



Alkali Creek Road, PO BOX 385 Billings, Montana 59103

March 2008

WELCOME SPRING!!!!

2008 BOARD MEMBERS

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

The next **Board meeting** is April 14, 2008 6pm @ BSC Clubhouse, 6 pm. Members are always welcome. Visit the **BSC blog** at www.billingsaddleclub.org

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Springtime is officially here! For those of you like me who are fair-weathered riders, its time to get our horses and ourselves in shape for the fun filled summer season. I'm jealous of those who get the opportunity to ride and compete year round! Vaccinations and worming are due for the horses and a full physical for both me and my old guy. In step with that, my trailer could use a physical as well. Nothing worse than having a flat tire, or finding out too late that the floor might need replacing or that leaky roof that needs to be sealed! The message is to get that "spring cleaning" accomplished now so you can enjoy your summer worry free.

There will be lots of things happening this month and I hope to see many of you there. The calendar is posted so take a look and plan ahead. Feel free to attend our next board meeting in April and I hope to see you at the 1st work day on April 19. "Spring cleaning" for the saddle club includes painting, fencing, weed pulling, etc., so bring your gloves, tools and muscle. The BSC will provide food to keep your strength up. The second work day is scheduled for April 23 at 6pm to finish up. Keep a close eye on the website for updates and feel free to contact a board member should you have any questions! See you soon! Nanc

Life is Short...so go ahead and Ride yur best Horse!



Effective Immediately: At the March Board Meeting it was decided that not cattle shall be on the saddle club grounds unless during a rental for that specific purpose or a scheduled BSC activity. Any objections to this should be brought to the April Board Meeting on April 14, 2008 at the Clubhouse.

MEETING MINUTES – February Board Meeting

The Billings Saddle Club Board Meeting was called to order on by Nancy Bjelland on February 11, 2007.

Present: Sue Malmstrom, Doris Gillespie, Nancy Bjelland, Jimmie Jimison, Jim Sorlie, and Teri Bakken.

Minutes: The January 6, 2008 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. Teri motioned to accept the report and Jimmie seconded. The board approved.

New accounts have been established at Stockman Bank. Accounts at First Citizen will be closed in the next month.

The BSC was advised by the tax accountant that memorial fund contributions are not tax deductible. The board agreed to a "go forward basis" and donors of all *future* contributions will be notified when the contribution is acknowledged.

Correspondence: The club received a request to donate to the All High Schools Graduation fund raiser. The board discussed and no donation will be made.

Stirrup: A writer/editor is still needed for the Stirrup. Please contact a board member if you are interested.

Horse Activities: A member, Linda Risdon, suggested starting Horse Soccer. Linda will be contacted to put on a demonstration after an O-Mok-See.

Kalispell and Libby have submitted bids to the 2008 State O-Mok-See. Big Sandy may submit a bid. The board discussed submitting a bid for state O-Mok-See. A bid will not be submitted this year, but should seriously be considered in the near future. A State O-Mok-See was last held in Billings in 2001. The club needs to complete the arena enhancements and address the water situation before considering submitting a bid.

The board discussed moving barrel race scheduled on May 3 & 4 to May 31/June 1, due to a conflict with another barrel race being scheduled in Billings at a different location. Jim moved to approve the new date; Teri seconded and the board approved.

Membership: Sixteen members have paid dues so far this year. Due date is March 1; Pat Cole will send out reminders in the mail this week.

Social Activities: Sue Schwend found a band for the dance; however, the date of the dance is being changed to June 28 to coincide with the Scholarship O-Mok-See. Sue will coordinate the new date with the band.

Rentals: The Rental Manager submitted an activity report for January 2008.

The board discussed the deposit refund for Exxon (regarding a May 2007 rental). The Exxon Activity Club failed to provide sufficient documentation of liability coverage; Jimmie motioned to deny the refund; Sue seconded, and the board approved. Teri will contact Kelly Drain. It was also discussed and decided if Exxon wishes to rent in the future, the agreement must be rented to an individual if Exxon cannot submit an acceptable insurance rider.

Any individual or entity wishing to rent from BSC is required to provide proof of insurance PRIOR to receiving access to the facility.

A rental deposit was received from Tryans. The same contract as last year will apply.

Unfinished Business: The arena enhancements are schedule for the week of March 6 – 9; volunteers are needed to help.

New Business: The board discussed the benefits of working the arena the day /evening before an O-Mok-See and then locking access to the large arena for that night. The board agreed. Access to the small arena and grounds will still be open.

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 Jimmie's office, ELM, 1148 1st Ave North #1, on March 10 at 6 pm.

Teri Bakken

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Don & Amanda Purdon
1010 Strawberry
Billings, MT 59105
Broc 1/12/02, Cash 7/24/06

Jesse Turner
4515 Hogan Road
Billings, MT 59101
Occupation: Horse Shoer – 672-8051

Pam Madtson
168 Erickson Court S
Billings, MT 59105

Doug Newmiller
168 Erickson Court S
Billings, MT 59105

Alex & Lucy Adamski
5435 Yellowstone Trail
Huntley MT 59037
Sally Taylor 4-25-92

THANK YOU

Thank you Brad & Sandi Green, Jimmie Jimison, Nancy Bjelland and Deb Magilke for all the work you did on the main arena. You are fantastic!!!!!! Members when you see these members please thank them for the work they did straightening the end of the arena, fixing the return alley, etc.

HORSE ACTIVITIES REPORT

Committee Assignments – Watch your mail for the 2008 Committee Assignments and new gate combo which will be effective 4/1/08. Remember it is your responsibility to find a replacement or trade with someone if you cannot make your scheduled committee assignment. Also feel free to ask other members who are not assigned to your event to help.

Remember the **Shirlee Parini Novice/Beginning Barrel Clinic on April 19-20**. There are still a few spots available. This is a great opportunity to learn from one of the best. Are you starting a new barrel or game horse? This is a great way to start them. Maybe you need to learn the basics.

The **State O-Mok-See** will be held in Kalispell over Labor Day weekend. More info to come.

National News from Deana Rea, NSCA Secretary:

Happy Spring.....well, maybe not quite yet but it has to be getting close doesn't it? Warm weather is on its way, and many of you are gearing up for the busy horse show season. I wanted to give you a rundown on what is happening with NSCA and the 2008 National Championship O-Mok-See.

First of all, we have a new Webmaster, the newly elected Advertising/PR Director, Cody O'Donnell from Cardwell, Montana. He is in the process of getting the information updated from last year's show as well as providing the 2008 information. If anyone has any pictures, links to your state sites, important dates to post, etc., please send a message to Cody at odonnellshorses@aol.com. He will be getting information loaded on the sight and making changes to it constantly so check the website, omoksee.com, for updates.

As you know, the show is scheduled for July 19-25, 2008, at the Moffat County Fairgrounds in Craig, Colorado. They were our impromptu hosts back in 2005 and are really looking forward to having us back this year. NSCA will be handling the stall & camping reservations but here is a rundown of the rates:

- Stalls \$40, Outside Pens \$30, Tie to a secured trailer or furnish your own panels \$20 (all rates are per horse for the entire show)
- Camping-Electric only \$30, Electric & Water \$40, Dry Camping Free for the entire show

I don't have information yet for camper rentals or the list of hotels but I will be getting those and having them posted on the website as soon as possible.

The Events will be:

All Age Groups: Flying W, Half Eight, Key Race, Figure 8, Barrel & Stake, Polo Turn, Speed Barrels, Pole Bending, Flag Race, Arena Race, 2 Barrel Flag, Keg Race & Straight Barrels.

Under 8 - Western Jumping

8-11, 12-15, Wm, Men, Sr. Wm, Sr. Men - Scurry Race & Tomahawk

12-15 & Adults – Express Rescue, Exchange Race, Pair Sack

Adults-Team Arena, Devil's Cowhide

Open-Western Relay

Entry Fees: \$4.00 per contestant per event

This year, the event awards will be a jacket....actually, each contestant who enters all the individual events in their designated age group will receive a jacket, with a patch for placing in the top ten, along with a certificate. More information on the jackets will be posted to the website at a later time, but these jackets are very nice and will be embroidered with the National Saddle Clubs Association, Inc. logo. As always, the High Point awards are being purchased as we speak and will prove to be a list of great prizes.

The 2008 Royalty contest has some extra-added awards this year. Our NSCA Royalty have duties to not only promote the NSCA, but also gather sponsorships and donations, especially for the Scholarship Fund. This year, the 2008-2009 Queen will be awarded a \$300 Scholarship, Sr. Princess \$200 Scholarship, and the Jr. Princess a \$100 Scholarship. We have a great group of young women in our organization and this will give them something more to compete for while helping to support and promote our great sport.

Speaking of Scholarships, the applications will be available either via e-mail or by regular mail. Any High School or College student may apply. There will be a \$750 overall winner chosen, along with 2-\$250 winners both out of the applications from High School Students and from College Students.

Rulebooks will be available soon for \$5.00. I will have a notice posted on the website when I have received them to send out.

The 2009 show will be held at the Cam-Plex in Gillette, Wyoming. We voted to accept the bid from the Smith Valley Saddle Club for 2010 in Kalispell, Montana, so make your plans!!!!

That's the rundown of information so far. Thanks everyone and please let me know if you have any questions. I'm looking forward to another wonderful National Championship O-Mok-See in Craig, Colorado!

APRIL EVENTS

April

14 6 pm Board Meeting – BSC Clubhouse

19 10 am **Work Day #1 – ALL MEMBERS**

19-20 10 am Shirlee Parini Beginning/Novice Barrel Clinic

23 6 pm **Work Day – ALL MEMBERS**

30 6 pm Jackpot Barrels – Gail Shoen, Elaine & Daryl Guffey, Heidi Pfosch, Alyce Hager, Kristie Spring, Troy & Kate Renner

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.