



BILLINGS SADDLE CLUB

Alkali Creek Road, PO BOX 385 Billings, Montana 59103

June 2006

2006 BOARD MEMBERS

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Club Website www.billingssaddleclub.org (for access to member restricted area, enter "member" and "2222")

The July Board meeting will be Thursday, June 29, 2006 @ 6pm at the clubhouse. All BSC members are always welcome to attend.

MEMBERSHIP

New Members:

- * **Ed & Tami Lorenz** 2223 S 54th St Billings, MT 59106 652-5312 Child: Megan 6/15/87
- * **Tim Mack** 2024 Ida Lane Billings, MT 59105 698-4922 Tim is a farrier
- * **Jerry & Tammy Beagley** 6353 Osness Road Shepherd, MT 59079 373-6039

New Applicants:

- * **Meranda Gallea** 4129 Highway 310 Joliet, MT 59041 962-9832
- * **Kristen Grimsrud** PO Box 50686 Billings, MT 59105 698-4367 Child: Piper 1/19/99

SAFETY – Our club's biggest concern for all our equestrian events is SAFETY - for ourselves, our horses, and those around us.

This month we will focus on how to have a "good" horse. I have occasionally had the question posed to me, “**where do you find such GOOD horses?**” I try not to be, but am always offended by this question. The amount of time and effort that is spent making a good horse is huge, and the question seems to minimize the significance of the sacrifice spent.

If you ask this question of experienced horse people that you know, they will probably reply that you don't FIND good horses, you MAKE them. They will admit that it helps to start out with a horse that has inherited the tendency toward a calm temperament, willing/compliant personality, and an attraction to people. However, what it all boils down to is **T-I-M-E**. Just like with our children, spouse, friends, or our dogs, a good relationship is not formed in a vacuum, it happens over time, with a lot of effort.

Good horses are first taught polite, respectful behavior on the ground. He is not allowed to be pushy, explosive, demanding, or a threat in any way. Once a horse is solid in his ground behavior, he is then taught polite, respectful behavior in the saddle. Good horses are high-mileage, (LOTS of wet saddle blankets) and those miles have been earned nearly daily, in many different situations and circumstances (LOTS of exposure), the horse will have been ridden alone and with other horses. Good horses have spent a lot of time saddled, tied to a post or trailer, just waiting around. They have had hours and hours of handling, grooming, and just being “fiddled” with.

Good horses are not overweight, because fat horses are cranky and have too much excess negative energy (i.e. tendency to buck!). Good horses have not been turned out for weeks or months or years – no horse is safe to ride after they've been on vacation. When injury or illness or weather or personal obligations have kept you from regular riding, it is wise to do extensive ground work with your horse prior to riding him again – get his brain back into the SAFE gear. Get help if things don't feel safe.

There are many different horsemanship methods and theories purported by many different clinicians/trainers/instructors, most of which are quite helpful and effective. These clinicians and trainers and instructors are available locally and nationally. Educate yourself, for safety's sake! Attend the clinics/lessons and buy the videos/books and expose yourself to all available valuable information and help. If you get stuck, hire a professional for help with the horse's behavior and your riding skills. The money you spend will be a valuable investment in your happiness and your SAFETY.

In a nutshell, if you don't have adequate time to devote to a horse, you should not own one, because he will not be safe to ride or safe to be around. If you buy a good horse, he will not remain a good horse unless you are an educated rider and you spend the time and miles to keep him “good”. If he is not polite and safe to be around and to ride, you will NOT have fun, and isn't fun the whole point? However, a good horse will be your best exercise and relaxation program ever, and may end up to be your best friend ever.

Remember that your best safety practice is to take every opportunity to observe true, experienced horsemen as you encounter them, ask their advice and then incorporate what you've learned into your repertoire. Their life's experiences are a treasure for you! It would be foolish not to tap into them as a valuable resource, instead of stumbling over all the typical stumbling blocks. What's that old saying..... “Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.” Will Rogers



"Success doesn't 'happen.' It is organized, preempted, captured, by consecrated common sense."

F.E. Willard

Below is the 2006 committee list for upcoming events. If you are unable to work your assigned event, you must find a replacement as soon as possible. Last year there were several times when committee members did not show up. This placed a huge burden on those that did. I may not be able to attend each event this year as I have in the past, so I may not be able to pick up the slack. As Doris says, MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK! So even if it is not your assigned event, if you can help out, it is greatly appreciated. The more cooperation we give each other, the more fun everyone has.

If your name is first on the date listed, you are the lucky person to be the event chairman.

***If you are the chairman for the Jackpot Barrels,** contact Sue Malmstrom to see what is needed to do before the event. Then contact each member of your committee.

***If you are the chairman for a Horse Show,** please contact Beth Anderson ahead of time, and she will fill you in on the details. Then contact each member of your team to coordinate the duties.

***If you are the chairman for an O-Mok-See,** please contact Jim Sorlie the week before the event to work out the games you would like to run. That way we can send out an e-mail letting everyone know what events will be featured so they may practice ahead of time. You will then contact each team member to assign their duties. (I will not assign anyone to the **Big Sky State Games**. This will be totally a volunteer effort. I will include the details and benefits for volunteering in next month's Stirrup.)

Please feel free to call or e-mail Jim Sorlie at anytime if you should have a question or concern. The year is off to a great start, so let's keep the momentum going!

In advance,

Thank you,

Jim Sorlie

HORSE ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR 2006

June 11	Horse Show 9am – Mark/Lisa Lenhardt, Jan Taylor, Chad/Jodie Schaff
June 16	Intra-Club O-MOK-SEE 7pm – Bill/Roxann Grice, Karen Bliss, Andy/Nancy Bjelland, Jerry Beagley
June 19	Rainout date
June 25	Summer Trail Ride tba
June 30	Intra-Club O-MOK-SEE 7pm – Brad/Sandy Green, Heath/Linda Hoffman, Shawn/Nikki Shelhamer
July 2	Horse Show 9am – Tim/Lorie Trafford, Jan Falstad, Jerry/Tammy Gran, Rod Leafdale
July 7	Intra-Club O-MOK-SEE 7pm – Shannen Clark, Tammi Muri, Jimmie/Connie Jimison, Bob/Linda Auch
July 8 & 9	BIG SKY STATE GAMES 9am
July 16-21	National O-Mok-See @ Gillette, WYO (www.omoksee.com) -
July 28	Intra-Club O-MOK-SEE 7pm – Tim/Cindy McDonnell, Jack/Beth Oswald, Heidi Pfosch, Mark/Kathy Adams
August 6	Horse Show 9am – Josie Skibstad, Randall/Sonja Miller, Joe/Ingrid Allen, Frank/Dodie Zweifel
August 11	Intra-Club O-MOK-SEE 7pm Troy/Polly Namen, Carrie Daniels-Ballard, Shane/Sarita Stolt, Bill/Rema Schelm
August 20	Rainout date
August 27	Intra-Club O-MOK-SEE 2pm – Rock/Brenda Mooney, Lane Carano, Kristie Spring, Make Sartorie, Tom Malmstrom
Sept 2 & 3	State O-MOK-SEE @ Cut Bank
Sept 10	Horse Show 9 am – Steve/Cindy Sundheim, Dave/Heather Gellner, Joe/Brenda Kirkland, Judy Kirkland
Sept 17	Memorial O-MOK-SEE 2pm – Board Members
Sept 24	Fall Trail Ride tba

You really missed it if you didn't show up for our **BSC Spring Trail Ride!** Beautiful country, beautiful weather, and good company. Make sure you make the next one on June 25th – see Jim Sorlie for details.

The list of games at the next two O-Mok-See's will be as follows: **June 16** - Barrel & Stake, Keg Race, Express Rescue, Straight Barrels, Flying W; **June 30** - Arena Race, Key Race, Pole Bending, Western Jumping, Pair Sack. *See you there!*

Your 2006 BSC ROSTER is available on our web site (see front page of this *STIRRUP* for directions). From the website, you can print whichever components of the roster you wish to have available on paper. This method of delivery will save the club LOTS of money in printing and mailing costs!! It will be updated regularly. If you are unable to access the roster online and want a copy, let me know and I will print you a hard copy.

Upcoming Events outside of BSC

Please let your STIRRUP editor (Polly Namen) know of *any information or events* that our other members might be interested in knowing about. The more informed we are, the better horsemen we all have the opportunity to be!

YRS Young Riders Series to be held every Tuesday night @ 6:30 (entries open at 5:30) here at the saddle club. Kids run barrels, poles, goat tying and breakaway roping. This is a terrific opportunity to get your kids involved in rodeo competition. Many of our club's kids participate. Membership is \$35/yr for individual or \$60 family. Entry fees are \$4 per event, \$5 for roping. For more information Glenn Paulsen @ 373-9337

Thirty Mile Stage Stop Endurance Ride, Labor Day Weekend, base camp is 30 miles N of Billings on Hwy 87. For more information contact Cindy Wagner at 652-0830.

Rumor has it that there were several BSC members participating in the Dressage Schooling Show held May 21, and the big recognized show on June 3 & 4 at the beautiful Creekside Ranch, south of Huntley. Check out their test results at: www.creeksideranch.homestead.com/Calendar If you're interested in dressage, chat up members Doris Gillespie, Tom Malmstrom, Gail Shoen or Polly Namen for more information.



Does anyone recognize these strangely dressed BSC members??

Classified Advertisements

If you have (or someone you know has) horses, tack, trucks, trailers or any other horse related equipment **for sale** (or **wanted** items) that would interest our membership, contact the STIRRUP editor (Polly Namen 633-9400) with your ad information.

WANTED: Gentle family horse for novice rider that will probably ride about twice weekly - will have a great home. Call 245-9599 ask for Mike Sartorie

FOR SALE: CircleY flex-lite *barrel saddle*, roughout and tooling, dropped rigging for freedom of movement and close contact, 14" green suede padded seat, a good-looking saddle. Truly like new – hardly used, daughter no longer needs. \$1000 OBO (is \$1400 new). Call Polly at 633-9400 for more information or to view/try

FOR SALE: Women's size 6 ½ custom-made bull-hide boots Al's Bootery Nocona. Brand new, never worn. \$200 value would like \$100. Call Sandie at 373-9029 or 697-0577

FOR SALE: NICE 6 year old bay pinto gelding. "Scout" is about 15.2 hands and well built. He is nicely started and is a good guy. Asking \$3,500 now, but the price will go up as he progresses. Call Polly at 633-9400

FOR SALE: Going off to college – nice tack for sale – call Joelle Frieszen @ 655-9392/860-4318

FOR SALE: Beautiful chestnut Anglo-Arab (photos next month!) Contact Pat Cole @ 962-3002

MAY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Billings Saddle Club Board meeting was called to order by Pat Cole, on May 1st, 2006 at 6:00 pm.

Present: Maria Schillinger, Nancy Bjelland, Sue Schwend, Sue Malmstrom, Polly Namen, Jim Sorlie, Debbie Magilke, Sandie Green, and Doris Gillespie

YRS Guest: Glen Paulsen came to the meeting to go over contract, insurance, and details for the first rodeo.

Minutes: The April 2006 minutes were read. Sue Schwend motioned to accept the minutes, and Jim Sorlie seconded the motion. The board approved.

Treasurer's Report: Doris Gillespie presented the treasurer's report for April 2006. The BSC made \$3000 on the April barrel race and \$900 on the barrel racing clinic.

Sue Malmstrom motioned to pay the fire extinguisher maintenance bill and Doris Gillespie seconded the motion. The board approved. Doris Gillespie motioned to pay Pat Cole for mailing expenses and Sandie Green seconded the motion. The board approved.

Sandie Green motioned to accept the report, and Nancy Bjelland seconded the motion. The board approved.

Correspondence: Polly Namen presented correspondence. She has been busy sending out get well cards to members. She is getting positive feedback from members regarding sending out the Stirrup via email.

Horse Activities: Jim Sorlie presented horse activities. May 14th will be the first trail ride. He has the flyers ready for the Big Sky State Games O-Mok-See.

Membership: Sue Schwend motioned to approve the five new applications and Doris Gillespie seconded the motion. The board approved.

There are three new applications to be published in the Stirrup: Tami and Ed Lorenz, Tim Mack, and Jerry Beagley.

Unfinished Business: Pat Cole's family will be replacing the equipment shed roof.

New Business: The club will be purchasing "No Tying" signs for the arena fence.

Social Activities: Nancy is looking for suggestions regarding social events.

Rentals: Debbie Magilke went over the rental schedule. Doris received the Tryan rental deposit. Doris Gillespie motioned to carry over the \$50 BBRS deposit from last year and Polly Namen seconded the motion. The board approved.

Director Reports: Sandie Green suggested purchasing a Bissell hardwood floor cleaner for the BSC clubhouse. Doris Gillespie motioned to allow Sandie up to \$100 to purchase the machine and Nancy Bjelland seconded the motion. The board approved.

Announcements: The next Billings Saddle Club Board meeting will be Monday, June 5th, 2006 at the BSC Clubhouse.

Sue Schwend motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jim Sorlie seconded the motion. The board approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Schillinger



BARREL RACING RESULTS !!

May 3, 2006

Open 3D Barrels

1D: Joanita Mathews 17.9, Anna Haaland 17.92, Linda Hegle 17.94.

2D: Maria Schillinger 19.08, Jesse Cameron 19.11, Kate Sturman 19.55.

3D: Kitty Sorlie 20.03, Carol Brumfield 22.05.

Open 3D Poles

1D: Kay Lynn Allen 24.07.

2D: Sam Lenhardt 25.23.

3D: Anna Haaland 26.51

May 10, 2006

Open 3D Barrels

1D: Phyllis Brosz, 17.82, Teri Kaye Kirkland, 17.83; Shirlee Parini, 17.98; Linda Hegle 18.04

2D: Kristi Spring, 18.84; Amy Vogel 19.01; Theresa Caldwell, 19.02

3D: Teri Davis 19.86; Sam Lenhardt 20.13; Kitty Sorlie 20.24

Open 3D Poles

1D: Niki Obie, 22.57

2D: Ashley Ouzts, 24.34

3D: Kay Lynn Allen 24.83

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May 17, 2006

Open 3D Barrels

1D: Phyllis Brosz 17.74, Shirlee Parini 17.90; Joanita Mathews 18.27

2D: Jackie Fox 18.77, Lacey Sandstrom 18.79, Teri Davis 19.08

3D: Paula Harris 19.77, Kitty Sorlie 19.91

Open 3D Poles

1D: Shirlee Parini, 22.84

2D: Amy Vogel 24.81

3D: Alyce Hager 26.12