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## To Friendship

By Kathy Young, BCHW President

**J**anuary 16, 2019: I'm sitting on an airplane as I write this, no horses in sight, obviously. They've got at least two weeks off at home in the chilly, wet winter weather of the Puget Sound area, while I wing my way west to meet with some friends in a more tropical atmosphere. I'm spending the time away from Washington, my BCHW duties and my critter duties, to spend some island time with friends I met only because I joined BCHW.

Fast forward, and now I am (sitting on the lanai) reflecting on the nature of these friendships I have formed, that we all form, by becoming members of this organization. These relationships are one of the reasons we stay connected with BCHW, it's that bonus added to the mission that we all share. Without the friendships formed, would we choose to continue to pay our dues every year? Aside from my own connections, I have watched many friendships develop over the years. I have seen seemingly incongruous personalities stretch their circle of friends to include another person because they spent time together working on a trail, realized a shared appreciation for packing traditions and tools, or were thrown together in a teaching/learning situation. Many times I have seen lasting friendships develop simply when someone asks for help, or offers it.

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My friends in BCHW keep me grounded in the mission. I can call on any number of people to use as a sounding board for ideas, debate a point (sometimes heatedly), plan an event, or even just take a drive to look at a trailhead. They also keep me reaching for the stars, by including me in epic trips into the wilderness that push my limits and that I would not have endeavored to take on my own. BCHW members seem to me to be a more diverse-minded group than any other volunteer group I have belonged to, because the trail is the focus. For the love of the trail we can recognize and strengthen

compatibility and allow differences to be set aside to focus on that trail.

I'm sure you see the point. BCHW has a mission, and it's a good mission and to BCHW members it is a necessary mission. To fulfill our mission we need all manner of people. It's the meetings, work parties, rides and educational events that create these relationships and that found these lasting friendships. Friendships that deserve to be celebrated. Signing off for now friends, see you at Rendezvous. 🐾

### 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.





# BCHW Membership Announcement

**W**e have been making a lot of changes with our membership program. Instead of using the application here in the Trailhead News please go to bchw.org. Click on JOIN if you are a new member or click on Member Log In if you are renewing. If you have any questions or problems please do not hesitate to contact me, Dana Chambers, your State Membership Chair at [membership@bchw.org](mailto:membership@bchw.org)

## PRICING FOR OUR MEMBERSHIPS

*In Addition To Chapter Dues*

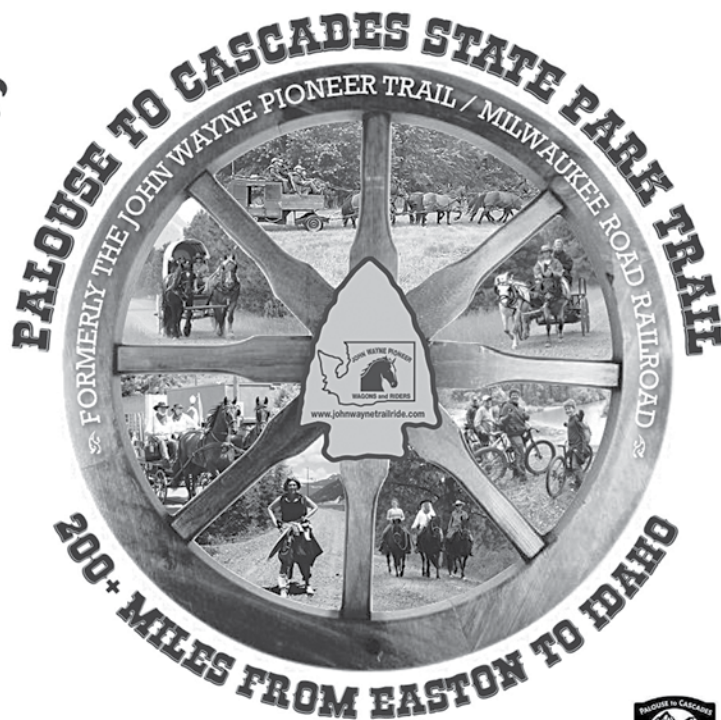
Single .....	\$41.00
Family .....	\$54.00
Contributing .....	\$75.00
Sustaining .....	\$125.00
Patron .....	\$250.00
Benefactor .....	\$500.00
Lifetime (Single) .....	\$1200.00

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**May 16 - June 1, 2019**

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ENOUGH  
TO COME WITH US?**



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March 15 - 17, 2019

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- ♦ **BCHW GENERAL MEETING**
- ♦ **USED TACK SALE**
- ♦ **VENDOR BOOTHS**
- ♦ **PACKING COMPETITION**
- ♦ **AUCTIONS**
- ♦ **PUBLIC LANDS DAY**
- ♦ **DUTCH OVEN COOKING**
- ♦ **CROSSCUT COMPETITION**
- ♦ **Friday Lunch Potluck**

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- **Andy Breland**
- **The Trailmeister**
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- **Insurance Underwriters**
- **Back Country Riding for the Faint of Heart**
- **Communication in the Back Country**
- **PCT/BCHW Joint Projects and more!!!**



*Saturday Night:*

**DINNER**

**&**

**AUCTION**

*Register at [BCHW.org](http://BCHW.org)*

*Come see BCHW's displays:*

**HARD HAT DECORATING COMPETITION**

**CHAPTER DISPLAYS**

**PHOTO DISPLAY**

**TABLE DECORATING COMPETITION**

**Friday & Saturday:**

**9 to 5**

**Sunday: 9 to Noon**

For more information go to [BCHW.org](http://BCHW.org)  
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**KITTITAS VALLEY EVENT CENTER**

**512 N Poplar , Ellensburg, WA**



## 2019 Rendezvous March 15-17, 2019

Kittitas Valley Event Center, Ellensburg, WA

Open to the public! Event admittance: Free! Clinician auditing fee: Free!

Friday potluck: Free! Saturday auctions & evening entertainment: Free!

**Fees & Reservations are only needed for on-site camping & Saturday night's catered dinner.**

### DINNER & CAMPING RESERVATION FORM

RESERVE EARLY — DINNER TICKETS & CAMPING SPACES ARE LIMITED!

**DINNER** Saturday Evening, March 16th:

Catered by Cascade Mountain Grilling

**EARLY BIRD** (Price includes five Bucket Raffle Tickets)

# \_\_\_\_\_ x\$25= \_\_\_\_\_

**Must be post marked/emailed with payment no later than March 5, 2019**

**After March 5, 2019 & on-site price** (no Bucket Raffle Tickets):

# \_\_\_\_\_ x\$35= \_\_\_\_\_

**Reserved Tables** are for groups wanting to sit together: (You do **not** need to have a reserved table to attend the dinner!) Limited number of round tables are available. Table numbers will be assigned based on receipt of reservation. If you need more than one table and want them close, they must be reserved at the same time. Since there is limited seating, if your table is not filled, others will be seated at your table.

**Round Tables** (seat eight) (name of Chapter or group \_\_\_\_\_) # \_\_\_\_\_ x\$50= \_\_\_\_\_

**CAMPING** On-site camping at KVEC is available. There are separate designated areas for electrical hook-ups and dry camping (no electrical). Even if not using electricity but parking in hook-up spots, we will have to charge the hook-up fee. All campers may use the showers and the dumping.

**EARLY BIRD HOOK-UP CAMPING:** Electricity only

number of nights \_\_\_\_\_ x\$35= \_\_\_\_\_

**EARLY BIRD DRY CAMPING:** No electricity

number of nights \_\_\_\_\_ x\$25= \_\_\_\_\_

**AFTER March 5, 2019 & On-Site**

**Hook-up camping** (Electricity):

number of nights \_\_\_\_\_ x\$45= \_\_\_\_\_

**Dry Camping** (no electricity):

number 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 \_\_\_\_\_)

**NO REFUNDS after March 5, 2019**

**DOGS** are welcome but come prepared to clean up after them.

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

NAME (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment method: Check \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Friday

## RENDEZVOUS 2019

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Time	Teanaway	Heritage	Outdoors
9 to 9:30	Public Lands Day	CPR & 1st Aide (advance sign up)	Dutch Oven Competition
9:30 to 10			
10 to 10:30			
10:30 to 11			
11 to 11:30			
11:30 to 12			
12 to 12:30	Mountain to Sound Greenway		
12:30 to 1			
1 to 1:30	Potluck Lunch		
1:30 to 2			
2 to 2:30		CPR & 1st Aide (advance sign up)	
2:30 to 3	Plan It Like a Pro The Trailmeister		
3 to 3:30			
3:30 to 4			
4 to 4:30	Andy Breland Trailhead Supply		
4:30 to 5			
5 to 5:30			
5:30 to 6			
6 to 6:30			
6:30 to 7			
7 to 7:30	BCHW Board Meeting		
7:30 to 8			
8 to 8:30			
8:30 to 9			
9 to 9:30			
9:30 to 10			

**Check out the activities list to see what else is going on.  
See the Clinics Sheet for more information!**

Saturday

**RENDEZVOUS 2019****TRAILS FOR  
THE FUTURE**

Time	Teanaway	Heritage	Bloom	Horse Barn
9 to 9:30	Back Country Riding for the Faint of Heart	State Wide Work Party with Jason Ridlon	Packing Competition	Ladies
9:30 to 10				Cross
10 to 10:30				Cut
10:30 to 11	How to Plan a Cross Country Trip	Communications in the Back Country		Class
11 to 11:30				
11:30 to 12				
12 to 12:30	Trailhead Supply with Andy Breland	Dentistry for Stock with Dr. Jack Gillett		
12:30 to 1				
1 to 1:30			Large Animal Happenings with Tom Barrymore	
1:30 to 2	Indepent Meeting with Sandra Ihly	BCHW Insurance Underwriters		
2 to 2:30				
2:30 to 3				
3 to 3:30	Plan It Like a Pro with Trailmeister	Logistics of Feeding a Group in Camp Kitchens with Kim Merrick		
3:30 to 4				
4 to 4:30				
4:30 to 5				
5 to 5:30	Catered Dinner (Need to Register in advance)			
5:30 to 6				
6 to 6:30				
6:30 to 7	Live Auction			
7 to 7:30				
7:30 to 8				
8 to 8:30				
8:30 to 9				
9 to 9:30				
9:30 to 10				

Sunday	
Teanaway	Time
Cowboy Church	9 to 9:30
	9:30 to 10
	10 to 10:30
BCHW General Meeting	10:30 to 11
	11 to 11:30
	11:30 to 12
	12 to 12:30

**Check out the activities list to see what else is going on.**

**See the Clinics Sheet for more information!**



## 2019 RENDEZVOUS Activities



**Public Lands Day:** Join us to hear the latest from the land managers. We will have the USFS and DNR present along with Jon Snyder from the Governor's office to discuss plans for the future and how volunteers fit into the picture. Friday morning in the Teanaway. *Sponsored by the BCHW Public Lands Committee*

**Dutch Oven Competition:** The cooking will begin Friday at 9 am on the corner of the Umtanum. Cook something up to share at the potluck. *Sponsored by Ponderosa Chapter*

**Potluck Lunch:** Bring a dish and have fun visiting with everyone. Friday 1 pm in the Teanaway.

**Crosscut Competition:** Go and try out your crosscut skills! Friday & Saturday 9 am to 4 pm on the lawn across from the Tack Sale. *Sponsored by Wenat Valley Chapter*

**Packing Demo:** Get hands on education of how to pack stock. Friday & Saturday 9 am to 4 pm on the lawn across from the Tack Sale. *Sponsored by Lewis County Chapter*

**Packing Competition:** There will be a packing competition in the Bloom on Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm. *Sponsored by Northeast Chapter*

**Converting a Horse Trailer into a Camper Demo:** Stop by the trailer against the Bloom Pavillion and learn how Marty Bjornstad uses his horse trailer as a temporary camper. Saturday 9 am to 4 pm. *Sponsored by Tahoma Chapter*

**Used Tack Sale:** Check your tack room out before you come and see what you need to buy! Consignments welcome! Friday & Saturday 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday 9 am to noon in the Naneum and Taneum. *Sponsored by Mt. St. Helens Chapter*

**Auctions:** There is a Bucket, Live, and Silent auction. In the Umtanum. *Sponsored by BCHW and the Tahoma Chapter*

**Vendors:** Be sure to walk through the vendors and see what you can find. Friday & Saturday 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday 9 am to noon in the Umtanum and Manastash.

**Concessions:** Cascade Mountain Grilling will have delicious food and drinks flowing. Be sure to stop by and try some of their great cooking. Friday & Saturday.

**Cowboy Church:** Come pray the cowboy way. Sunday 9 to 10 am. *Sponsored by Capitol Riders Chapter*

**BCHW General Meeting:** Come join the fun of a speaker, awards, and the annual accomplishments video that celebrates all of our hard work we have accomplished this year. Pacific Crest Trails Association (PCTA) will be sharing the cooperative efforts of organizations working together. Sunday 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

**Photo Contest:** Check out the great photos people have taken throughout the year on their rides. In the Heritage. *Sponsored by Pierce County Chapter*

**Chapter Displays:** Go see what all of the chapters are about in the Heritage. *Sponsored by BCHW*

**Coffee Room:** Want to sit down with a friend out of the cold to visit? Now you can in the Senior Lounge just off of Cascade Mountain Grilling's space.

**BCHW Dinner:** Join us for a sit down dinner Saturday night with the Live Auction to follow. Need to register.

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## 2019 RENDEZVOUS

### Clinic Info

See the Schedule for the  
when and where!



**Plan It Like A Pro:** Join the Trailmeister, Robert Eversole, as he covers wilderness conduct (LNT), trail riding safety, equine equipment, methods of feeding livestock in the back country, management of live-stock (stock containment), treating a hurt or sick horse in the wilderness, packing equipment, fitting saddles, making loads, hitches and leading strings of mules, and farrier concerns. *Sponsored by BCHW*

**Large Animal Happenings:** Tom Berryman will be covering how to handle stock emergencies.

**Trailhead Supply:** Andy Breland will be joining us to share more of his wonderful knowledge. *Sponsored by BCHW*

**Mountain to Sound Greenway:** Learn about the organization that has taken on our public lands being accessible to use all through the central Washington section of the mountains.

**How to Plan a Cross Country Trip:** Kathy Young will be giving pointers on how to plan a trip to another state's great landscapes. *Sponsored by BCHW*

**Back Country Riding for the Faint of Heart:** Join Juelie Dalzell & Theresa Percy in an informal conversation about riding in the back country. Sponsored by Buckhorn Range Chapter Communications in the Back Country: Darrell Wallace & Jason Ridlon will be demonstrating how to use the InReach communication system in the back country. *Sponsored by BCHW*

**Logistics of Feeding a Group in Camp Kitchens:** Kim Merrick will be presenting how to plan and feed a group of people in the campground setting. *Sponsored by Nisqually Chapter*

**Dentistry for Stock:** Dr. Jack Gillett will be teaching how to care for your stock's teeth.

**Ladies Crosscut Saw Class:** Learn how to crosscut saw from the best. Contact Tony Karniss (tkarniss@gmail.com) or Tom Faubian (tkfaubian@alliancelg.com) to sign up for the class.

**CPR/1st Aide Training:** We have two classes scheduled at Rendezvous this year. They are full as it was a sign up in advance event. *Sponsored by BCHW*

**Independents Meeting:** Sandra Ihly, BCHW Independent Membership Chair, will be holding a meeting for all independent members. *Sponsored by BCHW*

**State Wide Work Party:** Jason Ridlon will be holding a planning meeting for the 2019 State Wide Work Party in the Umatilla National Forest. *Sponsored by BCHW*

**Insurance Underwriters:** BCHW insurance underwriters are coming to explain how our insurance works and answer any questions you might have. *Sponsored by Ponderosa Chapter*

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## 2019 Rendezvous Used Tack Sale

BCHW used tack sale. March 15-17, 2019. Bring clean tack, clothing and camping gear with it tagged with your name and contact information. We will start accepting items on the 14th. All tack sold on the fair grounds must be through BCHW.

Have your tack marked with a tag with your name, price, and contact info. We will display and sell it for you. BCHW receives 15% of all sales. For saddles, if you have a saddle stand to help display it please bring it. Have the stand marked not for sale with your name on it. Credit card sales will be available.

**For any questions please contact Jim Anderson at [muleman1951@gmail.com](mailto:muleman1951@gmail.com) or 360-835-5719.**



## Rendezvous Ladies' Crosscut Training Class

The intent of this course is to get potential BCHW Sawyers ready for upcoming Spring certification classes and out safely clearing trails, whether on organized trail projects or to just be able to continue down the trail after coming to a tree across it.

There will be a 4-hour class on Saturday, the 16th of March, to educate and train women on the fine points of safely using both one-and-two-person saws and how to carry a saw on your riding animal. Also covered will be PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), how to become a BCHW certified sawyer, and of interest to all trail users, how to provide a good Trail Inspection Report for trail crews. We will also spend some time talking about camping in the back country for the people who can ultimately be a part of the Spike Camp Strike teams. The topic will include lightweight tents, sleeping bags, cooking equipment and food for several days. There will be classroom instruction and hands-on practice offered.

There is no charge for this class, but you must reserve a spot ahead of time so that the organizers can plan for the right-sized training facility and have enough classroom materials.

**RSVP by March 8th to Tony Karniss at [tkarniss@gmail.com](mailto:tkarniss@gmail.com) or 360-748-8640.**

**For the final scheduled time and location and any other info, go to the Rendezvous page at [www.bchw.org](http://www.bchw.org).**

This class is being put on by Tom Faubion, Tom Mix, Tony Karniss, Pam Swigert, Barb Talbott & Debra Davis (USFS).



## BCHW Store

**Stop in and visit the Store for all your BCHW swag at the big Rendezvous!**

*You can find us in the Manastash Room. This is one of only four public outings for the store planned in 2019*

For photos and info on just some of the items, go to [www.bchw.org](http://www.bchw.org)





## 2019 RENDEZVOUS Vendors



Be sure to stop in and see what our vendors have to show you!

### Vendors Selling Items:

- Trailhead Supply
- Trailmeister
- Alpacas at Dream Catchers Farm
- Aromatherapy
- Beth's Baubles
- Panattoni Leather & Equine Laundry
- Natures Needles
- A Wee Bit
- Hoofprints
- Purity Soapworks
- Sunset Silver
- VIPs Magnetic Jewelry
- Gear Up Hats
- Urban Dragon Designs
- Back Country Cutouts
- Capuche Headgear
- Cavallo Boots

### Informational Booths:

- Back Country Horsemen of Washington
- BCHW Membership Development
- Leave No Trace
- Washington Outfitters & Guide Association
- BCHW Peninsula Chapter
- Pacific Crest Trail Association
- Department of Natural Resources
- Shadow Wing Ranch Equine-Assisted Learning
- Mountain to Sound Greenway



# Skagit Chapter – A Human Trail-Work Machine

PHOTO BY MARILYN PINEDA



2019 January work party safety meeting

By Marilyn Pineda, Newsletter Editor, Trail Boss BCHW Skagit Chapter

Skagit Chapter identifies as a human trail-work machine and gathers together on a regular monthly basis at the Les Hilde Trailhead, in coordination with representatives from the DNR Northwest Region. Skagit's Method of Operation consists of morning coffee and doughnuts organized by Alex Hanewacker; to be enjoyed around the fire built by Jerry Pearson, who also makes sure we have our safety briefing for the day. Then Rich Ruhl lays out the strategy to accomplish everything that needs to be done. The work crews go into the woods, and Jerry hangs back to keep an eye on any livestock that may be brought along in case someone wants to go riding after lunch. This is the "norm" for Skagit's monthly trail work schedule. However, work on the trails had been missed in November due to the Self Defense for Trail Riders clinic that was hosted that month; and December was passed over due to Christmas season and extreme weather conditions. The work parties are held on the first Saturday after Skagit's regular monthly business meeting, so the buzz at the January meeting for the first trail work party of 2019 brought back the familiar discussion of who would be where in the woods later that week.

When Saturday came, the wheels went into motion, with all the cogs lining up with the precision of a Swiss watch! Rich Ruhl had created a list of crews and delegated everyone to their tasks. Several trails had experienced a lot of obstruction from windfall during December, so there were a couple of chainsaw crews sent out for that; another crew headed out to some areas that needed to be brushed out, and the final crew was sent to help with some DNR signage. Meanwhile, Tanya Yeats, our camp chef, would be coming in while everyone was out working so she could have lunch ready for everyone when they came back out of the woods. Jerry Pearson, the fire tender and critter-sitter would guard the fort while everyone was away.

Everyone knew what needed to be done and set about being busy with what turned out to be a beautiful, sunny day.

There was an added bonus for yours truly on that particular day, as I had the opportunity to implement my newly developing skills at leading a pack horse. I had brought my horses to the trailhead so they would be available for riding after lunch, and it turned out that they actually got put to work as I was sent along with Rob DeBoer and Denny Ernst to help with a couple of the specified chainsaw projects that had been slated for the day. We had some serious hills to navigate, so we decided that my horses could be used to help carry the load. We saddled them up with their respective gear, and a weak link was discovered with the pack horse, Snickers – he took all of the tools and

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2019 January work party cotton wood shard.

## Skagit Chapter – A Human-Trailwork Machine

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safety gear into the gravel bags we were using, UNTIL it came time to load the chainsaw. Apparently, the long, bright orange covered bar of the chainsaw was not something he could wrap his head around! Rob and I worked with Snickers on the matter for a little while but were not able to make much progress with him in the short amount of time that we had – we needed to get going down the trail to the job site. So Snickers ended up carrying everything EXCEPT the chainsaw. Can you guess what MY homework is?! Rob sent the gravel bags home with me, and I'm working with Snickers to accept up scary things

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2019 January work party has removed the log.

so he can redeem himself at the next work party. I share this personal note simply because it is an appreciated illustration of the teamwork involved with individual growth within the BCH organization.

Skagit Chapter is an example of the countless men and women in the Back Country Horsemen who assist, promote, teach, and work to build relationships and skills that encourage the fulfillment of the BCH Mission Statement. Ultimately, we all want what this represents for our recreational lands to be perpetuated for our children and our children's children. 🐾

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2019 January work coming out of the woods.

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# Trail Maintenance I Saw on the Pacific Crest Trail – Part Two

By Gary Pegg

I didn't see another crew until I reached Chambers Lake 675 miles later in Washington, around mile 2275. I didn't actually see them on the trail, but I did enjoy sharing a camp with the group of BCH from the Lewis County Chapter, and their token Mt St Helens Chapter associate. All were busy the next morning, getting their gear and equipment ready to pack in to support a PCTA crew that was repairing a washout on the Cispus Bowl.

Just north of White Pass in the William O Douglas, I met a crew of teenagers heading out who had been working on a WTA project, building horse friendly steps on some steep trail. It was good to see these kids, many getting their first exposure to the wilderness, tired but happy and eager to tell me about their project and experiences.

Near Government Meadows, I met a man at a trail intersection who jumped up and inquired if I had seen a trail crew. Apparently, he was supposed to have joined them earlier in the day. Unfortunately, I couldn't give him any help. A few miles down the trail, I met a couple who were looking for the man; them I could help. Another mile and I met the BCH group bringing in supplies. When I got to my night's stop at the Government Meadows Horse Camp, I met the PCTA leader and another man looking for the rest of the work party. I was happy to point them in the right direction. Later we had a good visit with the BCH members when they rode back into camp.

In the Glacier Peak Wilderness, I met Darrell and his two donkeys. Darrell is perhaps the most interesting of all the trail workers I met that summer. Darrell walks, the donkeys carry his trail clearing tools and rather Spartan camp provisions. He wanders the trails around the state, clearing logs and doing other trail maintenance chores as he sees fit, seeking no praise, recognition, or profit. When I met Darrell, he had been out three weeks and was starting to run low on supplies. However, he planned to head

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Bridge Creek bridge, North Cascades NP

back to the trails as soon as he was able to resupply, a cycle he repeated from late spring until the snows came in the fall.

I saw a large combined PCTA/WTA crew gathering at Stevens Pass preparing to head south. They were busy and I was going north so we didn't speak much.

Just south of Rainey Pass on Bridge Creek, I met a three-person Forest Service Crew getting ready to replace a broken bridge. Though less than two miles from Hwy 20, and not within a wilderness, the decision had been made to do much of the work, including the positioning of the needed 30 foot, plus, long logs, using only manual labor along with blocks and pulleys. The project supervisor said funds were not available for mechanized equipment.

In addition, I passed countless places where the trail showed signs of recent work; to a thru rider happiness is a fresh cut log. I tried to thank each trail worker I passed, but I feel I need to extend that appreciation to each of the nameless persons who cut those logs that made my trip so enjoyable. Thank you all! 🐾

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Darrell's donkeys.



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As soon as you clear the trail, another tree will fall.  
Goat Rocks Wilderness



# Come Join Us At The Green River Horse Camp

By Jim Thode, Lewis County Chapter Director

The Green River Horse Camp is located on the north side of the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. For the past three years the roads into the Green River Horse Camp and Strawberry Mountain trail system have been impassable by horse trailer and the trails are in need of repair. The Lewis County Chapter is hosting a work party with some meals provided from July 31st to Aug. 4th at the Green River horse camp. We have some RTP funding to support the project. With most of the work being tread work and water barring, we need your help. We have some tools but volunteers should bring their own tools, if possible. Other organizations involved in the work include the WTA, Youth Groups, and the Trans-Cascadia Mountain Bike group. So come join us for one day or all four days. 🐾

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For details and to sign up Contact:

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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](mailto:bchw@wamedia.com).

## Whatcom BCHW Chapter 22nd annual fundraising auction

Friday, March 1, 2019  
 Silent Auction: 5:30pm -7:00pm  
 Live auction: 7:15pm  
 Everson Auction Barn located at  
 7291 Everson-Goshen Road  
 Everson. The Café will also be  
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 Melinda Smull at 360-595-2137.

## 14th Annual Great Gravel Pack-in Capitol State Forest

Saturday, March 23 • 8:00am - 3:00pm  
 Mima Falls Trailhead in  
 Capitol Forest Near  
 12736 Marksman St, SW  
 Olympia 98512  
 Phil Wolff • 360-628-2391  
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## 2019 BCHA National Board Meeting

Sunday, April 7, 2019  
 Asheville, North Carolina  
 Erica Fearn  
 860-586-7540 • [efearn@bcha.org](mailto:efearn@bcha.org)

## Methow Valley Spring Ride & Fundraiser

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## BCHW Joe Watt Ride

Saturday, May 18, 2019  
 Ellensburg  
[jhridlon@fairpoint.net](mailto:jhridlon@fairpoint.net) • 509-699-9927

## Regional Work Party at Kalama Horse Camp

Wednesday-Saturday May 22-25  
 Contact Barbara Thomas at  
 360-773-7672 • [pineywoman1@aol.com](mailto:pineywoman1@aol.com)

## NEBCHW Defibrillator Fundraiser Fun and Prize Ride

Saturday, June 8, 2019  
 First Rider Out: 9:00 am  
 Last Rider Out: 10:30 am  
 Colville National Forest  
 Bingville; Sand Canyon, WA  
 Register: On-Site begins 8:00 am  
 \$20 Day of or \$15 Preregister  
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 Contact Dana Slater 208-437-3677  
[edolontessi@frontier.com](mailto:edolontessi@frontier.com)  
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[Hiltonhaven@hotmail.com](mailto:Hiltonhaven@hotmail.com)

## 2nd QTR BCHW Board of Directors' meeting

Saturday, June 15, 2019  
 Kittitas Valley Event Center  
 901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA  
 Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick  
 360-640-1495 • [bchwexec@bchw.org](mailto:bchwexec@bchw.org)

## Grays Harbor Chapter Trail Fund Ride

Saturday, June 22  
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### Umatilla National Forest

Monday-Thursday, July 1-4, 2019  
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## Ferry County Chapter Steak Ride

Friday-Sunday, July 26-28, 2019  
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 Lunch \_\_\_\_\_  
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### **Tahoma Chapter Prize Ride**

Saturday, September 7, 2019  
Riders Out: 8:00 am to Noon  
Danville Georgetown King Co.  
Parks Trails  
25258 Landsburg Rd SE  
Ravensdale, WA 98051  
\$20 - Hot Lunch & 4 Tickets  
Silent Auction  
Prize Winner Announcements: 3 pm  
Contact Ranae Stevens  
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### **3rd Qtr BCHW Board of Directors' meeting**

September, September 14, 2019  
Kittitas Valley Event Center  
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA  
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### **Ponderosa Chapter Annual Scavenger Hunt Fundraiser**

Saturday, September 28  
Riverside State Park near Spokane  
Ken Carmichael 509-466-2225  
[Kcarmichael2225@gmail.com](mailto:Kcarmichael2225@gmail.com)

### **18th Annual Winery Ride and Halloween Costume / Prize Ride**

Saturday, October 26, 2019 - Zillah

### **4th QTR BCHW Board of Directors' meeting**

Saturday, December 7, 2019  
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Please email your articles (700 word maximum) and 3 or 4 photos with caption and photo  
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