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October 2006

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

The next Board meeting will be held Monday, November 6th at 6pm at the Clubhouse. All members are invited.

THE FALL TRAIL RIDE will be held 10/8. Meet S of Bridger at the old A&W drive-in at 9:30. Per Sue Schwend, it will be a nice, easy trail on good ground – private and BLM property. Pack a lunch. **BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!!**

FALL WORKDAY on October 29th at 9am. Bring gloves, shovels, rakes, hammers. PIZZA provided for all workers! **SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!!!!!!!**

11/19 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – POTLUCK DINNER, election of officers, awards ceremony, club musician jam (bring your instruments, sing along). Come celebrate another incredible, terrific year at BSC !!!

Due to lack of interest, we will be **canceling the Christmas Party this year**. No ho ho ho.

For utilities savings, we will winterize the clubhouse again this year – probably the first weekend in December.

CONGRATULATIONS go out to Mariah Trafford for creating the winning 2006 logo contest for the Montana State 4-H Horse Show. The logo is attached. Wow, what an honor, Mariah.

COLD DAY COOLDOWN After a winter ride, your horse's long coat may be wet from precipitation, his own sweat, or both. To prevent a chill, follow these five steps to make sure he's completely dry and cooled down before you put him in his stall or turn him out:

Start before you finish - Walk him for the last 10-20 minutes of your work session.

Towel dry – Holding a towel in each hand, rub vigorously over his haircoat in a circular motion, absorbing as much moisture as possible. As you go, rough up his hairs to allow air to flow through his undercoat.

Cover him up – Dress him in a cooler, one that wicks moisture away from his coat (polar fleece or wool are traditional favorites) and continue to walk him for a few more minutes until his temperature is back to normal.

Dry him completely – Remove the cooler, then brush or curry him to separate the hairs of his coat. If he's unclipped and doesn't wear a blanket, fluff up his coat – his body heat warms the air between his coat and skin, so the more air he can trap there, the better. Use a blow dryer to get him completely dry or let him stand in a sunny, draft-free location until he's fully dry.

Provide feed and water – Once your horse has sufficiently cooled down, toss him a large flake of hay. The process of digesting high-fiber feed will help keep him warm. Allow him free access to water once he's cooled down.

4-H UPDATE FROM LORI TRAFFORD.....

The Montana State 4-H Horse Show was held on September 15-17, 2006 at the Miller Horse Palace in Yellowstone County. Over 160 horses from 33 counties in Montana were in attendance. The theme and logo "Fire Up with 4-H" was designed by Mariah Trafford of Billings. This logo was used on all of the publications and all of the T-shirts and sweatshirts sporting this awesome original logo SOLD OUT.

These 4-H exhibitors have spent many hours over the past year working with their horse projects. Many businesses and individuals across our state sponsored 45 classes where 4-H members were awarded champion Montana Silversmith Belt Buckles and rosette ribbons to eighth place.

Yellowstone County had a number of State Champions this year! The results are as follows:

State Champions:

Cody Osborne, Shepherd - Western Pleasure Ages 15-18

Molly Adair, Billings - 3 Yr Old Western Colt

Michelle Horzwarth, Billings - Western Horsemanship V

Britta Hultgren, Billings - English Level I

Kaari Hultgren, Billings - English Level II

Tara Welborn, Huntley - English Level III

Molly Adair, Billings - 3 yr Old English Colt

Shalena Neilson, Laurel - 5 Yr Old English Colt

Samantha Albrecht, Worden - Trail Ages 12-14

Cody Osborne, Shepherd - Trail Ages 15-18

Miranda Gabel, Huntley - Pole Bending

Reserve Champions:

Michelle Holzwarth, Billings - Yearling
Tara Welborn, Huntley - Western Pleasure Ages 9-11
Kaari Hultgren, Billings - English Pleasure Ages 9-11
Molly Adair, Billings - English Pleasure Ages 12-14
Shalena Neilson, Laurel - 5 Year Old Western Colt
Kaari Hultgren, Billings - Western Horsemanship II
Samantha Albrecht, Worden - Western Horsemanship IV
Samantha Albrecht, Worden, - English Horsemanship III
Shelby Sundheim, Billings - English Horsemanship V
Melissa Fox, Billings - 4 Yr Old English Colt
Samantha Albrecht, Worden - Yearling Trail
Emily Capser, Shepherd - Ranch Horse
Miranda Gabel, Huntley - Barrel Racing

Third Place:

Samantha Albrecht, Worden - Yearling
Samantha Albrecht, Worden - Western Pleasure Ages 12-14
Cody Osborne, Shepherd - Western Horsemanship VI
Erica Anderson, Billings - English Horsemanship Level III
Michelle Holzwarth, Billings - English Horsemanship Level IV
Kaari Hultgren, Billings - Trail Ages 9-11
Michelle Holzwarth, Billings - Yearling Trail

Fourth Place:

Cody Osborne, Shepherd - Showmanship Ages 15-18
Cody Osborne, Shepherd - Bareback Equitation Ages 15-18
Molly Adair, Billings - Western Pleasure Ages 12-14
Molly Adair, Billings - English Horsemanship Level V

Fifth Place:

Devan Welborn, Billings - Western Pleasure Ages 9-11
Melissa Fox, Billings - English Pleasure Ages 15-18
Melissa Fox, Billings - 4 Yr Old Western Colt
Tara Welborn, Huntley - Western Horsemanship Level III
Molly Adair, Billings - Western Horsemanship Level V
Lauren Brunsvold, Billings - 3 Yr Old English Colt

Sixth Place:

Kaari Hultgren, Billings - Western Pleasure Ages 9-11
Tara Welborn, Huntley - English Pleasure Ages 9-11
Stephanie Horsman, Shepherd - English Horsemanship Level II
Kayla Schlosser, Shepherd, Freestyle Reining
Dylan Trafford, Billings - Ranch Horse
Dylan Trafford, Billings - Pole Bending

Seventh Place:

Dylan Trafford, Billings - Western Horsemanship IV
Shelby Sundheim, Billings - Western Horsemanship V
Melissa Fox, Billings - Freestyle Reining
Samantha Albrecht, Worden - Barrel Racing

Eighth Place:

Michelle Holzwarth, Billings - Showmanship Ages 12-14

Shelby Sundheim, Billings - English Pleasure Ages 12-14

Makayla Longmire, Billings - Western Horsemanship Level I

Kayla Schlosser, Shepherd - Western Horsemanship Level V

Miranda Gabel, Huntley - Ranch Horse

Lauren Brunsvold, Billings - Barrel Racing

Lauren Brunsvold, Billings - Pole Bending

Also Participating from Yellowstone County:

Mariah Trafford, Macon Henry, Kristina Kilts, Dillon Sundheim, all of Billings; and

Britan Dandrea, Brianne Dandrea, both of Worden.

Thank you to 4-H Exchange for doing the concessions! Congratulations to all who participated and thanks to all of the following volunteers who made the show HAPPEN:

Judy Kirkland, Suzette Fox, Lacey Lanaghan, Melody Harris, Wes and Dixie Osborne, Tim and Lori Trafford, Kathy Teeter, Gina Loose, Dennis and Trish Neilson, Jody and Mark Anderson, Markee Anderson, Hunter Keller, Bob Lanaghan, Jan and Alyssa Uffelman, Chrissy Anderson, Stene Hultgren, Cindy Sundheim, Teddi Vogel, Dennis and Rhonda Koivu, Tara Hultgren, Josie Skibstad, Tanya Dvarskis, Cody Bokhles, Joan Albrecht, Bobby and Teresa Miller, Jerry Krum, Mike Baker, Jon Harris, Becky-Hample-Clark, Jay and Joey Henry, Mindy Morrison, Kelly Rhoads
Greg Oltvedt, Alma Longmire

Another Event - FAMILY FUN NIGHT:

4-H is holding it's annual Family Fun Night on November 4th at the MetraPark Montana Pavilion.

A night of games and fun for all ages including a silent auction. The event runs from 6:30pm until 9:30pm and is open to the public. Tickets are .50 each and can be purchased from a local 4-H member or at the door.



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.

FOR SALE: 15 acres near Park City. Terrific site for horse lovers to build a new home. \$13,000/acre. Call Polly at 633-9400.

**Anyone want a scraper, post hole digger, or cultivator???? See Sue Malmstrom!

Miller's Horse Palace: I90 Exit 437

millershorsepalace@yahoo.com

ENTRIES: TUESDAY prior to events 5pm-9pm 628-4100
Barn Card \$30 (annual) - Judges Fee \$2 - Office Fee \$2 (Per Rodeo)
Horse Boarding available – inside/outside - daily, weekly, monthly

Winter Weekly Schedule (CLOSED if below 18 degrees)

Monday	6pm	Team Penning/Team Sorting
Tuesday	2pm-9pm	Team Roping Practice
Wednesday	6pm-9pm	Open Riding (Barrels etc)
Friday	6pm	Team Roping Jackpots

Saturday Open Series:

Oct 28, Nov 18, Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3, March 3

7pm Saturday Performance

Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding----- \$50

Calf Roping, Team Roping, Steer Wrestling

Barrel Racing, Goat Tying, Breakaway-----\$40

Junior Bull Riding-----\$30

Junior Barrel Racing-----\$25

(Jrs are 14 and under as of Oct. 1, 2006)

Sunday Youth Series: Points only-Series End Prizes - 4 Rodeos to be eligible for prizes

Oct. 29, Nov. 19, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb 4, March 4

11am Sunday Performance - Doors open at 10am

Pee-Wee Boys and Girls (K-5 Grade - no leadlines)

Poles, Barrels, Goats, Flag Race-----\$10

Junior Girls (6th to 8th Grade)

Poles, Barrel Race-----\$12

Goats, Breakaway, Team Roping, Ribbon Roping-----\$15

Junior Boys (6th to 8th Grade)

Goats, Breakaway, Calf Roping, Team Roping, Chute Dogging

Ribbon Roping-----\$15

Bull Riding-----\$30

Steer Riding-----\$20

Senior Girls (9th -12th Grade)

Poles, Barrel Race-----\$12

Goats, Breakaway, Team Roping-----\$15

Senior Boys (9th - 12th Grade)

Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Double Mugging-----\$15

Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding-----"\$30

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Billings Saddle Club Board Meeting was called to order by Sue Malmstrom on September 11, 2006, at 6pm

Present: Sue Malmstrom, Sue Schwend, Polly Namen, Doris Gillespie, Teri Bakken, Deb Magilke, Sandie Green, and Jim Sorlie.

Minutes: The August 7, 2006, minutes were read. An amendment was made to reflect Teri Bakken as being nominated and approved as Secretary for the remainder of the calendar year. Sue Schwend motioned to accept the minutes as amended and Doris Gillespie seconded the motion. The board approved.

Treasurer's Report: Doris Gillespie presented the Treasurer's report for August. Income is up \$7,000 from this time last year. Utility costs are down from last year. Sue Schwend motioned to accept the minutes and Sue Malmstrom seconded the motion. The board approved.

Correspondence: Polly Namen reported no new correspondence. The Board recommended sending a thank you to the Cut Bank Saddle Club for the outstanding job they did hosting this year's State O-Mok-See.

Horse Activities: The Trail Ride has been rescheduled to October 1, 2006. If the September Memorial O-Mok-See is rained out, it will be moved to October 1 and the Trail Ride will be moved to October 8.

There were 37 riders at the Horse Show. Jim is going to make contact with the Montana State Horse Show Association for opportunities to enhance this event.

Eighteen members placed at the State O-Mok-See finals in Cut Bank over Labor Day weekend.

Awards: Sandie Green motioned to increase the budget to \$225 (up from \$190) for all 8 award groups. Polly Namen seconded the motion. The board approved.

Membership: Sue Malmstrom motioned to accept the new memberships for Elaine Guffey, Troy & Kate Renner, Marty & Nanette Tomlin, Tara Hultgren, and Debra Wines. Polly Namen seconded the motion. The board approved.

There are no new applications.

Social Activities: No report.

Rentals: Candy Christoferson would like to rent the club house on October 21, 2006. The Billings Saddle Club will donate the use of the club house to the Young Riders for their awards ceremony on October 22, 2006. Sue Malmstrom motioned to accept the club house usage and Sandie Green seconded the motion. The board approved.

Sandie Green motioned to keep the club house open until the first weekend of December for rentals, then close and winterize until April 15, 2007. Sue Schwend seconded the motion. The board approved.

Unfinished Business: The bill to Crescent Electric for 12 new arena lights needs to be submitted and paid. Sue Schwend will contact Northwestern Energy about replacing light poles in arena (there are 2 bad ones). She will also inquire about assistance with the new light installation.

The Board still needs more information before deciding on the water truck donation.

New Business: A non-club member expressed an interest in excess BSC equipment (a dirt scraper and post hole digger). The board decided any excess equipment should be offered to club members first. Sue Malmstrom will be making an inventory of excess items. A list will be made available in Stirrup.

An additional work day for the latter part of October was discussed. A list of needed tasks will be compiled. Some of the tasks discussed were replacing shingles and broken posts, and create a holding box. Final date and list will be discussed at October meeting. There will be a service October 19, 2006, for Millie Ralston.

Any changes to by-law changes are to be submitted at the October meeting.

Director Reports: The Nominating Committee is still in need of members interested in taking on open Board positions. Jimmy Jameson has been nominated for the 3-Year Director post.

Announcements: The next Billings Saddle Club Board meeting will be October 2, 2006.

Polly Namen motioned to adjourn the meeting and Sandie Green seconded the motion. The board approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Bakken

SAVE YOUR KNEES

If your knees hurt after a long trail ride, you're not alone! Consider your posture.....your side-view alignment should be a straight line through your heel, pelvis, and head. Next, consider your relaxation – you should be firm and solid in your core, not tense and pushing in your legs or feet. If you still have pain, consult your favorite local saddlemaker – they can help you assess the fit, and make minor modifications - perhaps move your fenders so that your legs hang naturally, as if you were riding bareback, or maybe replace your too-wide stirrup leathers with thinner leathers that will twist more easily, and then assist you in creating a “permanent” twist, so the saddle is more knee-friendly.

It could also be helpful to replace narrow stirrups with a wider style – for more freedom as to foot placement and to spread your weight over a larger area – especially for those of us with bigger feet!



Shelly and Buster, from Livingston, have run awesome times in our very own arena! Yeah, Shelly!!! GO Buster!!

2006 ProRodeo Summer Tour Finale Action Gallery

Barrel racer Shelly Anzick (above) took home the title after stopping the clock in 14.24 seconds, just one one-hundredth of a second ahead of second-place finisher Mary Burger. "My horse (Buster) is running really tough right now and he's feeling really good," Anzick said. "He's clocking really well, so I just needed to make sure I kept the barrels up."



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1st Annual
Run for Fun

Charity Stick Horse Barrel Race

Friday, October 13, 2006

Super Barn - Yellowstone County Fairgrounds - Billings, MT

Appetizers hosted by Texas Roadhouse will be served 6 PM • Stick Horse Barrel Racing to Start at 7 PM

Bring Your Own Stick Horse or Get Mounted!

3 Member Team Barrels: \$50 Signup • Open Barrels: \$5 • Youth & Tiny Tike: \$1

For Information/Entry: 406/628-6456 or www.threecantango.com

Proceeds to Benefit Big Sky Hospice - Billings, MT

