

Hello Nightriders:

Okay, so maybe it is snowing in the high country but this slop downtown is just BS!! Those of you who are thinking lawn mowers and raking need to KNOCK IT OFF. It's not even March yet!! THINK SNOW just a little longer, please. (I'm not getting off this soapbox.)

Poker Ride was a HUGE success. I won't go into great detail here but the club netted almost \$1000.00 more than last year. We paid \$2720.00 to 18 places with 808 hands bought and 1004 actually out. To put this in perspective, the only time the pot was bigger was at the very first Poker Ride in 1989 with a pot of \$2756.00!! We paid 17 places clear back in 1995 but most years have been 13-14. There have only been two years with more hands out and they were 1014 in 1989 and 1103 in 1995. Lots of things have changed over time including the payback schedule, state law, our profit scheme, 5 hands for \$20, and the Joker. But, these changes were made over 21 years so, it begs the question: What made the difference this year? Personally, I think it had a lot to do with no conflict with Super Bowl Sunday. At the next meeting I will be proposing we move our date to the last Saturday in January. I don't know of any other clubs' events we would be conflicting with. Please think about it and bring your thoughts to the meeting. Here's an "attaboy" for our groomer operators. There were lots and lots of comments on how GREAT the trail was. Good job guys!!

Anyone have any pictures from Poker Ride? We didn't get very many so need some help for the archives and next year's bulletin board. Contact Geri at glincoln@blackfoot.net and she'll work out how to get them to us. Further, anyone got any silly ideas on a theme for next year's 22nd Annual \$1000.00 Super Poker Ride? Please feel free to share your pictures and ideas. I'm getting a little stale after 21 years!!

On other news, at the last meeting, the club voted to send the Cabinet Ridge Riders a \$2000.00 donation from our savings to help with their grooming program. It's a long story but basically they were ignored by the state grooming grant program and we felt compelled to help them out, being our "sister" club and all. We received a thank you note from them, not to mention the personal thank you's and phone calls. Bottom line: It was greatly appreciated. According to Don and Shirley G., the money went to good use as their trail was the smoothest poker ride trail they had ever been on. Doesn't hurt, though, that Mr. Garr has some connections up north and gets preferential treatment when it comes to parking!!

Welcome to new members Lon & Kelly Holden, Laura Palmer, Marie Lewis, Mike Goodenough, Allen & Linda Debo, Steve & Christy Syrcle, Vaun Cloyd, Jennifer Miller, Brice Cheff and Jordan Wood. Membership contest looks like this: Al S.-5, Don G.-2, Larry B.-2, Gene B.-1, Lori M.-2, Patrick J.-1, Shirley G.-1, Callie S.-1, Ted G.-1, Jordan W.-1, Lon & Kelly H.-1, Bruce B.-1, Jake D.-1, Andrew K.-1, and Noah H.-1. So..... it's anyone's game. Drawing will be held at the April meeting so you still have a month to get your deck stacked.

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 7TH, SILVER \$ RESTAURANT, 10:00 A.M. mst. Club ride to follow.

See you there. Brooke