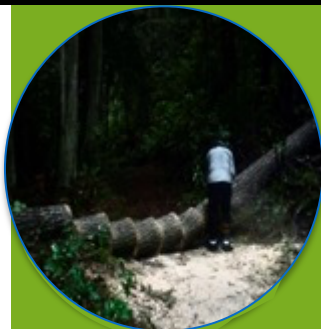
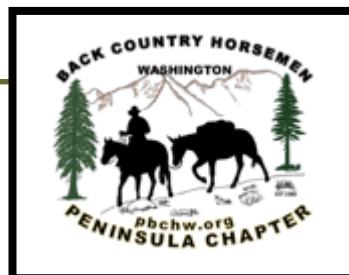


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Trail Crafters News

Olympic Peninsula, Washington



Peninsula Chapter
Chainsaw Carving!
by Jim Hollatz

PENINSULA CHAPTER BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON

PO Box 451, Carlsborg, WA 98324 visit us on FB peninsulabchwchapter@gmail.com

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

Upcoming Events: Next General Meeting via ZOOM - January 17th at 7pm
(Program: "Vet Emergencies on the Trail" by Dr. Claire Smith of Sound Equine)

(There is a new Calendar on the website. Click the date of any event to see more.)

Newsletter Editor: Donna Hollatz jdhollatz@gmail.com

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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President's Message

Happy New Year! We are ringing in the new year with new officers, new board, and new members. PARTICIPATION is the WORD of the New Year. It is one of our major goals for 2023. The Peninsula Chapter is one of the most successful chapters in the state. This is due to our HUGE number of volunteer hours and significant community outreach. IF we are to continue to be a flagship chapter, then we need to strengthen and increase PARTICIPATION of more chapter members. Increasing membership PARTICIPATION at chapter meetings by 25% is a place to start. New Years is a time for resolutions. In this light, I am creating a Meeting Attendance Challenge. We will recognize exceptional participation at the End of Year Celebration. In addition, we hope to entice each member to take on just one small "job" such as being a greeter at our meetings, handling raffles at events, providing refreshments at gatherings, etc. This is all about having FUN together and making new and reconnecting with old acquaintances. (*)

Let us join together in 2023 to make our chapter even better than it has been. Come to meetings! Get involved at any level that fits you! Rally round the campfire together! To paraphrase John F. Kennedy, "Ask not what our Chapter can do for you – ask what you can do for your Chapter.

See you at the next chapter meeting and on the trail,
Theresa Percy
President

**(If you would be willing to "give it a try" and take on a small "job" get in touch with Theresa Percy or Kim Merrick. Thank you!)*

Peninsula Chapter Leaders for 2023

New Officers for 2023

Joan Wildman, Secretary
Nancy Scott, Treasurer
Director, Jeff Chapman

Officers Re-elected for 2023

Theresa Percy, President
Kim Merrick, Vice President

New Board Members for 2023

Ben Wildman, Web Page Manager
Mandy Biles, Social Media Manager
Pat Cosner, Membership Chair
Betsy Trager, Trail Ride Organizer
Juelie Dalzell, LNT Education Coordinator
Legislative Contact, Jeff Chapman

Returning Board Members for 2023

Rebecca Wanagel, Trail Coordinator
Denise Hupfer, Grant Liaison
Suzanne King, Volunteer Hours Chair
Donna Hollatz, Publicity Chair

Miller State Park Development Meeting October 18, 2022 by Donna Hollatz

A number of Peninsula Chapter members attended the Washington State Parks Commission community planning meeting held at Seven Cedars. There was a very negative and vocal crowd, representing the Diamond Point Community, who made it difficult for other organizations to have their voices heard. At the request of one of the Park Commission members, prior to the big meeting, our chapter had provided a written statement that detailed the concerns and hopes for the park property from the perspective of the BCH equestrian community. It also gave the history of the involvement of our organization in the use, development, and maintenance of the current park and expressed our desire to be included in the planning of future development. (The letter can be read on our website under Legislative, 3-15-22.) We have an excellent working relationship with the local rangers and there is hope that our ideas will be considered in the planning process. It is the opinion and concern of our Board that the Park Commission may choose to sell the property if it cannot be further developed and produce some income for the state. We hope that the development can be limited, leaving the beautiful, natural areas as untouched as possible and all trails open for use by everyone (hikers, bikers, and equestrians). We will make every effort to keep the membership apprised of developments that take place in the Legislature regarding funding. Jeff Chapman is doing an excellent job of keeping us informed.

For anyone who missed it: The "Rants n Raves" of Peninsula Daily News had a nice comment about BCHW on January 7th: "Rave of the Week: On New Year's Day, while hiking on Miller Peninsula, we had the pleasure of talking to three members of Back Country Horsemen. A huge thank you to them for clearing the many fallen logs on the trails. Clearing logs of all sizes is heavy, hard work and the Back Country Horsemen do this volunteer work for all of us. We thank them and appreciate all they do."

(It was Tom Mix and Jim and Donna Hollatz on the trail that day.)

Peninsula Chapter “Halloween Ride – October 29, 2022” by Donna Hollatz

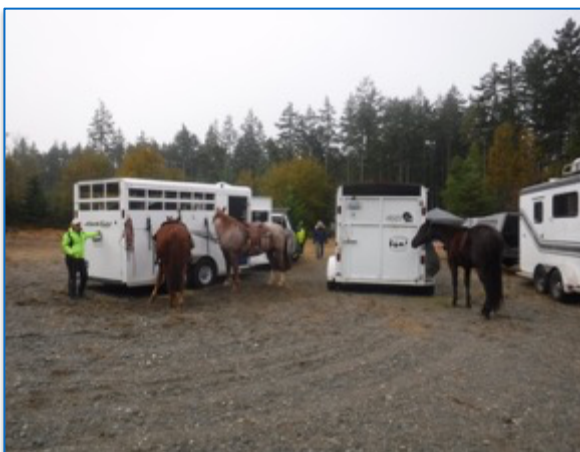
A chilly morning did not stop eight riders from Port Angeles, Sequim, and Port Townsend from gathering in Port Townsend at the former horse park property near Cape George and the Jefferson Solid Waste Disposal site for our Halloween Ride. Juelie Dalzel and Theresa Percy had marked a wonderful 5-mile trail course the day before, and Juelie and Nancy Scott rode out early the morning of the ride to be sure everything was in place. A canopy was erected with “after ride” treats of apple cider, pies, cookies, and pumpkin bread waiting for everyone. Costumes were optional, and several riders wore “hunter orange” as a safety measure (It was the last weekend of deer season.) Riders left in two separate groups but ended up joining one another before returning. None of the riders were familiar with the trails, and despite the route marking efforts, the riders became temporarily lost. (Someone removed many of the “flags” before the large group of riders could complete the course. A pile of the flags was later found dropped under a tree.) A couple of quick cell phone calls got everyone back on track and back to the parking lot to indulge on the refreshments. It was a ride that everyone declared they wanted to do again next year!



Riders welcomed with yummy food!



Nancy Scott, Pat Cosner, and Jeff Chapman help with organization.



Riders getting ready.



Riders Ginger Samples, Linda Morin, Joan Wildman, Laurel Cripe, and Judy Sarles.

End of Year Dinner – November 20, 2022 by Donna Hollatz

The **End of Year Dinner** was held at Gardiner Community Center with 31 members in attendance. We were happy to greet a number of our members who are part of the Gray Wolf Crew that we often don't see at other group activities. Lasagne was the main course, accompanied by wonderful salads, side dishes, and desserts brought by members. The tables sported festive holiday decorations. Kim Merrick had made a video slide show of the year's activities that played throughout the dinner to remind everyone of the work our volunteers do, even if they had been unable to attend some of them.

The highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of "awards". Chapter members had been asked to make nominations for many "fun" titles and small tokens of appreciation were presented to those individuals who were nominated. Linda Morin and Judy Dupree were in charge of this, and handed out the following awards:

- Chuck Wagon Award: Kris Phillips
- Pulaski Award: Bill & LaVonne Mueller
- Good Time Charlie: Dan Dosey
- McGyver: Del Sage & Jim Hollatz
- Bridge Builder: Tom Mix
- Youth Trail Builders: Jessie & Aron Golbeck

At the end of the program, President Theresa had two more awards and certificates to present to members who have gone above and beyond with their volunteer efforts for years. Linda Morin was retiring as Event Chair (a job she had done for more than 6 years) and Denise Hupfer was retiring as Secretary and Treasurer. They were presented with memorable picture plaques reminding them of their dedication to BCHW.

In an effort to implement planning of activities for 2023, a Round Robin Group Activity was organized by Kim Merrick to get input from many members. Large poster papers were put up on the walls and members were asked to sign up for things they would like to participate in doing, either as a leader or a helper for 2023. We now have someone willing to organize Trail Rides, someone willing to lead a Pony Club Trail Education Day, another person to organize a State Park Youth Education Day, and there are many "helper bees" who offered to lend a hand to the organizers. This showed great community spirit and energy.

Dungeness River Center – Reservoir Meeting

December 6, 2023

A meeting was held by the Dungeness River Off-Channel Reservoir Engineering and Planning Directors of Clallam County to explain new design ideas to the public. This is the plan for the DNR land that we currently use for Dungeness Trails. Bicyclists and equestrians were allowed to build trails on this site just west of River Road in Sequim, but the long-term plan for the area is to construct a reservoir for irrigation water and allow recreation in the area surrounding it. Our BCHW chapter has spent many volunteer hours building a horse trailer parking area along Happy Valley Road, building connecting trails between Sporseen Road and River Road, and then moving gravel and building turnpike to harden and improve the tread of 2 miles of trail.

Donna Hollatz, Suzanne King, and Bill and LaVonne Mueller attended this meeting on behalf of Peninsula Chapter because the most recent “plan,” as detailed in the local newspaper, only mentioned trail use by hikers and bicyclists (not equestrians). It was our goal to be sure that equestrians were included as users of these multi-use trails.

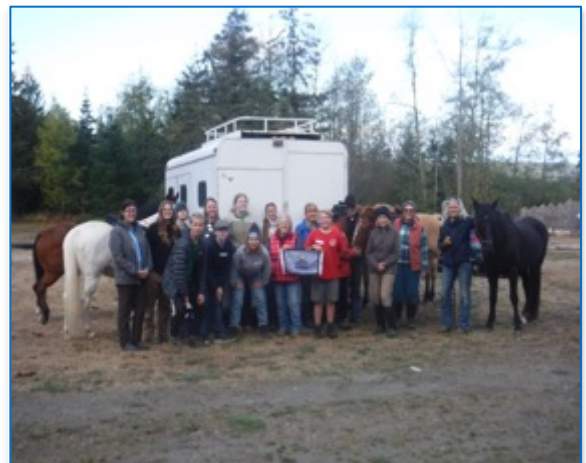
The meeting attracted a huge crowd, whose loudly voiced concerns were the changes being proposed to the size and shape of the reservoir. The new design has a smaller surface footprint, but the earthen dam surrounding the reservoir is taller and the water behind the dam would be deeper, possibly posing a threat to houses north of the proposed reservoir in the event of a large earthquake. There were stations set up around the event hall to explain all of the new information, but no one was available to discuss the recreational opportunities planned for the DNR land. We were told that “recreation details” would be a County decision once the land was transferred from DNR to Clallam County. (The transfer needs to take place before the reservoir is built.)

Subsequently, our chapter will write a letter to the director of Clallam County Parks to request that the land use wording includes trail use by “equestrians” as well as hikers and bicycles. This may not be a decision that is implemented soon as the dam construction is not finalized, but we want our position protected if possible.

Scout Horsemanship Merit Badge

Program (October 22, 2022) organized by Linda Morin

Peninsula Chapter volunteers held a very successful day of training and testing for Scouts who had been working on their Horsemanship Merit Badges for over a year. All the Scouts completed the stringent riding portion as well as knowledge testing to successfully be awarded these coveted badges. A complete article about this program and several pictures are in the January/February 2023 issue of Trailhead News. If you missed reading this in your magazine from the state BCHW, it can be accessed on our Peninsula Chapter website (pbchw.org).



Trail Work – November & December 2022

Miller Peninsula: Early fall was “messy” weather season! We had a significant windstorm at the end of October, followed by several inches of wet, heavy snow in early November. Many of the trees still had leaves, which significantly increased the impact of the wet snow, so many small and large trees fell across the trails at Miller Peninsula State Park Property. To add to the frustration, our sawyers were away from home elk hunting and could not begin to attack the destruction until after Thanksgiving.

Jim and Donna Hollatz and Tom Mix greatly appreciated the help of some new trail work volunteers as they worked on Miller trails. Some days clearing was accomplished by walking in with a chainsaw, other days horses were ridden and a pack horse or mule carried the saw. Three days, we had swampers on foot (Joan Wildman, Judy Dupree, Laurel Cripe, Teresa Crossley) to help pick up debris. Leif Hogle and Judy Dupree brought horses 2 days. The Beach Trail alone had 17 trees blown across it. The Bluff Trail took a full day to clear, with two groups of workers starting from both ends and meeting up in the afternoon. Crews worked 6 days between Thanksgiving and Christmas and had everything cleared for a full day before new obstacles fell.

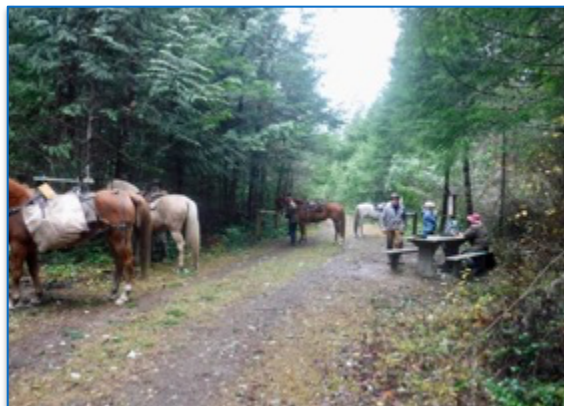
More blocking trees were reported along the Bluff Trails by New Year’s Day and those were cut out on January 14, along with brushing Yarrow Trail, so it is now open.



Nov. 27, Beach Trail



Dec. 12, Manzanita Trail



Dec. 12, Lunch along Fireweed



Dec. 14, Tom & Leif attacking blow-downs!

Leave No Trace

Juelie Dalzell, Coordinator

Juelie has agreed to provide “Leave No Trace” education at several of our public events this year. She offers the following advice to anyone venturing into our beautiful natural areas:

“Nature that sustains, connects, and inspires us is at risk. Together we can protect it from overuse, trash, and harming wildlife. For example, while on trails: Riding around a barrier, instead of removing it, leads to multiple user paths weaving through an area causing further erosion, mud, and other issues. It’s better to simply clear the trail. This is true also of mud puddles. Train your horse to walk through water and walk through the middle of puddles.

Gray Wolf Trail Crew

a bit of history by Rod Farlee

Peninsula Chapter is often a leader at BCHW in Volunteer Hours. We can thank a local volunteer trail work crew for their help in racking up so many hours, because many of this group belong to Peninsula Chapter even though they do not own horses or “ride” on the trails. They steadily **work** on the trails and donate their hours to us! Here is a little history of this crew and how it got started.

Gray Wolf Trail Crew Its Origins 2007-2011 by Rod Farlee

Gray Wolf Trail Crew was started in 2007 by Don Stoneman, at the request of Christine Peterson, then Trail Coordinator for Hood Canal Ranger District of Olympic National Forest. Christine knew that many hikers like to get out early in the spring, as soon as low elevation trails became snow-free, but were hampered by winter storm damage. And she knew WTA work parties have to be scheduled weeks in advance, so were often cancelled or postponed due to changeable spring weather. She asked Don to gather local trail volunteers whenever a nice spring day presented the opportunity.

Among the friends joining Don Stoneman to form Gray Wolf Trail Crew were Don Abbott, Neil and Lisa Turnberg, Rod Farlee, Rik Scairpon, Mace White, John Boles, Wayne and Peggy Siscoe, Mark Clark, Daniel Collins, Scott Metzler and Ron Frisch. Initially focused on National Forest trails in the Dungeness and Quilcene drainages, we also reopened the Little River and Cox Valley Trails in Olympic National Park.

Don's expertise in rigging and wood working enabled us to replace missing footlogs across Heather Creek, Sleepy Hollow, Gold Creek and several footbridges, puncheons and crib walls on the Gray Wolf and Dungeness Trails, all in Olympic National Forest, the 120-foot Barnes Creek footbridge in Olympic National Park, and Phantom Creek and other footbridges on the Maple Valley and Steam Donkey Loop Trails in Dosewallips State Park. In each of these projects, Don patiently mentored us in regaining all-but-forgotten backcountry skills with rigging, handsaw, adze, drawknife, auger and sledge. The high point for Don was reopening the Gray Wolf Pass Trail and revisiting Cedar Lake in Olympic National Park.

Don Stoneman received the 2010 Clallam County Community Service Award in recognition of the Gray Wolf Trail Crew.

Gray Wolf Trail Crew (continued)



Don Stoneman

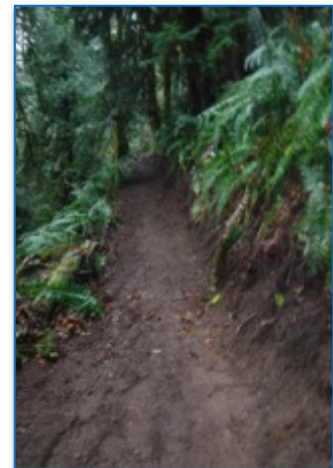


Don Stoneman and Jennifer Fujii on the newly completed Sleepy Hollow footlog, Gold Creek Trail, 2010.

Rebecca Wanagel, our Trail Work Coordinator, has taken over as the Leader of the Gray Wolf Trail Crew and will be helping with their trail work projects. This crew is graciously opening their ranks to anyone from Peninsula Chapter who would like to give them a hand on some of the many projects planned for 2023. **If you would like to be notified, by email, of the project/work dates, please let Rebecca know and she'll put you on the list. You can then join any outing that sounds fun to you.** Rick & Suzanne King and Jim & Donna Hollatz did a work party with this group on December 3, 2022, along the Elwha Trail, working to regain tread by removing many huge sword fern. It was a beautiful walk and lots of healthy exercise with like minded outdoorsy people. I'm sure we'll join them again sometime this spring.



Gray Wolf Workers, Dec. 3, 2022



Before and After Pictures of a section of this trail.

Photos Needed by 2024 Calendar Editor, Terri Crawford

BCHW has sent out a request for photos to be used for the 2024 BCHW Calendar!

The deadline for sending photos is **February 1, 2023**. Donna will be sending some photos of our work projects, but I'm sure many members have some great pictures they have snapped this year. If you have one that you think deserves a chance on the state calendar, just send it in yourself:

email to: calendarpix@bchw.org Please be sure to include a description of each photo.
If you want to send a thumb drive, please be aware that you will not get it back.

Mail to: Terri Crawford, 510 Dalles Mountain Road, Centerville, WA 98613-3030

Peninsula Chapter 2023 Calendar of Events by Kim Merrick

<p>January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 Zoom Chapter Meeting 28 BCHW Leadership Training Ellensburg <p>February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Legislative Day in Olympia 15 Zoom Chapter Meeting 18 'Cherry Pie Ride' on the ODT 25 Frosty Moss Relay (we provide tent) <p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 Zoom Chapter Meeting 18 'Rides of March' Lower Dungeness River Trails 17-19 Rendezvous Ellensburg <p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 OAT Run 19 In Person Chapter Meeting 16 Salt Creek Spaghetti Ride <p>May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6-7 USPC Trails Clinic 6-7 Leave No Trace Clinic 13 Irrigation Festival Parade 17 In Person Chapter Meeting 21 Rhody Ride at Miller 19-21 LeBar Horse Camp Work Party <p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBD Don Gonder 'What Your Conservation District Can Do for You' 17-18 Littleton Ride 21 In Person Chapter Meeting 	<p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15-16 LaBar Campout 19 in Person Chapter Meeting TBD Summer Picnic at Dosey's <p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Joyce Days Parade 11-13 Jefferson County Fair Booth 16 In Person Chapter Meeting 17-21 Clallam County Fair Booth <p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 PRIZE RIDE 16 Layton Hill Ride 20 In Person Chapter Meeting <p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 Zoom Chapter Meeting 21 Halloween Ride, PT Horse Park 28 BCHW Wine Ride <p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 Zoom Chapter Meeting 18 'Turkey Ride' at Miller <p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 End of Year Party, Elections, Awards TBD Sequim Tractor Parade
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Board Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month over Zoom. Members welcome!

In Person Meetings will be held at Gardiner Community Center unless otherwise noted.
980 Old Gardiner Road
Sequim, WA 98382

Report Trail Hazards

Please Report Trail Hazards on Website: www.pbchw.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! **(Do not comb winter hair from your mount and leave it in the parking area!)** We want to be sure that equestrians set a good example for other trail users.

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 jdholatz@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 (jdholatz@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 2023 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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Email for the Chapter:	peninsulabchwchapter@gmail.com

Membership 2023

Currently, we have 54 memberships, 27 Single, 21 Family, 3 Contributing, 2 Sustaining, 2 Lifetime single, 2 Lifetime family. A number of folk have not renewed for 2023, so these numbers will probably increase.

If you have not sent in your 2023 renewal, this would be a perfect time!

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 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:

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 September 30, 2022

Total Basic Hours	3710.5 hours	\$111,129.48
Total Skilled Hours	1735.5 hours	77,976.02
LNT and Education	943 hours	28,242.85
Admin & Public Mtgs.	1428.5 hours	42,783.58
Travel Time	1536 hours	46,003.20
Total Hours	9353.5	\$306,135.12
Vehicle Mileage	27,262 Miles	34,077.50
Stock Days	146	14,600.00

Grand Total \$354,812.62

As You Can See—This has been Another Great Year!

We should be very proud of our accomplishments!

The January-February **Trailhead News** reported Volunteer Hours from all Chapters for the year. If you did not look closely at that chart, it would be enlightening for you to check it again. Peninsula had the highest total hours of any state chapter! 9,353.5 hours (3,900 more than the next closest) \$354,737.72 total dollar value (\$132,361.26 more than next closest)

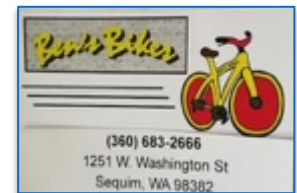
Classified Ads

All BCHW members can post a free equine or farm related ad. 20 words or less. Must include contact info. Due by the 25th of the month by email: PeninsulaBCHWChapter@Gmail.Com

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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