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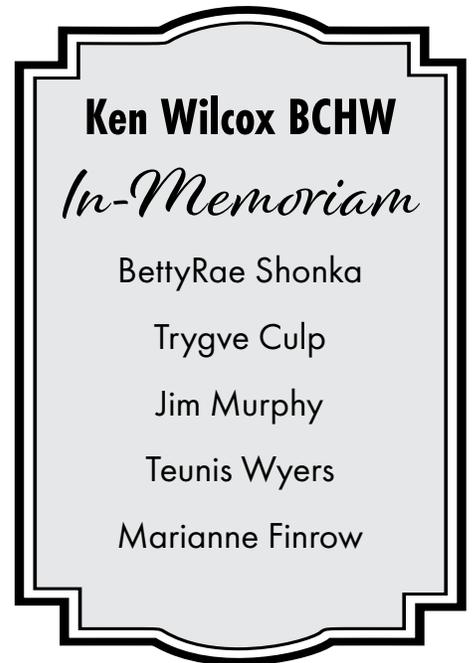
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Let's Work Together and be Force Multipliers

By Bob Iddins, BCHW, Vice President

I am Bob Iddins, your new BCHW Vice-President. I have been a member of BCHW since 2014 and an active member and recent Director for the Traildusters Chapter. I have been increasingly more involved with the state-level organization for the past two years having been invited to participate in ad hoc committees to select our current Grant Coordinator and the BCHW Reimagine Committee.

My wife, Kathy, and I live in Arlington, where we have a small farm with three incredible horses, one dog, and one cat. We love to spend time with our horses and ride as often as work and the weather permits.

I volunteered 22 years of my life to military service with the US Coast Guard where I served several tours on both the East and West coast of the U.S. I served on Coast Guard Cutters and small boats conducting search and rescue and law enforcement missions for more than half of my career and was fortunate to serve both enlisted and officer positions. After retiring in 2004, I started a new career as a maritime safety and security consultant, where I plan on staying until retirement in the next few years.

It is truly an honor to serve as your BCHW Vice-President and I look forward to working with our President, Dana Chambers, the BCHW leadership team, our Board of Directors, and all of you for the next two years. I am excited for what the future brings to our organization and with the help and hard work of all of us in BCHW, I see great opportunities.

I see several areas where BCHW can continue to improve and strive for excellence. We talk about growing our membership.

What better way to accomplish this than to start at the beginning with a strong Junior's program across the state? I have seen this program in action as my Chapter, Traildusters, is currently the only chapter in the state to have an active Junior's program. It has grown from three initial members to nine today, with education, LNT, horsemanship, and community service as their primary focus areas. I would like to help BCHW develop a strong Junior's program that can extend across the state.

Consolidating our training programs into a Training College format is another area I would want to see BCHW endeavor to provide easy access to both online and in-person training programs with a focus on our mission statement and BCHW goals. Making all types of training easily available to all members, which may include potential incentives to complete certain courses, would help to train and retain current and new members.

Communication between the State and the Chapters is another area where we can improve as an organization. The BCHW website is constantly improving and access to information and documents for all members is now available. We are looking at new initiatives to improve communication between State and Chapter leadership as well as Chapter to Chapter leadership to help us all work better together. Hopefully, with all your help, better communication will serve as a force multiplier in all areas of our Mission Statement.

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BCHW Mission Statement

BCHW is affiliated with Back Country Horsemen of America (hereinafter "BCHA") and therefore adopts the BCHA mission statement as follows: The mission of this organization shall be:

- To perpetuate the common-sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
- To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
- To assist the various governmental and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
- To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
- To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters in the state organization.



Mike Reedy (1952 – 2021)



Mike Reedy was the big guy who sat at the back of the room with his wife, Renda, during Lewis County Chapter meetings. He seldomed inject a comment during the chapter’s business discussions and only socialized sparsely, even at chapter events. He did attend some of the chapter’s trail rides but preferred to camp and ride with his wife. He was involved as a salesman, owner, and manager for independent and large corporate chain stores for fifty-three years and became a sales manager of pet supply distribution companies. His quiet demeanor and commitment to his profession belied his involvement in public service. His volunteerism in the equestrian community spans thirty years of contribution; especially in our national organization – BCH of America.

Mike’s ascent to the highest position in our organization was a gradual but steady three-decade contribution with volunteer participation. He started out in a small local saddle club and volunteered at the USFS Deschutes Ranger District to help keep trails open. Before becoming involved in our organization, he founded and became President of the West Valley Chapter of Oregon Equestrian Trails and became the parent organization’s Vice-President.

In 1998, Mike founded and became State Director for the West Cascade Chapter of BCH of Oregon. He was a member of the Citizens Advisory Council for Oregon State Forests and worked with Region 6 of the USFS to keep equestrian trails open.

For six years, he was a member of the Oregon Recreational Trail Advisory Committee and the Recreational Trails Grant Program Committee appointed by Oregon State Parks and the Oregon Governor. In addition to working to keep equestrian trails open he became a Leave No Trace Master Trainer and the Education Chairman of BCHO to help spread the message of our commitment to clean campgrounds, trailheads, and trails.

In 2004, the Reedy family moved to Washington State and Mike was elected BCHA National Director for BCH of Washington. During his six-year involvement with BCHA, he was National Treasurer, National Vice Chairman, National Chairman, National Past Chair, and Expansion Chair. He considered his best achievement on the national level the solution to stop the USFS plan to reassign trails that could be used for equestrians.

Next time you are out on a trail ride, especially on public lands, tip your hat to the big guy that got a lot done for the equestrian community. 🐾



Let’s Work Together and be Force Multipliers

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Our number one resource is our people!

The more we communicate respectfully and openly with each other, the more effective BCHW will be in accomplishing our Mission Statement.

I look forward to meeting and working with all of you and I am honored and humbled to serve as your Vice President for the next two years. It’s not about “ME”, it’s about “US”! And it’s not about “I”, it’s about “WE”! Be safe, keep smiling, and let’s respectfully work together! 🐾



BCHW Rendezvous 2022

By Robert Eversole, Trailmeister

Many of us are eager to reconnect face-to-face after years of quarantining, isolating, mask-wearing, disinfecting, social distancing, and Zoom calls. If we have learned anything through the pandemic, family and friends are important. While we can't predict the future, all signs point to a return to a

somewhat “normal life” on the horizon. I, for one, am looking forward to Rendezvous 2022!

If you haven't yet made up your mind, here are five reasons to attend the 2022 BCHW Rendezvous:



You Can't Beat the Location: Ellensburg is centrally located and is easy to get to regardless of which side of the state you're coming from. Wet side – dry side, north or south you'll find that Ellensburg is an easy drive. The Kittitas County Event Center will be filled with fellow BCHW members. As well as soon-to-be BCHW members!



The Wow-Factor: Back Country Horsemen Rendezvous have always offered entertaining and educational clinics, fine food, and excellent camaraderie. This year will continue those traditions with multiple TrailMeister clinics. Below you'll find what we've been preparing for you.



Adventures in Horse Camping Clinic: Despite the name, Back Country Horsemen aren't all backcountry mavens. Some of us enjoy trailhead camping and the luxuries that are more easily attained when trucks and horse trailers do the hauling. In this clinic, we'll discuss “What to Know BEFORE You Go”. Good horse camping is easy; excellent horse camping requires a little more preparation. We'll discuss how to get the most out of your adventures this summer, including what to look for in a campground, ways to contain your animals, and even learning why Love Letters are an essential part of every camping trip!

Packing 101 Clinic: Thinking of heading a bit further afield? Are you beguiled by the stories that you've heard about exploring the high country on horseback? Many trail riders love the idea of packing their camping gear onto a horse for an epic trip into the backcountry. Then, they're dazed with the mysteries of the diamond hitch, overcome with tales of remarkable wrecks, and told that packing is a dark art that takes a lifetime to master. I don't believe it. Basic packing skills are easy to learn. Years of mastery of the art, though a worthy goal, isn't necessary for a safe, enjoyable trip up the trail to your backcountry camp. In this clinic, we'll discuss:

Types of pack saddles and tack - Methods of hauling cargo – Techniques to prepare your animal for packing. After the clinic, we'll retire to the TrailMeister booth to practice tying on pack loads with Big Blue the Pack Mule.



Ad Hoc Clinics: Throughout the weekend, you'll find flexible learning opportunities at the TrailMeister booth for everyone that stops by. From how to use that map and compass in your saddles bags to putting together a cinch, we'll have lots going on and are looking forward to sharing with you. I'll also have copies of Amazon's best-selling book “The ABCs of Trail Riding and Horse Camping” available for sale. I'd be honored to sign your copies!

Well, my friends, those are my 5 top reasons to attend our 2022 Rendezvous. I'm sure that there are many more that I don't have room to include here. I look forward to seeing all of you! 🐾

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Donations Needed For BCHW Rendezvous 2022!

Support BCHW!

Auction Committee volunteers are seeking donations for our fabulous auction event during Rendezvous. Our auction is a fundraiser for BCHW and an opportunity for you to make some donations. We love new things, but we can accept very gently used ones. All donations are tax-deductible.

We will be on site in the Umtanum Hall starting Thursday afternoon March 17. Bring your items anytime from Thursday afternoon until Saturday morning before 10. The earlier we receive donations, the better we can present them.

How to get donations?

- **Ask!** Businesses, friends or even riding buddies, are all great sources. Bring donor information with the item and we will happily give them credit. We will promote your business donor shamelessly!
- **Make something!** We have sold handmade quilts, towels, potholders, masks, bird feeders, birdhouses, candle holders out of horseshoes, saddle stands, blankets and jewelry. People love handmade things! A little story to go with it helps too.
- **Invent something!** One year we made a doll covered with lottery tickets. Fun to make, fun to buy and a moneymaker for BCHW. We love ideas like this!
- **Push your Chapter!** Each chapter usually buys an item to donate. Someone in the membership usually knows how to get a killer deal.
- **Plan a ride!** As a chapter, schedule a weekend campout and sell it at the auction. People love to ride in a new area, especially with friendly, local guides. This is part of our "Come Ride Our Part of the State" promotion. Look for a separate article about it or ask your Director.
- **Search the attic!** Maybe something was tenderly saved up there, out of harm's way, and is now priceless!
- **Buy something!** That's right, just go out and buy something

and give it to us. A piece of tack, a pair of socks or maybe a silver saddle! We are happy to give you credit.

Questions, comments, offers to help: Missy Day, 425 614 7248 or mssd134@gmail.com 🐾

Come Ride Our Part of the State!

Chapters:

- Plan a ride over a weekend at a favorite camp site
- The ride should host up to four guests
- Be sure to designate a date and a place
- Create a poster advertising your ride to sell at Rendezvous
- Rides will be offered at Rendezvous as part of the silent auction
- Minimum bid: \$100
- Buy it now: \$500
- \$50 returned to the chapter to cover costs

Questions: Call Missy Day at (425) 614-7248 or email at mssd134@gmail.com



Visit the Past and Discover the Future

By Patti Carmichael

New to Rendezvous this year is "The Trailhead" room. After you've had an opportunity to visit the vendors, the used tack sale, and the many other sites...whew! Need a break? Head on over to "The Trailhead."

Hosted by Ponderosa Chapter, we invite you to come on in and sit a spell. Visit with your friends, have a cookie, and rest up while you "visit the past." The BCHW accom-

plishment videos will trigger great memories and make your heart smile. You may even "discover the future" of BCHW as you reminisce. We'll even throw in Roy Rogers and friends for a chance to visit the West when it was really wild!

"The Trailhead" room will be open on Saturday, March, 19 from 9 am to 4 pm. Find us on the west side of the fairgrounds. Signs will be posted.

Ya'll Come See Us, Ya Hear! 🐾

2022 BCHW RENDEZVOUS MARCH 18-20, 2022

Kittitas Valley Event Center, Ellensburg, WA

Open to the public! Event admittance: Free! Clinician auditing: Free! Friday potluck: Free!

Saturday auctions and evening entertainment: Free!

Fees and reservations are only needed for on-site camping and Saturday night dinner!

Reserve online at bchw.org or fill out this form

DINNER & CAMPING RESERVATION FORM

RESERVE EARLY –DINNER TICKETS & CAMPING SPACES ARE LIMITED!

DINNER Saturday Evening, March 19th: Dinner catered by CASCADE MOUNTAIN GRILLING

EARLY BIRD (price includes five Bucket Raffle Tickets) # _____ x \$40= _____

Must be post marked/emailed with payment no later than March 10, 2022

AFTER March 10, 2022 & On-Site price (no Bucket Raffle tickets): # _____ x \$45 = _____

CAMPING On-site camping at KVEC is available. There are separate designated areas for electrical hook-ups or dry camping (no electrical). Even if not using electricity but parked in hook-up spots, we will have to charge the hook-up fee. All campers may use the showers and the dumping. No reserved camping spots. Groups wanting to camp together need to arrive together.

EARLY BIRD CAMPING: Must be post marked/emailed with payment no later than March 10, 2022

EARLY BIRD Hook-up camping: Electricity only # of nights _____ x \$35 = _____

EARLY BIRD Dry camping: No Electricity # of nights _____ x \$25 = _____

AFTER March 10, 2022 & On-Site

Hook-up camping (electricity): # of nights _____ x \$45 = _____

Dry camping (no electricity): # of nights _____ x \$35 = _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

CHECK NIGHTS STAYING: Wednesday ___ Thursday ___ Friday ___ Saturday ___ Sunday ___

TYPE OF VEHICLE: Truck/Camper ___ Travel Trailer/Vehicle ___ (length _____) LQ/Vehicle ___ (length _____)

Motorhome ___ (length _____) (Number of Slide outs and side) _____ Vehicle License # _____

NO REFUNDS after March 1, 2022

DOGS are welcome but must be on a leash and come prepared to clean up after them.

SPECIAL NEEDS must be requested two weeks prior to the event so that needs may be met.

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Card holder name _____

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Make checks payable to BCHW – Mark for "Rendezvous" - Return form to:

Dana Chambers, 11404 210th Ave Ct E, Bonney Lake, WA 98391 206-498-6952

Back Country Horsemen of Washington 2022 Photo Contest



PHOTO BY JIM THODE

BCHW is a unique, mission-specific organization – we want your photos that portray our chosen lifestyle!

Categories of entry. These may be flexible and/or end up being combined: it depends on the amount of participation by members.

- Volunteer Work – It’s What We Do!
- Camp Life & Grub – Which is Also What We Do!
- Jr. BCHW in Action – The Future of BCHW
- LNT, Education & Clinics
- Humorous
- Scenic Views (no people or stock) –
- “I Want to Go THERE & SEE THAT!”
- On the Trail (with people & stock) – “Wish That Were ME!”
- General

In addition to winners in each category, there will also be voting by the audience for the: People Choice Award

Photo Contest Judges:

Jim Thode and Deb Wessilius

Rules:

You must be a current 2022 BCHW member to enter. If you’re not a member yet, please join today; contact your chapter for an application. You can now join online or download an application. See www.bchw.org for both options. Applications will also be available at the Photo Contest site.

Photograph Specifications:

- You may enter as many photos as you wish.
- They may be color or black & white; horizontal or vertical
- Photos must be between the sizes of 5x7 and 16x20 inches.
- Each photo must be mounted on a plain rigid matte board no larger than 16x20. A second matte surrounding the print is acceptable.
- No entries mounted on wood, covered with glass, plastic, or framed will be accepted.
- On the back of each entry, include your name, telephone number, e-mail address, the category you are entering, and a detailed caption telling us the specific location depicted in the photo. (i.e., Killen Creek Trail #113, Mt. Adams Wilderness, Gifford Pinchot National Forest).
- No description or names may be on the front of the mounting or photo for purposes of judging and presentation.
- Photos can be returned, too, but only by 1.) picking up after the contest, 2.) by including a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the correct size & postage amount with entry, or 3.) by having your chapter Director pick it up for you at the June Board of Directors meeting.
- If you wish for your photos to be submitted for the calendar, please let us know & we will give them to Teri Crawford. Or better yet, include a non-returnable disc for better resolution. 🐾

Back Country Horsemen of Washington Annual Rendezvous

USED TACK SALE

Used Tack ~ Vendor Booths ~ Free Classes & Demonstrations



Mark your calendars for Kittitas County's largest used tack sale!

March 18th - 19th, 2022
Friday & Saturday 9 am - 5 pm

Kittitas Valley Event Center at the Ellensburg Fairgrounds

512 N Poplar, Ellensburg, WA

In addition to the sale, browse vendor booths offering special show prices:

- metal art
- alpaca products
- jewelry, clothing & hats
- arts & crafts
- leather work
- Cavallo's horse boots

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! While you're there, come learn more about the Back Country Horsemen of Washington and attend free demos and classes by Robert Eversole - the TrailMeister. Learn about horse 1st aid, emergency help on the trail, solar panels for camping, using crosscut saws, and much more from back country experts!

Tack sale info, contact Nancy Rust - alrust@comcast.net

More info about all Rendezvous activities at BCHW.org



2022 Rendezvous

Table Decorating Contest



Awards for:

2022 Rendezvous Theme:

“The Mountains Are Calling and I Must Go”

Mission Statement

Let’s Go Camping!

Tables must be decorated one hour prior to dinner on Saturday

Individual tables to be judged, not all by one chapter

**Table Decorating Contest Sponsored and Judged by
Grays Harbor Chapter**

Legislative Update

Greetings fellow members,

As we enter the third week of the 60-day 2022 legislative session, we find ourselves in a virtual realm again. New bills are introduced daily and added to the bills from last session that were not heard. By today's count, there are over 2,000 bills in the legislature.

We are finding it difficult to put together a BCHW Legislative Day (Leg Day) as the session is short and legislators are busy. It will be a virtual one again, but one suggestion has come up from a couple of members: to show up at the Capitol steps with our cowboy hats and have speakers come and talk with us. This is a challenge also as most of our representatives are not at the Capitol but home due to the in-person limitations. I sure hope this isn't the case next year, but if it is, we have some pre-planning to do. Another idea to gravitate to is moving our Leg Day forward to Martin Luther King Day. That will be one week after the session has started and much better timing for us to communicate with our legislators.

This year we still got together virtually on February 21st at 4:00 pm via Zoom. Our focus was to go over current issues, communicate with our representatives, and an open Q&A venue. My hope is to provide you with the tools you need to participate in the process and make your voice heard to promote the interests of our organization. It is so vital that we protect our interests and to promote our mission where possible. Let's remove the barriers that prevent us from reaching our goals. So be thinking of questions or items you would like to discuss.

Bills of interest:

HB 1838 Salmon Habitat – Protecting, Restoring & Maintaining Habitat for Salmon Recovery

Requires, with certain specified exemptions, public and private landowners who own property adjacent to a body of water identified and mapped on a riparian management zone map to establish, maintain, and protect the riparian management zone. (extremely overreaching and burdensome to landowners.)

Objective: vote CON or OPPOSE

Status: still in committee

SB 5865 - Establishing recreational target-shooting areas on public lands

AN ACT Relating to establishing recreational target-shooting areas on public lands (Senator Judy Warnick is co-sponsoring)

Objective: vote PRO or SUPPORT

Status: to be heard 1/27 in Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources, & Parks committee

Domestic Animal Waste WAC 246-203-130

Ongoing policy review and change with the Department of Health.

Objective: contribute comments

Status: awaiting public comment period, most likely in April

SB 5504 - Extending current discover pass free days from state parks to all state recreation sites and lands

An act relating to extending current discover pass free days from state parks to all state recreation sites and lands (Senator Judy Warnick is sponsor of this bill)

Objective: vote PRO or SUPPORT

Status: passed to Rules Committee for second reading

That's a wrap for now. I will work to keep updates on our webpage. 🐾



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Permanent or Temporary Address Change Form

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

New Address: _____

Temporary Address for Snow Birds: _____

Start date: _____ Return Date: _____

Mail to: Dana Chambers, State Membership Chair, 11404 210th Ave Ct E, Bonney Lake, WA 98391

Email to: membership.bchw@gmail.com

Trailduster Chapter of BCHW Junior's Program



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By Cindy Kinney, BCHW Trailduster Chapter

Junior back country Horseman began as an idea: to organize and educate the youth who are interested in participating in Back country Horsemen activities. It also gives a different approach to horsemanship than what has been available to youth through 4-H.

Junior Back Country Horsemen will provide an opportunity to learn from the adults from the general membership, its profes-

sionals, and their peers in a non-competitive family setting.

Junior BCH is mirrored to the adult Backcountry Horsemen. The junior members run meetings, elect officers, set educational agendas, and seek professional and chapter members to fulfill those educational objectives. The members participate in raffles and other chapter activities to include rides, clinics, and LNT training.

Our junior Trailduster Back country Horsemen Chapter began on March 4th, 2019. We are supported and subsidized by our Traildusters Back country Horsemen parent chapter. We currently have nine juniors, one advisor, and three members at large. We invite the adults to explore the possibilities of passing on their experiences, hard knocks, and lessons learned throughout their lifetime to a child, grandchild, neighbor, or friend. After all, if you don't take a new generation packing in the back country who will?

Jr. Back Country Horsemen Mission statement:

As Junior Back country Horsemen members, we strive to become educated and experienced riders. Taking notice that our limitations are bound only by our fears and our level of experience. We always expect a high level of conduct of ourselves and will re-

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Our newsletter (Trailhead News) will be electronic to all members in 2022, with the exception of the Mar-Apr and Sept-Oct issues, which will be printed and mailed out to all memberships. This is due to the unforeseen reduction in revenue in 2020 and 2021.

Please go to bchw.org, Trailhead News, to view your publications.

This decision was not made lightly, and we are sorry for any inconvenience it may cause.

As always, please continue to send all articles and/or event announcements to: bchw@wamedia.com.

Trailduster Chapter of BCHW Junior's Program

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spect the opportunities for others to learn and grow in their equine knowledge and experience level. "Leave No Trace", Where we tread shall always come before our personal needs or individual gains. We must recognize the value of back country in its natural state, yet we must not discriminate against others' rights to use it as they wish. Our goal is to grow within as we grow, we learn as we learn, we teach as we teach, we influence, and may our influence impact the good in every person's path we cross and every horse or mule we ride. -Written by Jody Goulette

Our bylaws are the extension and version of the parent chapter (Traildusters) bylaws. They are comprehensive, detailed, and outline the responsibilities of the Board of Directors. The Board is to outline the time frame for audits and educational agendas, but they do not require participation in legislative matters. When juniors participate in group activities and meetings along with the adults, they have an advisor, parental supervision, or a chapter volunteer.

Demonstrations and guest speakers are held at the beginning of the meeting, so guests do not have to attend the business meeting. The Juniors plan their own educational agenda and that in and of itself will encourage participation. The fundraisers are aligned with expecting something from the kids rather than asking for handouts. The Parent Chapter could approve a 20% donation for the Juniors' program if the kids participate or bring something to the Parent Chapter fundraiser. This will encourage independence rather than dependence on the Parent Chapter.

Enrollment into the program: The juniors fill out a contract that outlines what is expected of their behavior and representation of the Back Country Horsemen organization and it also includes a medical information sheet, release of liability, photo release form, and horse and rider questionnaire, which gathers information about their ability and experiences.

Our special speakers and educators to date:

- LNT education with Hope Rausch and our infamous poop fairy Ginger Mckee. They made LNT fun and very educational.
- Ferrier Keith Swain educated on hoof care, the shape of the hoof, how to introduce yourself to a horse, and then had the juniors do hands-on practice approaching the horse and picking up the hoof.
- Todd Churchill taught trail etiquette and survival in the wilderness and then made fire starters with the members.



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- Jenae Churchill, plant and wildlife biologist, taught about the different plants, animals, and water. She demonstrated water filtration, and had several animal pelts and plants to demonstrate. The members then pressed flowers as a craft.
- Jerry Pearson brought his horse and packing gear where he demonstrated and educated on packing as well as knot tying. The kids loved it!

Juniors love to ride, learn, eat, do crafts, camp, play games, be a part of the chapters, and be active in our community.

Junior Traildusters have participated in:

- Parades
- Helped with prize rides and checkpoints
- Have been involved with events on National Trails Day
- Made posters and passed out Thank You notes to our community supporters
- Set up an information table and watched rigs at the trailhead for riders
- Served drinks and treats for riders
- Our Juniors went to Olympia and participated in legislation day and talked with our legislators.
- Junior fundraisers have included bake sales and selling sweat-shirts, T-shirts, and calendars

We are so grateful for the support of our Traildusters Chapter and are excited to continue to grow and learn from all the Backcountry Horsemen community!

Happy trails, President Gabriel Vasquez, Vice President Hadlee Young, Treasurer Ivy Pakinas, Secretary Savannah Reese, Members-Everlee Young, Talyn Shull, Chace Shull, Piper Pakinas, Landon Vasquez, Members at large: Junior Trailduster Advisor Cindy Kinney, Cindy Reese, Jamie Shull, and Kelly Young

Washington State Parks Camp Hosts



By Ken Carmichael

Have you ever considered volunteering as a Camp Host? Washington State Parks is looking for Camp Hosts in 2022.

There are many opportunities around the state. You can find detailed information on the website www.washingtonstateparks.wa.gov under volunteers. But I am not talking about just any Camp Host opportunity. Consider the following. Be a Camp Host at the Riverside State Park Equestrian Area.

Besides the information found on the State Park website, let me tell you about the equestrian area. There are 20 campsites designed for equestrians. The Camp Host can bring horses. Over the years, BCH has helped build the campground and miles of trails in addition to building the arena, round pen, and obstacle course. There are day riders using the facilities plus equestrian events, such as our chapter poker ride. Here you get to volunteer while working with like-minded equestrians.

The following is from the State Parks website:

“Hosts assist park staff in campground and park operations and assist visitors by providing park information, answering questions, and explaining rules. Hosts are provided a designated RV site and utilities during their volunteer service. As a host, you will be joining a supportive community of volunteers and staff who serve the public and our public lands.

As a host, you will represent Washington State Parks by greeting visitors and helping set the tone for a pleasant stay. Hosts assist park staff and perform a range of duties that vary depending on the park and location of the host assignment.”

The application and more information are on the state parks website.

Please consider spending some of your vacation, or retirement, at Riverside State Park. The Ponderosa Chapter would love to have you in our neighborhood. If you have questions, contact the park or call me at 509-466-2225. 🐾

Content Deadline for the May/June 2022 Online Newsletter is April 1, 2022

Cover Photos can be sent anytime, 8x10 Vertical orientation is best (300 dpi).

You can send articles, photos and calendar of events early!

ATTENTION!

Please email your articles (700 word maximum) and 3 or 4 photos with caption and photo byline to thn@bchw.org as soon as possible.

Front Country Trailhead Camping



By Ken Carmichael

To me, trail riding provides a sense of relaxation the minute I put my foot in the stirrup. One problem I have is that I lie to the horses. Typically, I say we will go so far but then I change my mind and go farther, sometimes challenging darkness.

We all have our favorite places to ride and, it is great to go back to them. One of mine is to go down to the river and turn the horses loose to graze in the high grass. However, it is also fun to get out further than we can do on a day ride. This is why so many of us enjoy overnight camping with the horses.

Camping is, or at least it should be, just a part of the BCH experience. Sitting by a fire with friends and waking up to the sound of horses in camp are great experiences that everyone should enjoy.

All of us started camping with the horses somehow. My first time was with Gentlemen on Horseback. I spent a lot of time paying attention to what others were doing to care for their horses and how they were camped. A lot of trial by error.

From April 30 to May 1 Ponderosa chapter is offering equestrians who have never camped a chance to try it with some help.

We are putting on a seminar where people new to camping with their horses can get some experience and guidance. This is a hands-on seminar where you bring your horse and spend the night. People learn that it does not take a large investment to get started.

During the weekend we will pack in lots of information about:

- Trailheads in the Spokane Area
- Land management requirements
- Leave No Trace
- Useful knots
- Useful camping gear
- Alternative methods of camping
- Horse confinement
- Dutch Oven Dinner and Potluck
- Bonfire with s'mores and stories
- We will round it out on Sunday with a trail ride.

If you are interested in participating or know someone who wants to expand their riding experiences, find more information and registration on the Ponderosa website www.pbchw.com.

BCHW Membership Announcement

BCHW memberships expired on December 31, 2021. Please go to BCHW.org and click on the Membership tab to join or renew. If you have any questions, issues or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me, Dana Chambers, at membership.bchw@gmail.com or call 206-498-6952. I'm here for you!

PRICING FOR OUR MEMBERSHIPS In Addition To Chapter Dues

Single	\$41.00
Family	\$54.00
Contributing	\$75.00
Sustaining	\$125.00
Patron	\$250.00
Benefactor	\$500.00
Lifetime (Single)	\$1,200.00
Lifetime (Family of 2)	\$2,000.00

The Richland Horse Park Project, 2.0

PHOTO BY MARY BENNETT



By Mary Bennett, Purple Sage Riders Chapter, BCHW

The Purple Sage Riders (PSR) began work in 2018 and continued to improve Richland Horse Park (RHP) during 2021 through volunteer work, donations, and a Park Partnership agreement with the City of Richland. RHP, located on a 40+ acre parcel that was a landfill in the late 1950s, is connected to WE Johnson Preserve (236 acres of trail riding), adjacent stables, equestrian homes, and riding clubs. Riders can continue on from WE Johnson Preserve to Chamna Natural Preserve, which is an additional 276 acres of riding.

The biggest goal PSR accomplished was our work with city leaders to install a 93' x 210' gravel staging/parking area for horse

trailers, which included signage, landscaping, and an overflow parking area. PSR also built a trail obstacle course, renovated the existing jump area to eliminate old jumps that had become hazardous, and added and realigned trails to go around the new parking area. Lastly, PSR worked with Benton County Conservation District to create a native plant area, which received Heritage Garden recognition and designation.

The total cost/value of all our improvements was \$33,174. PSR raised \$9,044 in cash and in-kind donations, contributed

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Bill Bennett



The Richland Horse Park Project, 2.0

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\$13,046 in volunteer hours and \$6,084 in equipment hours, and the City of Richland contributed \$5,000 cash under the Park Partnership Program.

Staging/Parking Area

PSR used volunteer hours/equipment and a local contractor to build a 93' x 210' staging/parking area for horse trailers near the trailhead at RHP. Tri-Cities Asphalt installed the 4" gravel base; which was compacted, rolled, watered, and sloped to drain. Existing ecology blocks were repurposed to create corner "benches" under newly added shade trees. A barrier was constructed around the area to match the parking area at WE Johnson by upcycling discarded utility poles provided by the City of Richland. Additionally, an area for overflow parking was created and dressed with chips.

Signage

PSR installed a total of 17 signs. These signs were selected to welcome visitors, provide liability warnings, and inform parking. Signs were also added to designate special use areas such as the trail obstacle course and the native plant area, encourage Leave No Trace practices, and showcase native plant Heritage Gardens.

Trails

PSR added a diagonal trail linking the northwest corner to the south of the parking area, rerouted the existing main trail around the new staging/parking area, and added one 22-meter training circle at the northern portion of the park. Trails and high-use areas were dressed with chips where needed.

PHOTO BY DAREB MOORMAN



Trail Obstacle Course

PSR constructed a Trail Obstacle Course, which includes a wagon wheel, a side pass, an up-down (pedestal), a tire squeeze, a box, and a log squeeze.

PHOTO BY DAREB MOORMAN



Jump Area

PSR worked with the City of Richland to renovate the existing jump area by identifying unsafe, worn-out jumps, which the city removed. New logs were added, along with three jump cavaletti constructed by PSR members and an additional training circle mentioned under "Trails".

Plants and Trees

PSR planted 8 trees, selected to grow in the harsh environment and provide shade for the rest area and parking area. We also planted 35 different shrubs, perennials, and grasses. A defined area was created to showcase these native plants in larger groupings and was finished with poles to match the parking area. The groupings have identification markers to help visitors learn about native and xeric plants that do well in the Columbia Basin. The native plant area, along with the landscaped entryway, have both received Heritage Garden designation from the Benton Conservation District and will be added to their list of native plant gardens to visit on their website. 🐾

Purple Sage Riders Adopts a Highway



Purple Sage Riders members (L-R) Kris Hand, Tawney Carrier and Pat Hall doing clean-up of the Chapter's section of Highway on January 8, 2022.

By Tawney Carrier, President, Purple Sage Riders

The Purple Sage Riders partnered with the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to be an Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) Sponsor. We had our first clean-up on Saturday, January 8, 2022. Our Chapter will be responsible for cleaning up a two-mile section of Highway 397 in East Kennewick for the next two years. As a sponsor, Purple Sage Rider's name will be posted in the area of the clean-up.

Adopt-A-Highway is a roadside clean-up program that promotes pride and local ownership in Washington's highways. The program is an anti-litter and highway enhancement campaign intended to promote pride and ownership in

keeping our state beautiful. This program allows individuals and groups to "adopt" a section of a state highway by agreeing to take care of it for a two-year period. This program is consistent with the mission of Back Country Horsemen of Washington because it promotes the Leave-No-Trace principle of disposing of waste properly while providing volunteer service hours. Volunteers perform roadside litter removal in an effort to keep the state clean, help save taxpayer money, and remind people not to litter.

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Purple Sage Riders Adopts a Highway

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The program began in Washington State in 1990. The first Adopt-a-Highway program began in Texas in 1985. Concerned citizens wanted to help clean up the littered highways. Since then, thousands of groups have volunteered their time and effort picking up litter on highways all over the country. Forty-nine of the 50 states in the U.S. have a program like Adopt-a-Highway. C:\Users\carri_000\Downloads\received_384563890092842.jpeg

Gary Westergard has championed the effort for the Purple Sage Riders and did a great job organizing our first clean-up. This is a great, high-visibility opportunity to advertise the great "trail clean-up work" that Back Country Horsemen do in support of their community.

Thanks to Gary for stepping up to bring the idea to our chapter and to head it up! 🐾



Purple Sage Riders member Pat Hall next to one of our many piles of collected trash.

BASIC LEAVE NO TRACE CLASS

APRIL 2 & 3, 2022

Location: Cowlitz Valley Ranger Station, Randle Wa.

\$75.00

Upon Registration
Limited bunks Available
Meals provided All Day
Saturday, Sunday
Breakfast & Lunch

Mandatory Regulation

Anyone entering a Federal building, including bunk houses and kitchen facilities, **MUST** show proof of a covid vaccination or a negative covid test not more than 3 days old



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FREE Listing on BCHW Chapter Events Calendar

Be sure to: • Contact the ride host to check for updates on the event. • Check to see if dogs are welcome.

Note: The BCHW Trailhead News represents as many events as possible; however, it makes no guarantees an event will be published. The calendar of events is subject to change. Please check with ride contact for most updated information. Please send calendar corrections to: bchw@wamedia.com.

2022 Rendezvous

Friday-Sunday, March 18-20, 2022
Kittitas Valley Event Center
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
Go to BCHW.org

Purple Sage Riders Chapter – Tri-Cities

Wednesday, March 30, 2022
Juniper Dunes – Pasco, Washington.
Ready to ride 11:00 a.m.
Gary Westergard, 509-572-7452
gwestergard@charter.net

PSR Ride location TBD

Saturday, April 23, 2022
Terri Edwards, 509-947-4299
Karla 509/531-5663
tboxers1@frontier.com
kallen2380@hotmail.com

Ponderosa Chapter Poker Trailhead Camping Seminar

April 30 – May 1, 2022
Pre-registration required by April 18
Registration available on line
\$99 per trailer inc. camping fee Sat. night
Dogs on leash or contained
Riverside State Park, Spokane
For details contact:
Ken Carmichael 509-466-2225
Kcarmichael2225@gmail.com
www.pbchw.com

Ponderosa Chapter Poker Ride

Sunday, May 15, 2022
First rider out 9:00
Raffle
Pre-registration by May 3, \$25
Registration available online
Registration at ride \$30
Riverside State Park, Spokane
Camping available
Ken Carmichael 509-466-2225
Kcarmichael2225@gmail.com
www.pbchw.com

BCHW-Lewis County Chapter Fun Ride

Saturday, May 21, 2022
Burnt Ridge, Onalaska
Register Date: On-site
Cost: \$10.00 Adults, youth (17 years & under) free, \$5.00 extra tickets
Overnight Camping: with prior approval
Lunch: Concessionaire
Tony Karniss 360-520-5697
tkarniss@gmail.com
More Info: bchw.org click on upcoming events

2nd QTR BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting

Saturday, June 18, 2022
Kittitas Valley Event Center
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA

Trail Fund Ride 2022 Grays Harbor Chapter

Saturday, June 25, 2022
Riders out from 9-11 am
Green Diamond lands, west of Matlock, north of Montesano
Register Day of event only
Members \$25 registration fee includes ride, lunch & 1 prize ticket
Limited camping available, email for details
Lunch is Available \$10 for additional lunches
Beth Branshaw, 360-581-6535
bbranshaw@hotmail.com
www.graysharborbchw.com
More Info: Porta-potty but no water on-site, bring your own

Example

Your Chapter Ride or Event Must Be Open To All BCHW Members To Have A FREE Listing

Lines in the listing have a maximum character count of 32, including spaces. Please keep this in mind.

Please submit the following information with your event listing to bchw@wamedia.com.

Chapter Name _____

Name of Ride _____

Date _____

First Rider Out _____

Location _____

Register _____

Lunch _____

Name of Pass Required (if needed) _____

Weed-Seed-Free Feed Required _____

Camping (if available) _____

Cost to Member _____

Cost to Non-member _____

Contact Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Website _____

Free Entrance Days in the National Parks



- March 9 – Billy Frank Junior’s Birthday
- March 19 – State Parks’ 108th Birthday
- April 22 – Earth Day
- June 11 – National Get Outdoors Day
- June 12 – Free Fishing Day
- June 19 – Juneteenth
- Sept. 25 – National Public Lands Day
- Oct. 10 – World Mental Health Day
- Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
- Nov. 25 – Native American Heritage Day



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FREE Listing on BCHW Chapter Events Calendar

Be sure to: • Contact the ride host to check for updates on the event. • Check to see if dogs are welcome.

Note: The BCHW Trailhead News represents as many events as possible; however, it makes no guarantees an event will be published. The calendar of events is subject to change. Please check with ride contact for most updated information. Please send calendar corrections to: bchw@wamedia.com.

Lewis County Chapter regional Work Party-Gifford

Pinchot N.F., Goat Rocks Wilderness – Nannie Risgo trail
#98 reroute

Thursday-Monday, July 21-25, 2022

Walupt Lake & Walupt Lake Horse Camp

On-line Registration currently open

Pass Required: NWFP

Camping: Walupt Lake & Walupt Lake Horse Camp*

Meals: On your own, wilderness type setting
(snacks, Gatorade & water provided)

Tom Conner 360-269-3804

tkranch@toledotel.com

Special Note: RTP Grant Funding guidelines and
documentation will apply

* Remote wilderness camping available near
worksites

2022 Ferry County Steak Ride

Friday-Sunday, July 29-31, 2022

Colville National Forest In Ferry County
Ride Starts from the Jungle Hill Trailhead off
the Albion Hill Road

Potluck dinner July 29

No Children Under Age of 10 on trail ride

\$25.00 Per Person, Children Ages 11-12 \$15

Silent auction open Fri.-Sat., Live auction
starts at 6:30pm Sat.

Doris Bacon 509-775-3544 • repvet86@gmail.com

Regional Work Party-Wenatchee N. F., William O. Douglas Wilderness – Cowlitz (Soda Springs) & Surrounding Trails

Wednesday-Sunday, August 10-14, 2022

Cowlitz Horse Ramp (Soda Springs)

Register: On-line Registration currently open

Wilderness Permit Required: Free, self-issued

Camping: Free, dispersed camping

Meals: On your own, wilderness type setting

Tony Karniss or Slim Mardock

360-520-5697 (Tony) or 360-520-5588 (Slim)

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3rd QTR BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting

Saturday, September 17, 2022

Kittitas Valley Event Center

901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA

president@bchw.org • 509.699.9927

21st Anniversary Winery Ride

Saturday, October 29, 2022

Go to BCHW.org or

email BCHWwineryride@gmail.com

4th QTR BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting

Saturday, December 3, 2022

Kittitas Valley Event Center

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