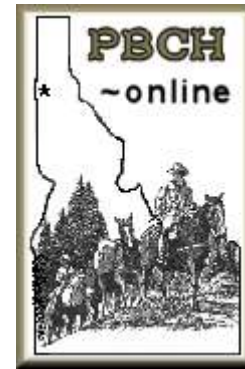


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Saddlebags

By Jerry Shriner, president

Our May meeting featured a member of the US Border Patrol describing their use of mustangs in their mounted units working along the US/Canadian border. It would have come as no surprise to those of you familiar with wild mustangs that these horses are a "can do" partner in the BP's work along that rugged border.

We talked at some length about the Line Cr Horse Camp project and this is a good opportunity to share that information with those not at the meeting. We have secured a \$500 grant from the BCHI Foundation and a \$1500 grant from Northwest Farm Credit Services for the project. We'll be separating the stock use area from the rest of the camp ground, creating two additional sites with feed bunks in the stock only area, installing steel fire rings, brushing out trails and generally sprucing up the area. The trail boss for the project (me) will be on site 6/8-14. There is a lot of work to be done and we hope to complete it by the 14th. If you plan to help, let me know when so we can plan. Development of the Line Cr. Campground was a PBCH project before my time so I ask a couple people who were there to talk about their recollections. Sharon Bruce sent me this: When I joined PBCH in 1986 the Line Creek Campground was just starting its planning stages. First time I went there it was just a dirt road in a field. Horse trailers parked randomly in a small field. Joe Swendig was president and we helped plan the campground with the F.S. It was at that time supposed to be stock use only. There was a lot of use then as 4 wheelers hadn't been invented. A lot of use from St. Maries etc. We had several planning meetings with the F.S. Our first work trip that I can recall was building several feed bunks. We did most of the cutting at one of the members home and transported them there installing over the weekend. We stayed in the F.S. rental cabin as it was very early spring. A large turnout with probably 15-20 members participating. A great time. Some of the members were Joe Swendig, Charlie Nagle, Harry Hoener, Randy Hansen, Marvin Hasse, Bob Shackelford who was a member and F.S. employee, myself and many more. Many other early projects included high lines, more feed bunks etc. Over the years the Line Creek trailhead has been one of the primary project areas we participated in. If I had to say total hours that have been put in on the trailhead alone it would easily surpass 1,000 hours. That doesn't include trail work. At that time there were about 40-50 members.

Information Corner

******On Loan:** The club has a Decker pack saddle and boxes it will loan out to members.

Please go to www.pbch.org and print out 2016 **membership form** and mail in. Please email Stan Smith, treasurer sdsmith7566@yahoo.com You can also sign up at any ride or event throughout the year!

2016 Calendars now available. These make great gifts: \$20. A great deal for you and the chapter. This year's prizes will be 11 - \$500 gift cards and a grand prize of a \$6000 gift card. This is a great fundraiser for the chapters in Idaho. Call Ray at 660-2907.

Remember to get your PBCH membership card which is good for **10% discount** on animal feed at the North 40 Store.

Life Flight memberships. The yearly dues are \$45 for BCHI members. Diane Shriner has membership applications. Her phone number is 667-2949 or email shriner.diane@gmail.com. Important to have in case of med evac emergency during trail riding or other events.

Classified Ads are free to members. Please send your information to newsletter editor Joni Lueck at jklhorserider@gmail.com

**** 2012 Razor for sale. Red and white. Nice 4-wheeler rig with roof and windshield available. Razor trailer available also.**

Call Joni at 659-9066.

**** Looking for good small trail horse at 14.1 or 14.2. Call Bea Christopherson at 651-6748.**



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Calendar of Events Subject to change. All events are members only unless otherwise stated. No dogs.

June

June 8-14 Line Creek Work Project, trail boss Jerry Shriner email jerryshriner@gmail.com

Wednesday, June 15, PBCH monthly meeting, 6360 4th St., Dalton Gardens City Hall.

Saturday, June 18, Trail Clearing Chilco Mtn. This is a work party. Horses should be in shape. Karen Kimball, trail boss. RSVP. We'll meet at trail head at 9:00, bring lunch. If we get showers and questionable if we will clear, contact me at 772-2434 or 699-5268.

July

July 8-10 Snow Peak Work and fun ride. Jerry Shriner trail boss email jerryshriner@gmail.com for more information.

July 9 Appaloosa Museum and Palouse BCH Fundraiser: "Spirit of the West" Mystery Ride (Wine Ride) email museum@appaloosa.com
Pony Club Grounds, Deary, Idaho. Camping and horse pens available. Registration deadline July 1. Call 208-882-5578 ext. 279.

Saturday, July 16-17, Heyburn State Park fun ride and campout. Park Ranger Don West trail boss. Nice corrals and plenty of parking. Water available at trailhead along with port-a-potty. Must have park pass. Trail system is extensive. Most trails lead downhill at the start and then have riding trails on and around fairly flat areas. Some water crossings. Then a climb uphill back to the trailers and parking areas. Horses should be in shape for this ride. Some narrow trails also.

Wednesday, July 20, PBCH monthly meeting. Annual picnic/bbq at the park. 6360 4th St., Dalton Gardens City Hall.

Sunday, July 24 Local Mountain Bike Club is having a race at 4th of July Pass Rec. Area

Sunday, July 31, Antoine Peak fun ride. Located in Washington. Plenty of parking. Bring your lunch. Easy trail system with some climbing. Bev Syslo trail boss.

August

Saturday August 6, 4th of July Pass Rec Area fun ride. Bea Christopherson, trail boss.

September

Saturday, Sept. 10, 4th of July Pass Rec Area fun ride. Open to members and guests. Need trail boss.

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The sponsorships help the chapter's bottom line. They are inexpensive for members at \$10 per year. Non-members can become a sponsor also for \$30 per year. This includes your business card in the monthly newsletter Tails and Trails and also your card will be listed on the web site. This is a great price for advertising!

PBCH Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 18 3rd Wednesday of each month for summer.

The 6:30 PM program was a guest speaker from the Border Patrol, Agent Bryan D. Ford.

He presented a very interesting and informative slide show about the horses used, the territory covered and the various assignments from SAR to supplying the USFS with items needed in the back country.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Jerry Shriner.

Mary brought a guest, Howard Jones, he hopes to join and asked if anyone needed to exercise a horse, he would love to ride it, he presently is looking for a horse.

Both the Agenda and Meeting minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report read by Stan. Current Treasurer's Report was accepted by the membership, no motions were made.

Jerry reported that the \$1500.00 grant from N.W. Farm Credit was received for the Line Creek Project.

The \$500.00 grant from BCHI was also approved, but as Karen mentioned, PBCH may not receive the funds until next year's Convention, Karen said she would make inquiry for earlier payment.

Rides , Events and Projects:

Marie Creek clearing ride was very successful, Karen reported about 60 trees were cleared.

Arnie reported on the Blue Creek ride, Joni was trail boss and Arnie and Peggy Cecil were the only riders, Arnie commented it is a great ride, close in and short for anyone who wants a nice ride and not a lot of time .

Line Creek Project: TBD

Firm dates are 3rd,4th and 5th of June. And again 10th,11th and 12th of June. Subject to change. See Calendar.

General goal is to segregate the general use campers from Horse facilities at the campground. We will be moving feed bunks and high lines to the far side of the camp ground.

Lots of brush removal, tools should be furnished USFS. We will bring some of ours.

Jerry said it is a very important detail, all hands are needed, please RSVP to Jerry Shriner.

Jerry is not brining horses although you can, Jerry is hauling a backhoe.

A Trail Boss is needed for the 4th of July Pass ride June 18th, please contact Jerry. The ride will be canceled if no one volunteers.

Chilco Clearing project was moved back from the 19th of June to the 18th. Will conflict with the fun ride at 4th of July, but Jerry said it's different riders.

June 25th's Treasure Ride was officially canceled even though the ride was tentative.

Snow Peak : July 8th, 9th, and 10th Work and Fun ride, 4 hr. drive up the St. Joe at 6,000 feet. Should be clear of snow. See calendar for dates.

This project covers two agencies, Fish and Game and USFS, there is a possibility that funding may be paid by both.

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Stan reported that there is presently 7 new members. George Checa attended the meeting as a new member. Welcome!

City of Dalton Days picnic discussion was table, the event is early September and will be discussed at a future meeting.

Our July meeting will be held in the Dalton town park, details at next month's meeting.

For the Good of the Order: Arnie suggested a mentor program, an interested person that attends our meeting will partner up with a member so we won't loss contact with them.

Wayne Parson's name was pulled for the pot drawing, was not present, the pot was \$82.00 at the start of the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Submitted by Secretary Debbie Stratton.

Border Patrol Uses Adopted Mustangs

Written by Wendy Ward

Border patrol agent Bryan D. Ford showed a presentation and then answered questions about what the agency does and how they obtain their stock at the May PBCH meeting. His presentation was on the activity of the Metaline Falls, WA border patrol.

They use wild Mustangs that they purchase from the BLM. These animals are first green broke by prison inmates. These horses are hardy with good bone and stocky and work well for the job they do, he said.

The border patrol program pays \$525.00 for the gelded mustangs they choose. These animals are first green broke by prison inmates. After that the agents continue to finish them. They only buy geldings.

When they go out to work, they work in pairs, riding and pony a pack horse. The pack animals carry 150 to 200 lbs or less. They will go in larger groups if the situation warrants it, he said.

They have over 200 agents in this Northwest area. A lot of the patrolling is drug related between the USA and Canadian border. The border patrol works closely with Canadian authorities as the roads are limited for access in many areas so they are aware of many areas where people may try to enter the country illegally.

Many areas do not allow for motorized vehicles or access may be restricted due to terrain, thus the border patrol has an advantage using horses to access remote areas.

SAR (search and rescue) takes priority. The patrol agents have authority to make the decision on SAR calls to continue or stop due to terrain, rider safety, horse safety, probability of success or failure etc.

Asotin Creek Campout Memorial Day Weekend



Photo and text by Karen Kimball We had 15 riders and a great time. No rain to speak of but lots of entertainment. Jessica Reineccius' boyfriend Chance plays in a band and entertained us singing and playing his guitar. He was great and is invited with us anytime. He played around the campfire. Then Jim Kimball brought his drums and we had drumming and singing by several of our members. Didn't know we had so much talent in our chapter. Food was good as always. Photo shows riders taking a break at a water reservoir.

Emergency Care Clinic

By Joni Lueck, newsletter editor

I attended a clinic at McKinley Peters Hospital May 26 and learned about horse behavior, first aid, and ways to keep your horse healthy amid the dangers of colic, lacerations, acute lameness, laminitis, eye injuries, choke, and allergies to name a few.

This 2-hour clinic is just one in a line of free clinics put on by this vet. The trick is signing up and hoping your name gets called to attend at the Newman Lake, WA facility off Harvard and Trent in the Spokane Valley.

The first thing Dr. Bob Peters said was to keep yourself safe when treating or attending to a sick or injured animal. They can behave differently when under duress, something people don't expect, he said. He said to remain calm and be prepared. Try to find someone to assist you. Take vital signs and try to recognize some of the signs.

Being prepared could mean having a horse trailer available in case of evacuation due to flood or fire or for quick transport. Being prepared with first aid kits. Being prepared to know what your horse's normal vital signs are as a starting point for treating the animal.

He took us through first aid for some ailments and talked about recognizing the symptoms of injuries and illness. Applying pressure to bleeding wound, washing out a wound or an eye with saline, giving Banamine to a colicky horse are a few examples.

Having a good first aid kit for your barn, horse trailer and on the riding trail are important too. Vet wrap, duct tape, saline solution, thermometer, latex gloves, gauze and antihistamine were a few items he mentioned.

Knowing what your horse's vital signs when they are healthy will help you as a starting point when they appear sick. Knowing the temperature 99 to 101.5, heart rate 24-40 and respiratory rate 12-20 bpm are all normal ranges. Listen to gut sounds, determine if horse is lethargic, is the horse eating and pooping? Is he lying down for an extended time?

