



Trails & Tales Newsletter

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www.twinriversbch.com

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

Comin' round the Mountain

2011 BCHI Calendars

Thank You to all that sold and bought Calendars!! We have sold all 400 calendars that our chapter took, so again this year, we should see lots of winners from our area. There are a few of you that either have money to turn in or calendars to return that you did not sell. Please bring the money or calendars to the meeting. If you cannot make the meeting, mail the money to Lisa. Please make arrangements to return the unsold calendars. Lisa Swanson (Cell # 208-305-1331)

Lisa Swanson, 1819 Birch Ct. Lewiston, ID 83501

If you don't, you will be getting a call!!

2011 TRBCH Membership Applications

LAST NOTICE!! Next month's issue of this newsletter will be your last if you have not renewed your membership by the March meeting. You will no longer be a member of TRBCH and will not be eligible for Lifeflight Network at the group discount rate of \$35.00. It will cost you \$60.00 to join Lifeflight if you are not a BCH member, so it only actually cost you an additional \$5.00 to join TRBCH for your family if you plan on joining Lifeflight also. New membership applications are available at chapter meetings and on the website www.twinriversbch.com. A check off box for ordering BCH calendars is included. Life Flight is no longer included on the application. Susie Paulson, 208-743-8639, chapter secretary, can also mail you an application.

Lifeflight Network

Something you may not be aware of is that as a member of BCH of Idaho, this includes our chapter; you have an option of joining Lifeflight Network for an annual fee of \$35.00 for an individual or your entire family. As a member, if you have any medical emergency in the coverage area and are flown out by helicopter, any charges

above what your own medical insurance pays are covered by Lifeflight Network. For more information, map of coverage area, and an application, please go to the chapter website; www.twinriversbch.com

In 2010, Lifeflight Network added a helicopter that is stationed at the Lewiston airport and recently they have added a fixed wing aircraft at Lewiston also.

BCH of Idaho

Board of Director's Meeting

Sat., March 5, 2011

Mark Bogar and Rod Parks will be attending this meeting representing our chapter as your state directors.

PHOTOS FOR THE 2012 BCHI CALENDAR

Photos need to be in JPEG, TIFF or Raw Format. Photos for the 12" x 12" pages need to be 300dpi, which would be

3675 x 3675 pixels. 200 DPI at 2450 x 2450 pixels will also work.

Please follow your camera's user guide and set your images to the highest resolution. Please be aware that the higher the resolution, the fewer images your camera will hold. My old 3.2MP camera's highest resolution is 2048 x 1536 pixels on the TIFF/SHQ setting and with its small 250MB card I can only get 27 photos before swapping cards or saving to my computer.

Photo selection criteria for the calendar are as follows:

A 12 x 12 photo for each chapter, with photos in Idaho take precedence over out of state.

Photos must have a horse/mule in the shot, unless it's of a work project.

Photos are placed by seasons - winter, spring, summer and fall.

Include all winter, kids, trail riding, packing, and work project photos. Nature photos will be used only as needed.

Please do not resubmit photos that have been used in previous calendars.

Print all information legible.

BCHI would like 50 of the best photos from each chapter to select from. If you have photos that meet the criteria for the 12"X12" cover photos, please list who took the photo, where it was taken and the state it was taken in. The small photos you submit just need who took them listed on the CD. Erica Foley, Colleen Head, and Pat Bogar have volunteered to narrow down the selection of photos members sends in. Please put your photos on a CD or DVD and snail mail or deliver to Erica at a meeting. The photos should not be emailed, as the quality is not good enough for the calendar. **Submittal deadline is March 14th**

Erica's Contact info: erica.l.foley@gmail.com

1130 Idler's Rest Rd. Moscow, ID 83843

First Aid Training-March 9th

I was asked to arrange a First Aid/ CPR course, and we'd love all of you to come join us. This will be the basic itinerary, starting with the most important information first...

COST:

- ☺ BCH Guests = \$35.00 per person
- ☺ BCH Members = \$15.00 per person
- ☺ Kids w/ parents = \$ free

INSTRUCTOR/ CURRICULUM:

- ☺ Jim Babino, Instructor
- ☺ CPR
- ☺ Basic 1st Aid (Modified to our 'Back Country' needs; splints on the fly, travois' etc.)
- ☺ AED's

DATE, LOCATION, & TIME

- ☺ Lewiston Fish & Game Building, 16th & Warner Ave.
- ☺ March 9th
- ☺ 6:PM to 9:30pm (3 ½ hrs long)

The course is 3 ½ hours long, Kids attending MUST be Jr/Sr High School age. Please find a sitter for the little-ones. Also, it's my understanding that we will be taught & carded for/ at 'Industrial' level, and the certification is good for two years.

If you're interested, and would like to participate, please contact me, **Jenny Franklin**, at

- ☺ franklinfarms@lewiston.com OR
- ☺ 1-208-476-7573.

If you have to leave a message, leave your 'name' & 'phone #' & the message "BCH First Aid". I'll call ya back, just to let you know I got it.

Black's Ranch Work Project

(Kid's Kamp 2011 Location)

April 1st-3rd

Pat Bogar (509- 780-3545 or mpbogar@clarkston.com) is Project Leader. Please RSVP to Pat when you will be attending. Work will start at 9:00 am each day. Come for just one day or all of them, as there is plenty of work to do. No stock is needed for this project.

Projects planned: removing ceiling in garage, plumbing and remodeling improvements in the basement, and rebuilding some of the corrals. Members need to bring carpentry tools, wrecking bars, step ladders, plumbing tools tools for installing fence posts and building wooden corrals and most important, a chair to sit on!! There are areas to park an RV, a few bedrooms in the house you may reserve, but no beds, so bring cots or plan to sleep on the floor.

Dinners will be potluck Friday & Saturday with the chapter providing the meat dish. Lunches, everyone is on their own to provide. Breakfast served at 7:30 am Saturday & Sunday and provided by the chapter.

Make sure you RSVP to Pat so we know how much food to purchase and in case there are any last minute changes.

Inland Northwest Outdoor Show

April 8-10

Our chapter will be involved in this show again this year. We will be doing a hands on packing clinic like we did last year. Jim White has volunteered to be in charge. He will need lots of help from our members.

We will need advertising, ideas and a possible Sponsor for the event. We are going to man a booth this year representing TRBCH and BCH of Idaho. We need someone to be in charge to schedule staffing the booth. Karen Parks is in charge of the 2nd Annual Dutch Oven Cook Off and needs some help with prizes, putting up posters and setting up. So we will need people to be added to each event to make committees.

Poker Ride

The chapter picked a date and approved it last meeting. We have a conflict with Betty Barnes being able to make the date we selected and she is in chairman for the Poker Ride. She will have a new date to present at the meeting.

KnowingYour Neighbor

On Feb 11th, Rebecca and I attended a fundraiser at Morgan's Alley put on by the Selway Bitterroot Foundation [sbf]. As a member of the Back Country Horsemen I was curious of the organization as it seems we have similar goals. We are primarily horse people so I wondered about our assisting in the packing of tools Etc. on their projects.

One of the first people I saw, as we entered, was Jim Renshaw of North Central BCH so I knew sbf was aware of his skills and possibly used him already. Then I saw

Roger Ingram of North Central and that put my wonderings to bed.

The evening was enjoyable with too many good silent auction articles, beer and wine.

They have some good people supporting them. TRBCH did some jobs under the direction of Connie Saylor-Johnson when she was a Wilderness Ranger. She's a Board of Director with a good head on her shoulders. Diane Pettit is on the Board. She's a personal friend, married to a very well known fish biologist and was a Tribune Editor.

They have an Executive Director and two Lead Wilderness Stewards. There are Twelve Board of Directors, five from Montana and seven from Idaho. They have a 501[c] 3 tax exempt status, non political and totally focused on supporting and improving the status of the Selway, Bitterroot Wilderness. They may expand into the Frank Church Wilderness as they grow. They've only been organized about five years. They have approximately 200 members. They have a six tiered membership dues list starting at \$2500 thru \$1,00000 and then into the benefactor level.

At the meeting we were given six copies of their tri annual newsletter which I will give out to any member that shows interest. In this newsletter in gives the full 2010 projects rundown. They had 21 trail projects starting on May 14th and ending October 2nd. One that stands out is May 20th to May 25th Selway River Trail opening. Eight members hiked into Moose Creek Ranger Station, about 22 miles to work. Two of them continued up the river to Shearer Guard Station. They cut out 12- 20" or greater trees and hiked nearly 30 miles in 48 hours. One was a girl. That's dedication!

Another one that is outstanding is a trail from Indian Ridge Trailhead to Watchtower Pass which was cleared by a 5 person crew. This 30 mile trail had a fire go over it and they cut 623 trees.

The Boulder Creek Trail got cut out with the support of Jim Renshaw and Lloyd Johnson of North Central BCH.

They also did 10 Inventory and Restoration projects. One Project that was offered to us a couple of years ago was the Seminole Ranch restoration. This was a private ranch and lodge close to the Moose Creek Ranger Station. The various crews that worked on it removed 3700 pounds of material ranging from refrigerators, generators, cement mixers, mattresses, box springs Etc.

They did 6 cabin hosting and stewardship projects.

2010 BY THE NUMBERS;

2,014 trees cut from trails

37,000 lbs. of trash removed

13,353 volunteer hours

49 miles of trail brushed

146 campsites restored or eradicated

\$278,410.05 value of volunteer labor

This is one busy organization.

Their Web Site is www.selwaybitterroot.org. Pull it up and I'm sure you'll find it interesting.

Bill Correll

Elk Summit Packing Project

July 22-24

This project consists of packing sixty planks for future construction of a puncheon over a boggy area. There is opportunity for non-packers also to assist with loading and unloading the animals. Jim White (208-798-1679 is trail boss. Call him if you are interested in attending. The more pack animals we have, the faster we will get done and then we can pleasure ride.

Over the Hill

TRBCH Annual Chili Ride

February 26th

Sixteen riders braved the cold weather and were blessed with a great ride. It was 11 degrees when we departed and 18 degrees when we returned two hours later. We rode a new route this year and it was fantastic. There were no Pizza Riders. The only problems were new fences and lots of gates that confused the guide, who last rode this area about fifteen years ago. After the ride, we joined the fair weather riders in Bob Kuther's heated shop and had a great time warming up with chili and all the other great treats provided by the members. This goes in the record books as the coldest Chili Ride of the last 19 years, but it was not the coldest for the riders, as one year it was below freezing and snowing sideways and the ride lasted a whole 20 minutes before we retreated to the house to eat and warm up.

Weed Seed Free Forage

Remember, weed seed free forage is required in all national forests in Idaho and on any public land in Washington.

Washington State Suppliers

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

Idaho State Suppliers

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

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Please send all info for the newsletter or

Website to Rod at least ten days before the next meeting to have it included in the newsletter.

Calendar of Events

BCHI Directors Meeting	Mar 5		Boise BCH Hosting
TRBCH Meeting	Mar. 8	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
First Aid Training	Mar 9	6:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
2012 Calendar Photo Deadline	March 14th		Erica Foley, Chairman
Kid's Kamp Work Project	April 1-3	9:00 AM	Blacks Ranch/ Smoothing Iron
Inland Northwest Outdoor Show	April 8-10		Nez Perce County Fairgrounds Lewiston, ID
TRBCH Meeting	April. 12	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
Poker Ride	May ??		Fordyce Trailhead/ Asotin Creek
National Trails Day	June 4		
Kid's Kamp	July 13-17		WDFW Black's Ranch
Elk Summit Packing Project	July 22-24		Elks Summit/ Clearwater NF
BCHI Packing Clinic	Aug. 14-21		www.bchi.org for details