

TWIN RIVERS BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN TRAILS AND TALES NEWSLETTER

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Meeting: Tuesday, Feb.10, 7:00 pm. Idaho Fish & Game Building 3316 16th St. Lewiston, ID

2009 Dues/ Lifelight Membership

Attached is a Membership Application for any members that have not renewed. If you have already joined, thanks and give the application to a friend. Dues were payable by January 31, 2009. Our chapter is buying a block of 100 memberships to Lifelight. Any dependant that you claim on your IRS taxes is eligible for a Lifelight membership with a family membership to Twin Rivers BCH for a cost of \$5.50/person. The deadline for Lifelight was January 13th meeting. There may be some memberships available, but it is not guaranteed at this time since the deadline has passed.

BCHI Calendars

Thanks to all of you that have taken calendars to sell and sold them all!!

If you have not bought a calendar yet, there may be some for sale at the meeting. We had two left at last meeting from our total of 300. Everyone that did their share selling deserves a pat on the back as we took the most calendars, at the beginning, of all the chapters in the state. I hope everyone has sent in their post card for the drawing, as **Eva Anderson, Cataldo ID** has already won \$500.00. Good luck on the drawings! The chapter voted to give a calendar to Primeland Country Store, JB'S SacknTack, and Rustebakke Veterinary Clinic for their help selling calendars.

Twin Rivers BCH 2009 Officers

Congratulations to our 2009 officers: President; Tom Fitzpatrick, V-Pres; Bill Correll, Secretary; Jim White, Treasurer, Connie Baker, and State Directors; Rod Parks & Mark Bogar. Bob Shelton is the Alt. State Director.

TRBCH Website

The chapter voted to hire the BCHI Webmaster to take over TRBCH website. This will take a while to get done, but the hope is to have our website kept up to date in the future.

Idaho Fish & Game

Is the chapter interested in installing hitchrails and some corral work at Wapshilla Ranch on the Salmon River? We could haul gear by vehicle and ride our stock to the work area. We discussed this in January, but are waiting to see what other projects we are committing to first.

Umatilla National Forest

Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness Project; we may have a fence removal and pack project for 2 miles of fence at various locations near and in the Wilderness. The project could bring \$10,000.00 to the chapter.

Several of us met with Angela and we are headed in the right direction to get this project started. Bob Hough will have the latest at the meeting. We should have a sign-up sheet as this

project will take several outings and a commitment from a large part of our membership.

Angela Whittaker, Pomeroy Ranger District of the Umatilla NF, is our contact.

Hells Gate State Park

Bob Forman has agreed to be our new liaison. Thanks Bob!!

Mark Graves, Corp of Engineers, 509-751-0240 is interested in input from our members on our thoughts on safety for all users of the trails in Hellsgate State Park and which trails possibly should be restricted to specific user groups. We need to schedule a date to meet on sight with all users and agencies involved and create a mapped trails system and then some of the short cut trails will be closed

2009 Back Country & Outdoor Show

Mark & Karen are again hard at work lining up vendors, sponsors, etc. for this years show. If you know of anyone that would be a good vendor for the show, contact Mark Bogar. Our chapter needs to provide two items for the bucket raffle and one for the live auction, and they all need to have a minimum \$50.00 value. Karen suggests we wait until the vendors are here and our chapter appoints people to go around and buy items for the bucket raffle/auction from them. Mark & Karen will need the support of the rest of the Chapter to pull this years show off. There will be new activities and demonstrations. We will have a signup sheet for workers for the show at Feb. meeting.

Calendar Photo's

Each chapter is requested to submit at least five photos to be used for the 2009 BCHI Calendars. Any photos need to be put on a disk, as emailed photos lose there quality for the calendar. Everyone please go through your photos and pick some good ones and list the location the photo was taken, if you know. This is in addition to photos for the photo contest.

Check out the website for updates on the Back County & Outdoor Show for the dutch oven

competition, photo contest rules, RV camping registration, etc. www.bchi.org

BCHI State Directors Meeting

Lewiston, ID Friday March 27, 2009. This will be held in the Red Barn during the Back Country & Outdoor Show. We will not have a State Convention this Year at the Outdoor show. The State Convention will be hosted in November by Treasure Valley BCH Members are welcome to attend the meeting, they just can not vote on issues, that is only for the directors.

Clearwater NF

Thanks to Carol Hennessey for presenting work project proposals and answering questions about happenings in the Clearwater NF. She asked for support letters on grant requests she will submit for the Feather Creek Trail new construction, Lolo Pass Cross-Country Ski Trail Clearing and Signing, Upper Canyon OHV Loop Opportunities, and Garnet Creek Trail Reconstruction. The chapter voted to send a letter supporting the construction of a 10 mile loop on the Feather Creek Trail. We voted to accept clearing the existing Feather Creek Trail again this year and Bob Shelton is trail boss. Bob Henriksen has agreed to be trail boss for the Upper Basin- Morris Creek Trail Clearing Project. We will need to pick dates for these projects very soon and get on the calendar.

Poker Ride

This year's ride will be May 9th. Where we are going to have it needs to be decided at this meeting. Registration starts at 8:30 AM, First riders out at 9:00 AM, Last Riders out at 11:30 AM. \$10 first hand, \$5 each additional hand. Youths under 18 are \$5 for all hands. Food and Beverages available at the trailhead. Crews manning stations need to be gone by 8:30 AM so they can be set up and ready. For information or help, call Betty Barnes 208-743-0364.

Newsletters

If you did not receive a National Newsletter this last month, please let me know and I will get you on the mailing list. Rod Parks 208-791-3246

Stock First Aid

Colic Treatment: “Two teaspoons ground clove in the lower lip” (cheapest if bought at health food store) This is very simple, is not 100%, but easy to carry in your stock first aid kit and better than nothing, if you are way back in the back country and do not have access to a vet.

Item of Interest

Spirit of the West Cowboy Gathering:
www.ellensburgcowboygathering.com
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Calendar of Events

TRBCH Meeting	Feb. 10th	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
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BCHI State Director's Meeting	Mar. 27		Nez Perce County Fairgrounds Lewiston, ID
Back Country & Outdoor Show	Mar 27-29 2009		Nez Perce County Fairgrounds Lewiston, ID
Poker Ride	May 9th		???
National Trails Day	June 6th		Project to be decided
Kid's Kamp	July 8-12		Pony Club, Deary, ID