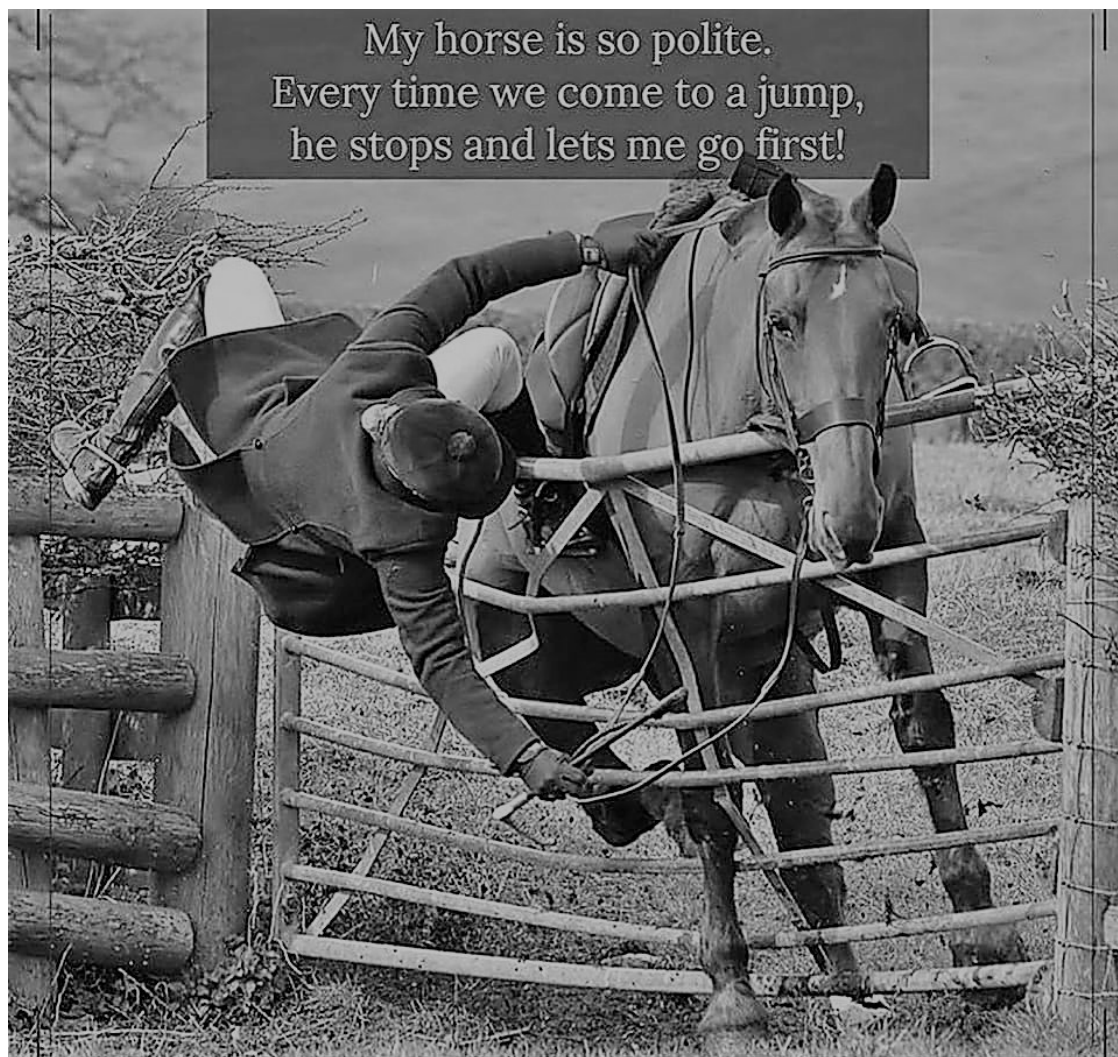


BCHW Mt. St. Helens

September 2022



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NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

The Membership form is now back in the Newsletter. I will keep it here until March 2023.

Special points of interest:

****NOTE*****

Next Meeting:
Monday October
6:00pm
Round Table Pizza
See me for a membership
form.

BCHW Mt. St. Helens



Hello all

As I'm writing this it is lightly raining. It makes Terri disappointed but I'm sure there are plenty of wildland fire fighters who like it. By now I'm sure you all have heard of the fire in the area of Kalama Horse Camp. When it first started the Forest Service wasn't too concerned. As they put it, it is in terrain and fuel load that is not conducive for it to spread. They didn't work on it very actively. But the weather changed and the winds came and soon the camp was in danger of being overrun by the fire. Luckily the fire had to cross the Kalama River which helped slow it down and enough effort by the firemen have kept it out of the camp. (so far)

With the camp drawing our interest the most the

rest of the local residents in the Cougar and Yale Valley are concerned for their homes and property. These folks have done everything they can to support the firemen. They have provided them with very good meals and lots of drinks. They have a social network that keeps everyone informed on what is needed and the progress of fighting the fire. This what small communities are all about.

With the extended forecast of cooler temps and higher humidity it should be good news for the firemen to get full control of the fire. It will be interesting to see where the fire went and how much trail work we may need to do on the Cinnamon, Falls and Toutle trail. Hopefully there will be no damage in the camp.

Sat. the 17th is the fall quarter BCHW Board of Directors meeting in Ellensburg. It will interesting with this being the first meeting since we authorized the Executive Committee. With the EC doing the lions

share of business for the board the meeting could be pretty simple and short or maybe not as we all adjust to a change like this.

The two trail committees that I'm on are gearing back up after taking the summer off. The first meetings will be early in Oct. The Silver Star Vision committee should finish up in the next couple months but the Gifford Pinchot Sustainable Trails Committee is here to stay for another year or more.

Have some good fall rides before the wet weather sets in

Thanks to all for all you do.

Jim

Horses are
for people
who love work
and hate money

From your President, Bob Cole



Hi all,

Just returned from Indian Camp. Just so everyone knows, y'all missed some great weather and riding this past weekend. (Maybe a little chilly for some people, but most of us and the animals loved it) I remember being up there a few years ago, but, don't remember all of the trails that we ran across in our riding. And most of the trails are well used so you really don't lose them. Yes, some of them could use some brushing, but were in good shape considering the last 2 1/2 years.

They have built a new Indian Camp just down the road, but while we talking amongst ourselves and others we ran into, we are thinking that the horse people were not in on the planning of the camp. Yes, it is nice and open, but that is the problem. In warmer weather it is going to be HOT in the sites as there is not much, if any, shade. As Jim said, it looks like a big parking lot covered with gravel. Sure there won't be much dust, but who wants to camp in a parking lot?

We are hoping for some better turnout for our next meeting. We need more of our membership to get involved with what is going on. And our

upcoming meeting would be a good time to start. It's election time again and we need to nominate folks for Chapter positions. We already know for sure that we need someone to fill the treasurer position, as Nancy is stepping aside. I'm sure if you asked any of us, we would willingly let someone step up for all positions. So, if you would like to try a new position or know someone that should be nominated for a position, be sure to come to the next meeting. **OCTOBER 3 ROUND TABLE PIZZA IN SALMON CREEK**. We are booked in for 6-8 PM.

And from what I am finding, it doesn't sound like we will get to go back to Benny's Rod and Custom Pizza, as everything I'm finding is that they have closed. I have heard people saying that they are tired of pizza so if anyone has an idea of somewhere centrally located for meetings please let us know. (It would be nice if you did a little scouting before bringing it to us)

We will have to do some checking, but I see that we are scheduled for a chapter ride at Mt. Adams the first weekend of October with Brian and Suzi Parr with the hosting duties. I hope to have this verified one way or the other by meeting time.

I'm sure by now that everyone has heard about the very close call we had with FIRE at Kalama Horse Camp. From what I've heard, the fire made it to the river. So, we will probably have some extra clearing work along the Cinamon Trail come spring.

I guess that is about all I have for this time. Hope to see more of you at the next meeting.

MONDAY OCTOBER 3,
2022 ROUND TABLE
PIZZA SALMON
CREEK

Meeting room available from 6-8 PM for anyone wanting to eat or just visit before the meeting.

Until October 3, Happy trails.

Bob



Leave No Trace

Leave No Trace Training (LNT.org): A Guide to Minimum Impact Camping and Stock Use Techniques
by Noelle Rodolari September 15, 2022

Principle Number FIVE of Leave No Trace: Minimize Campfire Impacts

Plan Ahead & Prepare.
Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces.
Dispose of Properly.
Leave What You Find.

Minimize Campfire Impacts.

Respect Wildlife.
Be Considerate of Others.



There are so many horrible wildfires on the West coast right now making this month's topic critical. Principle number five is Minimize Campfire Impacts. It is our responsibility to know if campfires are allowed where we are camping. Check with the rangers before you go. We used to always have a campfire in the good old days for light, cooking and staying warm. Now we have a variety camp stoves for cooking and stay warm with high tech materials, battery operated jackets and warming packets. Even fancy flashlights and lanterns have replaced the need for a fire as a light source. We have gotten very creative.

There are many questions to ask to be a responsible camper:

Is a campfire needed? If only doing a day trip or one night, maybe there are alternatives as discussed above.

Is there enough firewood from the campsite? There may not be enough wood to cook your meal or keep you warm. Use the dead and downed wood in the area. Don't break branches off trees.

Are the weather conditions agreeable? If too windy and dry, this could lead to a disastrous wildfire.

Is it easy to cleanup after the fire? It is not nice to other people to ruin the flora/fauna and leave them a mess to clean up.

Should there be a fire in a high-use or popular area? Use existing fire rings and consider packing out the ashes. Keep it clean for the next person. Can even scatter cool ashes away from camp.

Is there a water source to put out the fire? Accidents happen but being prepared for them is great! Safety is very important to consider reducing chances of accidental wildfires. Nearly 85% of wildland fires in the United States are caused by humans. Human-caused fires result from campfires left unattended, the burning of debris, equipment use and malfunctions, negligently discarded cigarettes, and intentional acts of arson.

If you must have a fire, please educate yourself on the different types or use a firepit that is already there. If there is not one present, plan on using an acceptable method such as the 'mound fire' or a 'portable fire pan'. You can find YouTube videos showing how to do this. *To build the MOUND type of fire: Find a mineral soil, sand, or gravel. Lay a ground cloth on the fire site and then spread the soil into a circular, flat-topped mound at least 3 to 5 inches thick. The thickness of the mound is critical to insulate the ground below from the heat of the fire. A portable fire pan can be convenient, and it protects the ground as well.*

Hope you enjoyed this month's episode of Leave No Trace. Stay safe out there! Thanks for reading and happy trails until we meet again.

2022 WINERY RIDE



AND HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

"We're so excited, we just can't hide it"...we're about to have some fun, and we think you'll like it!

This year, we have larger campsites, on-site food vendors, and the addition of a new brewery! So, come ride your horse to various Yakima Valley wineries and a brewery, sampling wines & beers as you go.

This is a fundraiser for Back Country Horsemen of Washington, a nonprofit, statewide

organization working to ensure public lands remain open for stock use.

When - Saturday, October 29, 2022

Where - In the Rattlesnake Hills wine growing area of the Yakima Valley

Early bird registration is \$35 or \$45 if postmarked after October 1

- Halloween costume contest & raffle prizes
- Wine tasting
- Camping available (dry camping - no hookups or amenities)

Go to BCHW.org or email BCHWwineryride@gmail.com for complete details, including registration, costs, schedule, and directions.



Scan this QR code for the online registration form!

shirts for sale!!!!

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

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

Email: skwarne@yahoo.com

Cell #: (360) 281-6004

Also, if it's ok...can you print in the newsletters? Please feel free to add 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 discount-

ed @ \$10 - has 1 small snag on it)

B.) Neon Orange - COTTON - 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



Come Join Us!

Go to BCHW.org and join or renew online. If online is not an option, please fill out this paper application and sign, (all members 18 and over must sign) enclose your cash or check made out to BCHW and mail to:

BCHW Membership Chair
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Mt St Helens

Member Info

Check One: ☐ New Member ☐ Renewal ☐ Secondary Chapter Application Only

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CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Basic Memberships

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Levels below include Single and Family

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Lifetime (Single)	\$1200.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lifetime (Family of 2)	\$2000.00

All chapter members must also be a member of BCHW. However, BCHW dues only need to be paid **once** each year. Joining additional (secondary) chapters only requires paying chapter dues.

Chapter Name:

Mt St Helens

If joining a secondary Chapter, provide the Chapter name where BCHW State dues have been paid for 2022:

Chapter Dues \$5.00

Please consider making a State donation:

State Subtotal \$

Please consider making a Chapter donation:

Chapter Subtotal \$

Grand Total (State+Chapter) \$

NOTICES

By signing this membership application, you will agree to the terms of our Liability Release. You can read it on our website at bchw.org, under the Join tab. You also agree to receive notices from BCHW/BCHA by electronic transmission at the above email address.

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.

Signature:

Date

Signature:

Date

Signature:

Date

2022

September

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__

pkevans@tds.net

October

7th—9th Mt. Adams Horse Camp

28th—30th Wine Ride

November

December

10th Christmas Party
The Cefelo Home

Me: I'm going to start being nicer to people at work.

Coworker: You could start by not making sarcastic comments.



BCHW Mission Statement

BCHW is affiliated with Back Country Horsemen of America and therefore

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| I. The mission of this organization shall be: | III. To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use. | maintenance and management of said resource. | by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage. |
| II. To perpetuate the common-sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness. | IV. To assist the various governmental and private agencies in their | V. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resources | VI. To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters in the state or- |



Chapter newsletters will be published and distributed as follows:

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