

TWIN RIVERS BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN TRAILS AND TALES NEWSLETTER

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Meeting: Tuesday, Dec 8th, 7:00 pm. Idaho Fish & Game Building 3316 16th St. Lewiston, ID

Comin' round the Mountain

IMPORTANT ALERT!!

Time is running out to buy and sell your calendars. Be ready to buy more at the Christmas Dinner.

2010 BCH of Idaho Calendars Sales *12 Chances to win!!*

Lisa Swanson has taken on the task of keeping track of the calendar distribution and collecting your money. Calendars will be available to buy at the Dinner and Decembers Meeting, or call Lisa at (Home # 208-746-6741), Cell # 208-305-1331 or stop by and see Betty Barnes at (Potlatch Credit Union, Orchards Branch). Every month of the year, except December, a person has a chance at a \$500 (five hundred) cash prize in a drawing the last day of the month. At Decembers drawing the winner will have a choice of a \$6000 (six thousand) gift card at Cabelas, or \$6000 (six thousand) in fencing products from Lucky Acres Fencing, or they have the choice to split the prize for \$3000 (three thousand) from both retailers.

Membership and Lifelight for 2010 *Important Changes*

Membership fees to TRBCH have remained the same. Lifelight has increase membership fees for families and/or individuals to the same fee of \$35.00 annually. The reason stated for the increase was that their fuel costs have increase 800% since they started group memberships. All membership applications must be mailed to: Twin Rivers BCH,

PO Box 1633, Lewiston, ID 83501, or brought to a chapter meeting.

There are more new changes to Lifelight. Any member of TRBCH that wishes to become a member of Lifelight Services will need to fill out a new form that we are waiting to receive from Boise. Then they need to send that form and payment to Lifelight Services. Our chapter will no longer be collecting the money for Lifelight. The memberships will be for one year from the date they receive your form and payment. There will no longer be a deadline to sign up by, but you must be a member of BCH to join. We will get a form out to everyone as soon as possible.

Notice: For those that have already paid, wait until you here from us, as to how we are going to transition to the new form.

TRBCH Christmas Dinner **Dec 4th, a Friday evening** **At Guardian Angel Homes**



Happy Hour at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00

Prime rib dinner or either chicken or fish for the people that want something other than the prime rib. No host bar will open at 6:00.

Total price for appetizer, dinner, and tip for the dinner will be \$10/person with the chapter paying the rest of the cost of dinner. Feel free to bring a guest, but they will have to pay \$18.00 for dinner.

Guardian Angel Homes, 2221 Vineyard Ave, is up the hill from the Veterans Home in Lewiston and across the street from Valley Medical Center, the barn shaped building.

Again this year we will be supporting Toys for Tots. Bring a toy of your choice. This has been a success and appreciated by the children on the receiving end.

Please email lkuther@clarkston.com or call Laurel Kuther, 509-758-6036 to make reservations by Nov. 30th. We need to know how many in your party and if they want Prime Rib, Chicken or Fish.

January Fun Ride!

We need a volunteer to schedule a fun ride to start the year off.

Hells Gate State Park

Don Uhlman Memorial Shelter

Bill Correll presented plans designed by Carl Paulsen, for the building at last months meeting. Doug Head has agreed to be project supervisor. When these three minds come together, I'm sure they will have a date scheduled to start work on the project.

TRBCH Officers for 2010

Laurel Kuther (509-758-6036) is Chairperson for the nominating committee. Positions up for election are; President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, State Director, Alt. State Director, and several positions on the Chapter Board of Directors. We will be voting for new officers at Decembers Meeting. There is still a chance to run for office if you are interested, just call Laurel.

Washington Fish & Wildlife

Joseph Creek Trailhead

Mark Bogar & Rod Parks have been working with Washington Fish & Wildlife on improving the parking area at the trailhead on Joseph Creek that accesses their property. We have already rebuilt the ATV gate to make it a stock gate for easier access and the new gate has been installed. We hope to be working on this in the next month or two. If anyone is interested, Call Rod Parks 208-791-3246. We plan to remove some brush (blackberries), trim some trees, repair some fence, clean up around the historical school house, and level the parking lots on both sides of the road.

This is a great place to ride. After the work is completed we hope to have a bonfire burning the brush and a ride up the canyon. We will keep you posted.

Inland Northwest Outdoor Show (INOS) March 26-28, 2010

Listed are activities that TRBCH will be involved in.

Dutch Oven Cook Off: Karen Parks, John Barker, and Cara Dorherty will be in charge. We would like a few more members to help with the organization and planning.

Hands on Packing Classes: Jim White has agreed to be chairman.

Food Vendors: Karen Parks is the contact for help with co-coordinating the food and beverage vendors at the show.

They all will be needing help, so volunteer!!

Thanks, Karen Parks

Idaho Fish & Game

Redbird Fence Removal Project

There is some more wire fencing on the ridge between Redbird Canyon and Short Canyon that is a hazard to stock and wild game. Most of it is down or barely standing. Rod Parks will be trail boss (208-791-3246) Please call him if you wish to help. A weekend will be picked when the forecast is favorable. Right now it will probably be after the first of the year. You will be called if you have signed up. We will ride to the work area. You will need some form of stock containment, as there is nothing to tie to. We will roll up the wire, pull posts and pile the wire for removal by ATV's at a later date.

Over the Hill

November Pizza Chapter Meeting

We must be getting to be much better riders, or just haven't been riding enough this year, as the pizza selection was probably the least we have had in several years. Maybe we don't all need defensive horsemanship refreshers. The good news is that we have already started our list for

next year, as two members have already tasted the “Pizza Dust” and we have barely got started on a new year.

Asotin Creek Annual Gate Closing Ride

November 28th a very few of us showed up at the Fordyce trailhead for a fantastic ride. We had a few changes from the original plan, as Mark Bogar, Trail Boss, was on his way back from the hospital in Spokane instead of enjoying the ride, so this meant that Pat was not there manning the campfire and warming up the chili. We decided to ride up Sourdough and got a great view of a herd of four horses and about forty elk commingling on the ridge. For those unsuccessful Washington State”Spike Only” Elk Hunters, there were two spikes in the herd. It was a sunny beautiful ride across the top of the ridge with no wind. As we approached the timber we got into snow on the ground and rode in a skiff of snow for about an hour until we got towards the bottom of Fordyce Canyon. Since it was getting cold as we rode back to the trailers, and there still was no campfire, Karen Kimball suggested we go to their place up the Snake River and warm us and the chili up there. No thought was needed on this and away we went for a great meal with deluxe accommodations. Thanks Kimball’s!

BCHI State Convention Nov. 13-14, Twin Falls ID

High Desert BCH did a great job of hosting the State Directors Meeting and BCHI Convention. Two Proposals were presented by Squaw Butte BCH, one to set \$3,750 aside to reimburse chapters for trail work. This was voted down. The other was for BCHI to hold a five day Wilderness Packing Skills Clinic in August of 2011, with Squaw Butte BCH in charge of logistics. This proposal passed. They will be asking for help from packers from various chapters. Another proposal that we had not seen, but voted to support was the concept of a \$15.00 recreational trailer stamp

similar to the ORV and Snowmobile stamps that are required in Idaho, with these funds being spent on stock related projects around the state. A committee composed entirely of stock owners would make the project selections from grant requests submitted. More details will be available at the chapter meeting. Several chapters submitted Hero’s and Memoriam. Our honor members were Bill Correll as a Hero and our recently lost member Don Uhlman in memoriam.

Bill Conger discussed purchasing radios that would use the EMS radio frequencies in case there were emergencies with their chapter on outings. The Spot Beacon and Personal Locator Beacons were also discussed. Many calendars still need to be sold by almost all chapters, but we still voted to produce a 2011 calendar, as it was felt this was still the easiest way to raise funds for BCHI and let people know who BCH are. The photos for the 2011 calendar must be submitted by May 1st 2010. Details will be on the website soon www.twinriversbch.com.

Weed Seed Free Forage

Remember, weed seed free forage is required in all national forests in Idaho and on any public land in Washington. As BCH members, we must set an example for other users.

Washington State Suppliers

http://www.nwcb.wa.gov/WWHAM/WWHAM_suppliers.htm

Idaho State Suppliers

<http://www.idahoweedawareness.net/netcenter/library/weedfreeforage.html>

TRBCH Newsletter Editor/ Website Articles

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Calendar of Events

Christmas Dinner	Dec. 4th	6:00 PM	Guardian Angel Homes
TRBCH Meeting	Dec. 8th	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
TRBCH Meeting	Jan. 12th	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
BCHI Directors Meeting	March 13		Twin Rivers or North Central Idaho hosting??
Inland Northwest Outdoor Show	Mar. 26-28, 2010		Nez Perce County Fairgrounds Lewiston, ID
BCH of America National Board Meeting	April 21-24, 2010		Branson, Missouri
Poker Ride	May 9th		Fordyce Trail, Asotin Creek??
Kid's Kamp	July 7-11		Deary Pony Club??
BCHI Directors Meeting	July 10		Pee Wee Cr. Priest River BCH hosting