

Southwest Cairn

Marking the trails for our members



From the Presidents Saddle



Get ready for our annual Dutch Oven Dinner/Auction event December 3rd !

This will be an exciting event this year, our auction committee has done a great job in reforming the auction to have fewer but higher quality items designed to keep the event more efficient. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING ITEMS FOR THE AUCTION THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT.** If you have items for the auction please call John West 678-361-0999 prior to December 1st.

This year we will have live auction and silent auction, along with a raffle for select items. Should be a lot of fun.

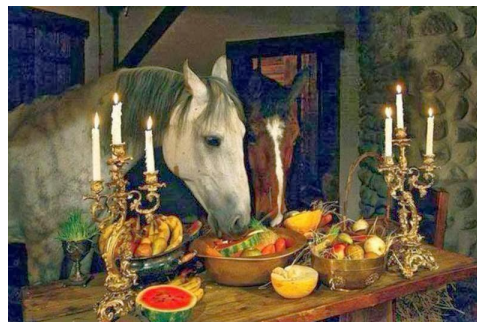
Of course, the most important purpose of the event is membership and election of officers along with raising the funds that allows us to purchase materials that are used to improve trails, etc. Our chapter has grown in membership this year, we are now up to 94 memberships.

That brings us up to election of officers and we will be electing officers in five positions, and four of the five will be new to the position. The new positions will be President, Vice President, Secretary, & Treasurer.

Plan on being there—your participation is important !
RSVP by December 1
Text: 435-862-6181
Email:
freddydunn@gmail.com

Happy Trails,

Paul



Happy Thanksgiving!

NO MEETING DEC.



No Ride December

Jan 8th—Gunlock

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No Meeting in December

BCH Ride at Cottonwood Trailhead

By

Deja Schweitzer & Paul Sloane

November 13, 2021



Our November Chapter ride was in the Red Cliffs Desert Preserve at the Cottonwood Trailhead.

It was a gorgeous day and we had 12 riders which split up into two groups; one group at the quarter horse walk led by Jeanette Blasdell and the “walk/jog/trot” group led by Lin Hokana. The groups split and headed in separate directions, crossing paths and meeting back at the trailers in a tumbleweed free trailhead to socialize and eat our lunches. On the ride were: Richard Boschee, Allison Frasier, Duane Schmutz, Pat Wilson, Deja Schweitzer, Ann

Guhman, Judith Mayfield, John West, Lin Hokana, Desire Zetterquist, Jeanette Blasdell, and Carol Gregory.

For this ride we split off the Cottonwood trail and rode north on Prospector for approximately 2 miles, (if you keep going on Prospector Trail it would eventually take you to Harrisburg), we made it a nice loop on a semi-secret trail at the base of the red cliffs that is practically unknown by mountain bikers. The total loop is only 5 miles so we added another mile by riding a 1/2 mile up the Red Reef Trail in a mini slot canyon that ends for the horses at pretty little box canyon. This trail brings back old memories for me (*Paul*) as several years ago on a ride with some friends in the rain my horse slipped on some slick rock and fell on my leg breaking my ankle in two places. That was the only time in riding for 56 years that I ever broke anything.

Our chapter is lucky to call this beautiful place our home!



Editors Note: No pictures were available from the walk/trot/jog group



ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION & RAFFLE



BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

FRIDAY December 3rd

DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM

Great Dutch Oven
Cookin' with
Homemade Fixins

Membership (includes dinner)
\$30 - Single Membership (1 meal)
\$40 - Family Membership (2 meals)
additional meals \$10 per plate

St. George Community Building
200 W & 200 N
(behind senior citizen center)

RSVP by Dec 1 - text 435-862-6181
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★ Memorial Day & Every Day
RESPECT HONOR GRATITUDE



THANK YOU
FOR SERVING OUR COUNTRY &
PROTECTING OUR FREEDOM!

BCHUSW Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2021

The **BCHUSW** chapter meeting was called to order November 9, 2021 at the St. George Community Center by President Paul Sloane. In attendance were: Paul Sloane, Lin Hokana, Deja Schweitzer, Larry and Freddy Dunn, Tammy Engeness, John West, Jerry and Carol Vantine, Kathy McGann David and Judith Mayfield, Ann Guhman, Scott Ford, and Jeanette Blasdell.

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

Treasurer' Report: Freddy Dunn presented the treasurer's report. Assets as of October 31, 2021 are \$7,881.35 compared to last year's total of \$8,435.59. Our net income for October is \$524.12 as compared to last year's total of \$1,299.58.

Old Business:

Pine Valley- Paul reported that we have not heard back from Charity at the Forest Service Department though he has made several attempts to chat.

Dinner/Auction Final Planning- Each committee reported on their progress, and all seems to be going smoothly. At last month's meeting we formed an "auction" team. John West reported that this year teams will be collecting items for the raffle, auction, and silent auction. Any active team member that generates \$1,000 at the auction will receive a free BCH monogram on the garment of their choice. A motion was made, seconded, and passed for this potential expenditure. A reminder was also made that teams need to give a list of sponsors so we can post them the night of our dinner/auction.

Trail Etiquette Cards- A motion was made, seconded, and passed to reimburse Lin Hokana \$42.69 for the cards he recently had printed.

New Business:

Volunteer Hours Presentation- Lin Hokana demonstrated how easy it is to use the BCH website and record our volunteer hours.

Pine Valley Bridges- After hearing that the bridges have become a bit slippery, Paul inquired what we could possibly do. It was suggested we could..... Before using any of the prescribed methods a team went and checked out the bridges. They felt that sweeping the pine needles will help immensely.

Ride Calendar:

- December 3rd- Annual Dinner Auction
- January 8,- Gunlock

Adjournment: 7:45

Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Blasdell



**Natural Hoof Care
Barefoot Trimming**

Jay B. Rex 229-1891

Calendar of Events

CHAPTER MEETINGS :

- No meeting in December—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)**

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 of the Month!

Sported by: Desire Zetterquist



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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: _____

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