BCHW Mt. St. Helens

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Special points of interest:

****NOTE******

Next Meeting: Monday March 7th 7:00pm

Renew your Membership soon.

BCHW Mt. St. Helens



From your Director,

Hello all

First off I want to remember two of our members we have lost this winter. Gary Fisher and Danny Stineback. Gary was more involved because of his wife Clair's involvement. Garv wasn't a horse rider but he did like them. He would come to the work parties with Clair and run his weed eater cleaning up around the camp areas and out on the trails where it was needed. He was always happy and fun to be around. Danny was our mule quy. He was the one I asked many questions about mules when I had a problem. He really enjoyed packing his mules. Helping other chapters with packing jobs and for other user groups doing trail work getting their heavy gear into the back country. Dan and Karen were always at BCHW events helping out where needed. Always having fun. After all that's what it's all about right. Dan and Karen were given the BCHW Life Time Achievement Award for all of their time spent volunteering.

The horse Expo is coming up March 3rd to 6th. On the 3rd is the booth set up day. We will be meeting around 11:00AM to start setting up the two tents and corral for our camp. This year we will be doing something different in that we will be doing a live animal packing demonstration each day in the arena by our spot. We will still have the steel barrel for packing demos throughout the day. Lewis Co. chapter will be helping us throughout the weekend.

A couple of work parties coming up are Battle Ground Lake on March 12th, 8am at the horse camp and March 26th, 8am at Rock Cr. horse camp. B.G.L. will be to clean up the trails from winter and do any tread type work/spread gravel. Rock Cr. will be to install the new corrals in camp site A-2 and clean up winter storm damage around camp and out on the trail around camp. DNR has purchased some rubber matting to place on the bridge decking of the two new bridges on the Appaloosa Trail and that might be happening then too. We are working on the plans for the Regional work party in late June. We have campsites reserved for our use and a list of projects is taking place. Ken Evens is working on getting a grant to help pay for renting an excavator for doing some of the major tread work. Tony Karniss of the Lewis Co. chapter has agreed to run it. He is an expert operator. We are getting people from other chapters signing up to attend this work party so I'm getting excited for a good turnout.

The changes needed to the BCHW By-Laws have been made by the Implementation committee and soon will be passed on to the BCHW directors to review. A special directors meeting will be held April 2nd to discuss and approve and then having it posted in the Trail Head News and then voted on at the June 18th directors meeting. A couple other committees I'm on are the Silver Star Vision and the Gifford Pinchot Sustainable Trails. The Silver Star Vision comm. is working on plans for the future of the Silver Star Roadless area. We are trying to visualize future use and changes to accommodate that use. Anywhere from rebuilding bad access roads, building new parking areas for access. new connector trails, rerouting bad trails, illegal motorized use, protecting sensitive plants and tribal cultural areas. The Sustainable Trails comm. will be reviewing what it takes to maintain trails and trailheads. Analyzing trails for environment impacts cost of maintenance, amount of use and economy impact. A previous study done called the Recreation Facilities Site Plan will be used a lot and what is being termed a Modern Trail System will be brought up often in reference to sustainability.

Thanks to all for all you do,

Jim

From your President, Bob Cole



Hello all,

Here's hoping everyone is doing well. I'm sure that, after the weather we had recently, everyone is getting in the mood to get out and ride. That should also give us the impetus to start checking over our equipment (if we haven't already done it). This should mean our vehicles as well as our four legged friends and their equipment to be sure we are as ready as possible.

If you weren't at the last meeting, I believe that we have come up with a good variety of rides this year, as well as some good work parties to get our trails up and ready for the year. Check out the schedule of events to prepare for some of the upcoming events. One of OUR main events is going to be back this year. The "Fun Ride" is already in the planning stages. And a big part of this is Dan Brooks stepping up to reserve most of the sites at Kalama Horse Camp. Yes, already. That is called "planning ahead" and being prepared. If you would like to volunteer to help out at the Fun Ride, get a hold of Vickie Smith to see what positions she needs to fill.

Another event that still needs volunteer help is the Horse Expo at the Fairgrounds the first weekend in March. If you would like to volunteer to help out there get a hold of Jim Anderson to see what time frames still need to be filled.

And coming up in March we have Rendezvous. This will be the 18th-20th in Ellensburg and as usual our Chapter will be handling the Tack Sale. So, if you are unable to attend, but have some good tack you would like to donate to the sale, be sure to put a tag on it with your info on it and the price you would like to get (remembering that a certain percentage goes to BCHW also) and contact either Nancy Rust or myself and we will get it over there for you.

By this time I'm sure everyone has heard that we lost a long time member and dear friend to cancer. Danny Steinback is now no longer dealing with the pain associated with the cancer and it's treatments. He will be greatly missed with his personality and all of the hours he spent volunteering in different activities with BCHW. On that note, this year's Wine Ride is going to be dedicated to Danny. But, with his passing we could use someone to step up and take on the task of Education Chair and LNT. If you would be able to do this please let me know.

Until next time, Happy Trails Bob

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A tribute to Gary Fisher. Husband, Father, lover of dogs,

and one of our faithful trail workers.

Submitted in loving memory...Barb Thomas and Terri Anderson

Most members of Gary at either the his weed whacker, and Gary Fisher were izations.

Gary rode motorcyhis horse crazy wife so riding and camping. He home fires burning beand Claire were campand went riding the last PNW style, it poured



WTRA and BCHW have met meetings or out on the trail with tractor, or other trail tool. Claire faithful members of both organ-

cles, not horses, but supported that she could live her dream of was always willing to keep the cause he loved his wife. Terri ing at Rock Creek years ago day before going home. In down rain. The trails became

tiny streams in minutes and they were soaked, riding as fast as they could to get back to camp. Who was there waiting for them with a fire going and Sub-way sandwiches? Good ole' Gary. He was a man with a very kind heart .

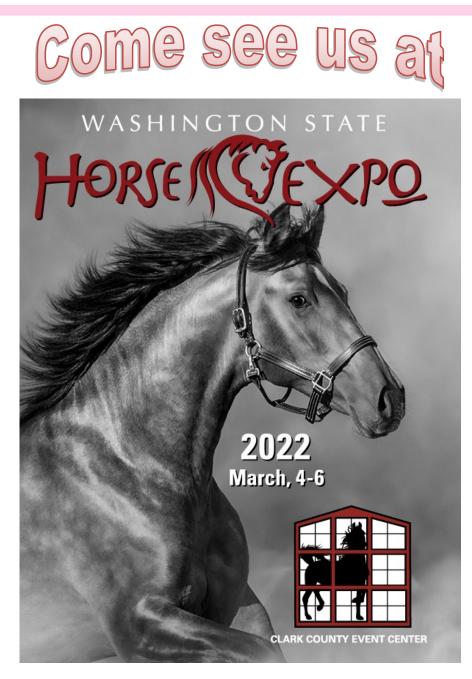
Gary was a good father to his daughters, Leslie and Devon and he and Claire raised them to be responsible grown women. Many a time he would recount his week of working on their property with his lawn mower and weed whacker. He loved his rescue dogs and brushed them almost daily, taking care of them when Claire was off on her adventures.

When Claire had to work, Gary would attend the meetings and fill her in on what was going on. When ne finally broke down and agreed to get a computer, it was he who checked out the Face Book pages of both organizations and then would report out to Claire what we had planned.

Many of us didn't see all of these back-stage going's on, what we saw was Gary showing up at most of the work parties at RockCreek, Battle Ground Lake, and Kalama. We called him the "weed whacking fool" because when he cleared a trail of brush you could drive a 4x4 through it. After a while, he traded his weed whacker for a tractor, partly for his property but also for the trail work that needed to be done.

Every year the day before the Mt. St. Helen's Fun Ride, here would come Gary with a trailer full of prizes and his tools. He would spend the day clearing out the overgrown brush around the shelter to make it pleasant to sit around during the prize drawing. Always quiet, never asking for thanks, he just did what he could to support our mission.

We will miss you and your beautiful smile, Gary every time we see those trails that have blackberry vines or weeds growing over the trails. May you rest in peace.



Admission: <u>16+ \$11; 62+ \$9; 7-15 \$9; 6 under free.....</u> Parking not included..... \$6/day Saturday Night Extravaganza: \$10 Friday, March 4th: 11am - 7pm Saturday, March 5th: 9am - *7:30pm Sunday, March 6th: 10am - 4pm

Tickets available: Online, at Wilco stores or at the door.





VOLUNTE	VOLUNTEER HOURS					
REPORTING PERIOD	DUE TO JUDY NO LATER THAN					
2nd Quarter (Mar 1-May 31)	June 1					
3rd Quarter (Apr 1-Aug 31)	September 1					
4th Quarter (Sep 1-30)	November 1					

VOLUNTEER POWER!



I would be happy to meet people at feed stores, in BG, Freddy's Cascade Park, Salmon Creek, Hazel Dell...etc.

Anyone interested, have questions...can get ahold of me directly, via either :

Email: <u>skwarne@y</u> ahoo.com

Cell #: (360) 281-6004 Also, if it's ok...can you print in the newsletters? Please feel free to ad any larger print, images, etc. to promote!

Thanks so much!

Sheila (-:

**Pictures are

"SAMPLES" of what shirts/logos look like:

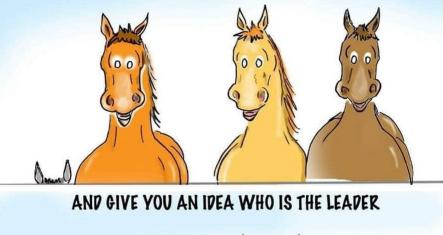
A.) Red shirts - POLY-ESTER - with newest logo (Front only!)

(***note: have a Red, Sleeveless XL discounted @ \$10 - has 1 small snag on it)

B.) Neon Orange - COT-TON - with regular logo (front & back) Ladies V-Neck



THE LINE UP OF HORSES AT FEED TIME, CAN BE A WONDERFUL INDICATION OF HERD PECKING ORDER...





2022

<u>March</u>

4th—6th - Horse Expo 12th BG Lake Work Party (WTRA)

18th—20th Rendezvous

26th Rock Creek Work Party (WTRA)

<u>April</u>

11-16th Burke Lake Bishop Ride

23rd Health Clinic: Randy Lee's clinic **30th** Kalama work party: Snow pending

<u>May</u>

12th—Monument Valley Douglas Mesa 22nd, Home the 28th

14th Kalama work party

20—22 Cyrus Ride

<u>June</u>

23-26 Regional Kalama Work Party: Contact Jim Anderson muleman1951@gmail.com

27- July 7th Redwoods

<u>July</u>

15—17th Kalama Fun Ride

<u>August</u>

5th—7th Ken Wilcox Horse Camp

12th—23rd Diamond P then to Montrose Colorado 25th home 9th. Contact Judy Smith

28th Picnic: Rock Creek

<u>September</u>

16th—18th Indian Camp—Ellensburg

<u>October</u>

7th-9th Mt. Adams Horse Camp

28th—30th Wine Ride

<u>November</u>

December

10th Christmas Party The Cefelo Home

***Always looking for people with a purpose/idea/desire to take the lead and sponsor a group outing.....best if drive time approx 5 hours or less. *** Submitted by Ken Evans______ pkevans@tds.net

BCHW Mission Statement

BCHW is affiliated with Back Country Horsemen of America and therefore

- I. The mission of III. To we this organiza- sure tion shall be:
- II. To perpetuate the commonsense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
- III. To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
 IV. To assist the various governmental and private agencies in their

maintenance and management of said resource.

V. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resources by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.

 ∨I. To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters in the state or-

Chapter newsletters will be published and distributed as follows:

Submissions due by the 20th of the month, and distributed via email/SNAIL MAIL by the 25th of the month.

Meeting minutes

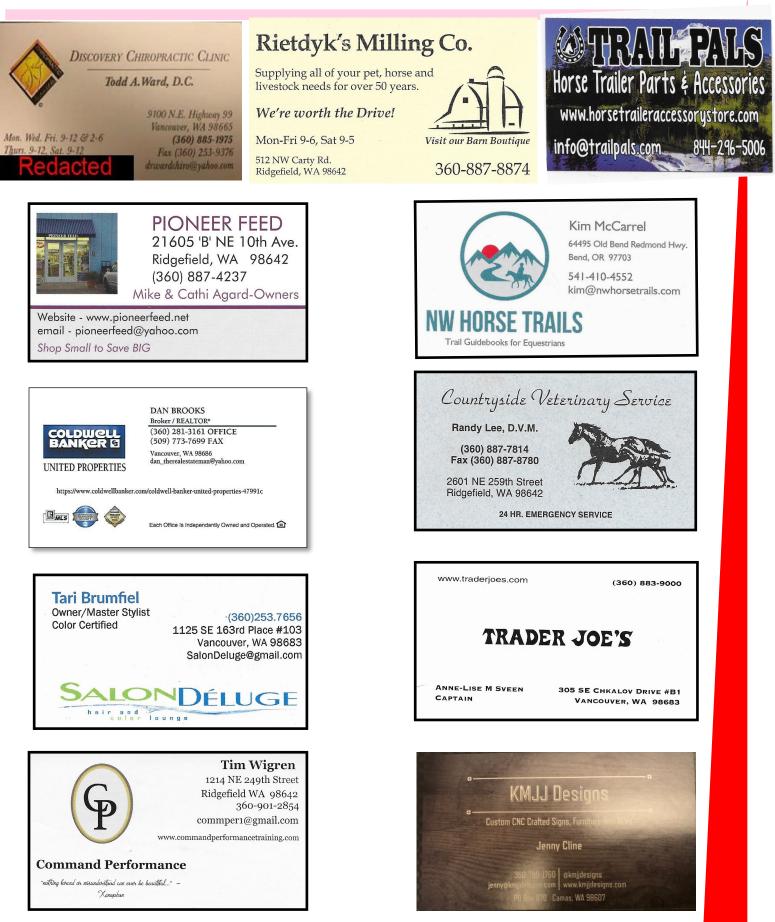
will be distributed via a separate email every month and <u>will not</u> be included in the newsletter. A few copies of the minutes will also be provided at the meetings for those who do not have computer/email access.

IMPORTANT NEWLETTER NOTES:

With 2021 now over, and the new year beginning its renew time. I have extended the date of sending out the newsletter to those who have not renewed their memberhsip until February 1, 2022.

I am hoping this extension will give everyone who still needs to renew the time. The easiest way to renew is on line, that is very streamlined now, and I get instant notification of the renewal, but you can mail your check and paper form directly to BCHW.

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