

September 2021



Southwest Cairn

Marking the trails for our members



From the Presidents Saddle



Things are starting to roll now that summer is nearing a close. You by now have read about the “Butler Challenge”. Lin Hokana spent some time hosting Gary Butler from WY on local rides, subsequent to their time together Gary sent us a check for \$100 with the challenge that we use the money to grow our chapter, with emphasis on youth. To that end, we are **organizing a play date event** at Reinmakers on **October 9th**. We are reaching out to young people to participate. (See pg. 5 of newsletter)



Tumbleweeds are invading the new Cottonwood Trailhead parking area. On **September 25th** National Public Lands Day we will be at Cottonwood at 8:30 AM to remove the tumbleweeds. Please come and help, wear long sleeves, have gloves and shovel. BLM is providing dumpsters. We are planning a larger scale project with more help later for the road into the trailhead.

Welcome new member:
Jarice Butterfield

Happy Trails!

Paul



Happy Halloween!

NEXT MEETING

October 12th, 6:30PM
Community Building
See Page 8 for details



Monthly Ride!

October 9th Play day
at Reinmakers

November 13th
Cottonwood TH

See Page 8 for Details

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October 12th

**Meeting at the Commu-
nity Bldg 6:30PM**

BCH Ride at the Duvall's September 11, 2021

By

Deja Schweitzer

Our September chapter ride was at the Duvall's ranch in Enterprise. Mike and Kathy Duvall invited the chapter to come ride their private trail obstacle course and then led us on a nice trail ride on the public lands just behind their property.

Arriving for the ride were: Brindlyn Green, Theresa Harris, Tammy Engeness, Allison Frasier, Deja Schweitzer, Betty Erickson, Maria Haris, Anita Kolberg, Amy Matzen, Mike & Kathy Duvall, John West, & Jeanette Blasdell.

Mike and Kathy pointed out many interesting facts about the area and also took us through the "Flat Fire" burn area that raged through the area less than 3 months ago burning almost 15,000 acres. The fire came within 2 miles of the Duvall's property, we were all so grateful that the Duvall's property and structures were spared.

After the ride we enjoyed a burger-burn/potluck. Hamburgers were grilled to perfection by our chapter president, Paul Sloane.

We had 13 riders, plus Paul Sloane and Lin Hokana who joined us for lunch. The food was great and everyone had a great time visiting.









Southwest Utah Chapter Horse & Rider Play Date

Saturday, October 9th, 10:00 a.m.

 Reinmakers Equestrian Park.

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

We will have a fun obstacle course to exercise with your horse & short trail ride.

Lunch will be provided.



Helmets will be 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!

BCHUSW Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2021

The **BCHUSW** chapter meeting was called to order September 14, 2021 at the St. George Community Center by President Paul Sloane. In attendance were: Paul Sloane, Lin Hokana, Tammy Engeness, Delray Jackson, Connie Jackson, and Jeanette Blasdell.

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

Treasurer' Report: A treasurer's report was not given.

Old Business:

Pine Valley Corral Project- The project is now in the forest service's hands as the engineers specifications have made the project much more extensive and costly.

Butler Challenge- A committee met and we hope our "Play Day" in October will entice more youth to attend. Paul has begun reaching out to the Dixie Rodeo Club, Deja has started contacting FFA groups, Jeanette will put up flyers at nearby stables, and we hope with the obstacle course which can be more youth friendly, members will invite their children or grandchildren to check it out. Our hope is to use the \$100 to award several youth memberships to interested participants . Jeanette has also volunteered to make a free membership available for an interested not as "youthful" participant.

Pine Valley Bridge Sign- The signs from a few years ago have become quite faded. Currently Star Design is developing alternate signs for approval.

Trail Etiquette Cards- Lin researched the cost of having cards printed up for our members to distribute while on the trails. He got quotes from: Staples, Alpha Graphics, Fed X and then at this meeting some other suggestions were given. A motion was made and accepted to allocate up to \$70 for the future purchase of cards.

New Business:

Play Day at Reinmakers- Connie and Delray Jackson have been gracious enough to let us use their facility for October's BCH gathering. With their input, we discussed the obstacles they have at their stable, and at a previous meeting we generated a list of other possibilities. Lin has volunteered to meet with Connie and Delray and design the course and also be the judge for the October 9th event. (This course will not be in their much used arena, so we will be able to start assembling the course way before the 9th for their stable members to enjoy.)

BCH Merchandise- In the past members have expressed an interest in having the BCH logo embroidered onto their favorite jacket, vest, shirt, etc. Jeanette contacted Power Image, which has our logo. The front logo is \$13.50 and the back logo is \$25.00. Interested members can bring their items the day of the Play Date or deliver them to Jeanette beforehand. The company has been very busy so it may take a couple of months to get them back. The cutoff date to drop off items will be October 9th.

National Public Lands Day- On September 25th Deja and Jeanette will be beginning a tumbleweed eradication project in the horse trailer staging area. There will be a ride to follow for those that can tolerate the heat.

Ride Calendar:

October 9th Play Date at Reinmakers
November 13th Cottonwood
December 3rd Annual Dinner Auction

Adjournment: 7:35

Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Blasdell



BCHA Embroidery on your Apparel



There have been inquiries regarding getting our BCHA logos embroidered on your own apparel. Jeanette Blasdell has made arrangements with the embroidering company that we have been using to do just that.

Cost for front logo is **\$13.50** per garment

Cost for back logo is **\$ 25.00** per garment

Front & Back is \$38.50 per garment

ALL GARMENTS MUST BE NEW or FRESHLY LAUNDERED

Contact Jeanette to coordinate your order as the company requires a 12 garment minimum order.

818-415-1305

Calendar of Events

CHAPTER MEETINGS :

- October 12th—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)

October 9th– Horse & Rider Play Date 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 Bringham 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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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