



## Front Range Back Country Horsemen est. 1996

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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?*

### Newsletter - January, 2010

#### Meeting:

Be sure to check the newsletters and watch your e-mail for dates and location of our monthly meetings this year. Our meeting locations will rotate between the Lone Tree Library and the Highlands Ranch Library, and will be either on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month. Apparently we are not the only non-profit organization who like to meet at the libraries and some were "quicker with the mouse" that Julie was for reserving the rooms! Please come join us at some meetings and help form the future of FRBCH!

**The January meeting** will be on Wed., **January 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 9:00 at the Highlands Ranch Library**. This is a very important meeting. We are going to plan a lot of our calendar for the year. Please come help us plan for a great, fun and productive 2010 for FRBCH! Bring your calendar, plans and suggestions so we can brainstorm. Set up and social time is from 6:00 to 6:30. The library closes at 9:00 so we have to be finished by then! Note: We had talked at the Holiday Party about having food at this meeting – BUT, we have found out that the Library has had problems in the past with food being brought in, so they prefer that we don't bring food – so NO pot luck this time!

**Directions: Highlands Ranch Library, 9292 Ridgeline Blvd., Highlands Ranch, CO, meeting room is to the left after you enter the library.**

From the East: Hwy 470 to Broadway, exit onto Broadway going south, continue to Highlands Ranch Parkway. Turn right (west) onto Highlands Ranch Pkwy, get into the left lane and turn left at the next street, which is Ridgeline Blvd. Watch for the library on the left, after the shopping center.

From the West: Hwy 470 to Lucent Blvd., exit onto Lucent Blvd. going south, continue to Highlands Ranch Parkway. Turn left (east) onto Highlands Ranch Pkwy, get into the right lane, turn right onto Ridgeline Blvd.

#### 'Prez Sez': (A note from our President, Julie Sabados)

This is my last "Prez Sez" note as I am now the "Past President" of FRBCH. Dan Shier is the current President and I believe he will do a fantastic job! I enjoyed being President of FRBCH, but I am now looking forward to my new duties as Projects Coordinator and Secretary. Being President opened my eyes to the "big picture" of Back Country Horsemen of America. What a wonderful organization we all belong to! We all are a great group of dedicated people who all work toward a common goal – keeping our public lands open for our continued access with our wonderful equestrian companions. Sometimes this goal seems difficult to reach, but through all of our efforts, we are finding success – but we are far from being finished with our mission! I ask each of you to set some time aside from your busy lives to help keep our public lands open to equestrian use. You can help our local Chapter - FRBCH, help the State Chapter (BCHCO), write letters or attend public meetings as a concerned equestrian. Every little bit helps! I am looking forward to another great year as a member of FRBCH in 2010! Wow, how did it get to be 2010 – that sounds really futuristic! Hope to see you at the January meeting! On a final note, thank you so much for the great "packing" cutting board and wonderful card filled with great notes that everyone gave to me at the Party, I really enjoy the cutting board and appreciate the kind notes. Bye, Julie S.

#### New Board Members:

Welcome to the new Board of Directors for FRBCH as elected at our last meeting:

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Dan Shier, President        | Julie Chaney, returning 2 year Director |
| Kitty Bladt, Vice President | Pam Doverspike, 2 year Director         |
| Julie Sabados, Secretary    | Linda Mackety as 1 year Director        |
| Patti Caudell, Treasurer    |   |

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Julie Sabados, interim  
Kitty Bladt – start Feb. or  
March

**Quick Calendar:**  
Rocky Mountain  
Horse Expo  
March 12-14

#### **Meeting Dates:**

Wed. Jan. 27  
6:30 – 9:00  
Highlands Ranch  
Library – **Planning  
meeting for work  
projects for 2010!**

Wed. Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 – 9:00 –  
Highlands Ranch  
Library

Thank you all for your commitment to help run FRBCH, we all sincerely appreciate your willingness to help!

### **Membership Renewal Time:**

It's that time of year again. There is a renewal form at the back of this newsletter. Remove it right now, write your check and send in your renewal, OK! Be sure to sign the membership form, and if your membership is for a family, please have both adults sign. This form serves as our "liability release".

### **Upcoming Events:**

2010 can be a wonderfully productive year for FRBCH. All we need is volunteers! We have many opportunities to help with maintaining the trails in our area so if you wish to help you should be able to find a project that suits you and your horse's ability. Some of the opportunities we have to help this year are:

- \*Continue with Campsite Inventory – great for those who like to ride, hike and explore
- \*Survey trails and complete report using GPS data for FS planning on future maintenance work
- \*Our "Weekday Warriors" will again be quite active on weekday work projects
- \*We are expanding our Weekend "workdays" to accommodate more members volunteer time schedules
- \*Possibly helping the AG Ranch with fence inspections and repairs and ???
- \*Pam Doverspike's project at Buno Gulch with at risk kids
- \*Sherry Baker's project – horse corrals at a trail head
- \*Do you know of a trail that needs the kind of maintenance we can perform? Plan a work day around your schedule by contacting Julie S. with your plan and she will make sure we have the volunteer agreement and get the date for the project out to our people to help.

### **Member Survey:**

We would like to know what you as a member of FRBCH would like to do within our organization – with regard to "work days". There is a survey form at the back of this newsletter that we would appreciate you completing. Don't worry about "hurting anyone's feelings" with any responses – we want to know what you want and what concerns you may have with regards to participating in "work days". Our projects are very worthwhile and fun, but they do take some planning. Planning a work day and having very few people come is like planning a party and no one comes. Help us plan projects that you would like to participate in by completing the survey. You can mail it back to us, fill it in and e-mail it back (if you know how to do that sort of thing), call with the information or just drop us a quick e-mail and let us know what your responses are. If you completed a form at the Holiday party, please don't do another one, we do have your survey already! To respond, e-mail to [frbch1@yahoo.com](mailto:frbch1@yahoo.com), call Julie S. at 720-733-0399, mail form to Julie S. at 847 Coronado Dr., Sedalia, CO 80135, or mail with your membership renewal to Patti at the address on the membership form.

### **Rocky Mountain Horse Expo:**

We are again going to participate in the "Expo". We understand that the format is being "revamped" and are looking forward to seeing what the changes will be. The dates this year are March 12 – 14<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars for these dates, not only to attend the Expo but to help us with our booth – we need lots of volunteers to cover all 3 days!

### **Colorado Trail Ride:**

**Help Wanted:** The participants of our Colorado Trail ride for 2009 ended up donating \$2,195.00 to The Colorado Trail Foundation and the same amount to FRBCH. These funds go a long way for each organization in their efforts to keep trails open and in good condition. The Colorado Trail Ride has been a lot of fun for the riding participants and the "ground crew" (those who facilitate the ride by moving "camp" from trail head to trail head), for the past 5 years, and we are looking forward to another great year in 2010. We are in need of some additional "ground crew" for this year. The ride goes for a week, but if you are interested in helping us with this ride, you can help for part of the week. We can use people to assist with camp chores – set up/take down of camp kitchens (riders take care of their own tents & horses) and we really need to find someone who can come with a truck and either pull their own trailer or one of the group trailers. We have had just enough help in the past to get by, but we would really like to have some additional helpers. Contact Julie Sabados for more information about becoming a member of our "ground crew" – 720-733-0399 or [julierandy1@yahoo.com](mailto:julierandy1@yahoo.com)

**Colorado Trail Ride – 2010.** We are in the early planning stages for our Colorado Trail Ride this year. We have chosen the dates – Arrive at camp Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and the last day of riding will be Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. We are not ready to take reservations yet, but wanted to let you know the dates so you can plan ahead if you are interested.

### **Past Events:**

Our Holiday Party/December meeting was a great success again this year. Thank you to our "party planners" Sherry Baker, Kitty Bladt, Linda Mackety and Sheila Obermeyer who worked diligently to provide us with a wonderful party. They coordinated, decorated and set up for our enjoyment and enjoy we did! All the food for the pot luck was delicious and the gift exchange was fun as usual.

**Trail of the month:**

If you have a favorite or maybe a unique or just fun trail that you think someone else would want to explore, send us the info and we will put it in the newsletter. We all are out there riding, let's share our information with each other! Send any articles to [julierandy1@yahoo.com](mailto:julierandy1@yahoo.com) to put in the next newsletter.

**FRBCH Website and Calendar:**

Remember to check out our website at [www.frontrangebackcountryhorsemen.org](http://www.frontrangebackcountryhorsemen.org) . Check out the Calendar for upcoming events (don't look right now – Julie S. has taken this over from Dan and hasn't done anything on it yet – but will get to it soon!). You can access our photo album also through a link on the website.

**Web sites of interest:**

State Back Country Horsemen: [www.bchcolorado.org](http://www.bchcolorado.org)

National Back Country Horsemen: [www.backcountryhorse.com](http://www.backcountryhorse.com)

Douglas County: [www.douglas.co.us](http://www.douglas.co.us) (for open space information, go to Services - Open Space)

Pike Nat'l Forest: [www.fs.fed.us/r2/psicc/news/pike\\_opening.htm](http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/psicc/news/pike_opening.htm)

**FYI – these ads in our newsletter are only from our members – those who have joined as “Corporate Members” who pay an additional membership fee to help support FRBCH. If you can use any of their services, please be sure to give them a call!**

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## Survey for trail maintenance planning

Are you interested in helping on trail maintenance projects or do you prefer to be a supporter?

How many “work days” would you be willing to participate in a month?

What days are you available to help on “work days:

Weekdays only

Weekends only

Weekdays and weekends?

What day would be best for you? (i.e. Sat., Wed, etc.)

Our work has mainly been in the Mt. Evans & Lost Creek Wilderness areas, and Indian Creek. Would you like to see more areas included?

If so, any suggestions:

How far or how much time are you willing to travel for a work day project?

How long of a work day would you prefer?

All day?      ½ day?      Mornings?      Afternoons?

Want to be back at your trailer by what time?

Weekdays and weekends?

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If you have not participated in any work days but would like to, what is the reason why you have not yet participated?

Any additional Comments?

Your name: (not required, just if you want!)

**Calendar of Events:**

January 27<sup>th</sup>, Wed., meeting at Highlands Ranch Library  
February 24<sup>th</sup>, Wed., meeting at Highlands Ranch Library  
March 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, Fri, Sat & Sunday – Rock Mountain Horse Expo  
March 24<sup>th</sup>, Wed., meeting at Lone Tree Library  
April 21<sup>st</sup>, Wed., meeting at Lone Tree Library  
May 26<sup>th</sup>, Wed., meeting at Highlands Ranch Library  
June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wed., meeting at Lone Tree Library  
July 9<sup>th</sup> thru 16<sup>th</sup> – Fri to Fri – Colorado Trail Ride  
July 21<sup>st</sup>, Wed., meeting at Lone Tree Library  
August 18<sup>th</sup>, Wed., meeting at Lone Tree Library  
September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wed., meeting at Lone Tree Library  
October 20<sup>th</sup>, Wed., meeting at Lone Tree Library  
November 17<sup>th</sup>, Wed., meeting at Highlands Ranch Library



**FRONT RANGE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATION  
Year 2010**

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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**SADDLE Partner (participating individual) \$25.00** \_\_\_\_\_ **SADDLE Partners (participating family) \$30.00** \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like to serve on the Finance \_\_\_ Education \_\_\_ Project \_\_\_ Training \_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_ Records \_\_\_ Committee.

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

**CORPORATE Partner \$55.00+** \_\_\_\_\_ (includes Newsletter ad – please attach a business card sized text – sorry no graphics can be included)

All membership levels include chapter newsletters and a quarterly BCHA newsletter.

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SEND TO: FRBCH, c/o Patti Caudell, 41086 Thunder Hill Rd., Parker, CO 80138

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

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