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Hello folks!

The weather took a turn for the ugly this week. We woke up to about 4 inches of snow on Monday morning and had scattered bouts of snow and sunshine throughout the week. We were still able to make it outside now and again to ride.

This was our last “slow” week that we’ll be having until late October! We had four guests this week, two new and two repeats.

Betty came to us from South Carolina and really wanted to get some tools to work with her Rocky Mountain horse back home. He was a former show horse and was very intolerable to the use of leg pressure in cuing him. The fact that we ask our horses to go forward and back, primarily by taking our legs *off* the horses was totally new to Betty. She caught onto it really quickly, however, and was looking forward to working with her horse with her newfound knowledge.



To the left are Betty and Keith and below, Corrine is holding Jack and Cheech



Corrine booked with us only 4 days before the start of the week. She also came with the intention of getting some tools to take back home to her horse. She rode Jack most of the week and really enjoyed the opportunity to work cattle on him. One afternoon she and Chris headed out alone to

check the steers and it was pouring rain in buckets! She came back soaked to the core but never looked happier!

Keith and Lise have been riding with us a few years and actually have two horses that they purchased from the ranch a couple years ago—Cowboy and Guenzler. They really put 100% into those horses, riding 6 days a week. They may not have all of the skills that they'd like to have at this point, but they continue learning by staying with us and attending Buck clinics throughout the year and it shows in the quality they have been able to maintain with their horses.



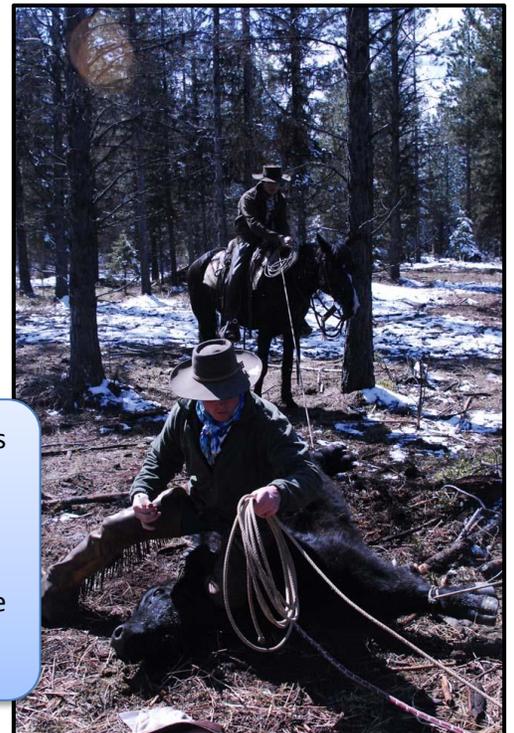
Lise and Cowboy were very pleased to start getting some good lateral flexion going for them and Keith and Guenzler spent some time doing much of the same—here Keith is working on his short serpentine

The boys and Erin have continued to put rides on the 2 year old colts. They'll probably get just a couple more rides on them and the little guys will be turned out to grow up some more till next year.

Chris and Roby have had a lot of doctoring to do lately and have been able to get some of the client horses and older colts used to roping live. All of the times breakaway roping and pulling around "Ugly" must have paid off, because they're doing quite well.

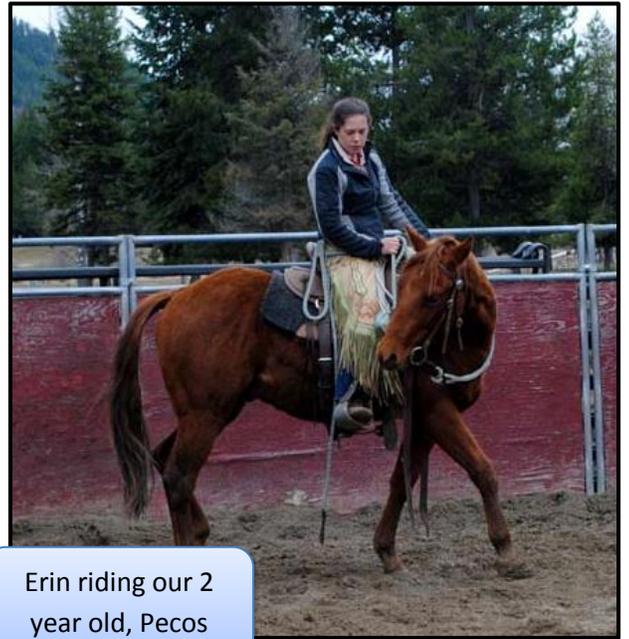


Here, Chris is giving a steer a shot to treat some pinkeye.



Erin took charge of the annual sheath cleaning duty. With the help of Stephanie, Nathan and Roby, I think they got over 40 horses done in 2 half days of cleaning. It's getting to be where there isn't much Erin can't do! One minute she's driving tractors, the next she might be cleaning or cooking, helping Pat to work on a vehicle, doctoring a horse, working ground crew with a roped steer or riding a colt! She proves herself more invaluable by the day and my hat goes off to her.

Nathan has steadily been working on getting all of the ranch horses shod now that the warmer weather is on its way. Sometimes he goes through four horses in a morning alone!



Erin riding our 2 year old, Pecos

We met our first housekeeper of the season today, Gregory, and he's super nice and thrilled to be a part of the team. I'm sure Erin and Charles are thrilled to have some extra help as well!

Have a great weekend guys and gals,

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P.S. Thanks Steph for taking all of the great pics this week!

Dori's doing some groundwork with Chief, a quarter/draft cross of ours. The guests just love Dori's teaching style!

