

# Boots & Saddles



January 2005

## Cheyenne Saddle Tramps Monthly Newsletter

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### Annual Membership Drive!

It's time again to renew your annual membership! Please fill out the application enclosed in this publication. Renewing membership fees are:

Single Membership: \$30.00

Family Membership: \$40.00

Remember, per our constitution, these fees are for memberships paid by MARCH 1.

**If paid after March 1, an additional \$5.00 will be collected.**

### Royalty Report

Erin and Sammy spent much of December wrapping gifts at the Wrangler store in downtown Cheyenne. Their tip money, together with the money raised at the raffle from October's banquet, is used to start purchasing their wardrobe for the year. The royalty spent a fun filled day in January at the Denver Merchandise Mart shopping for clothing and tack for the upcoming season. Many merchants donated or gave discounted items to our royalty.

Erin & Sammy also collect items for a raffle. Many vendors that could not help with clothing or tack, donated to this effort. Raffle items include a 5X beaver felt hat, two pair of boots, an antler picture frame, a glass set, an Indian doll set, braided reins, a shoo fly, a Sherpa lined shirt, ladies pajama set and a box of other items. The raffle will be held in late May or early June. Royalty will be selling raffle tickets when a comprehensive list of all donated items is complete. Expect to be hit up at the horse shows and gymkhanas!

### WORK DAYS!

The 2005 workdays will be announced following the February meeting. Contact any board member to get more information.

### 2005 Board

President: Jay Ostby  
632-5817

V.P.: Barb Pitt  
547-3577

Secretary: Stacey Ostby  
632-5817

Treasurer: Boni Dillinger  
632-0002

Horse Show: Heidi Kindsvater  
638-8309

Gymkhana: Sherry Lavalais  
638-1997

Concessions: Stephanie Heitsch  
778-9609

Grounds: Mike Gray

Advisor: Victoria Hall  
742-9286

3-D Barrels: Jody Osban  
631-1271

### NON-Board Position:

Royalty: Barb Pitt  
547-3577

Parades: OPEN

Rules: Victoria Hall  
742-9286

Clinician: Boni Dillinger  
632-0002

Drill: Barb Pitt  
547-3577

Sponsorship/Fundraiser:  
Deb Seiloff  
638-9426

January Membership Meeting - 01/19/05

Meeting was called to order at 7:00

- ! Approved minutes from the November meeting
- ! President: Encouraged new ideas for the new year, asked for goals from the board members.
- ! Vice President: Stressed that growth is needed. Suggested using flyers, fixing the arena and fence to improve image.
- ! Secretary: Distributed copies of the 2004 constitution and rules for review. Any needed changes will be discussed at the next meeting.
- ! Treasurer: Bank balance as of 12/31/04 is \$5,407.31. We have two CDs in the amounts of \$3,500.00 and 4,000.00. Encouraged growth, pride and participation.
- ! Horse shows: Heidi asked for a co-chair this year. Both Victoria and Stacey will help in this position.
- ! Gymkhanas: Victoria will help Sherry get up to speed on this. Encouraged getting 4-H members involved with Saddle Tramps.
- ! 3-D - Encourage member participation
- ! Royalty: Sammy reported on their gift wrapping at the Wrangler and their trip to the Denver Market. They purchased boots, hats and belts and received many donated items. They met Miss Rodeo USA, Sharon Camarillo and a famous team roper. Erin reported that, as a result of a merchant suggestion, they collected items for a raffle. Erin listed the items donated. They will begin selling tickets in the near future.
- ! Website: Jay put the Christmas parade on the web site. Thanks Gary & Barb and everyone else that helped with this event. A pamphlet on the clubhouse rental will be placed on the web site also. We now have an e-mail address; rentals@ CheyenneSaddleTramps.org; that will go directly to Boni and Lori at Dan D Party Corner.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ! Nominations for open positions were taken: Victoria Hall for advisor and Mike Gray for grounds. Both were approved.
- ! Appointed positions: Parades: no volunteers, we will contact any members that list this as an area of interest; Rules: Victoria Hall; Clinician: Boni Dillinger; Drill: Barb; Sponsorship/fund raising: Deb Seiloff
- ! Approved rental of the building to WyHOP one day a week for the next year. The rental amount will be \$30.00 per week plus labor to help improve the property.
- ! Bucks for the Cure will be determined after we set the show schedule for 2005.
- ! We have two, possibly three groups needing horse boarding and camping facilities over Frontier Days. Rates for this year will remain as previous, \$6.00 per horse/day and \$7.00 per camper/day with a three day maximum.
- ! Moving and design committee:
  - " Deb has been working on getting supplies to fix the arena and build a concessions stand/crows nest. She has a door for the club house, windows, fluorescent lights and interior doors for the new building. She will redo the plans with exterior stairs to the crows nest and exterior doors to the restrooms. This will allow us to rent the arena, furnish restroom facilities without giving access to the concessions area.
  - " Tammy Maes has a building that can be used as a temporary crows nest, if necessary. We can also use it for a registration building or storage facility. Decided to take this building.
  - " Jay asked that any changes to the plans for grounds layout be brought to the next meeting. Plans will be finalized at the February meeting so we can get started on the concessions/ crow's nest.
  - " Deb will ask Mayor Spiker to keep us in mind if the City is redoing any parks this summer. She will also contact the school about this. We would like to put in a fenced play area for the smaller children.
  - " Michelle may have a sound system for us. She will check on its availability.
- ! Jay will set a weekend to move the panels from the Converse location. This will be posted in the newsletter.
- ! Heidi suggested we leave the main gate unlocked, lock the interior gate to the clubhouse and open the second gate into the arena area. This would allow members to access the arena.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ! The lease agreement needs to be added to the rules and constitution.
- ! Rental rates are currently \$160.00/day. Saddle tramps members will receive half price rates for Monday-Thursday rentals and 25% discount for Friday-Sunday rentals. Hourly rates are available. The clubhouse needs to be inspected following each rental. Volunteers to help with this would be greatly appreciated. Jay suggested video taping the clubhouse to have a starting condition.
- ! Boni & Lori were give permission to make necessary purchases to fix problems with the clubhouse if they are urgent.
- ! Liability insurance is due in March. Jay is getting proposals from three different agents and will have them at the February meeting. He will ask if participants in events must be members to be covered.
- ! Proposed schedule for horse shows/gymkhanas: Easterwood: April 23 or April 30  
1. May 14/15 2. May 28/29 3. June 11/12 4. July 16/17 5. August 20/21 6. Sept 10/11  
Rain dates: July 2/3 and Sept 17/18
- ! Discussed the judges. Suggested we swap judge names with Wheatland. Also suggested we use students from University of Colorado. Packets will be forwarded to all judges upon signing to inform them of our rules.
- ! Meeting adjourned 8:25

## MOVING REPORT

The CST board is working hard to make certain our show season will open at the North arena. Panels have been removed from the Converse area and just need moved to the Yellowstone area. Planning continues for construction of a concession stand and crows nest.

Though a temporary crows nest may be used for the first few shows, our goal is to complete this building and the arena this season. Your help is essential to this project. This year, more than ever, we need members time to complete this project.

Work days will be set, multiple days. The more attendees we have, the fewer work days we'll need. If you are unable to attend the scheduled work days, contact a board member. They will give you a list of projects that can be done on your schedule.

If you have access to any building materials, we would greatly appreciate donations. Contact Deb Seiloff at 638-9246. As our sponsorship/fundraiser chairperson, she is coordinating the donation efforts.

We know this project will take a lot of time and effort. With everyone's help, we're certain it can be accomplished!

## Cooling Out a Hot Horse in Winter Cold

When your horse works up a sweat in cold, snowy weather, he's at risk for a chill when he stops exercising. Keep him warm and healthy with these post-ride tips from competitive trail riding veteran Judy Wise-Mason

By Jennifer Corkery with Judy Wise-Mason

**You'll need:** An abundant supply of absorbent cotton towels (new ones are best, as they'll contain more absorbent fibers than will old, worn ones); a stiff bristle brush; a hoof pick; a breathable horse blanket made from natural fibers (such as fleece); blow dryer (optional).

### **Procedure:**

*Towel Dry.* After a ride, your horse's coat may be wet from falling snow, his own sweat, or both. When snow falls on your working horse, his body heat melts it, allowing it to soak his coat through to the skin. Even on a clear day, the sweat he generates stepping through snow can drench his coat. To prevent a chill, your first job is to towel him dry. Holding a towel in each hand, rub vigorously over his haricoat in a circular motion, absorbing as much moisture as you can. As you go, rough up his hairs to allow air to flow through his undercoat.

*Brush off Snow.* If you're trailering home after your ride, use a stiff bristle brush to remove snow from his legs and hooves before loading. (If he tracks it inside, the resulting snowmelt can make for slippery footing.) If you can load in an area clear of snow, pick out his feet, as well. As some snow will certainly make it into your trailer, keep a layer of wood shavings on your trailer floor. Bare mats can be treacherous when wet.

*Blanket him for the trailer.* Throw a blanket on your horse for the trip home to prevent a chill from drafts. Be sure to use one that allows water vapor to pass through (see above). Non-breathable blankets will actually prevent your horse from drying, leaving him cold and miserable.

*Dry him completely.* Once you arrive home, make sure your horse is thoroughly dry. You may do this by leaving on the breathable blanket (if it's cold), removing the blanket (if it's sunny), or by using a blow dryer. Before you leave, make sure he's 100 percent dry, especially if you'll be putting a winter blanket on him. Brush or curry him again to separate the hairs. If he's unclipped and doesn't wear a blanket, fluff up his coat. (His body heat warms the air between his coat and skin, so the more air he can trap there, the better.)

*Provide feed and water.* Once your horse has sufficiently cooled down, toss him a large flake of hay. The process of digesting high-fiber feed will help keep him warm. (I recommend grass hay, which is higher in fiber than alfalfa hay.) Allow him free access to water; check it to make sure it's not frozen.

*Tack Tip.* If you winter ride soaked your tack, store it in a warm, dry area. Avoid heat and sunlight, which will curl the leather. Choose a place with good ventilation. Tack takes longer to dry in a cold place, but lingering dampness is its worst enemy. Make sure all leather straps are hanging straight or laid flat, so they won't dry bent out of shape. After your tack dries completely, apply leather cleaner/conditioner to keep it moist and supple, which will extend its life.

*A competitive trail rider for 16 years, Judy Wise-Mason conditions her Arabian horses from her Cedar Mesa Ranch in Cedaredge, Colo. She's currently president of the North American Trail Ride Conference's Region 3, and chairperson of the organization's Island in the Sky ride. Her top competition horse, Brown-R Dawud, has carried her to NATRC national championships 8 of the last 10 years.*

**If you have any personal belongings in the Converse clubhouse, please contact a board member. Arrangements to remove these items need to be made as soon as possible!**

*Where Dreams Become Adventures*  
*Cheyenne Saddle Tramps Riding Club*  
*P.O. Box 2062*  
*Cheyenne, WY 82003*

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### Membership meetings

are held the third Wednesday of each month 7:00 p.m. (Excluding December), at the Sheriff's Posse building. The next scheduled dates are:

February 16, 2005  
March 16, 2005

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### PROPOSED SHOW AND GYMKHANA DATES:

Easterwood April 23 or 30 TBD  
#1 May 14 & 15  
#2 May 28 & 29  
#3 June 11 & 12  
#4 July 16 & 17  
#5 August 20 & 21  
#6 September 10 & 11

#### Rain Dates:

July 2 & 3  
September 17 & 18

These dates will be finalized at the February meeting.

### Special Thanks!

CST members are already working hard to make our new area a success. Larry Waddel pulled down the panels from the Converse arena. They are ready to be moved to the North arena, which should be the easy part. Thanks Larry for our jump start.

Deb Seiloff has drawn plans for a concessions stand and crows nest. A lot of thought, time and effort is going into this project. We'd like a facility that can carry us through the next 50 years. Deb is also working weekly on getting donations of supplies to build this facility. Currently we have light fixtures, interior doors and windows. Thanks for all your efforts Deb.

Boni Dillinger and Lori Fura-White at Dan-D-Rental have been very busy with clubhouse rentals. They graciously donate time away from their business to keep CST rentals going. This income helps pay utilities and property taxes, with little effort from the club. Lori & Boni, we appreciate all your time, effort and dedication!

Members like these make CST special!

**Cheyenne Saddle Tramps Riding Club**

**P.O. Box 2062**

**Cheyenne, WY 82003**

\_\_\_\_ New Family Membership (\$45.00)  
\_\_\_\_ New Individual Membership (\$35.00)

\_\_\_\_ Renewing Family (\$40.00)  
\_\_\_\_ Renewing Individual (\$30.00)

Family/Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Phone Number: Evenings: \_\_\_\_\_

Family E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

May we publish your information: Yes      NO

Do you prefer to receive your monthly newsletter and other notices by e-mail or in hard copy? (E-mail saves the club about \$10 per year).      E-mail      Hard copy

Members Names:      Birth Date:      Age Division

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Divisions are based on age as of January 1, 2005

Rookie - Walk/Trot    Special Olympics    PW—9 and under    Junior—10-13    Senior—14-18  
Novice Horse      Novice Rider      Adult—19-39      Jack Benny—39-over

We need volunteers: Please mark which areas you would like to help out with:

\_\_\_\_ Horse Shows    \_\_\_\_ Gymkhanas    \_\_\_\_ Youth Activities    \_\_\_\_ Parades  
\_\_\_\_ Grand Entries(CFD)    \_\_\_\_ Drill Team    \_\_\_\_ Royalty    \_\_\_\_ Fund Raising  
\_\_\_\_ Grounds    \_\_\_\_ 3-D Barrels    \_\_\_\_ Other

**Application is not complete until signed on back and fees are paid.**

**Releases and Agreement to Hold Harmless**

**(Read carefully this is a legal document, which affects your rights)**

In exchange for the privilege of participating in activities sponsored, conducted, planned, or scheduled by Cheyenne Saddle Tramps Riding Club (the “club”), I release and hold harmless the Club, its members, directors, officers and guests from any and all liability, claims or demands for any personal injuries or death to myself and my guests arising from such participation, including but not limited to those claims arising from negligence. Further, I agree to release and hold harmless the Club, its members, directors, officers and guests from any and all liability, claims or demands related to any injury or destruction of my personal property, or that of my guests, including but not limited to injuries to horses and other livestock.

I recognize and understand that equestrian activities are by their nature dangerous. These dangers include but are not limited to injuries resulting from the behavior of my horse or other horses on the grounds; movement of vehicles, animals, or people; uneven or unprepared footing; natural conditions, including but not limited to accumulations of ice, snow, mud and water; and, natural and man-made distractions that may “spook” an animal. Injuries can include loss of property, serious physical injury and death.

Though the Club may post rules relating to safety, I understand that the Club is under no obligation to enforce those Rules and that ultimately my use of safety equipment and adherence to safety practices is a matter of personal responsibility. I agree to abide by all posted safety rules.

I agree that any horse/mule/equine I bring to Club events will be current on all generally accepted vaccination requirements.

I agree any vengeful or hate filled act towards the club or its members can result in termination of my membership as voted on by the Board of Directors for Cheyenne Saddle Tramps.

Further, I agree that the Club may use my name and likeness in press releases, publications and other forms of publicity, without compensation.

This release and hold harmless agreement shall be deemed binding upon myself, my heirs, and successors in interest and assignees. It shall be effective from year to year, until rescinded by me, in writing to the club.

**All Members and Participants must read, sign and date:**

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**Parents of Minor aged Members/Participants must read, sign and Date:**

I/We, the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the minor children named on the front of this application, as the conservator(s) of the child(ren)’s or ward(s)’s affairs do hereby, on behalf of the child(ren)/ward(s), their estate, heirs and assigns ratify, concur and endorse the execution of the Release by our child(ren) or ward(s) while participating in Club events and activities, for which they, if adults, would be held financially responsible.

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