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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?

April 2022 Newsletter



You won't want to miss our April Chapter meeting this coming Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 6:00 PM, we will have a **Guest Speaker** at the **South Metro Fire & Rescue Headquarters** located at 9195 East Mineral Avenue in Centennial. 6:00 Social Hour, 6:30 PM Meeting.

Speaker Information: Frank Blaha, Vice President of Jefferson County Horse Council, will give a presentation on the Jefferson County Emergency Evacuation Team and evacuation preparedness. This is a very important and timely topic as Colorado starts heading into our summer months.

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We've had an active time getting the Chapter going for this Spring. Many of you were involved in the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo at the end of February, and you know we had good turnout at our booth. There was lots of good discussion with horse owners at the show, and we got some good feedback about our planned clinics and events for this year.

Kim Berg has been doing a great job with the Education Committee, and got us hooked up for a booth at the Jefferson County 4-H Tack Sale. See the article below on the full results – we got many folks signed up for memberships and events, and even sold some tack! There is a regular Zoom call scheduled every two weeks for the Education Committee, so check the schedule and join in the discussion for upcoming events!

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Deadline for articles
5th of each month!

The Crosscut Sawyer Certification training is running as I write this – **Joan Wealing** did a great job coordinating with the Forest Service to get this scheduled for us. Turnout was not what we'd hoped for, but if we can get a couple new sawyer certified, and a couple recertified, it's very helpful to the chapter.

We have decided to cancel the Vaccination Clinic that was planned for May 1, as there were no committed responses for the clinic. Feedback from members and prospects at Expo indicated that most equine owners get their spring vaccinations earlier in the year, and many folks that board their animals at area stables schedule these services through the stables.

Julie Chaney and I attended the BCHCO Board meeting on March 26 – see the article below for more details. This is always a great opportunity to share information and schedules with the other chapters in the state. Of particular interest to FR members is that the Mountain Trekkers chapter is now planning to take over the responsibility for the state Rendezvous in the second week of August (8/13-14). So save the date and look for more information as their planning proceeds!

With a short deadline to apply for a Trail Stewardship Partner grant, I put together a brief application in an attempt to help fund our member costs for transporting stock in support of trail clearing efforts. There were 76 applications received, with a total request of \$905,540 – about 4 times the expected funding for the program. So our chances of receiving the grant are not great – but it was a good experience to learn how this process works, and will help us become more competitive in future years. We'll hear back on our grant application in early May.

In May, there are several events scheduled, so stay up to date on our calendar at <https://signup.com/go/seVyPnj>. We have fun rides on May 7 and 15, our first work ride on May 19, and the Education Committee has its next Clinics scheduled for May 22. So come to a meeting, sign up for some activities and get active with us for this summer!

See you on the trail...

--John Case



Jefferson County 4H Tack Sale

Kim Berg did a great job in getting FRBCH signed up for a booth at this sale. The sale was relatively small and lightly attended, but we talked to many attendees about BCH, with these results:

Great Job! and Super High Five! 🙌
to **John Case, Kim Berg, Karen Chaney, Carolyn Nelson**. You guys made it all happen! THANK YOU ALL!!!

- Signed up two new members (and possibly a third)
- Signed up 12 paid attendees for the upcoming clinics
- 15 signups on the interest list for Horse Camping 101
- Sold some tack!

Financial:

- \$38 cash for tack sales
- \$120 in Venmo for tack sales
- \$160 cash for Clinic entries
- \$215 in checks for memberships and Clinic entries
- **Net proceeds = \$508!!**

Rocky Mountain Horse Expo

The Front Range Chapter again organized and staffed a booth at the Horse Expo at the end of February. This effort allowed us to reach out to equestrians in the Denver area and present information about BCH and our chapter's activities. We had over 15 members volunteer for booth duty – which helped greatly to spread the load and make the Expo fun for all.

We had a couple members renew their annual memberships during the show, and collect over 60 signatures of those interested in finding out more about our Chapter. A follow-up mailing has already gone out to invite all of these to our meetings and make sure they have our website, Facebook, and online calendar addresses.



We look forward to getting these folks out on the trail and involved in our events. Thanks again to all who volunteered to make the Expo a success!

What's the best way to communicate with the Club?

The best way to stay in the loop is to go to: <http://frbch.org/>
Click on the Calendar tab. Monthly Meetings and Fun Rides or Special Events are posted here - sign yourself up for a meeting, ride or an event!
Next: pay via Venmo at Front Range BCH or screen shot the Venmo QR code and follow the prompts! That is SUPER EASY!!!

EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE, by Kim Berg



WOW! What a response!

At this point, both the Self-Defense and DeSpook Clinics are full on May 22. We will add any additional sign ups to a wait list. Please note that there are an unlimited number of spots available to audit each clinic without a horse (cost \$10).

If you missed the opportunity to get signed up for the DeSpook clinic you still have the chance to gain all of the information and skills presented. We are in need of 3 or 4 people to volunteer to assist and help with setup and take down the obstacles. This would give you a "boots on the ground" spot to assist with the clinic, at no charge! Set up will start at approximately 11:00. There is now an additional signup in the Calendar on May 22 for "DeSpook Clinic Setup". Please help out with this clinic and join in the fun! Thank you for your eager responses. Stay tuned, we will be planning for a saddle fitting clinic soon.

BCHCO Board Meeting

Salida Colorado, March 26

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors for BCHCO was held in Salida on March 26. All the chapters in Colorado were represented except TrailWise.

Discussions were wide-ranging and there was much beneficial sharing between the chapters, including:

- Plans to attend BCHA national Board Meeting in Kansas City, April 10-13.
- Financial status for BCHCO is healthy since the BCHA meeting last year was virtual.
- John Case and his wife Courtney are completing the work on recovering the tax-exempt status of the state-level organization, with assistance from Larry Zauberis.
- Discussion of a resolution from California state group to invest funds currently held in a Legal Support Fund, to increase earnings. The BCHCO Directors voted to oppose this resolution as stands, but to support the recommendations of the Investments Committee at BCHA if the resolution is referred to committee. The concern is that these funds need to be liquid enough to respond quickly when legal action is required.
- Discussion around the national membership database. This is built by extracts from Chapter and State rosters, and has many inaccuracies. Recent efforts to clean up the database have helped; extracts from state level are now quarterly.
- The “Store” at BCHA is closing as it was felt to require too much effort to stock inventory and track sales. State level organizations may wish to take over this role. Latifa will investigate and compile some ideas for BCHCO.
- Additional effort is needed to keep the BCHCO website and Facebook page up to date. John is responsible for the website, Dani has some resources at MT Chapter that may be able to help with Facebook.
- Public lands discussed, including Fishers Peak and Sweetwater Lake state parks; Dani works for CPW and can be a good resource for us here.
- Additional fundraising is needed at BCHA, existing dues are not covering expenses. Expect more on this after the national board meeting.
- Discussion of Committees at state level, more effort is needed especially with Social Media, Education, and Network / Expansion. Any chapter members can join these committees, and do not have to be state Directors.
- Mountain Trekkers chapter will take on responsibility to host the state Rendezvous for 2022. Dani indicates the second weekend of August is the target, possible locations Camp Hale, Trappers Lake, or Flying Horse Ranch.
- All State Chapters are developing plans for summer activities and outreach to attract new members.
- Elections were held for State Officers. John Case is new Chair, Jay McDonald is new Vice Chair. Larry Zauberis continues as Treasurer, Courtney Cowgill is interim Secretary.
- Plan for next Directors meeting at Redezvous in August.

Upcoming Chapter Events

Here's several upcoming rides for the next few weeks that will be both trail-clearing adventures and fun recreational rides. Get onto the chapter Signup Calendar and join us!

<https://signup.com/go/seVyPnj>

Mon Apr 25, 2022 4/unlimited + Add View Copy Delete Lock

John Case, Kim Berg, Joan Wealing and kitty

Education & Events planning calls 4/unlimited 7:00pm – 8:30pm Edit Assign Comment Delete

John Case, Kim Berg, Joan Wealing and kitty

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82142852828?pwd=RUYyTERTbUhiQWxdSWdiMm0vNHVXQT09>

This planning call via Zoom will be used to work the logistics and any issues for educational clinics and speakers for chapter meetings in the spring of 2022. More or fewer calls may be scheduled as needed. Please join if you have interest in events and speakers!

Tue Apr 26, 2022 9/unlimited + Add View Copy Delete Lock

John C. , Sharon J. , Joan W. , Kim B. , Paulette D. , Kathy D. , Holly G. and kitty

Monthly Meeting 9/unlimited 6:00pm – 7:30pm Edit Assign Comment Delete

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The Front Range chapter of Back Country Horsemen will meet in-person, at the South Metro Fire Rescue Headquarters, 9195 E Mineral Ave. in Centennial. We will be on the first floor in the boardroom on the left side when you walk in. Social hour 6:00 p.m. with the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Watch for an update via email for the agenda and any last-minute changes.

Sat May 7, 2022 4/unlimited + Add View Copy Delete Lock

Joan Wealing, John Case and Paulette (PJ) Dyon

Recreational Ride - Wealing Ranch 4/unlimited 9:30am – 3:00pm Edit Assign Comment Delete

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The FRBCH Recreational trail ride Saturday, May 7th will our first group ride for the year. Joan and Jack Wealing are hosting this ride from their ranch where we will park our trailers in their pasture.

This trail ride will not involve water crossings, and we don't expect to encounter many bicycles, or maybe even other people, as we traverse these remote sections of the Pike Forest that few of us have ridden before.

Plan to arrive at Joan and Jack's between 9 - 9:30AM, with the ride to start at 10AM. Bring a lunch. We'll plan to ride for about 4 hours with a lunch break in between. We should be back at the trailers about 3pm. You might want to bring water for your horses.

Joan and Jack can accommodate quite a few trailers so we are not placing a limit on participation for this ride. So please come out and join us, and feel free to bring a friend.

Directions:

From Denver take 285 south to the first stop light you encounter in Pine Junction. Turn left at the light on to Pine Valley Road (also known as CR 126 or Decker's Road). Go 12 miles - you will travel through Buffalo Creek. As you go up the hill out of Buffalo Creek (watch your speed!), you will pass the fire station on the left and then Spring Creek Trail on the left. Go past them and then turn left on Spring Creek Road. Turn left into Joan and Jack's pasture gate which will be the second turn in on the left. There will be an American flag on the gate post and someone will be there to greet you.

Hope to see you there!

This ride is for members only, but there will be applications available.

Sun May 15, 2022 3/8 + Add View Copy Delete Lock

Dan Shier, John Case and Courtney Cowgill

White Ranch fun ride 3/8 10:30am - 4:00pm Edit Assign Comment Delete

Dan Shier, John Case and Courtney Cowgill

The White Ranch Open Space has some glorious days in May and some terrible days. It is always a roll of the dice. If the weather looks bad or the dirt parking area is too soft, the ride will be postponed. The only thing certain is that if we don't plan something, we might miss one of the very nice days. Leader Dan Shier has room for four rigs in a bit of pasture on his property, about 300 yards from the east trailhead. This will work for two horse trailers and possibly some 3 horse trailers with not much of a tack compartment but longer trailers are not going to fit. Parking will be nose to tail, so no one leaves until everyone leaves. I have slated this for 8 participants, but it is actually limited to 4 rigs, so if you want to go, you not only have to sign up on Signup, but contact leader Dan Shier dan@rockypine.com and let him know the number of riders that will be coming in your rig. When there are 4 rigs, the ride will be closed for others. If enough people miss out because of space, I may do this ride again in early summer. Bring a lunch. The trails are fairly easy.

Thu May 19, 2022 3/10 + Add View Copy Delete Lock

John Case, Joan Wealing and Netti Zillmann

Clear Cub Creek East 3/10 9:30am - 4:30pm Edit Assign Comment Delete

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*** Moved from Monday May 16 ***

Meet at trailhead at 9:30 - 10:00, plan to ride at 10:30.

Ride Leader is John Case. Although the first mile has a fair amount of small, loose rocks, this is generally an easy trail and lacks steep sections. Most of the route is forested. The relatively young trees produce few deadfalls, so it is more riding than cutting. Round trip is about 13 miles.

May weather varies from the sublime to the awful. Be sure to check sign-up within 3 days of the event to make sure it is still a go.

From downtown Evergreen, take highway 73 south. Go about a mile and turn right on the second paved road, which is the Brook Forest Road. Go five or six miles southwest on that road. Go past the Brook Forest Inn. Go about another half mile up the hill on the main paved road until you see the trailhead sign on the right. Pull into the trailhead. There is plenty of parallel parking.

Pack a lunch. Be ready to ride at 10:30.

Sun May 22, 2022 32/32 + Add View Copy Delete Lock

Heath K., Sandra B., Jennifer K., Karen C., Sharon H., Karen J., Grace J., Carol E., Liz T., Jim C., kitty and 19 more

Self Defense for Horse Riders Clinic 10/10 (1) 9:00am - 12:00pm Edit Assign Comment Delete

Heath K., Sandra B., Jennifer K., Karen C., Sharon H., Karen J., Grace J., Carol E., Liz T. and Jim C.

Trail Safety clinic at Westernaires Arena at Jeffco County Fairgrounds - White Arena. Cost for FRBCH Members \$30, non-members \$40, \$10 to audit (not mounted on a horse).

DeSpook Clinic Setup 4/4 11:00am - 4:00pm

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De-Spook Clinic 18/18 (1) 1:00pm - 4:00pm Edit Assign Comment Delete

John C., Heath K., Sandra B., Jennifer K., Karen C., Courtney C., Sharon H., Grace J., Patty M., Wendy G. and 6 more

De-Spook clinic at Westernaires Complex at Jeffco County Fairgrounds - Volunteer Arena. Cost for FRBCH Members \$30, non-members \$50, unlimited auditors (without horses) for \$10.



FRBCH Activity Sign Up 2022: Tue, April 26, 2022 - Sun, December 18, 2022

| Date | Task | Needed | Time | Filled | Open |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|--------|------|
| Tue, Apr 26, 2022 | Monthly Meeting | No Limit | 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm | 9 | |
| Sun, May 1, 2022 | Vaccination Clinic Canceled | 1 | 8:00 am - 5:00 pm | 1 | 0 |
| Sat, May 7, 2022 | Recreational Ride – Wealing Ranch | No Limit | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm | 4 | |
| Mon, May 9, 2022 | Education & Events planning calls | No Limit | 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm | 2 | |
| Sun, May 15, 2022 | White Ranch fun ride | 8 | 10:30 am - 4:00 pm | 3 | 5 |
| Thu, May 19, 2022 | Clear Cub Creek East | 10 | 9:30 am - 4:30 pm | 3 | 7 |
| Sun, May 22, 2022 | Self Defense for Horse Riders Clinic | 10 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | 10 | 0 |
| Sun, May 22, 2022 | DeSpook Clinic Setup | 4 | 11:00 am - 4:00 pm | 4 | 0 |
| Sun, May 22, 2022 | De-Spook Clinic | 18 | 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm | 18 | 0 |
| Mon, May 23, 2022 | Education & Events planning calls | No Limit | 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm | 4 | |
| Tue, May 24, 2022 | Monthly Meeting | No Limit | 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm | 4 | |
| Thu, May 26, 2022 | Clear Payne Gulch Trail | 12 | 9:30 am - 4:30 pm | 4 | 8 |
| Thu, Jun 2, 2022 | Clear Colorado Trail Section 4.1 | 12 | 9:30 am - 5:00 pm | 3 | 9 |
| Mon, Jun 6, 2022 | Education & Events planning calls | No Limit | 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm | 3 | |
| Tue, Jun 7, 2022 | Clear Captain Mountain West | 15 | 9:30 am - 4:00 pm | 1 | 14 |
| Sat, Jun 18, 2022 | Recreational Ride - location TBD | No Limit | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm | 2 | |
| Mon, Jun 20, 2022 | Education & Events planning calls | No Limit | 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm | 2 | |
| Tue, Jun 21, 2022 | Monthly Meeting | No Limit | 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm | 3 | |
| Mon, Jun 27, 2022 | Clear Indian Creek trail on Mt. Evans | 7 | 9:30 am - 4:00 pm | 1 | 6 |
| Tue, Jun 28, 2022 | Monthly Meeting | No Limit | 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm | 2 | |
| Thu, Jul 7, 2022 | Clear Rosalie trail | 6 | 9:30 am - 4:00 pm | 0 | 6 |
| Tue, Jul 12, 2022 | Clear Cub Creek - East Trail | 10 | 9:30 am - 4:30 pm | 1 | 9 |
| Sun, Jul 17, 2022 | Recreational Ride - location TBD | No Limit | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm | 1 | |
| Wed, Jul 20, 2022 | Clear Lost Creek Trail | 7 | 9:30 am - 4:30 pm | 1 | 6 |

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|----------------------|--|----------|--------------------|--------|------|
| Mon, Jul 25, 2022 | Clearing the Colorado Trail 4.1 - part 2 | 8 | 9:30 am - 4:30 pm | 0 | 8 |
| Tue, Aug 2, 2022 | Trail Clearing Ride | 10 | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm | 1 | 9 |
| Fri, Aug 12-14, 2022 | BCHCO Rendezvous | No Limit | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm | 2 | |
| Tue, Aug 23, 2022 | Monthly Meeting | No Limit | 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm | 2 | |
| Fri, Sep 2, 2022 | 4-Day Camping Trip Sep 2-5 | 10 | 8:00 am - 8:00 pm | 2 | 8 |
| Sat, Sep 10, 2022 | Recreational Ride | No Limit | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm | 1 | |
| Thu, Sep 22, 2022 | Trail Clearing Ride | 10 | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm | 1 | 9 |
| Tue, Sep 27, 2022 | Monthly Meeting | No Limit | 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm | 2 | |
| Sun, Oct 2, 2022 | Staunton recreational ride | No Limit | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm | 1 | |
| Tue, Oct 25, 2022 | Monthly Meeting | No Limit | 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm | 2 | |
| Tue, Nov 15, 2022 | Monthly Meeting | No Limit | 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm | 2 | |
| Sun, Dec 18, 2022 | FRBCH Christmas Party | No Limit | 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm | 2 | |

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Thank you, Shawna.

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