

# TWIN RIVERS BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN TRAILS AND TALES NEWSLETTER

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**Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 13th 7:00 pm.** Idaho Fish & Game Building 3316 16<sup>th</sup> St. Lewiston, ID

## Comin' round the Mountain

### **Clearwater NF**

Carol Hennessey, Clearwater NF, will be a guest at January's meeting and presenting some possible projects for next year.

### **2009 Dues/ Lifelight Membership**

Attached is a Membership Application. Dues are payable by January 31, 2009. You must have your dues paid by this meeting and your \$5.50/person for Lifelight membership to get on the list for Lifelight for 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. If you can not make the meeting, make sure you mail you application and Lifelight form to the chapters P.O. Box before January 13<sup>th</sup>. State dues are payable for 2008 membership to the State Treasurer this month.

### **BCHI Calendars**

. If you haven't sold yours yet, put on your salesman's face and get to it!! Thanks to all of you that have taken calendars to sell and sold them all!!

**Please sell all the calendars and bring the moneys to January's meeting or make**

**arrangements to get the money to Dave Favor (208-743-4378) before the meeting.**

If you have not bought a calendar yet, there may be some for sale at the meeting. Dave Favor has no more calendars to provide to our members, great job Dave!! Bring an extra \$20.00 for each calendar you want to buy. Good luck on the drawings! Each chapter around the state is responsible for the money for all the calendars they agreed to sell. There is no returning any unsold calendars to the state. Right now, the state will make about \$13,000 dollars from the calendar sales .There are still a few hundred that need distributed to sell. Please have all your money turned in to Dave, as he has to send a check for our chapters 300 calendars to the state by January 15<sup>th</sup>

### **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.

Thanks to Dave Favor for being our treasurer last year and to everyone else for taking on another year in the limelight!!

**Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!**

Laurel Kuther was given a gift from the chapter for the hard work she did this past year and for lining up several great trail rides

### **TRBCH Website**

Do we want to hire someone to maintain our website?

### **Idaho Fish & Game**

Craig Mountain Fun Ride: December 21<sup>st</sup>  
Redbird Trailhead. 10:00 A.M. in the saddle.  
Where was everyone??

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.

### **Umatilla National Forest**

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

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

### **Hells Gate State Park**

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. Mike Brooks has contacted the Lewiston Morning Tribune and they are interested in doing a story on the work that will be planned. Let's get this going this winter!! Our President has asked if someone would like to be the new representative for Corps of Engineer projects.

### **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.

Each chapter is requested to submit five photos to be used for the 2009 BCHI Calendars. This is in addition to photos for the photo contest.

### **Over the Hill**

### **November Chili Ride**

Thanks to the Bogar's; this is becoming an annual ride. The Washington Game Department closes the gates on Lick Fork and the South Fork of Asotin Creek December 1<sup>st</sup> and they remain closed until April 1<sup>st</sup>. There reasoning is to protect the elk in their winter grazing area from disturbances by motorized vehicles. So, November 29<sup>th</sup> we went for the last ride of the year before the gates are closed. The forecast was for rain, and it rained all day the day before, but since it was colder that heck the year before, we were not going to let a little rain forecast stop us. Well, it turned out to be much better than any of us had expected and we had 20 riders show up. It was definitely wet, but you just put someone with a large animal in front to beat the brush and it is not that bad. Most of the day it was foggy and a light drizzle from the fog. Going up Fordyce the trail was in good shape. The group got split up into two groups due to potty breaks and when we got on top to go down Cabin, the slow group ended up with several different ideas as to where the top of cabin was in the fog, and we were able to see some new areas. It would have been a beautiful day for some side trips if you could see! Finally Lorelei decided we had done enough side trips and it was time to head down Cabin and she led

the way. Things were a little slipping and sliding as there is not much rock on the trail, but everyone made it without any animals falling down and providing a Pizza for the rest of us. There were advantages of being the last back to the trailhead, as the chili was hot and the campfire was roaring. Everyone rotated positions around the fire until we had a good amount of steam rolling off our cloths. The chili was great and lots of cookies, cake, etc to go along with it. We told a few lies around the fire and picked up and headed home. Thanks to everyone who hauled our stock from Asotin to the trailhead, as the rest of us did not have to spend two hours de-mudding our vehicles and trailers. Thanks Mark & Pat for a great ride. Are we going to have a ride to celebrate the opening of the gates next spring??

### Christmas Dinner

Thanks to Scott & Jackie Koehler for finding a great place for our dinner. The Guardian Angel Building was fantastic, was already decorated and they provided a very good meal. Prime rib, or salmon & cod for non beef eaters, baked potatoes, beans, rolls, green salad, and a delicious dessert. Scott was our bartender and did a fine job of keeping us merry. We did no gift exchange, but instead brought gifts to give to Toys for Tots, which we have done for the last several years. We also donated \$107.70 from proceeds of the bar to Toys for Tots. It was decided last year to not have our membership meeting with the Christmas Dinner, which made things much more enjoyable. It was great to see some of our new

members. It was especially nice to see Donna Baker, a past member back. We did inventory of our calendar sales and sold a few more. We feel pretty confident that we will have all three hundred sold by the end of the year. Thanks to everyone for making it a great evening with friends!!

### 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](http://www.ellensburgcowboygathering.com)  
 February 13 - 15, 2009

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## Calendar of Events

TRBCH Meeting	Jan. 13th	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
Calendar Funds to State	Jan. 15th		Deadline
Life Flight Funds to State	Jan. 15th		Deadline
TRBCH Meeting	Feb. 10	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
Back Country & Outdoor Show	Mar 27-29 2009		Nez Perce County Fairgrounds Lewiston, ID