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Working to keep trails open to saddle and pack stock today and for future generations through education, service and voice.

Without trails, where would we ride?

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Next Meeting: Tuesday February 25, Morrison Inn - 301 Bear Creek Avenue in downtown Morrison. 6:00 pm social, 6:30 meeting

Pres Sez

I know we need the moisture but I am ready for spring and warmer temperatures!!! How about you? Hope everyone is staying warm! Reminder The Rocky Mountain Horse Expo starts this month. There are a lot of great events and speakers going on this year! Hope to see you there! Make sure you stop by our booth and say hello. Helena is still working on filling volunteer spots for our booth. Please contact her if you want to volunteer. Expo dates Feb 28-Mar 1. Please email or call Helena at helena.lalib@gmail.com or call 303-596-4005. Please renew your membership and share with others to join. We would love to have new members! You can also renew at our booth at the Expo.

Please join us for our next meeting at the Morrison Inn on Tuesday February 25, with social hour starting at 6pm and the meeting at 630pm.

Stay warm....
Sharon



Of Interest to Front Range Riders

Dan Shier picked this up from the Boulder County newsletter. Looks like it might be quite helpful for members riding the Front Range. Sections in the book cover trails in Arvada, Boulder, Evergreen and Golden. It could be really useful, if only for accurate information on parking.

Boulder County Horse Association Welcomes Equestrian Trails

Do you want to find out where to trail ride safely with your horse on Boulder's beautiful open space? Get detailed directions about where to park your rig and what to expect at the trailhead? Want to know which trails to take, and how to keep your ride safe and enjoyable? Then come and travel with me, Janie von Waldburg, and my Morgan Sam, on our trail adventures at equestriantrails.weebly.com.

Equestrian Trails is written with your horse in mind. It is a web-book with photos, detailed maps, videos and descriptions of trailhead amenities that will help guide you along your way.

For more information please visit equestriantrails.weebly.com. Cost is only \$5 for access to the Web-book.

Consider Membership to the Colorado Horse Council

Have you considered membership to the Colorado Horse Council? The CHC is a member-based, non-profit organization. Memberships allow them to pay a full-time lobbyist and keep tabs on all matters concerning the equine industry. Their goal is to advocate for and protect the rights of horse owners in the state of Colorado:

- The Colorado Horse Contact newsletter keeps you current on the state of the horse industry in Colorado and across the nation.
- Professional lobbyists promote your equine interests at the State Capitol.
- Legislative and regulatory updates help you make informed decisions.
- Listing in the CHC Membership Directory puts your business in the public eye.
- Horse industry business discounts improve your bottom line.
- Member rates for Equisure, Inc. insurance products.
- Target your marketing efforts with access to membership mailing lists.

Membership Benefits Include:

- 2 Rocky Mountain Horse Expo Grounds Admission tickets
- \$1 Million Equine Excess Personal Liability Insurance
- Electronic Newsletters
- Membership Directory listing (deadline January 1st)
- State Capitol professional lobbyists
- Legislative and regulatory updates
- Discount on Equine Liability signs
- Access to membership mailing list/directory
- Email bulletins and news updates
- Member rates on Equisure, Inc. insurance products
- Association Resource Group member discounts
- Discount on "Equine Liability" signs.
- CHC Recognition Program.
- Website listing on the [Colorado Equine City Hall](https://equinecityhall.org).
- Membership Directory listing as a Boarding Stable Manager, if applicable.



Since the Individual Membership (\$55) includes 2 Grounds Admission tickets to the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo, it actually provides savings over purchase of 2 multi-day tickets to the Expo at \$30 each!

Parking passes for the Expo can also be purchased directly through the CHC store at <https://equinecityhall.org/eweb/shopping/shopping.aspx?site=cech&webcode=shopping&cart=0&shopsearch=parking>. Schedules and Maps for the full event are located at <https://www.coloradohorsecouncil.com/rmhe/event-schedules/>.

See you at the Expo!

2020 Rendezvous is On!!

Mesa Verde BCH Chapter has stepped up to the planning and coordination of the 2020 State Rendezvous! For now, save the dates of July 10-12 – more details to come as the plans develop.

Thanks and congratulations, Mesa Verde BCH!

Presentation at the January Meeting Noxious Weeds of Colorado

Courtney Cowgill gave a presentation on Noxious Weeds at the January Chapter meeting. Courtney is a Colorado Master Gardener, trained in Arapahoe County. She has earned the designation of Colorado Native Plant Master through CO State University.

Courtney covered Colorado's noxious weed process including:

- the definition of a noxious weed,
- how noxious weeds are regulated and managed by the state and county,
- resources available to identify noxious weeds on your land or on the trail, and
- what eradication efforts work best on each type of weed and what could be managed on the trail.

Attendees at the meeting were provided a spiral-bound book describing the noxious weeds on the A, B and C list, including a list of weeds “to watch”. In addition, they received a flyer on weeds especially damaging to horses and other livestock.

Courtney has additional copies of the Colorado Noxious Weed handbook and livestock flyer if anyone needs them, and can also email a copy of her presentation. Contact her at Courtney@cowgill.us to receive copies, until existing supplies run out.

Thanks for the great presentation, Courtney!

Time to renew your 2020 membership.

You can go to the website frbch.org to choose either of two options for renewing. One is to send in your membership with your check. The other option is to renew by filling in the application and waiver, then pay by credit card.

In addition, at the end of this newsletter is an application and waiver which can be printed and sent to our post office box.

Thank you for rejoining - Kitty, FRBCH Membership



FRBCH Activity Schedule for 2020

February

- 25, Tuesday - General Meeting, Morrison Inn, 6:00 pm social, 6:30 meeting
- 27, Thursday – 1:30 PM - set up for Rocky Mountain Horse Expo
- 28-29, Friday- Saturday- Rocky Mountain Horse Expo

March

- 1, Sunday - Rocky Mountain Horse Expo. Booth disassembly at 5 PM
- 25, Wednesday - General Meeting, South Metro Fire & Rescue Headquarters, 6:00 pm social, 6:30 meeting

April

- 21, Tuesday - General Meeting, Morrison Inn, 6:00 pm social, 6:30 meeting

May

- 20, Wednesday - General Meeting, South Metro Fire & Rescue Headquarters, 6:00 pm social, 6:30 meeting

June

- 23, Tuesday - General Meeting, Morrison Inn, 6:00 pm social, 6:30 meeting

July

- No July meeting - possible social trail ride and potluck

August

- 16-22 Colorado Trail Ride
- 26, Wednesday - General Meeting, South Metro Fire & Rescue Headquarters, 6:00 pm social, 6:30 meeting

September

- 22, Tuesday - General Meeting, Morrison Inn, 6:00 pm social, 6:30 meeting

October

- 28, Wednesday - General Meeting, South Metro Fire & Rescue Headquarters, 6:00 pm social, 6:30 meeting

November

- 17, Tuesday - General Meeting, Morrison Inn, 6:00 pm social, 6:30 meeting

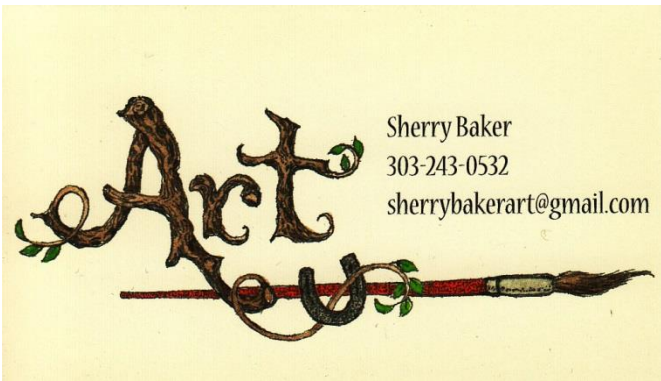
December

- Christmas Tree Ambassadors
- Parker Carriage Parade
- 13, Sunday Christmas Party

South Metro Fire & Rescue Headquarters is located at 9195 East Mineral Avenue in Centennial. The meeting room is downstairs (take the elevator).

The Morrison Inn is at 301 Bear Creek Avenue in downtown Morrison. There is additional parking east of the restaurant.

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