



# PONY TALES

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

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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.**



*From our President:*

Howdy Helena Trail Riders,

I wish you a bright St. Patrick's Day, a warm green spring, and pleasant riding weather.

The deep snow and extreme cold caused a lot of cancellations, and Helena Trail Riders were no exception. Many thanks to Heather, V. P., who saw fit to cancel the last HTR meeting due to low temperature and heavy snowfall. I will admit Bill and I were enjoying Florida sunshine at that time. We got our comeuppance upon our return with -14 degrees and lots of snow. We are still plowing at least once and sometimes twice a week.

As we dig out of the most recent dump of snow, we are discovering some out of the ordinary visitors have been checking out the chicken coop. We think very large cat tracks are a mountain lion's, large dog tracks must be a wolf and a horse eating moose has been providing visible confirmation of visits. Living adjacent to the highway, and knowing the trouble bored horses can get into, we have always locked our equine family members in a paddock at night. We had to suspend the practice after the horses were literally climbing the walls when we had retired for the evening. It seems they were smelling Mr. Mountain Lion but not being able to see him/her, they were trying their best to get to a high observation point. Free to avoid being a meal(in their eyes) they then had to quickly scramble through very deep snow to get away from the new threat of a moose. Even in winter, the entertainment never ends. We have been a little loose taking the garbage the dump. Knowing the bears will be awake soon we will have to shape up more of our lax habits.

Our next meeting, March 20, first day of spring and a full moon may be catch up time. As of this writing a specific program is not scheduled. The board of directors will be meeting and after it, we will conduct a general membership meeting . We would like to hear your comments for clinics,

guest speakers and other activities you would like to see happen within the club.

Keep the cost of the District 2 timers in mind and how much money you would like the Helena Trail Riders to contribute to their purchase.

We are also scheduling spring cleaning of the clubhouse, repairs to the arena and a general spruce up of our activity areas.

Each Pony Tales, I have been trying to emphasize one of the policies from the Helena Trail Riders by-law and policy book. Most of them were in place before I came along or was old enough to pay attention. However, sometimes I find one that I can explain or someone else can help me with the reason for the rule.

We have had a practice of allowing members use of the clubhouse for personal activities for large attendance birthdays, family reunions, wedding receptions, quilting parties, educational meetings, and more. We appreciate an energy donation for all that use the clubhouse, including members. District 2 does reimburse us for each time they use the clubhouse as does the 4-H sales committee.

Our by-laws state the clubhouse is not to be used as a fund raiser for another club. This policy evolved when we let clubs use our clubhouse free of charge and the HTR were left with cleanup, repairs, the extra energy costs, loss of use, and with nothing to show for it. Our members had had enough and only wanted to be responsible for projects of our own choosing.

If anyone has suggestions for updating by-laws and policies we would appreciate you sending them our way.

Enjoy above zero days, and we will see you the first day of spring.

*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 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. ([trailridershelena@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:trailridershelena@gmail.com).

### Trail Rides

No scheduled rides at this time.

*Chris*

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



Soon, Spring will be here!

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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](mailto:2chalkie@gmail.com)
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I was given a pair of chaps, nicely made in rough-out leather with fringe. But, they are for someone much taller than I am - maybe a slender person about 5 foot 10. Since they are way too long for me, I'd be glad to give them to anyone who could use them. Please call Helen at (406) 461-3244, or e-mail at [hlrietz@gmail.com](mailto:hlrietz@gmail.com).

