

PONY TALES

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Board Meets: 5:30 p.m. monthly on the third Wednesday, this month: February 20

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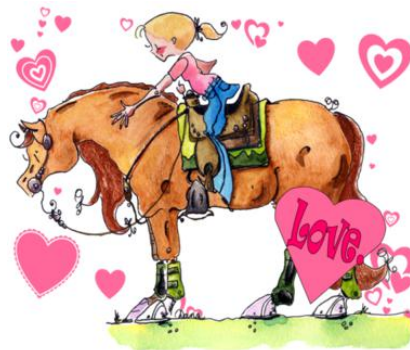
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Odd numbered months will have a membership and board meeting. Even numbered months we will have an activity and board meeting. This month: Valentine Party, Pizza and Bingo, February 20.



From Our President -----

A warm howdy to you this chilly February. It seems just as we were getting used to above freezing highs, old man winter said it's time to remind us why we spend the

summer and fall hauling wood. Wintering in place has a lot of different meanings for those who don't go south for the winter. The weatherman reduced his comments about temperature to "single digits above or below". When the barn is full of hay, the stock tank water heaters work, and there is a cord of chopped wood by the porch door it should be a good Montana winter.

We started our new year with a short election of very little change. You may have gotten a call from Judy Gardner or Vickie Blixt asking you to run for a board or officer position. We had one taker, Patsy Althof, who may agree to be our new O-Mok-See director. Penny Koehler will represent us at the Saddle Club state convention, and all the other members agreed to continue in their current positions. Many thanks to the membership for the vote of confidence in the direction the club is headed. I appreciate everyone on the board for their donation of time, expertise and willingness to share for the betterment of the club. Congratulations and welcome back. It is if you never left☺.

We had a nice turn out of members who voted to accept the board's recommendation to decrease dues to \$15.00 for a single membership and \$25.00 for a family. We hope to increase and retain new memberships with more affordable dues.

Our annual set expenses are:

Saddle Club dues (state), District dues, incorporation dues (State), fire extinguisher, and liability insurance.

We have varying costs of expenses for utilities, maintenance and repairs, reimbursements of refreshments, postage, internet, printing, and miscellaneous. The HTR dues, along with our income from working the West gate at Fair, help keep us in the black financially. Our O-Mok-Sees and trail rides (including over-nights) are self supporting with entry fees and cost division of trail ride expenses.

Distict 2, of which we are a member, has their eyes on some new timers. We use these for O-Mok-Sees at all district events. Although Patsy and I agreed we had recently

purchased timers, written records prove that it has been 20 years since a HTR purchase. So much for relying on an accurate memory. Time seems to fly no matter what a person is involved with. We will be discussing the HTR monetary contribution for the timers in the next several board meetings. The final decision for an amount will rest with the general membership. Patsy will keep us posted as to an overall cost of the timers. This month of February, our enthusiastic social director, Julia, has planned a Valentine party with pizza and bingo. If you want to spend an evening out in the company of warm friendship, please join us, February 20th at 6:30. Julia plans to order pizza after an attending head count.

Please let the board know of any guest speakers, clinics or educational presentations you would like to see the club host at a meeting. We want to reflect the memberships wishes for programs and activities.

Keep warm!

Marcia

Anyone with suggestions for programs or activities, please come to a meeting and share, or let a board of directors member know what you would like to see or hear about.

- Any member can contribute to the Pony Tales. For sale or wanted items and articles must be to Sharon by the 10th of each month. (trailridershelena@gmail.com)
- It is important that no Helena Trail Rider member is left out of the loop because he/she doesn't have the latest social communication device. Please let us know of any member who is not receiving the newsletter either via e-mail or by snail-mail.
- Send items you wish included in the newsletter to trailridershelena@gmail.com.

Trail Rides

No scheduled rides at this time.

Chris

If you have any questions, please call Chris Warren,461-6257. Thanks.

Video link: Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen: Trail Etiquette.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-ie68TvLaE&fbclid=IwAR2Uj-CzMlVPfcwmWls6m_HPq2dbinaREoNbjCC5kUnppSCeqZdRXyND2y0



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- Remember: West Arena Schedule is (exclusive use) every Tuesday and Thursday and the first Friday of the month.
- Don't forget to check on all Helena Trail Riders information posted to the website (including past copies of Pony Tales). Suggestions or corrections to Cheryl Bryant 2chalkie@gmail.com
- Join us on facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/helenatrailriders>

