



Pony Tracks

The San Juan Back Country Horsemen newsletter

Dedicated to Keeping Trails Open for All

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Merry Christmas



Season's Greetings to all our San Juan Back Country Horsemen members. You are a great group of people who share the common goal of ensuring the trails on our public lands remain open for all those who want to enjoy the unparalleled beauty of Pagosa country. Whether it's clearing trails, paying membership dues or making a donation, each of you as a member of SJBCH is supporting that goal. Thank you for making a difference. I look forward to seeing all of you in 2025 and having a productive—and fun—new year!

—Ron Toland, SJBCH President

Members Share Holiday Spirit at Christmas Dinner



An evening of good food and fun people. Who could ask for more?



Kendall and Larry Smith (SJBCH vice president) visit with Rob Lambert.



John Nelson gives Tonya Lambert a thank-you hug for organizing the Christmas dinner.



SJBCH President Ron Toland shares with the group the many chapter accomplishments in 2024.



(From left) Ron Toland, True Candelaria and Mike Garding visit before dinner.

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Ron Toland presents Summit Awards from the chapter to (left) Gabe Candelaria as his son Tru and daughter Elle applaud; (center) JoAnn Senzig, aka the chapter's "Rodeo Queen"; and (right) Annie Pack, who was unable to attend the dinner. The awards recognize outstanding contributions to the chapter.



The evening also featured a drawing for many horse- and camping-related items. Lucky winners included (left) Gabe Candelaria with daughter Evley and (center) Mike Garding. (At right) Evley hugs mom Jenny and offered hugs to those of us who got skunked in the drawing.



Special thanks to Tonya and Rob Lambert and Annie Pack for organizing the Christmas party. We also gratefully acknowledge the donation of several items for the drawing by Biff and Tess Stransky. The Stranskys are original founders of Four Corners BCH in Durango, and Biff is retired U.S. Forest Service—wilderness ranger. Thank you also to Nancy Seay for the donation of saddle saws. And a big shout-out to Mike Garding for his \$1,500 donation to the chapter.

The Christmas party is a great time to visit with friends and get to know other members. And, of course, it always serves up delicious food.

Have a Holly, Jolly Christmas!

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