

Holiday Edition

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Monthly Hoofprint

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Our November general membership meeting was at the Kingsbury residence in Edgewood and was well attended. An informative presentation on preserving and expanding the Pecos Wilderness was shared with members. Many members signed letters of support for the proposed expansion of an additional 125,000 acres. A big thank you to everyone who signed and sent letters of support. We will continue to follow the progress of this proposal and update our members as new information becomes available.



Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 10th, 6:00 p.m. at the Kingsbury's for our end of the year holiday celebration. We will have lots of good food, fun, prizes and awards. Members are welcome to bring family and/or guests. The Pecos Chapter will provide the traditional turkey, and everyone is encouraged to bring a potluck dish to share. We will also have our lively round robin gift exchange. If you want to participate, bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10.00 or less. Hope to see everyone there!

Also, on the evening of December 10th, members are encouraged to bring a bale of hay or sack of feed to donate to the Anderson family. As many of you know, Pecos member Cindy Anderson is struggling from medical emergencies and decline of her home business, along with raising her two sons. She is working hard to find new homes, or temporary placement, for most of her animals. Until then, she is in need of feed. If you would prefer to make a cash donation toward feed, an account for the family has been setup at CJ Traders in Moriarty.

Included with this newsletter is our ballot for the Pecos Chapter officers and board of directors for 2012. Please take the time to vote and return your ballot via email (amazonaalk@earthlink.net) or by snail mail to our PO Box in Edgewood, or bring it with you to the holiday party. Ballots will be counted and results announced that evening.

Please keep in mind that wildfires are a continued threat to the East Mountains, even during the colder months. Long-term predictions are for another dry, windy winter. Keep your evacuation information and supplies up to date for both you and your equines. Have a plan and be prepared.

A special thank you to all of our members who volunteered this season for our various work projects, clinics and events. Your participation is appreciated and we value your membership. We can all look forward to another great season in 2012.

Happy holidays!

**FALL SHOT CLINIC A GREAT SUCCESS!
Article and Photos By MADELYN NOBLE**

The Fall Shot Clinic held at the Edmiston's house on October 22 was quite successful and a lovely East Mountain day to boot!

Dr. Lane Adams from Meddleton Equine and her assistant, Kasey Ulibarri, administered shots to 18 equine. The event was open not only to BCH members, but to those in the Edgewood Community. The equine received all sorts of vaccinations and paperwork ranging from Rhino Flu, Strangles, Rabies, and Coggins. Thanks to everyone who participated. I'd like to extend a BIG Thank You to the Edmiston's for opening their home and barn to all. It was very nice for everyone to pull his or her rigs around the circular drive with ease. Thank you very much Jim and Sandy!



Dr. Lane Adams administers the Strangles vaccine to Whip while Richard H. looks on.



Hmmm... Whip didn't you like that!?



*From LARGE to small, everyone got his or her dose of medicine.
Margo Cox-Townsend brought her three driving minis: Handy, Teddy, and Tee.
Give her a wave the next time you see her and her team driving along Highway 344.*

BECOME A COLUMNIST!

HAVE IT PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY HOOFPRIINT: ARTICLES WITH PICTURES (PLEASE PROVIDE CAPTIONS!), STORIES OF INTEREST TO BCH MEMBERS, TRIVIA, FUNNIES, CAMPING RECIPES, ETC. SEND TO AMBER AT AMAZONAALK@EARHTLINK.NET.

PECOS CHAPTER GETS BUSY!

On 12 November, members of Pecos BCH returned to Four Winds Equestrian Center (FWEC) on a trail project. Despite the cold and windy weather, BCHers cleared limbs and debris from along the trail that meanders through the property.



*Removal of a dead branch along FWEC's trail.
Members are (left to right): Dick R., Vicky A., Linda S., and Chuck E.*



*Chuck E. uses the one-man crosscut saw, while Cathy M. makes sure he does it right!
Photos courtesy of Cheryl Nigg.*

PECOS WILDERNESS EXPANSION?
PECOS CHAPTER GETS INFORMED!

At the November 2 general meeting held at the Kingsbury's "BCH Event Center" we welcomed Oscar Simpson (fellow BCH member (Middle Rio Grande)), John Olivas (New Mexico Wilderness Alliance), and Carol Johnson (Wilderness Advocate). These nice folks gave a presentation on Expanding the Pecos Wilderness.



*Oscar and John (l to r), each contributed to the Expand the Pecos Wilderness presentation.
Photos by Cheryl Nigg.*

There are currently about 125,000 acres of Inventoried Roadless Areas surrounding the Pecos Wilderness, which is currently at 223,637 acres. Designation of these areas into the Pecos Wilderness would help conserve and protect the areas from mining, logging, oil and gas development, power lines, and all-terrain vehicle use. Recreational activities that would be further enhanced by wilderness designation include horseback riding, hiking, backpacking, climbing, mountaineering, photography, hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing. New Mexico, of all the western states, has the least amount of acreage protected as wilderness with only 2% of NM's land placed into wilderness. For those who are interested in supporting the Pecos Wilderness expansion, you can send a signed copy of the form letter on page 11 at the end of this newsletter to your New Mexico state senators and representatives. Those addresses are:

The Honorable Jeff Bingaman
United States Senate
703 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-3102

The Honorable Tom Udall
United States Senate
110 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-3101

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Washington, D.C. 20515-3101

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United States House of Representatives
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Washington, D.C. 20515-3103

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United States House of Representatives
2432 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-3102

GOOD NEWS!!

EMAIL FROM NANCY SEARLES (11/09/11):

Good morning, Friends

Got great news yesterday. The fixator is coming off next Monday. This is about 3 weeks earlier than I was told last week. They did some new x-rays and bones are healing. The next phase will be a boot and crutches. I've had wonderful care and my doctor is the best.

Thanks for all you support

Nancy

Upcoming Events

December 10, Saturday: Our Annual Christmas Party and End of Year Celebration will be at the Kingsbury's (see map on page 8). Roasted Turkey and refreshments will be provided. Please bring a side dish, dessert, and/or favorite holiday entree. Party starts at 6:00PM.

January 4, Wednesday: General Meeting at Kingsbury's. Potluck starts at 6:30PM and meeting follows immediately after. Please bring your own chair!

January 28, Saturday: BCHNM BOD Meeting at Kiva RV Park and Horse Motel in Bernardo with Potluck at Noon and Meeting at 1:00PM. Contact Dick Rahal at 286-1978.

TRIVIA

Last Month's Question: **Who was "Sgt. Reckless"?**

Answer: "Foaled by a race horse named *Morning Flame*, the favorite of track fans in Seoul, Korea, *Reckless* wins the adoration of Kim Huk Moon, a young Korean boy whose courage and perseverance had made him her mother's devoted trainer and rider. Kim learns to love *Reckless* even more than he had loved *Flame*, and when war envelops their country the inseparable pair leave the deserted racetrack and are exposed to many daring and exciting adventures together. Peace comes eventually, but not before Kim, in order to get the money to buy an artificial leg for his wounded sister, bravely makes the greatest sacrifice of his life when he sells *Reckless* to American Marines for use as an ammunition carrier at the front.

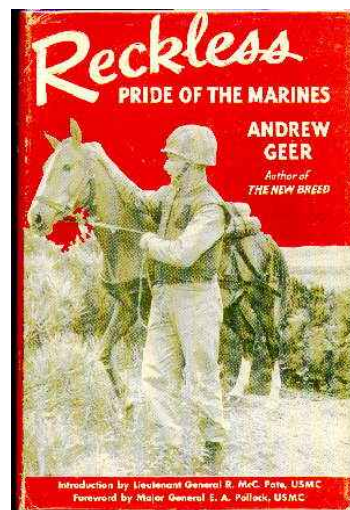
From the first part of the story, which describes in stirring detail the lives of Kim Huk Moon and his family in a small Korean village and Kim's dedicated affection for the little sorrel mare, we follow *Reckless* through her war experiences. Bought by a Marine gun crew with their own money and trained to help them carry shells for the Recoilless Rifle, which they have nicknamed "Reckless", she is dubbed with the same name and made their mascot. Her antics, and her insatiable appetite for such surprising tidbits as poker chips, coca cola, shredded wheat, scrambled eggs, vitamin pills, a hat or two, and her specially made blanket of red silk trimmed with gold, bring welcome amusement and relief amid the strains of combat.

Her first real test under battle conditions comes when she is led beside the thunderous rifle to which she has packed ammunition over rugged hilly terrain. There were some who doubted that a horse could withstand the tremendous blast of the Recoilless Rifle and remain calm. Will she hold? Will she bolt? The gun is fired: *Wham-whoosh!* The hills bellowed and rocketed with the roar. Behind the weapon spurted a flame of dust. Though weighted down with six shells, *Reckless* left the ground with all four feet ... her eyes went white. 'Take it easy, *Reckless*,' Coleman, a Marine, soothed. *Wham-whoosh!* *Reckless* went into the air again, but not quite so far. She snorted and shook her head to stop the ringing in her ears. *Wham-whoosh!* She shook as the concussive blast of air struck her, but she did not

rear. She stood closer to Coleman, trembling slightly, but the white was gone from her eyes." She had held, and from that day *Reckless* was an indispensable member of the gun crew, making trip after trip, often alone, from the ammunition supply point to the gun; laden with heavy shells under the most devastating enemy fire, never faltering, never failing.

So completely does *Reckless* capture the hearts of her Marine comrades with her beguiling shenanigans and her fearlessness that they present her with a special citation for bravery, promote her to the rank of sergeant and personally pay her way to the United States where she will enjoy well-earned retirement pastured in the rolling hills of Camp Pendleton, in California. Retirement, however, does not mean that her exploits are at an end, because the fame of *Reckless* has spread far and wide, and good Marines, unlike some, do not fade away. *Semper fidelis*, always faithful, was never a more fitting motto than in the example of this horse."**

**Copied from the jacket cover of the book, "*Reckless, Pride of the Marines*" by Andrew Geer. A recount of the Korean War through the experiences of a little mare turned hero.



October's winner was Patty Wilber. She will receive a prize at the January 2012 general meeting. Congratulations and thanks for playing!

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This month's trivia question: **One of the 'points' of the horse in this picture has been hidden. What is that point called?**



The answer will appear in the next Hoofprint. First winning guess receives a prize at next meeting.

AND... "THANK YOU" to Cathy McManus for letting me in on Sgt. Reckless' story. I found a lot of information on the internet afterwards and was amazed at the mare's exploits!

Dutch Oven & Camp Cooking

Each month I'm going to include a recipe from my collection that's been garnered over the last 20+ years. Recipes can be cooked over a campfire, camp stove, and/or at home. Enjoy!

This recipe is one of my favorites. It utilizes charcoal briquettes instead of campfire coals, but you can use either one as you become familiar with cooking with a Dutch oven outside. Always remember to use aluminum foil or a fire blanket underneath the coals or briquettes to avoid scorching the soil.

Pineapple Upside Down Cake

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| Topping: | Cake Batter: |
| 4 T. Butter | 1 Yellow Cake Mix |
| 1 C. Brown Sugar | 1 C. Pineapple Juice |
| 8 Pineapple Rings | 3 Eggs |
| 8 Maraschino | 1/3 C. Canola Oil |
| Cherries | |

Prepare Cake Topping: Melt butter in bottom of a 12" Dutch oven. Sprinkle brown sugar evenly over butter being careful not to touch the sugar once it has begun to dissolve into the butter. Carefully place pineapple rings on top of the brown sugar, 7 around the outside and 1 in the center. Place a maraschino cherry in the center of each pineapple ring.

Prepare Cake Batter: In a mixing bowl combine cake mix, pineapple juice, water, eggs and oil; mix well. Spoon cake batter carefully over the top of pineapple rings. Spread batter evenly to edges.

Bake: Cover Dutch oven and bake using 10-12 briquettes on bottom and 14-16 briquettes on top for 45 minutes or until top of cake springs back when touched. Let the cake cool for 10 minutes or so in the oven with the lid cracked. Next run a rubber spatula around the inside edge of the oven to loosen the cake. To turn the cake out, first lay a piece of parchment paper across the top of the oven so it lays flat and replace the lid so that it holds the paper in place. Make sure you have an available lid stand resting on your table for the next step. Using gloved hands place one hand on the lid and the other hand under the oven and carefully lift and flip the oven over so the cake falls onto the lid. Rest the oven upside down on the lid stand and tap the bottom and sides of the oven lightly with your hand to make sure the cake didn't stick. Then lift the oven off the lid. The cake will be resting on the parchment lined lid and can be cooled this way or slid off the lid using the parchment paper. Allow cake to cool slightly before service.

Serves: 8-10

If cooking at home, place Dutch (without lid) in oven preheated to 350 degrees F for 40-45 minutes.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE –



MULE: 9-year-old gray molly (mare) mule, 13.5 hands, great pack mule, used in mountains, rough terrain. Can be led in a pack string or alone. "Sally" is good with her feet, trailer loading, and leading. Has been ridden in the past, just too small for what we need. \$800.00. Please call Richard (559-3426) or Amber (269-7773).



TRAIL HORSE: Richard and I love horses, but we really love mules, so we are selling "Belle." A 13-year-old bay mare (APHA reg.), 15.3 hands, great trail horse and pack animal. Ridden and packed in the Pecos Wilderness and other spots in NM and TX. Good with feet, trailer loading. Current on worming and shots. Needs a confident, experienced rider. \$1500.00. Please call Richard (559-3426) or Amber (269-7773).

TRAIL HORSE: "Primo" is a young 19-year-old, palomino gelding. He's one of the best trail animals we've ever had, but we want a mule for Abby! He can be ridden by anyone with a sure hand... he really likes to get down the trail! He has been on trails throughout NM and even in Guadalupe NP. 15 hands, current on shots and worming, great with feet, trailer loading, and gentle with any rider except inexperienced children. \$1500.00. Please call Richard (559-3426) or Amber (269-7773).



ATTENTION: If you have items to sell that would be of interest to BCH members, send a photo and details to Amber at amazonaalk@earthlink.net and she'll get them in the next Hoofprint!

Wanted....

Know anyone who wants to do some work on the trail? Invite them to join our chapter! Hard workers are always welcome! Welcome to our newest members!

If you have pictures that you would like to share with everyone in New Mexico Backcountry Horsemen, please send them to Paul Noble, screechowl@earthlink.net and he will forward them to the State website!

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Hats off and a big "Thank You!" to our friends at Town and Country Feed and Horse Rentals for their support over the years!

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Lisa Kazmar is now offering 1st Aid classes to BCH members, other horse groups, etc.

LISA C. KAZMAR
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Map to Kingsbury Home
Christmas and End of Year Celebration
Saturday, 10 December @ 6:00pm
Look for the BCH Signs
Tables and chairs will be provided!

