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Work and Play Time!

By Kathy Young, BCHW President

It's getting done, it's happening; work, fun rides, campouts, recreational travel. We couldn't be busier, at least from what I am seeing and hearing from chapters. Is your calendar filled up? This is the time of year when I sit down with mine and look it over for gaps. This year, again, I just looked over at Steve and said: "I'll be gone." (I am looking for time to squeeze in a few baseball games.)

The time seems right, with all of these BCHW events being planned around the state; it's a really good time for some reminders.

The activities that we put together, recreational rides, group campouts, work party events, fundraiser events, these almost always occur on public lands. Do you have the proper permits, volunteer agreements, and permissions in place prior to your event dates? It is so important that we follow these protocols. By being proactive and communicating with the land managers, by keeping our volunteer agreements active and updated, we can only strengthen these relationships. It is our job to ask about permit requirements, free or fee, group sizes, and insurance for group campouts or events. It is our job. Even on properties that do not require permits, it's sure a good idea to check in with land managers to let them know that you will be there. Conditions change, whether that is trail condition, the condition of campgrounds or policy. Don't be caught unaware.

In this age of social media sharing, I would urge you to be additionally aware of group sizes as you share your events. Make sure that a contact is available, and certainly make ev-

ery attempt at a head count. Group permits can be free or fee, depending on what your event is. Be cognizant of just how much impact you will be making on a landscape. I would certainly urge our chapters to negotiate a "give back" for those free permits. Perhaps you need to consider bringing in additional porta-potties. Maybe it's as little as a case of TP for the vault toilets. An all-day or a half-day LNT clean-up might be even more appreciated. We are as much stewards of the land as those property managers are. We should be the group that is taking all care to make ourselves welcome in these places. Segue to volunteer positions available; the upcoming Joe Watt Canyon fundraiser ride on May 18, it is rapidly approaching. This annual ride will require a new ride manager for 2020. Your VP, Jason Ridlon, has built a solid event that has been an excellent source of trail funding for the selected host chapter since it became a BCHW state-sponsored event. Jason has the event ready to hand off to the next ride manager so he can concentrate on Statewide Work Party and other trail projects. The Joe Watt ride event is flushed-out, documented, and just needs that manager. Please contact Jason Ridlon to grab this job away from him. This year the proceeds of the Joe Watt Canyon ride will benefit the Methow Valley Chapter to support the construction of the North Summit Horse Camp.

Lynn Wilhelm Howell is stepping down as Awards Chairperson. I want to thank Lynn for the outstanding job that she has done. Lynn is documenting the awards job and resources

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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.





State Legislative Update

By Jeff Chapman, Legislative Chair

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BCHW members at the Capitol for Legislative Day

In Washington State, we have a range of very active recreational groups that work together to advance public land opportunities. In addition, recreation and its health, as well as economic benefits, are enthusiastically recognized by most of our state legislators. The issues in Olympia often come down to how much of the state budget can be allocated to recreation, and how can the agencies, working with volunteers, keep the costs down so more work can be accomplished.

This year is no different. The grant programs are safe with approval of both the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) and Nonhighway Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) funds. The Washington Wildlife and Recreation (WWRP) fund is recommended at \$80 million (House), \$90 million (Senate), and \$115 million (Governor). I remember the days when \$40 million was considered a bottom line. In addition, the budget includes (as of this writing) \$5.2 million for resurfacing the Beverly Bridge over the Columbia River as part of the Palouse to Cascades Trail (PTCT) route. In May, we will be involved in the kickoff

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Senator Judy Warnick addressing the group.

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and will be able to pass that on to the new awards chairperson.

Of course, I am looking for willing and capable members to fill these positions. So look to your left and to your right and even into the mirror – and help me identify the people who can take these jobs. Is it your turn?

Last but not least – a few of us flew to North Carolina for

the BCHA National Board meeting in April and a NC camp-out and trail work event with Deirdre Perot and David Michael and BCH NC. Timing did not allow for an article about that at this time but look for it in the next issue of Trailhead News.

Let's go do some trail work! Volunteers ROCK! – That would be YOU! 🐾

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Public Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz with Jeff Chapman.

campaign for a cross-nation route that includes the PTCT. This is the Great American Rail Trail route promoted by the Rails to Trails Coalition.

While project funding has been good, the recreation operational revenues needed by the agencies have been short. The Discover Pass has helped with this situation, but it has not solved it. Our primitive recreation agencies (DNR and WDFW) are having difficulty dealing with managing recreation sites as well as pro-

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Kathy Young, BCHW President and Joyce Willms, BCHW lobbyist at Legislative Day.

viding law enforcement coverage. There is more of a need for volunteer organizations to work together with their education and outreach programs in order for users to be self-policing. Leave No Trace must be a practice by all users. While our members can't preach, we can lead by example. We also need to focus on sharing the trails, including working with our horses and other user groups to make it safer to be on the same trail at the same time. Part of the solution is programs like the 3S (Stop, Stand, Speak) training that is designed around reducing the spook situation with horses. Trail design can also help address surprises by improving sight distances around curves, installing water bars to slow speed/improve drainage, and installing key signage. With so many user types out there now, we must either learn to share trails or risk losing access to some of our favorites.

We had our BCHW Legislative Day in Olympia with a good turnout from our members. I want to thank the speakers who came

including Senator Judy Warnick, Public Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz, Representative Andrew Barkis, and the Governor's Recreation Policy Advisor, Jon Snyder. It is very rare that we have the opportunity to get one-on-one with the leaders in Washington State regarding recreation.

In the first 3 months of the year, we've already produced several action alerts, held advocacy meetings, and drafted/sent letters regarding funding to legislators, both in Olympia and in Washington DC (the latter being for USFS and NPS funding). It still has been difficult to get the broad support Washington State legislators have for recreation to carry over to the national perspective. The USFS continues to be seriously underfunded and, with the long wildfire seasons, recreation revenue has become a

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Representative Andrew Barkis

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Jon Snyder Senior Policy Advisor to the Governor for Outdoor Recreation and Economic Development

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Sherri Wright and Joan Fleming with Representative Ed Orcutt

rare commodity. There is only so much that can be done when there isn't staff or money to do the work. This is particularly true for an agency like the USFS that has numerous complex hurdles to leap over while being sued at every turn. This situation has become chronic and has led to a loss of roads, trails, and facilities. We need to work harder to get the message across that our federal and state public land agencies need adequate resources to do their jobs. Yes, it sounds like a broken record... because the record is really broken. 🐾

Risk Management

By Patti and Ken Carmichael

Risk management is the forecasting and evaluation of financial risks together with the identification of procedures to avoid or minimize their impact.

That was a key element of the presentation at rendezvous by our insurance underwriter, Darin Crisman. This important topic affects all BCHW members, thus this article.

Why Risk Management? BCHW participates in Risk Management to protect the health and property of our members and guests AND to protect the assets and reputation of BCHW.

What types of risks do we face?

- Economic – Loss of assets or earning potential.
- Non-economic – Loss of Reputation – Loss of Opportunity.
- Pure Risk – That which is beyond human control and has only one possible outcome if it occurs. i.e. natural disasters, fire, untimely death.
- Speculative – Offers the chance of gain or loss.

We must evaluate the risks:

- Controllable Risk – Example: BCHW adopts S.O.P. which includes releases, inspections, and emergency procedures.
- Uncontrollable Risk – Example: Weather, other trail users, riding along a road with adjacent speeding automobiles.
- Insurable Risk – Example: Purchase of insurance to cover its liability. The underwriter is comfortable with assuming the risk.

By working with horses, risk is something that we must acknowledge and accept. What we must do is manage that risk to minimize loss.

Manage Risks:

- Avoid – Perhaps the risk is too great, cannot be transferred (insurance or contract), or the cost of mitigation is too high. You may choose to avoid the risk, either by changing or removing the certain scope items or changing the approach.
- Accept – Perhaps the risk has low impact and low probability or the cost to mitigate may be too high. One option is to just accept it and monitor the risk.
- Reduce – Do something to reduce the impact of the risk or amount of exposure.
- Transfer – Transferring a risk is quite common through insurance and a contract.

As managers and leaders of various types of events we must carefully evaluate our event, do our utmost to identify potential risks, and avoid or reduce them or monitor those that we feel are manageable.

BCHW cannot transfer all of its risks, such as loss of reputation and opportunity. BCHW has extended resources to transfer a great deal of our risk to insurance. However, the cost of insurance is based on losses and how we go about managing our risk. There are many ways that we can and do manage our risk. The guidelines include, but are not limited to:

- Identification of a leader of the event (ride or work party)
- Tailgate briefings as the beginning of rides and work parties
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Proper care and maintenance of equipment and tools
- Stock segregation and confinement
- Liability Releases
- First aid training
- Chainsaw and crosscut saw certification
- Trail etiquette training
- Complying with government regulations (including but not limited to JHA)
- Drag riders
- Food handling safety
- Interaction with law enforcement agencies
- Traffic control



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Greenline Climbing Trail – Birth of a New Trail



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Left to right, Peggy Tucker, Bob Bacon, Laura Keepers, Kim Habel, and Judy Francis.

By Richard Booth, BCHW Scatter Creek Chapter

Scatter Creek Chapter recently celebrated the completion of a new trail in Capital State Forest. The Forest is located approximately 15 miles Southwest of Olympia, WA. Capitol Forest is comprised of 110,000 acres and is administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR)-Black Hills District. The trail is named the Greenline Climbing Trail and was constructed to resolve a safety issue between mountain bike riders and horseback riders. The location of this bypass trail is above the Fall Creek Horse Camp and Trailhead.

Picture horseback riders slowly plodding up a steep, slick, and narrow trail and encountering rapidly descending mountain bike riders. This section of the trail was dangerous and many horseback riders avoided the Greenline Trail because of this issue. This was unfortunate, as the trail provides access to scenic and popular trails above the Fall Creek area. In response to this issue, a new trail was proposed, which would allow horseback riders to bypass the steep section of the old trail.

To take the proposed trail from a plan to reality required a coordinated effort between the DNR and the non-motorized user

groups. This included hikers, runners, horseback riders, and mountain bike riders. Phil Wolff, the Black Hills District Manager, determined the scope of the project and required that the trail be constructed to United States Forest Service (USFS) standards. The equine user group was represented by Scatter Creek Chapter BCH member Joan Fleming. Phil Wolff says of Joan, "She is an amazing person, a tireless advocate for the equestrian community." Indeed, Joan took the lead to organize and schedule 15 work parties and coordinated volunteers from BCH Chapters, Scatter Creek, Capitol Riders, and Oakland Bay. Other equine groups involved in the project were the Southwest Washington Appaloosa Club, the Washington Association of Competitive Mounted Orienteering, and The Stockman's Coalition. The mountain biking user group was represented by members of the Friends of Capitol Forest. Also contributing to the construction of the trail were several youth groups, including the Washington Conservation Corps and Northwest Youth Group.

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Risk Management

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- Formal Safety Committee for BCHW, do you have one at the chapter?
- Emergency evacuation and communication plan
- Immediately reporting to the BCHW President a health/injury incidence that occurs during an event that subsequently requires professional medical assistance

All of these activities help REDUCE RISK to our participants and contribute to BCHW having a high insurance rating

and lower premiums.

We must always **evaluate** what type of risks we face, **assess** the risk to measure the risk or exposure, **manage** the risk by a combination of methods to Avoid-Transfer-Accept-Reduce and **repeat** this process often.

How would you rate your compliance with the BCHW Risk Reduction Guidelines? We are all dependent on each other to manage our risks to reduce losses and keep our insurance costs at a minimum. 🐾

Hay Analysis for Better Feeding

By Scott Lee, Director Cascade Horse Club, BCHW

Hay is hay, right? Grass, Timothy, or Alfalfa; Grass/Timothy for “cool” feed, Alfalfa for hot, and add grain when working seems a pretty standard approach for many horse owners. However, technology marches forward, with the tools for detailed chemical analysis becoming more mainstream and available to make a cost-effective analysis of the nutrients in a hay sample. With research into equestrian nutrition clarifying the horse’s detailed requirements, we now have access to data for both optimal nutritional needs and, through hay analysis, nutrition supplied by the hay we are feeding. By comparing the input nutrition from the hay to the known optimal requirements of the horse, we can identify gaps between what is supplied by the hay and what is optimal, giving us a clear, detailed list of what we want in a supplement. This will allow us to choose our supplements wisely, and avoid both gaps in or excess supplementing.

OK, all well and good, what are the particulars? How do I get the sample, where do I send it, and how much does the testing cost? Answers to these can be found at <https://equi-analytical.com/>. Costs quoted mid-March 2019 range

from \$18.00 “fast track” to \$97.00 “equine complete,” with a \$28.00 “Equi-Tech” analysis listed as the, quote, “best value for frequent analysis of hay or pasture when a comprehensive profile is desired.” As the price of Timothy hay approaches and sometimes exceeds \$20.00 per bale, this seems like a small price to pay to find out what you have. Add to the mix potentially high supplement costs that can go from less than a dollar to, for some high-end nutraceuticals, 5 dollars a day per horse and more, it would appear that knowing what you have to better optimize supplements (and keep an informed eye on your hay supplier) is money well spent! Sample collection is performed with a “hay probe,” a hollow tube that cuts into a bale, driven by a “hand brace” (hand crank drill) or electric drill motor. The sample is placed in a plastic bag and mailed off with paperwork from the web site.

For an in-depth look at equine nutritional needs and using Hay Analysis, the Platinum Performance article here: <https://www.platinumperformance.com/articles/hay-analysis> goes into a LOT more depth than I have space for here, and was the motivator for this summary. 🐾

Greenline Climbing Trail – Birth of a New Trail

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Construction on the new trail started in May 2017. One of the obstacles the trail builders faced was that, while many volunteers had experience maintaining trails, few had the necessary skills to site and build the trail to USFS standards. Volunteers would flag a route through sections of the forest, and then the DNR would approve or change the trail route accordingly. Parts of the trail required builders to crawl through tangles of thick brush and work over and under fallen timbers and logging slash. The DNR provided heavy equipment when required, which was operated by Forest Technician Ben Holcomb. The trail is constructed to be sustainable as it traverses up the hill. The trail is one-way for mountain bikers as they are allowed only to ascend the new trail, hence the name Greenline Climbing Trail. Bike riders are required to descend the old trail section.

As our State Forests become increasingly crowded by people looking for a recreational experience, it is up to the user groups to work together with managing officials to mitigate conflicts. The DNR provides the manner in which this can be accomplished by holding user group meetings for Capitol Forest and special conflict resolution meetings as required. Looking forward, the DNR is proposing to build another shared use trail in Capitol Forest near Mima Falls Trailhead to enable additional loop opportunities. Phil has applied to the Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) for grant funding for this new trail. If you would like more information on how you may assist with supporting RCO Grants, contact Phil Wolff at phil.wolff@dnr.wa.gov.

The new trail was completed in September of 2018 and is about 2 miles in length. Joan expects to see an increased horseback rider use of the Greenline Trail and the trails it accesses. While the trail section is relatively short, it is an important step forward, making the trail safer for all concerned. It illustrates what may be accomplished by caring people who are involved in seeking solutions, and resolving issues between different recreational user groups. 🐾

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Joan Fleming

Event Management Handbook

By Ken Carmichael, BCHW Membership Development Chairman

Recently, it came to light that we do not have a consistent and adequate method of documenting how state-wide events are managed. This is particularly important for events that are repeated and/or when the management team is changed.

Based on this recognition, we created the “Event Management Handbook” as a means of documenting event management. After creating the “Event Management Handbook,” we realized that it is also an excellent tool for the chapter in managing their events.

This handbook, when completed and kept updated, provides specific information about the planning and operation so that future event leaders have a reference. The “Event Management Handbook” is two pages long but is in Word so it may be expanded to include answers to the questions. Also, addendums may be used for such items as timelines and equipment and volunteer lists. There are thirty-two questions



and guidance is provided as to the type of information requested. Information varies by type of event and not all questions will apply to all events.

BCHW Standing Rule No. 2014-3 provides direction about what is required to propose a fundraising event for BCHW. This handbook expands on the Standing Rule by providing detailed information about the event. Standing Rule 2014-3 does NOT apply to chapter events but makes for good reading.

The “Event Management Handbook” is located on the Director’s website under 5. Forms, Letterheads, Logos and Temples, Administration.

This is an excellent tool for documenting how an event was managed for future years and to pass critical information on to the next leader of the event. Members are more likely to accept leadership roles if they have some history and do not feel that they will be inventing the wheel again. 🐼

BCHW Membership Announcement

We 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

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

Congratulations to Your 2018 BCHW Awards Recipients

2018 Awards: Lynn Wilhelm-Howell & Kathy Young

LOPPER 2018



Linda McAskill –
Tahoma Chapter



Sherry Baysinger –
Mt. Olympus Chapter



Terri Anderson –
Mount Saint Helens Chapter

CAMP COOK



Doug Bailey –
Ponderosa Chapter.

DESK JOCKEY



Meghan Adamire –
Mt. Olympus Chapter

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BACKBONE 2018



Fran Van Diest –
Whatcom County Chapter



Dave Siebel –
Mt. Olympus Chapter



Nancy Rust –
Mount Saint Helens Chapter

CINCH AWARD



Jim Thode – Lewis County Chapter, BCHW
Webboss and BCHW Photographer

Not Pictured Dave Jackson – Purple Sage Riders
Chapter and Executive Committee

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT



Dave Sunde received the award for his years and
years of varied work for BCHW.

Start thinking about your 2019 volunteers and decide who in your chapter will meet the qualifications for one of this year's awards. You might also consider an awards-nominating committee in your chapter to start gathering valuable information and pictures of your deserving volunteers.

The BCHW Awards Committee wishes to give a special Thank You to the chapters and businesses that donated or sponsored the Award Program. Contributions for an award sponsorship and donations are a necessary part of the continual success of the BCHW Awards Program. Your continued support to our BCHW Awards Program is much appreciated. 🐾

PRESIDENT'S DIAMOND AWARD



Tom Mix and Tony Karniss received the awards this year for their excellent work with the sawyer program.

TRAIL WARRIOR



Rich Ruhl –
Skagit Chapter



Buddy the Mule (owner Bruce Brown) –
Grays Harbor Chapter

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FUN AWARDS

at Rendezvous 2019

Dutch Oven Cook Off: 1st - Laura Gillette;
2nd - Sherry & Larry Baysinger

Chapter Displays: 1st - Mt. Olympus;
2nd - Grays Harbor, Mount Adams, & Tahoma

Hard Hat Decorating Contest: Mark Parrish
(Peninsula Chapter Hosting)

Packing Contest: Harold Weekes

Photo Contest: (8 Categories with Sally Laib in charge)

• **General:**

- 1st - Larry Baysinger (Enchanted Valley);
- 2nd - George Young (Snow Ponies)

• **Volunteer Work:**

- 1st - Faye Bradford (Chinook Pass Packing);
- 2nd - Sherry Baysinger (Pack String Along a River)

• **Scenic Views:**

- 1st - Ed Letcher (Goat Rocks);
- 2nd - Joe' Barcomb (Trees)

• **Jr BCHW:**

- 1st - Sherry Baysinger (Boy with His Mule);
- 2nd - June Nelson (Hanna and Rocky in the Surf)

• **LNT, Education, & Clinics:**

- 1st - Sherry Baysinger (Work Party);
- 2nd - Sherry Baysinger (Trail Crew)

• **Humorous Scenic Views:**

- 1st - Sondra Johnston (Resting Cowboy);
- 2nd - Lilly Fletcher (Pony in Shadow of Camo)

• **Wildlife:**

- 1st - Joe' Barcomb (Mustang);
- 2nd - Lola May (Fawn in Hiding)

• **People's Choice Award:**

Faye Bradford (Chinook Pass Packing)

Table Decoration Contest: Ferry County

Crosscut Saw Competition:

- 1 Man - Jim Thode (28.1 seconds);
- 2 Man - Arthur & Jim (19.8 seconds)

Congratulations!



Northeast Chapter Director Darrell Wallace has been appointed to BCHA as National Chairman!

A Special Thank You to:

Shannon Burvee and Cascade Mountain Grilling for once more providing some delicious food for Rendezvous.

First Pack String Across New Bridge

PHOTO BY DON SANDERSON



Tom Conner is leading the first pack string across the new bridge at Bridge Creek on North Cascades Highway near Rainy Pass area.

Does Your Chapter Have an Event that is Open to the Public that You Want to Advertise?

By Lori Lennox, BCHW Grays Harbor Chapter Director

Here are several easy and free ways to spread the word:

1. Attach a flyer (jpg only) in a Facebook Message to the state page <https://www.facebook.com/public.bchw/> The link is on the right-hand side of the page under the map.
2. Email the flier and info to webboss@bchw.org to get it posted at the BCHW website http://bchw.org/lnt/main/upcoming_events.htm
3. Send it to The Trailhead News bchw@wamedia.com. Details are in each magazine on how to get a free listing.
4. Post it on the Northwest Horse Source (NWHs) calendar <https://www.nwhorsesource.com/calendar/>

The calendar is included in the monthly print magazine, also! You are also welcome to post your events to their Facebook Group, The Northwest Horse Source Magazine: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NWEquineCommunity>

To further boost your event even more:

1. Buy an ad in The Trailhead News. Contact Adriane at 360-754-4543 or by email at bchw@wamedia.com
2. Take out an ad in the Northwest Horse source. Chapters get a 15% discount and members 5% off for personal ads. Go to <https://www.nwhorsesource.com> for more info

NOTE: if your flyer is not in a jpg, go to www.zanzar.com to convert it (thanks to Jim Thode for telling us about this wonderful tool) 🐾

NEW RATES!

Donate Money to BCHW by Buying an Ad in The Trailhead News

BCHW The Trailhead News Ad Insertion Rates (Design Extra Cost) Email Ads to: bchw@wamedia.com

Ad Deadline Dates and Payment Due (or first business day after this date)	Publish Date of Newsletter	Ad Size	Ad Dimensions	Ad Cost 1 x Insertion
December 1	Jan/Feb	Back Cover 3/4 page	8" H x 8" W	\$331.00
January 18	Mar/April	Inside Front Cover	10" H x 7 1/2" W	\$496.00
April 1	May/June	Inside Back Cover	10" H x 7 1/2" W	\$496.00
June 1	July/Aug	Full Page	10" H x 7 1/2" W	\$496.00
August 1	Sept/Oct	3/4 Page	6 1/4" H x 7 1/2" W	\$331.00
October 1	Nov/Dec	Half Page (Horizontal)	4 3/4" H x 7 1/2" W	\$248.00
		Half Page (Vertical)	10" H x 3 5/8" W	\$248.00
		Third Page	3 1/2" H x 7 1/2" W	\$166.00
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BCHW General Meeting – March 17, 2019

Kittitas Valley Event Center – Teanaway Building, Ellensburg, WA

By Janelle Wilson, BCHW Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by President Kathy Young.

Keynote Speaker: Pacific Crest Trail Association - Tom Conner (BCHW), Gary Zink (WTA and BCHW), Bill Hawley (PCTA), and Don Sanderson (PCTA). Bill spoke about some of the collaboration between BCHW and PCTA. A slide show of projects was shown and explained. Kathy Young explained the collaborative organizational structure that is now in place with a focus on the Pasayten. Jason Ridlon explained the value of partner organizations.

Adoption of Agenda: Dave Sunde moved to adopt the agenda. Second. Agenda was adopted.

Approval of 2018 General Meeting Minutes: minutes that were posted on website for the past year were displayed on projector. Jim Thode moved to approve the minutes as posted. Second. Minutes were approved.

President Speech: Kathy Young Kathy thanked everyone for helping with Rendezvous and announced that a chair is needed for 2020. BCHW is doing really well with more name recognition than ever. Kathy asked everyone to continue spreading the word.

Announcements: New donation receipts should be used (not old ones). Tri-fold brochure has been re-printed. Both documents are available.

Packing Competition won by Harold Wiese, Olympic Chapter, 12 minutes and 51 seconds.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Good of the Order:

Sawyer – Tom Mix reminded chapters to nominate folks to attend the **WTA 2020 Crew Leader College for BCHW**. This year's representatives will be: Barb Talbot, Pete Erben, Trevor Stewart and Christian Coronado (with Laura McDaniel Lluelyn as stand-by).

Tony Karniss reminded chapters to nominate folks to attend **Crosscut saw filing instruction at Ninemile Ranger station**. This year's representatives will be: Michael Beier and Tom Janes. There will also be a class May 3 & 4 for **saw certification**.

Train the Trainer Leave No Trace (LNT) – will be May 2-5, 2019, at Indian Camp, Middle Fork of Teanaway.

Membership – Kathy Young thanked everyone for submitting over 1242 memberships and asked chapters to call those individuals who didn't renew. BCHW General Membership Meeting 2019.

Legislative – Jeff Chapman gave an update on successes this year.

Public Lands – Pete Erben gave an update on the meeting that was held on Friday. The presentation from BLM was a big success.

Kathy Young thanked folks who used time between clinics and scheduled events at Rendezvous to do things like Melissa Wallace, from Northeast Chapter pulling together a meeting of Chapter Presidents.

Joe Watt Canyon Ride is coming up.

Remember that the 2nd Quarter Board of Directors' Meeting will be in June and everyone is welcome to attend and committee meetings are possible.

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Chapter Display Competition was won by Mt. Olympus Chapter.

2018 Awards: Lynn Wilhelm-Howell & Kathy Young

Lopper Award: Linda McAskill – Tahoma Chapter; Sherry Baysinger - Mt. Olympus Chapter; Terri Anderson - Mount Saint Helens Chapter.

Camp Cook: Doug Bailey – Ponderosa Chapter.

Trail Warrior: Rich Ruhl – Skagit Chapter; Buddy the Mule (owner Bruce Brown) - Grays Harbor Chapter.

Desk Jockey: Megan Adamire – Mt. Olympus Chapter.

Backbone: Fran Van Diest – Whatcom; Dave Siebel - Mt. Olympus Chapter; Nancy Rust – Mount Saint Helens Chapter.

Cinch Award: Jim Thode – Lewis County Chapter, BCHW Webboss and BCHW Photographer; Dave Jackson – Purple Sage Riders Chapter and Executive Committee.

Awards Chair is needed for 2020.

President's Diamond Award – Tom Mix and Tony Karniss received the awards this year for their excellent work with the sawyer program.

Lifetime Achievement Award – Dave Sunde received the award for his years and years of varied work for BCHW.

Kathy Young thanked Shannon Burvee and Cascade Mountain Grilling for once more providing some delicious food for Rendezvous.

BCHW Slide Show will be distributed to Directors in June by Louise Caywood.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Notes respectfully submitted by Janelle Wilson, Secretary.
BCHW General Membership Meeting 2019 🐾

Content Deadline for the July/August 2019 Newsletter is June 1st

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.

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.

BCHW Joe Watt Ride

Saturday, May 18, 2019
Ellensburg
jhrldon@fairpoint.net • 509-699-9927

Oakland Bay & Capitol Riders

Kennedy Creek Fun Ride

Saturday, May 18, 2019
First Rider Out 9:00
Kennedy Creek Trail Systems
between Sherlton & Olympia
\$20 Donation (includes lunch)
Camping, if Available
Contact Traci Koch
360-490-2878 • ctracgo@aol.com
Find us on BCHW Chapter Locator or on Facebook

Regional Work Party at Kalama Horse Camp

Wednesday-Saturday May 22-25
Contact Barbara Thomas at
360-773-7672 • pineywoman1@aol.com

NEBCHW Defibrillator Fundraiser

Fun and Prize Ride

Saturday, June 29, 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
Lunch: Noon till 2:30 pm
Chili Dogs, All the Fixin's, & Desserts
Camping: Vault Toilet, Stream
Contact Dana Slater 208-437-3677
edolontessi@frontier.com
Pre-Regis: Marty Hilton
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

Grays Harbor Chapter Trail Fund Ride

Saturday, June 22
Signup is the day of the ride, 7 to 11 am
Riders out 8 to 11; 3 loop options, long trail riders must leave before 9:30*
Matlock, WA on Green Diamond
Resources land. Entrance is just north of Matlock store on Beeville Rd,
look for signs
\$20 includes lunch and 2 prize tickets
No passes required
Camping Fri/Sat nights, out by 3pm Sun
Contact: Barb Paris
360-482-4197 • ibriding@centurytel.net
bchw.org/GraysHarborChapter/

State Wide Work Party

Umatilla National Forest

Monday-Thursday, July 1-4, 2019
jhrldon@fairpoint.net • 509-699-9927

Pierce County Annual Prize Ride

Friday-Sunday, July 19-21, 2019
Elbe State Forest/Sahara Creek CG
First Rider out: 9:00 am Saturday
Last Rider out: 11:00 am
\$25.00 fee includes 3 tickets for Prizes and Saturday lunch.
Additional prize tickets \$5.00 each
Additional lunches are \$5.00
Discover Pass required
Please, no Stallions. Dogs on leashes in camp area. No dogs on trails.
shareinvestments.ds@gmail.com
253-307-5358

Mount Saint Helens Chapter Annual Fun Ride

Saturday, July 20, 2019
First Riders Out 8:00 am
Kalama Horse Camp
Complimentary Breakfast 7:00 am
Lunch Available \$5.00
Prizes at 3:00 pm
Contact Bob Cole
cofleet25@gmail.com
503-539-8618

Ferry County Chapter Steak Ride

Friday-Sunday, July 26-28, 2019
First rider out 9 am
w/doris bacon or lesa gregory
Bring a lunch for the ride
Weed free feed yes
Camping yes
Adults \$25.00 • Children \$15.00
Cost to non members \$25.00
Contact lesa gregory • 509-690-2773
lesagregory83@yahoo.com
fccbchw.com

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 Winners Announced: 3 pm
Contact Ranae Stevens
ranae52@comcast.net • tahomabchw.org

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 _____
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BCHW Chapter Events Calendar cont.

Remember to email an article and photos of your event to the
THN at: bchw@wamedia.com

3rd Qtr BCHW Board of Directors' meeting

September, September 14, 2019
Kittitas Valley Event Center
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick
360-640-1495 • bchwexec@bchw.org

Willapa Hills Chapter Fall Fun Ride

September 21, 2019
Riders - First/Last 9:00/11:00
Ticket donations - Adult \$20.00 includes
ride, lunch, prize ticket
Under 14 Yrs. \$15.00 - includes ride, lunch,
prize ticket
Lunch only ticket \$6.00- not a prize ticket
Location: Close to Mile Post 10 on State
Route 6 between Raymond and Chehalis
- Turn on Oxbow road by the sub station.
Look for signs
Big tack sale also
Helmets recommended - shoes or boots for
horses - no dogs or stallions please
Contacts: Glenn 360-941-3986 or
Kate 360-581-5541

Ponderosa Chapter Annual Scavenger Hunt Fundraiser

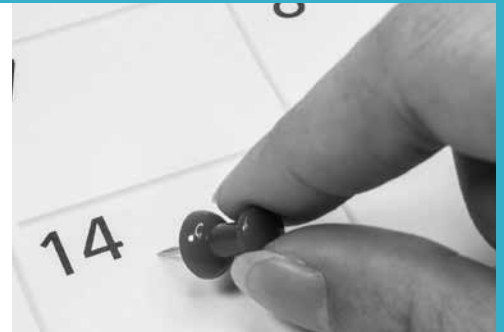
Saturday, September 28
First rider out: 9:00 AM
Riverside State Park near Spokane
Preregister by 9/20 or at the event
Lunch available for purchase
No Discover Pass needed
Equestrian campground on site
\$20 preregistration,
\$25 late registration
Ken Carmichael
509-466-2225
Kcarmichael2225@gmail.com
www.pbchw.com

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
Kittitas Valley Event Center
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The remaining 2019 State
Parks free days
are as follows:

- National Trails Day,
June 1, 2019
- National Get Outdoors Day,
June 8, 2019
- Free Fishing Day, June 9, 2019
- National Park Service Birthday,
August 25, 2019
- National Public Lands Day,
September 28, 2019
- Veterans Day,
November 11, 2019
- Autumn Free Day,
November 29, 2019