



# PONDEROSA



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

Website: [PBCHW.COM](http://PBCHW.COM)

June 2023



*Scout ready to volunteer his services at the Poker Ride. He stood at his high-line station quietly in all the commotion. What a good horse!*

## PBCH CALENDAR

***All events subject to change;  
Watch facebook and emails.***

**June 6-PBCH Member Meeting  
@RSP Equestrian Area**

**June 10- Path to Partnership  
Communication and Confidence  
Clinic @ Riverside Equestrian  
Arena. [Spokanecops.org](http://Spokanecops.org).**

**June 10 — National Get  
Outdoors Day (Discover Pass  
Free Day)**

**June 11 — Free Fishing Day  
(Discover Pass Free Day)**

**June 19 — Juneteenth (Discover  
Pass Free Day)**

**June 27- PBCH Board Meeting**

## President's Report June 2023

I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped with the Poker Ride this year. I heard nothing but compliments from the participants. You guys are great!

We have the results of the Poker Ride:

1st place with 5-8s Katherine Orne

2nd place with 4-aces anonymous

(Donated back to chapter)

Last place 1,2,3,4,8

Judi Rehm and Jennifer Hartley

Our June meeting will be the 6<sup>th</sup> at the RSP Equestrian Area, by the arena.

The board will meet at 5:00 pm, and the general meeting will be at 6:00 pm.

We will be discussing the Poker Ride during the Board meeting; if you have any input, you are welcome to come. You are also welcome to come to the board meeting just because you want to.

One raffle item was not picked up. It is the Fred Meyer donation. There is a \$100.00 gift certificate and some food items. This is what we suggest:

- Put the names of everyone that worked at the Poker Ride in a bucket and draw a name at the next membership meeting on June 6.
- If the person is at the meeting, they get the gift certificate and food.
- If they are not at the meeting, we mail them the gift certificate and dispose of the food at the meeting, we do not want to mail it.

Plans for the June meeting were to have a discussion or presentation on wildfire preparedness. We hope to have someone from DNR there. As of yet, they haven't called me back after emails and phone messages. If I don't hear back from them, I will do my best to get information so we as a group can discuss it.

Tom

# **Poker Ride 2023**

## **By Ken Carmichael**

It is finished and THANK YOU to all that helped. That includes the weather.

It was a success because we had people there, that makes a big difference. People worked hard from parking, registration, store, raffle, pictures and game stations. Several people moved from one job to another to make it all work.

As Patti and I decompressed at home we started making notes for next year. Some of these notes came from you that helped and have provided good input. If you have more, please let me know. There is always room for improvement.

I wish I had some numbers for those of us that like to number crunch but it is not done yet. I can tell you that the vehicles and trailer are unloaded, the state parks equipment has been returned and the trail ribbons have been retrieved. The living room is cleaned out but that is at the expense of the family room and dining room.

Patti and I are getting out of town for a long holiday weekend and leaving all work behind. I will have numbers by the next meeting day.

Thank you to everyone!

*[Editors Note: See a lot more pictures on the members-only and public Ponderosa Facebook pages.]*





## 2023 PONDEROSA BCH Planning Calendar (as of 5/29/23)

*All dates subject to change; watch emails and Facebook.*

*Work Parties and Member Rides will be planned and scheduled as the year proceeds.*

<b>June</b>  June 6 – PBCH Member Meeting, wildfire prep  June 10- Path to Partnership Communication and Confidence Clinic @ Riverside Equestrian Arena. Spokane Cops Mounted Patrol. <a href="http://Spokanecops.org">Spokanecops.org</a> . <b>[See more info at end of newsletter]</b>  June 10 — National Get Outdoors Day (Discover Pass Free Day)  June 11 — Free Fishing Day (Discover Pass Free Day)  June 19 — Juneteenth (Discover Pass Free Day)  June 27- PBCH Board Meeting  June 30 – July 5 <sup>th</sup> . Haney Meadows Work and Ride; Ken Wilcox horse camp.	<b>July</b>  July 11 (rescheduled from July 4) PBCH Member Meeting Ice Cream Social @ RSP, horse play day  July 14-16 Vicki Gish Memorial Ride sponsored by NE BCH <b>[See more info at end of Newsletter]</b>  July 25- PBCH Board Meeting  July 28-30, Ferry County Chapter Annual Steak Ride
<b>August</b>  August 1 –PBCH Member Meeting Lake Party  August 29- PBCH Board Meeting	<b>September</b>  September 8- PBCH Member Meeting  Sept. 23 — National Public Lands Day (Discover Pass Free Day)  September 26- PBCH Board Meeting
<b>October</b>  October 3- PBCH Member Meeting, elections Oct. 10 -- World Mental Health Day (Discover Pass Free Day) October 28- BCHW Wine Ride@ Zillah October 31- PBCH Board Meeting?	<b>November</b>  November 7- PBCH Member Meeting Annual Soup Social potluck  Nov. 11 — Veterans Day (Discover Pass Free Day)  Nov. 25 — Autumn Day (Discover Pass Free Day)  November 28- PBCH Board Meeting
<b>December</b>  December 5 – PBCH Member Meeting Christmas Party	<b>Other events can be found here:</b> <a href="https://www.bchw.org/upcoming_events.php">https://www.bchw.org/upcoming_events.php</a>

**Spring has Sprung**, and Ponderosa BCH has accomplished a lot so far this year. One of our events was a meeting/campout/gathering/ and trail trimming event at Riverside State Park Equestrian Area.

As part of that, Carol offered a training session on how to use GAIA, a mapping App on a cell phone. Below, you see the group walking and talking and mapping with the App during the training.

For more information, see: <https://www.gaiagps.com/>



## **Little things can mean so much!!!**

**By Carol Klar**

For years, folks trying to park their rigs at the Garfield Road Trailhead of Riverside State Park had to negotiate a tree stump that was left several inches above the ground. Today when we entered the parking lot, we saw a beautiful sight! The stump had been cut down to ground level, making it possible to park rigs up on the west side of the lot. A HUGE thanks to Larry Grinstead for this much needed improvement!



Continued...

Earlier this spring, a Ponderosa Work Party spread gravel in this parking lot and cleaned up litter. It is a MUCH nicer place now. Thanks to the members who contributed a few hours one morning in April. The parking lot no longer has huge muddy holes along with dirty diapers and fast food wrappers scattered about. Even a quick get together can reap major rewards.



Shasta and Vali await saddling while we are parked in the nice-new gravel parking area!

## Newsletter Theme --The Simple Things--

### From Dee Dee Denison:

One of my favorite barn and yard tools is the Dura-Tech Stablehand Hay Net Filler. It is designed to be rolled, inserted into a hay net, bag or even a garbage sack. Release and it unfurls and holds the net or bag open so you can single handedly fill them with whatever you are needing to without a second person. \$ 35to \$15 depending on the online site. Schneider's on sale now for \$15. Just hang flat when not in use on a barn wall or tack room in the trailer.



<https://www.sstack.com/dura-tech-stablehand-hay-net-filler/p/22661/>

### From Michelle Eames:

Use a knotted piece of baling twine on your inside and outside trailer ties. It acts as a break-away tie, and much cheaper than other store-bought versions. I learned this from Carol Klar.



## **From the Internet:**

Just google “Equestrian life hacks” or Horse Care Hacks and Tricks. There are too many things to list. But here is a list that is useful and not too long, from: <https://printablepony.com/7-equestrian-life-hacks-that-will-save-you-money/>

### **1. Homemade Fly Spray**

To make your own fly spray, mix 1/3 water, 1/3 Pinesol and 1/3 vinegar. Yes, it’s really that simple! Even the most sensitive, thin-skinned Thoroughbreds approve this fly spray (ask me how I know!)

### **2. Homemade Thrush Buster**

Combine bleach with water – dilute more or less depending on the severity of the thrush. You can put the mixture into a spray bottle to apply, or for hard-to-reach deep sulcus thrush, use a syringe to directly spray the infected area.

### **3. Cheap Fungal Shampoo (and Conditioner)**

Shampoo and conditioner specifically formulated for horses is expensive! But I’ve found that plain old anti-bacterial Dawn Dish Soap works just as well, and is especially effective against fungus and scratches. For a deep condition, I use V05 conditioner and my horse’s hair always dries soft and shiny.

**By making my own sprays and remedies and skipping brand name products at the tack store, I save more than \$200 per year!**

### **4. Buy Used**

If you need to buy equipment, look for something used first! Check out groups on Facebook ([English Tack Trader](#), [Western Tack Trader](#), [High-End English Tack Trader](#) and [English Riding Apparel](#) are a few of my favorites) and visit your local tack store’s consignment area – there are a lot of high-quality, gently used leather goods, bits and more available if you’re willing to spend a few extra minutes looking.

Need a little extra cash? Sell your gently used items online or through your local tack store consignment program.

## **5. Buy in Bulk**

Many tack stores offer discounts for buying things like saddle pads in bulk – go in with your friends and take advantage of discounts like this!

For sprays and other liquids, I always recommend buying the concentrate and diluting yourself. You can buy spray bottles at the dollar store and the larger quantities are always cheaper than the standard 32oz with spray bottle option.

## **6. Recycle**

Ever heard of “shopping your house?” – it’s this nifty trick where things that are too old to be used in the house go to the barn. When my kitchen or bath towels get old, I cut them up and take them to the barn. I NEVER buy towels to clean tack or rub down my horses.

Have a pair of dull scissors in your kitchen? Throw them in your grooming tote. Those carrots, apples and bananas that are too old for you to eat are perfect for your horse!

## **7. Make It (and Repair It!) Yourself**

Anything you’re able to do yourself is going to save you money. Can you operate a saw? Make your own tack box and jumps! Can you sew? Make your own [half pad covers](#). Love to crochet? Make a [fly bonnet](#)!

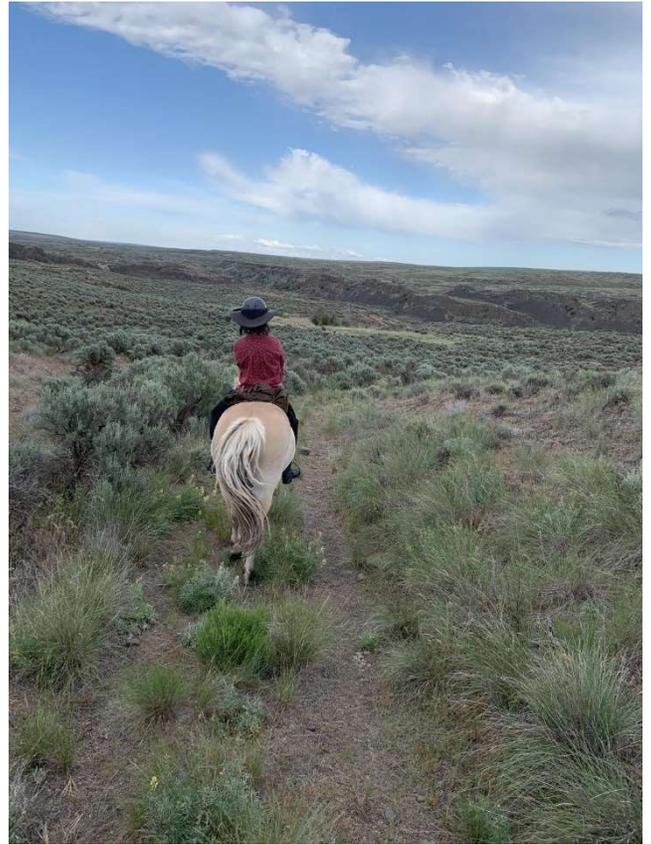
Sewing is probably one of the best skills you can learn outside of the saddle – being able to repair blankets, breeches, saddle pads, etc. will save you thousands over the course of your lifetime. And I promise – it’s not all that hard!

*From the Editor:*

*I invite you all to continue to send me your horse- or wildlife-related 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.*

*Michelle Eames, Newsletter Editor*



Michelle on Vali at Lakeview Ranch.  
Photo by Carol Klar.

### **BCH Officers 2023**

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**ALT. STATE DIR.**

**DOUG BAILEY**

*The 2023 Executive Board for PBCH includes the officers, plus Michelle Eames, Newsletter; Melissa Halpin, Spokane County Lands Coordinator; and Larry Grinstead, Trail Boss for Work Parties.*



# June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Riverside Equestrian Arena

## Path to Partnership

Build Communication, Connection  
and Confidence with Your Horse

Spokane C.O.P.S.



**Mounted Patrol Unit**

Hosted by  
Spokane COPS Mounted Patrol

Open to the Public

Saturday: 8:00 am  
Check-in begins

**Pre-Registration Entries, Waiver  
and Payment due by June 5th.**  
\$60 for each scheduled time slot  
\$30 for 2nd horse with same rider  
Youth (10-16) \$30

**Day of Event Registrations:**  
Accepted day of event as time allows.  
Add an additional \$15.00

**For safety reasons, ALL participants  
must wear boots and equestrian  
safety helmets. No spurs, please.**

*June 10<sup>th</sup> is a FREE Discover Pass day*

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**FACEBOOK:** FRIENDS of COPS Mounted Patrol

**WEBSITE:** [Spokanecops.org](http://Spokanecops.org)

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7th Annual  
**VICKI GISH MEMORIAL RIDE**  
SPONSORED BY NORTHEAST CHAPTER OF BCHW



**July 14, 15 & 16, 2023**

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday**

**Please:** Join us for 1, 2 or 3 days of camaraderie, riding and fun. Bring your Vicki stories to share with everyone around the camp-fire.

**Place:** Calispel Basin/ Meadow (Sand Canyon), Colville National Forest, Chewelah, WA. (Weed seed free forage required) Chewelah, WA. Signs will be posted after the pavement ends on Sand Canyon Road. Contact Marian Carson at [mca9590561@msn.com](mailto:mca9590561@msn.com) or call 509-999-1547 for printed directions or information. Trails are easy to medium difficulty with good footing. Trails will be well marked so you can go on your own or with someone who knows them.

**For safety:** No stallions or dogs on trails. Dogs must be on leash in camp.

**Potluck:** On Saturday night. Bring your favorite pot luck to share or, if you prefer, dutch-oven cooking is fine.

**Free:** Overnight camping available. Stock water and porta-potties available.

**Come see what the Back Country Horsemen are all about!**

