

September 2023

Southwest Cairn

Marking the trails for our members



From the Presidents Saddle



What a great presentation we had at our September meeting with Dr. Ron Johnson sharing a wealth of good, common-sense information for equestrian owners. We all learned something new and useful. If you missed it, you can see the video recording on our Facebook page as well as recent posts at <https://www.facebook.com/BCHU.Southwest>. We use Facebook as well as email blasts to keep members informed of current activities.

Our chapter has its website up and running and 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.

The September chapter ride was hosted by Mike and Kathy Duvall. It was a perfect day with terrific company. The Duvalls were gracious as usual and I thank them for all the work they did to get their obstacle course reconstructed after all the rain. We also have Paul Sloane, Jeanette Blasdell and several others to thank for getting the burger burn up and running.

Our October “ride” is being held a week later than usual, on October 21, due to the Senior Games being held on our usual weekend. We, again, will be holding another obstacle course event at Reinmakers Equestrian Park, South 1550 West, St. George, UT. The Jacksons recently sold the facility to Wes and Kortney Becksted (I hope the spelling is correct) and they kindly agreed to continue hosting this super fun event. *(Continued page 4)*

NEXT MEETING

Community Building
See Page 7 for details



Oct 21st Play Day at Reinmakers

See Page 7 for Details

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October 4th

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



*Horses are the treat.
(Riding is the trick.)*

Sunshine and Sunflowers Ride Enterprise

September 9, 2023

By Debbie Grise

Imagine riding the trail and encountering a metal snowman, pool noodles hanging from trees and bright colored lawn chairs scattered about. You have most certainly arrived at Mike and Kathy Duvall's Ranch in Enterprise.

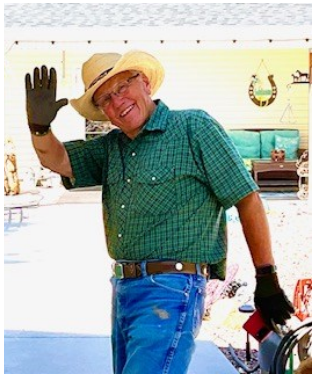
A beautiful day combined with a special ride awaited the ten riders attending this event. The day began on the obstacle course. It required crossing the bridge, pole weave, stepovers, mailboxes, bird houses and walking by numerous metal artworks. All the horses and riders did great.

Next we worked our way up the hill on a guided ride onto the BLM Land surrounding the ranch.

The ride traversed the hillside with rocky areas filled with Juniper & Pinion pines and spectacular valley views. Our ride ended up in a flat grassy area with rolling hills and fields of Sunflowers.

This particular area is home to several groups of wild mustangs that are often spotted by Mike and Kathy. Following the ride everyone attended the "Burger Burn". Paul Sloane was our grill master who cooked everything to perfection. Jeanette Blasdell assisted with all the toppings and set up lunch for us. A special thank you to our gracious hosts Mike and Kathy Duvall for hosting BCHSW. Riders attending the ride and luncheon were Mike and Kathy Duvall, Paul and Bethany Sloane, Tammy Engenes, DeAnn Fieselman, Lin Hokana, Larry and Freddy Dunn, Jeanette Blasdell, Debbie Grise and Jarice, Brett and Salina Butterfield.





This year we will also have a Halloween costume contest at the beginning of this day. Start planning your outfit, those with the best costumes will win a prize. The judging will be first, then you can take your mount to the obstacle course to negotiate any one of the variety of obstacles or varying difficulty at your leisure. A short, easy trial ride will also be offered. This has been fun event the last several years. Look for additional details as we get closer to the event.

I don't have any additional information to share regarding our projects. We have irons in the fire but nothing to report right now.

A couple of reminders:

Our chapter meetings now start at 6 PM with educational presentation(s) followed by the business meeting.

Chapter rides have a stated "start time" to be in the saddle, ready to ride. That means ideally you should plan to be at the location no later than 15 minutes before that start time if your equine is already saddled. Arrive a half hour early if you need to groom and saddle up. And then you should do your normal warm up routine.

Helmets for adults are encouraged and required for youth 18 and under. If your child wears a helmet, set the good example and wear one yourself. If you should fall off and get injured, no matter what's injured, the first question they ask in the emergency room is, "Did you hit your head?" followed by, "Were you wearing a helmet?" Please say, "YES!"

Happy Trails... Lin



In Attendance: Lin Hokana, Jeanette Blasdell, Freddy Dunn, Tammy Engenes, Scott Ford, Ronald Johnson, Deja Schweitzer, Steve Julian, Jarice Butterfield, Debbie Grise and DeAnn Fieselman

Call to Order: Lin Hokana at 6 PM

Educational Presentation by Dr. Ron Johnson DVM:

Part I: Overview of horse health, vaccination methods, worming methods, and hoof health

Deja Schweitzer – Updated Review of the All Trails App (postponed to later)

Minutes: Motion made and accepted to approve July, 2023 minutes as published in the newsletter

Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Blasdell – no budget changes or requests. Motion made and accepted to approve to accept the report.

Old Business:

- Emergency Evacuation Plan – Lin (April 22 DVFR Open House) – no report
- Utah Sales Tax Exemption status – Lin – the organization has been approved
- Sales of Belt Buckles – Lin – 4 checks for purchases have been received, 5 more buckles available for sale.

New Business:

New business cards for officers – Lin – the organization has a website up and running so new business cards need to be printed for officers.

Committee Reports:

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

There is a new district ranger for the Pine Valley - Joe Rechsteiner (former returning ranger) will be meeting with Freddy and Lin in the near future to get a status report projects at the Pine Valley campground.

Annual Fund Raising/Membership Drive Dinner: Lin, Deja and John, Co-chairs

Liability Insurance Premium due – Deja – the organization now has insurance and a 501(c)(3) which is required by the school districts (insurance is through United Business Insurance UBI). There will be no refund if the event is cancelled. Deja will obtain the insurance as the date gets closer.

Membership – Laurie Clay, Chair – no report

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

Zion NP Coal Pits Trail Improvement – Lin; John West is temporarily unavailable so someone needs to go assess the needs – Dr. Johnson will take on this role.

Education: John West, Chair -excused absence

October – Doug West – Trails, Kristen Comella – Snow Canyon State Park

November – Ben Roberts, Superintendent Grand Canyon-Parashant NM

Dr. Ron Johnson and Deja Schweitzer to be rescheduled in near future by John West

Update on BCHA State Organization Freddy Dunn

The minutes from the last National Director's meeting was sent out earlier this week. In Randy Rasmussen's report he talked about e-bikes and the BLM. This is a really big deal for equestrians because the information memorandum that was sent out basically said for offices to proceed with caution when authorizing e-bikes on trails. For a non-motorized trail to be opened to ebikes, there must be public input, and environmental assessment AND approval from the Washington Office. This is a big WIN for us nationally - a great example of what BCHA does for you.

Additionally, Randy talked about a presentation by USFS Trails Program Coordinator (a great friend to BCHA) Brenda Yankoviak about the great progress made on their 10 Yr Trails Challenge. With the new infusions of funding (about \$54M for the next several years or an additional 60% of current budget) and the 2016 Trails Stewardship Act, much is being done across the country.

Ride Calendar:

Deja Schweitzer, Chair

- September 9 – Duvall Obstacle Course, Enterprise, burger burn to follow
- October 21 - Play Day Reinmakers – Rainmaker Ranch was sold; the new owners are Wes and Courtney Beckstead; a committee was set: Scott Jeanette, Deja and Lin and Freddy. Is a waiver required.
- 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

Announcements:

Jeanette Blasdell shared that there is a Horse First Aide all day seminar being provided at the ranch where she boards on October 8th - see website for flyer and details

Adjourned at 7:33

Calendar of Events

CHAPTER MEETINGS :

2023—St. George Community Bldg. Business 5:30—General 6:30pm

Come and Participate in our Chapters Success



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

**October 21st– Horse & Rider Play Day at Reinmakers Equestrian Park, Bloomington.
Events starting at 10:00 AM, Lunches will be provided. Bring Helmet.**

Address: 3785 S 1550 W, St George, UT 84790 (Bloomington)

Directions: Take Bingham Rd off of I –15 to Roundabout, take 3rd exit onto Pioneer Rd. go .7 mi turn right onto Man-O-War Rd go .8 mi; Turn left onto W Bloomington Dr S go .9 mi Turn left onto S 1550 W to Reinmakers

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: Mike Duvall



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Southwest Utah Chapter Playdate & Costume Contest

Saturday, October 21st, Sign-In @ 9:30 am

 Reinmakers Equestrian Park.

3785 S 1550 W St George, UT 84790 (Bloomington)

- 10:00 **Parade of Costumes** Dress up you and your equine!
Prizes for Best Duo (horse & rider) and best horse costume.
- 10:30 **Obstacle Course** Open arena to play on the obstacles.
- 11:30 **Short 45 min. Trail Ride** Appropriate for beginners.
- 12:30 **Picnic at the Barn** Bring your own lunch. Drinks and
desserts will be provided.



Helmets are required on the obstacle course

Back Country Horsemen of America (BCHA) is a nation-wide organization that is committed to protecting the access of equestrians to public lands. We are devoted equestrians who love to ride and explore new trails. We assist with trail maintenance and improvement projects, keeping trails clear for all user groups. We welcome riders of all types, ages and interests into our chapters!



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