

Summer 2022

Trail Crafters News

Olympic Peninsula, Washington



New OAT Bridge
at MP 0.2
Apr 29-May 5, 2022

Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), is a 501 (c)(3) organization with 31 chapters across the state dedicated to: keeping trails open for all users; educating horse users in Leave-No-Trace practices; and providing volunteer service to resource agencies.

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PENINSULA CHAPTER BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON

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Peninsula Chapter's New Website: www.pbchw.org (New photos, maps, past Newsletters, Calendar, and other information are being added frequently.)

Upcoming Events: President's Picnic, Saturday, July 23rd at home of Dan & Debbie Dosey
(There is a new Calendar on the website. Click the date of any event to see more.)

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President's Message

Summer is finally in full swing and so is the riding and camping season. I just returned from horse camping in Winthrop, WA, and enjoyed a very different landscape from the many shades of green of the Olympic Peninsula. The trails on the guest ranch were spectacular and cleared. The trail on neighboring forest service land was not. This fact drove home to me, yet again, the importance of the work BCHW does in keeping trails open for all users. In contrast, we went to LeBar Horse Camp and enjoyed two days of riding on a trail that was open due to the enormous effort of BCHW and WTA. We ride our horses on trails that we sometimes take for granted will always be accessible. But that may not always be the case. So, I want to thank all of you for being part of an organization that works hard to not only build and maintain trails, but also educate users in trail safety and land stewardship practices.

The Peninsula Chapter is six months into the year and continues to forge full steam ahead in its work. Check out the calendar on our website www.pbchw.org which features notices of work parties, trail rides and other social events. I look forward to seeing all of you at the President's Picnic on July 23rd at the home of Dan and Debbie Dosey!

Happy Trails,
Theresa Percy

Important Happenings—Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, July 23rd President's Picnic – at the home of Dan & Debbie Dosey
Baked Salmon (provided) & Potluck. Bring a side dish, beverage of your choice & a chair! Arrive at noon—Eat at 1pm.

August 1-7 Epona Ranch Camp Out – All members are invited to camp out at Margaret Salstrom's ranch in Joyce. Call Linda Morin for info 360-775-5060
August 6th – Joyce Days Parade – We will have riders in the parade.

Vice President's Messages from Kim Merrick

Olympic Spirit Prize Ride – September 10, 2022

So far, everyone who has signed up is camping for at least 2 nights. We had a registration form built, so people are signing up and paying in advance. We have \$1,175 right now. Although we only have 18 people signed up, those camping fees add up!

Right now we are collecting prizes. Here is a list of some businesses we brainstormed that we could ask for a donation. Please look it over, and if you feel comfortable asking, let Judy Sarles know. We want to avoid asking twice, so this is important. You can also let her know of a business we didn't think of. Call or text her at 925-984-9654. She will collect the prizes from you or you can bring them to Layton Hill on the day of the ride.

Les Schwab
Coastal
Viking Feed
YMCA

Ben's Bikes
Agnew Store
Sunny Farms
Camaraderie

Sound Bikes & Kayaks
Brown's Outdoor Store
7 Cedars
Hoodsport Winery

Red Dog Coffee
Olympic Cellars
Costco

We have volunteers already asking for donations from: Co-Op, Leitz, Cenex, Swains, Black Bear, Finn River, First Federal, Hermann Brothers, Harbinger Winery, and Hacienda Tizapan.

We have most of the key "helper" positions filled, but we always need more help. The point of this is so everyone does a little, and then nobody must do a lot.

Why Have a Meeting?

I'm going to try to make a case for holding regular monthly meetings, where the focus is on the business of the chapter as well as a program to entertain and inform you. When we get together on a regular basis, whether in person or on Zoom, we are better informed. We hear common information and get a shared understanding of what's important in the local, state and even national BCH world.

Our July meeting is to celebrate new members and get to know them. Of course, any member can and should attend. Sometimes it is hard to go to a meeting or a picnic where you don't know anyone, so we want to break the ice a little bit! There will be cake!

Wednesday, July 20th

Sequim Grange (Macleay Hall)

6:30 Social Time, 7:00 Meeting

When we meet, we are entertained and educated together. Please attend all the meetings you can. Your participation is important, and your input is always welcome.

Safety in the Saddle

Many of us in Peninsula Chapter grew up riding in cars without seatbelts, water skiing with only waist belt flotation, riding on bicycles without helmets, snow skiing wearing stocking caps, and riding horses with only cowboy hats! **There are now SAFE alternatives for all these activities!**

"Horse riding carries a higher injury rate per hour of exposure than downhill ski racing, football, hang-gliding, and motorcycle racing. Medical Examiner reports show that 60% or more of horse-related deaths are caused by head injuries. Helmets can reduce this possibly by 70-80%."

ASTM, SEI, or Snell approved helmets are required for anyone under 18 involved in a BCHW sponsored activity. **Please consider adopting this safety accessory for yourself as a rider.**

Junior Ranger Day – Olympic National Park – April 16, 2022

Mother Nature greeted us with a very cold, slushy day to set up our canopies at Olympic National Park Headquarters on April 16th. Harley and Murphy were there, but it was so nasty that we let them stay in their warm, dry horse trailer! The parking lot was covered with 2" of wet snow and we had to continually knock it off the tops of our tents. We had planned to run a video of our 3-S Trail Safety Program, but it was too wet to set it up. Our picture boards were lovely, but we were shivering! We were visited by about 15 hearty souls who were out for this event, which is usually well attended by families with children. Unfortunately, we decided to close-up shop after two hours. The attendance was very low and all of the volunteers were freezing! We hope for better weather next year as this is usually a very good educational venue.



Displays set up for visitors!



A Junior Ranger with many badges from previous visits!

Tool Trailer Upgraded – June 10, 2022

New signs that read "**Trail Maintenance**" were installed on the sides of our tool trailer above the logos for our trail partners, to better inform the public of the work we do and our collaboration with other trail work groups. It is our ability to work well with many other organizations that gives us the manpower to accomplish many of our goals and helps keep trails open for equestrian use.



Rhody Ride – May 14, 2022

By Linda Morin & Donna Hollatz

A warm and sunny day greeted BCHW Peninsula Chapter members for the annual Rhody Ride at Miller Peninsula on May 14th. A hungry crowd of 24 made short work of the buffet breakfast, which included egg casseroles, fresh fruit, muffins, and cinnamon rolls. The grassy field held many horse trailers and 16 riders took to the trails after breakfast.

Several rhodys were in bloom and a good time was had by all. Scouts on horseback had ridden and flagged two trail routes the day before; but despite the pre-planning, two large trees came down overnight, forcing some groups to re-route. That is the nature of trail riding. Carrying a small saw is always recommended, but in this case the trees were over 12" in diameter, so were cleared 3 days later by one of our sawyers with a chainsaw!

Due to ongoing work parties on the lower fork of the Skokomish River and LeBar Horse Camp, to clear the extensive winter damage to the trails, several of our members were unable to be at this event. Thank you guys and gals for all the work you do!



Members enjoy friendship & a hearty breakfast.



Horse-hauling rigs fill the field.



Trail blocking trees that fell overnight.



Trail re-opened for riders.

Striped Peak Celebration – June 12, 2022

The Department of Natural Resources prepared a Thank You celebration for the many workers who contributed labor during the more than 80 days and two years, that it took to build the new Striped Peak Trail on DNR lands at Freshwater Bay. The old trails had been destroyed by a logging project. Members of WTA and BCHW who worked on the project were treated to a barbeque and an opportunity to hike the completed trail. Peninsula Chapter's equine ambassadors, Harley & Murphy, were there to greet participants and enjoy some great scratches and carrot treats. Rebecca Wanagel, WTA Crew Leader and our Trails Coordinator, was praised for her significant commitment to seeing the project to fruition. The new trail is built to Stock Standards and she is anxious for everyone to take their horses out for a spin. The views are stunning! Parking is free at Salt Creek Recreation Area where there are 4 spaces for horse trailers near the entrance booth. We were blessed with a lovely day for the festivities at Salt Creek.

Photos by Donna Hollatz



Photos by Linda Morin



Outdoor Recreation Caucus – May 31, 2022

held at Millersylvania State Park

To promote the interests of Peninsula Chapter and keep our members informed regarding development of the State Park property at Miller Peninsula, Jim and Donna Hollatz attended the Outdoor Recreation Council (ORC) Meeting at Millersylvania State Park on May 31. The ORC is an “idea” caucus, not a “voting” caucus, but it is a place to learn more about the workings of State government and perhaps influence decisions. Representatives were from State Parks, Department of Fish & Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, and interested user groups (Washington Trails Association, Bicycle Groups, Recreational Fishermen). We were the only equestrian group represented.

We met the new Director for State Parks, Diane Dupuis. She has worked for State Parks for a number of years, most recently as the Region Manager in Spokane, where she worked extensively with Ken Carmichael, and seemed very open to equestrians. We were thanked for the volunteer work that Peninsula Chapter does at Miller Peninsula.

An interesting presentation was given regarding the “Economic Aspect of Outdoor Recreation in Washington State:”

State Parks has had ways of gathering data about the demographics of people who use the State Parks, but it has been difficult to determine how citizens use DNR and Dept. of Fish & Wildlife lands as there are many entrances and visitors do not register. To quantify recreational visitors to State Lands and determine the economic value of those visits, a study has been carried out. A company was hired to “mine” cell phone data to determine how people are using our public lands. (Apps that people have on their phones give location information that can be gathered. Data was gleaned from 3.6 million devices providing 18 billion records of where people traveled.) This information helps planners know where guests travel from and where and how they spend money. The past 2 years of Covid showed that money was spent mostly for groceries and gasoline and much of the travel was day trips. (Sporting goods, restaurants, motel expenditures were down.) Some of this information was displayed on graphs. It will be interesting to continue this study as life returns to more normal patterns over the next several years. This technology (cell information mining) is a relatively new tool available to researchers. The information will be useful in the planning of future development, used to hire staff, and help the various departments to coordinate their efforts.

Our caucus leader (Andrew Marcus) offered some things that our groups should begin to think about for the future:

- How do we set up metrics for things we want to advocate?
- Planning for the Next Generation of Outdoor Recreators?
 - How do we connect with them for outdoor recreation? Safety education?
 - Provide swimming lessons for all kids (used to be done by school/scouting)
 - Work Force Development: What is our next element of labor/job stability?
- How do we grow our State Parks in a more streamlined manner?
 - Nisqually planning began 2010! We need a way to meet public needs more quickly.
- The State is likely to be facing budgetary restraints in the upcoming years.

One other interesting thing we learned is that the new Nisqually park includes Equestrian Trails and a Horse Camping Area. Louise Caywood (Nisqually Chapter) has reported that their BCHW input was appreciated and acted upon in the development process. Most of the trails were adopted (except in environmentally unacceptable areas) and the BCHW-State Park relationship was good. This bodes well for our efforts to maintain the equestrian activities at Miller as it is developed into a Full-Service State Park.

Next ORC Meeting: Sept. 21-22, 2022 at Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend

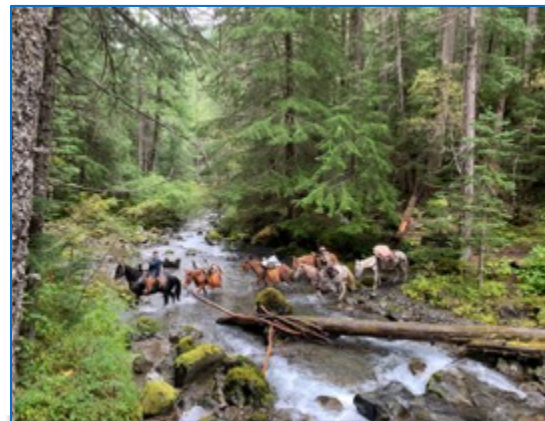
General Meeting – June 15, 2022 – Tom Mix So You Want to Ride the Olympics

Our first in-person meeting of the year was held at Macleay Hall at 7pm, with 24 members in attendance having a chance to socialize and enjoy refreshments before the meeting, which was combined with a ZOOM meeting and recorded for watching on our website. (This was also a first—the combo meeting and the recording!)

Theresa asked new members to introduce themselves and tell a bit about their horses or why they joined. Officer reports were given, followed by a Power Point and Photo presentation given by Tom Mix. Tom explained the importance of having a trail horse that was mentally ready for the challenges of backcountry trails, such as water crossings, bridges, and steep terrain, as well as physically fit enough for a full day of challenging ascents. It is also necessary to have a truck and trailer that can navigate potholes on the steep gravel roads to get to the trailheads. Tom encouraged everyone to get out and enjoy the quiet solitude and beautiful scenery that can be enjoyed in our Olympic mountains. The Tubal Cain Mine Trail is good for beginners. Here are some photos from past trips:



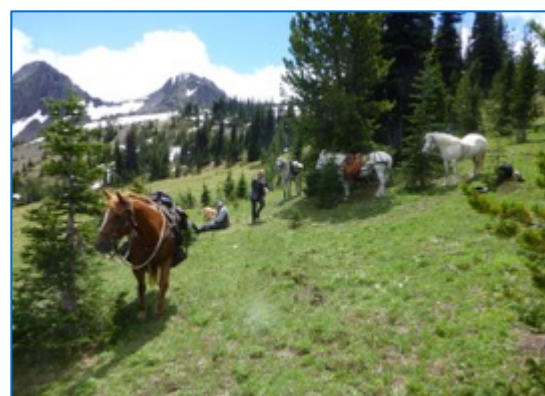
Deer Park Area



Olympic National Forest - Brinnon



Buckhorn Pass (Tubal Cain Trail)



Meadows Below Buckhorn Pass

Dan Kelly Ride – June 18, 2022

Thanks to Julie Kustura, who volunteered to organize the Dan Kelly Ride, we had a fantastic group outing. With the cool, damp spring we have endured, the weather for the planned day of the ride appeared threatening. In light of the fact that few riders had RSVP'd, organizers decided to keep it simple, with no canopies or snacks. It turned out to be a sunny morning and seven die-hard members arrived with their horses to have a pleasant ride with all horses behaving very appropriately despite the larger than usual group. Everyone reported having a great time and enjoying the views and comradery.



**Membership Meeting/New Member Welcome
Wednesday, July 20, 2022
Macleay Hall, 7pm
History of BCHW and Peninsula Chapter
Refreshments and Social Time**

Trail Work Projects for the Spring --- Next 4 pages

New Bridge on Olympic Adventure Trail at Milepost 2 – April 29-May 5, 2022

The Olympic Adventure Trail (OAT) is a 26 mile long, mostly single track, natural surface trail from just west of the Elwha River along Hwy 112 to the Crescent Lake Spruce Railroad Trail, over DNR lands. It is a full-up multi-user trail for hikers, mountain-bike riders, and equestrians. Early this spring, it was discovered that a log bridge at the two-mile marker along the OAT Trail had become dangerously rotted. Justin Zarieczny (DNR), Steve Gray (County Transportation Planner), Tanner Boggs (Clallam County), and Tom Mix (BCHW engineer) set about designing a replacement bridge suitable for hikers, bicyclists, and stock and making plans to get the failing structure rebuilt. The speed with which this project was designed, permitted, and built is a testament to the cooperative environment which exists between agencies and BCHW in our region.

During the week of April 29th through May 5th a crew of about 40 different workers put brains and brawn together to get the job done. Volunteers came from Peninsula Chapter of BCHW, Peninsula Trails Coalition, and the County Chain Gang, with only 10 or 12 people working each day, depending on the work to be done. The Chain Gang worked 1.5 days and moved 7 yards of dirt. They appreciated being able to do something they considered constructive in the great outdoors.

A log of the right size was found about 60 yards away. It was then peeled, slid into place using Griphoists, cables, and pulleys, bucked to the proper length (2 pieces), and lifted over the creek bed by a BCHW rigging crew. While that process was taking place, other volunteers removed the old bridge, dug out and leveled the abutment ends, and placed gabion baskets, filled with rock, as a foundation for the new stringers. All the tools, gravel, and large rock was moved down the trail about 2/3 mile from the trailhead (near Karpen Road) to the job site with four powered, tracked, totes.

Some of the planks from the old bridge were sound and able to be re-used on the new bridge. A bull rail was installed down each side for safety, and the approaches to the bridge were rebuilt. This was an amazing work of coordination between several groups and resulted in a beautiful new bridge!

Thank you to Gordon Taylor for providing the photos!



Miller Trailhead Parking – May 12, 2022

Thirteen Peninsula Chapter members turned out to help improve the parking area at the trailhead! Workers brought wheelbarrows, shovels, and rakes, and the job was done in an amazingly short time! Thanks goes to Laurel Cripe, Nancy Scott, Juelie Dalzell, Leif Hoglund, Kristin Phillips, Rick and Suzanne King, Judy Dupree, Linda Morin, Kayla Kosel, Larry Sammons, and Jim and Donna Hollatz. Many hands make light work!

Bark and duff were removed from the north edge of the parking area, down to mineral soil. A State Park dump truck brought 20 yards of gravel to spread, making room for about 4 more horse trailer rigs to park. The Park then brought in a compactor to finish the job. Thanks go to Ranger Jake Ellis for these fine photos.



Whiskey Creek – June 23, 2022

Peninsula Chapter members worked with the Clallam County Thursday crew and members of the Peninsula Trails Coalition to repair the stock ford at the Whiskey Creek crossing along the OAT Trail. High water last winter had washed away the crossing that the crew worked so hard to design in January of 2021! We took the 2 trail totes and hauled 6 loads of gravel the 5/8 mile where it was placed behind timbers to create steps which should harden 2 mucky spots and provide better traction for stock to negotiate the ford grade. That reach of the OAT needs lots more hoof prints, so go ride it if you can. The trail will be re-evaluated in a few months. These are before and after photos taken by Gordon Taylor.

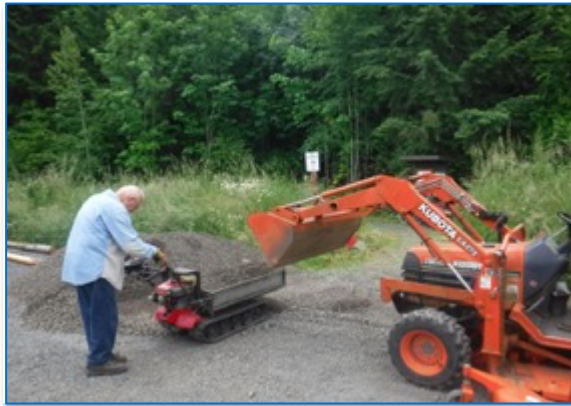


Lower South Fork Skokomish – May 13-15, 20-22, & June 4-5, 2022

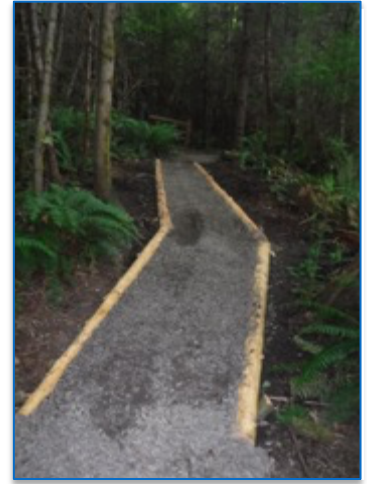
Work parties involving WTA, BCHW, and the Mountaineers were kept busy all of these weekends with sawyers logging out thousands of trees that were brought down over Forest Service roads and trails near the LaBar Horse Camp during the Christmas snow and wind storm that did heavy damage along Hood Canal. Rebecca Wanagel and Martin Knowles were there all of the weekends. Harold Weise (Olympic Chapter) brought stock support. Jim Hollatz and Rick King from Peninsula were there 2 weekends. Buckhorn Chapter worked on the LeBar campground on the 20-22nd. It was a monumental effort by all, and much of it was done in the pouring rain! Our volunteers are so crucial to keeping our public lands open.

Dungeness Trails – June 28, 2022

DNR asked us to do some work on the Dungeness Trails east of River Road to correct some very muddy spots. A work party of 13 people spent a day adding 10 yards of gravel to the trails. Jan Whitlow brought her tractor to load 3 power totes to move the gravel up the trail. Muddy woody material was removed, logs were placed along the sides, and the trail area was filled with 6 – 8 inches of gravel to form “turnpike”. This will prevent the formation of mud in the wet areas. The project required more gravel than anticipated, so another work party will be called soon to complete the remaining wet areas. Our awesome workers did a beautiful job!



Before



After

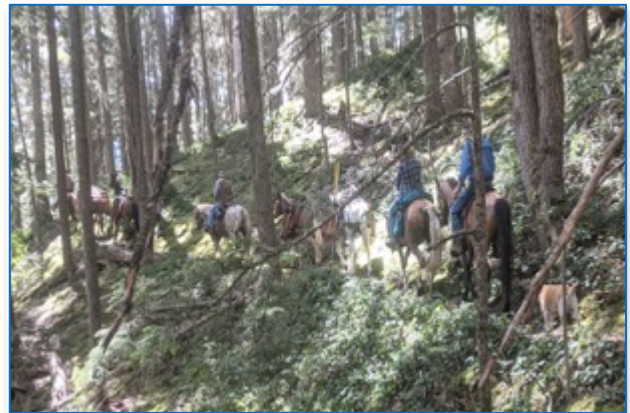
Miller Peninsula Trailhead Parking, June 9, 2022

The road around the east end of the parking area was being damaged by large trucks driving off the pavement, so the Park procured a load of “3-man rocks” to discourage this practice. On June 9th, Del Sage brought his small excavator and, along with his excellent operator skills and the help of Jim Hollatz and Tom Mix, easily placed them along the edge of the pavement to provide some protection. Be sure you swing your truck and horse trailer wide enough to clear these the next time you are there.



Deer Park/Three Forks Pack Trip, June 30, 2022

Del Sage (with 2 mules), Tom Mix (with 2 mules), Leif Hoglund and his daughter (two horses), Linda Morin, and Judy Dupree (each with a horse) made the strenuous trip from Deer Park into the Three Forks area to pack out tools for Rebecca Wanagel and her WTA crew, who had been working on the Deer Ridge Trail the previous week. This trip first requires navigating the narrow and steep Deer Park Road with horse trailers. The road was not crowded with recreational visitors as it was just opened for our crews. The trail ride is about 9 miles round trip, but it is a “backward” trail that leads up over a mountain and then down into the valley with a series of switch backs that are a very steep climb for fully loaded animals coming back out. Neither the road nor the trail are for the faint of heart, and stock animals needs to be in good condition for the difficult trip. (Thank you, Judy Dupree, for the great photos!)

**Future Projects:**

Dungeness Trails: Add more gravel to harden additional muddy sections of the trails. (July 15)

Elwha Log Out: Rebecca and her crew will spend July 24th – August 3rd working to clear logs from the Elwha Trail.

OAT at Mile 14: A logging operation has obliterated a section of the trail and Jim and Donna will be calling work parties soon to help restore it. The views will be stunning once the repair is done!

Report Trail Hazards

Please Report Trail Hazards on Website: www.pbchhw.org

If you encounter downed trees or other trail hazards while riding, please report them so our trail crews can address and correct the problem.

- Go to the website.
- Click on “contact”
- Give a description of the problem and where it is located. Be specific: date, which trail, approximately where along trail, size of tree or explain problem. Leave contact information if possible.

The website is monitored daily and this information will allow us to get the information to the necessary workers in a timely manner.

Thank You!

Trailhead Courtesy Reminder:

State Park personnel have complimented equestrians on the improved Parking Lot clean up, but everyone should be reminded to practice the **Leave No Trace** principles that we teach. Be sure to clean up any “deposits” you and your horses leave around your horse trailers or on the trails. If you cannot get your horse to move off the trail to “poop,” dismount and kick the stuff off the trail (especially the ADA section at Miller). Walkers and bicycle riders will appreciate your courtesy! This includes shavings and hay in the parking area! Park rangers use a “blower” to clean the parking lot, and some of that stuff just won’t move when damp! We want to be sure that equestrians set a good example for other trail users.

Also: Most of the trails we use require “Dogs on Leash!” Do Not Take Dogs with you when you ride these trails. It sets a bad example for equestrians.

New Request to All Members:

We are working toward having accurate information regarding **Trailhead Parking** on our Website.

Please: If you go to a trailhead, take a photo of your truck and trailer that shows the parking lot.

Send those photos to me and also report any unsatisfactory road conditions or problems with stock rig maneuvering space. This will be very helpful to people planning trips. (If we get multiple photos of the same lot, we’ll be able to choose the best one.) Send photos and information to Donna Hollatz jdhollatz@gmail.com 360-457-6694.

Photography Assistance Requested

One of the best ways to document all of our wonderful activities is through photos! We do not have an official photographer and it is difficult for one person to be at all of our events, so it would be extremely helpful if those of you in attendance would take some photos and send them to Newsletter editor, Donna Hollatz (jdhollatz@gmail.com). This documentation can then be used for posters, newsletters, state calendar, and other promotions. If you have a photo that you feel is worthy of submission to “Chapter Accomplishments” or “Calendar” at the state level, please send it to me “full size” as that is the format that is needed for submissions.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE SENT PHOTOS IN THE PAST!

Your 2021 Peninsula Chapter Officers & Chairs

Take the time to note that this list of Chapter members continues to step up and be your Board Directors and Chairs. They do an outstanding job. We are a very successful BCHW Chapter because of the work they do for you. You can support them in many ways: attend your General Meetings, do volunteer event and trail work, attend our ride events, join every year, bring in new members, and send them a thank you now and then. As with all organizations, burn out is a given. Consider shadowing the person who holds one of these positions so that you can step up to take their place in the near future. Your Chapter's future depends on you!

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Membership 2022

Currently, we have 113 members, including all family members. There are 76 memberships, 25 of which are new to Peninsula this year or renewed after an absence. Ten people are new to BCHW. There are 28 families and 25 singles. Thirty-three belong only to Peninsula, the rest (43) belong to multiple chapters.

Renewals can begin any time after October 1 for the next year.

Membership is for one year, beginning on January 1st. We welcome new members at any time and always enjoy meeting new people. We have a lot of fun while working to keep trails open to everyone. You don't need a horse to belong and contribute or work with us. If you have friends who are interested in joining, please have them follow these directions:

Go to www.pbchw.org. Click or tap the JOIN tab. Click or tap on the Back Country Horsemen logo. Complete the form. Online payment is at the bottom of the form. It is very simple. If anyone has any questions about it, they may call Denise 425-221-1752.

If a paper form is desired, go to our website, www.pbchw.org, click or tap on the JOIN tab, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click or tap on the image of the paper form. It will populate and can be printed from there. Follow the instructions on the form for mailing and payment.

GO PNC! Be Proud of Your Volunteer Trail Work!!!

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU TURN IN YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS BY THE 5TH OF EACH MONTH. Don't hesitate to send Suzanne an email, rkingandsking@gmail.com, as soon as you do volunteer work of any kind related to trails, events, education, or anything tied to our Mission Statement.

Here are our latest numbers and comparison from last few years:

2016

Total VH 7899.5

Total Value \$261,197.36

2017-year end

Total VH 5165

Total Value \$165,492

2018 year end

Total VH 6,150.5

Total Value \$205,265.50

2019 year end

Total VH 6,380

Total Value \$240,919.75

2020 year end

Total VH 9,688.5

Total Value \$326,224.00

Oct. 1, 2020 thru September 30, 2021

Total Basic Hours	4,898	\$139,788.92
Total Skilled Hours	1,024.5	\$43,585.85
LNT & Educ.	333	9,503.82
Admin. & Plc Mtgs.	2,202.5	\$62,859.35
Travel Time	1.178	\$33,620.12
Total Hours	9,636	\$289,631.06
Vehicle Mileage	28,600	\$28,600.00
Total Miles	28,600	\$28,600.00
Total Stock Days	153	\$15,300.00

Grand Total \$333,531.06.

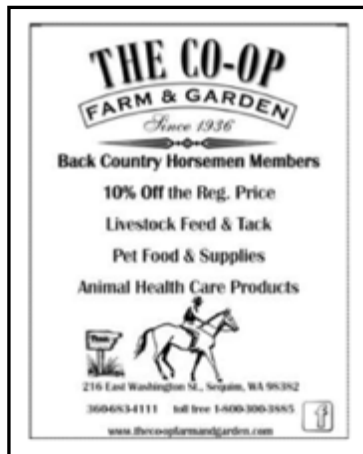
VOLUNTEERING IT'S WHO WE ARE MAKE YOUR HOURS COUNT – REPORT THEM

October 1, 2021 thru May 31, 2022

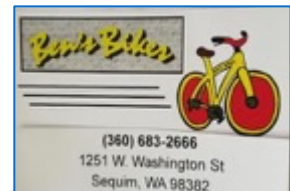
Total Basic Hours	1527 hours
Total Skilled Hours	782.5 hours
LNT and Education	866 hours
Admin & Public Mtgs.	1135 hours
Travel Time	705.5 hours
Vehicle Mileage	10,203 Miles
Stock Days	93

As You Can See We Have a Good Start on the New Year!

Thank You to the businesses who support our efforts!



These businesses support
BCHW. Please take
your business to them.



Opportunity to Make Donations to the Chapter!

The following is from an article found in USA Today. I tried it and found it works as advertised.

October 31, 2013; [USA TODAY](#). This holiday season, Amazon is in quite the charitable mood when it comes to giving away money to nonprofits. Amazon has released a new project, [Amazon Smile](#), which gives shoppers the opportunity to donate through the site to the charity of their choice. By shopping at [smile.amazon.com](#) instead of plain old [amazon.com](#), 0.5 percent of the value of their purchases will be donated. What's even more amazing is that there seems to be no limit to the amount Amazon will give to charity, although as of now auto-renewed subscription purchases and digital products aren't included in the AmazonSmile project.

Ian McAllister, general manager of AmazonSmile, says the company did it simply "because it thought customers would love it." Donations will be made on behalf of a foundation established by Amazon, so those using AmazonSmile will not be able to claim donations as charitable deductions.

Philanthropic charities looking to register their organizations can visit [org.amazon.com](#), sign up, and begin spreading the AmazonSmile link to start the giving to your nonprofit. And, in a moment of shameless self-promotion, if you'd like to support the *Nonprofit Quarterly* (listed under the IRS and GuideStar as the Nonprofit Information Network Association) through AmazonSmile, [please click here](#) <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-4080038>

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Every little bit helps so if you do buy from Amazon try this out.

Member Education – Conditioning Your Trail Horse

This has been a cool, damp spring, and many of us have not been out on our horses as much as usual. Please keep in mind the physical condition of your horses before you plan a backcountry, or extended front country ride! Consistent riding is needed to keep a horse fit enough for a full day of riding.

A horse in average condition, who walks around a large pasture all the time, can usually handle a two-hour trail ride without much stress, but for longer rides and steep terrain a conditioning routine is important to get a horse in shape so he can work safely and not be stiff and sore the next day. If you know your horse is not conditioned, don't go on a long ride over a steep trail. It is not fair to your horse and could cause an injury.

If you are looking for a detailed conditioning plan, Google "**Conditioning for Trail Horses**" and you will find several good plans. For a gradual fitness program for your horse here in Clallam County, start with trail rides at Miller using Cable Trail and Fireweed Road because they are mostly flat and the footing is good. You can use these same trails to add trot work when your horse is ready. For more challenging terrain, start doing the Bluff Trail as it has hills and narrow spots which require more complicated foot work to help your horse develop balance and strength. As your horse's condition improves, the Olympic Adventure Route (west of Port Angeles) can provide more difficult training areas with hills, creeks to cross, and bridges. Be sure you and your horse can ride these trails for 4 to 6 hours without becoming overly tired and stressed before you even think about going into the Olympics! As a rider, you should also be in good enough condition to be able to walk and lead your horse for 3 or 4 miles in case he becomes injured or overly tired and you are quite a distance from your trailer.

When you and your horse are fit, be sure to have some important supplies in your saddle bags and horse trailer: fly spray and a first aid kit, water and a bucket in your horse trailer to give to your horse at the end of a ride, and some snacks for yourself and packer pellets for your horse in case you are out longer than you plan to be. Encourage your horse to drink whenever water is available along the trail, too. All of these things are just part of **Being Prepared!** Also, be sure that your truck and horse trailer are in good mechanical condition. The Forest Service Roads that you must drive to reach the mountain trails are mostly gravel surfaced, often steep, and have numerous potholes! **Be safe!**



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