



# Tales & Trails

Newsletter of the Socorro chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico

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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT, February 2011

Howdy everybody. Well, we experienced some real cold weather right after the new year began. I doubt there was much riding going on. Here at the Wilson camp, I was busy repairing frozen water lines & the rebuilding parts of the old corrals. The last couple weeks have been really nice – weather wise - & I know folks have been back in the saddle. I see on the news that another very cold, wet storm is headed our way early in Feb. so hang on to your hats.

We had a real good meeting in January (see Jane's notes in the minutes). We had a good attendance & most members renewed their dues & we signed up three new members: Ember Budd, a friend of John's; Bonnie & Rod Smith, friends of Diane's. Welcome! We look forward to seeing you out on our rides & projects. And thanks to all you members – thanks for re-upping – we look forward to another fun-fill year.

As I was visiting John & having my pinto re-shod on the last Thursday in Jan. John suggested that we ride the Socorro Valley Bosque Trail on Friday. And so we did - & it was a real pleasant ride. And we're happy to report that there was not a whole lot of new trash – but still a lot of old stuff alongside the middle dike road. John will report that to Doug Boykin of SOBTF and we'll plan to pick up trash at their spring clean up day, Friday, April, 29.

John's big black horse tripped & fell with him on the paved road, as the group was returning from riding SVBT back on Dec. 7th. The horse skinned his knees up pretty badly, & John injured a shoulder, as he threw an arm out to break his fall. When we rode last Friday it was the first time he'd been back in the saddle for some time. Let's hope he continues to heal.

John is still planning on leading rides every Thursday. He is also working with horses at his rancho two days a week He is also trying to talk Diane into leading a ride once a week This is an excellent opportunity – think of all the folks in the frozen north who'd die for a chance like this - so I recommend that you take advantage of this if you possible can. Give him a call (505-363-4943) if you'd like to participate – or want to lead a ride.

John & I were not able to go on the Las Canas ride lead by Jane, so we'll let her report of that outing.

John & Vern – your BCHNM delegates - & I, attended the BCHNM Board of Directors meeting at Kiva RV Park on Sat. Jan 22. There was lots of discussion about whether or not BCHNM should or should not get involved with Government. Some members are opposed – and read a statement as to why not get involved. But other members spoke on why we should get involved. Our By-laws clearly state - & recommend that we do get involved with government policy

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## Calendar of future events

- **February 12,**  
10:00: Ride San Lorenzo Loop with Diane. RSVP: 505-480-2806 Rain Date Feb 19.
- **February 17, 6:30 pm:** monthly meeting/potluck At "OJ's. RSVP 575-835-1237.
- **March 17, 6:30 pm:** meeting potluck, Kiva RV Park, RSVP 505-480-2806
- **April 15-17,** ride/work/ camp: Fort Stanton; RSVP John: 505-363-4943.

## Editors Notes

Annual dues are now due, on page 5 is a 2011 application, we ask that all members take the time to fill in a new application annually in order to keep our roster current. Page 6 is a copy of our ride rules for your review.

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont.)



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makers; that we work with land managers and we support formation & maintenance of wilderness & the use of riding & pack stock in America's back county & roadless areas.

That's it for now – hope to see you on the trails & at the meetings.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Saturday, Feb. 12**, 10:00: Ride San Lorenzo Loop with Diane. RSVP: 505-480-2806.

**Feb. 19** will be the default day if we cannot ride on 2/12.

**Thursday, Feb 17**, 6:30pm: monthly meeting/potluck At "OJs. RSVP 575-835-1237.

**Thursday, March 17**, 6:30pm: meeting potluck, Kiva RV Park, 505-480-2806

**April 15-17**: ride/work/ camp: Fort Stanton; RSVP John: 505-363-4943.

**Friday, April 29**: Cleanup, SVBT

**Aug. 26-28**: BCHNM Rendezvous 2011.

REMEMBER, if you want to volunteer to lead a ride – just let us know.

### SOCORRO BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN MEETING BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT OFFICE 6:30 P.M. January 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Bryant, with 17 individuals present. Guest speaker Kevin Carson from BLM was introduced and asked to be first on the agenda.

Recreationist Chris Hill was not present from the BLM; and Kevin really had no specific requests from her for the BCHM, other than completing El Camino and possibly some further work on the Riverine Parks trails. She suggested work be done at Datil Campground; however, those trails are hiking trails rather than equestrian. Kevin handed out copies of a "Wilderness Order, No. 3310" from Washington, DC outlining new guidelines for areas which wilderness groups might surface as having wilderness characteristics. Kevin indicated that Socorro Field Office, BLM, had done a very thorough wilderness inventory both in the past on newly acquired/exchanged lands and should not be too involved in further review projects. At this time Kevin showed slides of various pictures through the wilderness study areas in Socorro Field Office BLM (Catron and Socorro Counties).

Jane Farmer asked if there was any possibility that BLM Socorro Field Office might develop a project such as the Fort Stanton equestrian facilities. Kevin said, "Not likely" as there was neither the funding nor the personnel required. Peggy Johnson asked if there might be National Conservation Act funding available such as for Fort Stanton – but that didn't seem to be an option either.

Tom Bryant said he had received an email regarding non-motorized trails, which he will send to members. Kevin said he had some ideas regarding non-motorized trails on the Horse Mountain Wilderness Study Area. Tom reported that BLM Socorro Field Office had built the Socorro BCHM some holders to carry the karsonite posts on, and Steve had put straps on them (for future trail projects).

At this time the order was returned to the original agenda.

Since there was no meeting in December there were no **minutes** to approve (November?).

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## Minutes, cont



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Bryant thanked Peggy Johnson for serving as treasurer for the last 4 years, and welcomed Mary Randall as the new treasurer. With new memberships being submitted, and the transition taking place, the **treasurer's report** was estimated to be \$1100.00.

### Education:

John said the February 17, 2011 meeting would be at the home of O. J. Simpson and we would watch the Fort Stanton DVD.

March 17, 2011 meeting to be held at the KIVA in Bernardo. Diane Wiltshire will report on the "Ride the the Horse".

Weekend of April 9 will be a Horse and Mule Show at Kiva, a tack swap, and a possible clinic.

### Rides:

January 29 – Las Canas. Meet at the end of the pavement on Bosquecito Road (West side of Rio Grande, to north of Highway 380), ready to ride at 10 a.m. Contact Jane Farmer: 835-3619. Bring a snack and drinks.

February 12, - Diane Wiltshire will lead a ride at San Lorenzo. 480-2806. Meet at the frontage rode at 10 a.m., to proceed to parking area.

John Young has been conducting rides on Tuesdays; however, members requested this be changed to Thursdays. For more information, contact John: 505-363-4943.

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Farmer, Secretary

## New Mexico Equine Industry Summit

Our unit has been invited to send two representatives to attend this event to be held at Clovis on March 26th,. This is a by invitation only event, at no cost to attendees. If anyone is interested in attending let me know so that you can be registered. We need to RSVP by February 15th. See the flyer on page 5 SBCH contact, Steve Randall 505-861-1088

### Why R.S.V.P. ? An Editorial Comment

Every month in our newsletter there is a schedule of events published, almost for every event the ride leader or meeting host asks us to R.S.V.P. to allow them to plan a successful event, and, to contact the members that were planning on attending in case of a cancellation to inform them of the change.

The ride leader or meeting host also needs to know if you are not going to attend. Even if you cannot attend R.S.V.P.. The people that step up to the plate and host a meeting or lead a ride spend time to get everything set up that they may not do if there is no interest in the planned event.

We all need to R.S.V.P. with our intentions when asked to do so, whether we are planning on attending or not.

*Steve Randall, Editor*

## Las Canas Ride



### Pre-ride January 22, 2011

Steve, Mary Shannon, Marsha Stump, and Jane did a pre-ride for the upcoming Las Canas ride to ensure a good, interesting safe route. An interesting loop was found, but not really a memorable ride that you would want to repeat. The weather was great but “a good time was had by all”. Improved parking was suggested so Jane contact a local land owner for arrangements.

### Actual Ride January 29, 2011

Since the group was small, adventure beckoned. Rather than repeat last week’s pre-ride, the group decided to ride in the ranch to the south (but mostly BLM land). The sun was shining, there was no wind, and the temperature rose to 63 degrees. We found a great cow trail to take us to the top of the mesas and then made a nice loop up on top. There was lots of diverse country, grass was over knee high, there were many unusual vegetation formations as well as unusual cutouts in the arroyos. There were no people, bikes, ATVs, or even cows on this ranch.; For those of you who missed this one – it was awesome!





# New Mexico Equine Industry Summit

Indoor Pavilion at the Curry County Fairgrounds

Clovis, New Mexico

March 26, 2011



Don't miss this chance to hear industry experts and share your group's concerns and ideas for the future of the horse industry in New Mexico. For more information, please contact Dr. Jason Turner, [jturner@nmsu.edu](mailto:jturner@nmsu.edu) or (575)-646-1242.

## Morning Session

8:00-8:30 am: Registration; Coffee & Donuts

8:30-9:00 am: Welcome & Opening Remarks

9:00-9:45 am: **Demographics and trends in horse industry participation—An AQHA perspective.**

Mr. Leman Wall, American Quarter Horse Association

9:45-10:15 am: Small group discussion and BREAK

10:15-11:00 am: **Overview of industry supported incentive programs—Success stories.**

Speaker, TBA

11:00-11:30 am: Small group discussion and BREAK

11:30-12:15 pm: **Equine transportation issues in an era of “real time” disease surveillance.**

Dr. John Wenzel, Southwest Border Food Safety & Defense Center

12:15-1:00 pm: BBQ Lunch

## Afternoon Session

1:00-1:30 pm: **Importance of “alliances” in the equine industry—Lessons from AQHA.**

Mr. Leman Wall, American Quarter Horse Association

1:30-2:00 pm: Small group discussion and BREAK

2:00-2:45 pm: **Current regulatory issues facing animal agriculture in New Mexico.**

Representatives of NM Cattle Growers, Dairy Producers of NM, and NM Farm Bureau

2:45-3:00 pm: **What do these issues mean for the New Mexico Equine Industry?**

3:00-3:15 pm: BREAK

3:15-4:00 pm: **Expert panel of New Mexico Equine Industry Leaders—Questions & Answers.**

4:00-4:15 pm: **Concluding Remarks & Program Evaluation.**

This program is made possible through the generous financial support of:

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**Socorro Back Country Horseman Chapter 2011 Membership Application**

**Please list all names for family membership. Children over 18 may be included in family membership or may join as an individual.**

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Work/Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Hospital/Physician** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**I/We realize there are inherent risks involved in all activities with equine animals and I/We hereby release BCHA/SBCH/NM and its Officers, Directors and Membership, from liability for any accident, injury, or death that may occur to myself/ourselves or my/our equine by participation in any Back Country Horsemen of America activity. In accordance with EQUINE LIABILITY ACT SJC/SENATE BILL 268.a.a. 1993.**

**I/We further understand that I/We are fully responsible for our minor children and release BCHA/SBCH/NM of any and all liability for any accident, injury, and/or death of any minor child. Children under the age of eighteen (18) years are not allowed to participate in any BCHA activity unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.**

**I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the Ride Rules and Trail Etiquette of the Socorro chapter of the BCHNM.**

**Dues: \$25.00 - annually for individual**

**\$35.00 - annually for family**

**\$5.00 - One time Event.**

**Associate Membership \$10.00 (must be a paid up member of another chapter) Home Chapter**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail application and your dues to: Socorro BCH  
102 Romero Dr  
Veguita NM 87062**

**Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico  
Socorro Chapter  
Ride Rules & Trail Etiquette**

- 1. No Stallions or intact Jacks are allowed on trail rides.**
- 2. Keep your equine one animal length behind others.**
- 3. Equines that are known kickers must have a red ribbon tied to their tail or tack that is visible from the rear.**
- 4. Do not stop unnecessarily. If a stop is necessary, move off to the side of the trail, and advise the trail boss that you are stopping.**
- 5. Stay behind the Trail Boss at all times.**
- 6. Do not lag behind the group; stay in front of the drag rider and with the rider in front within sight.**
- 7. Do not run or trot up behind another animal**
- 8. Pack animals must be under control and on a lead rope**
- 9. When passing, advise the riders in front of your intention, do so at a walk.**
- 10. Stay on designated trails.**
- 11. Riding Double is not permitted**
- 12. Ride single file in hazardous areas**
- 13. Dogs are not allowed on trail rides.**
- 14. If you bring it in, you pack it out**
- 15. Leave all gates as you found them.**
- 16. No smoking on the trail**

**These minimal ride rules are to ensure that every rider has a safe, enjoyable ride. There are numerous other “rules” that could be listed, but if common sense is used, they are not needed**

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