



Lone Mountain Ranch
Big Sky



Ann McCarver
Rafter M
Gallatin Gateway



Greg and Julie Hodge
Lazy J F Bar
Big Sky



Ted and Peg Noll
Quarter Circle T P
Big Sky



Buck and Helen Knight
Lazy T-4
Gallatin Canyon



Bill and Josie Erickson
Rainbow Lazy E Ranch
Gallatin Canyon



Anceney Family
Quarter Circle C
Gallatin Canyon



Pessl Family
Reverse F P Bar
Gallatin Canyon



Larry & Karen Burcalow
Rockin' Horse Ranch
Gallatin Canyon



Kevin and Jane McGarry
Gallatin Canyon



Dave Brask
320 Ranch
Gallatin Canyon



Robert & Penni Nance
Diamond N
Billings



Sandy Pew
North Ridge Ranch
Belgrade



McBride Family
5 Bar K
Gallatin Canyon



Rick and Kate Tomkinson
Rickatie Ranch
Big Sky



Sipe Family
South Dakota/Big Sky



Dot Brandt
5 Bar B Quarter Horse Ranch
Big Sky



Jake and Katie Grimm
Jakes Horses & Outfitting
Gallatin Canyon



Pat and Ellie Nolan
Staple - Y Down
Big Sky

Buck's T-4

HOW TO READ A BRAND



Brands are read from top to bottom and from left to right. A letter or number placed in a horizontal position (⊖) is called "lazy"; in an oblique position (⊗) it is called "tumbling". With wings added (W) the letter or number is called "flying". A rocker placed below the figure (⌒) denotes "rocking" and a rocker placed above (⌒̂) denotes "swinging". A rocker above or below a symbol, but not touching (⌒) is called a "quarter circle".

A short horizontal line (-) is a "bar"; a long horizontal line (—) is a "rail". 0 is called "circle", ◊ is called a "diamond" and □ is called a "box".

Although most ranches own a registered brand, some ranches are not called by their brand name as will be noted on the placemat.

BUCK'S T-4 HISTORY PAST & PRESENT

The original Buck's T-4 was established in 1946 by Buck and Helen Knight as a hunting camp. Setting up a saw mill on the property and skidding out the timber by horseback, the Knights built cabins and opened for hunters with lodging, meals, and a horse with guide costing only \$12 a day. In 1950, two of the cabins were slid together and converted into the present bar. With Buck behind the plank and Helen in the kitchen, Buck's became a favorite Montana roadhouse for locals, hunters and tourists to Yellowstone National Park.

During the initial construction phases of Chet Huntley's Big Sky Resort, Buck and Helen retired and sold the business to the Scholz family in 1972. Just out of college, Mike Scholz took the reins for the next 34 years. He displayed the same pride of ownership demonstrated by the Knights striving to fulfill both the Knights' and his dream of making Buck's T-4 a full service resort complex.

In the 1970s, the addition of a dancehall, game room and pizza saloon quickly transformed Buck's into the most popular dance venue in the state. Buck's legendary New Year's Eve parties featured Montana's own Mission Mountain Wood Band and drew crowds of upwards of 1000 people. People came from miles around to enjoy such bands as Asleep and the Wheel, Richie Havens and Norton Buffalo.

In the 1980's the first hotel rooms were built and the restaurant began to emerge as a culinary destination. At the age of 22, Chuck Schommer became Buck's executive chef and developed a culinary following that earned rave reviews in national food magazines, culminating with a presentation dinner at the James Beard Foundation in New York City.

By the 1990's, two additional hotel buildings and a lobby were constructed. David O'Connor, another young 'buck' fresh from college, joined Mike and Chuck to round out the team. He later became the general manager and under his guidance Buck's entered the age of computers and achieved the first of fifteen Wine Spectator Awards of Excellence.

The 2000's brought exciting growth and new challenges at Buck's T-4. To complement the dancehall's popularity as a wedding venue an inviting wedding garden was constructed, with inspiration taken from the untouched beauty of the surrounding Montana wilderness. In 2006, for the first time in over 30 years, Buck's was no longer in Mike's practiced hands. He sold Buck's T-4 and retired in Big Sky. In 2009, he had the opportunity to buy the business back, this time forming an unbeatable partnership with Chuck and David. Combined they have over 70 years experience at Buck's T-4.

Thank you for being our guests. We look forward to meeting you.

-Mike, Chuck and David, Proprietors



Kelleher Family
Lazy Shamrock K
Gallatin Canyon



Jim and Diane Cashell
R Lazy Y Quarter Circle
Gallatin Canyon



Scott and Martha Johnson
Rockin' M
Big Sky



James M. and Teri Lindley
O Lazy P Bar
Big Sky



Clyde and Marge DeShields
Rockin CD Ranch
Big Sky



Patty and Joel Scrafford
Duck Bar
Big Sky



Jim and Debby Bangs
The Diamond Ranch
Forsyth



John Kircher
Big Sky



Kim and Kelly Kelsey
9 Quarter Circle Ranch
Gallatin Canyon



Jerry and Becky Pape
JB's Half Moon Cattle Co.
Big Sky



Brad Hanzel &
Kimberly Maxwell
Lazy KB
Big Sky



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