

PLANNING MEETING FOR 2016:

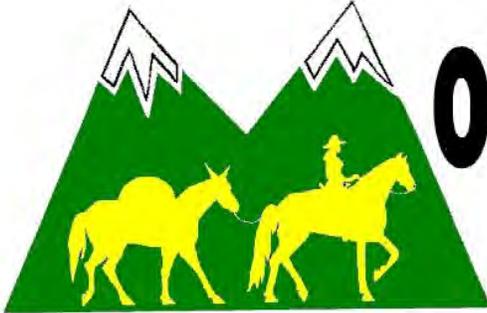
Jan 14 at 7pm
[Cottonwood Retirement Center 1245 East Murray-Holladay Road \[4752 South\]](#)



To Everyone who helped make the Christmas Party and Auction a Success! Fran Wilby and her team put on the dinner, and Doris Richards organized the auction. Thank you to everyone who contributed items and effort! See p.5.

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Mountain Ridge

Back Country Horsemen of Utah

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



Bev on 'Crumpet'

Seasons Greetings,
Mountain Ridgers!

I look forward to serving as your President in 2016 and hope you can join us on January 14 to plan out the year. Many of you don't know me, as my job has kept me away from a lot of meetings, and when I actually plan to make one of the monthly rides, it gets weathered out! I joined Mountain Ridge in about 1997, and over the years have served as Secretary-Treasurer-Newsletter editor, 1st Vice President, and President, so now I am on my second tour of duty as President. I also served as state BCHU treasurer for several years. I've been riding horses all my life, and have been a horse owner since 1965 when my Dad made the mistake of saying if I got straight A's, he'd get me a

horse. Silly Dad.

I joined Back Country Horsemen way back when because I feel very strongly about ensuring that the trails we've all been privileged to enjoy will remain open for horse and livestock use for our children, and grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Fewer than 1% of the U.S. population owns horses, and many of those stay inside the arena or on the racetrack, so we truly are a minority these days, and do need organizations like BCHU/ BCHA to have our voice heard. We're a service club with a riding problem, so we want to make sure that we give ourselves time to enjoy those trails we work so hard to preserve.

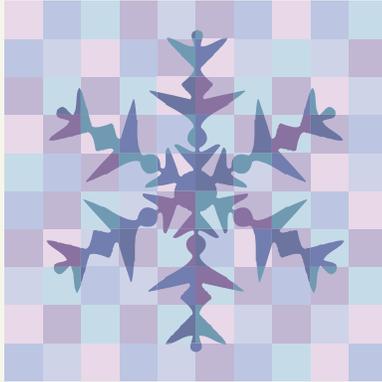
I hope to see you at our January 14 planning meeting, and at the state BCHU meeting in St. George on January 16, which will be surrounded by rides so haul your horses down and make a long weekend out of it!

Happy Trails, *Beverley 'Bev' Heffernan*



Bev and 'Luke' in Montana

**2016 PLANNING MEETING
COME CHOOSE ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR!**



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Please come help select activities for the coming year. If you can't come, but have an idea. Or if you are willing to lead a service project or ride, please contact
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RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

**Mountain Ridge Back Country Horsemen
Chapter Application**
Join M.R.B.C.H. and preserve our heritage!

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home # _____ Work # _____ Cell # _____

e-mail _____

Liability Release: **MUST BE SIGNED** Do you want to receive your newsletter by EMAIL / MAIL / BOTH ?

Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident wherever horse/mule use is involved, which can cause injuries to horse/mules, riders, and spectators and also recognizing the fact that Back Country Horsemen of Utah, including units, officers, directors, or members cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience of riders or horses/mules taking part in trail rides or other BCHU functions, I do hereby release the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children or horses/mules.

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: _____

Make check payable to Mt. Ridge BCH, individual \$35 year, family \$45 year. New Renewal

**VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS –
TURN THEM IN!**

2015 MRBCHU SERVICE HOURS: (Attach additional pages as needed)

Please Return to Doris Richards. ohioaninutah@gmail.com. Questions? 801-597-5844

Name _____

(Please complete one form per individual member. Give hours in increments of 15 min.)

1. **BASIC SERVICE HOURS:

(cleaning up trails and trail access, picking up trash along trails while riding, trimming for better access, all other work which helps make a trail which can be used by equestrians more accessible and more pleasant to use.)

DATE	ACTIVITY	HOURS	TRAVEL TIME
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2. **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT HOURS:

(attending meetings, participating on committees, running for office or aiding pro-equestrian trails candidates, writing letters, testifying and other public presence activities to help inform public officials and citizens in general about the importance of equestrian access to our trails systems)

DATE	ACTIVITY	HOURS	TRAVEL TIME
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3. **ADMINISTRATIVE TIME:

(working with officials on service project plans, working on activities such as BCHU newsletters, trails-related articles for other publications, BCHU officer duties,)

DATE	ACTIVITY	HOURS	TRAVEL TIME
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4. **PUBLIC LANDS RIDING

(time spent riding on public lands (if you personally accumulate miles, calculate 1 hour for every 3 miles ridden as an overall average) Public lands include any NON-PRIVATE land riding you do!

DATE	ACTIVITY	HOURS	TRAVEL TIME
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BCHU STATE MEETING JANUARY 16 IN SAINT GEORGE



This year's annual 'General Membership' BCHU meeting will be held January 16 (starting at 9am) in St. George. Details have not yet been announced, but here is what we know so far: Agenda will include election of officers and revision of ByLaws. Rides will also be available, so plan to bring your horse. A block of rooms will be announced shortly (watch BCHU.com for details). Horses can be boarded at Reinmakers (reinmakers.com , (435) 467-5809 / (435) 467-5958, reinmakersrun@gmail.com).

Typically, the membership meeting runs through lunch, and rides are planned later in the day, plus Sunday and Monday, so plan to bring your horse and make a weekend out of it.

EXPERIENCE IDAHO'S RANCHING TRADITIONS BY FRAN WILBY



Idaho has a rich tradition of ranching and farming beginning in the early 1900's. Carrying on this tradition are Wayne and Jessie Clark Lehto. Wayne is the cowboy boss for the Camus Creek Ranch in Magic Valley Idaho where he is responsible for the management

of about 4,000 head of cattle on over 400,000 acres of private and federal lands. I had the privilege of spending a long weekend with the Lehto's, riding and moving cattle in the Sawtooth National Forest.

Wayne talked about how Tom Dorrance (the legendary horseman) knew the history of every cow in his herd—her calves and how they fared.

The forest service requires that cattle be moved away from stream beds to protect the flora and fauna of the streams and preserve the environment of the stream beds. Wayne and Jessie, their cowboys, and their border collies, Sam, Izzie, and Taylor, are out daily checking on cattle and moving them to higher ground as necessary. On the weekend I spent with them, I had my first experience

moving cows! Wayne is also an expert horseman and has worked with the very best. Wayne trains all the horses used on the ranch and they are good ones! I got to ride my favorite, Marshmallow, a beautiful 5 year old palomino quarter horse.



THANKS AND KUDOS!

Thank you to Everyone who helped with the Christmas Party and Auction!

Mountain Ridge BCHU would like to thank the following for their generous support of our silent auction:

Beans and Brews (corporate)
 Capitol City Antique Mall, Salt Lake City
 Granite Seed Company, Lehi
 Hale Theatre, West Valley City
 IFA, Draper
 Horse Crazy, Draper
 JCW's, South Jordan
 Liberty Park Emporium, Salt Lake City
 Snowbird Ski Resort
 Sportsman's Warehouse, Midvale
 Utah Symphony and Opera, Salt Lake City
 Vogl Training/ Ashley Vogl Farrier, Lehi

These supporters are local businesses who give very generously in proportion to their resources.

PLEASE SUPPORT THEM! (Besides, they sell cool stuff.)

Thank you to all members who generously contributed items, and who made purchases. The funds from the auction support our trail work efforts throughout the year.

Thank you to Doris Richards for organizing the auction, and to Kim Agnew, Carol Bartos, Lisa Caddy, Cindy Furse, Fran Wilby, Monica Zoltanski, Diana VanUitert and Sandy Williams and those who just came in and found a place for merchandise and marked it, and helped distribute it at the end.

A Big Thank You to Gina Levesque and Pat Wilson, who are always there early to help set up, and to Bill McEwan and Perry White and others who helped clean up. Thank you to Perry White for arranging for the venue. It is a very nice place for our get-together.

Thank you to Fran Wilby who coordinated the wonderful dinner (grilled steaks and chicken breast, salads, baked potatoes, and pie for dessert!). Thank you to Fred and Kelleen Leslie and Lon Griffith who grilled the steaks and chicken, and who had it beautifully done right at 6:30, despite gale force winds! Kudos on that one for sure! Karen Randolph coordinated the potato bakers (and thank you to all who brought hot potatoes). Lisa Caddy coordinated the salads (and thank you to all who contributed yummy salads). Perry and Martianne White coordinated the pies for dessert. Mmmmmm!! Kim Agnew coordinated the pretty table decorations, and thank you to Home Depot who donated the poinsettia center pieces.



Bev Heffernan coordinated the membership forms at the door, AND volunteered to be our new President! Fred Leslie, Sandy Williams, and Cindy Furse made up the nominating committee. Thank you ever so much to our new officers — Bev, Monica Zoltanski, and Bill McEwan, who have agreed to lead the charge in the coming year. We will need everyone's help and support, so please plan on where you would like to 'touch' BCHU this year.

Thank you to our outgoing officers — Taresea Robison, Kristi Collins, and Lisa Michelle Benson. Last year was one of the largest service years yet, and we appreciate your help and great efforts! Thank you to the many, many folks who helped out in 2015.

I'm pretty sure we have left someone out, so thank you also to those 'unsung heros' who pitch in and help, when help is needed.

Thank you! Kudos, and Two Thumbs Up!



TURN IN YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS!

Please remember to turn in your volunteer hours! Volunteer hours are very important. BCHU gets a lot of credit with the Forest Service and other land management agencies for the time spent on trail maintenance. When we ask them for help keeping a trail open, it is sure helpful to be able to say that we help them too. The SIMPLE form is on Page 3.

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ASAP but definitely Before Jan. 14



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