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

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The year 2007 was very busy for the Squaw Butte chapter of the Backcountry Horsemen of Idaho.

The chapter had two major goals for the year. One goal was to increase our outreach efforts to the public and to other horse and back country user oriented organizations in Southwestern Idaho. A major emphasis was placed on doing more activities with the youth groups in our area, most notably the local 4-H chapters. Squaw Butte also increased participation in statewide BCHI activities by hosting the BCHI Convention in Lewiston. The second major goal was to work with the Boise National Forest team out of Emmett, Idaho restoring trails damaged by fires the last couple of seasons.

Our goals were fulfilled in a number of ways. The chapter continued to support the efforts 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 between recreation groups. We also joined the Idaho Sportsmen's Caucus Advisory Counsel.

This group has over 20,000 members and their goals are closely aligned with Back Country Horsemen of America.

In February, chapter members manned the BCHI booth at the Horse Affair, located at the Western Idaho State Fair grounds in Boise, and held a fun ride and BBQ that was open to the public.

In March the chapter held its fifth annual "Backcountry Skills Day" at the Circle-G River Ranch in Emmett. This is 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, respectively. Additional sessions included wilderness medical care (human and stock), Leave No Trace techniques, packing skills, meal planning and Dutch oven cooking, great places to ride and camping with horses. Dr. David Hayes presented "Inside Your Horse's Mind", a program on how to safely work around a horse while you are on the ground with him. It was very well received and we hope to have him back for the 2008 Clinic.

The chapter also held a ride in the Birds of Prey area of the Snake River Canyon that was very well attended.

In April SBBCH hosted the BCHI convention in Lewiston, that included running a very successful raffle and auction which helped fill the State and chapter coffers. Breakfast and a tasty dinner were available to all who attended the convention. Members of other chapters commented on our efforts, and all had a great time. Members of the Squaw Butte chapter also presented sessions at the Outdoor Show in Lewiston held in conjunction with the 2007 BCHI convention.

At the end of April, chapter members manned the BCHI booth at the Horse Expo held by the Idaho Horse Council at the Nampa Horse Center. Chapter members also provided a challenge grant to KBSU, our local PBS station, and manned the phones during their spring funds drive. Robbin Schindele and Rob Adams talked about BCHI during the breaks while asking radio listeners to pledge to the station.

Chapter members, working with the Salmon River Chapter and the Forest Service, took

part in a five day Back Country Skills clinic for Forest Service Personnel. This clinic was held at the Nampa Horse Center and was a huge success getting very positive reviews from all who attended. Squaw Butte provided experienced packers, like Bob Howard Sr., and a lot of the training material used at the clinic.

May activities were aimed at getting stock and riders in shape for the season. These included a wild horse survey ride in the 4-Mile wild horse area north of Emmett; a moonlight ride, open to the public, east of Emmett beyond the Gem Cycle Park; and a horse camping trip to Cuddy Mountain over the Memorial Day weekend.

June 7 was National Trails Day. One team from Squaw Butte took a "B" level sawyer class from the Emmett Ranger District. Having this training greatly increased what work we can do in fire damaged areas. Another group worked on the Peace Creek trail with local rangers. This trail was damaged by the 2006 fires and is very popular so getting it back into shape was a high priority of the district.

Squaw Butte spent a weekend at Bull Trout Lake working on

the popular Kirkham Ridge and Gates Creek trails. Both trails passed through burn areas from many different fire years. Older burn areas often have lots of down fall that needs to be cleared.

July found us working with Francis White back in the Peace Creek area. For the last couple of years Francis has been rehabbing the Devil's Slide trail that joins the Peace Creek trail at the Tranquil Basin saddle. This trail needed extensive work, including removal of downfall from old burns, posting signs and cutting out brush. The team spent two full days, but the trail was again ready for use.

Our second trail project in the Lowman District was cancelled due to a major fire burning in the area. Instead we surveyed the Bucks Lake Basin trail system. This is a little used trail system in the Payette National Forest.

In August we spent two weekends on West Mountain doing work on four of the most scenic local trails.

In September the chapter hosted the 3rd Annual Gem/Boise Country 4-H Treasure Hunt Ride east of the Gem Cycle Park in Emmett. This event is popular with local

riders and the Gem/Boise 4-H Horse Program receives all proceeds from this ride. It has also been a very successful recruiting event for SBBCH. Later in the month members were again on West Mountain doing a survey of the south end of West Mountain trail.

October events included the Regan Peak fun ride and subsequent BBQ and the Packers Play Day, a fun skills event in the arena, sponsored by Squaw Butte and held at the Circle G River Ranch in Emmett. This arena day includes a number of gymkhana events and a trail obstacle course. This year was well attended and all had a great time.

November events included a public trail ride along the Snake River and our adopt a highway clean up of a section of Highway 52.

December activities were the annual Christmas party and the start of the planning for the 2008 season which will be as busy and productive as the 2007 year was.



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MOOSELY'S BLOG



By Moosely Adams

December 2007. I would like to introduce a new member of my family. Our human Rob adopted another mustang for our herd. Payette was born in the Owyhee Mountains and was gathered with his mother in July. Payette and his mother were adopted at the BLM August event and spent a couple of months with his new family. His new family was also new to horses and after a while decided that maybe their first horses should not be an un-gentled mare and her colt. They asked the BLM to please look for a more suitable home for them. Rob went down to the BLM corrals to have a look at Payette and his mom and liked what he saw. Payette was old enough to be separated from his mom, so the first week of December, Payette was picked up and brought to our ranch.

Rob thought that Payette would be happier if he had a couple of friends to make him feel at home, without having to deal with our whole herd. For the first couple of days, April the old nanny goat, and Payette

bunked together in the corral while I hung out in the big pasture and talked to him through the fence. He was lonely and pretty nervous. His mom was nowhere to be found, and there were lot of new sounds, sites and smells that he wasn't sure about. And then there was that goat. He wasn't afraid of her, but she looked and smelled funny. After a couple of days I was invited into the corral, to formally meet him. We checked each other out, and shared some good grass hay. That night I was put back into the main pasture and Payette and the goat shared the corral.

During these first few days, Rob spent a lot of time sitting in the corral letting Payette get use to him being around. It didn't take Payette long to get used to the site, movements and smells of a human. Rob then started working on touch. Rob would corner Payette either in the corral or the stock trailer being used as a shelter. Rob would clip a lead rope to his halter, and then gently touch him on the neck, sides and back. I can tell Payette

liked it because he didn't try to run away and he would make chewing motions with his ears forward. Rob is gentle and moves very slowly talking to Payette all the while. When Rob finishes the touch lesson on the left side he repeats it on the right side. I think Payette is doing pretty well, I have seen rob hold his feet, which was something I never liked and scratch him behind his ears which is something I do like.

Payette now has the run of the big pasture and boy does he like that. He goes zooming around, bucking and kicking. We play different horse games until he gets tired and then I let him nap while I graze a bit. While I would rather be with the rest of my herd, I am enjoying being Payette's buddy and mentor. I figure the sooner I show him the ropes the sooner we can both rejoin the main herd.

Editor's Note: Moosely's Blog will be a regular feature as we all watch the progress this young horse makes through his first year with SBBCH.



Proposed 2008 Activity Calendar

Editor's Note: Many of the locations for these events have yet to be determined (TBD) so if you have a suggestion for a ride or project please let us know by emailing: projects@sbbchidaho.org or calling Rob Adams @ 208.584.3780

JANUARY

SBBCH Monthly Meeting-Thursday, January 03, 2008-La Costa Restaurant, Emmett ID

Leadership Meeting- Saturday, January 12, 2008- 1:00 PM Ellen and Charles' house All members are welcome only officers can vote.

FEBRUARY

SBBCH Monthly Meeting-Thursday, February 07, 2008-La Costa Restaurant, Emmett ID

Horse Affairs Expo-Friday-Sunday, February 15, 16 & 17 2008 - Idaho Fair Grounds, Volunteers needed to help set up Friday AM, possibly man the booth Friday afternoon, evening, man the booth Sunday & strike the booth

Celebration Park Fun Ride-Saturday February 23, 2008 [DIRECTIONS](#)

MARCH

First Aid Certification Class- Saturday, March 01, 2008 (**tentative date**) Emmett Ranger District HQ, Hwy 52 Emmett

SBBCH Monthly Meeting- Thursday, March 06, 2008-La Costa Restaurant, Emmett ID

Little Butte BBQ & Fun Ride- Saturday, March 15, 2008- Fun ride on Little Butte leaves from Ellen & Charles' at 10:00 AM. Potluck BBQ & Dutch Oven cookin' after (approximately 2:00 PM)

Backcountry Skills Clinic-Saturday, March 29, 2008-Circle G Ranch

APRIL

SBBCH Monthly Meeting-Thursday, April 03, 2008-La Costa Restaurant, Emmett ID

BCHI Convention & Backcountry Outdoor Show-Friday, April 11-13, 2008-Lewiston Fair Grounds

IDAHO HORSE EXPO-Friday, April 19-20, 2008- Nampa Horse Center - Volunteers needed to help set up Friday AM, possibly man the booth Friday afternoon, evening, man the booth Sunday & strike the booth

SBBCH Run Ride - Hard Trigger-Saturday, April 26, 2008- Owyhee's [DIRECTIONS](#)

MAY

SBBCH Monthly Meeting-Thursday, May 01, 2008-La Costa Restaurant, Emmett ID

Road Cleanup-Saturday, May 07, 2008-Wild Rose Park, Hwy 52 north of Emmett

SBBCH Fun Ride-Saturday, May 10, 2008-Squaw Butte Wild Horse Management Area, [DIRECTIONS](#)

Sawyer Safety Training- Saturday May 17, 2008- Emmett Ranger District HQ, Hwy 52 Emmett

Memorial Day Horse Camping Weekend-May 24-26, 2008- **LOCATION TBD**

SBBCH Yard Sale – Saturday, May 31 we will be having a fund raiser yard sale from 8am till 4 pm in Emmett. You have lots of time to get all of your valuable junk (treasures) gathered up. Any usable items will work, tack, yard, kitchen, sports, kids toys, tools, misc. Anything of value. We will need some volunteers with pickups to help with hauling, advertising, set up, put some signs out and cleanup afterwards. If you cannot deliver your treasures in the morning call me and I will arrange pickup sometime during the previous week, anything that does not sell will be donated to the Idaho Youth Ranch unless other arrangements are made. For more info call Terry Macdonald at 365-9059

JUNE

SBBCH Monthly Meeting-Thursday, June 05, 2008-La Costa Restaurant, Emmett ID

National Trails Day-Saturday, June 07, 2008- **LOCATION TBD**

Trail Project- June 21-22, 2008- Wapati Meadow Ranch, Yellowpine, ID

JULY

SBBCH Monthly Meeting-Thursday, July 03, 2008-La Costa Restaurant, Emmett ID

Beginners Pack Trip- July 4-6, 2008 - Corduroy Meadows, Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness This will be a camping weekend for all. If you don't have pack stock we'll pack you in to and out of the camp site. If you're a novice packer we'll see that you get the supervision you need to make the trip safely with your own animals.

Trail Project - July 19-20, 2008

AUGUST

West Mountain Weekend- August 2-3, 2008- **LOCATION TBD**

SBBCH Monthly Meeting-Thursday, August 07, 2008-La Costa Restaurant, Emmett ID

Trail Project- August 23-24, 2008- **LOCATION TBD**

SEPTEMBER

SBBCH Monthly Meeting-Thursday, September 04, 2008-La Costa Restaurant, Emmett ID

4th Annual 4H Trail Ride-Saturday, September 13, 2008- **LOCATION TBD**

Fun Ride- Saturday, September 27, 2008 **LOCATION TBD**

OCTOBER

SBBCH Monthly Meeting-Thursday, October 02, 2008-La Costa Restaurant, Emmett ID

SBBCH Fun Ride & BBQ-Saturday, October 11, 2008- Regan Peak, Sweet, ID BBQ at Rob & Linda Adams'

SBBCH Packers Play Day - Public invited-Saturday, October 25, 2008-Circle G Ranch

Squaw Butte members joined Back Country Horsemen to get out of the arena and into the mountains. On this day, we are going to reverse that. Come join the local 4H riders and guest for a day of fun on horses at the Circle G River Ranch. This year it would be nice if the adults won at least one event! There are a number of jobs required to host events like this, so volunteers are needed. [DIRECTIONS](#)

NOVEMBER

SBBCH Monthly Meeting-Thursday, November 06, 2008-La Costa Restaurant, Emmett ID

Owyhee Fun Ride-Saturday, November 08, 2007- **LOCATION TBD**

Road Cleanup - Saturday, 10:00-12:00 AM November 15, 2008- Wild Rose Park Hwy 52 north of Emmett

DECEMBER

SBBCH Monthly Meeting-Thursday, December 04, 2007-La Costa Restaurant, Emmett ID

Christmas Party-Saturday, December 06, 2007- The party will be at Ellen and Charles house. If you would like to volunteer to help set up or clean up please contact Ellen Knapp or Sally Schindele (see Contact Us page for contact info.)



BACK COUNTRY SKILLS DAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2008

PRESENTED BY: SQUAW BUTTE BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF IDAHO

LOCATION: INDOOR ARENA & CLASSROOM AT CIRCLE G RANCH IN
EMMETT, ID.

VISIT [HTTP://WWW.CIRCLEGRIVERRANCH.COM](http://www.circlegriverranch.com) FOR DIRECTIONS.

TIME: DOORS OPEN AT 07:30 AND SESSIONS START AT 08:30.
IT WILL FINISH AROUND 4:30 OR
WHEN THE LAST QUESTION HAS BEEN ANSWERED.

COST: \$10 PER ATTENDEE OR \$20 FOR A FAMILY (CHECKS PLEASE)
FREE TO CURRENT BCHI MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES

INCLUDED: ALL CLASSES, HANDS ON SESSIONS, COURSE MATERIAL
ON A CD IN PDF FORMAT, THE DVD "HORSE SENSE" AND LUNCH.
THE PACKING CLASSES WILL BE USING LIVE STOCK AND ARE
VERY HANDS ON.

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