

NEXT MEETING:

Come to the meeting January 12, 7pm and we will plan the next year's rides [Cottonwood Retirement Center 1245 East Murray-Holladay Road \[4752 South\]](#)

NEEDED:

Horse Pictures for the 1st Annual MRBCHU Calendar. See p 3. Deadline: Feb 15!

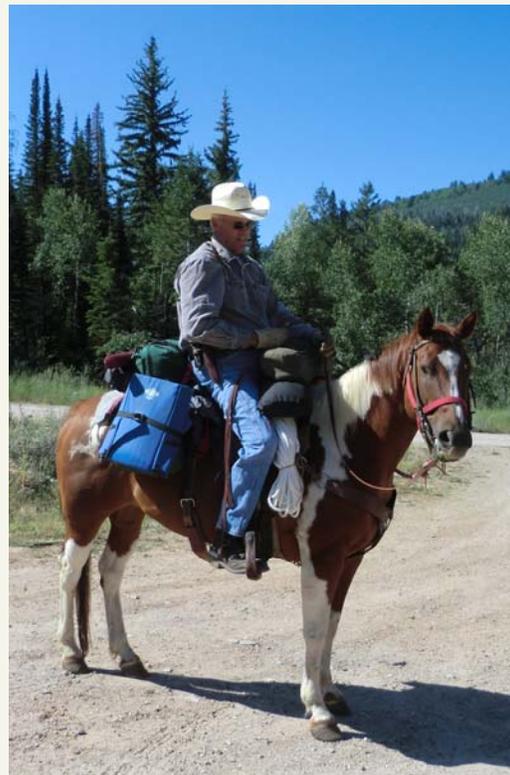


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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E



will have a planning session for the upcoming year. We will also brainstorm topics for our monthly meetings and plan service projects for the year. The riding ideas shared with me at the party was fantastic! I so appreciated the input, so please plan on attending Thursday January 12th 7pm, so that this club represents you and the rides that you would like to do during the year.

A couple of housekeeping notes: Pat Wilson has passed her secretary hat over to Stephanie Yeager. Pat thank you for all you done over the past years we have greatly appreciated all your hard work. And, Stephanie we thank you in advance for taking over this challenge. Secondly, Paul Kern will be our 2nd vice president for the 2012 year (Paul, we never tire of your energy and commitment to this club).

Some final thoughts until next year, courtesy of J.P.Owen for this Code Of The West

LIVE EACH DAY WITH COURAGE
 TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR WORK
 ALWAYS FINISH WHAT YOU START
 DO WHAT HAS TO BE DONE
 BE TOUGH, BE FAIR
 WHEN YOU MAKE A PROMISE, KEEP IT
 RIDE FOR THE BRAND
 TALK LESS AND SAY MORE
 REMEMBER THAT SOME THINGS AREN'T FOR SALE
 KNOW WHERE TO DRAW THE LINE

I wish each and every one of you a happy and prosperous New Year, Paul Deputy

Happy New Year to All

Let me start by saying it has been my pleasure to know each of you and look forward to many good riding adventures in 2012.

During December, Perry White and many volunteers put on a wonderful holiday party and auction. Please join me in thanking each for a great party and successful auction. Special thanks to Bruce Kartchner for his wonderful cooking talents and all his hard work making a delicious dinner complete.

Coming up in our January meeting we

THANK YOU!

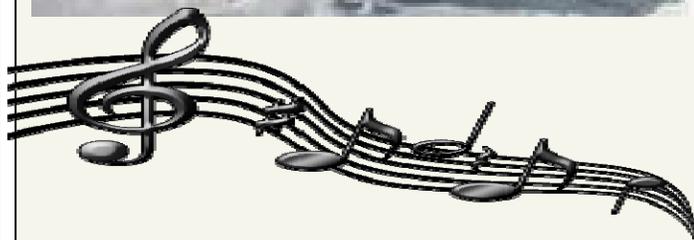
A HUGE Thank You to the local businesses who gave so generously to sponsor BCHU activities this year by contributing to this year's auction fund raiser — Please be sure to tell them thank you the next time you are in their stores! This is how we raise the funds to support equestrian trail maintenance and club activities throughout the year.

AA Callisters
Ballet West
Better Input Training
Cal Ranch
Hale Theater
IFA Draper
Steve Regan Co.
Capital City Antique Mall

And another big Thank You to all of the BCHU members (and non-members) who contributed to the auction, who helped with the dinner, decorations, food, cooking, set up, clean up, and more. Thank you to Perry White and his wonderful wife, Martianne, for organizing this event, and to Gina Levesque for organizing the auction. Also see page 5.



SNOW HORSE SCULPTURE



Frisky, the Snow Horse, was a jolly, happy sorel.
He was made of snow, but the cowboys know,
How he came to life one day.
There must have been some magic
In that old bridle they found,
For when they placed it on his head,
He began to buck around.....

BCHU CALENDAR – SEND IN YOUR PICTURES!

Announcing the first annual Mountain Ridge BCHU Calendar! This month, at the January meeting, we will be deciding on our ride schedule for the year (come suggest your favorite rides!). Then, in February, all paid up members will receive a color-printed monthly wall calendar showing the upcoming rides. If this works out well, it may become an annual tradition. So, be sure to send in your membership (see back page) if you haven't already.

Make your horse a 'calendar star'! Please send me your favorite horse/ride/trail pictures for the calendar! Please give me a caption for each picture (who/where/what/when). It is best if you send them by email : cfurse@ece.utah.edu I can also scan them if you send me a hard copy: Cindy Furse, 2295 Pinecrest Canyon, SLC, UT 84108. Please tell me if you need the hard copy picture returned or not.

Deadline: February 15, 2011

Thank you!

EXTREME SNOW HORSE: SKIJORING



Skijoring, or ski driving, is a winter sport that originates in Scandinavia, where it has been practiced for centuries. Laplander's skied on Nordic skis holding the reins attached to reindeer.

In the mid 1950's, skijoring found its way to North America, where ranchers attached a long rope to the saddle horn of a horse that was ridden at high speeds down a long straight-away.

Skijoring with horses usually involves two people and one horse. One person rides the horse while the skier is towed behind. The rider determines the pace and route for the skijoring adventure, while the skier attempts to hold on.

Skijoring involves towing a skier behind horses or dogs. In addition to being a rapid way to get around, it is also a competitive winter sport in some parts of the United States, particularly the Northwest and Midwest.

Especially with horses, skijoring is sometimes classified as an extreme sport because of the high rate of speed and potential danger involved. Skijoring is also a great deal of fun when carried out safely.

Some horse skijoring competitions integrate jumps and extreme skiing maneuvers in addi-

tion to conventional skijoring. Horses used for skijoring tend to be extremely agile and quick, and breeds such as the American Quarter horse are favored for the sport.

Currently, the sport of equestrian skijoring has become a highly specialized competitive sport, where competitors must navigate a course of jumps, gates and sometime spear rings.

Competitive skijoring competitions are currently taking place in over 5 states in the USA, and in several countries worldwide.

In 1999, after several follow-up meetings, the North American Ski Joring Association (NASJA) was developed. For the first time in history, equestrian skijoring became a sanctioned sport!

From: simplymarvelous.wordpress.com/2007/12/21/skijoring-with-horses/

Check out the website above and You Tube for some amazing and exciting skijoring videos!



Nate Bowers of Bowers Farm, Fort Collins, CO

**TREASURER'S MESSAGE
BY LARRY NEWTON**

I want to thank every one for a great Christmas Party (membership drive) and Auction (fund raiser) as they were a great success. We had 39 membership (29 family and 10 single) for \$1,460.00 which will net the chapter \$526.00 for next year. I think that we had about 80 people for dinner which was a great turn out and it was well worth it as the food and decorations were excellent. Thanks to Perry White and everyone that helped with the dinner and the evening. A special thanks to Bruce Kartchner for bring his grill and cooking the steaks and chicken to perfection. The auction/raffle/dinner raised a total of \$1,420.00; which was \$1,310.00 for the auction, \$90.00 for the raffle and \$20.00 for additional dinners. A special thanks to Gina Levesque for heading up the auction; gathering the items, setting prices and making it a huge success. The biggest donation item was the quilt by Sandy Williams which went for \$200.00 and the biggest spender was Bev Heffernan for \$220.00. Thanks to both of these cowgirls as their contributions really made the evening a success. We had a couple of items (statue & saddle) that went in the \$50 to \$60 range and a number of items in the \$25 to \$50 range. We had several people spend in the \$50 range which really made for a great auction. Thanks to the various companies and individuals that made contributions to the chapter. Please thank everyone for their wonderful donations. I am still getting the receipts for the dinner so I do not know at this time how much the chapter netted on the auction/raffle for the evening; but it will be positive which is good. Thanks again to everyone that was involved and for the great success.

If you missed the Christmas Party, please remember to send in your membership. The form is on the back page of this newsletter.

Thank you! Larry Newton, treasurer

E M A I L O R S N A I L M A I L ?

Save a tree! Each month it costs just under \$1 to copy and mail this newsletter to you. If you received this newsletter by snail mail, and if you would be happy to save a dollar and save a tree, email cfurse@ece.utah.edu to receive future newsletters email only.

Each month I email the color newsletter to everyone with an email on file. If you are NOT receiving this by email, please send me your corrected email address. Thank you! Cindy

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By signing this release, I/WE recognize the following Utah State Law, "UCA 78-27b- Limitations on liability for Equine and Livestock Activities." It shall be presumed that participants in equine or livestock activities are aware of and understand that there are inherent risks associated with these activities. "Inherent risk" with regard to equine or livestock activities means those dangers or conditions, which are an integral part of equine or livestock activities. The equine activity sponsor is not liable for those inherent risks. If you are unwilling to assume these risks for yourself or for those under your supervision, you should not participate in these activities.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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