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December 2023 Newsletter



Prez Sez – December 2023

Happy Holidays for 2023! As we move into the Christmas season from Thanksgiving, we hope you enjoy the season with friends and family – and still have time for your equine friends! There's still time to join in for the last **Christmas Tree Ambassador** event with Joan Wealing on December 9 in Buffalo Creek! See the event in Sign Up or contact Joan directly. **Joan Wealing at 219-863-7253 or joanwealing@gmail.com**

We're all looking forward to the **Holiday Party** on Sunday, December 17, 4pm. It will again be at the Keller Williams office of Jim Holmes – Thanks Jim! This will be a potluck as in previous years – see the event description in the [Sign Up Calendar for more details](#). We will have another **Silent Auction** again this year, managed by Joan Wealing. So, bring items to donate and be auctioned, and bring your cash for all the great stuff you'll find there! Please send Joan an email on items that you want to donate, so we can have bid sheets ready. We will have a slate of candidates prepared for Officer and Committee positions, prepared – so let John or Karen know if you have interest in these for next year. We will have a call this week for planning of the party, so let us know if you want to help out!

Also put the **Rocky Mountain Horse Expo**, sponsored by the Colorado Horse Council, on your calendar for March 15-17. We will be staffing a booth again to greet all the local equestrians, and help get our message about BCH out to the public. Volunteers are needed for the booth on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and we will manage signups for the booth through the Sign Up Calendar as in the past.

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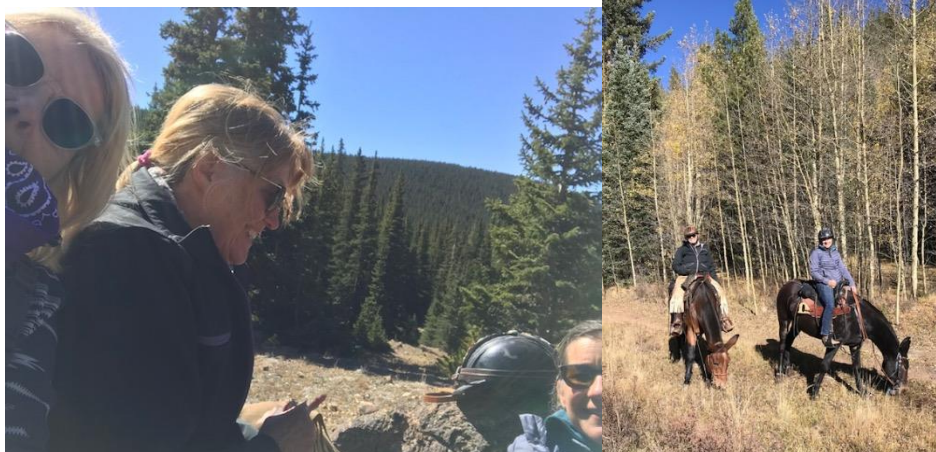
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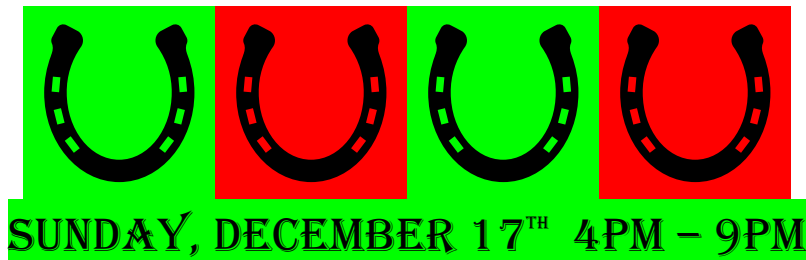
In the meantime, stay warm, and remember your equine's special needs as the temperature drops. See you at the Holiday Party and down the trail – and have a very **Merry Christmas!!!**

--John



Trail Clearing Report. On the morning of October 8, 2023, Donna Fleisher, Joan Wealing and Karen Chaney set out to explore the [Buno \(Bruno\) Gulch](#) dispersed horse campground, horse pens and surrounding trails.

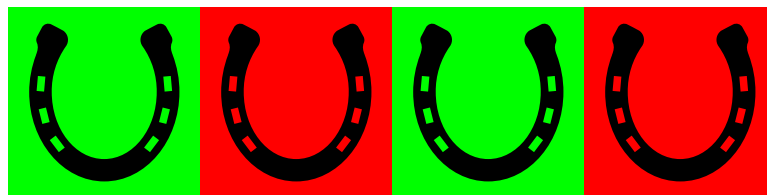
It turned into a great experience and a beautiful 8 mile ride. We found that the four horse pens have recently been updated and appear sturdy and in great repair, with new metal pole fencing. The camping area is well maintained with sites near the trees or in more open areas, as preferred, and with some campfire rings already prepared for campers. There is a small river nearby for watering the horses. We started at the campground and rode Bruno Gulch trail to South Park trail. At about 11,200 (AllTrails) feet we stopped for lunch and some fabulous views. After lunch we continued over Kirby Gulch trail where we encountered 6 fallen trees along the way. Because we packed some 17-24-inch saws, we were able to clear them for ourselves and others we met on the trail that day. This is a great fall ride with forests, water crossings and wonderful views! - submitted by Karen Chaney



STOP! HO HO HO!!! Let's get together for a chapter Christmas Party at the Keller Williams DTC office, kindly arranged by Jim Holmes. The address is 6300 S Syracuse Way, Suite 150, Centennial 80111. It's about 5 minutes west of I-25 & Orchard Rd.

We can gather for pot-luck dinner and our traditional Christmas present exchange - so bring ONE PRESENT to participate in the exchange, it's always a lot of fun. The Chapter will provide beverages and a main course.

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CHRISTMAS TREE AMBASSADORS
DRESS YOUR PONIES IN THEIR HOLIDAY FINERY

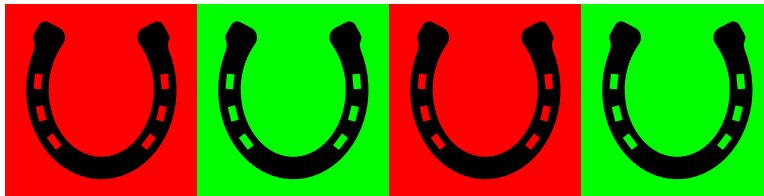
Dec. 9

Event Parking

Buffalo Creek, CO

We will be parking in the event parking across from Spring Creek Ranch as in years past. To find this parking, go through Buffalo Creek, up the hill and past the Fire Station. The parking area will be on the right (west) side of the road and will have a FRBCH sign on it. You will need to open it to go in. It will be unlocked. Need to spread out our volunteers over several days to share the holiday spirit with the tree choppers.

If you plan to participate, please contact **Joan Wealing at 219-863-7253** or joanwealing@gmail.com. Joan will provide further instructions and meet you at the event.



BOOK CORNER

Please share your favorite equine themed book titles. Send your favs to pdyon54@aol.com Here are four nonfiction selections for this month. If you can't find any of these at the library, try [Thrift Books](#).

Never Trust a Sneaky Pony: And Other Things They Didn't Teach Me in Vet School

by Madison Seamans

Climb into the truck alongside large animal vet Dr. Madison Seamans and race to the aid of horses with wounds, stomach aches, allergies, and bizarre behaviors, as well as those in severe physical distress. Quite by accident, you'll find yourself familiar with and understanding common equine medical problems and how they are diagnosed and treated, all while marveling at the remarkable situations a country veterinarian can find himself in. Playful yet serious, honest yet tongue-in-cheek, this wonderfully written book is an up-close look at a well-lived rural life that is about as authentic as America gets. No one who cares a whit for the animal kingdom, and the humans who dare enter it, will be disappointed.

The Forgotten Horses: The Beauty of America's Unwanted Horses

by [Tony Stromberg](#)

Through photographs and stories, equine photographer Tony Stromberg explores the lives of rescued horses in sanctuaries across North America. This book reveals the spirit of these animals and honors the people and sanctuaries that have offered them a well-deserved home.

The Horse Boy: A Father's Quest to Heal His Son

by [Rupert Isaacson](#)

After his son Rowan is diagnosed with autism, Isaacson, a lifelong horseman, takes Rowan to Mongolia, the one place in the world where horses and shamanic healing intersect. This is the dramatic and heartwarming story of that impossible adventure.

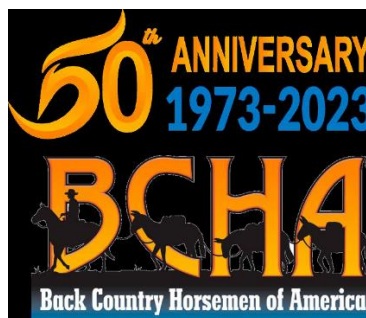


BCH National Newsletter

As a member of the FRBCH, you should have or will be receiving your copy of the BCH Newsletter. If for some reason you do not, please follow the link below:

To catch up on historical newsletters or to read the current newsletters please go to <https://www.bcha.org/blog/newsletter/> There's great info here!

- **To** perpetuate the commonsense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
- **To** work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
- **To** assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
- **To** educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
- **To** foster and encourage the formation of new state Back Country Horsemen's organizations.




Upcoming FRBCH Chapter Events

Date	Task	Needed	Time
Sun., Dec 9, 2023	Christmas Tree Ambassador	open	9:00am – 3:00pm
Sun., Dec 17, 2023	Holiday Party	open	4:00pm – 9:00pm

Use this link to view the complete detailed list and for sign-up. <https://signup.com/go/seVyPnj>

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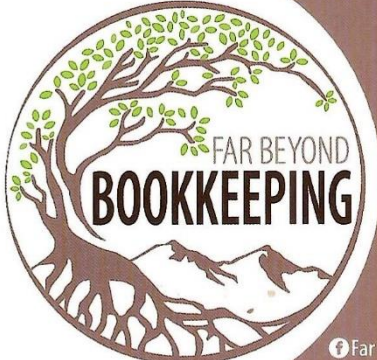
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Q: What's a horse's favorite wine? A: Chardonnay.

Your contributions to content and feedback are appreciated. Paulette PJ Dyon
This issue is dedicated to Griffin, the horse struck by a car on December 2, 2023, in Arvada. RIP, Griffin;
Condolences to your human partner, Laura.