



Southwest Cairn

Marking the trails for our members

May 2017



From the Presidents Saddle



First we all need to extend our Congratulations to Freddy for being elected the Chairman of the Back Country Horsemen of America, it is an honor for which she has worked very hard to earn. With the new responsibilities she needs to make room in her life for all that the job entails. This of course will create some voids in our own chapter as she cannot be as involved as she has been during the life of the chapter.

She has asked for our members to take over as treasurer and delegate

to the BCHU State meetings. So take a deep breath and consider stepping up and helping out. Neither of these tasks are careers or overwhelming but vitally important to the chapter.

I received some good news this week as a customer came into Hurst's and was recently at the stock tank at First Water "It's full of water and doing fine". That means it survived the months of ice and snow, that was my last big test and it passed!

Be sure to circle your calendars for the next two work projects coming up in May and June. We need all hands on deck to spread the work load out. Hope to see you there and remember that May's project is on the 3rd Saturday.

Happy Trails,

Paul

NEXT MEETING:

May 9th 6:30PM

Community Building

See Page 7 for details



May 19/20th Pine Valley Work Project

June 10th White Rocks trail cleanup



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May 9th

Potluck and meeting at the Community Bldg 6:30PM



BCH Ride at Exit 13

April 8, 2017

By

Paul Sloane

This was another one of those days when you are loading your horses in the trailer in a light rain and you are figuring that you may get wet before the day is over. "Wrong again". By the time everyone arrived at the trailhead the sun was coming out and we ended up enjoying perfect weather for a ride. We had a larger group than normal largely because the Bromley clan showed up in force, nine of them to be exact, plus another twelve for a total of twenty-one riders. When we mustered at the trailhead, saddled up and ready to go it was decided to split the folks into two groups with one going to the right at the fork and the other to the left and then meet at the rings for lunch. The larger and faster group went first and followed closely by the second group. As it turned out the faster group got to the rings too soon for lunch so they continued on, eventually we did meet up but kept on going and each group had their lunch later. The second group stopped at the rings for lunch and we went over and visited John Rex's plaque on the wall. It has been ten years since he passed, time does fly by.

The red rock formations and early blooming wildflowers provided the usual beautiful scenery and we noted that the cactus plants were near to blooming as well; the cactus in this region are really pretty when in bloom. Riders were on the look-out for blooming wild flowers. Among those spotted were Desert Marigold, Sega Lily and various sages in bloom.

Because the faster riders got back the the rigs faster than my slower group I never had the opportunity to gather all the riders names, so here are the one's I could determine were there and my apologies to the riders I missed.

Let's start with the Bromley clan, Roshelle Bromley, Blair Albrecht, Aiden Albrecht, Jodi Blatter, Lucy Bromley, Rebecca Suelzle, Ainsley Suelzle, Nikki, Timandra Fawson and the others were Michelle Berthoty, Ann Guhman, Keith Christensesn, Richard Boschee, Ellen & Elvin Hensley, Dana Millsap, Freddy Dunn, Paul Sloane and two guests from Colorado Mary Lester and Jill Andrews

Everyone had a great time and to my knowledge no horses or riders misbehaved. This trail is always a pleasure to ride on and it seemed different to our group because we went the opposite direction that we normally take. There is a lesson here, get out of a groove and change up once in awhile and the world make look different to you, and maybe improved?





BCH PINE VALLEY EQUESTRIAN CAMPGROUND CORRAL REPAIR PROJECT MAY 19 -20TH



The Pine Valley Equestrian campground within the Pine Valley Ranger District of the Dixie National Forest is a vital equestrian destination in So. Utah. It provides a great place to horse camp with a plethora of trails to choose from easy to the more difficult riding experience.

The Back Country Horsemen of Southern Utah originally built these corrals and have maintained them through the years. They are in need of repairs once again and we are inviting anyone who would like to join us to make these simple repairs.

What we are proposing is a joint work ride weekend. Work some ride some and enjoy these great camping spots and bring our corrals up to standard.

Come and horse camp Friday and Saturday or if you are local just come for the day. If you have power tools such as cordless drills or cutoff saws, wrenches, and gloves that would be helpful.

Take Bluff St.(SR18) north out of St George (approx 40 mi) to Central, Turn right to Pine Valley and the equestrian campground. Camping spaces are already reserved. Contact Paul Sloane 435-632-7642 if you have questions.



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
April 11, 2017

The **BCHUSW** Chapter meeting was called to order April 11, 2017 at the St. George Community Center by President Paul Sloane. In attendance were: Paul Sloane, Pat Matthews, Ann Guhman, Dennis Peters, Rochelle Bromley, and Jeanette Blasdell

Minutes: Minutes were not taken last month as John Ball, Special Agent USFS, presented at last month's meeting.

Treasurer' Report: Paul Sloane presented Freddy Dunn's Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparisons for January through March. Our total income is 3,287.43 as compared to last year's total of 4,028.58. We currently have 64 members on the roster with one member pending. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the presented report.

Guest Presentation

Five members of the seven Dixie Ag Issues Debate Team presented their wild horses debate. By role playing various key parties involved in this controversial issue they conveyed humane and cruel perspectives of current legislation. After their presentation, members had an open discussion with the team gaining even more insightful information.

Old Business:

Work is still in progress to coordinate the joint ride/work project at Pine Valley May 19 & 20.

Money owed to the City for building rent will be calculated and paid by Freddy.

Ride Calendar:

- May 13 - ride is cancelled due to work/ride in Pine Valley May 19 & 20
- June 10 -White Rocks clean up ride
- July 8 - no ride scheduled due to holiday
- August 12 – Navajo Lake

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned 8:05

Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Blasdell



Calendar of Events

CHAPTER MEETINGS :

- May 9th—St. George Community Bldg. 6:30pm; Potluck 7:00pm

DON'T FORGET TO BRING SOMETHING FOR OUR MEETING:

Come and participate in our decisions for the chapter!



REMEMBER THIS MONTHS RIDE IS ON THE 3rd SATURDAY

- May 19-20th Pine Valley Equestrian Center Corral repair project. Come and horse camp or just trailer up for the day Saturday 20th. Cordless drills (with extra batteries) 9/16" drill bits, 9/16 of 5/8 socket or end wrenches, & gloves. Some digging as we need to replace 5 posts and replace 21 rails.
- June 10th Annual White Rocks trail cleanup

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



Hat of the Month



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BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF UTAH—Southwest Chapter

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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: _____

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

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: