

Southwest Cairn

Marking the trails for our members



From the Presidents Saddle



Well, this is the last newsletter for 2019. As usual we brought 2019 to a close with our annual Dutch Oven Dinner/Auction held at the community building on Dec. 6th. with a slightly smaller attendance than normal. But they came through grossing nearly \$1,800. GREAT JOB!!

Another important part of the evening was our election of officers. This was the easy part as the full slate of 2019 officers were re-elected to serve another term in 2020. They were: Paul Sloane, President: Lin Hokana, Vice President: Freddy Dunn,

Treasurer: and Jeanette Blasdell was appointed as Secretary. (see story on pg 2 for more)

My thanks to all who served and helped with our chapter projects last year making it a great success.

Welcome to the new members who joined us at the dinner.

Our Guest Speaker was Sarah Thomas who spoke to us about the proposed Northern Corridor thru the Desert Reserve and what we can do to help.

On Dec 9th Freddy, Jeanette, & I met with Del Orme with the FS to discuss the possibilities of replacing the corrals at the equestrian campground. We discussed several options and ideas but did not settle on any of them at this time. Stay tuned!

Happy trails, Paul



NEXT MEETING

January 14th, 6:30PM

Community Building

See Page 5 for details



Monthly Ride!

January 11th

Valley of Fire, NV

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January 14th

Meeting at the Commu-
nity Bldg 6:30PM

2019 DUTCH OVEN DINNER/AUCTION

First of all we need to recognize those who worked hard to pull this event off.

The planning sessions by our board & members who made sure all the details were covered and items needed were purchased.

Fred Ybright did the Dutch Oven cookin'. Jeanette Blasdell and helpers provided all the Fixins' with some help from Mother Costco.

Freddy Dunn organized the auction and logistics of collecting the money with the help of Lin Hokana. Freddy also collected the membership fees and money for other purchases.

Let us not forget the great job our auctioneers for the evening did, they would be, Mike Duvall and Larry Dunn. And thank you to all who brought over 40 auction items to be auctioned off.

Judith Mayfield made and provided the beautiful quilt that highlighted the raffle part of the evening, plus Judith coordinated the raffle event including ticket sales. There were a total of 5 high quality items in the raffle. Quilt, 1,200 Lb bag of horse cubes, Maui Jim's sun Glasses, Wireless leaf blower, and a decorative item.

Paul Sloane put together 200 photos of our rides and work projects that were projected on the wall in a loop for folks to enjoy during the evening.

Thanks' to those who came, joined or renewed your membership, purchased items, and helped clean up afterwards. It was a great success!

On the second day of
Christmas my true love sent to
me, two *tortoise doves*...



Happy Holidays from the
Washington County HCP staff!

Cameron Rognan * Justin Neighbor
Mike Schijf * Randee Sanders * Lura Snow
Kathleen Nielson * Larry Cazier



Dinner Time

Master Chef—Fred Ybright



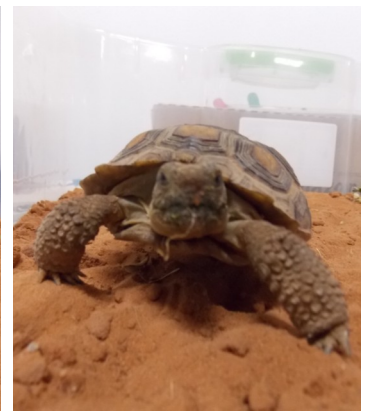
Auctioneer's Larry Dunn & Mike Duvall



Winner of the Quilt—Cheryl Brown



Guest Speaker Sarah Thomas
Land Program Manager /
SUNCLF Director - Conserve
Southwest Utah



Very Special Guest

Little 3 year old tortoise. His name is Too-wee-nee-ach, or Too-wee for short. His name means "Hurry Up!" in Southern Paiute, Shivwits dialect.

Calendar of Events

CHAPTER MEETINGS :

- January 14th—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 11th - Valley of Fire, Nevada - In the saddle at 10:30A Utah Time—9:30 NV time
(leave by 8:30 Utah time) bring lunch. Directions: Take I-15 south to the Logandale/Overton exit and turn left over I-15. Go 19.6 miles and turn right at Valley of Fire. Go another mile to the park gate. Travel time from St George should be 1-1/2—2hours **NOTE: At the Park Gate pay the entrance fee, then turn around and come back to the parking area for the trailers. (They are in sight of each other)**

NOTE: Due to the fact that there are about four rather technical spots on this ride we are asking that only members who are experienced riders (NO beginners) join us on this ride. Guests who have ridden with us in the past are OK providing that they are experienced riders.



Hat of the Month!



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Back Country Horsemen of Utah



Southwest Chapter Newsletter
P.O. Box 3174
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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