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Hideout News

Summer 2012

Hot summer greetings to you all,

The lovely area of Shell is not spared by the hot & dry summer weather. This year is the exact opposite of last year with high temperatures, little rain and irrigation canals drying up. This means dry pastures and little hay crop. Our Trapper Pastures and fields are still doing well, because The Trapper Creek Ranch enjoys great water rights and is "first on the creek." The Hideout pastures are starting to be challenged but the barn and maintenance team came up with some "out of the box" solutions.

We started some new trail rides after the Forest Service cleared long overdue trails. One of the favorite rides is the Adelaide trail, which we can ride all the way to Lake Adelaide in the Big Horn National Forest. If we find the time in this busy season, we will clear the rest of the trail to Shell Reservoir and connect the 2 lakes in one fast ride.

The Flitner Ranch cattle are only being moved this week to the high country and Big Horn National Forest leases. So far, they have grazed mostly on private property at elevations around 7,000 to 9,000 feet. The reason for this is the Forest Service putting some grazing on hold due to the drought and risk of overgrazing. To our guests, it means that we are doing some serious cattle drives over longer distances than usual at this time of the year.

In terms of availability, we are booked out till the first week of October. As of the second week of October, we are running a special promotion for our existing and repeat guests! If you have the time to join us for some autumn riding, this is your opportunity!

Stay well and cool,

~ THE HIDEOUT CREW & MANAGEMENT



So far this Season...

As always, our guests have been incredibly busy with scenic rides, herding cattle, taking part in “dudeos” in the arena and all of our non-riding activities. Some folks have gone to Yellowstone either on their own or with our partner, Grub Steak Expeditions, while others have been taking advantage of our great fly fishing program both here on The Hideout property or in the mountains. We now have an on-site fly guide through our partners at The Humble Fly in Cody, Wyo. We’ve also been lucky enough to get sneak peeks at the locally-found Stegosaurus fossils over by the outer limits of Shell. To top it all off, a few guests have headed into the back country via 4-wheel drive tours in our beloved “Red Dragon” SUV.

It’s been a busy season – our busiest one to date!

While we are always happy to see our old friends and familiar faces return to The Hideout, we have been having a blast meeting new guests from around the world. This season, our guests are hailing from Mexico, Belgium, Holland, The United Kingdom, Bermuda, The United States, Canada, Australia, Italy, France, Austria and many others. It’s always a great experience to have such a multicultural, fun atmosphere here in small Shell, Wyoming!



Nibbles from The Hideout Kitchen...

– By Executive Chef Sheena Ernst

Summer may be winding down in Wyoming, but the garden is at full bloom. It is always so amazing this time of year, after months of planting, weeding and watering, to actually see something come of the hard, hot work. This is especially rewarding for me, as I am the least likely person to grow such a magnificent garden. Luckily, the soil in the Shell Valley is rich, red and full of nutrients that allow my plants to take off with little aid from myself.

At the moment, it is green zucchini and yellow squash that are growing at a rapid pace and I need to find new ways to fix these tasty vegetables everyday.

For a Friday night BBQ, I recently made a zucchini cornbread that borders on the edge of both sweet and savory and finds incredible moistness with the addition of buttermilk.

Zucchini Cornbread (courtesy of Bon Appetite Magazine)

1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
plus more for the pan
2 large eggs, lightly beaten
1/2 cup buttermilk
1 large zucchini (about 10 ounces)
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup whole wheat flour
1/2 cup sugar
1 tsp baking powder
3/4 tsp fine sea salt
1/2 tsp baking soda
3/4 cup medium-grind cornmeal

Position a rack in the middle of oven and preheat to 350°. Butter a 9 x 5 x 3" loaf pan.

Melt 1/2 cup butter in a small saucepan over medium-high heat. Continue cooking until butter solids at bottom of pan turn golden brown, about 3 minutes. Scrape butter into a medium bowl. Set aside and let cool. Whisk in eggs and buttermilk.

Trim zucchini ends. Thinly slice five 1/8" rounds from 1 end of zucchini and reserve for garnish. Coarsely grate remaining zucchini. Add to bowl with butter mixture and stir until well blended.

Sift both flours, sugar, baking powder, salt, and baking soda into a large bowl. Whisk in cornmeal. Add zucchini mixture; fold just to blend (mixture will be very thick). Transfer batter to prepared pan and smooth top. Place reserved zucchini slices atop batter down center in a single layer.

Bake bread until golden and a tester inserted into center comes out clean, 55-65 minutes. Let cool in pan 10 minutes. Remove from pan; let cool completely on a wire rack. **DO AHEAD** Can be made 1 day ahead. Store airtight at room temperature.



New Horses in the Guest String

As with each new season, “wrangler” horses that our guests have coveted during past seasons are being introduced into the guest string.

The newest members of the Hideout guest string are:

- Shoshoni
- Maggie
- Shakira
- Frodo
- Cassidy
- Last Call



Guests have been enjoying their new Hideout Herd companions on scenic rides, during cattle work and team penning or arena games. Keep your eyes peeled for some new faces on the trail – the wranglers are always working hard to get horses ready for their big shot at “guest horse” status!



Dog News

After his mishap in Trapper Canyon earlier this season, Charlie is healing well and has been heading out on shorter rides. He still has a bit of a limp, but Sweet Charlie is still as happy as ever and can be seen around The Hideout making sure the other dogs stay in line, especially the De Cabooter's eight month-old Border Collie, Gilleke (Jill.) Jill is growing up fast and is a bouncing bundle of energy that has been accompanying the wranglers on all day rides. She can be seen around the lodge and the barn patiently waiting for attention or a bit of a treat. While Paula and David's poodle, Bear, sadly passed at the healthy old age of 15 in July, Tiger the poodle is still holding it down as the oldest dog in The Hideout wolf pack. David recently got a new puppy named Rusty and the two are getting along famously!

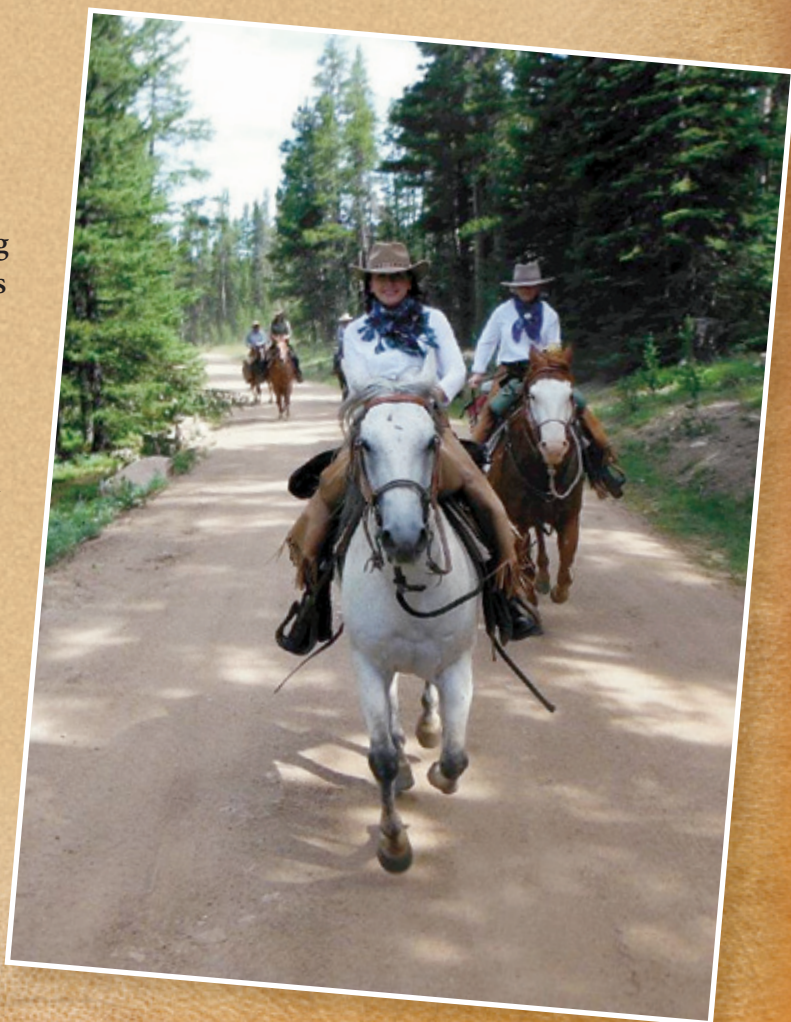
Send us your photos!

While our wranglers always have their cameras in hand to capture every memory made by our guests each week, we often see guests who choose to bring their own cameras along on the trail. Consider this a call to action: we want to see your photos and showcase them on The Hideout's blog and Facebook page! Send them on over at office@thehideout.com and we'll get them posted – we'd love to see your favorite memories and best scenic pictures.

AUTUMN SPECIALS *at The Hideout*

Summer may be more than halfway over, but there are still three full months of riding and adventure to be had at The Hideout. It's no longer a well-kept secret that autumn is a beautiful time of the year here in Shell that offers plenty of scenic riding and cattle work paired with crisp mornings and dry, warm days. September filled up quickly, but October still sees some openings for those of you who may want to experience the beauty of autumn in Wyoming!

To discuss special promotional pricing for existing and repeat guests and reserve your spot for October, contact the office at office@thehideout.com or 307-765-2080.



Happy Trails to You All!

~ THE HIDEOUT STAFF



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