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Club Website www.billingssaddleclub.org (for access to member restricted area, enter "member" and "1515")		

The next Board meeting is December 2nd @ 2pm at the Cole home. **All BSC members are always welcome.**

Annual Meeting – Potluck Dinner, Election of 2008 officers and Awards

Be sure to attend our annual meeting at 5pm on November 18th!

Members names A-N please bring a side-dish, member names M-Z, please bring desserts.

This meeting is always a terrific celebration of our club members' successes, and this year we need to make some important decisions. Make sure you're in attendance to vote on important issues and to cheer on the members as their hard-earned efforts are rewarded. Rumor has it that we will have some *silent auction items* that are really cool!

>>>>>Board Proposals to be presented at November general meeting:

- Raise dues to \$100 for a family membership; \$50 for a single membership. This is being necessitated by the lack of membership participation in the work days.
- Assess a \$25 late charge in the event membership dues are not paid by March 1st if the member has not asked for an extension under the hardship clause (Article IV, Section 6) see below.....

Bylaw change:

ARTICLE IV

Dues

- Section 1 The initiation fee the annual dues and late charge, if applicable, shall be set by the Board of Directors and ratified by the membership at the annual business meeting in November.
- Section 2 Annual dues shall start from January 1st of each year and shall be payable within 60 days thereafter. Any member who fails to pay dues on or before March 1st shall be automatically dropped from membership unless the member complies with Article IV, Section 6. Any member dropped from membership for non-payment of dues will be assessed a late charge, in addition to the current dues, in order to be reinstated to membership for the current year.
- Section 6 In order to maintain harmony and accord in the club and so the club officers will not have to enforce dropping anyone from the active membership because of non-payment of dues by March 1st – if any

member feels it will present a hardship it will be up to you, the member, to contact the Membership Chairman and present your problem prior to March 1st. The membership Chairman will confer with the membership committee and if the committee deems it a hardship case will make arrangement with the member and present it to the Board of Directors for approval. If the special arrangements for payment are not adhered to, the member will be automatically dropped from active membership. Any member paying dues under the hardship clause of this section who competes for points in any area must have dues paid by April 1st.

DISCUSSION/VOTING ITEMS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING:

We need input from the membership about how the club can go about getting our necessary projects done. The bulk of the work is being done on a primarily volunteer basis, and by just a few members. This is simply not fair. *Please provide your input* as to how a more equitable distribution of the work could occur.

Late club dues payments If a member does not meet the March 1 deadline for paying renewal membership dues, they will have to pay the higher, non-member rate at the time they do choose to renew.

Different types of memberships for working members vs. non-working members. Some suggestions discussed (that other clubs have implemented) are in having **various levels of membership**, by which those that do not want to participate on the Board of Directors or in work days, putting on events, and helping with maintenance and necessary projects will pay a higher annual membership than those that do participate; or perhaps that everyone is charged a higher membership, with pre-determined credit amounts given upon participation. The idea being, that if we had more money to work with, we could pay for some of the work to be done, instead of relying solely upon our busy, overworked volunteers.

Raise the price of all memberships Maybe it is time that everyone paid a higher annual membership. In comparison to membership rates in other clubs, ours are extremely low. The idea being, that if we had more money to work with, we could pay for some of the work to be done, instead of relying solely upon our busy, overworked volunteers.

Is it profitable to continue to rent the clubhouse to non-members? The profit vs. cost is marginal.

NEW BSC logo on apparel

Anyone interested in purchasing apparel with a terrific new (embroidered) BSC logo can go to *Creative Monogram* at 122 N 30th in Billings. Select whatever item(s) you want embroidered, and place your own order. Creative Monogram donated the set up fee, **so be sure to thank them!**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Tanya & David Punt 1403 Black Eagle Trail Billings, MT 59102 697-1332 Children: Marleigh(7) & Tatiana(5)

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS FOR 2008:

Robert Honaker & Nicole Thompson 428 Tumbleweed Drive Billings, MT 59105 254-7033 Children: Terra Honaker 2/20/02

“UNDER CONSTRUCTION”

If you're out at the Saddle Club this Fall, you will notice that the main arena will be intermittently under construction, or remodel, actually. Your board has arranged to have some fence work done to make the arena more safe and user-friendly to all users. You're gonna like it!!

MEETING MINUTES – October Board Meeting

The Billings Saddle Club Board Meeting was called to order on by Sue Malmstrom on October 4, 2007.

Present: Sue Malmstrom, Sue Schwend, Nancy Bjelland, Doris Gillespie, Jim Sorlie, Sandie Green, and Teri Bakken.

Minutes: The September 20, 2007 minutes were read. Doris motioned to accept the minutes and Sue Schwend seconded. The board approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Teri motioned to accept the report and Nancy seconded. The board approved.

Correspondence: The club received a thank you note from District II MSCA for the \$75 donation and all the silent auction donations.

Stirrup: No report.

Horse Activities: The board discussed the 2008 calendar. Still need Horse Show input.

Membership: No new applications. Board will vote (via email) on Punt membership after it's been published in the Stirrup.

Social Activities: No report.

Rentals: Rental manager submitted an activity report for September 2007.

The board received a note from a renter regarding the amount of deposit refunded. The board discussed and stood by the original decision. Teri will respond to the renter.

The Board reviewed a member's request to waive the clubhouse rental fee. Based on the circumstances, the Board felt that it would be in the Club's best interest to adhere to the Rental Review Committee's recommendation on rental fees for Club members desiring to use the Club's facilities.

Unfinished Business: The board continued previous discussions regarding by-law changes, work days and dues. Sue Malmstrom will send an email message to all members.

New Business: Larry Padden made a presentation regarding the trophy case. Rough plans were reviewed and Larry will submit a price quote.

Sue Malmstrom made a suggestion to have some caps printed with the Saddle Club image and given away as door prizes during the annual meeting. Doris motioned to accept and Teri seconded. The board approved.

Director Reports:

3-Year Director – No report.

2-Year Director – No report.

1-Year Director – No report.

Announcements: The next Billings Saddle Club Board meeting will be Thursday, November 1, 2007, at the Billings Saddle Club.

Sandie motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jim seconded the motion. The board approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Bakken



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: Marlene Eddleman McRae **BARREL SADDLE**, 14.5" seat, \$850, in GREAT condition! Call Pat Loge @ 322-5761

FOR SALE: 6 year old barrel, pole, or Omoksee mare. This horse is very versatile. Great horse for any level of rider. 406-690-1076

FOR SALE: Jamestown J1000B Pellet Insert, Metallic Brown - \$600; 3 T of Linguistics Wood Pellets; and Cougar Ash Vacuum - Sue Malmstrom 373-6736

Where'd I Get All This Stuff sale! 11/18/2007 11:00 – 4:00, @ Circle of Life Animal Wellness Center, 1321 N 27th St. Clothing, tack, etc. BSC Members contributing items.

MALMSTROM RODE IN MANY WORLDS

By JAN FALSTAD
Of The Gazette Staff

For a 66-year-old Montana cowboy who converted to English saddles four years ago to learn dressage, death picked an odd trail.

Horse pals assumed Tom Malmstrom was training his inexperienced 3-year-old Friesian colt out in his Worden pasture, or riding Pablo Picasso, his wild Andalusian, or riding his high-octane mule, Bannack.

Instead, he was atop his wife's 22-year-old geriatric palomino Paint, Pal, on a classic fall afternoon Monday.

Norma Buchanan, who spent last weekend schooling horses and munching chocolate truffles with Malmstrom at a horse clinic in Boyd, described her friend's end.

"I think he was sitting on Pal, blissing out on having this great ride and finding his seat when Pal crow-hopped or something," Buchanan said. "Tom flew over Pal's shoulder; broke his neck and all his arteries were severed."

The Billings-born Malmstrom, who owned Lockwood Auto & Truck Salvage, rode through multiple

worlds. Racing wreckers against his car friends was a favorite pastime.

In high school he ran with the wild horse contest crowd.

"Tom was the mugger to hold the horse still while someone else slapped on a saddle and tried to ride off," Sue Malmstrom said. She called her brother's death "a freak deal."

As a drill team rider at the Billings Saddle Club, he picked the fresh horses.

"He always liked it when they bucked a little, until they got good at bucking," she said.

After high school, he raced cars, hunted and fished and taught himself computers when they were still new so he could buy parts over the Internet. Then he took up digital photography.

"He mastered whatever he set out to master," Sue Malmstrom said. "He definitely believed in having a good time."

He returned to the equine life two decades ago after meeting Billings artist Liza Dada in a bar and asking her to dance.

"I was feeling ornery, so I looked this big cowboy up and down and said, 'I don't think you can dance,' " Dada said. "He drew himself up tall, scowled and asked for a chance, and then he danced my socks off."

Dada said Malmstrom, now her husband of 22 years, was the first cowboy she'd met who displayed original art in his home.

The strong-willed artist met her match in Malmstrom, whom she called stubborn in spades.

"Sometime just to get him to do something, I'd tell him to do the opposite," she said.

His favorite sayings were: "Hard work keeps me young," "Wet blankets make for good horses" and "Get 'er done."

Mules were always playing games with him, and Malmstrom loved it.

"Bannack would let himself out of the gate and run down the road, and Tom thought it was hysterical, I'd be screaming, 'Go get the mule!' while Tom was dying laughing," Dada said.

For a dozen years, Malmstrom took Western lessons from Tammy Yost-Wildin at the Heart T Ranch in Boyd. She and Dada dared Malmstrom to try dressage while he was teasing them about "pancake saddles."

Last August after only four years riding dressage, he won a regional competition in Colorado on his 3-year-old Friesian, Reo.

"That was a huge highlight for Tom to take this hugely talented young horse and win against lots of older, more experienced horses," Yost-Wildin said. "Our whole barn is going to be empty without him."

Enduring endless ribbing about his funny riding pants and trading fried venison and potatoes for veggies to lose weight in order to ride better, Malmstrom took it all in stride. His goal wasn't just riding dressage in his 60s. He wanted to ride at the Olympic level.

"Cowboying up" to pain gave way to acupuncture. Allergy meds that allowed him to bale 140 tons of hay gave way to naturopathic powders.

And when his tight chest and shoulder muscles held back his dressage progress, he embraced another New Age cure: Rolfing, a deep muscle massage.

"It hurt so bad, I cried like a baby," Malmstrom said last summer while guzzling coffee with friends at the 5 Corners Sinclair. "But, when she was through, I could move freely, and my leg wasn't shorter than the other."

At schooling shows at the Creekside Ranch, he won high points. He won years of ribbons in almost every event at the Billings Saddle Club and took top awards at the Drummond Mule Days, one of the two top mules contests in the nation.

"He was an action figure: dancing, riding, working or fighting when he was younger," Liza Dada said.

For her birthday Sept. 11, Tom Malmstrom bought his wife a cart and harness to use with the Haflinger horses that she and Buchanan bought last month.

"We've had such a good year," she said. "Bannack is the mule of a lifetime. What am I going to do with Bannack?"

Best of all, his friends say Tom didn't end up crippled.

"He was gone before they got him in the helicopter," his wife said.

Longtime friends, Keith Wolff and Bev Kudrna, who own the Pryor Creek Bar & Café and are horse crazy, too, said that Malmstrom achieved many goals.

"He was even accomplished, I swear, at making the most friends. So we think he was done on this earth," Kudrna said.

"Talk about a giant of a man. Talk about a giant of a horse. Black Reo is so huge, happy and relaxed, and so is Tom," said Norma Buchanan. "They were made for each other."

For Dada, a newspaper article on her self-effacing husband is only fitting.

"He'd be really embarrassed, so this is a joke on him," she said. "He didn't want anyone to know what he did."

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Thomas Frank Malmstrom was born Aug. 29, 1941, in Billings, to Ernie Margaree Hendricks and James Thomas Malmstrom. Mr. Malmstrom, 66, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2007, in Worden.

Tom graduated from Billings Senior High School and owned Lockwood Auto and Truck Salvage. He is survived by his wife, Liza, aunt, Belle Malmstrom McCormick, sister Susan, brother Larry (Frankie), children Todd, Michelle Sudbeck (Mike), Jimmy (Lori) and Ross, nine grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



IN MEMORY OF TOM MALMSTROM
1941-2007

High Point Stats 2007 (BSC Members)

To Qualify for Year-End Awards must have participated in 3 BSC 1-Day Horse Shows

	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept. not held	Qualified	Total
10 & Under							
Britta Hultgren	4	10	15	13	0	Yes	42
Nicole Renner	0	11	12	0	0	No	23
Yardley D'Aigneau	0	0	4	0	0	No	4
11-13							
Tara Welborn	28	21	25	28	0	Yes	102
Kaari Hultgren	21	23	32	20	0	Yes	96
Cassidy Jo Henry	11	15	14	0	0	Yes	40
Devan Welborn	0	0	0	23	0	No	23
Matte Auch	0	3	3	5	0	Yes	11
Stene Hultgren	0	1	0	0	0	No	1
14-18							
Mariah Trafford	12	19	25	0	0	Yes	56
Dylan Trafford	8	19	27	0	0	Yes	54
Shelby Sundheim	0	21	21	0	0	No	42
Macon Henry	13	0	0	0	0	No	13
Open							
Tina Nistler	0	4	8	0	0	No	12
Nicole Renner	0	6	5	0	0	No	11
Aimee Blankenship	7	2	0	0	0	No	9
Mariah Trafford	1	3	5	0	0	Yes	9
Teri Nistler	0	2	6	0	0	No	8

Tom Malmstrom	0	0	0	6	0	No	6
Anna Nistler	0	0	0	4	0	No	4
Carrie Daniels	4	0	0	0	0	No	4
Shelby Sundheim	0	3	0	0	0	No	3
Tara Welborn	0	3	0	0	0	No	3