



HIGH DESERT



BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN

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Hi High Desert.....

Bret asked me to do a little blurb for the newsletter since he was out of town. Norm and I rode the bottom of Rimview checking the probability of access for the June 5th trail clearing. We met 6 young forest service employees grubbing sagebrush on the bottom part of the trail and doing an excellent job, very nice kids. We rode on up and took out 4 or 5 dead trees that were pretty good sized but dead and we could maneuver them without chain saws, and did some clipping. It appeared from looking to the top of the trail that we should be okay for working on the 5th, unless of course, it snows again. The trail was good and no bad places. We had lunch at the bridge and headed back, Norm suggested that I lead since he had led on the way up so Dillon and I were in the front, came around a corner and there was a very large moose in the trail headed the same way we were. He heard us and turned around and came our way. Norm was yelling and trying to scare him, guess what, he wasn't scared and kept coming. We decided we better haul ass in the opposite direction since we were on a trail with nowhere to get off. We looked over our shoulder and he was still coming at a fast trot. We kept going hoping to get to a clearing and that he would veer off. We went 1/8 of a mile or more and when we hit a clearing he passed Norm and went up the hill, then he came back down headed for Dillon and I. I just decided to hang on the best I could as I had no idea what Dillon had on his mind either. At the last minute he went around us and down the trail towards the bridge. We could see that he had wintered in there by the manure and the way the bushes were eaten. Maybe he was lonesome or maybe he thought Dillon was a girl moose, who knows, but talk about adrenalin!!! He was very large, very black with 1 scoop on his horns still in the velvet, we decided that he was still growing his new horns from the size of his body. We had been told that they are aggressive and this is a heads up that they can be. Had a great day after we got out of his territory and Dillon calmed down. He could smell him on the trail for a very long way. An experience of a lifetime, I hope.

If you have any discussions, questions, proposals or items for the July state board meeting they need to be turned in to the state soon. Give Bret or me a call. The cutoff date is before the next meeting. SAFE TRAILS.....KATHY



**HIGH DESERT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

May 11, 2010
Home of the Stacys

The meeting was called to order by president, Bret Christensen.

Bonnie moved to dispense with the reading in the minutes of the April meeting, seconded by Norm. Passed.

Kathy gave the treasurer's report.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bret received information that the Panhandle Chapter has volunteered for the 2011 convention will be November 11, 12, 2011. The place will be the casino in Worley, Idaho.
2. Bret introduced Monte and Diane Bruhn. They are affiliated with thelinkup.org organization. They are pro military, went to Iraq and contacted "Hunts for Heroes". Their aim is to provide wounded servicemen with hunting trips in the fall in Idaho that they do not have to pay for. The cost of out of state license and tags is \$900. They try to get this donated and have people to loan out their, gentle well broke horses. They have had flyer miles and money donated.

They have 3 main goals:

1. To have people consider being a donor for this cause.
2. Raise funds for an ongoing service for these guys.
3. Find Idaho wounded vets that would benefit from this program, the fees aren't so high.

There will be events in Buhl when these vets arrive for their hunting trip in September. They are also raffling a Browning 270 rifle then. You can contact Diane at 308-5920 or the Mud Creek Store in Buhl for more information on this program.

Twig suggested that Monte get some tickets to us and maybe we could sell some. It was suggested that Monte contact Phil Ryan about this program and perhaps Squaw Butte could help somehow. Monte and Diane feel that a mountain experience could be as important as hours of counseling.

3. Ron Wood has information from Rob Adams from Squaw Butte about the Skills day they are hosting on May 22.
4. The Snake River Heritage Wagon Train is coming up on June 1st, contact Jay Ward 678-0800 for information.
5. Jerry Dickard addressed the group about the Rising Star Therapeutic Riding Group. They are having a triathlon on August 21st to raise money for their group. It will be 3 man teams, with a runner, a biker and a horseback rider at Magic Mountain Ski Lodge. They also need walkers to volunteer at the Star Gazer arena beginning in June to help the handicapped when they ride the horses. Contact 208-404-2418.
6. Bryan thanked to group for the card he received when he had surgery.
7. Karen brought up the tree that is dangerous at Niagra. Bret will take it out.
8. Kathy had been contacted by St. Judes to do a ride this spring for their benefit, after discussion, it was tabled in favor of doing it next year. Moved by Bonnie and seconded by Shelley. Passed.

There being no further business, Bonnie moved to adjourn, seconded by Karen.

FROM THE FARM

An Idaho rancher got in his pickup and drove to a neighboring ranch and knocked on the door. A young boy, named Drake, opened the door. "Is your Dad home?" the rancher asked. "No sir, he isn't," Drake replied. "He went to town." "Well, said the rancher, "Is your Mother here?" "No sir, she 's not here either. She went into town with Dad" "How about your brother, Howard? Is he here?" "No sir, he went with Mom and Dad."

The rancher stood there for a few minutes, shifting from one foot to the other and mumbling to himself. "Is there anything I can do for you?" Drake asked politely. "I know where all the tools are, if you want to borrow one. Or maybe I could take a message for Dad."

"Well," said the rancher uncomfortably, "I really wanted to talk to your Dad. It's about your brother Howard getting my daughter, Suzie, pregnant."

Drake considered for a moment. "You would have to talk to Pa about that," he finally conceded. "If it helps you any, I know that Pa charges \$500 for the stud horse and \$50 for the hog, but I really don't know how much he gets for Howard." AMEN

COTTONWOOD RIDE

The Cottonwood was cancelled due to inclement weather, however, here is an account from Susan.

From those of us who did not get the message, Perry, Susan, Clayton, Bret and Kyla, had a WONDERFUL ride Saturday at Cottonwood. Bret and Kyla abbreviated it a little cause Kyla got cold, but the rest of us, Buckshot, Cinnamon, Buzz (he forgot to home with his people) and so was a guest dog with us, Mighty Mouse and Clayton's mule, Sally did the loop exactly as described on the map. We ate at the second grove of aspens, it was sunny, viewed Williams Reservoir from above, had a wonderful time!!! A few small skiffs of snow and hail and some wind, but lots of sun and with several layers of clothes we were comfortable. The horses felt good, the trail was clear. We saw deer, antelope, ducks and hummingbirds (totally cool). Sorry you all missed it!!

THE ALL WEATHER RIDERS.....

RIMVIEW TRAIL CLEARING

Trail Boss says bring all the people you can muster, meet at Third Fork Trailhead at 8:30 a.m. bring lots of water and clippers. Forest Service says they will have the trees cut out so we need to concentrate on brush which is plentiful. Perry will bring signs and posts and a crew can put them up that day. Susan will bring hotdogs and buns and fixins. Bring something to go with it for afterwards. Trail boss says not to believe the weatherman and show up anyway. Call Perry so he know who is coming.