

Southwest Cairn

Marking the trails for our members



From the Presidents Saddle



Well it's here again—Time for our Annual Dutch Oven Dinner & Auction as 2019 has just blitzed by. It seems like we just wrapped up last years event.

2019 was a year of accomplishment for our chapter caped by the bridge project in Pine Valley. Hope everyone got to see the great cover story and picture on the front page of the BCHA National newsletter. Yea! We made the big time.

Just as a reminder our Annual Dinner/Auction is the most important event of the year for our chapter. It is

not only a fund raising event for projects. It's a time for membership renewal and time to bring new members into the fold. Just as important it is a time for the chapter to get together as one, and enjoy each others company. **Bring a Friend help us grow!**

The bridge project was a big deal for our chapter, receiving recognition nationally. Our Annual Dinner/Auction events played a major role in being able to pull-off the bridge project. Without the funds raised at our auctions we would have never been able to put together the partnership's with the USFS, ACE, & BCHA to make it all happen. With this in mind there are more projects on the horizon **so let's make this years dinner another great success!**

See you there!

Paul



NEXT MEETING

Dec 6th, 6:00PM Community Building

See Page 7 for details



Monthly Ride!

No Ride in December
January 11th, Valley of Fire (or?)

See Page 7 for Details

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Dec 6th

**Annual Dinner/Auction
6:00PM**

BCH Ride at Snow Canyon

November 9, 2019
As told to Paul Sloane

Freddy Dunn and I were unable to make the ride this month as we attended the 80th birthday celebration of our good friend Fred Ybright USFS (Retired) and the great Dutch Oven chef at our annual BCH Dinner/Auction event. The ride was led by Roshelle Bromley, Sherri Phillips and Deja Schweitzer served as ride photographers and events of the ride were described to me by Sherri and Roshelle.

On today's ride were: Roshelle Bromley, Kacey Oar, Ann Guhman, Sherri Phillips, Dean Marriott, Richard Boschee, Deja Schweitzer, and Sierra Chidester. The ride originated at the overlook to Snow Canyon off SR18 and proceeded north along the canyon rim passing the north entrance of the park and on towards the white hills where the trail turns west where you begin descending into the park past some pine trees and arrive at one of our favorite photo spots. After taking the desired pictures the group continued on the trail that winds past the Lava Tubes, a popular hiker destination. Speaking of popular, Ann and her donkey 'Bandido' were a great hit with the tourists.

At this point the trail drops off to a steeper decent into the park ending up on the canyon floor and onto a dirt service road. The service road heads south to the dunes and that is where Sherri and Dean opted to go and get picked up there. The rest of the group went up the wash to three-ponds which is a really pretty ride as you ride through towering cliffs on both sides. They stopped there for lunch where there was shade and rocks to sit on.

After visiting three-ponds the group reversed course and retraced their tracks back up the hill, pass the Lava tubes, wowed the tourists again and headed back to the rigs. For about half of the group this was their first ride in Snow Canyon and if you were to ask, they would tell you it is a beautiful place to ride.



Ann and 'Bandido'



Kacey Oar, one of Roshelle's students



Lava tube



Richard at Photo Spot



New Trail Markers



**BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
SOUTHWEST CHAPTER
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER AUCTION
AND RAFFLE OF SPECIAL ITEMS!**

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

DATE: Friday December 6, 2019

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 BEHA
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 12/3 to: 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 !



Merry Christmas!

BCHUSW Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2019

The **BCHUSW** chapter meeting was called to order November 12, 2019 at the St. George Community Center by President Paul Sloane. In attendance were: Paul Sloane, Freddy Dunn, Judith and David Mayfield, Lin Hokana (via conference call), Ann Guhman, Fran Wilby, Richard Boschee, Keith Christensen, Allison Frasier, Pat Matthews, Sherri Phillips, Deja Schweitzer, and Jeanette Blasdell.

Treasurer' Report: *Our budget is much better than the October Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison reflects. Assets as of October are \$2,027.67 as compared to last year's total of \$6,223.14. Our net income for October is -\$11,205.55 as compared to last year's total of \$1,189. (The next financial statement will reflect forth coming income for the bridge project and we will be out of the negative)

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

Report on the Northern Corridor: Freddy shared that the first round of efforts to pass the Northern Corridor have been thwarted but stressed how critical it is to get our members to continually make comments to our representatives as this is a battle far from over. Sara Thomas from Conserve Southwest Utah will be our speaker at December's meeting and will be sharing ways in which members can also help.

Old Business: Freddy shared the status of the lawsuit pertaining to 4200 N. trail access. A restraining order has been filed. The owner is representing himself, and has refused to be deposed.

New Business: Paul and Jeanette attended a grant writing workshop this month. Three different grants were discussed but we are particularly interested in the Recreation Restoration Infrastructure Grant as it fits the parameters for redoing the corrals in Pine Valley. We had hoped to meet with the Department of Forestry prior to attending the workshop as they again will be our liaison. Our meeting was postponed but should happen sometime in November.

BCHUSW participated with Conserve Southwest Utah by providing equestrians at Exit 13 for Hans Glassman who is collecting footage for a video documentary of the beauty and the various types of recreation that will be destroyed by the proposed Northern Corridor.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to purchase a projector for \$400. (We have been borrowing a projector for several years, and have decided the time has come to purchase one of our own.)

A motion was also made, seconded, and passed to reimburse Jeanette Blasdell \$42.43 for last month's burger burn.

Annual Dinner Auction Planning: Paul passed out the sheet used previously and 2019 assignments were confirmed.

Ride Calendar:

- **January 11th** Valley of Fire. Freddy is also checking on alternative rides in the same area.



Calendar of Events

CHAPTER MEETINGS :

- December 6th—St. George Community Bldg. 6:00pm

Annual Dutch Oven Dinner & Auction



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

- No ride in December



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 & Hair of the Month!

Sported by: Sierra Chidester



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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: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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