



Trails & Tales Newsletter

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Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 13, 7:00pm
Idaho Fish & Game Building
3316 16th St, Lewiston, ID

Comin' round the Mountain

TRBCH Fun Ride

Dec. 10th SOP (Saddle On Pony) by 10:00 AM

Notice: The \$30/vehicle Discover Pass has been waived as long as we do some litter cleanup at the trailhead.

Bring a trash bag. Members can meet at the parking lot across from the Asotin School before 8:45 and maybe combine stock in trailers and cut down on vehicles heading to the trailhead. This ride will start at the old Halsey Homestead on Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Property. The route has some rocky sections, so shod animals are recommended. Most of the ride will be on old farm roads. No motorized vehicles are allowed. Bring a lunch for the ride. We are scouting this as a possible Poker Ride location.

Directions:

Take Hwy 129 to Asotin, follow it to the right just past the Asotin Schools and head up the hill towards Anatone. In several miles you will see some big concrete elevators on your left. Turn right on Onstot Rd, a gravel road, the first road past the elevators. Turn right on Halsey Rd and follow it to the end. You are there!!

Mark Bogar is trail boss. Call him or email if you are attending in case things change. 509-243-5300 or mpbogar@clarkston.com

TRBCH Christmas Dinner

Dec 17th

Guardian Angel Homes

Happy Hour 6:00 PM

Dinner at 7:00 PM

Main Course choice of: Prime rib, Chicken, or Fish, \$14.99/person.

Included in the dinner price: Appetizers, vegetable, potato, rolls, dessert and non alcoholic beverage. **BYOB for Happy Hour!!**



RSVP Susie Paulson (208-743-8639) or cpaulson@lewiston.com for a head count and your choice of main dish.

Location:

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.

Bring a toy for TOYS for TOTS. This has been a success and appreciated by children they touch.

BCHI Calendars will be available for purchase, the perfect last minute Christmas Gift.

A Giving Season

The chapter contacted Guardian Angels Home and asked for names of residents that could use a little extra during Christmas. An employee of Guardian Angel Homes was given to us. Melissa McAttee is struggling to raise her two sons. Logan is 5 years old, clothes size- 6, shoe size Boys-12. Jeremiah is 2 years old, clothes size- 2T, shoes 8T. It has been suggested that maybe we purchase a food gift card and a clothing store gift card so Melissa can purchase clothes that fit the boys and members could just donate cash to the chapter to purchase these gift cards. This will need to be decided at the December Chapter Meeting.

ELECTION OF 2012 OFFICERS

A nomination committee was appointed. They are Billy Havens, Jim White, Mike Karlin and Bob Henricksen. If you are interested in holding a position for next year, contact one of these members. The positions we will be voting on are: President, V. President, Secretary, Treasurer, State Director, Alt. State Director, and four or five positions on the Board of Directors of the chapter. Elections will be held at the December Meeting.

Hellsgate Training Rides

Today, the ways for a newbie to learn more about horse and mule trail riding and packing are quite limited. To help with this effort, TRBCH members are meeting at our shelter in Hellsgate Park every Friday from 10 to Noon. During particularly bad weather or for special training needs, our alternate will be the Roundup Grounds Arena. Class was not held the Friday after Thanksgiving and probably not the week between Christmas and New Years. The classes will be tailored to the needs of those attending. The plan is for us to learn from each other but bring in an expert to mentor us. Currently, Sarah Flerchinger is showing us how to teach our horses better manners on the trail and with strange horses. She is charging \$15 to \$20 per rider depending on how many riders come. The plan is also to have fun and spend more time with our animals during the winter. Call Carl and Susie Paulson for more details – 208-743-8639

BCH of Idaho Annual Convention & Banquet March 24th, Coeur d'Alene, ID

Hosted by the Panhandle Chapter or BCHI. Each chapter can send up to eight delegates as voting attendees, but any member of BCHI can attend. The cost is \$45.00/person which covers the meeting, banquet, and dinner. It is always a fun time seeing old friends, telling new stories and a firsthand view of what BCH of Idaho is involved in. There is a photo contest that any member may enter. A registration form and the photo contest rules are on the BCHI Website. <http://www.bchi.org>

We will need some volunteers to help with our chapter display, as there is competition for the best display.

Photos for 2013 BCHI Calendars

Deadline is March 24th.

All photos for the 2013 calendars need turned in at the convention. Each chapter can submit up to 50 photos. See details under the 2012 convention link on the BCHI Website <http://www.bchi.org>

November Pizza Meeting

It was true confessions time as several of our members told their stories about how they became separated from their stock. Luckily no one was seriously hurt physically, just a little pride hurt. See my recollection of the mishaps on the TRBCH Website www.twinriversbch.com under activities.

2012 BCH of Idaho Calendars

Lisa Swanson (208-305-1331) is the chapter contact to purchase or to pick up calendars to sell. **Please call Lisa and make arrangements.** The earlier you start selling, the sooner we will have our 400 sold.

Calendars also can be ordered on the membership application and mailed or delivered to you if you can't make a meeting to pick some up.

2012 Membership Applications

It is time to renew your membership and pass a membership application on to your friends so they can enjoy BCH with you. An application is attached with this newsletter & available on the chapter website. Fill it out now, order some calendars and check that task off your Christmas list. That is right; you now can purchase calendars on the membership application. Just list the number you want and we will mail them to you. Applications and calendars will also be at the chapter meeting. Renewals of memberships are due by January's meeting, so do not procrastinate.

Hellsgate State Park Partnership Proposal

Nez Perce Mounted Sheriff's Posse presented a project at Hellsgate State Park. The main idea is to improve and expand the area near the existing hitching rails and shelter for horses and horse activities. They propose changing the access road to One Way, adding a new horse loop and trees by the shelter, hitchrails and some corrals for overnight use. They will keep us informed as this project develops. Our chapter has agreed to help when the work begins.

Gate Closing Chili Ride

Nov. 26th

What a beautiful fall day for a ride. Before we even got to the trailhead, we had to slow down as we maneuvered through a herd of about 15 bighorn sheep on the road. Two real nice full curl rams on the hillside. There were 13 of us riding with 15 head of stock. We rode up Fordyce Canyon and made the loop back down Cabin Gulch. There was just enough snow on the upper part of the ride to stick to the animals shoes and make the trail a little slick in places, but no mishaps. Luckily we had a chainsaw along, as there were two new trees down that we removed on the Fordyce Trail. There was still some firewood left from our fence removal project, so we had a nice fire to sit around as we enjoyed the great chili prepared by Chef Mark Bogar. Lots of other goodies to go along with the chili also. We picked up litter around the trailhead, removed a couple fire rings and a meat pole that had been left.

Weed Seed Free Forage

Remember, weed seed free forage is required in all national forests and state lands.

Washington State Suppliers

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

Idaho State Suppliers

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

Oregon State Suppliers

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/PLANT/WEEDS/weedfreeforageprogram.shtml>

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Calendar of Events

Fun Ride	Dec. 10	10:00 AM	WDFW Land/ Halsey Homestead
TRBCH Meeting	Dec. 13	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
TRBCH Christmas Dinner	Dec. 17	6:00 PM	Guardian Angel Homes
TRBCH Meeting	Jan. 10	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
BCHI State Director's Meeting	Mar. 23	8:00AM-4:00 PM	Dalton Gardens City Hall, 6360 North Fourth St, Dalton Gardens, ID
BCHI Annual Convention	Mar. 24	7:30 AM-7:00 PM	Best Western Coeur d'Alene Inn & Conference Center