



Greetings everyone,

July, the month of ups and downs as well as lots of pack trips...or so it appears from here! On the up side, I heard that Robbin, Terry MacDonald and Bill Holt had a great trip in the Boulder White Clouds. Phil took a pack trip in Wyoming but the down side was lots of rain and bugs. He cut his trip short and brought home a lame mule but headed out with Bill Conger and Mike McGlenn to the Bob Marshall Wilderness. On the up side, they reported it was a great trip, doing everything and seeing everything they wanted to. On the down side Phil brought home a lame horse now on pasture rest until next year. Speaking of rest, Get Well wishes go out to Rob (and to anyone else under the weather).

On the home front, Kay faced the ups and downs (or rather ons and offs) of irrigation water because of the heavy moss in the canal. The up side is great neighbors and Marybeth who helped keep her sane. The Ryans' computer got hacked in early July, a downer and yet another reason for her insanity. On the upside, life can be great without being "connected" and it was probably past time to clean out all the old stuff.

These hot days may make you feel down but they also create an upside invitation to head for the hills, dangle your feet in a cool mountain stream and head up (and maybe clear) a few trails. Just remember to keep track of your efforts even if all you do is to pick up some trash.

Looking forward, we may have a guest speaker at the next meeting so be sure to come if you're not out on a trail. Madison Seamans, MS DVM offers mobile veterinary services in the area. We called him out to check on the horse and mule and to invite him to our meeting.

There are more summer activities coming up as well as the usual business items so be sure to join us at La Costa. Hope to see you there!

Kay Ryan, President