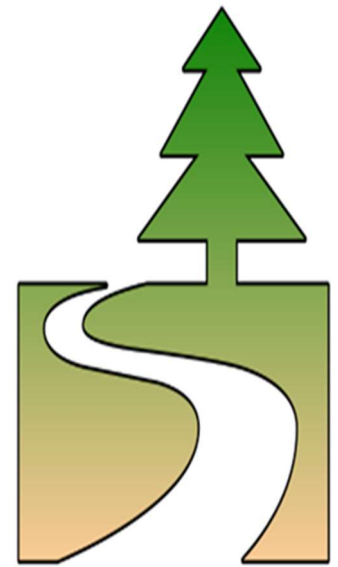




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Back Country Horsemen of Washington
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Website: PBCHW.COM

October 2022



It's beginning to look a lot like fall.
Riverside State Park

PBCH CALENDAR

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

***October 4 - General Meeting,
county parks speaker***

***October 8- work party ride at
Riverside***

***October 15-16- ETS event at
Spokane Sporthorse Farm***

October 25-PBCH Board Meeting

October 29 - Zillah Wine Ride

***November 1- PBCH General
Meeting; soup social, guest
speaker on Palisades***

***November 29- PBCH Board
Meeting***

***December 6 – PBCH General
Meeting; Christmas Party***

President's Report October 2022

We will be having a couple of things going on at our October General Meeting. First, we will have Spokane County Parks here to share with us about the area parks and their uses, second we will have election of officers for the coming year. It would be great for everyone



to come to show our support for the County Parks and support for our chapter leaders.

The meeting will be at Hayford Community Church, 5306 South Hayford, back building, on Tuesday, October 4, 5:30 pm social time, 6:00 pm meeting starts with cake.

The 2023 membership renewal begins October 1. The easiest way to sign up is through bchw.org, but there is also a form at the end of this newsletter, and there will be forms at our meetings.

We have a ride/work party with our Trail Boss Doug Bailey scheduled for Saturday October 8 at Riverside State Park to pound out a new trail to be used for the Poker Ride next year. Pay attention to your emails for details. We are also scheduling a work party with Carol Klar for trail cleanup at RSP. There may be an additional work party to assist NE BCH in early November, more details to come.

BCHW still needs more volunteers to help with the Wine Ride!!! See more on the event at the bchw.org website.

It's fall now and the weather is cooler, so if you would like to plan a group ride let others know through the group email, (pbchw@groups.outlook.com).

Thanks!

Tom



Photos of Tom Birge above, and Diana Birge below, getting in some fall rides.

Membership Renewal

By Ken Carmichael

It is time to renew our BCH memberships for 2023. Do it now and miss the rush! The easiest way is to go on www.bchwh.org and renew online. If this is not convenient, please use the attached application form.

BCH works to keep trails open for all of us. But this takes work at many levels. Please consider how you want to support this work. It takes a variety of interest, skills, talents, abilities and commitment of time. If we do not do it no one will.

[See the membership application at the end of the newsletter.]

PONDEROSA BCH 2022 Planning Calendar (as of 9/25/2022)

All dates subject to change due to COVID or other reasons.

October

October 4 - General Meeting; Elections, Spokane County Parks speaker
October 8- Tentative October Work Party; Ride in Poker Ride trail.
October Date to be Determined- Riverside to TJ Menach branch trim party
October 15-16- ETS event at Spokane Sport horse Farm
October 25-PBCH Board Meeting
October 29 - Zillah Wine Ride, still need more volunteers!!
October Member Ride??? time and location TBD

November

November 1- PBCH General Meeting; soup social, guest speaker Craig Volosing re:Rimrock to Riverside
November Tentative Work Party @ Gypsy Meadows with NE BCH- Watch for details!
November 29- PBCH Board Meeting

December

December 6 – PBCH General Meeting; Christmas Party, Potluck

Other events can be found here:

https://www.bchwh.org/upcoming_events.php

2023 Events:

2023 Leadership - 1/28-29

2023 Rendezvous - 3/17-19

2023 PBCH Poker Ride 5/21

2023 Wine Ride - 10/28

State Director's Report

By Ken Carmichael

On Saturday, September 17 Doug Bailey and I attended the BCHW Directors Board Meeting in Ellensburg. As is typical it was a full day. In addition to the meeting this is an opportunity for us to meet privately with other directors and committee chairs. At the end of the meeting, VP Bob Iddens led a very good open discussion about the future of BCHW. Everyone should have been at that meeting.

There are many opportunities and need for ideas at the state level. Please read this report to be current on what is happening. Also, look at the BCHW website www.bchw.org for lots of information.

BCHW committees provided written and oral reports. The following is a brief summary of some of those reports.

- Executive Committee – We are encouraged to put chapter events on the BCHW website and in the Trailhead News. Chapters are being provided signs that we can install identifying the fact that we helped maintain or build trails and trailheads. 2023 membership applications are now online and I also have a hard copy. The Board of Directors will meet in March, June and September of 2023. The December meetings have been discontinued. The Executive Committee meets via Zoom on the 2nd Monday of the month. The board receives an update the following Thursday.
- Awards Committee – Chapters are encouraged to submit nominations for BCHW awards to the committee. Presentations are made at rendezvous in March. See BCHW website.
- Education Committee – Asked what education opportunities are wanted. I have provided some input and this will be discussed at the PBCH board meeting. Please provide input.
- Governance and Bylaws Committee – Chapters are encouraged to review chapter governing documents and make necessary changes. I have started this process and will discuss with board.
- Leave No Trace Committee – Jane Byram is retiring as chairperson after decades of hard work. We are looking for a new chair.
- Membership Development Committee – Membership renewal begins October 1. We can renew online at www.bchw.org. Renewals not completed by January 15 will be discontinued.
- Membership Committee – BCHW membership is at 2140 members.
- Public Lands Committee – Discussion about Forest Service Volunteer Agreement and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. A long discussion about E BIKES. BCHW stance is that they should be treated the same as motorcycles and not be allowed on nonmotorized trails. There are 60,000 miles of motorized trails on Forest Service land. The broad-based recreational committee created by the legislature is not making a recommendation to the legislature. This is a summary of current rules for E bikes:
 - ✓ Department of Interior (including Bureau of Land Management) – same as bikes
 - ✓ Forest Service – same as motorized
 - ✓ State Parks – same as nonmotorized
 - ✓ DNR/Washington Fish and Wildlife – trying to decide
- Rendezvous Committee – Rendezvous is the third weekend of March 2023. Ponderosa has suggested several ideas. The committee still needs a chapter to manage the photo contest. A rough schedule is being developed. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AT RENDEZVOUS? PLEASE PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS.
- Treasurer – Chapters have combined funds for investment in CDs. Chapters will continue to benefit from this increase in income. PBCH is participating. Spam and phishing emails, texts and phone calls are at an all-time high. Everyone is cautioned to not respond to any requests for money, buying gift cards or giving out BCHW information.

- BCHW Calendars – PBCH has the beautiful BCHW calendars for sale for \$10. Please purchase one for your office or kitchen. They help support BCH. See Tom Birge. BCH IS ALREADY LOOKING FOR PICTURES FOR THE 2024 CALENDAR. Pictures must be sent to Terri Crawford by February 1, 2023. The email is BCHWpix@gmail.com. Photos mailed to her on disk or thumb drive will not be returned. Terri's address is 510 Dalles Mountain Road Centerville, WA 98613.
- Safety Committee – Reminded us of the importance of safety first when riding and working. BCH has a tailgate briefing protocol that we should follow prior to each event.
- Saw Program Committee – One more saw certification class is scheduled for October 12, 13 and 14 at Haney Meadows.
- Store Committee – The store will be open at the Winery Ride and Rendezvous. People are encouraged to wear BCH clothing and identify your trailers with BCH logos. Our chapter store has many items and Tom can order more for you.
- Winery Ride Committee – The ride is October 29 at Zillah WA. We still need more volunteers and of course you are always welcome to ride. Patti and I go each year as volunteers and it is fun! Sign up on the BCHW website.
- Volunteer Hours Committee – The report ending with the 3rd quarter was provided. Ponderosa has a total of 1910 hours. The annual period ends September 30. Carol Klar will provide more detail.
- Grants Committee – Most of the grant activity involves Recreational Trails Program (RTP). PBCH has not had one of these grants in several years as they apply to trails rather than trailheads. They are on a two-year cycle and require a great deal of forward planning. Any ideas are welcome. These grants help pay for such things as the THN, administration and insurance. There is a new program "Trails Legacy Grant Program" for funding work on Forest Service lands.
- Trailhead News – BCHW has approved a new two-year contract with Washington Media. Continuing in the future the THN will be a hard copy in January/February and September/October. The digital copy will be March/April, May/June, July/August and November/December. Articles are welcome.

NEW BUSINESS:

- We discussed how Directors pass on information to the chapters. I do this through the newsletter with some highlights at board and membership meetings.
- We have some new signs that we can post showing BCH support for trails and trailheads
- BCHW is developing a database of projects. These will include regional work parties.
- Be sure websites are up to date.
- BCHW is now putting out the Turnpike Newsletter by email between THN publications. Watch for this for more current information.
- We are looking at holding committee meetings at Rendezvous. Format not decided yet.
- BCHW 2023 budget was approved. Discussion was held concerning additional financial support to the Saw Certification program.
- New committees:
 - ✓ Youth Program
 - ✓ Communications
 - ✓ Regional Work Party Coordinator
 - ✓ Fundraising Platform
- Old committees needing new leadership:
 - ✓ Leave No Trace
 - ✓ Legislative
 - ✓ Publicity

From a Post About Colic by Jackie Anderson-Druffel, DVM

Provided by Linda White

With Fall upon us and significant temperature swings from day to night forecasted for the next few days, it is important to think about some ways to prevent colic.

Here are a few things that you can do to help prevent colic.

Fall colic prevention tips:

1. Note daily how well a horse is eating, if there is a reduction — investigate.
2. Note daily how many piles of manure and type of manure produced. If there is a reduction, give a wet bucket (a slurry) of pellets/mash/electrolytes.
3. Keep to an annual schedule of checking and then floating teeth if needed.
4. Have an appropriate worming program for your geographic location (east coast vs west coast, northern versus southern states). Fecal float testing is best!
5. Always provide clean, fresh water. Horses drink warm water best, so add a water heater when indicated.
6. If there is a big weather/temperature swing — offer wet buckets/mashes/electrolytes and monitor closely.



Successful Fishtrap Lake Work Party

By Ken Carmichael

On Saturday, September 24, Ponderosa BCH participated in a Washington Trails Association (WTA) work party at the BLM Fishtrap Lake Property. This is a very popular riding area with many good trails. PBCH has participated in creating and marking some of these trails in the past.

This was the National Public Lands Day work party. WTA was the sponsor so all we had to do was show up and work. The project for about 17 people was to build a Turn Pike at the south end of the property. This is a location where there is a seasonal stream during wet years.

A BLM volunteer had used equipment to haul in large rocks, smaller rocks and gravel to the site. We placed the large rocks along the previously identified boundaries of the Turn Pike. We then put the smaller rocks in place and covered that with gravel. In total the Turn Pike is approximately 60 feet long.

It was a short walk from the trailhead to the work site and we had perfect weather for the work. Holly Weiler of WTA does a fantastic job of preparing, organizing and conducting work parties. I am particularly impressed with the quality of the trailhead briefing prior to starting work.

It was fun working with people from different organizations. One person made it a point to thank BCH for pack stock support that BCH had provided on previous work parties. That type of comments is always welcome.



An Injury at Rustlers Gulch

By Karen Rice

Last year I rode with friends at Rustlers Gulch a beautiful location if you haven't been. As we approached the end of our ride, we passed the old barn and suddenly my horse was limping badly. I thought he had taken a bad step and jumped off only to find out he had a nail sticking out of the bottom of his hind hoof.

I immediately grabbed his leg holding it up so he couldn't step again and drive it in further. Luckily, he had stepped on his toe avoiding just that. My friend jumped off and pulled out a pair of pliers and while I held his leg, she carefully pulled the nail out as straight as she could to avoid twisting and causing more damage. She got it out and it bled a bit but soon stopped.

We were at the bottom of a long hill, so I walked him up in-hand. He seemed to walk fairly well although by the time we got to the top he began to be a little gimp. I put him in the trailer and started for home calling the vet on the way.

The vet came, took an X-ray, and asked me to show her how it went in and about how far. She said it looked like it had missed the coffin bone and thought he would be ok. She applied meds, wrapped it and gave us antibiotics.

It took three months and several doses of antibiotics and finally a bar shoe to support the coffin bone and he was on the mend. It was a scary time but I'm happy to say he fully recovered.

The things I learned:

1. Take a picture if at all possible — for the vet
2. Don't remove nail unless it's stuck in just the bottom of hoof. When you do, be careful to take it out without twisting it.
3. ALWAYS carry a good pair of pliers in your saddle bag.



Karen Rice and Prince (left) pictured at the top of Mount Spokane nearly a year later. Chuck Rice on Gunner (right).

Thank You for Public Lands

By Ken Carmichael

We are fortunate to have many pieces of public land to ride on in the Spokane area. These are managed by a wide variety of managers including city, county, state and national.

These land managers frequently manage several diverse parcels and some are quite large with limited staffs. It is not always possible for them to be out on the land as much as we are.

That is why it is important that we be their eyes and ears. We can tell them what we encounter and in some cases help them rectify a situation. As volunteers we must be careful not to be confrontational.

We cannot expect the land managers to always be jolly on the spot to correct situations as they do cover large areas. However, repetitive reports can have an influence on management.

There are a variety of circumstances that may justify contacting the land manager. Sometimes it is not a problem but just what we see. For instance, when I am at the Escure Ranch I report to BLM on the number of people there, like fishermen, hunters, hikers, bicyclists, equestrians and also wildlife seen. I also report on the condition of the facilities.

It is important that we maintain good working relationships with our land managers so that we continue to be welcome on the land. We can do this by being on their committees, greeting them on the trail and inviting them to our events, including meetings. We can also perform work parties that maintain and improve trails and trailheads.

Be aware of their rules by going on their websites. Equestrians need to be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

Some good general numbers for contacting land managers include:

- Spokane City – 509-625-6200 or parks@spokanecity.org
- Spokane County – 509-477-4730 or Paul Knowles at pknowles@spokanecounty.org
- State Parks (Spokane area) – 509-465-5064
- Bureau of Land Management – 509-536-1200
- Colville National Forest – 509-468-7000

Horse Jokes

Sent by Linda White

What do you call a horse how travels around the world?

A globe-trotter.

What do you call a horse who likes to be ridden after dark?

A nightmare.

Why did the dumb cowboy stand behind his horse?

He thought he might get a kick out of it.

What do you call a horse that lives next door to you?

A neigh-bor.

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ETS Event October 15-16

By Linda White

Volunteers and helpers are needed for this fun ETS at Spokane Sport Horse Farm. Helpers are needed Friday to assist with check in, stall assignments and general assistance. We have need for a few people to help with reset at some of the obstacles in case they are knocked over. On Saturday we need a couple of folks to help set up the dinner.

It is a beautiful time at Sport Horse and an opportunity to see this first-class facility. Lunch will be provided on Saturday and Sunday as well as dinner on Saturday. For more information, please contact me, Linda White, 509-413-7392 or linda43562@hotmail.com



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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 Executive Board for PBCH includes the officers, plus Doug Bailey, Trail Boss; Michelle Eames, Newsletter; and Melissa Halpin, Spokane County Lands Coordinator.

2023 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Come Join Us!

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

BCHW Membership Chair
11404 210th Ave Ct E
Bonney Lake, WA 98391



Ponderosa

Member Info

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

Adult's name(s):

Children's name(s):

Mailing Address:

City:

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Phone number:

E-mail:

Legislative district (if known):

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STATE MEMBERSHIP

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☐ Lifetime (Family of 2) \$2000.00

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

Chapter Name:

Ponderosa

If joining a secondary Chapter, provide the Chapter name where BCHW State dues were paid:

Chapter Dues

Single \$10/Family \$20

Please consider making a Chapter donation:

Please consider making a State donation:

State Subtotal

Chapter Subtotal

Grand Total (State+Chapter)

NOTICES

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

Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) is a public charity as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Accordingly, membership dues paid to BCHW may be treated as deductions characterized as "charitable contributions" when computing federal and state income tax obligations.

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