



Southwest Cairn

Marking the trails for our members



From the Presidents Saddle



Well Boys & Girls this is my last “From the Presidents Saddle” message. Come January our new President Lin Hokana will be sharpening his pencil and penning his thoughts for our members delight.

Over the past eight decades that I have been on this planet I have had the privilege of being a President of a business and many organizations. With out a doubt I have to say that being the President of this chapter has been right up there when it comes to rewarding experiences. Our members are hard working

dedicated people who toil towards a common goal, not for personal gain, but for the good for the equestrian community which it serves and benefiting the public at large while doing so.

I am very proud of the bridges in Pine Valley and feel blessed that we were able to dot the i’s and cross the t’s and pull it off. That project will serve the public ‘for many decades to come’ and will also serve as a reminder to all who cross them what the BCHA organization can and will do when needed.

I would be remiss if I did not thank all of you who supported me while serving as our President and express my deep gratitude for your endless energy, ideas, and perseverance that in effect made me look good, but it was you who provided the power, I just guided the boat. **Thank you!**

Paul

NEXT MEETING

January 11th, 6:30PM
Community Building
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Monthly Ride!

January 8th
Gunlock Reservoir

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January 11th

Meeting at the Commu-
nity Bldg 6:30PM



ANNUAL DUTCH OVEN DINNER/AUCTION

For those of you who missed it, this was by far the biggest and best Dinner/Auction event we have ever held. The room was filled to capacity with attendees and auction items. Due to some clever furniture re-arranging spear headed by John West's auction committee we were able to serve 72 meals. More importantly John's committee who worked in teams were able to amass a staggering number of high quality items for verbal auction, silent auction, and raffle. Dr. Paul Gooch acted as our auctioneer this year doing a great job of generating enthusiasm and excitement during the verbal auction. Silent auction items were on display for most of the evening giving folks time to ponder their purchase and up the bids as needed. Judith Mayfield ran the raffle portion of the evening. In all the auction/raffle grossed over \$7,000 for the evening, record breaking results for our chapter. A hardy congratulations to all who worked on the auction and raffle committee's and especially those of you who purchased items. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

Now for the business end of the meeting, which actually preceded the auction event and meal time which is our annual election of officers. Current President Paul Sloane conducted this portion of the evening. Nominees for election were: Lin Hokana President, John West Vice President, Secretary Jarice Butterfield, Treasurer Jeanette Blasdell, and Media/Public Relations Deja Schweitzer. Nominations were open to members present, hearing no further nominations the nominees were voted into their respective offices.

At the conclusion of the elections Paul Sloane presented a Plaque to Freddy Dunn honoring her 19 years as our chapter Treasurer. Lin Hokana then presented a certificate of appreciation to Paul Sloane honoring his 7 years as President and another certificate of appreciation to Jeanette Blasdell honoring her 4 years as Secretary

Paul Sloane introduced our honored guests for the evening: Charity Jessop and Lance Clever who are with the USFS Dixie National Forest. Charity spoke a few minutes on plans for the Pine Valley area. Followed by Paul Sloane giving our 2021 Year End Report

With the business portion of the evening concluded it was time to serve the meals featuring Fred Ybright's famous Dutch Oven cookin' served with Jeanette Blasdell's team of ladies providing the sides and Desserts. What a delicious meal it was. Along with the meal Paul Gooch and Fred Ybright delighted the crowd with some Cowboy Poetry.



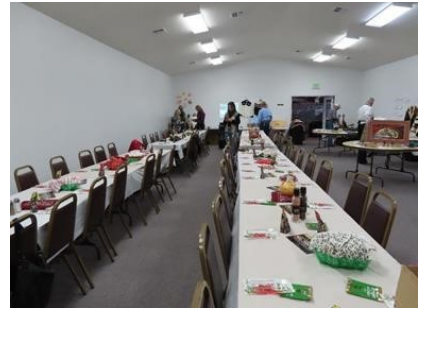




Happy Winner



Me, Me, Me



Backcountry Horsemen of Utah Southwest Chapter 2021 Year End Report

The Southwest Chapter continued its reputation as a "chapter of accomplishment". We have a diverse geographical landscape ranging from 1,200 ft elevation to 9,000 ft in which to ride and maintain the trails and enjoy year around riding.

Activities:

- This Chapter was founded on July 1, 1995, celebrating our 26th year
- We had a membership increase from 74 last year to 90 this year
- We had 10 scheduled chapter meetings and 10 scheduled chapter rides
- We accumulated 131 work hours, worked on 88 miles of trails, spent 53 hours traveling some 1,559 miles to do our work.

Other activities and projects were:

- Educational presentation on Satalite Communication devices for safety
- Published arrticle in Newsletter regarding dogs on the trail
- Produced (business card size) Trail Etiquet Cards to pass out while riding
- National Public Lands Day – Did a trailhead tumbleweed cleanup project
- Hosted two men from WY, who in turn donated \$100 to be used to increase membership
- Installed 18 signs at Cottonwood Trailhead asking people to cleanup manure
- Replaced original signs on bridges in Pine Valley
- Organized and conducted a special Play Day event to stimulate membership. Installed 20 obstacles, 35 riders participated in the event netting four new members, one of which joined as a Benefactor member for \$500.
- Working with the USFS on new steel corrals in the Pine Valley Equestrian Campground
- Held our annual Dutch Oven Dinner and Auction Event and Annual election of Officers.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul G. Sloane
President 2021

BCHUSW meeting Minutes
December 3, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM at the St George Community Building. Officers present were: Paul Sloane, President; Lin Hokana, Vice President; Jeanette Blasdell, Secretary, Freddy Dunn, Treasurer; Deja Schweitzer, Media/Public Relations. In addition there were 65 members and guests in attendance.

Paul Sloane introduced Special guests Charity Jessop, Recreation Staff Officer USFS - Pine Valley and Lance Clever, GS7 Recreation Technician USFS - Pine Valley. Charity made a few comments regarding the Pine Valley Ranger district and their plans for the future.

Paul Sloane gave a yearend report on our chapters activities and accomplishments in the past year.

Paul Sloane Introduced the nominees for office 2022, They are: Lin Hokana, President; John West, Vice President; Jarice Butterfield, Secretary; Jeanette Blasdell, Treasurer; Deja Schweitzer, Media/Public Relations. Paul then asked if there were any nominations from the floor, hearing none, he then asked for a motion from the floor to elect the nominees offered. A second was made then a call for the vote. The slate of officers were unanimously elected.

Paul Sloane presented a plaque to Freddy Dunn in appreciation for her 19 years service as Treasurer of the Chapter.

Lin Hokana presented a Certificate of appreciation to Paul Sloane for his 7 years as President of the Chapter and to Jeanette Blasdell for her 4 years as Secretary of the chapter.

Meeting was Adjourned at 6:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Blasdell, Secretary



Calendar of Events

CHAPTER MEETINGS :

- **January 11, 2022—St. George Community Bldg. 6:30pm**
Come and participate in our decisions for the chapter!



CHAPTER RIDES: Every 2nd Saturday of each month (unless specified otherwise)

- **January 8, 2022 Gunlock Reservoir—In the saddle at 10:00AM Bring lunch**

This is a different ride (directionally) and different parking this time: We'll be parking along the road on the west side of the road. It's plenty wide and long enough for many rigs.

From the turn at Veyo onto the Gunlock road, go 10.8 miles. It's about a mile past the reservoir.

From the split in the road off of old Rt. 91, it's 3.3 miles.

I'll be there approximately 40 minutes before the ride. (Freddy)



Hat of the Month!

Sported by: Dr. Paul Gooch



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Back Country Horsemen of Utah



Southwest Chapter Newsletter
P.O. Box 3174
St. George, UT 84771

The Purpose of the Back Country Horsemen of Utah is:

1. To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses and mules in America's back country and wilderness.
2. To work to ensure the public lands remain open to recreational pack and saddle stock use.
3. To assist the agencies responsible for the management of public lands.
4. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in wise and sustaining use of back country resources by horsemen and the general public, commensurate with our heritage.
5. To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters of Back Country Horsemen throughout Utah.

To:

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF UTAH—Southwest Chapter

PO Box 3174, St. George, UT 84771

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Membership: _____ Renewal: _____

NAME/S: _____

*Please list names for family membership. Children over 18 may be included in family membership or join as individual members.

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBERS:

Home: _____ Work: _____

Cell: _____ Fax: _____

OTHER HORSE/MULE ASSOCIATIONS YOU BELONG TO:

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Liability Release: (MUST BE SIGNED)

Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident wherever horse/mule use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses/mules, riders and spectators and also recognizing the fact that Back Country Horsemen of Utah, including units, officers, directors, or members cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience of riders or horses/mules taking part in trail rides or other BCHU functions, I do hereby release the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children or horses/mules.

By signing this release, I/WE recognize the following Utah State Law, *UCA 78-27b* Limitations on liability for Equine and Livestock Activities * It shall be presumed that participants in equine or livestock activities are aware of and understand that there are inherent risks associated with these activities. *Inherent risk* with regard to equine or livestock activities means those dangers or conditions, which are an integral part of equine or livestock activities. The equine activity sponsor is not liable for those inherent risks. If you are unwilling to assume these risks for yourself or for those under your supervision, you should not participate in these activities.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO BCHU: Individual: \$30.00; Family: \$40.00; Patron: \$100.00