# BCHW Mt. St. Helens

# June 2022



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#### NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

Some Picture of the Fun ride included.

Special points of interest:

\*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*\*\*\*

Next Meeting: Monday August 1st 6:00pm Round Table Pizza See me for a membership form. July 21, 2022

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Recovering From the Fun Ride. Great Fun was had by all





TOP: Raffle Drawing Left: Raffle Prizes





Above: Saturday Breakfast Left: Saturday Lunch



Hello all,

Well, we are home from the Fun Ride. I do believe that there was fun had by all and no mishaps or injuries that I heard of. That makes it even better. I was there from Wednesday afternoon on. Had a short 3hour ride on Thursday with some other early arrivals. On Friday, Ken Evans and I headed out to clear the Falls Trail from camp to the highway. After successfully accomplishing this job, we headed up the Cinnamon Trail to see if it was open all the way. It wasn't, but after a lot of work and the help of Jim and Terri Anderson, who just happened to catch up with us about the time we found the worst mess of the day, we successfully accomplished our mission. We made our return to camp via the Toutle and Ski Trails and made it after a 10 hour day of work. Our animals were happy to get back to camp also. I know Rusty was tired as he has done that kind of long day so far this year. So, we can now say that the Cinnamon Trail is now completely open (until the next tree comes down). And for

## From your President, Bob Cole

anyone who has not been there, the work that went in for our Big Work Party is very nice. The new steps and water bars will make a big difference as long as we don't get any heavy rains until the soil has a chance to get packed in. A huge THANK YOU to all of the WTA folks and anyone else who helped out on that project.

Saturday was a great day weather wise for everyone who went out and rode during the Fun Ride.

We had our usual free pancake breakfast for anyone who wanted to eat before riding out. But, with the great sleeping weather, I think a lot of people slept in and didn't attend breakfast, as this year we didn't serve near as many pancakes or as much coffee as in years past. I also noticed that lunch did not go over as in past years, but, I think most of the riders were still out on the trail. But, I do believe that everyone made it back in time for the raffle drawings. And according to Dan Brooks, who counted all of the winning tickets, there were 96 winners of all the prizes that were up for grabs. And, as usual, there were 2 or 3 people who must have loaded the ticket barrell. I don't have all of the final figures, but I'm sure we will have them in time for the next meeting. I can say that everyone seemed to have a good time and that is the main thing. I will say that we weren't up to prior years in number of attendees or prizes available, but we did very well with what

we had. After being 2 or 3 years out of practice, we did well, and can only hope to get back into the swing next year.

And the NEXT MEETING will be held on August 1st at Round Table Pizza Salmon Creek. The meeting room is booked for 6 PM for those who would like to eat before the meeting at 7 PM.

And for anyone who isn't going to West Yellowstone, my wife, Kathy, has decided that she would like to spend some time at Kalama Horse Camp for our Anniversary. All are invited to join us. We are booked for August 11-16 th, so you are invited to join for all or any part of that time. She hasn't been up there to ride for 2 or 3 years, and since we had a big work party which cleaned up all the trails. this is a good time to go.So, come on up and ioin us.

#### NEXT MEETING AUGUST 1st Meeting room booked for 6 PM meeting at 7 PM

Until next time, Happy Trails.

Bob



environment. In class, we reviewed how long it takes items to degrade. Did you know it takes 450 years for one plastic bottle to decompose? The list is endless with things we use every day that take multiple lifetimes to blend into the earth. Some plastics can take up to 1,000 years to decompose in our landfills. This means our current way of life is not sustainable. So, by making careful decisions, we can help save the planet. If you choose to carry a reusable bottle for water instead of the single-use plastic bottles for water, you will save tons of space in our landfills. This will also make Jason Momoa happy. As Aquaman, he is a proponent.

Another careful consideration is how you dispose of soapy water. Make sure it is 200 feet from water sources like streams, lakes, and ponds. Even better is to scatter it and strain the food particles for far away from camp disposal. Check with ranger for special bear procedures. Be informed! Human waste needs special handling also. Urine doesn't have as much of an impact but will degrade faster if placed on rocks, pine needles or gravel. Urine salts may attract animals so be sure it is far from camp. Feces should be buried in 'Cat Holes,' 6-8 inches deep and 200 feet from water sources, camp, and trails. If you are in the desert (4" deep), it can be smeared on rocks and dried so it will blow away like dust in the wind. Group latrines can be dug in deep holes and the ash from fires used to speed up the decomposition. Toilet paper should be buried or packed out. TP should be RV marine grade for faster deterioration. Did you know that feminine hygiene products are supposed to be packed out in plastic bags and not buried? I found this interesting. I guess the odor can attract bears. It probably will not be Yogi or Booboo looking for a picnic basket, if ya know what I mean.

I remember just throwing manure in the brush, but now with an increase of people using parks, we need to pack it out. You can load it back into the trailer and take it home. Also, I bring large trash bags for easier disposal. Some places have a compost bin, but just be aware and pick up even if it's not yours. The better example we set to non-horse people, the more they will like us to share the parks. This also includes the hay around camp. Don't leave it thinking the deer will eat it. Sometimes they don't before the next camper comes and has to clean up your mess. Nothing is worse than getting to your camp site and having to clean up the last person's garbage! Please be kind to our earth and leave it better than you found it. Your kids and grandkids will appreciate it. Thanks for reading and happy trails until we meet again.



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



## **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







#### 2022

August

12th—23rd Diamond P then to Montrose

Colorado 25th home 9th. Contact

5th—7th Ken Wilcox Horse Camp

## **October**

7th—9th Mt. Adams Horse Camp

28th—30th Wine Ride

## <u>November</u>

## **December**

10th Christmas Party The Cefelo Home

Judy Smith

28th Picnic: Rock Creek

## <u>September</u>

16th—18th Indian Camp—Ellensburg

\*\*\*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\_

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Gelding's Diary

7:00 - Breakfast, my favourite thing!

7.30 - Turnout, my favourite thing!

8:00 - Grazing with friends, my favourite thing!

10:00 - Human came, my favourite thing!

1.0:30 - Got brushed, my favourite thing!

1.1:00 - Went riding, my favourite thing!

12:00 - Got bathed, my favourite thing!

1:00 - Rolled, my favourite thing!

4:00 - Human is back, my favourite thing!

4:30 - Dinner time, my favourite thina!

Mare's Diary

Dear diary,

My human fed me 5 minutes late today, I kicked at the door to my prison incase I'd been forgotten and greeted them with my ears back to acknowlege their late arrival. When I was finally released I trotted all the way to my field, my human struggled to keep up and appears to be trying out new names for me. I refuse to respond to 'woah' regardless of how many times it's repeated. The Geldings still appear to be brainwashed and enjoy the humans company, I've made no progress trying to warn them of the humans and have resorted to squeeling and kicking them if they get too near, I simply cannot mix with them any longer. I am now back in my wooden box, human has left me with nothing but old dried grass which I must eat to avoid starvation.

I heard talks of a ride tomorrow, I'm still deciding whether I'm going to be lame.

# **BCHW Mission Statement**

BCHW is affiliated with Back Country Horsemen of America and therefore

- I. The mission of II this organization 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.



**NOTE:** The above list is only a partial list of the businesses that dontated to the Kalama Fun Ride. As we get more information I will be redoing this list.

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Y'all better enjoy your 20s, 30s, and 40s. Because in your 50s, that check engine light is gonna come on.





Leave No Trace Behind

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