



Alkali Creek Road, PO BOX 385 Billings, Montana 59103 *February 2008*

***HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!***

**!!!!!!! YOUR 2008 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE**

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Club Website [www.billingsaddleclub.org](http://www.billingsaddleclub.org) (for access to member restricted area, enter "member" and "1515")

The next **Board meeting** is March 10, 2008 6pm @ ELM- 1148 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. N.. Members are always welcome.  
**THANK YOU** to Teri Davis for recently setting up our BSC blog. See it at [www.billingsaddleclub.org](http://www.billingsaddleclub.org)

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

Feels like springtime in the Rockies. I know this because the sun is out and I'm pulling handfuls of hair off my horses back. This means many things to me. For those of you who don't know me, I work, live and play with horses literally! My job with the Wild Horse and Burro Program for the BLM takes me to many places throughout the US. Consider me a social worker for orphan horses! Part of my duties requires me to check up on the animals we've placed in private care which is what I have been doing for the past couple of weeks. In doing so, I've met many people who inspire me to do more with my horses. Its a common theme to hear, "I can't wait for summer so I can get back on my horse and head for the hills". My personal favorite is O-Mok-See and I'm eager for it to start again! It is one of the things Jamie and I enjoy together.

There are many things to look forward to this BSC Season. The new calendar is posted and I hope to see you at these events. To kick off the season, we've scheduled our first work day on April 19, same day as the Parini Barrel Clinic. From there, we start the BSC events (Barrel Racing, O-Mok-See, Horse Shows) and Non-BSC events which include a Wild Horse and Burro Adoption and a WTRC Team Roping. We are planning another BSC Social Dance in June as well. I enjoy a good old fashioned barn dance and this one should be a fun as last years! I've been contacted by a BSC member about the possibility of starting up "Horse Soccer". I hope she will demonstrate this new activity at an O-Mok-See this summer.

This is going to be a busy season and to make it work we need input from all our members. This is your club and I hope you will all take part to make it a successful season! We started a web blog and I am monitoring the comments. Please feel free to post your comments or contact a board member should you have any questions or concerns. Thanks again for voting me in as your new BSC President. "Twister" and I look forward to seeing you again soon!

Nancy

## **HORSE ACTIVITIES MESSAGE:**

Time to get your horses in shape. BSC again has a full slate of activities and they will be starting before you know it. Doris and I are in the process of finalizing the 1-Day Horse Shows and that information will be included in the March Stirrup.

Rumor is that the State O-Mok-See will be in Kalispell over Labor Day Weekend. The National O-Mok-See will be in Craig, Colorado in July.

Please remember to volunteer to help at one of the BSC events. It makes it easy when we spread the load. Also remember the work days – **April 23** (Wednesday evening) for those who can't make it on the weekend and **April 19<sup>th</sup>**. Plus we will be putting a list of things that need to be done in the Stirrup.

Sue

**\*\*\*\*New STIRRUP editor needed! \*\*\*\***

Writing skills? Enjoy sharing information with other horse people?? Always dreamt of being “published”???? If **you** are interested in putting together this *monthly newsletter*, please contact any of your board members to express your interest as soon as possible.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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!** Teri Bakken did a terrific job designing this logo for us.....make sure you thank her, too.

**MEETING MINUTES – January Board Meeting**

The Billings Saddle Club Board Meeting was called to order by Nancy Bjelland on January 6, 2008.

**Present:** Pat Cole, Sue Malmstrom, Sue Schwend, Doris Gillespie, Larry Schwend, Nancy Bjelland, Tara Hultgren, and Teri Bakken.

**Minutes:** The December 2, 2007 board meeting minutes were read. Sue Malmstrom motioned to accept the minutes Doris seconded. The board approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer’s report was reviewed. Sue Malmstrom motioned to accept the report and Pat seconded. The board approved.

The board discussed the pros and cons of opening a separate savings account for the Memorial Fund donations. Teri motioned to open a new account and Sue Malmstrom seconded. The board approved.

**Correspondence:** The club received 2 two Christmas cards and a donation in memory of Tom Malmstrom. A get well card will be sent to Dorothy Vail. A Thank You was received from the Past President (2007, Pat Cole).

**Stirrup:** A writer/editor is still needed for the Stirrup. It was recommended a blurb be put in the Stirrup about the new blog on the website, and include a thank you to Teri Davis for all her assistance with the website/blog set up. Nancy will be monitoring the blog site to ensure responses are made if needed, or information is shared/discussed appropriately.

**Horse Activities:** Reviewed tentative 2008 calendar.

The State O-Mok-See convention is February 15 & 16 in Libby; Nancy will attend if her work travel has her in that area at that time.

**Membership:** The annual dues notice with the 2008 calendar will be sent to members this month.

**Social Activities:** The board discussed having another Spring Fling, possibly May 3. Sue Schwend is checking on the availability of a band. The topic will be further discussed at the February meeting.

**Rentals:** The Rental Manager submitted an activity report for December 2007.

The BBRS adopted a rate change for 2008 to be \$3 per run (up from \$2 per run), plus \$75 rake fee (up from \$50). Pat motioned to accept and Teri seconded. The board approved. The board also approved BBRS dates of June 11, July 30, and September 7, 2008.

A rental agreement was drafted with the BLM for an August 7/8/9 arena rental for a Wild Horse & Burro Adoption. Doris motioned to approve the agreement and Sue Malmstrom seconded. The board approved.

**Unfinished Business:** Nancy will follow up with Sandie regarding the status of arena work that was scheduled for this past fall, and the Tryan rental for 2008. Nancy will also follow up with Jimmie regarding the status of new light poles for the arena.

**New Business:** Sue Malmstrom motioned to pay the annual state and national O-Mok-See dues, purchase 5 new rule books, and sponsor a class at both state and national. Sue Schwend seconded and the board approved.

Sue Schwend motioned for Jim Sorlie to fill the vacated Past President position. Pat seconded and the board approved.

**Director Reports:**

**3-Year Director** – No report.

**2-Year Director** – No report.

**1-Year Director** – No report.

**Announcements:** The next monthly board meeting will be at Teri Bakken’s on February 3 at 3 pm.

Pat motioned to adjourn the meeting and Larry seconded. The board approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Bakken

~~~~~YOUR 2008 DUES ARE DUE~~~~~



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

**WANTED:** Several of our members are looking for good kids horses. Please call Polly at 633-9400 if you know of any that are available.



Terrific article forwarded by Doris Gillespie (Wow - THANKS, Doris!) ....

## Sweet sixteen and growing up with a horse.....

My daughter turned sixteen years old not too long ago, which is a milestone for most people. Besides looking at baby photos and childhood trinkets with her, I took time to reflect on the young woman my daughter had become and the choices she would face in the future. As I looked at her I could see the athlete she was, and determined woman she would soon be. I started thinking about some of the girls we knew in our town who were already on the fast track to no where, seeking surface identities because they had no inner self esteem.

Some people have asked me why I "waste" the money on horses so my daughter can ride at the level of competency and commitment that she does. Let me list some reasons this money was not "wasted".

Because my daughter grew up with horses she has compassion. She knows that we must take special care of the very young and the very old. We must make sure those without voices to speak of their pain are still cared for.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she learned responsibility for others than herself. She learned that regardless of the weather you must still care for those you have the stewardship of. There are no "days off" just because you don't feel like being a horse owner that day. She learned that for every hour of fun you have there are days of hard slogging work you must do first.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she learned not to be afraid of getting dirty and that appearances don't matter to most of the breathing things in the world we live in. Horses do not care about designer clothes, jewelry, pretty hairdos or anything else we put on our bodies to try to impress others. What a horse cares about are your abilities to work within his natural world, he doesn't care if you're wearing \$80.00 jeans while you do it.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she learned about sex and how it can both enrich and complicate lives. She learned that it only takes one time to produce a baby, and the only way to ensure babies aren't produced is not to breed. She learned how babies are planned, made, born and, sadly, sometimes die before reaching their potential. She learned how sleepless nights and trying to outsmart a crafty old broodmare could result in getting to see, as non-horse owning people rarely do, the birth of a true miracle.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she understands the value of money. Every dollar can be translated into bales of hay, bags of feed or farrier visits. Purchasing non-necessities during lean times can mean the difference between feed and good care, or neglect and starvation. She has learned to judge the level of her care against the care she sees provided by others and to make sure her standards never lower, and only increase as her knowledge grows.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she has learned to learn on her own. She has had teachers that cannot speak, nor write, nor communicate beyond body language and reactions. She has had to learn to "read" her surroundings for both safe and unsafe objects, to look for hazards where others might only see a pretty meadow. She has learned to judge people as she judges horses. She looks beyond appearances and trappings to see what is within.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she has learned sportsmanship to a high degree. Everyone that competes fairly is a winner. Trophies and ribbons may prove someone a winner, but they do not necessarily prove someone is a horseman. She has also learned that some people will do anything to win, regardless of who it

hurts. She knows that those who will cheat in the show ring will also cheat in every other aspect of their life and are not to be trusted.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she has self-esteem and an engaging personality. She can talk to anyone she meets with confidence, because she has to express herself to her horse with more than words. She knows the satisfaction of controlling and teaching a 1000+ pound animal that will yield willingly to her gentle touch and ignore the more forceful and inept handling of those stronger than she is. She holds herself with poise and professionalism in the company of those far older than herself.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she has learned to plan ahead. She knows that choices made today can effect what happens five years down the road. She knows that you cannot care for and protect you investments without savings to fall back on. She knows the value of land and buildings. And that caring for your vehicle can mean the difference between easy travel and being stranded on the side of the road with a fully loaded horse trailer on a hot day.

When I look at what she has learned and what it will help her become, I can honestly say that I haven't "wasted" a penny on providing her with horses. I only wish that all children had the same opportunities to learn these lessons from horses before setting out on the road to adulthood.



**"NO MATTER WHO SAYS WHAT, YOU SHOULD  
ACCEPT IT WITH A SMILE AND DO YOUR OWN  
WORK."**

*- Mother Teresa*

#### **ACHIEVERS:**

Billings Gazette – 2/11/08

Air Force Airman **Steven J. Sorlie** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio. Sorlie earned distinction as an honor graduate of the course. He is the son of James and Kitty Sorlie of Billings. The airman is a 2007 graduate of Skyview

The Yellowstone Rim Runners recognized its 2007 award winners at the club's banquet on Jan. 26. .... **Debbie Magilke** was nominated for the RRCA's Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award.

**Our Condolences to:**

Lynette Schwend & Family on the recent loss of Lynette's mother.

The family of lifetime member Dorothea Irene Cundy

SONOMA, Calif. - Dorothea Irene Cundy, 88, former Northern Black Hills area resident, was at rest Tuesday morning, Jan. 29, 2008, at Agua Caliente Villa in Sonoma. Dorothea Irene Cundy was born Dec. 28, 1919, to Michael and Laura Buckel, in Hopedale, Ohio. Dorothea Cundy was raised in Ohio, attended the Ohio State School for the Deaf and Blind, and worked in the Akron area when she met and married Walter Ernest Cundy on June 16, 1946. Following their marriage, they moved to his boyhood home area in the Black Hills of western South Dakota. Ranching was Ernie's life and Dorothea enthusiastically took on a new adventure in her life.

They lived in the Spearfish and Deadwood areas of South Dakota and Sundance, Wyo., for about three years. During this time, two daughters were born, Ann in 1947 and Rosie in 1948. Approximately a year or two later, they moved to Montana, where Mr. Cundy ranched at various locations in the southeast central area around Billings until the early 1960s and Dorothea was a homemaker. In the 1960s, Mrs. Cundy worked at Valley Retirement Home in Billings; in the early 1970s, Mrs. Cundy was hired as a kitchen staff worker at St. John's Retirement Home, also in Billings, where she worked until Mr. Cundy's death in February 1993.

Over the years, they traveled to other states, where their daughters and other family members lived. Travels outside the continental U.S. included a trip in 1981 to Yokota Air Base, Japan, near Tokyo, where Ann and Ray lived and continued with a stopover in Honolulu where Rosie surprised them.

Approximately April 2003, her daughters relocated Mrs. Cundy to northern California to live closer to them. For over the past three years, she was a resident of Agua Caliente Villa, an assisted-living facility in Sonoma that became like family to her and was where she felt most at home. In the end, she passed away in the comfortable surroundings of this facility, with her daughters, son-in-law Ray McCauley and her youngest sister, Jean B. Raitch, at her side in her final days.

Mrs. Cundy was predeceased by her parents and an older sister, Cora Mae Buckel, all formerly of Hopedale; two younger brothers, Walter P. Buckel of Carlsbad, N.M., and Roy Edmund Buckel stationed at Dover AFB Del., at the time of his death; and her husband, Walter Ernest Cundy. She is survived by two sisters, Eunice Catozza of Hilliard, Ohio, and Jean Buckel Raitch of Newport News, Va.; two daughters and one son-in-law, Ann and Ray McCauley of Los Banos and Rosie Trescott of Sonoma; three sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law, and numerous nieces and nephews.

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**2008 BSC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**  
**TENTATIVE @ 2/11/08**

**BILLINGS SADDLE CLUB EVENTS:**

**March** 10 6pm Board Meeting  
ELM- 1148 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. N.

**April**

TBA 6 pm Board Meeting – TBA  
14 Clubhouse Re-Opened  
19 10 am Work Day #1  
19-20 Shirlee Parini Beginning Barrel Clinic  
23 6 pm Work Day  
30 6 pm Jackpot Barrels

**May**

TBA 6 pm Board Meeting BSC  
4 2 pm Open O-Mok-See  
7 6 pm Jackpot Barrels  
16-17 Shirlee Parini Tune-Up Barrel Clinic  
18 2 pm O-Mok-See  
21 6 pm Jackpot Barrels  
25 9 am Horse Show #1  
26 2 pm Open O-Mok-See  
31 11 am BSC Barrel Race

**June**

1 11 am BSC Barrel Race  
TBA 6 pm Board Meeting BSC  
13 7 pm Intra Club O-Mok-See  
22 9 am Horse Show #2  
28 Family Dance  
28-29 Scholarship O-Mok-See

**July**

TBA 6 pm Board Meeting BSC  
11 7 pm Intra Club O-Mok-See  
20 9 am Horse Show #3  
20-25 National O-Mok-See – Craig, CO

**August**

TBA 6 pm Board Meeting BSC  
1 7 pm Intra Club O-Mok-See  
3 9 am Horse Show #4  
15 7 pm Intra Club O-Mok-See  
24 2 pm Intra Club O-Mok-See  
30-31 State O-Mok-See – TBA

**September**

TBA 6 pm Board Meeting BSC  
21 2 pm Memorial O-Mok-See

**October**

TBA 6 pm Board Meeting BSC

**November**

TBA 6 pm Board Meeting BSC  
16 5 pm Annual Meeting, Election of Officers & Awards

**December**

TBA 6 pm Board Meeting TBA  
8 Clubhouse Winterized

**Non-BSC Events Scheduled at Club Grounds @ 2/11/08:**

Clubhouse Rental: 7/5/08

BBRS: 5/28/08, 6/18/08, 7/30/08, 9/7/08

Wild Horse Adoption: August 7-9, 2008

WTRC Team Roping: May 9, 10 & 11, 2008

# BILLINGS SADDLE CLUB

Presents

## Barrel Racing with Shirlee Parini

UU NRA & Montana Pro Circuit Champion UU  
UU 2 time Dodge National Circuit Finalist UU

Additional areas including:

U WPRa Divisional Tour Finals Contestant  
UU Billings Barrel Racing Series (BBRS) Champion  
U WPRa Montana Circuit Director

*Instrumental in helping students meet their barrel racing goals*

### **Beginner/Novice Clinic**

April 19, 2008 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

April 20, 2008 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

\$125\*\*

Limited to 15 riders

### **Tune-Up/Advanced Clinic\***

May 16, 2008 – 5:00-9:00pm

May 17, 2008 – 10am-2pm

\$125\*\*

Limited to 15 riders

\*Prior Clinic Attendance Required or  
Approval by Shirlee Parini

### **Location:**

Billings Saddle Club

756 E. Alkali Creek Road, Billings

### **Reservations & Additional Info:**

Sue Malmstrom (406) 373-6736

\*\*2008 BSC Members: \$100/Clinic

Registration Deadline: **April 1, 2008**

**Mail check payable to Billings Saddle Club to:**

Billings Saddle Club, PO Box 385, Billings, MT 59103

\*\*To receive this discount & gain the benefits provided by the Billings Saddle Club, submit your membership application along with your clinic registration. BSC membership applications available online at [www.billingssaddleclub.org](http://www.billingssaddleclub.org).



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