



Southwest Cairn

Marking the trails for our members

March 2017



From the Presidents Saddle



Our next chapter meeting on March 14th will be the Special Meeting with John Ball, Special Agent, US Dept of Agriculture, Forest Service regarding Marijuana grows in the Dixie Nat'l Forest. Please make a special effort to attend and bring a guest and spread the word to anyone you think would benefit from the knowledge about this issue. **REMEMBER THAT THIS MEETING IS NOT A POTLUCK DINNER.** We will have a very short business meeting and go right into the program. No samples will be given out as door prizes.

March 14th
Special meeting at the
Community Bldg 6:30PM

On page 4 you will see a chart put out by the Back Country Horsemen of Utah showing membership growth/decline for all 13 chapters in Utah for the past 6 years. As of the end of 2016 we are tied with the Wasatch Front chapter for the most memberships. We have had a high of 79 memberships and a low of 62 membership in this time period with an average of 69 members. The best way to grow the chapter is by personal invitation, so don't be bashful, speak-up and invite any horse person you meet to give us a try.

Vic and Jan Middleton celebrated their anniversary February 14th by attending our chapter meeting in lieu of a romantic night out on the town. They were married on horseback and the preacher was on horseback as well. Only fitting that they were at a horse meeting for their anniversary. Or not!

Happy Trails,

Paul



1 hour March 12th

NEXT MEETING:

March 14th 6:30PM
Community Building
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March 11th Snow
Canyon—Burger Burn

April 8th Gooseberry
Mesa

May 13th Confluence
Park

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BCH Ride at Chuckwalla February 11th was basically a rainout. Freddy Dunn and our new member Austin McPhail were the two brave souls that showed up for the ride. *(Austin also rode with us last month and I goofed up and missed him in my story on last months ride, sorry Austin).* I missed this ride because my horse TY hurt his leg again. Freddy and Austin saddled up under threatening skies and hit the trail like the troopers they are.

This was also Freddy's first BCH ride on her new mount 'Chance' as pictured in this selfie. As reported to me, they headed west to where they could overlook Ivins. There they could see some serious weather coming straight at them and discretion being the better part of valor they decided to retreat to the rigs and call it a day. Both Freddy and Austin

reported that they had a great time even though it was short. Wish I was there too. Paul

New Year's Resolutions for Horses

- I will NOT roll in streams or sand when my human is on my back.
- I will NOT leap over large nonexistent obstacles when the whim strikes.
- I will NOT walk faster on the way home than I did on the way out.
- I promise NOT to swish my tail while my human is cleaning my back feet.
- I will NOT bite my farrier's butt just because it is there.
- I will NOT blow my nose on my human.
- I CAN walk and potty at the same time. I can, I can, I can.
- I will NOT leave when my rider falls off.
- I will NOT try to mooch goodies off every human in a 1 mile radius.
- I will NOT have an attitude problem. I won't, I won't, I won't.
- I will NOT jump in the air and turn 180 degrees every time I see a bicycle.
- I will NOT shy at familiar objects just for fun.
- I WILL put my ears forward and cooperate when it comes to photos.

CHAPTER MEETING ON MARIJUANA GROWS IN DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST TUESDAY

MARCH 14TH 6:30 PM



**SPONSORED BY THE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN UTAH
SOUTHWEST CHAPTER**

Mr. John Ball, Special Agent, United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service—Dixie National Forest will be offering a Power-Point presentation outlining the scores of Marijuana grows within the Dixie National Forest.

Anyone who hikes, hunts, rides horses, or bikes within the Dixie National Forest needs to be aware of the dangers that these grows present to everyone, and what you need to know if you encounter a grow.

NO POTLUCK FOR THIS MEETING

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF UTAH

2016 Chapter Membership Growth/Decline

	Bridger and	Canyon Country	Canyonlands	Central Utah	High Desert	High Lines & Hobbies	High Uinta	Mtn. Ridge	San Rafael	South West	Uinta Basin	West Desert	Wasatch Front	General Patron	TOTALS
2011															
Single	15		12	16	15	74	14	35	8	40	12	7	58	0	306
Family/Patron	30		11	19	10	30	6	35	4	33	3	14	50	1	246
Total Membership	45		23	35	25	104	20	70	12	73	15	21	108	1	552
2012															
Single	22	5	11	23	7	27	6	24	8	26	2	14	53	0	228
Family/Patron	27	6	11	20	8	62	10	35	10	38	11	6	51	1	296
Total Membership	49	11	22	43	15	89	16	59	18	64	13	20	104	1	524
2013															
Single	10	9	14	28	11	21	6	21	2	25	3	6	50	0	206
Family/Patron	20	4	5	18	7	33	13	29	9	37	14	10	43	1	243
Total Membership	30	13	19	46	18	54	19	50	11	62	17	16	93	1	449
2014															
Single	5	8	7	22	11	26	7	21	5	36	4	4	32	0	188
Family/Patron	14	5	6	21	6	17	9	31	7	36	8	9	38	1	208
Total Membership	19	13	13	43	17	43	16	52	12	72	12	13	70	1	396
2015															
Single	4	7	7	24	9	19	17	22	2	37	10	5	40	0	203
Family/Patron	25	5	8	24	3	17	15	30	5	42	13	9	30	1	227
Total Membership	29	12	15	48	12	36	32	52	7	79	23	14	70	1	430
2016															
Single	8	7	10	19	5	17	16	31	1	33	8	5	40		200
Family/Patron	29	7	8	20	5	13	14	26	7	33	12	8	26	1	209
Total Membership	37	14	18	39	10	30	30	57	8	66	20	13	66	1	409
Growth or Decline Percentages															
Difference between 2015 and 2016	8	2	3	(9)	(2)	(6)	(2)	5	1	(13)	(3)	(1)	(4)	0	(21)
Chart Growth/Decline between 2015 and 2016															
	28%	17%	20%	-19%	-17%	-17%	-6%	10%	14%	-16%	-13%	-7%	-6%	0%	-5%



Join the BCHA \$5 A Month Club!

If trails are your passion and you'd like to see them kept open into the future through BCHA's many efforts, then please join the BCHA \$5 A Month Club.

The \$5 A Month Club is a grassroots support network. Members of this club pledge to donate \$5 per month to help BCHA grow and prosper. All funds received go to the *TRAILS FOREVER FUND*, which is used to expand **Back Country Horsemen of America's** resources and programs.

\$5.00 is less than most people pay for lunch at their favorite fast food restaurant. Some may even pay that amount for a fancy coffee, or a banana split. Becoming a sustainable supporter of BCHA through the \$5 A Month Club is a small way to help your trails.

ALL DONATIONS FOR THE \$5 A MONTH CLUB ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Go to **bcha.org/donate5/** to donate.

BCHUSW Meeting Minutes

The **BCHUSW** Chapter meeting was called to order Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at the St. George Community Center by President Paul Sloane. In attendance were: Paul Sloane, Freddy Dunn, Vic and Jan Middleton, and Jeanette Blasdell

Minutes: A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the January 2017 minutes as published in the February newsletter.

Treasurer' Report: Freddy Dunn submitted Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparisons for December and January. Using these reports, she showed that financially we are doing quite well. Current assets are \$7,149.66. Year to date the total income is \$3,179.50. Total expenses are \$2,089.29 and the net income is \$1,090.21 A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the presented report.

Report from National

Freddy Dunn recently participated in a conference call re: BCHA and highlighted some of their accomplishments. They put together a five year business plan. They are working to update membership in a much more timely manner. Their biggest priority is to fight land grab proponents.

Old Business: Work is still in progress to coordinate the joint ride/work project at Pine Valley with Nevada BCH group for May 18, 19, & 20. Freddy Dunn offered to chat with a few of her contacts in the group. A proposed article will be published about the event in the BCHA Newsletter to help spread the word on the PV equestrian camp ground.

A presentation by John Ball, Special Agent USFS regarding marijuana grows in our area has been arranged for our next chapter meeting. Information about the presentation will be posted on Facebook, our newsletter, and with flyers.

New Business:

Freddy Dunn shared a letter sent to a neighboring chapter about horses tearing up trails after all this rain. Members also heard the response of all the ways BCHU tries to educate riders and also helps maintain trails.

A motion was made and passed to reimburse Freddy \$119.64 for her drive and lodging for the State meeting.

A motion was made and passed to figure out and pay the city for the use of the community center.

A motion was made and passed to allocate \$300.00 for the printing of BCH information cards that we can pass out as we meet potential members.

Ride Calendar:

- March 11th Snow Canyon from the North Overlook—Burger Burn to follow

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned 8:10a.

Jeanette Blasdell, Secretary



Calendar of Events

CHAPTER MEETINGS :

- March 14th—St. George Community Bldg. 6:30pm Marijuana Grow meeting

NO POTLUCK FOR THIS MEETING



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

- March 11th—Snow Canyon (From the overlook off Hwy 18) in the saddle at 10AM—**Burger Burn** to follow, bring a side dish, a drink and a chair.
Directions: Take Hwy 18 north and proceed .8mi past the large orange Winchester Hills sign, turn left to the overlook.

REMEMBER: Dogs are only permitted on leashes in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve and in Snow Canyon. We as Back Country Horsemen must set the example, so we thank you in advance for your compliance with the rules.



In life, unlike in education, the test comes before the lesson.

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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: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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



Back Country Horsemen of Utah

Southwest Chapter Newsletter
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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: