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November 2011



President's Thoughts



Howdy, the election is this month be sure to vote. I want to thank everyone on the ballot, it was time to step up and they did, THANK'S AGAIN.

The time to ride is now, winter is coming. There will be many nice days. I hope you can ride. I will bet your horse would like to get out too.

See you on the trails
Tim

ps; Call a club member and go for a ride

Next Work Project

Work Projects – The Penrose Commons Work Project with the BLM was cancelled due to wet conditions at the trailhead

RMBCH General Meetings

The first Tuesday of every month at the Penrose Library in Penrose, CO. @ 7:00pm

2011 OFFICERS

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Rocky Mountain Back Country Horseman General Membership Meeting November 1, 2011

Meeting called to order by President Tim Abrahamson at 7:00 pm.
The club was proud to pledge allegiance to the new flag given to the Penrose Library by RMBCH.

Treasurers Report

Mike Rutan reported that both general and raffle accounts have positive balances. The gaming license was renewed.

Committee Reports

Work Projects – Linda Skinner, with the BLM, will do a work project at the Penrose Commons this weekend. Our members are welcome to help.

Fun ride scheduled for Deer Haven December 3, 2011 at 10 am led by John Mills

Old Business

The Awards Banquet will be held at The Abbey in Canon City January 28, 2012.

New Business

Moon light ride at Lake Pueblo scheduled for this weekend is cancelled.

Jerry Martin will take care of the RMBCH web site.

The Nominating Committee has candidates for all vacancies.

Trail Awareness Clinic will be scheduled in May, 2012. President Tim Abrahamson will appoint the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Harriet Stevenson

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RMBCH Members

Wanted - Trade – For Sale

Kariss Leonard is hosting an Equine Dental Clinic with Performance Dentistry sometime in December, at her house in Pueblo West. Please call Kariss and let her know if you are interested in attending: 719.248.2966

NEW MEMBERS

- 1) Barbara Tigyer
1626 I Path
Cotopaxi, CO 81223
Phone 719-942-3288
- 2) Therese Byorick
2815 S Calhan Highway
Calhan, CO 80808-7801
Phone 719-337-6539

Fun ride

scheduled for Deer Haven
December 3, 2011 at 10 am
led by John Mills
please call John @ 719-784-9755

Nomination Committee report
Dear members

November 2011

As your Nomination committee for 2012 RMBCH election we have been calling our members soliciting volunteers for open leadership positions. Thus far, the committee is experiencing the all too familiar pride and frustration in learning that our members are very activity, productive equine enthusiasts with the common belief and conviction in the Purpose of BCH, however, due the lack of those extra 8 to 24 hours a week that we need to accomplish all the things we want to, not everyone has the time and probably the energy to do *one more thing*.

At the November meeting The Nominees stepped up to offer their time and service, for many of the nominees this is not their first time serving. Should you have reconsidered accepting the call for office, you can be nominated. The Ballots will need to be received at our P.O. Box no later than 5 pm on DEC 6th, to allow pick-up and counting. Members can be nominated from the floor prior to the election and for members not attending the meeting/election the “write in” option is available to add a nominee and or vote with a “write in” on the ballot.

Thank you so much for you commitment to maintaining your membership and promoting the Purpose.

Sincerely

2012 RMBCH Election Nomination Committee

Tina Heffner

Fred Garza

Michael BonDurant

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RMBCH 2011 AWARDS BANQUET

January 28, 2012

The Abbey Event Center
2951 East Highway 50
Canon City, Colorado

5:30pm Cash bar
6:00pm Meal served

Entree choices are:

Meals are served with Abbey Salad with bleu cheese crumbles, fresh baked bread, baked potato or mashed potatoes with gravy, chef's choice vegetables, house dessert and assorted beverages including soda fountain.

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Breaded Chicken Breast stuffed with ham and Swiss Cheese served with hollandaise sauce
\$22.00

10oz New York Strip

Grilled New York Strip Steak
\$26.00

Vegetarian Acorn Squash

Baked Acorn Squash stuffed with a variety of vegetables
\$19.50

Make checks payable to Rocky Mountain Back County Horsemen with your choice of entrée and potato. Mail to: Harriet Stevenson, 315 Locke Mountain Rd., Florence, CO 81226.
Reservations must be in by January 13, 2012.



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Members attending DEC 6th meeting, Please bring your Ballot for the election. There will be a limited number of blank Ballots available Election night, thank you.
 For mail in Ballots please send to RMBCH, P.O. Box 41, Penrose, CO 81240. Ballots must be received before 5 p.m. DEC 6, 2011 at the P.O. Box to be counted.

2012 RMBCH Election Ballot Leadership Team Nominations

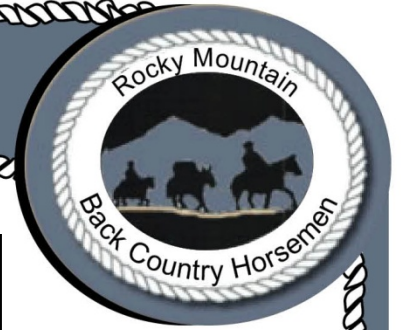
Instructions: Place a check or "X" to the right (inside box) of person you are voting for

Example

Mr. Ed	X
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President		Vice President	
Gerry Martin		John Stevenson	
Nominee:		Nominee:	
Secretary		Treasurer	
Harriet Stevenson		Mike Rutan	
Nominee:		Nominee:	
2012 Board of Directors (BOD) Nominations			
2 year BOD member Term ends 2014		2 year BOD member Term ends 2014	
Fred Garza		Pete Leonardi	
Nominee:		Nominee:	
Standing BOD member Term ends 2012 (Gerry Martin's remaining term)		Standing BOD member Term ends 2012	
Guy Doubleday		Connie Vaught	
Nominee:		Nominee:	

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RMBCH Trail and Overnight Camping Guidelines for all Official Sanctioned Rides

1. All rides will be under the direction of the designated Trail Boss, *remember the trail boss is always right.*
2. Guests are required to sign a liability release.
3. No one mounts until everyone is saddled and after the Trail Boss gives instructions to "mount up".
4. Do not pass the Trail Boss, and always ask permission to pass others.
5. Maintain a safe distance between all equine (recommended to be 2-3 horse lengths).
6. There will be no running, cantering, or racing past other riders.
7. No more than one rider per equine.
8. No ponying another horse unless it is authorized by the Trail Boss for a pack horse beforehand.
9. Inexperienced equine and those likely to kick should have a ribbon tied to their tail.
10. Know your equines limitations.
11. Ride your equine at a safe and controlled speed.
12. All equine are to be restrained (tied or held) during all breaks.
13. No smoking while on the trail.
14. No dogs allowed on rides.
15. Leave gates as you find them; obey all closures and regulatory signs.
16. At gates or obstacles, move clear of the obstacle, then wait until everyone is remounted and ready to proceed before riding off.
17. Colorado Law states, equines are considered pedestrians and should be ridden facing oncoming traffic.
18. Leave what you find (i.e. fossils, artifacts, etc.).
19. Do not leave the ride without notifying the Trail Boss.
20. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
21. Always water your equine downstream from camp.
22. Campfire – be sure your campfire is out and cold! Drown, stir, and drown again.
23. Properly dispose of human waste.
24. Be considerate of other users; contain all equine in a manner which is least disruptive, i.e. high lining, hot wire, panels, etc. No hobbling or staking overnight. Containment should be away from other campers.
25. Pack it in, Pack it out.
26. Return the area to its natural state. Remember to "*Leave no Trace*".

Note: *The organization has many individuals who are avid tenters, therefore, with their safety in mind, any sanctioned event will not have any uncontained animals at night. The consequence of ignoring the above guidelines could result in you being asked to leave the area.*

Editors Note: These guidelines were taken from an older RMBCH newsletter and are posted as such. Any recommendations for changes should be directed to the Chapter president, Tim Abrahamsen.

~ pete leonardi



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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2011

- 6 RMBCH Monthly Meeting (Election of Officers) - Penrose Library @ 7:00pm - Penrose
- 8 Board of Directors meeting - 6:30pm @ Carl's Jr in Florence


JANUARY 2012

- 3 RMBCH Monthly Meeting (Election of Officers) - Penrose Library @ 7:00pm - Penrose
- 5 Board of Directors meeting - 6:30pm @ Carl's Jr in Florence
- 28 RMBCH 2011 Awards Banquet - the Abbey in Canon City - 5:30pm - contact Harriet Stevenson 784-2450


Reminder:

It is an RMBCH club policy that you contact the assigned trail boss prior to attending any project or fun rides. This is to ensure that you will get notified in the event of a cancellation. Trail bosses and their phone numbers are listed in the events calendar.

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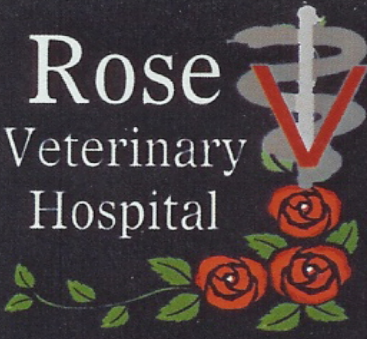
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\$40 – Business Card \$60 – ¼ page
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Membership Application

Rocky Mountain Back Country Horsemen
PO Box 41, Penrose, CO. 81240

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____

Email: (please print clearly): _____

Would you like the newsletter emailed to you? YES No

Please check: New membership Renewal Membership (due January 1 each year)

Type of Membership: Individual \$30 Family \$35 Associate \$35 Youth (under 17) \$1
Business or Organization *Accompanied by guardian or sponsor*

Check Payable to: **Rocky Mountain Back Country Horsemen**

How do you use your horses:

- Pleasure/Trail riding
- Commercial/Outfitting
- Ranching
- Other

Please check a committee in which you have interest:

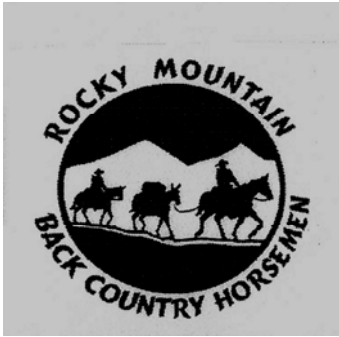
- Work projects
- Social
- Newsletter
- Public affairs
- Education
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- Membership
- Programs

Warning: Under Colorado law, an equine professional is not liable for any injury or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to section 13-21-119, Colorado revised statutes. I (we) release the Rocky Mountain Back Country Horsemen, its officers, directors and agents of any and all liability which may arise as a result of injury to my (our) person or property that may be sustained in connection with the clubs activities.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Guardian/Sponsor: _____ Date: ____/____/____

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Our purpose is:

To perpetuate the common sense use of horses in the back country

To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use

To assist government and their agencies in their maintenance and management of public land

To educate, encourage and solicit active public participation in the wise and sustaining use of the back country

To promote humane treatment of livestock



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