

The Trailhead News

Vol. 36 Issue 1

Back Country Horsemen of Washington

January/February 2011



Jim and Robert Eversole trail riding in the Snoqualmie Forest, foothills of the Cascades.

Photos by Robert Eversole, BCHW Tahoma



**2011 BCHW
Rendezvous,
March 18-20, 2011**

Pages 8-10



2011
State Officers
& Chairs

- President** Darrell Wallace
president@bchw.org 360.918.3016
- Past President** Bob Gish
robertgish@gmail.com 509.276.6226
- Vice President** Vacant
- Exec. Asst. to the President, Grant Chair** Jeanne Paddock
ea_pres@bchw.org 360.301.0133
backcountryrider@gmail.com
- Secretary** Janelle Wilson
secretary@bchw.org 360.748.4880
- Treasurer** Teri Starke
treasurer@bchw.org 253.709.5052
- BCHA Director** Mike McGlenn
mike@mikemcglenn.com 360.739.2619
- BCHA Director & Education Chair** Trygve Culp
trygvculp@gmail.com 509.486.2061
- BCHA Alternate Director** Bob Gish
robertgish@gmail.com 509.276.6226
- Legislative Chair & Parliamentarian** Bob Brooke
legislative@bchw.org 253.846.1958
- Governance & By-Laws Chair** Teunis Wyers
teunisjw@yahoo.com 509.493.3939
- Public Lands Chair** Jeff Chapman
bbbbranch@olympus.net 360.385.6364
- Membership Chair** Heather Moorman
membership@bchw.org 509.585.4001
- Leave No Trace Chair** Jane Byram
LNT@bchw.org 509.997.7407
- Ways & Means** Dave Swanberg
ways_means@bchw.org 509.486.1107
- Trailhead News Publicity Chair & Editor** Dick Yarboro
easyrider@scattercreek.com 360.264.2263
- Public Relations & Publisher** Joyce Wilms
joyce@wamedia.com 360.754.4543
www.wamedia.com Fax: 360.943.7086
- Editor & Advertising Manager** Crissy McGee
bchw@wamedia.com 360.754.4543
- Trailhead News Volunteer Proofreader** Sondra Johnston
sgjohn1234@aol.com 253.843.2679
- Web Master & Photographer** Jim Thode
webboss@bchw.org 360.978.5336

www.bchw.org

BCHW Mission Statement

BCHW is affiliated with Back Country Horsemen of America (hereinafter “BCHA”) and therefore adopts the BCHA mission statement as follows:

The mission of this organization shall be:

- To perpetuate the common-sense use and enjoyment of horses in America’s back country and wilderness.
- To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
- To assist the various governmental and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
- To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
- To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters in the state organization.

Trailhead News

Inside this Issue

BCHW Chapter Locations & Director Contacts 1

2010 Optional Members 2

Prez Says 3

Public Lands Bulletin 4-5

Legislative Report 6

Editor’s Note 7

2011 BCHW Rendezvous Update 8-9

2011 Photo Contest to be Held at the Rendezvous, March 18-19, 2011 9

2011 BCHW Rendezvous, Leadership Training, Auction, Dinner, Dance, and General Membership Meeting 10

It’s Time to Start Thinking About BCHW Awards Nominees! 11

Back Country Horsemen of Washington Award Nomination Form 12

Primitive Campground Not Out of the Woods 13-15

Calendar of Events 13

Out on the Trails 16-17

 They Said It Couldn’t Be Done 16

 Wenas Valley Backcountry Horsemen Team Up With Naches Valley Ranger Station 17

In Memory 18

Promoting Healthy Youth 19

Trail of the Issue – Danville Georgetown 20

Visions of Ken Wilcox – Protecting Natural Resources Inside Back Cover

BCHW Store Outside Back Cover

Disclaimer

Articles which appear in The Trailhead News do not necessarily reflect the position, opinion or endorsement of Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), or its officers. BCHW and Washington Media Services, Inc. are not responsible for the accuracy of all material and advertisements. Appearance of an advertisement in the THN does not constitute a recommendation or endorsement by BCHW of goods or services offered therein. Prices subject to change without warning. BCHW, Washington Media Services, Inc. and its management shall not be held responsible for any typing errors or omissions other than a correction in the next available issue. The Trailhead News shall not be reproduced in any form or manner without prior written agreement. This includes reproduction of articles, photos, and the BCHW logo.

As a 501(c)(3) organization, The Back Country Horsemen of Washington has enacted the following policy: Back Country Horsemen of Washington does not endorse or oppose any political candidate, donate or contribute to any political candidate’s campaign, participate or engage in political fund-raising events, distribute statements for or against particular political candidates, nor engage in any other activity that may constitute favoring or opposing a political candidate. The foregoing applies to the official position of BCHW, it does not restrict or discourage individual members from representing themselves in support of a candidate.

The Trailhead News is the official publication of the Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW).

Trailhead News is published bimonthly by Back Country Horsemen of Washington, 110 W. 6th Ave. PMB 393, Ellensburg, WA 98926. Annual membership dues include a subscription to the Trailhead News.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: Trailhead News, 110 W. 6th Ave. PMB 393, Ellensburg, WA 98926. © 2010 Back Country Horsemen of Washington.

Editorial: Article word count maximum is 600 words plus two (2) photos as space is limited. Photos must be accompanied by the location, name(s) of person(s) in photo and the name of the photographer. Please submit to Crissy at bchw@wamedia.com or mail to: PO Box 7184 • Olympia, WA 98507 360.754.4543

Article, Photo & Ad Deadline Dates	Publish Date of Newsletter
December 1	Jan/Feb
February 1	Mar/April
April 1	May/June
June 1	July/Aug
August 1	Sept/Oct
October 1	Nov/Dec

BCHW Chapter Locations & Directors

ALPINE LAKES TRAIL RIDERS: Director: Bruce Montgomery	P.O. Box 533 • Cle Elum, WA 98922 14030 Hwy 97 • Ellensburg, WA 98926	509-964-9334	windymranch@live.com
BUCKHORN RANGE: Director: Jeff Chapman	P.O. Box 845 • Chimacum, WA 98325 640 Cape George Rd • Pt Townsend, WA 98368	360-385-6364	bbbranch@olympus.net
CAPITOL RIDERS: Director: Jeff LaBreck	937 101st Ave. SE • Olympia, WA 98501 P.O. Box 716 • Tenino, WA 98589	360-264-7901	wildhorses@scattercreek.com
CASCADE HORSE CLUB: Director: Barbara Vache'	P.O. Box 1359 • Lake Stevens, WA 98258 12015 60th St NE • Lake Stevens, WA 98258	425-334-6010	dunerydr2@aol.com
CRAB CREEK RIDERS: Director: Bill Bailey	P.O. Box 519 • Moses Lake, WA 98837 1308 Rd 10 NE • Moses Lake, WA 98837	509-766-9860	bnb_works@yahoo.com
ENUMCLAW TRAIL RIDERS: Director: Teri Starke	P.O. Box 411 • Enumclaw, WA 98022 31326 SE 360th Pl • Enumclaw, WA 98022	253-709-5052	tstrk21@msn.com
FERRY COUNTY: Director: George Young	P.O. Box 1124 • Republic, WA 99166 92 Springridge Rd • Republic, WA 99166	509-775-9998	rockyridge@rcabletv.com
GRAYS HARBOR: Director: Lori Lennox	295 Powers Ck Rd • Elma, WA 98541 82 O'Neill Rd • Elma, WA 98541	360-482-2742	llennox82@gmail.com
INLAND EMPIRE: Director: Ken Carmichael	P.O. Box 30891 • Spokane, WA 99223 10804 W Seven Mile Rd • Spokane, WA 99224	509-466-2225	kcarmichael2225@gmail.com
ISLAND COUNTY: Director: Mary Casey	5203 Mutiny Bay Rd • Freeland, WA 98249 493 Plum Creek La • Coupeville, WA 98239	425-314-1160	justhorse@yahoo.com
LEWIS COUNTY: Director: Jim Thode	362 Pigeon Springs Rd • Onalaska, WA 98570 362 Pigeon Springs Rd • Onalaska, WA 98570	360-978-5336	jim@jimthode.net
METHOW VALLEY: Director: Bill Ford	P.O. Box 902 • Twisp, WA 98856 302 Twisp River Rd • Twisp, WA 98856	509-997-0133	wpjzford@mymethow.com
MOUNT ADAMS: Director: Dave Welch	P.O. Box 1835 • White Salmon, WA 98672 P.O. Box 1835 • White Salmon, WA 98672	509-637-2614	davew61@gorge.net
MOUNT SAINT HELENS: Director: Jim Anderson	P.O. Box 418 • Brush Prairie, WA 98606 1500 SE 357th Ave • Washougal, WA 98671	360-835-5719	jimterrimustride@aol.com
NISQUALLY: Director: Alan Pankau	P.O. Box 641 • Yelm, WA 98597 13224 Military Rd SE • Rainier, WA 98576	360-446-5958	pankau@ywave.com
NORTHEAST: Director: Bob Gish	P.O. Box 3094 • Deer Park, WA 99006 5122 S Wallbridge Rd • Deer Park, WA 99006	509-276-6226	robertgish@gmail.com
OAKLAND BAY: Director: Traci Koch	P.O. Box 1285 • Shelton, WA 98584 61 SE Craddick Rd • Shelton, WA 98584	360-490-2878	toorideawildpony@aol.com
OKANOGAN VALLEY: Director: Trygve Culp	P.O. Box 812 • Tonasket, WA 98855 P.O. Box 484 • Tonasket, WA 98855	509-486-2061	trygveculp@gmail.com
OLYMPIC: Director: Gerry Magnuson	P.O. Box 1629 • Silverdale, WA 98383 P.O. Box 297 • Chimacum, WA 98325	360-732-4325	gmag@olypen.com
PENINSULA: Director: Tom Mix	P.O. Box 1931 • Port Angeles, WA 98362 84 E Hidden Ridge • Sequim, WA 98382	360-582-0460	info@cuttinggarden.com
PIERCE COUNTY: Director: Sally Laib	21804 Mountain Hwy., #52 • Spanaway, WA 98387 P.O. Box 39 • Kapowsin, WA 98344	360-893-6188	slaib@centurytel.net
PURPLE SAGE RIDERS: Director: Dave Jackson	211516 E Cochran Rd • Kennewick, WA 99337 1783 Jericho Rd • Richland, WA 99352	509-627-5834	bchwdave@dslextreme.com
RATTLESNAKE RIDGE RIDERS: Director: Dan Chappel	P.O. Box 63 • Benton City, WA 99320 31005 West Kelly Rd • Benton City, WA 99320	509-588-4342	chapchar05@bentonrea.com
SCATTER CREEK RIDERS: Director: Bob Bacon	P.O. Box 1016 • Rochester, WA 98579 P.O. Box 177 • Tenino, WA 98589	360-264-4529	oledog48@msn.com
SKAGIT: Director: Mike Mahaffey	P.O. Box 188 • Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284 31459 Barben Rd • Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284	360-826-3599	mohappy@cedarsprings.org
TAHOMA: Director: Carl Dewey	P.O. Box 191 • Hobart, WA 98025 26105 SE 225th Pl • Maple Valley, WA 98038	425-432-1852	eagle3bd@comcast.net
TRAILDUSTERS: Director: Beth Hill	P.O. Box 355 • Silvan, WA 98287 12503 67th Ave • Arlington, WA 98223	360-658-5525	highcountryrider@hotmail.com
TRI RIVERS: Director: Bill Haley	P.O. Box 308 • Pateros, WA 98846 P.O. Box 1724 • Brewster, WA 98812	509-670-3246	bhaley51@gmail.com
WENAS VALLEY: Director: Mike Drougas	P.O. Box 1325 • Selah, WA 98942 P.O. Box 1325 • Selah, WA 98942	509-965-4052	mdrougas@aol.com
WENATCHEE VALLEY: Director: Carol Wilcox	P.O. Box 1402 • Wenatchee, WA 98807 18456 Camp 12 Rd • Leavenworth, WA 98826	509-763-3470	powerone@nineofnine.com
WHATCOM COUNTY: Director: Rick Olson	P.O. Box 28607 • Bellingham, WA 98228 5180 Penny Lane • Bellingham, WA 98226	360-398-1309	olsonplastering@aol.com
WILLAPA HILLS: Director: Jacqueline Angermeir	P.O. Box 898 • Raymond, WA 98577 2028 St Rt 105 • Grayland, WA 98547	360-267-1765	coastal.insurance@comcast.net
WINE COUNTRY RIDERS: Director: Jeff Cochran	P.O. Box 641 • Prosser, WA 99350 20701 N Crosby Rd • Prosser, WA 99350	509-786-4362	hisnheranch@embarqmail.com
YAKIMA VALLEY: Director: Steve Miller	P.O. Box 25 • Cowiche, WA 98923 1471 Old Cowiche Rd • Tieton, WA 98947	509-678-5013	ycmanestream7@aol.com smiller@nwinfo.net

Get Your Ad in the Next Issue!
Call Crissy at (360) 754-4543 or see page 18

Back Country Horsemen of Washington express their gratitude to those who contribute to BCHW as "Contributing," "Sustaining," "Patron," and "Benefactor" members.

The Optional Membership Program is available to all members for renewal or new membership. Members in this program pay only the optional membership fee, which includes the Family or Single Membership. The optional membership information on this page is provided by the BCHW Membership Committee. If you have any corrections or questions, please e-mail membership@bchw.org.

Name	Chapter	Name	Chapter	Name	Chapter
Lifetime Membership					
Mitch Baird.....	IND	Laura Kingman	CAP	Judith & Bob Hoyle	BUC
Trygve Culp.....	OKA	Debbie Kosko.....	TAH	Bill & Jeanne Johns.....	SKA
Carol Wilcox.....	WEN	Patti Krakowka.....	WEN	Kathy & Bob Jones.....	IND
Pat Wyers.....	MTA	Jeffrey LaBreck.....	CAP	Lynn Kennedy.....	OKA
Teunis Wyers.....	MTA	Joanne Lacy & Dale Bamford.....	PIE	Bill & Diana Kodad.....	TAH
2010 Annual Meeting Head Table					
Trygve Culp.....	OKA	Fred & Lori Lennox.....	GRA	Nancy & Bob Lee.....	TAH
George Young.....	FER	Michael Mahaffey & Nan Monk.....	SKA	Tim, Kim & Katelyn Loveall.....	INL
Kim Merrick.....	TAH	Bruce & Jenny McCall.....	CAS	Merrick / Konschuh Family.....	TAH
Jeff LaBreck.....	CAP	Mary McIntyre Lee.....	IND	Rebecca Meyers.....	WNS
2010 Patron Level					
Steve Abendroth.....	IND	Thomas & Kristine Moran.....	GRA	Lloyd Odell.....	FER
Darlene Sabey.....	TAH	Russell & Cynthia Morse.....	WEN	Dave Peterson & Kris Lenke.....	BUC
Bob & Sidney Showalter.....	RAT	Lee & Jim Munroe.....	SCA	Walter & Eva Jo Robb.....	PIE
Stan Stuurmans.....	WHA	John Myers.....	RAT	Leonard & Kathleen Rolph.....	MTA
Dave & Gail Sunde.....	OKA	James & Carol Oakes.....	WEN	Joseph & Marcia Russell.....	ENU
David & Margaret Swanberg.....	OKA	Ann Olli.....	IND	Rhonda Scharf.....	BUC
2010 Sustaining Level					
Jaime Austen.....	TAH	Joyce Palelek.....	IND	Al Schwiesow.....	LEW
Gene & Connie Baugher.....	MTA	Chris Parks.....	RAT	Thomas Taylor.....	FER
Sandi Berg.....	IND	David & Cathy Petrie.....	TAH	Gerald L & Margaret Throop.....	MTA
Arlyn Boatsman.....	RAT	Robert Smith.....	GRA	Jan Trafelet.....	MTS
Garry & Penelope Booker.....	CAS	James A Stansfield, MD.....	WEN	Cathy Upper.....	MET
Steve & Lynne Bridge.....	GRA	Rich & Kay Wagner.....	IND	Peggy Wolf.....	ENU
Lettie Broughton.....	OLY	Darrell Wallace.....	SCA	2011 Annual Meeting Head Table	
Louise Caywood.....	IND	Gretchen Wambagh.....	BUC	Rhonda Boman.....	WEN
Danny & Jeanie Chappel.....	RAT	Judy & Roy Warnick.....	CCR	Ron Lind.....	WEN
Terry & Victoria Clark.....	PUR	Nancy Wiest.....	PIE	2011 Sustaining Level	
Leslie Coey.....	IND	Barbara Woo & Scott Bauer.....	CAS	Joel & Margo Crosby.....	INL
Janet Culp.....	OKA	Dick Woodfin.....	MTA	Larry & Phyllis Hale.....	MTA
Jeff & Sheryl Engler.....	IND	Joann Yost.....	GRA	Sharon & Jack Jenson.....	TAH
Joseph & Cynthia Gauthier.....	RAT	Patricia Yust.....	WHA	Ed, Teri, & Alli Letcher.....	TAH
Robert & Vicki Gish.....	NOR	2010 Contributing Level			
Paul & Kathy Gjelten.....	IND	Earl & Dorothy Aalseth.....	CAS	Heather & Daren Moorman.....	PUR
Peg Greiwe & Dale Kelley.....	PIE	Bainter Family.....	WIL	Gene & Mary Sutliff.....	TRA
David & Janis Jackson.....	PUR	Gwen Bassetti.....	MTA	Krohn Traversie.....	WIN
Julie Jindal.....	MTA	Robert & Denise Bokum.....	MTA	Dave & Bonnie Welch.....	MTA
Greg Johnston & Cathy Johnson.....	NIS	Faye Bradford.....	YAK	2011 Contributing Level	
Sandi Kampen.....	WEN	Evie & John Bredeson.....	CAS	Everyll Davison.....	PUR
Mary Kane.....	TAH	Gene Brent.....	TAH	Jack Duffy & Eileen Kiera.....	WHA
		Allen & Missy Day.....	TAH	Penni Orendino & Tom Dennis.....	GRA
		Gary & Marie Duskin.....	SKA	Greg & Maggie Putnam.....	TAH
		Bruce & Kathy Foreman.....	NOR	Randy & Brenda Ridenour.....	WIN
		Dawn Graham.....	PEN	Bill & Andrea Clark.....	INL
		Jim & Kay Hill.....	MTA		

Tax Deduction

Please be informed that membership dues, paid at the state as well as the chapter level, are tax deductible for the calendar year and subsequent years. Deduct your dues as a charitable contribution under authority of IRC Section 170 (assuming the person paying the membership dues itemizes their deductions when computing their federal net taxable income) or as a business deduction

under authority of IRC Section 162 (assuming the person paying the membership dues has a "trade or business" and the payment of the membership dues is directly related to this "trade or business"). When making a donation, ask for a receipt.

Your volunteer mileage is also deductible. Make copies of your volunteer hours logs with mileage for your 2010 taxes.

BCHW Benevolence

A remembrance of your loved one can be made to BCHW. For more information, please call Teri Starke, BCHW Treasurer, at **253.709.5052**



Prez Says



Who Is Stepping Up?

By Darrell Wallace, BCHW President

As I think back on our accomplishments over the past 12 months, I can't help but think of the people who made them happen.

- Trygve Culp made the Education Program a success;
- Jane Byram and her whole committee made BCHW's LNT program a national award winner;
- Dave Swanberg organized Rendezvous;
- Lori Lennox and her Awards committee recognized some of our best achievers in the chapters;
- Jeanne Paddock managed our liability insurance and our Trails Grant;
- Jeff Chapman coordinated our Public Lands relationships and delivered our message;
- Traci Koch and her committee restored our Volunteer Hours program – the list goes on and on;
- And our packers – Wow! The team has come together and is winning!

We have all benefited from the advice given to me, as president, by our Executive Committee, especially my predecessors. Bob Gish and Dave Jackson have kept me from making embarrassing mistakes. A safety net is in place, and we can all depend upon it.

But something is missing – a succession plan! We don't currently have a vice-president, and I have no intention to run for a second two-year term, someone needs to step up. As we

cope with the demands of our organization in the new millennium, more and more functions creep up – and we need people to coordinate them. It may seem easy to work on chapter functions and leave statewide functions to someone else, but it erodes our effectiveness and threatens our mission. We need a statewide trail work coordinator, insurance liaison, and other important positions filled – who will step up?

“We don't currently have a vice-president...”

I repeat what I wrote in the last issue: “We will need your involvement. Talk to your director about what role you should play, because BCHW today is the same as it was when it was founded – without all of us working together, we will keep losing trails to ride.

With all of us working together, we can accomplish more than we even realize”. 🐾

THANK YOU!!!!
BCHW sincerely appreciates the recent large contributions to the general fund from Purple Sage Riders and Inland Empire chapters. Other chapters that have pledged similar contributions will be acknowledged when they are received.



Public Lands Bulletin



Public Lands Day Recap

By Jeff Chapman, BCHW Public Lands Committee Chair

Public lands advocacy is a matter of dealing with a steady flow of issues, tasks, and legislation that may affect the effectiveness of our mission. You learn pretty quickly not to burn your bridges with legislators, agency staff, and other groups, both recreation and conservation ones. You never know who will help you with building that next bridge you need to cross, be it a trail bridge or a procedural one. The only certainty for a trail rider or a public lands advocacy volunteer is that there will indeed be another bridge to assess and cross.

One benchmark in the process each year is the Public Lands Day event that the Board of Directors hosts in December. This is a day where we sit down with the agencies and discuss where we've been, where we are at, and what we can do together in the future. We had such a day on December 3rd in Ellensburg where Directors, members, invited agency staff, and other guests had a busy day gathering to deliberate on issues. I am always impressed how well this day comes off even when we know there are very contentious topics, such as user fees. No one comes to these meetings looking for a fight, but rather, to learn about what is going on in Washington State, and work towards solutions that support our mission.

This year, the day was divided into State topics in the morning and Federal (USFS) topics in the afternoon. Master of Ceremonies for the morning was Bob Gish, BCHW Past President/BCHA Director. The day started with a presentation by Peter Goldmark, the Commissioner of Public Lands, discussing the current budget situation in Olympia with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Commissioner Goldmark is a long-time horseman from the Okanogan and acquaintance to BCHW members up there. He recognized the Okanogan Chapter for their efforts on the Loomis State Forest with an award. It was clear

that Commissioner Goldmark is comfortable among horsemen, perhaps more than among legislators.

Next up was Rance Block with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to present a slideshow about a possible purchase by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) of checkerboard private ownership sections in the Wenas. Rance asked for BCHW's support for this purchase. These parcels of Plum Creek timberlands are surrounded by public lands, which we use for recreation. Rance made a good case for the purchase, including letters of support from the Kittitas County Commissioners and the OHV community. (The BCHW Board of Directors later approved of supporting this effort.)

Following Rance was Mark Mauren, recreation champion for DNR. I told Mark before his presentation that there was no pressure, but it was up to him to sell the entire, very skeptical BCHW community that they should support the proposed DNR fee bill. Mark did his best at this, well, impossible task. Whatever else, Mark

made the case that the state budget picture was very bleak and that new money had to be found to keep all of the facilities open. He went through the issues he had heard to date from the recreational community. Two items important to BCHW chapters more than most other recreational groups are the costs associated with staging fund raising events and the volunteer credit system that would apply to both trail and campground use.

With WDFW unable to attend, I went through their public perception study that was being presented to the WDFW Commission that same day. It addresses by county, viewpoints on outdoor recreation, fees, gray wolf/black bear/coyote management and hunting. We then honored Rex Derr, now retired State

"You learn pretty quickly not to burn your bridges...You never know who will help you with building that next bridge you need to cross, be it a trail bridge or a procedural one."

(Continued on page 5)

Public Lands Day Recap

(Continued from page 4)

Parks Director, for his support of equestrians on State Park trails with a gift and letter. We look forward to Don Hoch, new State Parks Director, showing the same support. Don has been on at least one past VIP ride...and he didn't fall off!

Bob Gish turned his job for the afternoon over to Bob Stoehr, Resource Assistant for the Wenatchee Ranger District USFS. You know you've got a workable relationship when you can coax USFS staff into doing the work for you!!! The afternoon started with Sam Cook of the Colville N.F. discussing Challenge Cost Share agreements. Then Margaret Hartzell of the Okanogan, Wenatchee, and Colville forest plan revision team, along with Kevin Martin, Forest Supervisor for the Umatilla N.F., discussed the forest plan revision process underway on these national forests (and soon to be on the rest). One of the concerns we had is whether recommended wilderness areas that come out of the revision processes will be managed as wilderness, like with Region 1, even before they are congressionally designated. They said that unless D.C. provides specific new directives, Region 6 will continue to manage recommended wilderness areas under their current policy and not as official wilderness.

Gary Paull and Tom Davis of Mt. Baker Snoqualmie N.F. (MBS) then discussed trail maintenance accomplishments in 2010, which were put on the fast track with supplemental youth crews (SCA) paid with ARRA funds. It was a good year for the MBS as they were able to start getting caught up on a lot of their backlog trail maintenance. Gary then covered Pacific

Crest Trail repairs including pictures of the brand new Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) bridge (Skyline Bridge replacement) over the Suiattle River. Advocacy support for that new bridge replacement had been a big effort by BCHW and had included a BCHW resolution at the Port Townsend National Board meeting. It was encouraging to see the results!

Brenda Yankovich, Judy Hallisey, Randy McLandress, and Bob Stoehr of the Okanogan Wenatchee N.F. covered trail work and communication improvements on the Okanogan Wenatchee N.F. Randy discussed the new horse camps that will go in on the Entiat Ranger District. They were all very supportive of BCHW volunteers and our pack stock support. We culminated the Okanogan Wenatchee presentation with a discussion of pack stock use with Rusty Thompson, USFS packer, recipient of the 2010 national award for Traditional Skills and Minimum Tool Leadership.

We all are very grateful for the speakers and agency representatives that came to spend a snowy day with us in Ellensburg as guests of BCHW. They are each an integral part of the activities of our members somewhere in the state throughout the year. But once a year, we come together in the middle of the state in early December for the great roundtable on our mutual interests in recreational uses and management on our public lands. 🐾

2011 BCHW Calendars Now Available!

Members from throughout the state have contributed fabulous pictures of their activities for everyone to enjoy. The calendar reflects the image and essence of Back Country Horsemen of Washington and their dedication to our mission to keep public lands open for stock use and recreation. We are pleased to announce that the price of the 2011 calendar will remain at \$10.00 this year. The BCHW calendar is a fund raiser for the state organization, and we would appreciate your support. The calendars make wonderful holiday gifts!

Chapter Directors have order forms for the calendars at this time. For calendars ordered through the chapters and picked up at the Directors' meetings there will be no shipping or delivery charges. Contact Vicki Clark at (509) 551-0551 or hrrleerydr@gmail.com. 🐾



Legislative Report



They're Back

By Bob Brooke, BCHW Legislative Chair

With the legislature out of session but on the verge of a special session, there is not much to report. When no facts are at hand it is always nice to make predictions. The great thing about predictions is they carry a low level of accountability. I know this to be true because, for years, weather predictions have been erroneous but the same meteorologist continues to be on the air. So here goes my best guess.

There has been some concern that the legislature will make a permanent sweep of the NOVA account, putting all the funds in the hands of State Parks. My prediction is that they will think better of this idea. HOWEVER, should they be so misguided as to dismantle the NOVA program, we must be ready to descend on Olympia with as many signs and people as possible. At this writing, there is strong talk from the Governor for a special session. It may very well be that drastic cuts of NOVA funds will be a done deal by the time this is published. In that case, we will need to pursue a new bill in regular session. There are a number of good arguments as to why a NOVA sweep is a bad idea. The most valid, in my opinion, is that the recreational opportunities offered by State Parks are extremely limited. The NOVA account serves a variety of recreation needs: equestrian, motor bike, four-wheel drive, all-terrain vehicles and hiking. State Parks, on the other hand, have little if any opportunity for equestrian, motorbike, four-wheel drive or all-terrain vehicles. The parks cater to short term visits like picnics, short hikes and overnight camping. We can state with undeniable certainty that most of the recreational community would be disenfranchised

by a permanent sweep of the NOVA funds to State Parks. Should it happen, I for one will be advocating for a strong legal response in an effort to maintain the legitimate support of all recreational lands heretofore supported by NOVA. In addition it should not go un-noticed that State Parks receives \$5.00 from each license renewal unless the licensee opts out. This fee funnels a lot of money into State Parks. Our mission this year will be to remind legislators that there are other venues of recreation in addition to State Parks.

Another prediction of mine is there are also fees, coming to pass, on public lands. What form and what level of pricing is the center of the debate. My observation is that what the legislature and the land managers will do, if not restrained, is price recreation so high that many of our citizens will be priced out of land use. This is tragic. For those of us in what may be considered "high cost" recreation, i.e. equestrian, motor bike, four-wheel drive, all-terrain vehicles, fees may not wipe out our ability to enjoy our passion. However, for the young struggling family that can ill afford a variety of family activity, fees may terminate the opportunity to get the family together for a weekend away from TV'S and computer games. While the legislators give homage to exercise their actions stifle access to same. I'll leave the ramifications of this scenario to the mind of the reader.

These are going to be hard times. While we can understand the pressure that our law makers are going to be subjected to, we must also be vigilant that recreation and all its benefits do not shoulder an unfair part of the fix. 🐾

Statewide Elected Officials

- **Governor Christine Gregoire** – (360) 902-4111, governor.gregoire@governor.wa.gov, (<http://www.governor.wa.gov/>)
- **Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen** – (360) 786-7700, ltgov@leg.wa.gov, (<http://www.ltgov.wa.gov/>)
- **Washington State Legislature** – (<http://www.leg.wa.gov/>)
- **Attorney General Rob McKenna** – (360) 753-6200, ago@atg.wa.gov, (<http://www.atg.wa.gov/>)
- **Commissioner of Public Lands Peter Goldmark** – (360) 902-1000, cpl@dnr.wa.gov, (<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/>)

Federal Elected Officials

- **President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden** – Send questions, comments, concerns, or well-wishes to the President or his staff (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>)
- **U.S. Senators** – Search for your senators by name, state, or congressional class; and visit their websites (http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm)
- **U.S. Representatives** – Find contact information for your U.S. representative by typing in your zip code (<http://www.house.gov/>).



Editor's Note



A Great Job and Many Thanks to the Writers and Photographers of 2010



By Joyce Willms, BCHW Trailhead News Public Relations & Managing Editor

By Dick Yarboro, BCHW Trailhead News Publicity Chair & Editor

Dick Yarboro and I would like to thank the following members of BCHW who contributed stories and photos to the Trailhead News in 2010, especially the trail articles; we find it amazing just how much hard work the volunteers put into restoring and building the trails that we feel exhausted just reading them! With your support and hard work in writing articles and capturing photos we were able to put out a stellar publication, issue after issue.

To Sondra Johnston and Mary Yarboro: you do a great job in proofreading all of the content our writers contribute. Thank you and keep up the good work.

Janelle Wilson, Lewis County
Dick Yarboro, Grays Harbor
Sherry Baysinger, Peninsula
Darrell Wallace, Scatter Creek Riders
John Selby
Lori Lennox, Grays Harbor
Connie Baugher, Mount Adams
Fran Van Diest, Whatcom County
Karen Bailey, Alpine Lakes
Louise Caywood, Independent Member
Jenny McCall, Cascade Horse Club
Bill Somes, Cascade Horse Club
Doc Wesselius, Lewis County
Trygve Culp, Okanogan Valley
Joyce Willms, Grays Harbor
Jeff Chapman, Buckhorn Range
Al Morgan, Skagit
Darryl Weidkamp, Skagit
Ed Haeffliger, Scatter Creek Riders
Lu Young, Ferry County
Vicki Clark, Purple Sage Riders

Alan Pankau, Nisqually
Jim Thode, Lewis County
Jeanne Paddock, Independent Member
Mary Yarboro, Grays Harbor
Tony Karniss, Lewis County
Larry Davis, Lewis County
Kim Beus, Peninsula
Jane Byram, Independent Member
Tami Merriman, Pierce County
Sharon Vanderslice, Island County
Lynn Morgan
Melinda Hardin, Whatcom County
Susie Drougas, Wenas Valley
Jacque Sansaver
Robert Eversole, Tahoma
C. Eversole, Tahoma
Annika Bales, Jr. BCH
Dave Swanberg, Okanogan Valley
Jan Ford, Methow Valley
Bob Spickard, Inland Empire
Nancy Phillips

Joan Burlingame, Tahoma
Deb Wesselius, Lewis County
Jennifer Coyle-Bond
Sally Laib, Pierce County
Patti Wible, Lewis County
Regina Twidwell, Olympic
Missy Day, Tahoma
Norm Welsh, Mount St. Helens
Joann Pumphrey, Mount St. Helens
Dave Welch, Mount Adams
Gail Rase, Olympic
Christy Harkins, Jr. BCH
Dave Jackson, Purple Sage Riders
Bob Brooke, Pierce County
Adriane Wolfe

We don't know what we would do without Jim Thode. Jim is a great photographer; when we need a photo for the THN, he always has something we can use. Thode is also BCHW's web master. His fast turn-around time on uploading information on the website makes for an up-to-date and relevant place for our members to visit. Thank you.

We would also like to thank Crissy McGee of Washington Media Services. Crissy is the Editor of the THN and Advertising Manager. It is because of her careful eye for detail and the considerable effort she puts into each issue that we have a great looking THN for all our readers! 🐾

Please Note: If your name is not listed here, and you have submitted an article, we apologize. Please email Crissy at bchw@wamedia.com so we can give you credit in the next issue. Thank You!

Thank you to businesses and chapters that advertise in the Trailhead News:

Merten Ranch
WSU Press
Jack Jenson, Tahoma
Hells Canyon Mule Days
BCHW Leave No Trace
BCHW Tahoma Chapter

BCHW Ferry County Chapter
Anderson Hay & Grain Co., Inc.
Holiday Inn Express, Ellensburg
Richard Woodfin – Runnin' W Inc.
BCHW Purple Sage Riders Chapter
Spirit of the West Cowboy Gathering

Washington Outfitters and Guides Assn.
Teunis Wyers – Wyers Haskell Davies, PC
Kathy Goldberg, Broker, Coldwell Banker
Dave and Janis Siewert – Sonshine Acres Ranch
Best Western Lincoln Inn & Suites, Ellensburg

Please support these businesses by purchasing from them!

2011 BCHW Rendezvous Update

Keeping Alive Traditions of the Past, Keeping Trails Open for the Future

By Barbara Vache', BCHW Cascade Horse Club Chapter and Dave Swanberg, BCHW Okanogan Valley Chapter

In an effort to restore some of the BCHW traditions of the past, members are invited to meet up in Ellensburg, WA, March 18-20, 2011 for a gathering where you can enjoy educational opportunities, renew old friendships, and make new ones.

The Rendezvous Committee has been busy making plans to make this weekend one to remember. Some of the activities planned at this time are clinicians, demonstrations, speakers and just plain fun. As in the past few years, we will have chapter displays, a photo contest, vendors, Dutch oven cooking, Saturday banquet, live, silent and bucket auctions, a dance, annual membership meeting and leadership classes. Added this year will be a consignment tack sale, dinner table decoration contest, additional Dutch oven demonstrations, and decker and sawbuck style packing demonstrations.

Registration – Jackie is starting to receive Early Bird reservations. We hope that more members/guests will register early as it will reduce the amount of work that Jackie and her crew will need to do at the door. In addition, we will be able to notify the Caterer of the approximate quantity of required dinners. See page 10 in the THN for the registration form.

Demonstrations – Headlining for us this year we have invited Barb Apple, who has graciously offered to

present for us without charge. At this time, we are working on the following presentations: Balance for Trail Riders and Before You Hit the Trails, working on trail obstacles. The plan is to have two more sessions with the content not determined at this time. There will be an opportunity for three to four riders to sign up for each session at a very reduced cost. Please watch your chapter newsletter for further information.

For a little excitement, Eastern WA. Mounted Shooters, a chapter of Cowboy Mounted Shooters Association, will be giving demonstrations on Friday and Saturday.

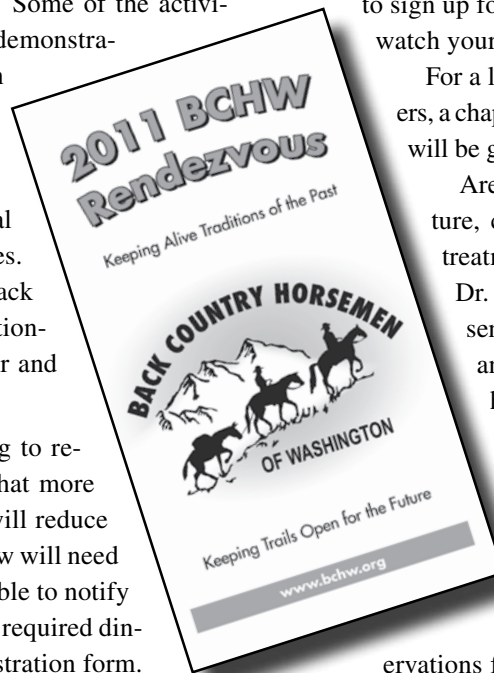
Are you interested in equine massage, acupuncture, chiropractic or any of the new homeopathic treatments that are springing up around your area? Dr. Kaia Soreum, DVM, will be there with a presentation called "Quack Alert" – what to look for and ask before you have someone work on your horse. Robert Eversole will present his educational and entertaining talk "Staying Found", hitting on map and compass reading.

Housing – Dick Yarboro has done an excellent job of obtaining housing at reduced rates from two 5-star motels. See left for more information to make reservations for those who need to reserve a room for our event. I recommend that reservations be made early as there are only so many available at these prices

Rendezvous Logo and Theme – This will be the cover of our 2011 Rendezvous program that will include the schedule of Events. The design was donated by Joyce Willms of Washington Media Services.

Education – A preliminary Rendezvous Schedule has been prepared and is available on the Director Forum. Revisions will be made as new information is gathered.

Auctions – If you and your chapter members have not thought about a donation(s) for the Bucket Raffle, Silent Auction, and most importantly the Live Auction, now is the time to discuss and decide on what you would like to donate to these auctions. Remember this is your organization and only you and your chapters will make this a successful fundraiser for BCHW. The auction committee members are Kim Merrick, Live auction; Beth Hill, Silent Auction; and Joanne Yost, Bucket raffle.



Special Rendezvous Hotel Rates

Holiday Inn Express **509-962-9400**

35 available King or Double Queen Rooms \$94.00 + tax
Holiday Inn Express rooms need to be reserved by 2/18/11. Features Hot Breakfast, Indoor Swimming, Spa, Fitness Center, Business Center and Meeting Rooms.

Best Western Lincoln Inn & Suites **509-925-4244**

15 available King Mini Suite Rooms \$79.99 + tax
15 available Double Queen Mini Suite Rooms \$97.49 + tax
Features Breakfast, Pool, Hot Tub, Fitness Center, Business Center, High Speed Internet and Pet Friendly.

Book early and mention BCHW

(Continued on page 9)


2011 BCHW Rendezvous Update

(Continued from page 8)

Vendors – I was not able to receive an update on our Vendors as of this date. If you know of vendors that might be interested in attending, please give Dick Bailey a call at 360-264-2800, or e-mail d Bailey@scattercreek.com. Also, if you know of any vendors who would be interested in advertising in the Trailhead News, please contact Crissy at bchw@wamedia.com or (360) 754-4543.

This year we hope to have something for everyone. Look for registration in this edition of the Trailhead News along with numbers to call for more information. Be sure to check the Mar/Apr 2011 issue of the Trailhead News for any last minute updates. 🐾

Thank You!



The City of Ellensburg has graciously given us a \$600 grant for advertising and promotion of the Rendezvous.

2011 Photo Contest to be Held at the Rendezvous, March 18-19, 2011



BCHW is a unique, mission specific organization – we want your photos that portray our chosen lifestyle!

Categories of Entry:

These may be flexible and/or end up being combined: it depends on the amount of participation by members.

- Volunteer Work – It's what we do!
- Camp Life & Grub – Which is also what we do!
- Jr. BCHW in Action – The future of BCHW
- LNT, Education & Clinics
- Humorous
- Scenic Views (no people or stock)
- On the Trail (with people & stock) – “wish that was me!”
- General

In addition to winners in each category, there will also be voting by the audience for the People's Choice Award.

Photo Contest Judges:

Jim Thode, Carol Wilcox & Peg Greiwe

Rules:

You must be a current 2011 BCHW member to enter. If you're not a member yet, please join today; contact your chapter for an application. Or you can now join online! Or download an application, see www.bchw.org for both options. Applications will also be available at the Photo Contest site.

Photograph Specifications:

- You may enter as many photos as you wish.
- They may be color or black & white; horizontal or vertical.
- Photos must be between the sizes of 5x7 and 16x20 inches.
- Each photo must be mounted on a plain rigid matte board no larger than 16x20 inches. A second matte surrounding the print is acceptable.
- No entries mounted on wood, covered with glass, plastic or framed will be accepted.
- On the back of each entry include your name, telephone number, email address, category you are entering, and a detailed caption telling name of person(s) in the photo from left to right and the specific location depicted in the photo. (i.e.: Killen Creek Trail #113, Mt. Adams Wilderness, Gifford Pinchot National Forest).
- No description or names may be on the front of the mounting or photo for purposes of judging and presentation.
- Photos can be returned, but only by 1.) picking up after the contest, 2.) including a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the correct size & postage amount with entry or 3.) by having your chapter Director pick it up for you at the Board of Directors meeting in June.
- If you wish for your photos to be submitted for the calendar, please let us know; and we will give them to Vicky. Or better yet, include a non-returnable disc for better resolution. 📀

Anyone interested in helping as a contest judge? Contact Sally at slaib@centurytel.net

2011 BCHW Rendezvous, Leadership Training, Auction, Dinner, Dance and General Membership Meeting at the Kittitas Valley Event Center (fairgrounds) in Ellensburg – March 18 to March 19, 2011

2011 Rendezvous Registration Form

Reservations for accommodations, and reservations for the Dinner & Dance are recommended. For your convenience, we are offering a discount for "Early Bird" reservations.

Dinner & Dance (Standing Room Only (SRO) is the band for this year's evening entertainment, and they rocked last year!)

"Early Bird" Prime Rib and Chicken Combo Dinners # _____ x \$30 _____

(Early Bird Reservations includes five Bucket Raffle Tickets)

NOTE: Without prior reservation Prime Rib and Chicken Combo # _____ x \$40 _____

There are 30 round tables that circle the dance floor; each table seats 8 people. # of tables _____ x \$10 _____

(first come, first paid basis)

Camping (Camping is available at the KVEC Campground at the following rates)

"Early Bird" RV Camping, Electric Only # of days _____ x \$15 _____

"Early Bird" Dry/Tent Camping # of days _____ x \$11 _____

NOTE: Without prior reservation camping with electricity only # of days _____ x \$22 _____

NOTE: Without prior reservation dry/tent camping # of days _____ x \$17 _____

Total Cost \$ _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Form must be received with payment in full no later than March 10, 2011, for "Early Bird" pricing. Make checks payable to BCHW – Mark for 2011 Annual Meeting/Reservation

Return this form to: Jackie Angermeir • PO Box 1717, Westport, WA 98595 • 360-268-0212 or 360-267-1765

Please clip out and mail

1620 S Canyon Rd., Ellensburg
(509) 962-9400
www.hiexpress.com/ellensburgwa



Welcome BCHW Members!



- Express Start HOT Breakfast
- Indoor pool/hot tub
- Fitness Center
- Free Wi-Fi
- Suites with jetted tubs
- All rooms have microwaves & refrigerators




**Proud Sponsor of
2011 BCHW Rendezvous**

Best Western Lincoln Inn & Suites
"Voted Best Lodging in Kittitas County"



2010 voted best of Kittitas COUNTY

Whether your stay is for business, pleasure or relocation you'll enjoy your stay at the
Lincoln Inn & Suites!
211 W Umptanum Rd

www.BestWesternEllensburg.com

Toll Free: 866-925-4288

Hotel Amenities:

- 100% Smoke Free
- Free High Speed Internet
- 24-hour Indoor Pool, Hot Tub & Fitness Center
- Extended Stay Kitchens
- Jacuzzi Suites
- Free Breakfast Buffet



Earn Free Nights Staying with us!

It's Time to Start Thinking About BCHW Awards Nominees!

By the BCHW Awards Committee: Lori Lennox, Chair, Jennifer Coyle-Bond, Sally Laib and Deb Wesselius

Who stands out in your mind as deserving of the following awards? Nominations may be from either chapters or members. We need nominations for every category.

Lifetime Achievement

This award is for the BCHW member or couple who has shown a lifetime of dedication to BCHW by actively pursuing and promoting the BCHW Mission Statement. They need not have put in physical work hours only; they may have contributed in many other ways. This award is recognition, not a contest. Up to three awards, if any, may be given out per year.

Lopper Award

This award is for the BCHW member who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and dedication to their chapter or to BCHW by participation and promotion of what the BCHW Mission Statement stands for. This is kind of an all around award, with the nominee being active in several different aspects of the many things that make up BCHW. This award is now broken into three segments, one award for each category:

1. 1-2 year new BCHW member who has jumped in with both feet,
2. 5+ year member with consistent outstanding service
3. 10+ year member with consistent outstanding service

This award, in the past, has only been given out once per person (a member could only receive one Lopper Award in their lifetime); should this be changed with the three categories?

Camp Cook

This award is for the BCHW member who willingly keeps the campfires burning, the kettles hot and full of delicious food to share with others. Whether it is at meetings, work parties or social functions, they are in the kitchen making sure all are well fed.

New for 2011: Three new award categories have been created:



Trail Warrior

This person may not make all the chapter functions or even own a computer; but they are out rain or shine, day in and day out, working on the trails.

Desk Jockey

This person is one of the behind the scenes people, always at a computer or running from meeting to meeting. They keep the wheels of our organization turning.

Junior BCHW

Our future! Who stands out in your chapter?

Nomination forms are available at www.BCHW.org, your chapter director or myself at l1ennox82@gmail.com. The more information you include in the submission the better, as the Judging Team does not know every member. Tell them why this member is so important and worthy of the award! Please include photos, news clippings, letters of recommendation from BCHW members and land managers when possible. The submissions and awards will be presented to the recipients when they are announced at the BCHW Annual Meeting at Rendezvous in March.

Help Needed

There is a set budget for the awards program that has not been increased to cover the costs of the additional award categories. Are there any chapters or individuals that are interested in stepping up and sponsoring one of the three new proposed awards or be willing to get a business to sponsor one or all? With our 501(c) 3 status, they could have tax advantages and could receive various sorts of advertising from BCHW for this. Perhaps a chapter with a recipient would sponsor that award? We are thinking that nice engraved and dated plaques would be appropriate but are open to any suggestions. Plaques run about \$30-40 each and I can arrange all the engraving and ordering. Another idea might be a good pair of hand clippers for the Jr. BCHW award. At this time, the number of recipients for each award has yet to be determined because we are not sure of funding for these categories. At the very least, nice framed certificates will be given out to up to three recipients per category. 🐾

Nomination forms are available at www.BCHW.org, your chapter director or myself at l1ennox82@gmail.com

Back Country Horsemen of Washington Award Nomination Form

(one form per nominee)

Category:

- Lifetime Achievement
- Lopper Award: 1-2 Year member 5 Years 10+ Years
- Camp Cook
- Trail Warrior
- Desk Jockey
- Junior BCHW

Nominee's Name _____

Chapter(s) _____

Submitted by _____

Chapter(s) _____

Date _____ Contact Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

Please keep in mind that your presentation will be viewed by all the award judges in order to do their evaluation; they will probably not know the nominee personally.

Information to include in your nomination presentation:

In 25 words or less, please give an opening statement telling why this person is deserving of special, statewide recognition for this specific award. And then separately and on as many pages as you need, please create a presentation detailing WHY this person should receive this award. Please include:

- Chapters this person has belonged to and for how long;
- Positions or job titles this person has held;
- An estimate of his or her volunteer hours (Chapter VHC's can help with this);
- Awards this person has won;
- Trails or camps this person has worked on;
- A little family history;
- Include anything which will make your nominee stand out - letters of recommendation from land managers, news clippings, photos, etc.

Your presentation will be given to the recipient at the awards ceremony.

Mail nomination forms with your presentation via USPO to:

Lori Lennox
 PO Box 194
 Satsop, WA 98583
 Questions: llennox82@gmail.com or 360-482-2742

Must be received before Feb 15th, 2011. Awards to be given out at BCHW General Meeting in March.



Please clip out and mail



Primitive Campground Not Out of the Woods

By Jewel Hardy, BCHW Willapa Hills Chapter

When camping in a small campground just outside of Naselle, WA, you have the feeling that you are a part of history. Long ago, this place was the site of a logging camp known as Tunerville I. The road that leads in 10 miles from Hwy 4 used to be the railroad line running along Salmon Creek to this logging camp destination. The logging community once boasted a dance hall, store, shop, and cabins that housed the loggers and their families. Even today, you can still find small groups of daffodils that probably once grew along side a cabin. In the sixties, it was nothing more than a wide spot in the road that bends far enough from the creek to afford a campground. The camp now has five tables, fire pits, a few corrals, and an outhouse. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) sign advises the camp was formed in 1991. That is when I started camping there, and I know it was there long before our family began spending quality time there recreating with our horses. I found out about the camp from a hunter friend but otherwise, most people don't even know it is there. If you have the opportunity to stay there, you may sometimes get the feeling that it is exclusively yours. Other times it is crammed with campers that are ATV and hunting enthusiasts. You can also find hikers and bikers, using the trails to explore. No matter how crowded, though, there is

a mutual respect for each other and the property. If you find you have no room, someone will move over and make a spot for you. This mutual harmony between so many different users is very unique and creates a feeling of a common bond and fellowship.

The fellowship has been put to the test a couple of times now when the camp was scheduled to be closed by the state. Various reasons are given and we know that ecology rules are becoming more stringent, but this is all we have for a good many miles. It is definitely the only place that allows us to camp with our horses. We take the stand of "show me" for reasons to close what is so dear to us. We almost lost this resource in the year 2000, and overwhelming response from citizens objecting to the action made the agency aware that we are not going to take this loss lying down. It also brought about a partnership with DNR showing that good public relations can actually save the state some costs; we have a variety of volunteers with multiple talents to help resolve the issues together. A public meeting was held with overflowing response from citizens. A good number of people stepped up to the plate, agreeing to be on a core group populated by DNR, elected officials, and various recreation users, to work out issues that would threaten the camp.

(Continued on page 14)

2011 Calendar of Events

- Check with the ride host on whether or not weed-seed-free feed is required by law.
- Contact the ride host to check for updates on the event.
- Practice LNT so the ride host will be able to use the land again.

Please send us your events. There is a **9-line maximum** to include: name of event, sponsoring chapters, date of event, cost (if any), register by date, location, contact person, phone number, and email address or website.

Equine First Aid Clinic

January 15, 2011
Jack Gillette, DMV: (253) 847-1626

Leave No Trace Expo

March 2011; Cabela's, Lacey, WA
wndderwmn@yahoo.com

Rattlesnake Ridge Riders 25th Annual Chili Feed & Ride

March 13, 2011
Horn Rapids Park off SR 225 off SR 240
\$7 a person or \$25 a family of 4
Registration at 7 a.m.
cagauthier@yahoo.com or
Linda: (509) 588-3600

BCHW Rendezvous & Annual Meeting

March 18-20, 2011
Kittitas Valley Event Center
Ellensburg, WA

Lewis County Chapter 2011 Leave No Trace Basic Skills Class

April 9 & 10, 2011
USFS Cowlitz Valley Ranger District
- Randle, WA
Cost: \$50 (includes lodging & meals)
Register by March 15, 2011
Doc & Deb Wesselius: (360) 736-6106
wesselius@localaccess.com

BCHA National Board Meeting

April 26-30, 2011;
Butte, MT
For more information call
BCHA office at 1 (888) 893-5161

Olympic Chapter Western Dream Ride

July 15-17, 2011
Flying Horseshoe Ranch, Cle Elum, WA
Lynne Smith: 360-895-0127;
iluvbmds@wavecable.com

Primitive Campground Not Out of the Woods

(Continued from page 13)

As time passed and agency people were moved to different areas, the core group faded, but two user groups kept the camp maintained under the Adopt a Camp Program. We even took up collections among campers to pay for the out-house to be pumped. We put in culverts and drove in posts to keep disrespectful users from driving close to the creek. We picked up glass and planted grass. Willapa Bay Fisheries Enhancement partnered with us and took care of any Salmon issues by doing a stream restoration and putting in a huge fish friendly culvert so the road could remain open. This road is also the route DNR uses for the timber trust operations. All this was accomplished at no cost to the agency or state.

Everything seemed to be going good until this year when, through the grapevine, I learned that the camp was scheduled to be closed January 2011. Once again, the fellowship of campers kicked in through emails and phone trees to object. We appealed to our County Commissioner, District Senator and State Representatives, to act as an advocate and I have to say, they really came through for us. A group of citizens, DNR, and Elected Officials came together at a meeting in Tunerville, which probably takes the

prize for being the most miserable (weather wise) meeting these distinguished folks had ever attended. There were no computers, PA systems, and no named facilitator. The only equipment present was umbrellas.

Discussions of the issues were presented and countered, and then a walking tour took place. By the end of the tour, there was an answer to many prayers as, through the grace of God, we were baptized into a new partnership by the rain.

Most of the original agency staff from 2000 have retired, written agreements have been archived somewhere, and conversations from back then have been lost, but we that have a passion for this place could produce documentation that these same issues had been hashed out before and agreements made. I believe there came a reasonable result that the issues can be handled and our claim for our rights to use the public land has been restored, at least for now. A compromise to abandon part of the road and still allow camper access, and allow the camp to remain until another in the same vicinity is in place was reached. It is up to all of us now to research solutions, use creative thinking, and find funding to sustain this small, retired logging camp, known as Tunerville. It is our sanctuary from the demands of our

(Continued on page 15)

2011 Membership Application: Back Country Horsemen of Washington

All adult members need to sign the form. Chapter Members: Turn in to chapter treasurer.

Independent Members mail to: BCHW ATTN: MEMBERSHIP, 110 W. 6th Ave., PMB 393, Ellensburg, WA 98926

I would like to help preserve the Horsemen's rights to use horses on public lands.

New Member Renewal/Past Member Mmbr #: _____ County _____ Legislative District _____

Adult Names (please print) _____

Children Names (please print) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____ Email _____

Chapter _____

Occupation _____ Do you want to be a Volunteer? Yes No

What would you like to volunteer for? _____

State membership for 2011 calendar year.	
Family Membership	\$ 49 _____
Single Membership	\$ 36 _____
Additional State Donation	\$ _____
Chapter Dues	\$ _____
Optional Memberships (Includes Family or Single Membership)	
Contributing Member	\$ 65 _____
Sustaining Member	\$ 100 _____
Patron Member	\$ 250 _____
Benefactor Member	\$ 500 _____
Lifetime (Single) Member	\$1200 _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$ _____

Liability Release & Notices

All ADULT members MUST sign! Adult's signature covers minor children.

Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident wherever horse use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses, riders, and spectators, and also recognizing the fact that Back Country Horsemen of Washington, including chapters, officers, directors, or members cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience of riders or horses taking part in Trail Rides or other BCHW functions, I do hereby release the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children or horses.

Signed _____ Dated _____

Signed _____ Dated _____

Signed _____ Dated _____

Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) is a public charity as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Accordingly, membership dues paid to BCHW may be treated as deductions characterized as "charitable contributions" when computing federal and state income tax obligations.

Please clip out and mail

Primitive Campground Not Out of the Woods

(Continued from page 14)

busy worlds and a place of learning for past, current and future generations.

I ask for support from the recreation community in supporting the needs of recreationists for keeping outdoor opportunities available on the DNR lands at and around Tunerville. Help our campaign by going beyond the short answers given by agencies on why “we can’t” to why “we can”. If the public need for access is there, and the public is willing to say so in sufficient numbers, then the plan will follow, one that both meets the needs of the community and that of the state agencies. Remember Tunerville when you are in Olympia.

There are many recreational facilities in our state that are in jeopardy of being closed or services reduced. Tunerville is at the top of the list. Let’s show that we can rise to the occasion and work with the public land managers to serve the needs of the community. As my experience is proving, contacting your elected officials and asking advice or help can be effective. If you can show you are being respectful and reasonable, they will make the compassionate decision to help. For Tunerville, this effort started a long time ago and the end isn’t in sight. Our public leaders can do their thing in Olympia and we can do what we can on a local level. ↩

Attention Members:

It is very important for the March/April 2011 Trailhead News to be out in the mail early in accordance with the BCHW Rendezvous.

Please submit your article and photos to Crissy at bchw@wamedia.com

**NO LATER THAN 8 a.m.
on February 1, 2011**

For questions, please call Crissy at 360-754-4543. Thank You!

WAGONS HO!

You Are Invited to Join
Washington Outfitters and Guides



Ride to Rendezvous

May 2nd thru 6th, 2011

Step Back in Time

“Experience of a Lifetime”

Take this 5-day trek over the historic trails and back roads of the Methow Valley. Bring your saddle horse (we provide the hay) or horse drawn vehicle (or ride in ours), or for an additional fee you may ride an outfitter’s trail-wise mount.

ENJOY!

Fantastic Meals – Dutch Oven Cooking
Campfire Entertainment
Breathtaking Country – Scenic Rides
Great People & Great Fun

*Please contact the WOGA office
or website for more information*



P.O. Box 1125
Twisp, WA 98856

877-ASK-WOGA

Email
outfitters@woga.org

Web
www.woga.org



They Said It Couldn't Be Done

By Sharon Vanderslice, BCHW Island County Chapter

Much to the delight of the Island County Back Country Horsemen (ICBCH), the Whidbey Camano Land Trust (WCLT) has successfully saved the largest parcel of privately owned forest on Whidbey Island from future development. The 664 wooded acres, known as “the Trillium”, contains a network of trails and old logging roads, which have long been used on an informal basis by equestrians, bikers, dog walkers and birders.

Island County had approved division of the Trillium into 124 plots, but when the property went into foreclosure, the Land Trust purchased an option to buy it for \$4.2 million in February 2010. The problem was that the repossessing banks gave them only until June 10th to raise the money or the Trillium would go back on the auction block and the small parcels sold off individually for development. This short window of time precluded applying for government grants, so all funds would need to be raised through private and local sources.

Jerry Lloyd of the Island County Back Country Horsemen was the only equestrian represented on the Land Trust's Community Outreach Committee. His tireless work yielded endorsements and pledges from every horse group on the island as well as all of the hiking and biking clubs. Participating horse groups included the Pony Club, Western Games Association, Whidbey Dressage Club, Harmony Hill Stable, Equestrian Crossings for disabled riders, M-C Ranch, which serves special needs youngsters and all of the horse 4-H clubs. The latter held a competition to see which club could raise the most money. The winning club was given a day of free riding lessons by a classical dressage instructor in a lovely arena whose use was also donated. The ICBCH

held a charity fundraising ride and two more charity rides in the Trillium were sponsored by the M-C Ranch.

When June 10th arrived, the WCLT had raised \$2,400,000.00 in pledges and donations. The banks were so impressed by the level of community support that they agreed to extend the deadline for the Trillium's sale until September 6. Thus ensued a flurry of bake and garage sales, car washes and collection cans. The Audubon Club, the Rod and Gun Club, Chambers of Commerce, churches and builders all came on board. Regional news media, including the Seattle Times, Everett Herald, Channels 4 and 5 news, gave coverage to the community's effort and commitment to save the Trillium.

By September 6, the WCLT had raised \$4 million. The remaining \$200,000.00 was borrowed with a low interest four-year loan. Within a year, ownership of the entire Trillium property will be transferred to Island County with the Land Trust holding a conservation easement on it prohibiting development, but leaving it open to the public for passive, non-motorized use of the forest. Scientific research will be conducted to collect data to protect critical areas such as wetlands and volunteers will be recruited to help maintain trails.

Elizabeth Guss, the Land Trust's Director of Development, stated that the role of the horse people was absolutely critical at the outset of the campaign in creating the buzz,

interest and growing momentum to get the fundraising off the ground. According to Elizabeth, “The horse people believed when no one else did.” The ICBCH continues to be in awe of what a small group of people in a very small place can accomplish in a very short time. 🐾



Jerry Lloyd, an Island County Chapter member, adding to a thermometer showing progress toward obtaining the funds to save the Trillium. The sign was along the main north-south highway on Whidbey adjacent to the Trillium property.

Wenas Valley Back Country Horsemen Team Up With Naches Valley Ranger Station

By Susie Drougas, BCHW Wenas Valley Chapter

The BCHW Wenas Valley Chapter worked with the Naches Valley Ranger Station to do prep work for our National Trail Days project in June 2011, where we will be building a 36-foot puncheon bridge across the mud bog on the wilderness side

Photos by Susie Drougas



Naches Ranger Station Work Crew: Left to right, Marissa Forman, Jesse Heaverlo, Lonnie Joslin, Sue Ranger, Katie Moore-Drougas

of the Pleasant Valley Loop Trail. This mud bog has gotten to the point that horses have sank up to their bellies and actually been injured on old culverts and debris.

It was a beautiful fall day; you could see your breath. Our purpose was to pack planks and gravel to the bridge site. Our

group split up; Mike Drougas and Clayton Myers proceeded to pack 42 planks on their packhorses, four at a time, six loads, one and three quarter miles round trip to the mud bog. It was a turn and burn with a lunch break in the middle.

Mark Reiss, Al Norrbom, Lou Ann Matches and Susie Drougas took their packhorses to a gravel bar on the American River a short distance from the mud bog. We had a relay system with the Naches Ranger District crew of Marissa Forman, Sue Ranger and Katie Moore-Drougas, along with volunteers Lonnie Joslin and Jess Heaverlo from Central Washington loading our gravel panniers at the river. We took the gravel up the bank to the mud bog and Kenny Schultz and Rex McMullin dumped the gravel bags at the site. We went back and forth all day long.

There was a little excitement when Lou Ann pulled off the trail to let Mike and Clayton pass. She ended up standing on a bees' nest, so Kenny's pack mule she was pulling took off for parts unknown



Mike Drougas and Clayton Myers


(they're not stupid) and Lou Ann and Gus, her riding horse, hopped out of site! Bees are so annoying!

We got all the planks packed in and cached, and we got a sizeable pile of gravel for the mudsills. Funny thing about the gravel, for as much as they dug and we hauled, you would expect a much larger pile, maybe like 10 feet tall or something! It turned out to be more like two feet, but it's a good start for next spring. We needed to do the prep work this fall with the American River low so the gravel bar was exposed and the river was easy to ride across. 🐾

Now Offering
WWHAM-NAWFF
Weed Free
Certified Hay

For More Information
Call 877-269-1526 or Email
CertifiedHay@Anderson-Hay.com

Pioneering Dependable
Opportunities for
Agriculture Worldwide.



ANDERSON
ANDERSON HAY & GRAIN CO., INC.
www.Anderson-Hay.com



By Dolly Watkins, BCHW Ferry County Chapter

Ray B Watkins, DVM, died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on October 26, 2010, at the age of 88. He served in the military during World War II, and then earned a degree in Veterinary Medicine. He became the Chief Veterinarian for the City of Seattle and King County. During that time he was a member of the King County Posse, an award-winning mounted equestrian team, which performed yearly at the Ellensburg Rodeo and rode in parades throughout the State. Upon retirement, he and his wife, Dolly, moved to Republic, WA, where they purchased a horse ranch and timberland.



he was one of the members that helped establish the new Edds Mountain Trailhead. Ray participated in parades to promote the Back Country Horsemen and through the years, he helped out at work parties. He loved to work in the woods and clear trails. In 2009 Ray and Dolly were presented with a Lifetime Achievement award for their contribution in the Back Country Horsemen organization. The Ferry County Chapter honored Ray and Dolly on the new trail sign at Lambert Creek. He loved to ride the trails and had a smile for everyone. 🐾

A neighbor, Nick Davenport, urged them to become members of the Kettle Ridge Riders Chapter of BCHW. Ray served as President, Director and Trail Boss and worked with the Colville National Forest, Republic District Recreational employees. He was one of the "Three Old Men" (Nick Davenport, Stan Strong, Ray Watkins), who prodded the Colville National Forest to restore the Stage Coach Trail and establish the Lambert Trailhead and Horse Camp. Then as the new Ferry County Chapter BCHW formed,



BCHW Trailhead News Ad Rates

(eligible for web site ad, see right for details)

Ad Size	Ad Dimensions	Ad Cost 1x Insertion	Ad Cost 6x Insertion
Back Cover 3/4 page	8" H x 8" W	\$450.00	\$435x6=\$2,610 (Save \$90.00)
Inside Front Cover	10" H x 7 1/2" W	\$450.00	\$435x6=\$2,610 (Save \$90.00)
Inside Back Cover	10" H x 7 1/2" W	\$425.00	\$410x6=\$2,460 (Save \$90.00)
Full Page	10" H x 7 1/2" W	\$400.00	\$385x6=\$2,310 (Save \$90.00)
3/4 Page	6 1/4" H x 7 1/2" W	\$300.00	\$285x6=\$1,710 (Save \$90.00)
Half Page	4 3/4" H x 7 1/2" W	\$220.00	\$205x6=\$1,230 (Save \$90.00)
Third Page	3 1/2" H x 7 1/2" W	\$180.00	\$165x6=\$990 (Save \$90.00)
Quarter Page	4 3/4" H x 3 5/8" W	\$120.00	\$105x6=\$630 (Save \$90.00)
Business Card	2" H x 3 5/8" W	\$75.00	\$65x6=\$390 (Save \$90.00)

When a contract is signed to run an ad for 1 year, you are eligible to have an ad on the BCHW web site for free.

Ads must meet professional publishing standards. Ads must be high resolution (300 dpi) PDFs or JPGs. Modifications are billable for design at \$75.00 per hour, \$40.00 minimum charge, billed to the advertiser. All ads subject to approval by BCHW.

Ads must be the same size for all six insertions and must be paid in advance at first insertion for discount and a free ad on website on insertion.

\$225.00 per issue spot color charge

Any advertising questions please contact:

Crissy McGee or Adriane Wolfe

(360) 754-4543 • Fax (360) 943-7086

bchw@wamedia.com • visit: www.bchw.org

Ad Deadline Dates and Payment Due **Publish Date of Newsletter**
(or first business day after this date)

December 1 Jan/Feb
February 1 Mar/April
April 1 May/June
June 1 July/Aug
August 1 Sept/Oct
October 1 Nov/Dec

Make payment payable to:
Back Country Horsemen of Washington

Send check along with ad to:
BCHW Trailhead News
Washington Media Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 7184, Olympia, WA 98507

Conditions: Washington Media Services, Inc. and the Back Country Horsemen of Washington Trailhead News magazine assumes no financial responsibility for typographical errors or omissions. The advertiser assumes liability for the content of the advertisement and any claims that may arise there from against the publisher.

Promoting Healthy Youth

Just a Back Country Boy

By Norma D. & Gary Wright, BCHW Lewis County Chapter

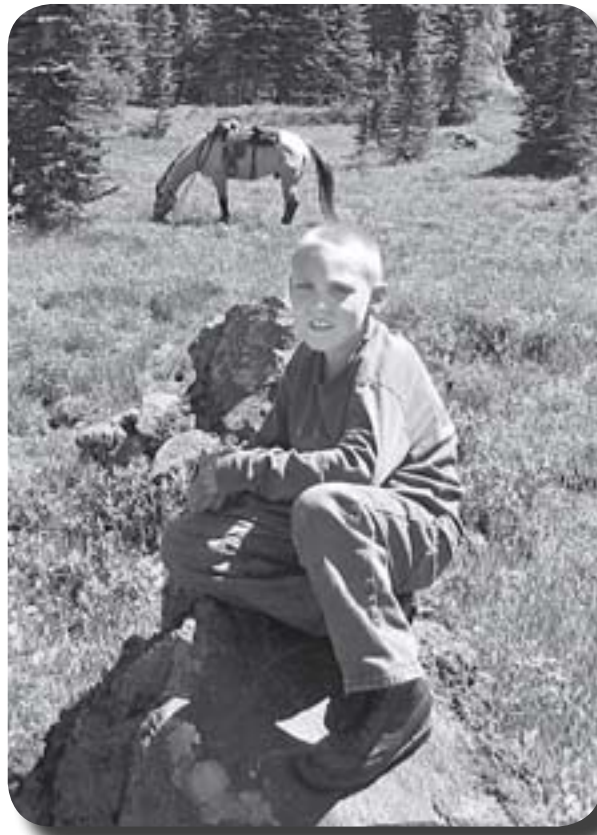
Rocky Lockwood, almost nine, is an extreme outdoorsman. He loves learning about all aspects of nature. The only problem is, he lives in town and rarely has the opportunity to go outside and play.

On a recent visit to our home in the country, peering out the window of the car on the way, Rocky wistfully said, “You’re so lucky – I want to be a country boy.” Just as quick as he could get out of the car, he headed for the boulders at the edge of the pasture to search for insects and snakes. Later in the evening, while watching the deer grazing with the horses, he again said, “You’re so lucky. I wish I could watch deer from my house.”

Rocky really appreciates the outdoors and feels very lucky when he gets a rare opportunity to go camping and horseback riding in the wilderness. He has learned the names of many wildflowers and other plants that are native to the Goat Rocks. He’s also had the chance to view wildlife up close. In fact, we had been watching a hoary marmot in the Mt. Adams Wilderness the day Rocky earned his “native” name, “The Flying Marmot”. But that’s another story, ha!

On wilderness outings, Rocky stays very busy exploring when not in the saddle. He can be very tenacious when trying to catch small game. He tells us it’s important to his survival, should he ever become lost – never mind that practicing his survival skills is exactly how he got lost!

One day upon returning to camp after a day of riding, he went off exploring. He knows to stay close and check in when he’s called and generally follows the rules very closely; but



Rocky Lockwood, 8 years old; Grandson to Lewis County Chapter members Gary & Norma Wright.

this time he was following an elk trail when he heard a whistle from camp that meant it was time to check in. When he returned to “his meadow” he discovered it wasn’t his meadow at all. He tried to follow the whistle but it wasn’t long before folks in camp were forming a search party and heading out in all directions. Needless to say, the whistle was changing locations and by the time he zigged and zagged a few times to locate it, he was very lost! He was missing 30 minutes before he was found too panic-stricken to cry. We all learned a valuable lesson that day. For one, Rocky should have a whistle. The sound carries much better than a wee little voice calling for help. Rocky learned that it’s pretty easy to get turned around in the wilderness and will pay closer attention to land marks in the future.

Back to the subject of his surviving if lost: he mentioned that he nearly died of a heart attack when he tripped over a small fawn while lost. He knew to leave the fawn alone and moved on. But, he did note that he had a pocketknife

and could go back and get the fawn if he needed it for dinner a bit later. He didn’t think the fact that he was not allowed to have matches would be a problem. He’d watched enough survival shows to know that sometimes you must eat your dinner raw!

Although Rocky has wanted to be a professional bull rider since he was three, we’re sure he’ll grow up and choose a career that will allow him to spend as much time as possible in the outdoors. Meanwhile, should you meet him on the trail, ask him how he got his native name “The Flying Marmot”. 🐿



Danville Georgetown

By Robert Eversole, BCHW Tahoma Chapter

As Back Country Horsemen, we may yearn for the unfettered wilds and high mountain vistas of the backcountry. However, the front country has wonderful riding opportunities that offer ease of access during the wet and wild winter season.

One of the better options for keeping both you and your horses (and mules!) in shape over winter is the Danville Georgetown trail system in Maple Valley, WA. Located in the heart of suburbia, Danville Georgetown is easy to find and easy to get to, as well as being only a short mile away from the nearest coffee shop for pre-ride caffeine and post-ride warm up.

Who says suburban riding is run of the mill? Danville Georgetown offers not only 27 plus miles of riding over 16 named trails, but also a brand new and King County's first ever, "Equestrian Trail Training Course" where riders can safely practice those backcountry riding skills that will come in handy when they venture into more unforgiving areas.

The obstacles in the Trail Training Course represent some of the most common riding challenges that we, as backcountry riders, experience;

- The Back Through – Narrow windy trails make you nervous? Increase your confidence by practicing trail-backing maneuvers here.
- Gate – Get off the animal to open and close a gate? Not a chance after practicing at this station.
- Walk Overs – Get ready for spring's inevitable downed branches and logs with this natural cavaletti course.
- Single Step Over – Ever wondered how best to navigate a log suspended over the trail? This is a great place for your horse to

practice stepping over as opposed to jumping over obstacles.

- Serpentine Poles – Even if you're not on the pole bending circuit, the ability to make tight turns confidently is a valuable skill on some of the switchbacks we encounter while in the high country of Washington's Cascades.
- Mail Box on Pole – We've all been in situations where a seemingly harmless item is terrifying to our horse. This a good place to start the desensitization process.

The Tahoma BCHW chapter worked with the King County Parks Department in the planning of this course and 22 hard working BCHW Tahoma chapter members provided over 132 man hours of labor during the construction of the six obstacles and two hitching rails. Natural materials were used wherever possible to both follow our LNT principles and to keep the project cost at a very reasonable \$350.

The group was ably led by the Tahoma chapter's Rick Zeleznik, who organized the work party. Special thanks to other Tahoma chapter members, Lourie Boltz and Pam Zeleznik, for the hot lunch that kept the group going and of course to Don Boltz, whose tractor made short work of the post hole digging. This project is already bearing positive returns in terms of feedback from local officials and horse enthusiasts who are using this example of BCHW good works as an introduction into the backcountry riding that we love and promote. We fully expect to see an increase in our membership numbers because of this very visible gift to the local equestrian community.

For more information on this as well as many other great front country riding areas visit www.TrailMeister.com. 🐾

Editor's Note:



Articles: 600-word max with two (2) photos, WMS will edit for grammar and spelling (not rewrite). Must submit article in 600 words or less.

Grants: Grant work articles have first priority in the Trailhead News. Please type "Grant Article" in subject line when emailing the article to us.

To promote the use of grant money, remember to include:

- What the project grant money was used for, including details of project (location, date).
- Where the grant came from and the amount.
- A list of volunteers/volunteer groups.
- The total number of hours worked on project.

Change in editorial space!

Photos: Please send two photos with your article, and capture the front of your subject (NO BEHINDS, PLEASE). Photos need to include name of person(s) in the photo from left to right, location of photo, and person who took the photo. Please do not embed the photos in the article. Send photos as separate files. Remember to double-check the spelling of all names.

Other Content: legislative issues, land issues, trail work parties, VIP rides, fundraiser rides and riding in the back country to include involvement of more than one chapter or large organized group.

To Submit Articles, Photos and Events for the Calendar or for Questions, Contact: Crissy at bchw@wamedia.com, (360) 754-4543



Visions of Ken Wilcox

Protecting Natural Resources

By Doc Wesselius, BCHW Lewis County Chapter

Developed and adopted by a broad collaboration of land management agencies and outdoor-orientated organizations, the principles of Leave No Trace (LNT) are the guidelines for those visiting the outdoors to do so in ways that minimize their impact and protect natural resources. As early as 1977, Ken Wilcox realized that horsemen needed to learn about wilderness stewardship and outdoor ethics. He stated, "Our job is not complete until every horseman is educated in protecting our backcountry."

Photo by Lori Lennox



White Pass

Working under a cooperative work agreement with the Forest Service, Ken organized volunteers to patrol the backcountry on horseback, especially during the hunting season, to spread the message of protecting natural resources.

He realized that his Horsemen Patrol was an excellent program for educating horsemen and stated, "It should be expanded so that all areas are covered during all use periods." Horsemen Patrol members, while on their normal horse outings, got acquainted with other parties that they met and spread the word on minimum impact recreation. The volunteers also organized pack trips to pick up and pack out litter. Ken understood that environmental impacts were a serious problem for horsemen, and if they didn't properly conduct themselves and minimize their environmental impact, eventually, regulations would limit their recreation on public lands.

The Horsemen Patrol instigated public awareness to help reduce the impact on the environment while enjoying backcountry recreation. Protecting the entire backcountry eventually became the responsibility of each individual horseman because the task was too wide-ranging for Ken's small group of concerned horsemen. However, the beginning of LNT education for horsemen had its roots in their concerns. Tread Lightly, Minimum Impact, Light On The Land – several name

changes transpired before the LNT Outdoor Ethics educational program became the standard bearer for the movement.

The Horsemen Patrol became a thing of the past, but in some respects, the concept of patrolling the backcountry influenced the formation of the USFS Wilderness Stewards program. Confrontations and lectures did not help to achieve change and sometimes resulted in alienation towards the involved organization. Leading by example and sometimes gritting teeth and cleaning up somebody else's mess became the modus operandi for Wilderness Stewards; a popular program now in several western states.

Despite the name changes for the minimum impact recreation

program, the equestrian message was the same – horsemen could not allow outdoor resources to suffer the consequences of neglect by a uniformed public. Ken realized that how we go about this instruction would play an important role in the acceptance of our organization and the realization by a uniformed public of the necessity of our concern. Originally, the guidelines were short and simple: don't tie stock for more than a short period of time to a tree; don't cut switchback; don't leave campfires unattended; etc. The foundation for equestrian LNT guidelines was laid; eventually the program would encompass a wide variety of instruction to define appropriate techniques for minimum impact recreation with horses.

Today, our organization can be thankful for a strong LNT Outdoor Ethics program that had its beginning in the visions of a concerned horseman. Ken had it right when he stated, "Horses, properly handled, cause little adverse impact. Horses, improperly handled, can and do cause considerable adverse impact, which results in an ever-increasing list of regulations and restrictions on horse use." 🐾



The Trailhead News
 BCHW
 110 W 6th Ave. PMB 393
 Ellensburg, WA 98926

NON-PROFIT
 US POSTAGE
 PAID
 OLYMPIA, WA
 PERMIT NO. 537

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Don't buy candy and flowers; instead buy your sweetheart a gift from the BCHW Store this Valentine's Day!



Want to save on shipping & handling?

Your items can be delivered to your chapter director at Board of Director meetings for them to deliver to you. Simply indicate you want your items deliver to your director on your order form.

Send Order to: Lori Lennox • 82 O'Neill Rd, Elma, WA 98541 • 360-482-2742 • llennox82@gmail.com

Name: *(Please Print)* _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Item <i>(check color where applicable)</i>	Price	Total
Baseball Logo Caps: <input type="checkbox"/> Dk Blue _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Dk Green _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Black _____ <i>qty. qty. qty.</i>	\$15.00	
Scarves: <input type="checkbox"/> Green _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Red _____ <i>qty. qty. qty.</i>	\$ 6.00	
Truck Decals _____ <i>qty.</i>	\$ 3.50	
Bumper Stickers _____ <i>qty.</i>	\$1.50	
Shoulder Patch _____ <i>qty.</i>	\$3.00	
Volunteer Chevron Patch: <input type="checkbox"/> 50 Hr _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Hr _____ <i>qty. qty.</i>	\$1.50	
<input type="checkbox"/> 200 Hr _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 500 Hr _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000 Hr _____ <i>qty. qty. qty.</i>	\$1.75	
BCH Guide Book _____ <i>qty.</i>	\$0.50	
2011 BCHW Calendars _____ <i>qty.</i>	\$12.00	
BCHW Silhouette Sticker: <input type="checkbox"/> Black _____ <input type="checkbox"/> White _____ <i>qty. qty.</i>	\$10.00	

Item <i>(check color where applicable)</i>	Price	Total
Wine Glasses/Beer Steins _____ <i>qty.</i>	\$7.00	
Flask _____ <i>qty.</i>	\$14.00	
T-shirts (Medium gray with black logo): <input type="checkbox"/> Small _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Medium _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Large _____ <i>qty. qty. qty.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> X-Large _____ <input type="checkbox"/> XX-Large _____ <i>qty. qty.</i>	\$15.00	
Leg Slickers: <input type="checkbox"/> Regular _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Tall _____ <i>qty. qty.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Husky _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Husky Tall _____ <i>qty. qty.</i>	\$33.00	
BCHW Brochure _____ <i>qty.</i>	FREE	
BCHW 2009 Belt Buckles _____ <i>qty.</i>	\$35.00	
<i>Shipping (Please email Lori at llennox82@gmail.com for shipping cost)</i>		
GRAND TOTAL		
ENCLOSED		