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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?*

## January 2021 Newsletter



**Next Meeting: Wednesday January 26 6 PM, via Zoom.**

Link will be sent out via eMail.

### Pres Sez

Hope this finds everyone still doing well during these unsettling times. So unfortunate, that due to COVID, our annual Christmas Party and Volunteer Celebration was canceled. But now looking forward I hope we get a lot of great rides in this year! We are looking at having a Spring Fling ride to kick off the riding season, which we will have outdoors. Stay tuned for more information.

For the near future until the pandemic calms down we will continue to have our monthly meeting through Zoom calls.

Hope you have already heard but the Colorado Horse Council has canceled the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo for 2021. We hope this gives them plenty of time to have a great Expo in 2022!

Thank you to all that participated in the several surveys that we sent out. It really does help in gathering information.

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Deadline for articles  
15<sup>th</sup> of each month!

Our annual Christmas tree cutting was a success and if you missed it put it on your calendar for this year. We had a great turn out and it was a lot of fun dressing up our horses and watching all the kids faces light up when they see us. Thank you Joan Wealing for all the coordination that you do for this fun event.

As the new year begins I reflect on the challenges that we have all had to overcome this last year and the way we have adapted to new ways. We are so blessed to have our horses and still be able to ride in the fresh outdoors. This year the club will be scheduling fun rides in addition to our work rides. This gives us something positive to look forward as we enter into 2021!

Membership dues are due. You should have received an email and a link to renew on line or instructions if you want to mail them in. I encourage everyone to reach out to some past members or new friends and encourage them to join and help grow this club.

We will be voting on this year's officers for 2021, as we did not have enough people for a quorum on December's call.

## **Slate of Officers for 2021**

### **Elected Officers**

President: Sharon Jayne  
Vice President: Joan Wealing  
Treasurer: Kitty Bladt  
Secretary: Courtney Cowgill

### **Elected Chapter Directors**

John Case  
Linda Mackety  
Donna Fleischer

### **Appointed Committee Chairs**

Colorado Trail Ride: OPEN  
Communications: Dan Shier  
Education: Sherry Baker  
Facebook: Jim & Julie Chaney  
Horse Expo/Events: Helena Laliberte (hope she will in 2022)  
Membership: Kitty Bladt  
Newsletter: John Case  
Trail Boss: Dan Shier/Bill Klink  
Website: Kitty Bladt  
Appointed State Directors  
Director: Julie Chaney  
Director: John Case  
Alternate: Courtney Cowgill



Our next meeting will be Tuesday January 26th at 6pm. Look for an email with Zoom information.

Happy trails!  
Sharon



## **Membership Dues for 2021**

Happy 2021 to everyone!

It is time to send in your dues for this new year. You can go to the website and renew by credit card <http://frbch.org/membership/become-a-member>. Remember it is a two-step process. You need to fill out the waiver and then submit your payment.

Or you can print the attached waiver and send in your check.

Thank you to the members who have already sent in their dues. If you have a question about your status, please contact me.

Cheers,  
Kitty



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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ May we use this to send the newsletter? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

PHONE: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work (If okay to call) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to receive Back Country Horsemen of America and Back Country Horsemen of Colorado emails?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**SADDLE Partner (participating individual) \$30.00** \_\_\_\_\_ **SADDLE Partners (participating family) \$35.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**SILVER SPUR Partner (supporting individual or family) \$40.00+** \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to serve on this committee: Trail Boss \_\_\_\_\_ Education \_\_\_\_\_ Projects/Events \_\_\_\_\_ Public Lands \_\_\_\_\_

Fund Raising \_\_\_\_\_ Communication \_\_\_\_\_ Training \_\_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Records \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

All membership levels include chapter newsletters and BCHA newsletters.

**Note:** Photos taken that may include you and your family at FRBCH events may be used for publication and marketing purposes.

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**Warning** – Under Colorado Law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to section 13-21-119, Colorado Revised Statutes. I (We) release the Front Range Back Country Horsemen, its' officers, directors, members and agents of any and all liability which may arise as a result of injury to my (our) person or property that may be sustained in connection with the club's activities.

*Please complete all information to keep our records current.  
Waiver must be signed by all adult members.*

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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***Welcome and thank you!***

## Powderhorn in 2021

*Slightly edited email from Sherry Baker. We will be discussing this trip further as we get into planning for this summer.*

I am thinking I would like to plan a work week or 4 day at Powderhorn Wilderness. We can camp at the Mineral Creek trail head which is on the La Garita wilderness access. Our FRBCH camped here once before - it has a pit toilet and 2 pens. You can high line or put up electric fence, and it has a horse water well. I will stay at the ranch next door and folks who want a cabin could probably do that also.

I have talked to the BLM folks who run Powderhorn, and they would love us to come. The trail up the side to Powderhorn Park is not very much in need of work. It is not a hard trail. It has a couple short rocky spots but the climb is not severe at all. Once you get to the big meadow the park trails divide. One trail I am proposing to clear goes up to the tundra above tree line. It is a gentle trail up, but with the dead trees laying across it in many places it's hard to find your way. It's easy to work around the trees as no drop offs etc. This trail has not been cleared in some time. Once you get above tree line the views are beyond amazing - this photo is up above tree line so you can see a little what I am talking about!

A second possible IDEA is a trail from Powderhorn Park that goes past Robbers Roost - an old cabin supposedly a horse thief used in old days to hide out. A trail goes through there and up to Powderhorn Lakes. The Chaney's and I have done that trail, it is 18 miles from camp and it really needs work. If there was enough interest, we could plan a pack trip for a couple days to work on that trail. The Lakes are gorgeous!

We can drive to a trail head closer to lakes but I would not take a horse rig up there. Julie Chaney and I drove up in her truck and bumper-pull years ago, and it was a challenge. A pickup or jeep would be fine if some wanted to come up that way and hike a little ways into the lakes.

I am thinking we probably could do this maybe later in August.

Just throwing this out there... in case our FRBCH group would be interested in this project.



Sherry Baker

## Initial Calendar for Summer 2021

This is just an “idea” calendar. It gives an outline of things we could do. It will be up to our membership to grab a date or event and plan where we will go and what we will do. Please be creative and change dates, events, etc., then pass the “calendar” on so others can fill in events.

<u>April</u>	<u>October</u>
24 Fun Ride on Front Range	5 Trail Clearing
	15 – 17 Camping – Color Tour
<u>May</u>	24 Fun Ride
9 Fun Ride	
27 – 29 Camping	
<u>June</u>	
8 Trail Clearing CT Seg 4.1 Susan McKelvey Leader	
12 Fun Ride	
15 Trail Clearing	
25 – 27 Camping	
<u>July</u>	
8 Trail Clearing	
12 Trail Clearing	
18 Fun Ride	
22 Trail Clearing	
29 – 31 Camping	
August	
1 – 7 Colorado Trail Ride??????	
11 Trail Clearing	
17 Trail Clearing	
25 - 29 Mineral Creek TH, Powderhorn, CO Sherry Baker Leader	
<u>September</u>	
3 – 6 Camping	
12 Fun Ride	

## Thoughts on the Photo Archives

Dan Shier: I just dipped into Dropbox. I got a message that some photos that they had been saving for an expanded archive got lopped off. I guess I was the only person to go into dropbox for a while.

Then I checked our Website with its photo archives. In both places it tends to be like trying to drink from a high-pressure fire hose.

All of which got me to thinking about the objective of these photo archives. Some possibilities:

- (1) Collections to show at the Christmas party
- (2) A place where potential new members can see all the cool stuff we do and thereby be recruited
- (3) A place to drop pictures (usually unlabeled and unsorted) so that fellow members can see and appreciate them. For example Colorado Trail riders can copy pictures taken by others that that they want to keep to remember the trip.
- (4) A historical archive of things we can look back on things we did. Do the old "best of" archives need to be preserved. If so should we still be doing it?
- (5) Any other reason I have not thought of

What we have is sort of OK for (1) but this tends to involve only the latest season, so what are we keeping the others for?

The presentation in the Gallery on the website is not optimum for (2) because it lacks focus and explanations. It would be better served if the best pictures were selected and put into powerpoint, where labels would appear on-screen and pictures would be put in some suitable order. Then the powerpoint can be put out in pdf format and put on the web site. Maybe a maximum of 20 or 30 pictures per topic? Any picture for which an interesting label cannot be worked up should be excluded.

As for (3) and (4) it would be instructive for the 9 key members and officers to tabulate how many times the two archives were used for that purpose by themselves in the last 2 years. If we active members are not using the archives this way, why are we keeping the archives in their present form?

As for (5), doubtless some members have important considerations I have not thought of.

Dan Shier  
Dec. 17, 2020

## Reminder on restrictions

The advisory below for recreation was in place for 2020 and is likely to continue in 2021. It is useful to understand, but does not necessarily apply to our trail maintenance which is an essential activity for assuring safety of all users on the trails.

- Trail crews should consist of 2 to 4 persons.
- Using our big crosscut saws requires lots of heavy breathing at a distance less than 6 feet, so plan to wear a mask during this work.
- On returning from a day in the field, put all your tools, gloves, mask, etc. somewhere undisturbed for at least 3 days for any coronavirus to die from exposure.
- On a personal diary, record the date and the names of the crew should this ever be required.
- We have three complete sets of tools. Bill Klink will be keeping and using one set for the summer. Anyone else who can use a set to good effect can also acquire a set temporarily or for the season.

For more information on the restrictions, please check out the following website:

<https://covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home/safer-at-home-local-and-personal-recreation>

# FRBCH Activity Schedule for 2020

## January

- 26, Tuesday - General Meeting, Zoom call 6 pm

## February

- 24, Wednesday - General Meeting, Zoom call 6 pm

## March

- 23, Tuesday - General Meeting, Zoom call 6 pm

## April

- 28, Wednesday - General Meeting, Zoom call 6:00 pm

## May

- 23, Tuesday - General Meeting, Zoom call 6:00 pm

## June

- 23, Wednesday - General Meeting, TBD depending on COVID

## July

- No meeting- possible ride/potluck

## August

- 24, No meeting FRBCH work ride in Powderhorn

## September

- 28, Tuesday - General Meeting, TBD depending on COVID

## October

- 27, Wednesday - General Meeting, TBD depending on COVID

## November

- 16, Tuesday - General Meeting, TBD depending on COVID

## December

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

Normal meeting locations:

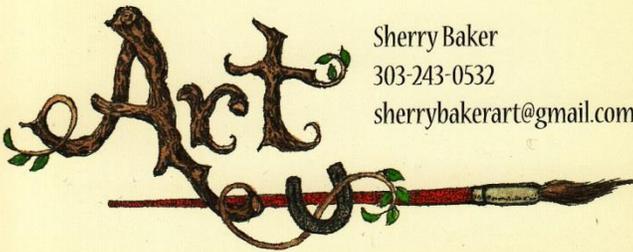
South Metro Fire & Rescue Headquarters is located at 9195 East Mineral Avenue in Centennial. The meeting room is downstairs (take the elevator).

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

These venues will be replaced with Zoom virtual meetings until the COVID pandemic abates.

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Thanks to our Sponsoring Members!



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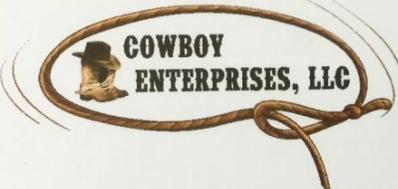
The image shows the word 'Art' written in a decorative, calligraphic font using dark brown paint. A paintbrush with a red handle and black bristles is positioned horizontally across the bottom of the letters. Small green leaves are scattered around the artwork.



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The logo is circular with 'COLORADO' at the top and 'BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN' at the bottom. Inside the circle, there is a silhouette of a pack horse and a rider on a horse.



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The logo features a cowboy hat and a lasso. The text 'EQUIPRIDE', 'EQUILIX', and 'SweetPro' are in various colors and fonts, with 'SweetPro' in a blue script font.



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The logo features a silhouette of a person riding a horse, with a mountain range in the background. Below the silhouette is a stylized arrow pointing to the right.