

HIGHLINE

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From the President's Pen

By Kathy Sherer

First, I want to give many thanks to Rachael Mikelson for all the work she did as president of this chapter over the past three years. Not only did she keep us on track while working a demanding, full-time job, but she also managed to plan a wedding that made her an instant wife and mother last summer. We hope to see her back on occasion ~ whenever she gets time!

As I've been preparing to take over as president, I knew there were certain changes that needed to be made due to the way our membership has changed over the years. My top 3 priorities were:

1. Tack Sale

We've gotten too small to properly manage this annual sale. More volunteers and efficient software were needed to make the sale a success (and to lower my stress level). However, stopping the sale altogether meant the end of a very popular and needed community service.

I thought of the 4-H because I had recently met a "4-H mom" and her daughter. I also knew the coach of the 4-H Drill Team. A couple of conversations later, and they were not only on board, but very excited. Halleluiah!

The 4CBCH Board and hopefully, many of you, will be working closely with them to ensure their success.

2. Trail Projects

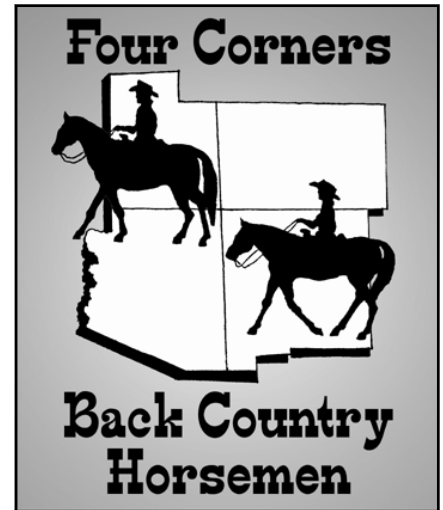
For a few years now, it has been difficult to find members who are able to do trail maintenance (our main objective). For this reason, we have often been giving trail support to other groups by packing in/out their equipment. This has given groups like the USFS, SJMA, and SWCC more time and a greater ability to do the actual work. So why not make this our specialty, I wondered.

Recently, a meeting took place between two of our Board members and representatives from the USFS and SJMA. They were thrilled by the idea, and plans started to be made for 2024.

3. Meeting Presentations

We have always tried to have a speaker at all of our membership meetings to present on a variety of topics, but attendance is often quite low. At the November meeting, however, we had no speaker and I changed the seating arrangement to a circle for a roundtable discussion. YES! Several topics were covered and all 22 people had a chance to ask questions and voice their opinions. This will now be our new meeting format, and we will only have speakers on special occasions.

HAVE QUESTIONS? BRING THEM TO THE NEXT MEETING!



Next Membership Meeting

February 15

6:00 Florida Grange

656 Hwy. 172, Durango

New Meeting Format
Roundtable Discussion



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Pondering 2024

By Donna Ashworth

No, 2024 perhaps won't be your best year yet.
 Nor will it be the worst.
 You see, a year is a mosaic of absolutely everything.
 Joy, fear, heartache, loss, beauty, pain, love.
 Failure, learning, friendship, misery, exhilaration.
 Each day, each moment even, is a tiny shard of glass
 in this beautiful, confusing creation.
 2024, like all the years before, will be another mosaic
 to add to your wall of art.
 A wall that shows the life you are continuously gifted.
 A wall that shows you are human.
 A wall of survival.
 I wish you many broken pieces of glass this year, my
 friends.
 Because this is living.
 And before you march on in to another year of
 'everything', pause to look back at the work you have
 created thus far.
 It is quite something.
 You are quite something.
 Now on we go, my friends.
 Onwards we very much go.

4CBCH 2024 Board of Directors

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Jon Sherer—Trails
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Board Meeting Dates

1st Wednesday of the month
 February through November

NO JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

NEXT MEETING

**Thursday, February 15
 6:30 PM Florida Grange**

**Come at 6:00 and warm up with Linda's
 ham & bean cheese beer soup!**

Social Rides

At the November membership meeting, a big discussion took place about social rides. **We heard you!**

Even though our mission is to "ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use," we know that many people join to meet people to ride with. We want them as members too!

We do need to attract members in order to keep our chapter strong, so this is something we'll be working on, but we need Trail Guides. Please contact a Board member if you're interested.

Have You Renewed Your Membership?

If you joined after October 1, 2023, you are covered for 2024.

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Open the "About Us" tab and select "Applications & Forms"

Select "Membership Application" and print it out

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Applications are also available at meetings or from a Board member.

Thank you to Linda Humble for her years of service as Treasurer on the 4CBCH Board of Directors, for coordinating the annual trash clean-up at Saul's Creek, and for keeping our finances straight at the Tack Sale and Poker Ride.

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LPC Humane Society Pet of the Month

Meet Doc, a 5-year-old Coonhound mix. This guy is very laid back and polite with other dogs. He loves human affection and wants to take a walk with you.

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FCER Horse of the Month

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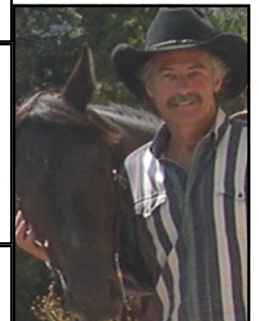


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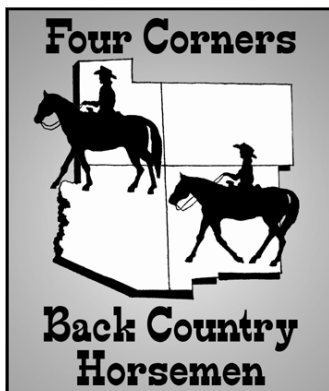


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3. To assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
4. To educate, encourage, and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the public commensurate with our heritage.
5. To foster and encourage the formation of new state Back Country Horsemen organizations.

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