

Southwest Cairn

Marking the trails for our members



From the Presidents Saddle



Once again the year is rapidly coming to an end and your board has been working hard planning our Annual Dutch Oven Dinner/Auction on December 7th. This is the time we re-new our memberships, bring in new members and enjoy an evening of fun and good food. As we did last year some of the special items will be raffled in lieu of auctioned off. As a reminder this is not the time to clean out your tack room of used items, unless they are in excellent condition. The slide show of rides and work projects was very popular last year and will be done again this year with

an expanded selection of pictures.

Of course the annual election of officers is one of the main events of the evening. President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer are the elected positions to be filled.

Dennis Peters who has done such a great job will once again be our Auctioneer, and our awesome Fred Ybright will be cookin' for you. Jeanette Blasdell is providing the rest of the fixins'.

Remember there is no monthly ride in December.

Last year our January ride was in the Valley of Fire. Everyone enjoyed it so much that we decided that that would be a good start to 2019. So be there on January 12th!

Happy trails, Paul

Hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving!!



NEXT MEETING

Dec 7th, 6:30PM Community Building

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Monthly Ride!

Dec 7th—Annual Dinner/Auction

Jan 12th—Valley of Fire

See Page 7 for Details



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Dec 7th

Annual Dinner/Auction at the Community Bldg 6:00PM

BCH Ride at Beaver Dam Wash

November 10, 2018

By

Paul Sloane



This was a new adventure for our chapter rides organized by Roshelle Bromley who made arrangements for us to park our rigs on private property and originate the ride from there. This ride also featured more young riders than we normally have which was enjoyable to see as the flat wash bottom was ideal for younger riders. Our group consisted of ten adult riders, five youngsters, and five dogs all who thoroughly enjoyed themselves on a beautiful day.

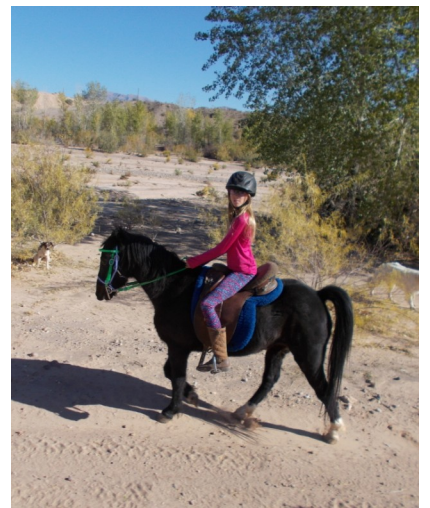
Riding today were Roshelle Bromley, Catherine Bromley, Mikayla Bromley, Richard Bochee, Natalie Law, Layla Law, Kayla Law, Noni Mayer, Lin Hokana, DeAnn Fieselman, Leslie Christensen, Ellen Hensley, Dana Millsap, McKel Rex, and Paul Sloane.

It is our understanding that the Beaver Dam Wash extends all the way to Ely, Nevada if you care to pack your gear and try it out. Having said that we all headed north in the wash bottom riding at our own pace and following the plethora of routes that permeate the area. The area has its own kind of beauty from interesting formations of the bluffs defining the wash itself to the lone large cottonwood tree standing tall in the middle of it all. There was a large grove of trees that we rode through which has a spring that was not showing water on this day.

Ellen, Dana and McKel who does everything fast zoomed by the Beaver Dam turnoff and had to go to Mesquite to get turned around, thus getting a later start than the group. It wasn't long before we heard 'passing on the right' as Ellen and McKel went whizzing by. Dana stopped and stayed with the group as Ellen and McKel were heading to Ely.

We eventually stopped at a grove of trees and tied up our mounts and ate lunch while the kids were busy making castles out of wash bottom rocks. After lunch we headed back exploring the area as we rode.

The area is a good place to ride if you are looking for a easy ride with no ups and downs. The issue now is access to the area and a publicly available trailhead. I must note that the wash is also used by ATV's which could result in some conflicts. We saw a total of four ATV's in the area but none were close by or crated any issue.



BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER AUCTION

GREAT DUTCH OVEN COOK'IN AND HOME MADE FLXIN'S TO GO WITH IT!

DATE: Friday December 7, 2018

PLACE: St George Community Building

Located behind the senior citizens center
200W & 200N

TIME: Doors open 6:00 pm

PRICE: Single membership (\$30) buys 1 meal
Family membership (\$40) buys 2 meals
Additional meals will be \$10 per plate



*Great time to renew your membership or join BCHA and
get a head start on your Christmas shopping*

Back Country Horsemen of Utah is part of a National Organization of trail riders working with our land managers to keep trails open to pack and saddle stock. Many of these trails are enjoyed by hikers and mountain bikers as well. Your membership helps us to continue our work in Washington and Iron Counties.

RSVP by 12/4 to Freddy Dunn— freddydunn@gmail.com

Auction items needed bring something for the auction when you attend the dinner. Does not have to be horse related. Contact Paul Sloane if you have items for the auction that need to be collected. **Unused items preferred!**

BCHUSW Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2018

The **BCHUSW** chapter meeting was called to order November 13, 2018 at the St. George Community Center by President Paul Sloane. In attendance were: Paul Sloane, Freddy Dunn, Roshelle Bromley, Vic Middleton, Ann Guhman, Lin Hokana, Fran Wilby, Marie Langness, Keith Christensen, and Jeanette Blasdell

Minutes: A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as posted in October's newsletter.

Treasurer' Report: Changes have not occurred in the past couple of months Our total assets as of this month are \$6,223.14 as compared to last September's total of \$5,372.50. Our net income at this time is \$1,189.06 as compared to last September's \$-686.97.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the stagnant budget.

Old Business:

- Fran Wilby offered to update BCHUSW's Facebook communication but is not a webpage person.
- Engineering has not come up with an estimate for the Pine Valley bridge project yet as the Department of Forestry seems to be quite busy with California fires.

State Report:

Freddy Dunn recently attended the State Chapter Meeting in Richfield. At this time we have 557 Utah members. Unfortunately, we have lost three chapters this year. Luckily other chapters have been steady and productive. We look forward to the upcoming report that will share the specifics of what our fellow chapters have been up to this year.

New Business

- We discussed ways to increase membership. Suggestions included inviting friends to our membership dinner, or on future rides, and perhaps periodically having a ride on a weekday. Also we believe having more projects would make future members feel needed.
- A motion was made and passed to reimburse Freddy Dunn \$149.92 for lodging costs.
- Freddy Dunn surveyed members about significant difficulties trail riders incur accessing specific public lands. Comments included: adequate staging areas for trailers, numbers of riders allowed at one time, documentation requirements, lack of trails available for equestrians.
- Roshelle Bromley would like to solicit recommendations for new rides as it is becoming apparent there are areas we have yet to explore.

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2018 Dinner /Auction Assignments:

- Dutch Oven Cooking – Fred Ybright
- Sides/Dessert/H2O-Jeanette Blasdell
- Table Decorations-Paul + Alice Sloane
- Slide Show-Paul
- Projector-Freddy Dunn
- Applications/Renewal/RSVP-Freddy Dunn
- Auction Paddles- Freddy Dunn
- Auction Item Slips-Freddy Dunn
- Auctioneer-Dennis Peters
- Raffle Coordinator-Judith Mayfield
- Item Collection-
Roshelle-Laubs + Equine Supply
Paul- Dog Wash, Gooch, + Snow Canyon
Vic- IFA + Cal Ranch
Freddy-Boulevard Home Furnishings
- Special Guest Invitations to Nick Glidden, Kristen, Laura, Cameron, and Tom Butane

Ride Calendar

- December 7th- Dinner Auction

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40.
Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Blasdell

Calendar of Events

CHAPTER MEETINGS :

- December 7th—Annual Dinner Auction
St. George Community Bldg. 6:00pm



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

- December 7th Annual Dinner/Auction 6:00 PM (see page 4 for details)
- January 12h—Valley of Fire



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.

Hat of the Month!

Sported by: Leslie Christensen



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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