

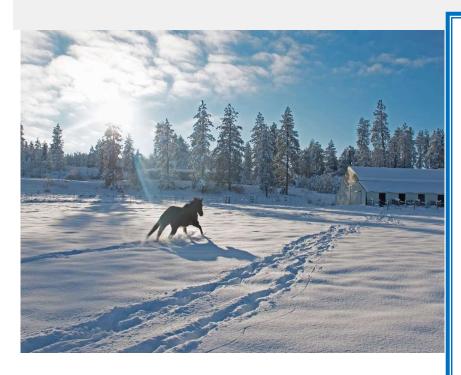
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Back Country Horsemen of Washington "Educate, Advocate, and Move Dirt!"

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December 2022/ January 2023





Winter Wonderland

Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?
In the lane snow is glistening,
A beautiful sight, We're happy tonight,
Walkin' in a winter wonderland!

PBCH CALENDAR

All events subject to change; Watch facebook and emails.

December 6 – PBCH General Meeting; Christmas Party

January 3- PBCH General Meeting; Planning Meeting. (Plus Pizza & Door Prizes!)

January 28, 2023- BCHW Leadership training in Ellensburg

February 4- Additional
Leadership topics via Zoom.

February 7—PBCH General Meeting. State Parks Area Manager will be speaking. Also PBCH awards.

President's Report December 2022

Our December 6 meeting will be a Christmas Party and optional gift exchange with a \$25.00 gift limit. Main course will be provided. Please bring sides and desserts. Come one, come all!

Membership renewal is due by January 15. You can renew at <u>bchw.org</u> and we will have applications at our meetings.

Our January 3rd meeting will be a planning meeting. We are exploring a way to join the meeting remotely in case you want to attend but aren't up to the winter drive. What should we do, where should we do it, and when should we do it? Bring your ideas! Where should this chapter be going? If you like an idea, how will you help? Ideas and questions to consider: Ladies' campout? Other campouts? Camping education clinic? Or maybe an open house with education? A local mini-Rendezvous? Poker Ride? Booth at 4-H? Trailhead education activities? Education and Advocacy? Programs at meetings? Projects? What kind and where? Riverside State Park? BLM? County? What should our focus be this year and the next? Do we want a youth program, if so, how? Other ideas?

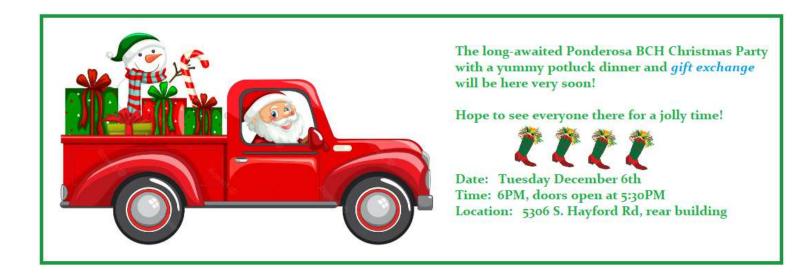
Just because you will all deserve a break from holiday food and cooking, we will have pizza at the Planning Meeting. And there will be exciting door prizes!!!

The BCHW Leadership meeting will be January 28 in Ellensburg, and we will be offering gas reimbursement for carpooling. Contact me or Ken for more information on how that works.

I have Poker Ride T-shirts and BCHW hats available that would make a great Christmas gift. Let me know sizes! Thanks!

Tom





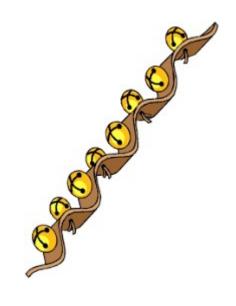
Membership By Ken Carmichael

I will make this short and sweet. Memberships are due by January 15. After that people that have not renewed will no longer receive newsletters.

We encourage you to take a few minutes and renew online at www.bchw.org. It is a simple process. A pdf file is also attached to this newsletter which you can print and send to the indicated address.

BCH helps keep trails open for everyone. Please join us in that effort.

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh, hey!
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.



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BCH Activities

By Ken Carmichael

Winery Ride

Those of us that went to the BCH Winery Ride in Zillah Washington in October had a great time. If you have looked at the BCHW Trailhead News, you have seen some of the creative costumes.

Patti and I held down the membership/information booth again this year. This gave us the opportunity to talk to most of the riders. We thought there were lots of new riders this year and they came from as far away as Montana. Patti was also a Hostess at the Velen Winery while I drove wine between the wineries and registration area. Doug Bailey helped with parking again so he had a good workout. Patty Wright and a friend attended the ride to visit wineries on horseback.

PBCH Christmas Party:

The Ponderosa Christmas party is December 6. You will not want to miss the good time and food.

PBCH Planning Meeting:

The January 3 PBCH membership meeting will be devoted to planning our future. This is an opportunity for everyone to have input. We will talk about 2023 and several years to follow so please join us for a good discussion.

BCHW Leadership Training:

This event will be held January 28 in Ellensburg and is always a good event. We get to meet with other chapters and share ideas. The class and presentation schedule should come out soon.

BCHW Rendezvous:

Back to the fun side of things. Rendezvous will be March 17-19 in Ellensburg. We have reserved two tables at the banquet and live auction for Ponderosa members. Watch for information about clinics and other activities.

Ponderosa Poker Ride:

This is the big Ponderosa fundraiser for the year. It will be held in Riverside State Park on Sunday, May 21. We will need everyone's help on that day.

Monthly chapter meetings:

Each month Ponderosa holds a membership meeting featuring educational presentations, opportunities to meet with land managers, enjoy each other's company and quite often enjoy some great food. We will have a full schedule in 2023

That is the short list of what is happening. After the Planning Meeting on January 3rd, we will be adding to it. Rides and work parties will be scheduled. Attend our great meetings and watch the newsletter.

PONDEROSA BCH Planning Calendar (as of 11/29/22)

All dates subject to change; watch emails and facebook.

December 2022

December 6 – PBCH General Meeting; Christmas Party, Potluck

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

January 2023

January 3- PBCH General Meeting; Annual Business Planning Meeting (exploring Facebook Live or other option for remote attendance). PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA.

January 28- Leadership Meeting in Ellensburg. Car pooling and gas reimbursement is available.

February 2023

February 4- Additional BCHW Leadership topics via Zoom.

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March 2023

March 7—Member Meeting

March 17-19—BCHW Rendezvous at Ellensburg

Other 2023 Events:

2023 PBCH Poker Ride 5/21

2023 Wine Ride - 10/28

Other events can be found here: https://www.bchw.org/upcoming events.php



2023: The Year of the Volunteer By Ken Carmichael

Let's start with what BCHW is. BCHW is a volunteer, nonprofit, service organization with a goal of preserving the rights of responsible horsemen to use horses and mules on public land.

My interpretation of the BCHW vision is "To maintain a viable volunteer organization in support of our public lands with education, advocacy and physical labor so that public lands continue as a premier resource in natural resource protection and recreational opportunities for equestrians."

If we are to accomplish this goal and vision, we must take positive, affirmative actions. We do this in the areas of education, advocacy, moving dirt (work parties) and the many administrative tasks in support of these activities. Further, this is done at the chapter, state, and national level.

The number of members in BCHW makes a difference. But the real measure of our success comes with the active volunteers that pull all these activities together. Because of the diversity of these activities, it requires members with a variety of skills, talents, interests, and abilities.

Question: what part are you playing in accomplishing our goal?

Being a member is appreciated but belonging to a service organization requires participation. There are many opportunities at the chapter and state levels.

What roles can we play?

- As a member take the first step by talking to the chapter president and asking how you can help
- As leaders be prepared to offer entry level positions to the chapter membership
- As an experienced volunteer search out the member that will be your replacement and offer to mentor that person
- Everyone attends Leadership Training

The BCHW goal and vision cannot be accomplished by just a few in BCHW. It takes many hands and hearts. As members of a service organization, we all have a responsibility to do our part.

If you believe in our goal and vision, then reach out and make a difference. Do not sit on the sidelines during this very important adventure. Please be part of the action and search out how you can contribute to keeping trails open. Let's make the year **2023 the year of the volunteer**.



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Palouse to Cascade Trail BY Ken Carmichael

The following is an email from Jeff Chapman to BCHW members. He follows activities on the Palouse to Cascade Trail that crosses Washington. This is a great multiuse trail that I have ridden twice. We are fortunate to have Jeff representing equestrians.

The monthly meeting of groups with State Parks regarding the Palouse to Cascades Trail development was held this week. There won't be a meeting next month. It does look like winter weather will pause construction and maintenance for a short time, including the Malden Trailhead.

State Parks will be going out to bid by January on constructing both Crab Creek bridges west of Beverly that were destroyed by fire. Both bridges should be constructed in 2023 and open by fall.

Planning work is continuing for reconstruction of the Kittitas Depot in the City of Kittitas. Work will involve a new foundation to start with. This project to some degree depends upon the next capital budget in the 2023 session.

Also in the grant budget is the project to rebuild the 3 burned trestles near Pine City and Malden as well as build the Kenova trailhead. It is a WWRP grant, so funding won't be known until after the April legislative session cutoff. It is likely to be funded (the grant rated #1 in its WWRP category). However, due to the timing of planning and contract work (including FEMA), the burned trestles won't likely be open until late 2024 at the earliest, so the next two years of the JWPWR ride will still require a bypass route between Hole in the Ground and Malden. The route used this year was actually quite acceptable to riders.

State Parks anticipates having funding for both design work and construction/repair for the Rock Lake tunnels and westerly trestles above Rock Lake. This is a high valued area being a major trail feature. It too depends to some degree on the next capital budget.

Jeff Chapman



What's in your hay?

By Carol Klar 11/30/22

In a recent vet exam, I was told to take weight off my horse. This would help reduce hoof stress, laminitis risk, etc. With that directive, I was told to feed her 8# of hay 2x/day. Hay was to have no more than 12% NSC (Nonstructural Carbohydrates); these are sugars and starches produced/stored within the growing plants. A good resource to further explain this can be found here. If you have an "easy keeper", this is sure worth reading. If you have ever dealt with a laminitic horse, you can appreciate getting ahead of that painful and sometimes fatal disease process. Weighing hay can be easily accomplished with a haybag and fish scale. Getting the correct hay NSC content was a bit more involved.

Doing the hay test itself is really easy, and the purpose of writing this article is to share that with anyone who might want to do one. First, you can borrow a hay probe from the <u>Spokane County Extension office</u> located near the fairgrounds; there is no charge for this. The probe attaches to a ½" power drill and uses a circular bit to drill a nice sample. Once extracted, you'll just put it in a sandwich size baggie and send it to the testing office of your choice. Sample bag needs to be labelled with the name of the hay that is shown as Field ID on the official report. I used <u>Soiltest Farm Consultants of Moses Lake</u>, and sent the sample via the USPS. Once they received the sample, I had my report the next day. Cost for one basic analysis is \$20. There are several other companies that offer this service as well. For additional fees, you can look at other things in the hay.

The moral of the story... During the 2022 hay season, I purchased orchard grass hay from 2 sources and had both analyzed. The reports are attached. Much to my chagrin, both were above the 12% NSC target. I will need to take some action to deal with this. A few options are to buy different hay or soak existing hay before feeding, in order to reduce the sugar level.

As an aside, similar considerations will apply to pasture grazing. <u>Here is a good article</u> that talks about sugars and the plants in your pasture.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions on this. Cklar32@gmail.com







DATE RECEIVED: 11/21/2022 DATE REPORTED: 11/22/2022 LAB NUMBER: F22-04605

GROWER: CAROL KLAR

FIELD ID.: HEGE- LG BALE ORCHARD GRASS GROWER ACCOUNT #: DESCRIPTION: Grass GROWER SAMPLE ID"

DESCRIPTION. Glass		MID EE	ED ANALYSIS		
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DRY MATTER %	93.2	100	NEL, MCAL/KG [ADF]	1.2	1.3
			NEM, MCAL/KG [ADF]	1.8	1.9
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CRUDE PROTEIN	8.2	8.8	ME MCAL/KG	2.20	2.36
DIGESTIBLE PROTEIN	4.6	4.9	DE MCAL/KG	2.6	2.8
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LIGNIN %	4.6	4.9	Boron (B) mg/kg		1
dNDF48 (% of NDF)	53.0	56.9	Calcium (Ca) % Copper (Cu) mg/kg		
RFV		101	Iron (Fe) mg/kg		1
RFQ		118	Magnesium (Mg) %		1
			Manganese (Mn) mg/kg		
FAT %	1.9	2.09	Phosphorus (P) %		1
STARCH %	4.7	5.01	Potassium (K) %		
ESC %	10.6	11.4	Sodium (Na) %		1
NSC %	16.2	17.4	Sulfur (S) %		
ASH %	8.4	9.0	Zinc (Zn) mg/kg		
WSC %	11.56	12.4	Chloride (CI) mg/kg		ad
Minerals					
CALCIUM (Ca) %	0.32	0.34			
PHOSPHORUS (P) %	0.16	0.17			
POTASSIUM (K) %	1.63	1.75			
MAGNESIUM (Mg) %	0.12	0.13			
Other Analysis:					
NITRATE NITROGEN mg/kg			L		

* TOTAL AFLATOXIN (B1, B2, G1, G2) (AgraStrip 8.0 ppb)

Relataive Feed value includes both ADF and NDF in accordance with AFGC Hay Market Task Force Equations

We make every effort to provide an accurate analysis of your sample. For reasonable cause we will repeat tests, but because of factors beyond our control in sampling procedures and the inherent variability of feeds, our liability is limited to the price of the tests.





DATE RECEIVED: 11/21/2022 DATE REPORTED: 11/22/2022 LAB NUMBER: F22-04604

GROWER: CAROL KLAR
FIELD ID.: BIRKY- SMALL BALE ORCHARD GRASS GROWER ACCOUNT #:

DESCRIPTION: Grass			GROWER SAMPLE ID*			
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DRY MATTER %	92.6	100	NEL, MCAL/KG [ADF]	1.2	1.3	
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Protein			NEG, MCAL/KG [ADF]	1.1	1.2	
CRUDE PROTEIN	8.2	8.9	ME MCAL/KG	2.19	2.37	
DIGESTIBLE PROTEIN	4.5	4.9	DE MCAL/KG	2.6	2.8	
Eibor			DDM %	58.4	63.1	
Fiber	20.7	20.4	DMI % of Body Wt.	1.8	1.9	
ACID DET. FIBER %	30.7	33.1				
NEUTRAL DET. FIBER % LIGNIN %	57.2 4.3	61.8 4.6	Wet Chemistry Minerals:			
T1 T	51.5	55.6	Boron (B) mg/kg			
dNDF48 (% of NDF)	51.5	55.6	Calcium (Ca) %			
RFV		95	Copper (Cu) mg/kg			
RFQ		117	Iron (Fe) mg/kg			
RFQ		117	Magnesium (Mg) %			
FAT %	1.9	2.05	Manganese (Mn) mg/kg			
STARCH %	3.9	4.22	Phosphorus (P) %			
ESC %	10.3	11.1	Potassium (K) %			
NSC %	15.1	16.3	Sodium (Na) %			
ASH %	6.9	7.4	Sulfur (S) %			
WSC %	11.20	12.1	Zinc (Zn) mg/kg			
VVSC %	11.20	12.1	Chloride (CI) mg/kg	oxdot		
Minerals						
CALCIUM (Ca) %	0.19	0.20				
PHOSPHORUS (P) %	0.15	0.16				
POTASSIUM (K) %	1.26	1.36				
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List Cost: \$20.00

Newsletter Theme: Let it Snow

By Michelle Eames

Don't tell anyone, but I snuck off with my family to San Diego for a long Thanksgiving weekend. It was delightful! Sun, beaches, hiking...then we came home to full-blown winter. But making it through winter is a prerequisite to making it to spring, so I'm sure I'll survive.

The Fjord Horse boys are basking in the cold and snow, and loving being fed good hay with no work expectations from me. Pony heaven. Meanwhile, I am in the house trying to figure out what to make and buy for Christmas. I am not ready.

As far as gifts go, remember Riding Warehouse-- PBCH members get a 15% discount there! They carry namebrand apparel, tack, horse care items, and gifts. You can even find dog products!

If you need the secret code to get those deals, contact Linda White or Carol Klar.

See this link for their main page: https://www.ridingwarehouse.com/

And see this link for an online holiday gift guide in case you don't know what to buy for your horsey friends and family:

https://www.ridingwarehouse.com/catpage-PPHOLIDAYG.html



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From the Editor:

Just in case you are sick of watching the snow and want to get out in that winter wonderland with your horse, consider Skijoring! I don't do this, because when I get on skis, I fall. Even just standing still. But for more coordinated athletic people (and horses) out there, here is a quick article copied directly from Horse Illustrated (https://www.horseillustrated.com/horse-exclusives-winter-equestrian-skijoring).

Skijoring: the extreme winter equestrian sport

Looking for a new way to spend time with your horse during the winter? Welcome to skijoring, a winter sport that combines the thrill of skiing with the fun of equestrian.

Skijoring originated in Scandinavia, originally as a mode of winter transportation. Today it is a recreational sport, often done with dogs providing the pull. In canine skijoring, the human has regular cross-country skiing equipment, including poles, and wears a belt attached to a dog harness. In equestrian skijoring, the human wears skis and holds tug lines attached to the horse's harness.

In some versions, the skijorer holds long reins for steering. Think ground driving on skis. Skijoring races are serious business in parts of Europe, where horses wearing special winter shoes gallop around a snowy track, pulling their drivers at remarkable speeds. In North America a popular variation is to have a rider on the horse while the skijorer holds a line attached to the saddle horn. With this western twist on the Scandinavian sport, skijorers compete behind galloping horses, steering themselves over sizable jumps.

If you're not an adrenaline junkie, you can still enjoy skijoring. At a slower pace, skijoring is a good way to provide your horse with some winter activity while giving you a chance to get outside the arena. Of course, strapping on some skis and putting yourself at the mercy of your horse is not something to do without proper instruction, or with a horse who is not accustomed to being driven. As with any winter workout, make sure your horse has appropriate footwear for working in potentially slippery conditions, and remember that trotting through the snow is a lot more work for your horse than trotting on flat ground, so don't overdo it.



Photo from http://www.skijorinternational.com/try-it

"I love the winter weather, so the two of us can [ride] together..."

Let it Snow By Ken Carmichael

I am not particularly fond of the newsletter theme. While the snow is pretty to look at through the window, I have no interest in playing in it. My sports are centered around warm weather.

I do not enjoy riding on ice, so we give the horses a break in the winter. This also gives us a chance to catch up on other chores. The biggest one is cleaning and oiling all the saddles. This also gives me a chance to closely look at all the equipment and get repairs done during my down time.

As for the holidays, I really enjoy Christmas music and it provides a good time to see family members. Christmas shopping is always a challenge. For years my granddaughter only asked for a live horse. Since she now has that, plus a pony, that is off the table.

Another good chore for winter is to plan for summer. This includes a PBCH planning meeting. Patti and I also try to lay out plans for riding the next summer.

So as for winter and snow, just give me a warm place to sit with a warm drink in my hand and I will watch the snow from inside.

Let it Snow

Oh, the weather outside is frightful But the fire is so delightful And since we've no place to go Let it snow! Let it snow!



LET IT SNOW

Cindy Miller

Snow is beneficial, and when we can safely and comfortably interact with one of Nature's seasonal 'gifts', we might as well enjoy its stunning beauty.













From PBCH Member Louise Walton

Below is an excerpt from the introduction to "Mane Trails and Remembered Tales" which is a diverse compilation of the authors' stories about their experiences with horses. This book is NEBCH's member Dana Slater's dream come true. She sweet talked twelve of her friends into providing their stories, adding her own, and all working hard to get it published.

[Editor's note: Christmas is coming! Consider this book for a present! I read it and enjoyed it.]

"Overcoming Adversity Inspires a Vision

By Dana Slater

The question you ask, "Why did I want to do a book and include stories from other authors who are friends and riding companions?" That is not hard to answer but is very simple.

It all revolves around my life with horses. They have a mind of their own and respond to events in life just like we do. When I was 17 in 1967, I was on a cross country endurance ride and got seriously hurt. I was kicked in the head by my horse when I fell off on a steep climb. My horse lost its footing, stumbled, and down we went with her on top of me. I could not speak or walk for about a year. My parents provided every medical therapy available but to no avail. I used to play guitar, sing, play harmonica, and "oh yea" the accordion. My Dad and I used to jam on harmonicas. My favorite song to play was Oh Susanna. Dad was good at it. I was fair but sad to say after the accident I could not remember cords or play. I sure as heck can't sing to this day.

Time passed, I had marvelous horse adventures, and one day I sold a horse to a very special lady. She loves that Quarter mare and still owns her to this day. She and I connected as best friends and we love camping and riding together. She understands me, despite my still having problems speaking and writing. My brain wanders with many rapid-fire thoughts and feelings. I cannot say things the way I want them to come out to express all the joy and excitement I feel. She understands what I am trying to say and her brain reads it the way I mean it. Other friends I ride with have been hurt bad and are back in the saddle to ride again. When you find that group of best friends and you get along, what better way is there to share everyone's experiences and passions than to put a book together of our memorable trail riding adventures, camping and loving the outdoors. It has become the book fulfilling my dream and bringing us all closer. I hope you enjoy the stories and the pictures. I hope they will inspire you to experience more of the trail ahead."

There are almost 40 stories in the book. The shortest is a single page (page 176). The longest runs almost 30 pages. There are lots of great photos. Both black & white and color. You will be introduced to, or will recognize in stories, many of the surrounding equine riding areas like The Bob Marshall, The Pasayten Wilderness, Ancient Lakes, Eagle Cap Wilderness, Colville National Forest, Gypsy Meadows, and Rustlers Gulch. My favorite title is "Horses, Moose & Bear, Oh My! How about thoughts on getting four horses into a three horse trailer to evacuate from an approaching fire. A Directory for Forest Service, Federal, State, and Department of Natural Resources, Addresses and Phone Numbers starts on page 249.

Let us know which one is your favorite story. Don't you want to know what is behind the book's fabulous cover photo? Several of the authors have copies of the book for sale (\$24.00). Please contact Dana (208-610-6439), Louise (509-590-5132), or Sherrie (509-294-1318) and we can help you buy a copy.

From the Editor:

I invite you all to continue to send me your stories, tips, jokes, articles, photos, words of wisdom, or whatever. I especially would like to encourage our officers and committee chairs to share their thoughts, visions and projects. The goal here is to make the newsletter fun, entertaining and informative.

Please send me photos of you and your equine buddy so I can highlight you in our newsletter. Introduce yourself to other members with background on you or your horse.



Photo by Carol Klar

Michelle Eames, Newsletter Editor

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The 2023 Executive Board for PBCH includes the officers, plus Michelle Eames, Newsletter; and Melissa Halpin, Spokane County Lands Coordinator.

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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:

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