



# Southwest Cairn

Marking the trails for our members



## From the Presidents Saddle



We had our monthly chapter event at Reinmakers Equestrian Park on the 21<sup>st</sup>, the obstacle course. There was a nice turn out on an absolutely perfect day. This year we started the day with a costume contest, which was a great way to start the day. Congratulations to everyone who participated; everyone was a winner in my mind. We did select the best horse costume and the best horse and rider costume and presented them with a gift card, thanks to Basile & Davis, PLLC, Certified Public Accountants for sponsoring the contest. The Best Horse Costume was Polly with Tammy Lineback as her gardener and Best Horse and Rider was Desi

Zetterquist and the skeleton of Willow (see photos here or on our website and/or Facebook page).

There were 22 obstacles of various difficulty to navigate, from easy (log step overs) to difficult (parking your horse's butt on a huge bean bag). People did obstacles at their own pace, some done in hand, others rode, some rode after doing in hand. A short trail ride was done before lunch. Deserts were furnished by members and enjoyed by all.

Thanks go out to a team of people who helped plan, set up, run and pick up at the end of the day. This would not have been possible without the Becksteds, the new owners of Reinmakers, graciously clearing the grounds and allowing us to use their facility. They recently purchased the business from the Jacksons and are adding more stalls to expand their boarding capacity.

Freddy Dunn and I met with Joe Rechsteiner, the new Pine Valley District Ranger and discussed the Pine Valley Equestrian Campground plans we have in mind. Several of the vacant

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**Community Building**

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**Monthly Ride!**

**Nov 11th Gooseberry Mesa**

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**November 1st**

**Meeting at the Community Bldg 6:00PM Education 7:00PM General**

## Reinmakers Playday October 21, 2023

By Lin Hokana



It was a perfect day to come out and play in the obstacle course set up at Reinmakers Equestrian Park. I didn't get names and total head count but we had 20 folks RSVP and several others came, including people who board at Reinmakers. So as a guess we had about 30 people total, including several youth. We started the day with a Halloween costume contest. Ten people got up early and decorated their horse and themselves for this fun highlight of the day. Congratulations to **Tammy Lineback** for the best horse costume and to **Desi Zetterquist** for the outstanding rider and horse costume. They were awarded either an IFA or CalRanch gift card for their placing, courtesy of Basile and Davis, Certified Public Accountants.

The new owners of Reinmakers, Kourtney and Wes Becksted, graciously allowed us to set up 22 obstacles of varying difficulty on the west side of their property. This was the same area we've used the prior two years. We changed up some of the obstacles for variety. Thanks go to the set-up crew who helped me, including Jeanette Blasdell, Tammy Engeness, Scott Ford, Deja and Derrick Schweitzer, Tammy Lineback and Kolby from Reinmakers staff.

After navigating the obstacles, Jeanette led a short trail ride along the Virgin River. What a nice option the boarders there have to do arena work as well as trail rides. They are also close to the newly designated Zone 6 of the Dessert Reserve.

About noon it was time for lunch and socializing. If you didn't eat what you brought, you could enjoy the dish's Paul Sloane's wife Beth made. And then there were deserts, oh so many to choose from. Scott provided water and soda.

We enjoyed meeting new people, including Julie Dunn, who signed up as a new member of our chapter.

Deja took a lot of videos and photos; others did, too; which, besides the sampling in the newsletter, can be seen on our website [BCHUSouthwest.org](http://BCHUSouthwest.org) and FaceBook page ([BCHUSouthwest](https://www.facebook.com/BCHUSouthwest)).

An event like this takes a lot of planning, coordination and work setting everything up and taking it down. I cannot thank everyone who helped me enough for the teamwork. And especially thanks go to the Becksteds who hosted our chapter's event.

Happy trails...





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positions under him are being filled so we have high hopes of making progress replacing corrals next year.

We are in the midst of planning the annual membership drive and fund raiser. We will again, and soon, be asking help from you, our members, with soliciting businesses for donations for the auctions. More details forthcoming.

For the monthly educational session, we decided to have just one speaker per month. Meetings start at 6 PM with educational presentation(s) followed by the business meeting. The November 1<sup>st</sup> presentation will be someone from the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument. Where's this you ask? It's that huge area of land, over a million acres, that's jointly managed by the BLM and National Park Service. And they have a need, something BCHU-Southwest can help them with. Come to the meeting and hear about some great riding opportunities in what we often think of as the AZ strip, i.e., Pakoon Springs, Tassi Ranch and much more.

For the business meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup>, we will discuss increasing the annual membership dues. Our chapter is \$5.00 less than all the other chapters in Utah and we have not raised them in a very long time.

Our chapter's website is full of useful information. Check it out: <https://www.bchusouthwest.org>. Click on one of the links, such as Service Projects or Monthly Meetings and Educational Presentations or Monthly Trail rides and you will see several projects. Click on one of these for more details about that subject. Pretty cool. This is still a work in progress and we welcome your suggestions on how to make improvements.

Happy Trails...Lin





**Meeting October 4, 2023 Notes**

**Members Present:** Lin Hokana, Feddy Dunn, Debra Grise , Tammy Engenes, DeAnn Fieselman, Ann Guhman, Deja Schweitzer, Scott Ford, Jarice Butterfield and Salina Butterfiel

**Call to Order:** Lin Hokana

**Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions**

**Educational Presentation:**

Deja Schweitzer – Updated a Review of the All Trails App

Paid version costs \$17.99 per year; it allows you to download the trail maps – a coupon was provided to those present

**Minutes:** Motion made, unanimous vote, motion carried to accept minutes as published in the newsletter

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeanette Blasdell

There is also a *Certificate of Deposit* small savings that is not reflected  
Very little spending has taken place recently. Motion made, unanimous vote, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

Emergency Evacuation Plan – Lin There will be meeting with Robin Fulford about an livestock/equine evacuation plan for Dammeron Valley

**New Business:**

- Election of Officers for 2024 – Lin; John West is on leave at this time.

Reinmakers Event – Volunteers are needed to set up, select obstacles, etc. – people are encouraged to contact Lin Hokana if they have obstacles to contribute. Deja is seeking a donation for the costume contest award (horse and horse and rider). Lin will provide certificates for winners.

**Committee Reports:**

Liaison to local public lands agencies: Lin Hokana /Freddy Dunn, Co-chairs

New District Ranger Joe Rechsteiner and status of AL&L contract – Lin/Freddy

A meeting will take place with Freddy next week.

Zone 6 – GPS mapping of intended new trails – Lin has been in communication with Mike Schiff and Del Rey in order to get information about potential trails so that new maps can be developed. Potential trails need to be ridden and mapped.

Annual Fund Raising/Membership Drive Dinner: Lin, Deja, Debbie, Feddy and Jarice will meet on 10-11-23 for the first planning meeting at noon.

Work Projects: Jeanette Blasdell and Deja Schweitzer, Co-chairs

Zion NP Coal Pits Trail Improvement – meeting on Sept. 26, 2023 Lin/Freddy

Possibly ask Steve if we can use his Bobcat to smooth out the trailer parking area. There are still weeds in the auto parking area that need to be cleared out; Jeanette has a contact she will check with. This is a priority project.

Confluence park has a barb wire gate which is not safe; Jeanette will take a photo and report back; a safer gate or step over may be recommended.

**Education:** John West, Chair excused absence on a temporary leave

November – Ben Roberts, Superintendent Grand Canyon-Parashant NM

January 2024 – Doug West – Trails

February 2024 - Kristen Comella – Snow Canyon State Park

**Ride Calendar:** Deja Schweitzer, Chair

- October 21 - Play Day Reinmakers – Various members agreed to assist with set up
  - November 11 (Veterans Day) – Gooseberry Mesa - Deja Schweitzer
  - January 13, 2024 – Valley of Fire – Keith Wheeler
  - February 10 – Red Mountain – Jeanette Blasdell
- March 9 – Gunlock – John West

**Adjourn:** Motion made and carried to adjourn at 7:40pm



**Tammy Lineback  
Polyanna**



**Desi Zetterquist  
and Willow**

# Calendar of Events

## CHAPTER MEETINGS :

**November 1, 2023—St. George Community Bldg. Education 6:00PM—General 7:00PM**



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

- November 11th—Gooseberry Mesa (Apple Valley) In the Saddle 10:00AM, bring lunch—** Great views of Zion Park mountains.  
**Directions:** Take SR 9 off I-15 east to Hurricane. At the east end of Hurricane turn right on 100E, then left on SR 59 to Kanab/Lake Powell, travel 12 miles to the Gas station in Apple Valley, continue for 2-2 1/2 miles and turn left on dirt road. Follow BCH signs to parking area



**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:** Nancy Riggio  
*Visiting from Montana*



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**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:

**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