

HIGHLINE

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From the President's Pen

By Kathy Sherer

Just a reminder that our next member meeting is coming up on **Thursday, May 16, 6PM** at the Florida Grange (656 Hwy.172).

Our new membership meetings now start at 6PM with a dish provided by 4CBCH. Perhaps you'd like to bring a dish or snack too?

You'll have an hour to meet new folks, catch up with old friends, and maybe plan a ride or two. Then from 7-8PM, we'll have an informal meeting where we answer questions, explain upcoming projects and clinics, and sometimes listen to a short presentation by a guest speaker. There might even be a prize drawing. You never know!

We're very anxious to meet our **many** new members. Hope y'all come!

OUR FIRST CLINIC OF THE YEAR FREE AND FOR 4CBCH MEMBERS ONLY

Learn to pack with Shawn Greyeyes

This Saturday, May 18, 9:30AM—12PM

Bears Ranch (formerly Rapp Corral) 51 Haviland Lake Rd.

Audit only—Shawn will be using his horses

An introduction to packing using sawbuck pack saddles



Emmy & Shawn Greyeyes

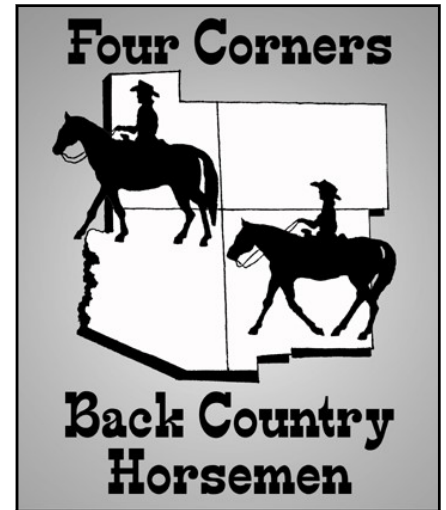
Only 25 spots are available & 14 have already been taken!

Email membership@4cbch.org to reserve your spot now!

If you aren't a member yet, and don't want to miss out on this opportunity to learn what it takes to safely pack a horse or mule into the back country, join now by clicking the link below:

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Next Membership Meeting

Thursday, May 16

6:00 eats & social hour

7:00 meeting

Florida Grange

656 Hwy. 172, Durango



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LEARN TO HOBBLE AND HIGHLINE
Saturday, May 25, 2-5PM
FREE AND FOR 4CBCH MEMBERS ONLY
 Sherer Ranch, 7584 C.R. 228, Bayfield

Horse spots are full, but you are still welcome to audit if you're a 4CBCH member!

- Hobble your horse for the first time in a safe and controlled environment
- Set up a highline and properly tie your horse to it
- Leave the clinic feeling confident enough to continue the training process at home

For more information or to reserve your spot, email membership@4cbch.org
 To join Four Corners Back Country Horsemen, click here:
<https://form.jotform.com/240496140586056>



Steve Rodrigues studied under clinicians like Ron McLoughlin, Craig Cameron, Chris Cox, Ki Allen and Julie Goodnight. He worked as a wrangler and guide for Over the Hill Outfitters for 12 years leading groups of clients and stock into the back country. Currently, Steve manages the Triangle Bar V Ranch in Durango.

WYLENE WILSON CLINIC COMING TO DURANGO

2-hour private lessons available Friday, May 31 ~ \$300
6-hour Confidence Building & Horsemanship Clinic on Sunday, June 2, 9AM-4PM ~ \$250
Audit for \$30

Western EC Arena, 2071 CR 250, Durango
 Event organizer ~ Allie Stones 703-980-3855

To guarantee your spot, purchase online at
<https://www.extremewylene.com/event-details/durango-colorado>

4CBCH will be offering a **FREE SPOT IN WYLENE'S CLINIC** (a \$250 value) to one lucky member. From now until May 24, your name will be put into a drawing for each new 4CBCH member who was referred by you. You can do this in two ways:

1. Tag someone on Facebook in the comments of a post. For each person you tag that joins, your name will be entered into the drawing on Saturday, May 25, 2024 at 2PM.
2. For non-Facebook users, just email your referrals to Marcos at membership@4CBCH.org. Tell your referrals to submit their membership application online at <https://form.jotform.com/240496140586056>

AND . . . the first 10 new members to join 4CBCH will get a **FREE AUDIT PASS** to the clinic!

Wylene Wilson has been a professional horse trainer for over 20 years and is no stranger to competitions. She's competed in rodeo circuits, Extreme Cowboy races, and has developed a strong presence in the Mustang Heritage programs. She has participated in over 14 Extreme Mustang Makeovers where she captured three Makeover Championship titles. While she still competes, she spends most of her time traveling and teaching confidence building and horsemanship clinics. She works with horses that are deemed untrainable and unrideable, and helps riders that are unconfident and fearful.

DATES AT A GLANCE
FIND DETAILS IN THE NEWSLETTERS!



HIGHLINE & HOBBLES ~ May 25

WYLENE WILSON CLINIC ~ May 31-June 2

SAUL'S CREEK CLEAN-UP ~ June 1, 10AM
 \$\$ Prizes, parking lot after right at fork
 Call Katie with questions 970-749-6303

BIKES & HORSES DEMO ~ June 1

BARN DANCE & SILENT AUCTION ~ June 9

VALLECITO CREEK PACKING ~ Mid-June

MESA VERDE POKER RIDE ~ June 22

GRANITE PEAKS PACKING ~ Mid-July

4CBCH ANNUAL PICNIC ~ July 20

COLO TRAIL PACKING I ~ July 22-24

COLO TRAIL PACKING II ~ August 16-18

UPPER HERMOSA PACKING ~ September

E. CREEK TRAIL PROJECT ~ Date TBD

DGO COWBOY GATHERING ~ October 2-6



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Before your next outdoor adventure, check COTREX for active wildfires in the state.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is proud to announce a new feature on the Colorado Trail Explorer (COTREX) mobile app that notifies outdoor recreationists about active fire alerts including wildfires and prescribed burns in covered areas.

The COTREX app is a free, user-friendly app that provides authoritative trail information across local, state, and federal agencies. More than 236 land managers have contributed data on 45,076 miles of trail across the state. COTREX is unique in that it works directly and exclusively with land managers, parks, and open spaces to ensure that the information on the platform comes from a reliable, trusted source.

Over two dozen agency partners use the COTREX app to post real-time advisories, including seasonal wildlife closures, safety hazards, and other essential trail alerts. Users can plan routes, view allowed-use types such as hiking, biking, OHV, and snow sports, download offline maps, and see trip recommendations from participating partners around the state—all for free.

New Fire Alert Feature

COTREX will now include daily wildfire and prescribed burn alerts from trusted sources like inciweb and the National Interagency Fire Center.

Alerts will automatically appear on the website and app, providing descriptions, boundaries, and links to additional resources when available. Alerts will not update when outside of cell service or on maps.

Wildfire and prescribed burn information is checked daily by COTREX. Management agencies that do not report to inciweb or the NIFC systems can post their wildfire and prescribed burn alerts, though not every agency participates.

CLINICIAN QUOTES

“Don’t do it halfway 10 times. Do it correctly 3 or 4 times.” ~ Brad Barkemeyer

“There’s never a time when losing patience benefits you and your horse.” ~ Casey Deary

“When you’re green, you grow; when you’re ripe, you rot.” ~ Matt Armenta

ARE YOU THINKING OF ADOPTING?

LOOK NO FURTHER!



FCER Horse of the Month

Meet Senator, a 13-year-old Mustang gelding. This handsome little guy has had some riding, but will need some confidence building before he goes under saddle again. He is an absolute gentleman to handle on the ground.

For information about Senator or any of his friends here at FCER, please contact us at 505-334-7220 or visit www.fourcornersequinerescue.org.



Onya is a 3-year-old female Terrier/Pit Bull mix. She has the most beautiful smile and a heart of gold! She is very polite with both people and other dogs. She would make a great addition to any family.

Adopt her today at La Plata County Humane Society. More information at:

<https://lpchumanesociety.org>



National Mustang Association, Colorado

Windy in Mesa Verde park



Windy is a Mesa Verde Mustang. She is a well-built, 12-year-old, exquisite ebony mare standing gracefully at 14.1 hands tall.

She is adept at halter leading, calmly lifting all four feet, and readily loading into a trailer. She is very responsive and will be an excellent riding horse for someone gentle and experienced.

Windy seeks an adopter who can spend time with her on a regular basis and will be an ideal match for an adopter who can keep her busy. She enjoys being out, going places and having new experiences.

Adoption application at www.nmaco.org

East Creek Trail Report

By Jon Sherer

On May 11, we completed our East Creek Trail Project involving the spraying of weeds (thistles and burrs) in a meadow along the East Creek trail.

Our group of volunteers decided to “go for it” in spite of the dark skies, and as it turned out, we only got a few sprinkles and a few hail stones.

We had 4 backpack sprayers manned by Jon, Gene Merrill, Todd Rodas, and Julie Moore. Judy Hurley filled water jugs from the nearby creek which Bob Croll then packed back to the meadow to repeatedly fill the sprayers.

After 5 hours, we made a significant dent in the weed population. Thank you to a great group of weed haters!



Durango Cowboy Gathering 10th Annual BARN DANCE PICNIC & SILENT AUCTION Featuring the Tim Sullivan Band

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Jonas Orushkin

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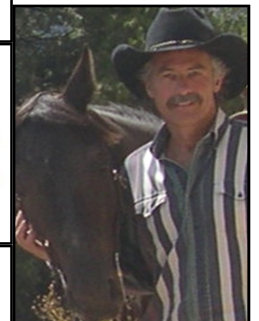
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1. To perpetuate the commonsense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
2. To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
3. To assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance 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.

Please report your volunteer hours!

Go to www.4cbch.org and click on "Volunteer"
or contact Cindy at morincindy7@gmail.com

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leased by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.
They can be purchased online at
cpw.state.co.us.