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## THREE RIVERS BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN NEWS

April 2010

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### The President's Message:

Wow, the sun is shining! I do hope this newsletter finds our members preparing for a busy riding season! We have many great rides and work projects planned in the next few months.

There is much to talk about but first I would like to stress how important community involvement is. Many riders are at risk of losing prized riding areas as a result of new BLM land use studies. Regretfully, this loss may come down to a lack of knowledge and/or interest on our own part. We must stay informed and let our voices be heard. Last month members received emails regarding trail use studies both in the Grand Canyon and here in our own back yard at Glade Run. If you are not familiar with specific areas of interest check them out, you may be losing your favorite trails and just don't recognize the official location name. I do hope you took the time to study the proposals and send in your opinion. I will continue to keep everyone up to date on any areas that may affect our chapter.

I would like to thank Dr. Jodie Petersen, a retired veterinarian from Hesperus, for a wonderful presentation regarding proper conditioning of your horse for the upcoming riding season. Dr. Peterson was a very engaging speaker and graciously held up to a barrage of horse health questions from our members. Thank you Dr. Peterson!

April 10<sup>th</sup> is the Four Corner Tack Sale in Durango. 3RBCH will have a membership booth (we are still seeking volunteers) at the sale. We will be displaying a basic equine first aid kit and handing out flyers with recommendations to build your own.

With conditioning in mind, there will be a "Horse Training Obstacle Course" event at Browning Ranch on Browning Parkway April 17<sup>th</sup>. The event will start at 9AM and is scheduled to end at 2PM with a short lunch break. So break out your boots (and your horses boots if so inclined) and come try a variety of obstacles to prepare for this season's rides. I believe everyone will find an new challenge to work on.

With a new chapter we have many members new to organized trail rides with trail bosses. We are so pleased that so many of our members have stepped up to the challenge. I would just like to remind those of you who volunteered to familiarize yourselves with your trails by performing a pre-ride trip and marking your trail so any confusion will be eliminated from the ride. Also be sure you have 2-4 trail bosses for your ride ensuring you can enjoy the ride as much as your fellow riders.

**Have you contacted the fund raising committee with a list of items to add to our tack sale? The May 15<sup>th</sup> 3RBCH Tack Sale is right around the corner.** If you haven't already sent in a list please check your tack rooms and homes for tack (English and Western), western home décor, western wear, general horse stuff and just any you think may fit the western theme. You might be amazed by how much money you can get from old tack just lying about. You may get even more if you put a nice polish on them. This may be one of our biggest fund raisers this year and we hope to have a good showing. Forms will be distributed soon to itemize your consignment items. Flyers are going up requesting consignments from both members and non-members. **Please spread the word we want this sale to be a success!**

I hope everyone noticed we have our new logo at the top of the newsletter!

Till we meet on the trail!

3RBCH President, Barbara Kipper

# 3RBCH MEETING CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time	Location
<b>Apr 6</b>	BCH Board Meeting	6:00-7:00pm	Fraternity of Police Building 6750 Pecos Drive, Farmington
	BCH Fund Raising Committee	7:00-8:00pm	
<b>Apr 22</b>	General Membership Meeting Speaker- Ginger Moore, Horse Nutrition	6:30-8:00pm	Fraternity of Police Building 6750 Pecos Drive, Farmington
<b>May 4</b>	BCH Board Meeting	6:00-7:00pm	Fraternity of Police Building 6750 Pecos Drive, Farmington
	BCH Fund Raising Committee	7:00-8:00pm	
<b>May 27</b>	General Membership Meeting Speaker- Kenny Welch, Natural Balance Ferrier	6:30-8:00pm	Fraternity of Police Building 6750 Pecos Drive, Farmington
<b>Jun 1</b>	BCH Board Meeting	6:00-7:00pm	Fraternity of Police Building 6750 Pecos Drive, Farmington
	BCH Fund Raising Committee	7:00-8:00pm	
<b>Jun 24</b>	General Membership Meeting Speaker- Not assigned	6:30-8:00pm	Fraternity of Police Building 6750 Pecos Drive, Farmington
<b>July 6</b>	BCH Board Meeting	6:00-7:00pm	Fraternity of Police Building 6750 Pecos Drive, Farmington
	BCH Fund Raising Committee	7:00-8:00pm	
<b>July 22</b>	General Membership Meeting Speaker- Not assigned	6:30-8:00pm	Fraternity of Police Building 6750 Pecos Drive, Farmington

**General Membership Meetings are preceded at 6pm by a social “half-hour” for those who want to attend.**

## LOCAL EVENTS AND CLINICS

### **April 10 - Four Corners Back County Horseman Tack Sale**

For the 14<sup>th</sup> year, the Four Corners Back Country Horsemen will be hosting the popular annual Tack & Equipment Consignment Sale. The 4CBCH sale has become the shopping place of choice for budget-minded horse folks to buy and sell saddles, leather goods, camping equipment, cowgirl clothing—in short, anything related to the enjoyment of horses, regardless of whether the preferred activity is western, English, performance, professional or strictly recreational. This year the event will take place on April 10 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall at the La Plata County Fairgrounds in Durango. So much to see and a chance to meet our 4CBCH neighbors to the north! 3RBCH will have a membership drive booth.

### **April 17 – Obstacles Training at Browning Ranch 9AM-2PM**

### **April 17-18 – NATRC Ride, Pinon Mesa Ride**

### **April 17 – 1 to 4 pm Meet and Greet at Four Corners Equine Rescue**

**April 24 – Aztec to Bloomfield Trail Ride – Trail Boss Bill Lowman.** Directions to trailhead will be provided to members before ride.

## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

**Raffle Prizes:** Seeking members to donate door prizes for general membership door prize.

**Meeting Snacks:** Seeking members to provide snacks for the General Meeting for April and future meetings. Call or email Linda Trcka to get on the Calendar.

**4CBCH Tack Sale –** Seeking volunteers to work 3RBCH Membership Drive booth. Call Barbara Kiipper

**Speakers** - 3RBCH is seeking speakers for future meetings. If you know a group or person that you think might provide a valuable presentation or clinic please contact the 3RBCH board or president.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**April 13 - Meeting at the BLM office at 9AM, La Plata Hwy, Farmington.** 3RBCH meets with BLM reps to talk over future relationships/project with BLM. Would like a few members to join the group.

### **July 2, 3, 4 – Work Weekend /Trail Ride**

Sargent's Wildlife Area - Sargent's now requires that visitors acquire a "special use" stamp when riding or hunting. The stamp can be purchased at various locations locally. It was confirmed that the stamps are sold at Wal-Mart in the sporting goods section.

## FUNDRAISERS

**THE TACK SALE IS GETTING CLOSER! May 15** - Seeking members interested in consigning their extra tack in a 3RBCH Tack Sale. The goal is to feature Western or English Tack, horse related items or western related items. The Fund Raising Committee asks that members interested in contributing to the sale put together a list of items they are interested in selling so the committee can get an idea of how much space we will need for our sale. Consignment rates will be similar to those of the 4CBCH Tack Sale. Please contact fund raising committee members, Barbara Kiipper, Pam Bent, Angie Krauss, Sonny Mills or Lisa Ray.

## OTHER NEWS

The **Four Corners Equine Rescue** has a lot of great horses looking for adoption at their facility so please check them out. FCER is also seeking volunteers and has numerous fund raising events throughout the year. Members might consider donating items for FCER fundraisers. They are also accepting donations of supplies for their horses. Some needed items include: horse feed, grooming items, feeders, de-wormer, fly masks, jolly balls etc. FCER is a non-profit organization licensed by the New Mexico livestock board . Phone number: 505-334-7220.

Barbara Kiipper, our 3RBCH president, and Nick Martinez, who is the BCH State Vice Chairman and in charge of the Volunteer Program, spoke at the **NATRC Conference in Taos** regarding our BCH mission and our newly formed chapter. As a result, our local NATRC Region Three may join our chapter as an organization.

Six Four Corner BCH Chapters attended the **Ag Expo** in Cortez last month. Barbara, Linda and Molly learned much from the discussion of topics impacting our local work for the BLM and Forestry Service. Topics related to future work included chain saw certification, liability associated with injuries sustained during volunteer work. Barbara will be meeting with the BLM to discuss.

The State **Rendezvous** is August 26 to 29th in Fort Stanton which is about a 6 hr drive, we are encouraging people to go and learn as well as have a lot of fun.

At the **State BCH Meeting** it was agreed we would buy a banner for our chapter which has state logo. We can also buy one for our chapter. We will need to decide what we want on our chapter one, The banner is a table top style 3x 5, we will get more info soon.

# 3RBCH CONTACTS

## The Board

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## Websites of Interest

<b>3RBCH Yahoo Group (Up-to-date news and group calendar)</b>	<a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/3RBCHNM/">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/3RBCHNM/</a>
<b>3RBCH Blog</b>	<a href="http://www.3rbchnm.blogspot.com/">http://www.3rbchnm.blogspot.com/</a>
<b>Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico</b>	<a href="http://www.bchnm.org/">http://www.bchnm.org/</a>
<b>Back Country Horsemen of America</b>	<a href="http://www.backcountryhorse.com">http://www.backcountryhorse.com</a>
<b>Four Corners Equine Rescue</b>	<a href="http://www.fourcornersequinerescue.org">http://www.fourcornersequinerescue.org</a>
<b>Region 3, North American Trail Riders Conference</b>	<a href="http://www.natrc3.org/">http://www.natrc3.org/</a>
<b>ACTHA Yahoo Chat Group</b>	<a href="http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/ACTHA">http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/ACTHA</a>
<b>New Mexico Nicker</b>	<a href="http://www.nmnicker.com">http://www.nmnicker.com</a>

### Extended Calendar

- May 1: Packing Clinic at Browning Ranch
- May 15: Tack Sale at Browning Ranch entrance
- May 22: Canyon of the Ancients Trail Ride (Trail Boss: Linda Trcka)
- June 4, 5, 6: Leave No Trace Training Weekend, Largo Canyon
- June 12: Saul's Creek Trail Ride (Trail Boss: Jack/Judy Richards)
- June 26: Training Day Ride near Hammond Ditch
- July 2, 3, 4: Sargent's Game Preserve Trail Ride/Work Party (Trail Boss: Jack/Judy Richards)
- July 17-18: NATRC Ride Purgatory, Co.
- July 24: Carson Forest Work Party, Buzzard Park Campground
- August 14: Carson Forest Work Party, Buzzard Park Campground
- August 27, 28: BCH State "Rendezvous", Fort Stanton, NM
- September 18: Cottonwood Trail Ride (Trail Boss: Linda Trcka)
- Sept. 24-26: NATRC Chokecherry Canyon Theme Ride
- October 2: Transfer Park Trail Ride (Trail Boss: Dr. Emond)
- October 23: Navajo Dam Trail Ride (Trail Boss: Sonny Mills)
- December 4: Christmas Party

Bob Browning's nice little dog "Chica" started riding lessons last month. It looks as if Bob is giving her a few pointers to perfect her "seat".

(Photo by Josie Pyne)

