

BIG HORN RANCH NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 924
American Fork, Utah 84003-0924

July 2024

THE ANNUAL BBQ WILL BE ON AUGUST 10, 2024

BBQ: Saturday, August 10, 2024
PLACE: Pavilion
TIMES: 8:00 am – Board Meeting
9:30am-12:00pm – Lunch & Raffle Tickets Purchase

For the kids 10:00am to 11:30.

Games & crafts for kids, foam/bubbles, egg hunt, and snow cones

- Skeet Shoot 9:00 A.M- 2:00 P.M. (Bring your own shotgun shells)
- 22 Target Shoot 9:00 A.M. -2:00 P.M. (22 rounds will be provided)
Note: 18 and older open sights standing/17 & under any shooting position
No Scopes allowed
- BBQ/lunch 12:00 – 1:00pm
- Annual Membership Meeting – 12:30 pm
- Board Nominations
- Awards 1:00pm
- Auction & Raffle

What to Bring: \$3.00 per person. A side dish of your choice for your family in addition to the meal.

****The Ranch accepts cash, check and credit cards for meals, raffle tickets and auction winnings**.**

The Ranch provides:

- Drinks
- Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and condiments
- Chips
- Corn on the Cob
- Dessert
- Plates, forks, and spoons

ANNUAL DUES

Annual dues of \$100.00 per share, paid by check, were to be received no later than May 15, 2024. If payment was not received on or before that date, there is a \$25.00 late fee assessed. Dues can be mailed to Big Horn Ranch, P.O. Box 924, American Fork, Utah 84003. **If dues and workdays are not completed or paid by August 15, 2024, all HUNTING RIGHTS will be revoked for the year!** Returned checks revoke all rights to ranch access and fees will be charged.

WORKDAYS

Opportunities to complete your workday in 2024 wrapped up in June. **If your name doesn't appear on the sign-up sheet, you will not get credit for working. There may be one more opportunity if you need a workday. Contact Beverly Peacock at 801-224-4893 or 801-361-7868 to work at the BBQ on AUGUST 10th STARTING AT 8:00 am.** If your workdays are not completed by the day of the BBQ, you will need to pay the fee of \$100.00 per workday, per share. Each share requires two workdays to be completed or paid (total of \$200) no later than the annual BBQ. Workday fees increase to \$200.00 per day per share starting in 2025.

BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE 2023-2024 SEASON

	HOME	CELL
Kerry Evans	President	801-836-1015
Jim Winn	Vice-President	801-830-9538
Gary Wells	Treasurer	801-580-1236
Bruce Johnson	Secretary	435-840-8324
Beverly Peacock	Trustee	801-224-4893 801-361-7868
Steve Trane	Trustee	801-319-2713
Victor Valdez	Trustee	801-319-2708
Brandon Bunker	Trustee	801-376-3695
Tracy Trane	Trustee	801-699-2916
Kai Fitzhugh	1 st Alternate	801-885-7149
Kolton Winn	2 nd Alternate	801-368-3483
Mark Cowley	3rd Alternate	801-550-3574

BOARD MEMBERS TERM THAT WILL BE EXPIRING MARCH 2024:

Kerry Evans -President, Jim Winn-Vice President, Beverly Peacock-Trustee, Kai Fitzhugh-Alternate, Kolton Winn - Alternate, and Mark Cowley-Alternate.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership cards will be available at the ranch pavilion on Saturday, August 10, 2024, if all dues are paid in full and workdays are completed or paid for. Membership cards that are not picked up at the barbecue and are not delinquent will be mailed to your home address the following week. If you are unable to pick up your card at the barbecue, and your share is in good standing, and you need the new combination before you receive your new card in the mail, it is your responsibility to contact a board member or Jamie Winn (801) 404-8358.

FISH

It has come to the attention of the board that members are bringing friends, and neighbors who are not members of the Big Horn Ranch onto the property, specifically to fish. The board and our members place a great emphasis on the amenities the Big Horn Ranch has to offer to our membership, their families, as well as their guests, but we recognize our resources are limited and should be treated as such. The Big Horn Ranch currently pays about \$2,000 a year for the fishpond to be stocked with new fish. The board feels strongly about the rights, opportunities, and benefits of the members.

The board strongly recommends that only members and family living in their household fish at the fishpond, or grandkids for empty nesters younger than the age of 16 years. Please remember the sign at the fishpond says, "2 fish per day per share". When fishing for catch and release, the board recommends barbless hooks.

It is not the intent to police or punish guests that are camping with us when we invite them to the ranch to be barred from the fishpond. Rather it is managing the resources and allowing ranch members the opportunity to enjoy this limited resource.

The board encourages everyone to respectfully use the Big Horn property. When you invite guests, please remember the bylaws and our policies to always be with a member. If you are unsure what is required, please review the Big Horn Ranch handbook, section 8.2 for clarification or contact any board member.

WATER USAGE

The board is still recommending water saving measures despite the abundant snowfall last winter. All members need to implement best practices to reduce water use and waste. Check regularly for leaks and don't be careless...either intentional or accidental. If you see a leak or experience water loss, please contact a board member immediately. Remember to disconnect your water hose upon leaving your camp.

ASSIGNED SHARES

The Board of Directors highly recommends when assigning a share that it be assigned to a family member first, to a ranch member second, and lastly to a member of the public (i.e., friend or neighbor).

See By-law 2.6

SHARE FOR SALE

None.

RANCH SECURITY

Neil Peacock, Kerry Evans, Victor Valdez, and Mark Cowley have been asked by the board to head up ranch security to patrol for trespassers, and make sure possessions in your campsite are secure. If anyone has a security problem, contact Neil or any board member. Remember that every member needs to with help with security. Please report any suspicious activity to the board or appropriate authorities.

EMERGENCY SERVICE

If emergency service is required at the ranch, call 911. Tell dispatch there is an emergency at the Big Horn Ranch and report the information to them. After the report has been filed there should be someone sent to the intersection of US Highway 89 to meet with emergency personnel, and escort them to the scene if by land. If the emergency personnel arrive via air, they know the latitude and longitude, and where to land. The address is:

Lake Canyon Road
34750 North Highway 89
7850 East Mile marker 295

WEB PAGE

The Big Horn Ranch Web Page is ***mybighornranch.com***. Visit this site for information about the ranch. For access to membership information only, see the information on your membership card.

User name = bighorn Password = gatekeeperXXXX (XXXX is the combination)

If you have pictures or anything you would like to post on this web page, e-mail them to

mybighornranch@gmail.com

CAMPSITES

Campsites must be occupied by July 1, 2024. See by-law 8.12.2, 8.12.3, 8.12.4 and 8.12.5 if there are any questions about campsites, contact a board member. Remember, there are families wanting campsites. If you intend on keeping your campsite, plan to occupy it with a camper, trailer, or motor home on or before this date. If there are problems meeting this requirement, make sure you contact a board member to work out an alternate plan. Remember that all trailers and other vehicles need to be removed from the Big Horn Ranch at the end of the camping year.

8.12.6 Any member in good standing may request a new campsite or modification of an existing camp site. A quorum of the Governing Board members, consisting of no fewer than three (3) individuals, shall visit the location of the proposed new camp or visit the established campsite to validate the modification request prior to any work being done. Upon completion of the site visit by the Governing Board members, they can approve the requested changes to begin, or request additional input from the remaining Governing Board before any work may commence.

Upon approval by the Governing Board members, the Secretary shall record a summary of the discussion and details regarding the new camp or modifications in the next month's board minutes. Should the new camp or modification be declined by the Governing Board, the members may propose a new set of plans.

ROADS

The roads have been graded. As you travel the roads around the loop, please be courteous to everyone and travel at dustless speeds, whether you are in your truck or ATV. Please use all wheel drive or 4-wheel drive to travel the main road to minimize the number of washboards. When leaving the ranch property please drive at a reasonable speed.

SHOOTING RANGE'S

The Board of Directors voted to ban steel bullets and shot at the ranch. These bullets cause sparks and are responsible for many fires throughout the area. When using the range, remember to clean up your trash and pick up your spent brass. **If you bring it in, please take it out.** Keep the ranch clean so everyone can enjoy it. Please, for safety reasons, **DO NOT** shoot shotguns or rifles into the pistol target backstop.

There is no shooting of firearms or archery tackle in the camp circle. This applies to all weapons, including BB and pellet guns. There is an archery shooting range east of the work trailers, enjoy.

FIRE PIT VIOLATIONS

Due to the high temps and lack of water, we continue to follow state and county mandates for fire regulations. The board may consider banning open burning, even in approved fire pits. If your fire pit needs work, we highly encourage you to expand the safety area around the pit to prepare for a time when we will be allowed to have an open fire again. If your fire pit does not meet the fire pit requirements, and you have a fire you will be fined. If you do not know what an approved fire pit is, **DO NOT HAVE A FIRE**. Tyler Robinson and J. R. Smith are over fire pits. If you need to know what the requirements are, or if you have questions, you can contact any board member. The Ranch has fire pit rings for sale at cost.

Additionally, the board has approved the use of a portable propane fire ring to be used in camp during the time that open fires are restricted for cooking or enjoyment. We ask that the fire be used in or near your current approved fire pit.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT

The ranch bought a mini excavator and skid loader for use on ranch property. Members that need work done on their camp site can contact Brandon Bunker or any board member. An appointment will need to be made with an operator through Brandon Bunker to conduct any work. Members will need to pay an hourly fee of \$75.00 and replace any fuel that was used at their expense. Money collected will be put back into maintenance fees to keep the machinery in working condition.

WET WIPES

We continue to find a tremendous number of wet wipes that are clogging the sewer system of our bathroom septic systems. Just a reminder that the ranch is on septic tanks and the wet wipes do not biodegrade. The board recommends throwing wet wipes in the garbage can provided in the restrooms.

OLSEN'S PROPERTY

This is a reminder to ranch members that the Allen Olsen property is considered part of the Big Horn Ranch when it comes to hunting rights. Members cannot take a big game animal on ranch property and another on Olsen's property. Remember only one animal per tag, per member share.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

Work crews from Summit Line Construction are completing their work on the power line project that started in June 2022. The expected timeframe for project completion is by the end of 2024. Expect to see employees from Summit Line Construction on and around the property as this work progresses. Their point of access and egress with equipment will be from the south and north ends of the ranch property and possibly by helicopter.

Please be courteous and mindful of their employees as you enjoy the Big Horn Ranch and its amenities. RMP employees use GPS devices to direct them along roads the ranch has allotted for their travel. If you would like to know where these access roads are, please contact Gary Wells, Jim Winn, or Kerry Evans. Part of their right of way involves the camp loop along Pine Ridge and we want to ensure the safety of all ranch members as well as the contractors as they move through this area.

As a ranch member, if you encounter a public utility vehicle at the lower or upper gate do not allow them access. Pick-up trucks had temporary access from the East main road for a short time. Their access is from the north or south gates or have them call a board member if they have questions.

