

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

New Mexico MONTHLY HOOFPRIINT Pecos Chapter Inc.
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President's Corral

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Our March 3rd, general membership meeting, was well attended at the Kingsbury residence in Edgewood. An informative and helpful presentation from members Patty Wilbur and Mark Bohannon provided all of us with great suggestions to prepare for trail riding. Thanks to everyone who attended.

Our meeting for April 7th will be at the home of Madelyn and Paul Noble, in Edgewood. Our scheduled guest speaker is Sergeant Jimmy Collins who is with the APD, Mounted Unit. He will be sharing with us the history of this unit, basic daily duties and how the horses are trained. Included in this newsletter is a map and directions to the Noble's residence. Hope to see everyone there.

Also at our April meeting, we will have sign up sheets for another training ride scheduled for April 10th and, weather permitting, our first work project on April 25th, in the Manzano Mountains.

A big thank you goes out to Western Trails Veterinary Hospital, and Dr. Stacy Thornton Gunderson who facilitated our "Equine First Aid in the Back Country" Clinic on Saturday, March 13th. Plenty of hands-on practice for participants and lots of useful information. Thanks to the Edmiston's who provided both the location and the horses.

The East Mountain Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is preparing to offer classes to individuals who want to receive training to assist with emergency evacuations for East Mountain residents. The classes are free, but some basic requirements must be in place to sign up. If you are interested, please contact the CERT Coordinator, Vicki Voyles at, aravoy@q.com. More information will be available at our April 7th meeting.

Bad weather forced the cancellation of our Saturday, March 20th clinic for trailer inspection, hauling papers and microchips. We will reschedule this as soon as possible once we coordinate a future date with the Livestock Inspector and the State Vet.

Remember to visit our website at, bchnm.org. You can download short articles from the "Resources" folder, and the Pecos Chapter link has back issues of our newsletter, and lots of photos. You will also find links to other equine groups and up-dates on BCH State and National events.

Happy trails to all!

Coming Events for 2010

April 7, Wednesday, Monthly Meeting: Paul and Madelyn Nobles. 6:30pm Potluck, 7pm General Meeting – map attached.

April 10th, Saturday, Training Ride Gutierrez Canyon: Trail leaders are Amber Kingsbury 269-7773 and Sandy Edmiston 286-6233. Meet at Gutierrez Canyon Open Space Trailhead, in Cedar Crest. Ride out @10:00. Bring your lunch.

April 17th, Saturday, Santa Fe Caja del Rio Trail: Santa Fe BCH chapter has invited us to help work this trail. Feet in stirrups 10:00am. Directions to trail head are in the article included in this edition of the Hoofprint. We will discuss more at the April meeting. To be confirmed with Deirdre (SF chapter) 505-455-2624 or Cheryl Nigg 384-2558

April 24th, Saturday, "Trailer inspection Equine hauling papers and microchips" MVD parking area in Tijeras, 10:00 – 12:00. More details to follow.

April 25th, Sunday, Work Project: Albuquerque and 4th of July trails. Contact Cheryl Nigg 384-2558

May 28 – 31, Friday Evening thru Monday: Pecos Wilderness, more information to follow.

June 11th-13th, Hammers & Hooves Horse Fair, Wildlife West, in Edgewood; more information to follow.

June 19 & 27, 2010, Saturday/Sunday Tenative: Assist the NM Volunteers for the Outdoors

June 22 & 27, 2010, Tuesday/Sunday Tenative: Assist the NM Wilderness Alliance

June 25 – June 27, Womens Pack Trip; more information to come; contact Amber Kingsbury 281-1342 or Cheryl Nigg 384-2558

July 3 – July 11, 2010, Work Project Beatty's Cabin: Lead is Richard Kingsbury, 269-3429. More information to come

August 27 – 29 BCH State Rendezvous; contact Dick Rahal 286-1978

September 4 & 6, 2010, Saturday/Monday Tenative: Assist the NM Volunteers for the Outdoors

Across the Pastures

Cerrillos Hills Ride...

If you braved the weather and were one of the 11 members that rode Cerrillos Hills on Saturday March 7 you were



treated to a wonderful day. The clouds were scattered and allowed blue sky to show. We had a brief very light rain for about 5 minutes – no rain gear required! The weather did not interrupt our lunch at all. All animals were well behaved,

as were the humans. Elisa took this picture of Travis on Callie -Travis looks like he is having a ball! Travis did a



great job traversing the hills and keeping up with everyone. Great job Travis! Elisa also captured this picture of Mark and he too looks like is enjoying the day. It was a great family outing for the Bohannon family. Glad they shared it with us! Hope to see you all again soon!

Forest Conditions as of Mar 29, 2010

Cibola National Forest: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/cibola/>

- Sandia Ranger District: Low
- Mt Taylor District: Moderate
- Mountainair District: Moderate
- Magdalena District: Low

Santa Fe National Forest: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/sfe/>

- Moderate

Dues are Due...

To be a member in good standing, dues are due by April 1. You can pay at the March meeting or mail before the April deadline.

\$25.00 for Single Member

\$30.00 for Families

Checks should be made out to "BCH Pecos" and can be brought to the meeting or mailed to the Chapter: POB 2706, Edgewood, NM 87015.

State Rendezvous update...

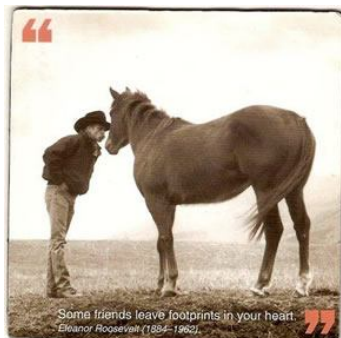
The State Rendezvous will be held August 27 – Aug 29 this year at Ft. Stanton in Lincoln County in the Ruidoso area. It is a no camping fee area. Mark your calendars now for what is sure to be a great event with some beautiful riding! We will share more information as soon as it is available.

State Delegate Change...

Diane Simmons has stepped down as State Delegate for the year 2010. We wish Diane all the best on her new adventures in Colorado and hope to see her on the trail with us periodically this year. In her absence, Elisa Bohannon has volunteered to represent our chapter as State Delgate. Thank you Elisa!

In Memory...

The weekend of February 20 was very difficult in the Anderson household. Matt Anderson's mare Spring unexpectedly past away. Bernice Ende lost Honor in February in an unfortunate corral accident while they were in Wimberly, TX. I am happy to report that Bernice now has a new horse, Mr. Hart, that she affectionately calls "Mr. Right." You can read all about Bernice, Honor, Francis and Mr Hart on her [website](#). Glad to see you in the saddle again.



Monthly Meeting Raffle....

Our raffle will started again at the March meeting. Congratulations to Linda Sophia who had the winning ticket and received the \$36 jackpot! Other winners were Paul Nobles, Linda Sophia (again), Richard Kingsbury and Ester Dennis. \$35 went to the Chapter. Thank you everyone for your support. Rules: buy a raffle ticket for \$1 or better your odds and buy 6 tickets for \$5! If you have an item you wish to donate to the raffle, feel free to bring it to the meeting. The monies from the raffle will help pay for copies, postage, POB fee, hamburgers/hot dogs and paper goods for potlucks to name a few items. At this time, only those members and guests who buy a ticket(s) will be eligible to participate in the raffle.



Dr. Stacy Thornton Gunderson shows how to administer a shoulder twitch at the Vet clinic on March 13.

New for 2010...

We are being asked to document two additional numbers this year when we go on projects.

- 1) Please be sure to have at least one member of the group keep track of trail miles with a GPS. We want to be able to start adding miles of trail maintained along with our hours.
- 2) Please add your round trip driving to the sign in sheet for Work Projects only if you drive!

Being able to track and report more data will help us show how valuable we are!



Looking for a summer work vacation...

Richard Kingsbury is planning to spend a week at Beatty's Cabin this summer working on the cabin and clearing trail above the cabin. The current dates are from Saturday July 3 through Sunday July 11. Richard will be sharing more information as we get closer to the date. If you are interested in participating all or part of the time, contact Richard at 269-3429. It should be a nice time to be out in the wilderness for an extended period of time. If you can't commit to the entire week, please work with Richard to stay a few days instead.



Dick Rahal practices taking the pulse behind the eye, it is not as easy as it looks.

Can you believe a camera was around....



Bob the Barn Cat was in need of attention so Sandy loved on him a bit and then put Bob on Bert's back. Bert didn't seem to mind a bit and Bob settled in to enjoy the sun and body heat!

Thanks for the picture Sandy!



Whip was licking Peggy's ears and then nuzzled them with his lips. Eventually Whip added some teeth at which point Peggy gave a little squeal and ran under Whip between his legs. Peggy likes alfalfa and the 2 of them will stand side by side eating out of the same pile of hay. Whip lets Peggy know if he thinks she is getting too greedy.

Thanks for the picture Richard H!

Wanted....

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



On a warm summer afternoon Tigger was very interested in what Isabella was doing in the bucket. Before I knew it, Isabella and Tigger shared a drink from the same bucket!

Thanks for the picture Anita!

Invitation from Santa Fe Chapter...

Dierdre would like to let BCH Pecos chapter know that the Santa Fe BCH is going to the Caja del Rio on April 17th to do trail work in the Caja del Rio. Feet in stirrups 10:00 am. To be confirmed with Deirdre 505-455-2624.

Directions to the Caja del Rio Trailhead

- Going north on I-25 to Santa Fe, take the 599 bypass around the city. Go approximately two miles northeast of the stoplight at 599 and Airport Road to the Caja Del Rio Landfill turnoff.
- Turn left (southwest) onto the frontage road and continue approximately 1.5 miles, following the signs to the landfill.
- At 1.5 miles, take your mileage and turn right (northwest), again following signs to the landfill.
- Go almost three miles (past the golf course and past the first turnoff for the landfill which is also Game and Fish offices) to County Road 62 (a gravel road).
- Turn left onto 62 and continue 1.2 miles to a cattle guard.
- After you cross the cattle guard the road becomes Forest Road 24. Make an immediate left on to a dirt road and follow it to the corrals.

The Map for the Caja-area trails — riding, biking, and hiking — is available in Santa Fe at the Travel Bug, Desert Wind Saddlery, and the Feed Bin. (The New REI store in Santa Fe may carry the maps as well.) The map provide distances, photos of the trail, and trail descriptions. Trails are not currently marked, but many loop trips are available from the headquarter's well parking area.

Pictures to share...

If you have pictures that you would like to share that did not make the Hoofprint, please send them to Paul Nobles, screechow@earthlink.net and he will forward to the State website!

Editors Note...

We, the officers, Board of Directors and Hoofprint Editor make every effort to ensure we have current distribution lists for our Chapter. If you do not receive a Hoofprint or other emails, please check your junk mail folder, sometimes our email ends up there. Also, please make sure we have current email address(es) for you – we will work to have lists at the meetings so that you can check what we do have on file for you! If you have questions whether a ride is on or not and have not heard from the leader or received an email, please give them a call the night before or in the morning. If you miss an issue, please check the State BCH Chapter website as Paul Nobles has worked very hard to make sure the State website has our current Hoofprint on it. We want us all to be on the trails!

A Reminder About Apples...

Now that we are out riding again, please don't forget to pick up after your equine in the parking lots. If you don't have a rake to spread them apples, please ask to use someone else's. We want to make sure we leave no trace and that equine are always welcome!

Did you know...

That the Standard Military pack train in 1914) consisted of:

- 50 pack mules
- 1 bell horse
- 14 riding mules
- 1 pack master
- 1 cargador (head packer)
- 1 blacksmith
- 1 cook
- 14 packers

From a Military Chart:

A mule loaded with 200 pounds and driven 25 miles a day at 5 mph should be able to work 365 days a year. A mule loaded with 400 pounds could go 4 mph, 15 miles/ day and work for 30 days in a row before needed a rest.

Records:

26 hrs, 100 miles, 1 10 minute rest, 1 two hour break, at water, and at the end one mule, who had been carrying 400 pounds broke into a trot when it recognized its home. (little "native mules" in S. America, as recounted by Charles Johnson Post)

Thanks Patty and Cheryl!

Have something to share/sell...

Have it published in the Monthly Hoofprint: pictures, articles of interest to BCH members, trivia, funnies, photos, camping recipes etc or if you have items to sell that would be of interest to BCH members, send a photo and details to Anita at smithbk1@msn.com by the 30th of the month and we'll get them in the Hoofprint!

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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Map to April 7, 2010 meeting

Paul and Madelyn Noble

33 Bandolero Road

Phone: 281-0843

6:30 pm Potluck, 7:00 pm General Membership

Bring a Chair just in case we need extra!

