

## **SQUAW BUTTE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN (SBBCH)**

### **2023 Year in Review**

The Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen chapter meets on the first Thursday of each month at the LaCosta Mexican Restaurant in Emmett to socialize, conduct business and have a guest speaker. We accomplished the following through the year.

- January 15 SBBCH leadership meeting to establish a yearly budget and activities.
- February Fun ride at Celebration Park.
- March 2-5 Idaho Sportsman's Show booth. Several chapters and Idaho Trails Association (ITA) manned the booth.
- March 25 Squaw Butte held its first public ride at Succor Creek.
- March 31 SBBCH members began building gates for the Pettit Lake - Tin Cup corrals work project. Bart & Lisa Baer headed this project which was initiated by a \$6,000 grant that the Sawtooth Society received from the Big Horn Sheep license plate fund. \$500 was received from the Foundation for the concrete work. Dates and work included but was not limited to the following:
  - May 25 Gate building continued.
  - June 18 Corral materials were transported to the Tin Cup trailhead.
  - June 24 Corrals built for Tin Cup work project.
  - July 21 Construction of the corrals was completed with help by members from local chapters, USFS and other groups.
- **Note:** A big thank you to Lisa Baer for fixing all the food to feed the workers!
- April 1 Wilderness First Aid & CPR refresher training.
- April 7-9 Idaho Horse Council Horse Expo held in Nampa. The BCHI booth was manned by members from local chapters.
- April 8 USFS Sawyer workshop, Emmett Ranger District. The workshops included 3 classroom days and 6 field days. Rob Adams and Charles Chick conducted these classes. Students from TVTMA, CITRA, ICC, BBCH, TVBCH, SBBCH.
- April 15 Johnson Creek fun ride & potluck.
- April 22 Pack Clinic at Gem County Fairgrounds. This pack clinic invited students from Treasure Valley Community College (TVCC) to attend. Dan Waugh headed this clinic, and the chapter gained several new members.

- May 6 Sawyer Safety Classroom, Emmett lead by Rob Adams and Charles Chick.
- May 7 Sawyer Safety field day, Emmett lead by Rob Adams and Charles Chick.
- May 9 SBBCH conducted its spring Adopt-a-Highway 52 trash pick-up.
- May 13 Snake River Dunes, near Weiser, a day to pick up trash.
- May 20 SBBCH annual yard sale fund raiser.
- May 27 Sawyer Safety Classroom, Stanley headed by Rob Adams, with instructors and students from USFS, WRTC, ICC, PUG, Sawtooth Society
- May 28 Sawyer Safety field day, Stanley headed by Rob Adams.
- June 3 National Trails Day, Steck Park, Weiser, trash pickup.
- June 23 Selway Bitterroot Frank Church (SBFC) pack support pack-in, Sulphur Creek, Dan Waugh headed this project.
- June 28 SBFC pack support pack-out, Sulphur Creek. Dan Waugh headed this project.
- July 19 Pulaski User Group (PUG) pack support pack-in, Loon Creek, Dan Waugh headed this project.
- July 23 Idaho Trails Association (ITA) pack support pack-in, Queens River, Atlanta, Dan Waugh headed this project.
- July 26 PUG pack support pack-out, Loon Creek, Dan Waugh headed this project.
- July 29 ITA pack support pack-out, Queens River, Atlanta, Dan Waugh headed this project.
- **Note:** Dan & Marjalisa Waugh did 7 pack support trips in July, driving 3,460 miles and packing 2,500 pounds for 40 trail crews. They rode 132 miles and 56 miles of back country trails were cleared.
- August 19 SBBCH members helped clear Chief Eagle Eye Creek & Poison Creek, West Mountain trail. Heavy rain that afternoon!!
- September 10 SBBCH held a trail maintenance project at Boiling Springs on the Middle Fork of the Payette River.
- September 16 SBBCH held a Trail maintenance project at Kennelly Creek.
- October 4 SBBCH conducted its fall Adopt-a-Highway 52 trash pick-up.
- October 8 SBBCH held a fun ride at Stack Rock at Bogus Basin on the Boise front.
- November 25 SBBCH members sold calendars at D & B, Emmett
- December 2 End of season Christmas party.
- December 12 SBBCH members sold calendars at D & B, Meridian.

- December 16 SBBCH members sold the last of the calendars at D & B, Meridian.

This was a very busy year for Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen members.