



Alkali Creek Road, PO BOX 385 Billings, Montana 59103

December 2006

MERRY CHRISTMAS !!



2006 BOARD MEMBERS

| | | | |
|--|--|----------------------|--|
| President | Pat Cole | 962-3002 | |
| Past President | Josie Skibstad | 373 6524 | jskibstad@imt.net |
| 1 st Vice President (Membership) | Susan Malmstrom | 373-6736 | suem@tbems.com |
| 2 nd Vice President (Horse Activities) | James Sorlie | 259-9995 | sorlie@imt.net |
| 3 rd Vice President (Social Activities) | Nancy Bjelland | 373-0045 | Nancy_Bjelland@blm.gov |
| Corresponding Secretary | Polly Namen | 633-9400 | estebanpwd@yahoo.com |
| Recording Secretary | Teri Bakken | 652-5991 | tbakken@bresnan.net |
| Treasurer | Doris Gillespie | 656-9977 or 861-9977 | |
| 3 Year Director | Sandie Green | 373-9029 | sam7sell@yahoo.com |
| 2 Year Director | Debbie Magilke | 252-7638 | ddmag@imt.net |
| 1 Year Director | Sue Schwend | 445-2436 or 670-8028 | |
| One-Day Horse Shows | Beth Anderson | 671-7522 | anderart@180com.net |
| Stirrup Editor | Polly Namen | 633-9400 | estebanpwd@yahoo.com |
| Club Website | www.billingsaddleclub.org (for access to member restricted area, enter "member" and "2222") | | |

The next Board meeting will be held Thursday, January 4th at DA Davidson. All members are invited.

Wishing you all a **Merry Christmas** and a terrific, safe 2007 in all your horse endeavors!

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Billings Saddle Club Board Meeting was called to order by Sue Malmstrom on November 6, 2006.

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

Minutes: The October 2, 2006 minutes were read. Sandie Green motioned to accept the minutes and Doris Gillespie seconded the motion. The board approved.

Treasurer's Report: Doris Gillespie presented the Treasurer's report for the period ending October 31. Sandie Green motioned to accept the Treasurer's report and Sue Schwend seconded the motion. The board approved.

Correspondence: No report.

Horse Activities: The awards have been ordered for the Awards Banquet.

Membership: No new activity.

Social Activities: No report.

Rentals: The phone message needs to be updated to indicate that the Billings Saddle Club is not accepting rentals from December 3, 2006 to April 15, 2007. There is a lot of interest for rentals next year and we need to start making contacts/confirmations for the 2007 calendar year.

Unfinished Business: Still no success on finding a power company to help with the installation of the new arena lights.

Need to put a 5-year maintenance plan in place for the club house facility. Sandie Green will email the board members with her suggestions.

The Election Committee is still soliciting nominations for 2007.

New Business: The Board discussed a proposal for a 2-day Molly Powell Barrel Clinic in June 2007. The clinic will be limited to 20 participants. Fee will be \$300 for members and \$325 for non-members. Stall use will be free for members, and \$20 for 2 nights for non-members. Spectators will be charged a fee of \$35 per day. An indoor arena must be secured as a backup. Sandie Green motioned to accept, Sue Schwend seconded. The board approved.

Sue Malmstrom and Jim Sorlie will work on an events calendar for 2007 and email to board members.

The club house needs to be winterized. Sue Malmstrom recommended using the same contractor as last year. Doris Gillespie motioned to accept and Teri Bakken seconded. The board approved.

Director Reports: Sue Schwend was able to purchase 5 fire hoses and 2 nozzles for a total of \$225 (expenditure was approved at last month's meeting).

Announcements: The next Billings Saddle Club Board meeting will be December 4, 2006, at the DA Davidson Building, 208 North Broadway, at 6 pm.

Board meetings during the 2007 calendar year will be held on the first Thursday of the month (instead of Monday).

Sue Malmstrom motioned to adjourn the meeting and Polly Namen seconded the motion. The board approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Bakken

Acorn Plumbing winterized the clubhouse on December 5th. Unfortunately they had to drain the cistern because it gravity feeds into the clubhouse. We must have gotten lucky last year or the cistern was almost empty when we winterized since we know it was not drained then.....

Also, Acorn suggested waiting to make the repairs to the toilet and faucet until spring because of the winterization.



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.

FOR SALE: Here's a 4 coming 5 year old registered gelding for sale. He has the late Tanguery Gin on his papers and Mr. Baron Red. We own his mother, she is a wonderful horse - we use both horses a lot. We just have way too many. This horse would be great at anything on the ranch and at O-Mok-See's. He is VERY fast and quick. email grnranch@midrivers.com or call 428-2522 and ask for Sonya Miller.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

The Annual General Membership Meeting of the Billings Saddle Club Board Meeting was called to order by Pat Cole on November 19, 2006.

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

Minutes: Reports from last year's meeting not available (published in December 2005 Stirrup).

Treasurer's Report: Doris Gillespie presented the Treasurer's report.

Correspondence: No report.

Horse Activities: No report.

Membership: No new activity.

Social Activities: Nancy Bjelland encouraged input/suggestions/assistance for 2007.

Rentals: The club house will be winterized from December 3, 2006 to April 15, 2007.

2007 Board Elections:

President – No new nominations from the floor. Sue Malmstrom motioned to cease nominations and carry a unanimous vote for Pat Cole as President. Doris Gillespie seconded the motion, and the general membership approved.

3-Year Director – Jimmy Jimison was nominated. Sue Schwend motioned to approve and Doris Gillespie seconded. The general membership approved.

1-Year Director (vice Deb Magilke who resigned) – Sue Schwend and Lorie Trafford were nominated. Lorie Trafford declined. Sandie Green motioned to approve Sue Schwend and Doris Gillespie seconded. The general membership approved.

Recording Secretary – No new nominations. Teri Bakken agreed to continue in the position. Sue Schwend motioned to cease nominations and carry a unanimous vote for Teri Bakken. Sue Malmstrom seconded and the general membership approved.

Social Activity Director – No new nominations. Nancy Bjelland agreed to continue in the position. Doris Gillespie motioned to cease nominations and carry a unanimous vote for Nancy Bjelland. Sue Schwend seconded and the general membership approved.

Horse Activities – It was recommended the position be co-chaired, with one person handling O-Mok-See activities and the other handling Horse Shows. Jim Sorlie agreed to continue with the O-Mok-Sees activities. Lorie Trafford nominated Joey Henry for the Horse Show activities. Nomination was seconded by Cindy Sundheim and the general membership approved.

Treasurer - No new nominations. Doris Gillespie agreed to continue in the position. Sue Malmstrom motioned to cease nominations and carry a unanimous vote for Doris Gillespie. Sue Schwend seconded and the general membership approved.

Corresponding Secretary - No new nominations. Polly Namen agreed to continue in the position. Sandie Green motioned to cease nominations and carry a unanimous vote Polly Namen. Sue Schwend seconded and the general membership approved.

Membership Chairperson - No new nominations. Sue Malmstrom agreed to continue in the position. Sandie Green motioned to cease nominations and carry a unanimous vote for Sue Malmstrom. Sue Schwend seconded and the general membership approved.

Rental Chairman – No new nominations. Submit names/nominations to Board for approval.

2007 Board Membership is as follows:

| | |
|--|------------------------|
| President | Pat Cole |
| 1st Vice President (Membership) | Sue Malmstrom |
| 2nd Vice President (Horse Activities) | |
| O-Mok-See Activities | Jim Sorlie |
| Horse Show Activities | Joey Henry |
| 3rd Vice President (Social Activities) | Nancy Bjelland |
| 3-Year Director | Jimmie Jimison |
| 2- Year Director | Sandie Green |
| 1-Year Director | Sue Schwend |
| Treasurer | Doris Gillespie |
| Recording Secretary | Teri Bakken |
| Corresponding Secretary | Polly Namen |
| Rentals | Vacant |

Unfinished Business: Need to put a 5-year maintenance plan in place for the club house facility. The topic has been discussed by at board meetings, but would like input from the general membership.

New Business: Because the fall clean up day was cancelled, there are plans to have two clean up days in the spring. One day may be devoted specifically to club house clean up.

Sue Malmstrom announced that the plans to hold a Molly Powell Barrel Clinic fell through, but negotiations are in place with another clinician (Brandie Halls) for the same dates. The club could make a \$2000 profit by holding the 2-day event. Sue sought approval to spend up to \$3500 for a NFR clinician. Sue Schwend motioned to approve, and Jody Anderson seconded. The general membership approved.

Sue Malmstrom recommended buying bleachers from Western Ranch Supply for \$1100 (regularly \$1300). The BSC agrees to display a "Western Ranch" sign on the bleacher in exchange for discount. Sandie Green amends the recommendation to purchase two sets of bleachers, Lorie Trafford seconded the motion. The general membership approved.

Sue Malmstrom recommended the club consider replacing the timers, one set a year with wireless timers. The cost would be approximately \$550 per set. Sue Schwend motioned to approve and Brad Green seconded. The general membership approved.

Jason Harkins recommended the bylaws be amended next year to allow for all board members to carry a vote. The Horse Activities are going to be co-chaired by two people and both should be able to vote. As the bylaws are now, the position only carries one vote.

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Sue Malmstrom motioned to adjourn the meeting and Sue Schwend seconded the motion. The general membership approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Bakken

HORSE SHOW 2006 Year End Awards

| | June | July | August | September | Total | |
|------------------------|------|------|--------|-----------|-------|---|
| 12 & Under | | | | | | |
| Tara Welborn | 36 | 29 | | 53 | 118 | |
| Kaari Hultgren | | 22 | 51 | 26 | 99 | |
| Jordan Wines | | 23 | 36 | 7 | 66 | |
| Matie Auch | | 11 | 32 | 23 | 66 | |
| Jasper Wines | | 24 | 40 | | 64 | * |
| Macon Henry | 14 | 21 | 16 | | 51 | |
| Britta Hultgren | | 7 | 23 | 11 | 41 | |
| Devon Welborn | 34 | | | | 34 | * |
| 13-18 | | | | | | |
| Linday Gran | 47 | 48 | | 43 | 138 | |
| Shelby Sundheim | 25 | | 40 | 31 | 96 | |
| Mariah Trafford | 13 | 13 | 32 | 26 | 84 | |
| Dylan Trafford | 8 | 17 | 27 | 23 | 75 | |
| Markee Anderson | 15 | 29 | 29 | | 73 | |
| Michelle Holsworth - T | 20 | 44 | | | 64 | * |
| Michelle Holzworth - M | 14 | 6 | | | 20 | * |
| 19 & Over | | | | | | |
| Josie Skibstad | | 6 | 23 | 29 | 58 | |
| Tom Malmstrom | | | 13 | 12 | 25 | * |
| Jan Taylor | 11 | 11 | | | 22 | * |

* Needed to compete in 3 of the 4 Shows to qualify for year-end.

Open the Gate by Martin Black

Being able to open a gate from your horse can be very useful and perhaps necessary for some who have trouble getting off and on their horse.

For those riders that may have trouble, breaking the exercise down into separate components may help. By doing so, you may identify one small part of the process that is missing. First, the horse must have some appreciation for standing, or what I like to call "parking." To me this is important for a lot of other reasons. The horse should stand or park until he is asked otherwise. To establish this, position the horse next to the gate where you can reach the latch and release any pressure you are applying with your hands or legs to hold him there. If the horse starts to walk off, let him take a few steps, then sidepass or back him around a few seconds and come back to the same position you had him parked originally. If the horse walks off again, repeat the process and maybe work him around just a little longer before putting him back into position.

The idea is to relax and give him relief at the gate and make work for him out of trying to go anywhere else. In the process the horse can get handier at moving his feet in different directions, and then appreciate the relief you are offering when he stands or parks next to the gate. In the end he should only move off when you ask him to, not when he decides to.

Once park is established, some horses may have trouble staying balanced and not moving their feet when the rider's weight transfers from center to the side. To establish this, just lean to one side, then the other, coming back to center, if you can, just before the horse moves his feet. Transferring a small amount of weight will teach the horse to brace against it, and then going back and forth will give him time to prepare for more each time with some relief while passing center each time.

This brace we built to lean is the same brace that helps a horse to stand while mounting and dismounting. When the horse can brace while you lean without leaving, he is ready for the next step.

The next step would be to get the horse to accept the movement and noise of the gate. It's helpful to have a gate that is balanced and only moves when you move it and doesn't fall to the same spot. While the horse is parked, lean over and just move the gate back and forth a few inches. If the horse is going to move, try to stop moving the gate before he moves and give him time to evaluate and accept the gate moving. Then keep increasing the movement and noise until he accepts it at any level. Then move the gate and step one step toward it and stop. Give him some time to evaluate what happened and do it again.

If at all possible, position your horse from the start so the gate swings away from him and he goes through the gate headfirst or going forward. Do Not pull the gate into a green horse and bump his feet or let him think the gate is chasing him. If and when he gets away, you just taught him to outrun this uncertain object. And Do Not try backing the horse through the gate. If the horse is uncertain of the situation, and then you ask him to move and he can't see where he is going, you will cause more uncertainty and resistance. Step the horse sideways and forward into the gate so he can see where he is going and where the post and gate is.

The key is to make parking a safe place. Then if the horse becomes uncertain, he can stop and find relief, then start again. This idea can be applied in several areas. Stop when you get lost, think about it, and then start again.



Martin Black is a 5th generation Idaho rancher and 4th generation rodeo competitor. He has a lifetime of experience in handling horses, cattle and roping. In his youth there was a strong influence of the California-Spanish style of horsemanship. He has earned money in stock horse events, NRCHA events, rodeo events, and more. His basic philosophy is to "build the horse's confidence in everything he does. A confident horse is more capable in competition and less likely to injure himself or people. A confident horse is more willing to learn, and more comfortable to ride."

OMOKSEE 2006 Year End Awards

Under 8

| | 6/2 | 6/16 | 6/30 | 7/7 | 7/28 | 8/11 | 8/27 | National | State | YTD |
|-------------|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|------|----------|-------|------|
| Opal | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harkins | 110 | 180 | 110 | 100 | 110 | 120 | 100 | 630 | 230 | 1690 |
| Krissy | | | | | | | | | | |
| VanderVoort | 140 | 100 | 170 | 160 | 80 | 145 | | 520 | | 1315 |
| Ridge | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tomlin | | | | 120 | 170 | 100 | 80 | | 240 | 710 |
| Chisum | | | | | | | | | | |
| Green | 70 | 30 | 10 | 40 | 20 | 20 | 60 | 260 | | 510 |
| Amberli | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oswald | 50 | | 80 | | 60 | 85 | 80 | | | 355 |
| Taylor | | | | | | | | | | |
| Green | 20 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 10 | 30 | 230 | | 350 |
| Piper | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grimsrud | 70 | 40 | | 60 | 10 | 15 | | | | 195 |
| Allie Allen | 30 | | 90 | 20 | | | | | | 140 |
| Tristan | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hoffman | | | 40 | | | | | | | 40 |

8-11

| | 6/2 | 6/16 | 6/30 | 7/7 | 7/28 | 8/11 | 8/27 | National | State | YTD |
|-------------|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|------|----------|-------|------|
| Alex Cole | 90 | 130 | 150 | 160 | | 110 | 10 | 900 | 510 | 2060 |
| Othniel | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harkins | 85 | 70 | 120 | 70 | 180 | 115 | 80 | 380 | 190 | 1290 |
| Hayley | | | | | | | | | | |
| Schwend | 30 | 120 | 70 | 70 | 160 | 40 | 70 | 370 | 190 | 1120 |
| Parker | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jimison | 50 | 30 | 10 | 30 | 90 | 40 | 80 | 240 | 100 | 670 |
| Ogden | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harkins | 40 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 90 | 80 | 270 | 50 | 630 |
| Hayden | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nelson | 50 | 60 | 50 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 170 | | 380 |
| Jared | | | | | | | | | | |
| Schwend | 30 | 40 | 10 | 0 | | 30 | 20 | 80 | 80 | 290 |
| Ouana | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harkins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 35 | 50 | 20 | 90 | 195 |
| Mason | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chaffee | 100 | | 10 | 0 | | | | | | 110 |
| Shay | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelhamer | 35 | | 60 | | | | | | | 95 |
| Katie Allen | | | 20 | 40 | | | | | | 60 |
| Mattie Auch | | | | | | | 20 | | | 20 |

OMOKSEE 2006 Year End Awards cont'd.....

12-15

| | 6/2 | 6/16 | 6/30 | 7/7 | 7/28 | 8/11 | 8/27 | National | State | YTD |
|-----------------|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|------|----------|-------|-----|
| Stormy Fink | 110 | 90 | 30 | 90 | 100 | 140 | 70 | 300 | | 930 |
| Nicole Grice | 80 | 55 | 50 | 100 | 180 | 90 | 30 | 60 | | 645 |
| Kylie McDonnell | 30 | 100 | 100 | 90 | 110 | 50 | 90 | 70 | | 640 |
| Taylor Nelson | 50 | 80 | 100 | 130 | 40 | 55 | 40 | 35 | 60 | 590 |
| Odin Harkins | 120 | 90 | 70 | 50 | 30 | 55 | 70 | 40 | | 525 |
| Muri Cole | 10 | 10 | 120 | 10 | | 65 | 40 | 35 | | 290 |
| Samantha Sorlie | 40 | 45 | 0 | 30 | | 5 | 40 | 60 | 60 | 280 |
| Wade Muri | | | | | 40 | 40 | 0 | 20 | | 100 |
| Celia Kirkland | 30 | | | | | | | | | 30 |
| Shelby Sundheim | 10 | | | | | | | | | 10 |

16-39

| | 6/2 | 6/16 | 6/30 | 7/7 | 7/28 | 8/11 | 8/27 | National | State | YTD |
|-------------------|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|------|----------|-------|------|
| Steven Sorlie | 90 | 120 | 170 | 160 | 140 | 40 | 120 | 260 | 60 | 1160 |
| Larry Schwend* | | | | | 90 | 180 | | 150 | 325 | 745 |
| Shannen Clark | 50 | 100 | 120 | 60 | 110 | 80 | | 80 | | 600 |
| Jason Harkins | 80 | 60 | 10 | | 80 | 10 | 90 | 210 | 10 | 550 |
| Kristi Spring* | 110 | | 70 | 90 | | 40 | | | | 310 |
| Sharlotte Harkins | 30 | 60 | 80 | 10 | 70 | 50 | | | | 300 |
| Kaylynn Allen | 130 | | | 20 | | | | | | 150 |
| Meranda Gallea | | 60 | | 40 | | | | | | 100 |
| Punky Guffey | | | | 50 | | 30 | | | | 80 |
| Tiffani Hark | | 20 | | 20 | | | | | | 40 |
| Nikki Shelhamer | | | 20 | | | | | | | 20 |

OMOKSEE 2006 Year End Awards cont'd.....

40 & Over

| | 6/2 | 6/16 | 6/30 | 7/7 | 7/28 | 8/11 | 8/27 | National | State | YTD |
|--------------|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|------|----------|-------|--------|
| Sue | | | | | | | | | | |
| Malmstrom | 70 | 80 | 60 | 160 | 130 | 170 | 150 | 902.5 | 345 | 2067.5 |
| Jim | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jimison | 160 | 130 | 160 | 140 | 140 | 75 | 150 | 740 | 255 | 1950 |
| Pat Cole | 80 | 10 | | 90 | | 115 | 70 | 282.5 | 115 | 762.5 |
| Kitty Sorlie | 60 | 60 | 110 | 40 | 130 | 40 | 30 | 42.5 | | 512.5 |
| Tom | | | | | | | | | | |
| Malmstrom | 30 | | 70 | | 70 | | 0 | | | 170 |
| Tim | | | | | | | | | | |
| McDonnell | | 45 | 70 | | | 40 | | | | 155 |
| Sue | | | | | | | | | | |
| Schwend | 10 | 10 | | 50 | | | 30 | 32.5 | 10 | 142.5 |
| Brad | | | | | | | | | | |
| Green | 30 | 15 | 10 | 20 | | | 10 | | | 85 |
| Sandy | | | | | | | | | | |
| Green | 20 | 30 | 10 | | | 5 | 0 | | | 65 |
| Candiss | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jett | | 40 | | | | | | | | 40 |
| Doris | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gillespie | | 30 | | | | | | | | 30 |
| Elaine | | | | | | | | | | |
| Guffey | | | | | | 10 | | | | 10 |
| Nancy | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bjelland | | | | | | 5 | | | | 5 |

Attention Barrel Racers!!!

The Billings Saddle Club

Presents

**3 Time Wrangler NFR Qualifier
2006, 2003, 2002**

Brandie Halls

June 9 & 10, 2007

Billings, MT

Barrel Clinic Tuition: \$300
(Billings Saddle Club Members: \$275)

Limited to 20 Students

Deposit: \$150

Spectator Fee: \$35 per day
(Billings Saddle Club Members \$25 per day)

Location: Billings Saddle Club, 756 Alkali Creek Road
(indoors if there is bad weather)

- **2006, 2004 Mountain States Circuit Champion, Multiple Time Qualifier**
- **2002 Qualified for first Wrangler NFR, Finished 5th in the World**
- **3 Times Dodge National Circuit Finals Qualifier**
- **Top Futurity Rider**

For information contact: Maria @ 406-670-8785 or Sue @ 406-373-6736

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