracking with a total value of \$62,901.30. Rob is hoping to build an online form to track hours for next year. Rob & Judy Wight plan to update the technology on the current web site over the winter.
- Christmas party at Ellen & Charles on Dec 6, there will be a committee formed to organize.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Incorporation and Idaho Secretary of State Registration – Ellen will send in tomorrow, then Charles can take our money to a bank to invest in a CD
- Calendar orders – pick up calendars from Linda, pay Charles. Some calendars were sold at the Play Day. Charles has been selling them around town.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Elections – Tami - We need nominating committee members – Chris Holt is currently the only one on the committee, we need two more people. We also need people to volunteer to run for open positions. Contact Tami or Chris if interested.
- Cabela's demo – Joanna – MaryBeth, Bill and Joanna will be doing a demo on Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> similar to what we do at Horse Expo. Bill is building a pseudo horse, MaryBeth will demonstrate back country cooking, Joanna will explain BCH. It was asked if we could sell calendars, Jennifer McCown from Cabela's will look into it. The event will be advertised online on Cabela's web site and in the Idaho Statesman. Tony asked if we should get a DVD player for a slide show. Justin Davis said Cabelas has TV's that we could use to show a DVD if we wanted to. Justin said there is a special sale at Cabela's by invitation only on Nov 21, 22, and 23. Any SBBCH member who comes in will get the employee discount pricing on any item. Go to Justin's desk in the Gun Library, get coupon, use it and then return to Justin. If he is not there, his staff will be there.
- Pole Saw – Tony - talked about high branches that need to be cut on trails but cannot be reached. If we had a pole saw we could eliminate some of that overhead or limbs that are so far off the trail you can't reach them. Discussion. Found some different pole saws (designed for limbing), most are too long to pack on a horse. Stihl has a smaller version that breaks down – can get different attachments to go on for additional money. Small \$190 – \$380 for power head. Pole saw attachment \$199.95. Linda A asked about Forest Service requirements. Rob will check with Forest Service. Maybe they will provide a saw for us. Discussion. It will be brought back to a follow up meeting and decide what we are going to do.
- Newsletter editor – Ellen - we need one or two people to volunteer to take over as Newsletter Editor. Ellen cannot continue to do it. Someone needs to think about taking this on for 2009.
- BCHA and BCHI forwarded emails – Ellen - articles printed in four different publications discussing BCH, great exposure. Heads-up regarding Grand Canyon trails that may become closed to traditional stock use. Outside stock no longer allowed down the trails.
- Rob – propose that we send calendars to our representatives and Governor Otter with letter on why we would like them to support the Heritage Bill. We are hoping Jim Risch is more sympathetic to our cause. Phil will follow up on this – they will come out of the state supply.
- Kay – calendars - as of today, 1550 calendars committed to be sold. Kay takes calendars to every organization she belongs to and businesses she goes to to sell calendars.
- Dues are due at the beginning of January. There are a limited number of Life Flight memberships, first come, first served. \$51 for family includes two Life Flight memberships. \$31 for single includes one Life Flight membership.

**NOTICES**

- Joanna – abandoned horses are being left in the Owyhees. Sheriff dispatcher brought two of them home. Ada Co Sheriff's department sent a load of hay to Owyhee Sheriff. Tack shop sent a grooming kit. Vaccines donated by Joanna's clinic. Interviewing someone who may take them now. There are still at least two more out there.
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**Door Prize Winners:** Joanna Stroeder – picture frame, Linda Adams – picture frame, Kay Ryan – boot scraper

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