

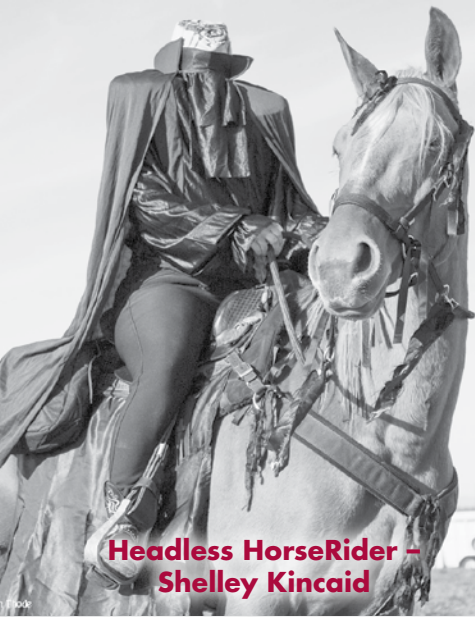
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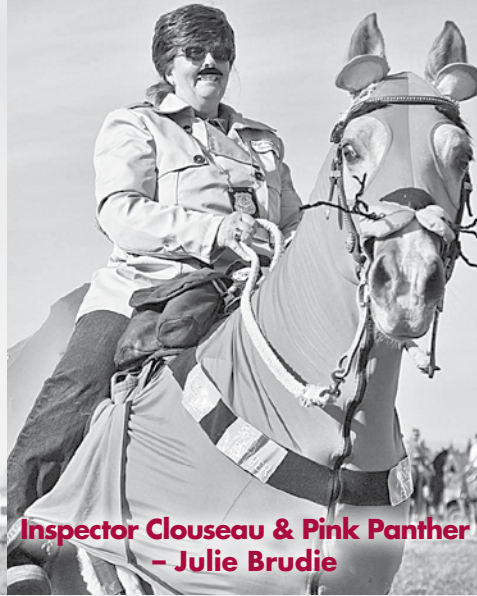
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How Do You Represent?

By Kathy Young, BCHW President

This is it, the last issue for 2018, and what a year it has turned out to be.

I hope you are looking forward to a wonderful holiday season with friends and family. I ask you to keep BCHW on your mind and on your schedule. We may not be riding as much or out working on trails but I know that chapters and BCHW committees are busy with planning meetings and project development. If you have not done so, now is the time to renew your membership and your involvement. Your membership counts, not only does it keep this THN coming, it helps to support our mission to keep trails accessible to pack and saddle stock. Now is also a good time to make an additional donation to BCHW. It is that time of year that many organizations solicit your donations. If you are in a position to give, even a little, please consider giving to Back Country Horsemen.

Looking forward... the heads up.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING is scheduled for January 26, 2019, in Ellensburg. It's really very important to attend this training, whether you are experienced in your role or new to your role. Any BCHW member who is interested may attend Leadership Training and I urge you to join us. There will be a lot of information sharing about the membership process, the attendance of chapter membership chairpersons and the members who support them will be very important. Treasurers are also expected to attend. Treasurers are critical in the reporting processes for grant funding, and for our year-end federal reporting. Please mark your calendars now with that January 26 date.

Rendezvous – planning is underway.

If you have a clinic or class that you would like to offer, please contact Nicole Sedgwick, bchwexec@bchw.org, as soon as possible.

We will have our Public Lands Day again at Rendezvous. The Rendezvous committee is planning the Public Lands Day session so that it is more available for members who want to attend. Public Lands Day is one of our best opportunities to meet and talk with our agency partners and learn what is happening on their landscapes. If you know of a person from the FS, DNR, BLM, WDFW, or State and County Parks who should be invited to attend, please get their name to Pete Erben, BCHW Public Lands Chairman at public_land@bchw.org. Pete will be coordinating the Public Lands Day program.

Looking back ... Accomplishments

2018 was a busy, busy year for BCHW. After Rendezvous in March, we hosted the BCHA National Board meeting in April. It was a great success thanks to the help of so many willing BCHW volunteers. That BCHA National Board meeting was also groundbreaking in that BCHW and our fearless V.P. Jason Ridlon issued an interstate challenge at the dinner and auction. The challenge was met and resulted in BCHW hosting two members from Back Country Horsemen of North Carolina to our 6th Annual Statewide Work Party at Black Pine. It was a valuable experience for all of

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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.





How to Renew Your Membership

By Dana Chambers, BCHW Membership Chair

The letter below was sent via email (or snail mail to those with no email) on Monday, Oct. 1st. It contains detailed instructions on how to renew online. If for some reason you did not

receive it, please feel free to contact me at membership@bchw.org and I can get you your Username and also help you if you have any trouble with the online renewal process!!

Hi



It's that time of year for all of us to renew our State and Chapter dues. If you have already renewed...Thank you! Last Fall we rolled out YourMembership, our new online program. There were several issues that gave a lot of members some frustration. This year we are hoping to make it easier for everyone including your Chapter Membership Chairs. In this letter I am giving you all the information you will need to log on, renew and update your profile. Renewals will begin on October 1, 2018.

You will need your Username _____ and a **NEW** Password of **BCHA2016** that you should change when you renew.

DO NOT CLICK ON "HAVEN'T REGISTERED YET"

ALL passwords have been reset!

Go to www.bchw.org, scroll down to the Member Login and click on it. Type in your Username and Password.

In the middle of the screen click on ***** Renew Your Membership Now ***** Look over your personal information and make any changes you need too. You can also change your Username and Password if you wish. At the bottom of the page you will see:

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Do we send a newsletter (yes) or not (no)?

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Agree

Select Agree for e-signature

All ADULT members MUST electronically sign! Adult's signature covers minor children. Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident wherever horse use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses, riders, and spectators, and also recognizing the fact that Back Country Horsemen of Washington, including Chapters, officers, directors, or members, cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience levels of riders or horses taking part in trail rides or other BCHW events, I do hereby release and hold harmless the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children, or horses. By electronically signing this application I agree to receive notices from BCH by electronic transmission at the above email address

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If you have any trouble please reach out to me, Dana Chambers, your State Membership Chair at membership@bchw.org

Sincerely,

Dana Chambers

State Membership Chair

Queets Project with NW Youth Corps July 9-13 2018



Brian Blake and Pete Erben.

Sherry Baysinger serving Dutch oven lunch to the crew.

Pete Erben (Grays Harbor Chapter) and Dave Seibel MT Olympus Chapter finishing foot log.

By Sherry Baysinger, Secretary Mt Olympus Chapter

This summer, a partnership of Mt. Olympus Backcountry Horsemen, Olympic National Park, and Northwest Youth Corps came together to repair the Sam's Loop Trail. This project was located in the Queets, a Sub-District of Olympic National Park. Many years ago, the road to the Queets was lost and, as an alternative, two different ways to get into the area of the Queets were developed. It was decided that the rehabilitation of this trail was the best alternative since the area had been separated by a landslide.

While maintenance has occurred annually on this trail, it has not received the cycle of maintenance it needs to keep it at the listed standard. The completion of this project brought the most deteriorated portions of this trail up to standards; thereafter with minimal maintenance, the park should be able to maintain it at that level for 5-10 years, barring any storm damage or natural disaster. This area has started to see increased usage during peak season because other locations in the park were closed due to storm damage and road access. It is a special place to the locals

who live on the west end of the Peninsula because of the unique opportunity to connect to wild spaces, fish, and hike.

This year our Northwest Youth Corps teen trail crew was a group of Deaf/Hard of Hearing youth (as well as one of the leaders). Northwest Youth Corps has been running unique programming engaging this very underserved population for six years, and this is Olympic National Park's third year supporting this program. These crews quickly prove they are as (and sometimes more) capable than any other youth crew in doing a tremendous amount of high-quality conservation work.

Darrell Wallace called to let us know that there was money available for BCHW to utilize working with a youth group on a trail project. We had already committed to work with Olympic National Park (ONP) Volunteer Coordinator, Heather Stephens, and the NW Youth Corp American Sign Language (ASL) Inclusion Crew, to reopen a 3-mile Sam's Loop Trail in the Queets. This trail winds through sensitive wetland meadows and the

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us, and we hope to see this become an annual BCHW challenge.

The BCHW Joe Watt Canyon Ride benefitted Traildusters Chapter in 2018. The proceeds of the ride were used to support signage and educational signage at Lord Hill Park in Snohomish County. The 2019 Joe Watt Ride host/recipient will be announced at our December BOD meeting.

A hot shot crew returned to Andrews Creek in 2018 to finish what had been started in 2017. The goal remained to successfully reopen trails in the Pasayten Wilderness that had been inaccessible to stock and extremely difficult for hikers. They

largely accomplished that goal, locating and reopening trails that had not seen maintenance for up to 15 years in some cases.

Many of our chapters update Facebook with reports of their work, events, rides, and accomplishments through chapter pages. There was so much done, so many events that it would be impossible to cover them here. I have "liked" a lot of your FB pages, it's just gratifying to see what you are all out doing. So much information and so many ideas are shared in this manner. I just want to say

THANK YOU ALL, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND LET'S DO IT SOME MORE NEXT YEAR! 🐾

Mt Olympus BCHW Chapter Queets Project with NW Youth Corps

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Larry Baysinger on his Kubota tractor.

Queets Campground and is not a stock accessible trail. Utilizing these funds for this project seemed like a perfect fit. Mt. Olympus Chapter was allocated \$2,400 of the RTC monies for this project.

Mt. Olympus Chapter committed to taking on this project of logging out the three-mile trail corridor and installing foot logs. The ASL group was to take out brush and vine maple and complete a reroute that had been washed out by the Queets River.

Mt. Olympus Chapter members Larry Baysinger and Mike McCracken spent five days camped at the Queets Ranger Station and Dave Seibel camped out Wednesday night and assisted with trail work. Pete Erben from Grays Harbor Chapter spent three days working with us. Pete brought Brian Blake, Chairman of the Department of Natural Resources Committee on Public Access, to observe the work being accomplished. Sherry Baysinger served a Dutch oven lunch to the crew on Wednesday.

We utilized Chapter saws and tools, Larry's Kubota tractor, cables, and grip hoist equipment. Our work was completed in five days.

Most of the BCHW members who worked on the trail drove over 160 miles round trip to work in 90-degree weather on this project. While the ASL group worked on opening the corridor of brush, our BCHW members cut out large windfalls, located trees

that could be utilized for the foot logs, and used cable and grip hoist rigging to set the foot logs.

When the work was completed, the ONP staff inspected and approved our work. This trail is now brought to hiking standards. BCHW members appreciated the opportunity to work with these young people, most of whom would never have such an experience, without the expertise of their leaders in the NWYC.

A BIG thank you to Backcountry Horsemen in their own words from the Northwest Youth Corps American Sign Language (ASL) Inclusion Crew:

"To seek the wild is one of our most basic human instincts. Every young child knows the moment they first glimpse the full might of nature; a snowy mountain, a roaring river, a towering tree. And as we grow, we begin our path of service to the things we love.



NW Youth Corps Van.

Each adult cherishes that glimmer in the young person's eye. Each yearns to preserve something sacred for future generations. Every day, the Horse Packers embark with service in their hearts. To the land, and to the people who share it. The gift they give is astounding. Hard work, compassion, comradery, and conservation. They do this not for the accolades. They merely follow the path of the true human spirit. The youth of NYC have a deep gratitude for the guidance and stewardship given by the Backcountry Horse Packers. For your kindness and wisdom, we have little to say but 'thank you'. The glimmer in our eye says the rest".

A BIG thank you from Northwest Youth Corps staff:

"Thank you for both the partnership and, this year, for financial support!

Northwest Youth Corps has been involved working with Backcountry Horsemen chapters in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho for almost as many years as the organization has been working on public lands. Not only do your members set a great personal example of can-do attitude and volunteer service for our youth to emulate, but you also educate them about the legacy of traditional skills we learn and use in the work we do." 🐾



American Sign Language group Left to Right Larry, Pete, Mike, Crew Leader for ASL and Brian Blake.

It's That Time of Year to Nominate Deserving Members of BCHW Who Volunteer, with a Prestigious Award!

By Lynn Wilhelm-Howell, BCHW Awards Committee Chair

I know you have been chomping at the bit to get your hands on this Awards Nomination Form! Let's recognize our dedicated volunteers who donate their precious time to our or-

ganization. Award categories, descriptions, and the nomination form are at www.bchw.org. Award categories are given out only once to a volunteer BCHW Member.

Back Country Horsemen of Washington Award Nomination Form

(one form per nominee)

Lifetime Achievement _____	Desk Jockey _____
Lopper Award _____	Junior BCHW _____
Camp Cook _____	Backbone Award _____
Trail Warrior _____	

Nominees Name _____
 Chapter(s) _____
 Submitted by _____
 Chapter(s) _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

Please keep in mind, all the award judges must see your presentation to do their evaluation. The judges probably will not know the nominee personally. Awards will be presented during Rendezvous at the BCHW General Meeting on March 17th, 2019.

Information to include in your nomination presentation:

In 75 words or less, please give an opening statement telling why this person is deserving of special, statewide recognition for this specific award. Then separately, on as many pages as you need, create a presentation detailing WHY this person should receive this award.

- Chapters this person has belonged to and for how long
- Positions or job titles this person has held
- An estimate of his or her volunteer hours (Chapter Vol Hour Chairs can help with this)
- Awards this person has won
- Trails or camps this person has worked on
- A little family history
- Include anything which will make your nominee stand out! (Letters of recommendation from land managers, news clippings, photos, etcetera.)

The presentation you submit will be given to the recipient at the awards ceremony.

Mail nomination forms with your presentation via the US Post Office to:
 Lynn Wilhelm-Howell • 20059 SE 127th St, Issaquah, WA 98027
 Questions: redboots4u2@gmail.com or 206-498-4622

Must be received before Feb 8th, 2019.

2019 BCHW Leadership Training

2019: A Year To Clear

January 26th, 2019 – Kittitas Valley Event Center

Class descriptions

Presidents and Vice-Presidents Tips for being in charge without being a jerk about it. Robert's Rules basics and how to use an agenda to help your meeting run more smoothly. Practice getting order, making motions, and point of order interjections.

Directors and Alternate Directors The Director's role and accessing documents on the Director's webpage.

Presidents and Directors The Mission - keeping to it while having fun doing it. Supporting roles and using each other for checks and balances within the chapter infrastructure. Under-

standing By-Laws and Standing Rules for BCHW and individual chapter by-laws.

Leave No Trace Available educational materials, discussion of the principles, and training opportunities.

Trail Boss Developing a plan to work within the Chapter as well as jointly between Chapters in order to facilitate successful work parties and trail rides. Good communication efforts, organization, exchanging ideas and swapping skills so projects get done and follow-up procedure for documentation stressing:

- Volunteer forms /agreement

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Leadership Training Schedule – tentative

8:45—9:15	9:25—10:20					10:25—11:20					11:25—12:20					12:25—1:10	1:15—2:10					2:15—3:10					3:15—4:00		
	<u>Presidents & Vice-President</u>					<u>Directors & Alternates</u>					<u>Presidents & Directors</u>						<u>Leave No Trace</u>					<u>Legislative & Land Manager Relationships</u>							
	Kathy Young					Kim Merrick					Kathy Young						Jane Byram & Louise Caywood					Jeff Chapmen							
	<u>Secretaries & Legal Documents</u>					<u>Social Media Management</u>					<u>Public and Media Promotions</u>						<u>Trail Bosses</u>					<u>Devices of Communication</u>							
	Janelle Wilson					Louise Caywood & Lori Lennox					TBA						Pete Erben & Jason Ridlon					Darrell Wallace							
9:15					<u>Ways & Means</u>					<u>Treasurers Training</u> continues in the afternoon										<u>Treasurers Training</u> —continuation									
Opening Remarks—in the Armory Main Room					Teri Starke					Teri Starke					Teri Starke														
					<u>Membership Development</u>					<u>Membership Development Follow-Up</u>					<u>Volunteer Hours</u> continues in the afternoon					<u>Volunteer Hours</u> - continuation									
					Ken Carmichael					Ken Carmichael					Deb Wesselius					Deb Wesselius									
					<u>Membership Chairs</u>					<u>Using “Your Membership”</u>					<u>Updates To Using “Your Membership”</u>					<u>Applying for Grants</u>					<u>Grant Liaison</u>				
					Dana Chambers					Nicole Sedgwick					Nicole Sedgwick					Nicole Sedgwick					Nicole Sedgwick				
					Armory: Main					Armory: Room A					Armory: Room B					Armory: Room C					Coloquium Room				
					Purpose Track					Recording Track					Financial Track					Management Track					Data Tools Track				
					Mission Vision Round Table for all in the Armory Main Room with Kathy, Lori, and Jason and Pre-Legislative Day Briefing by Jeff																								

BCHW Bylaw Amendment Proposal

By Ken Carmichael, Governance & Bylaws Committee, Chair

The BCHW bylaws provide for proposed bylaw amendments be published in the Trailhead News 60 days prior to being voted on by the BCHW Board. Therefore:

I propose that in accordance with Back Country Horsemen of Washington Bylaws Article IX (Amendments to Bylaws) that:

Article III Section 1. Paragraph B which reads as follows:

B. Any individual member may choose to purchase a lifetime membership, by paying a one-time membership fee of \$1,200. All fees paid for lifetime memberships will be paid into a "Lifetime Member Trust", which is untouchable for

an initial 5-year period. These funds must be invested in interest-bearing instruments/accounts of reasonable risk levels and staying within the boundaries of a 501c3 organizational status. During the second 5-year period, only the BCHA dues for each Life member may be withdrawn to cover BCHA dues payments. During the third 5-year period, 50% of the interest may be transferred to the BCHW general fund. After 15 years, all the interest may be transferred to the general fund each year.

Be totally replaced with the following paragraph:

B. Any individual member may choose to purchase a lifetime membership, by paying a one-time membership fee of \$1,200 for BCHW and BCHA dues. All fees paid for lifetime memberships will be paid into a "Lifetime Member Restricted Fund". These funds must be invested in interest-bearing instruments/accounts of reasonable risk levels and staying within the boundaries of a 501c3 organizational status. For each Lifetime member, BCHA dues are removed from earned interest in this restricted fund each year in January of the membership year, leaving the remaining principal and interest to continue to accumulate. If insufficient earned interest is available BCHA dues will be paid from the BCHW General Fund. The BCHW Board of Directors may upon a majority vote decide to use earned interest for authorized activities recognizing that sufficient-earned interest must be retained to pay BCHA dues for the member's lifetime.

This proposal clarifies the original bylaw and was discussed at the September 15, 2018, BCHW board meeting, and it was decided to proceed with publication in the THN. 🐾

2019 BCHW Leadership Training

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- Tailgate safety and Job Hazard Analysis
- Communication and Emergency Evacuation Plans
- Medical issues and First Aid
- Communication with land manager before and after projects

Devices of Communication Detailed training on communication devices, especially InReach, for safety reasons during SWWP and Hotshot operations.

Volunteer Hours Program 2018-2019

How the program is organized

Hands on Excel practice with real-time problem solving


Role of the Chapter Director – next in line for Regionals to contact

BCHW-Web site – All 12 BCHW VH files/docs posted to BCHW.org

Open forum to generate ideas for volunteers to record their hours


Membership Development—A Key Part of Chapter Success Someone is responsible for Membership Development. We will have a group discussion by chapter members on what works and does not work in various circumstances. Bring your ideas and take this opportunity to share and learn from others.

Public and Media Promotions Displaying BCHW in the public eye, writing articles to news and other media sources, and how to promote BCHW's mission. 🐾



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BCHW Legislative Day Coming Late February

By Jeff Chapman, BCHW Legislative Chair

We will once again be staging our world-famous Legislative Day in Olympia. This is where our members come from all over the state to the hub of state government to discuss with our legislators why the use of horses and mules on public lands is still vital to public land stewardship. This is a very important legislative session since it is the "long" session where a two-year budget is set. We have big asks this time, including \$130 million for grants for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, over \$10 million for the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) program, \$5 million for grants for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) including a number of our own, \$8.5 million for DNR Sustainable Recreation, and over \$5 million to surface the Beverly (trail) Bridge across the Columbia River so we can ride across the river. These revenue streams are essential to State and USFS trail development and maintenance efforts in Washington State.

The date for our Legislative Day is February 25, 2019, at a location Washington Room, basement of Prichard building (main cafeteria bldg.). This is about the middle of the legislative session so we should have a good idea of the status of policy and

funding bills at that point.

As in past years, you will need to join with others from your legislative district and schedule an office meeting with your state Senator and Representatives. We will have calendars, white-papers, and talking points for you to bring to your meetings.

Everyone is encouraged to come!! It is an extremely valuable and educational aspect of the BCHW outreach effort to impress upon legislators just how important stock use and public trails are in Washington. 🐾



2019 BCHW

Membership Application

All adult members need to sign the form. Chapter Members: contact your Chapter for an application.

Independent Members mail to: BCHW ATTN: Membership, P.O. Box 1132, Ellensburg, WA 98926-1132

I would like to help preserve the Horsemen's rights to use horses on public lands.

☐ New Member ☐ Renewal/Past Member #: _____ County _____ Legislative District _____

Adult Names (please print) _____

Children Names (please print) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____ Email _____

Occupation _____

Do you want to be a volunteer? ☐ Yes ☐ No What would you like to volunteer for? _____

By signing this application I agree to receive notices from BCHW by electronic transmission at the above email address.

State membership for 2019 calendar year

Family Membership \$ 54 _____

Single Membership \$ 41 _____

Additional State Donation \$ _____

Optional Memberships

(Includes Family or Single Membership)

Contributing Member \$ 75 _____

Sustaining Member \$ 125 _____

Patron Member \$ 250 _____

Benefactor Member \$ 500 _____

Lifetime (Single) Member \$ 1,200 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

☐ Please do not mail me The Trailhead News, I will read it online at the BCHW website.

Liability Release & Notices

All ADULT members MUST sign! Adult's signature covers minor children. Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident wherever horse use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses, riders, and spectators, and also recognizing the fact that Back Country Horsemen of Washington, including chapters, officers, directors, or members cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience of riders or horses taking part in Trail Rides or other BCHW functions, I do hereby release the above named from any claim or right for damages, which might occur to me, my minor children or horses.

Signed _____ Dated _____

Signed _____ Dated _____

Signed _____ Dated _____

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



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Scavenger Hunt 2018

PHOTO COURTESY OF KEN CHARMICHAEL



By Ken Carmichael, Ponderosa Chapter Director

The Ponderosa chapter has completed its third annual Scavenger Hunt in Riverside State Park near Spokane. This has turned out to be a very popular event for equestrians who come from across the state and Idaho. Many people make it a weekend by staying in the equestrian campground.

This is the PBCH's only fundraiser to help support our work parties in Riverside State Park and several Bureau of Land Management properties.

We have thirty volunteers on site to ensure that everyone has a good time. Committees include parking, registration, finish line, PBCH booth, prizes and raffles, counting result of the event, chili feed, photography and outriders on the trail.

After registration, the riders are on the trail in teams of one or two looking for 40 items hanging in the trees. When finding an item, they remove one of the numbered slips of paper, leaving the item in the tree. When they all return to the finish line by 1:00 pm we total the numbers on the slips of paper to determine the winners. Riders start whenever they are ready and are fanned out across the area.

PHOTO COURTESY OF KEN CHARMICHAEL



Each item has a numerical value and is sponsored by one of our great supporters of the Scavenger Hunt. The higher numbered items are a little harder to find. Numbers one through 7 are the seven principles of Leave No Trace. Just one more way of getting that education out there. Number 8 is the Hank FM trailer that provided the music for the event and public service announcements. All of this takes place in a clearly defined area, so no one gets out of bounds.

Of course, each year we try to improve the event. This year the sheriff's mounted patrol was our outriders, thank you. All volunteers wore new yellow vests to clearly identify those of us there to help the participants. We also computerized the counting of the winners, which greatly improved the speed and accuracy of determining winners as everyone enjoyed chili, door prizes and raffles.

Our survey indicated that the best advertising was Facebook and word of mouth. Everyone had a good time, and we have many returning riders. It also serves as good exposure for BCH.

A great team of people makes this event possible from the time we start contacting sponsors to the final cleanup. The fourth annual Scavenger Hunt will be on Saturday, September 28, 2019, at Riverside State Park. Please plan on joining us for a fun day in the saddle. 🐾



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Calendar Photos Deadline February 1st, 2019

Email your photos to BCHWcalendarphotos@gmail.com by **February 1st 2019** to be included in the 2020 calendar. Ashley will continue to accept pictures for the next year's calendars as well. See the September/October 2018 issue of The Trailhead News for more information.

Email is the preferred method of sending photos; you can mail disks to P.O. Box 1132, Ellensburg, WA 98926. Disks will not be returned and please do not send printed photos. Make sure these packages are postmarked by January 25th, 2019. 🐾

Horses, Wine and Fun!

17th Annual BCHW Winery Ride 2018

By Gary Cutler, Educ Chair, Northeast Chapter, BCHW

Another great year at Zillah for the BCHW Winery Ride. This year 13 different wineries opened their tasting rooms and properties to our more than 600 horses and riders! Participants arrived with every size of horse rig imaginable, creating a city of trucks, trailers, and horses undoubtedly worth many millions of dollars!

As one of the volunteers, I rode over from Deer Park with "Mario Andretti" AKA Darrell Wallace with our hair on fire, so we arrived in Zillah one whole hour before we left Deer Park! Camp and parking areas are set up by volunteer crews Thursday and Friday morning, so after unloading our "Japanese Quarter Horse" (Yamaha Quad), we joined the other volunteers assigning parking areas to the arriving horse trailers. The parking crew was great and everything went really smoothly, considering how many horse trailers, motorhomes, fifth wheels, and goosenecks kept pouring in. Vehicles were rolling in until well after dark Friday night with the last few arriving around midnight.

Some of us paid visits to the camps, making sure everyone was set up and their parking spot was working for them. We checked fires (per Yakima Country Fire Marshal no wood fires are allowed but propane fire rings are). Camping is not camping without a campfire!

Saturday morning before daylight our "day riders" started arriving and were still coming in late into the morning. Everyone who decided to dress up was working on costumes, getting their horses dressed up and doing final repairs and adjustment before the Costume Contest deadline, where the photographers got great snaps of our equine partners! During the day, while most riders were out touring the many wineries (13 in all) volunteers worked behind the scenes to set up prize tables, do the prize drawings for all the donated items, and prepare for the onslaught of arriving riders. Over 2,600 bottles of wine were purchased from the various wineries during the day, and our trusty couriers brought load after load back to camp for distribution to the awaiting riders. The wineries cover such a large area, everyone has plenty of room to ride. We had a great catered meal, music, and entertainment in the

evening with prizes, awards, and just general catching up with old friends and new.

Sunday morning, up early, first coffee and breakfast, then getting ready for the grand exodus as everyone was loading up and heading home. Many participants thanked the volunteers as they headed out the driveway and assured us they'll be back next year for more fun!!

I think all of the volunteers who worked hard for 4 long days (plus all the prep before and after the ride) had a great time. It's a very unique opportunity to contribute to a great event while having fun. A lot of "Thank You"s are in order. A special shout out to the hard-working cooks who fed our volunteers. We want to especially thank the wineries who opened their doors to our horse and rider teams, rolling out the red carpet for us. A big Atta Boy to the "Grand Poobah" Dave Jackson and his core group and all the volunteers who make it happen. Thank You. 🍷

Thank You to the Participating Wineries!

Severino Cellars (*our hosts*)
Bonair
Covet Cellars
Dineen Vineyards
Hyatt Vineyards
J Bell Cellars
Knight Hill Winery
Maison De Padgett
Paradisos del Sol
Silver Lake Winery
Tanjuli Winery
Two Mountain
Van Arnem Vineyards



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Horses, Wine and Fun!

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So That Is How Those Fish Get There!



Goodwin Meadows bridge we built 4 years ago.

By Tom Mixx, Trail Work Coordinator, Peninsula Chapter

Over the course of September 14th thru the 18th, we made a fish-stocking trip north of White Pass. On the 14th, Del Sage and Tom Mixx hauled six riding and pack animals from greater downtown Sequim to the White Pass stock camp on Hwy-12. We camped at the stock camp that evening. We arose early, had breakfast, and got the stock all saddled and waited for my son, Jeff Mixx, to arrive from the Tokul Creek Fish Hatchery. He arrived about 9 a.m. with eleven jugs containing a total of 3,020 Cutthroat Trout. They ran about 346 to the pound. We made up the pack stock loads and tied them on, then off we went.

We traveled north on the PCT 2,000 line and made our first stop at Dumbbell Lake. Next was Snow, then Bill, and finally Frying Pan Lake. When we arrived at the lake, we unloaded the jugs of fish for that lake. We placed the jugs in the lake to acclimate the fish to the lake's temperature. The fish out of the stock pack were about 42 degrees and the lakes were about 53 degrees. After being acclimated to the lake, we emptied the fish into the water and watched as they became accustomed to their new home. We experienced no mortality during the stocking process. That afternoon, we made camp at the Goodwin Meadows Bridge that we helped build about four years ago. We had two camps of archery hunters nearby. All of the stock were in high heaven as they had about a 100-acre meadow to feed in. We heard elk bugling all night long.

That evening, and all the next day, it rained some and then a lot. We moved camp to Long John Lake, accomplishing some trail maintenance and corridor trimming along the way. The fishing at Long John was great and produced a nice 18-inch Cutthroat Trout for dinner. Monday we were greeted with clear skies and great fall weather. We broke camp and headed back to the trailhead. When the skies were clear, we had some noise pollution from fast, low flying military attack jets as they flew about 500 feet off the ground, turned around Tumac Mountain and swooped down through the Bumping River Valley.

Over the course of the outing, we met about 30 PCT through hikers, about the same number of archery hunters, rode past eight archery camps, and contended with about 12 ground bee nests which made our stock swish their tails a lot. The more than 28 miles of nine different trails we traveled were in great to fair shape with the PCT being the best maintained. Once we stepped off the PCT, we had the whole area to ourselves. The fall colors were in their best form. The meadows were golden; the huckleberry bushes were bright red, green and maroon. We saw elk tracks, and heard and saw them all over the place. We make this trip every two years. So – get your rides ready for 2020. And – folks think all we do in BCHW is trail riding and trail maintenance. 🐾



Hatchery start.



Fish being acclimated at Frying Pan Lake.

Beyond the Cover – Twisp River Horse Camp after the Crescent Mountain Fire

PHOTO BY BILL FORD

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Joe Tome (Incident team) and Pete Stoothoff (MVBCH) by one of the manure bunkers in the horse camp.

Wooden feeder unscathed beside burnt area. Entrance.

By Jan Ford, Methow Valley Chapter

The cover of the September/October THN shows a poignant scene of the entrance to the Twisp River Horse Camp (TRHC). A firefighter stands to one side and smoke rises through the trees further along the road into the horse camp. The photo was taken at about 5 pm by a member of the Incident Team on August 5th, eight days after the start of the fire (caused by a lightning strike) on July 29th. The origin of the fire at Crescent Mountain is less than two miles west of TRHC, which is located 22 miles from Twisp along the Twisp River Road.

Along with another photo taken a couple of minutes earlier, a little further into the campground, and showing active fire in the trees to one side of the road, the cover photo was the only pictorial evidence we had of the effects of the fire on TRHC for over six weeks.

Members of Methow Valley Chapter (MVBCH) were understandably concerned. They had been involved with developing TRHC in conjunction with the Forest Service 30 years ago and have maintained it ever since.

The 30th anniversary of the camps official dedication is right about now, September 24th, 2018. The occasion was described by Ken Wilcox in the October 1988 Trail Head News. Some current members of BCHW were present, including Betty Wagoner, Vice President of MVBCH, and Carol Wilcox, Alternate Director of the Wenatchee Valley Chapter.

Beyond the local BCH, many equestrian trail riders have enjoyed the TRHC and many return year after year to stay there and enjoy the trails of the Twisp River drainage. The TRHC was the base for the July 2016 Statewide Work Party, and this introduced even more BCHW members to the camp and nearby mountain trails. Many of these people have wanted to know how the fire affected TRHC.

Finally, on September 18th, prompted by the persistence of one of our members on Facebook, an information officer with the Incident Team at that time managed to get to the camp and took

a video while driving around as well as some photos. Better still, after an information meeting on September 20th, she arranged, with the consent of the District Ranger, for two of our members to have an hour at TRHC under escort. Bill Ford and Pete Stoothoff visited the camp with a member of the fire team on September 20th and took some photographs (see www.mvbch.com). They found that numbers of trees have been burnt or scorched, but more have survived; – the camp will be more open with the river clearly visible. There are hazard trees; the fire teams have already dealt with some of them, but more have to be cut down and bucked.

The facilities have been remarkably unscathed: one picnic table burned in a back-in campsite and the high line at that same campsite was damaged by a falling tree – and one wheelbarrow in a manure bunker was burned! All other tables and high lines are undamaged, and all fire rings and wooden feeders are intact.

Our thanks go to the fire teams who reduced the damage by working around the perimeter of the campground. There was probably a benefit, too, from the annual camp cleanup, which MVBCH carries out at the end of June.

The access road is passable but will need work. The two wooden bridges, which cross South Creek and Twisp River, were saved, probably due to the fire teams removing the brush around them. These bridges are important for access between camp and trails.

We should be able to have TRHC back in use by summer 2019. It will need some work but, hopefully, by next summer we can complete this and TRHC can welcome campers again.

Damage to the trail system in the Twisp River drainage is by far the greatest setback to use of TRHC. All but one of the 14 main trails have been affected. A major and sustained effort will be required to open some trails – others will require less time, but an organized cooperative effort by all stakeholders will be needed. 🐾

Trail Restoration at Northrup Canyon

PHOTO BY JIM CRAIGHEAD



Mini-excavator at the top of a rocky section of the trail.

Ray Gabert and Al Willis.

Mini-excavator clearing the trail.

By Drina Huisman, Crab Creek Riders


Northrup Canyon, located just south of Grand Coulee Dam off Highway-155, is a riding experience not to be missed. The canyon is a hidden gem and one of Grant County's finest beauty spots. Crab Creek Riders (CCR) member Bill Erickson says of Northrup Canyon, "For me, there is no better place to ride in the world." The canyon is three miles long, with walls ranging from five to seven hundred feet high, effectively hiding the canyon from passerby. There are five lakes, two of which are spring-fed and have fishing year-round. Wildlife is abundant, including several species of birds. Look up while visiting the canyon and you are sure to see them.

The canyon was first settled in 1889 by John Warden Northrup and his third wife Melivina Cathrine Northrup. They planted an orchard, grew crops, and raised livestock in the canyon. The canyon ranch became the source of fruit for the surrounding inhabitants, including Native American traders, and was a favored picnic destination. Over the years, four generations of Northrups lived in the canyon, followed by various other families. The ranch is now a State Historical Site, part of Steamboat Rock State Park.

Just off the gravel road leading up to the trailhead is a dry horse camp with a corral, pit toilet, and ample parking for horse trailers. From the trailhead, there are two routes to take. The left-hand trail is a wide path that winds up the center of the canyon, following Northrup Creek past the old homestead and on up to the top of the canyon. The right-hand trail is the Old Wagon Road, a single-track trail carved out of the slag rock in the canyon wall. This connected the stagecoach road from Almira to Brewster, and at the time was the only shortcut into the Grand Coulee. Over time, the trail eroded and many places were covered by slag rock, making passage impossible to all but the bravest horses and riders. Clearing and widening the Old Wagon Road is an ongoing trail work project undertaken by CCR.

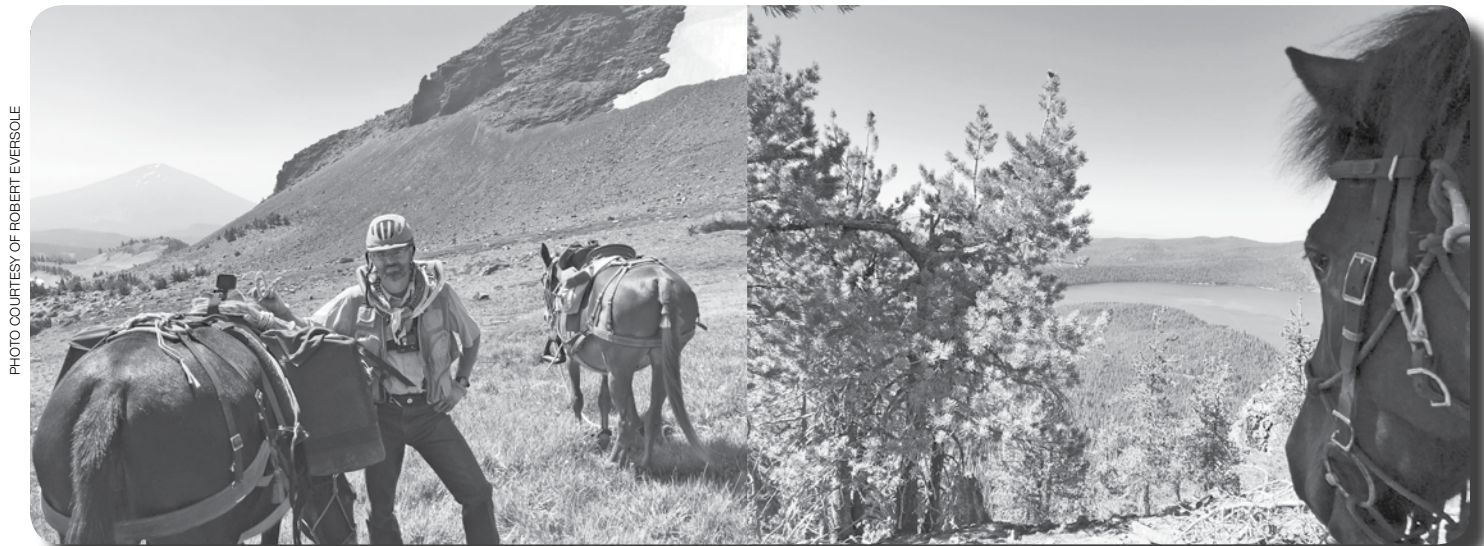
In 2009, we began the lengthy permitting process required to embark on the project. Once all the necessary impact surveys were completed, public meetings held, and permits obtained, the real work began. Sixteen tons of gravel were purchased and delivered to the trailhead, and we began the slow process of widening the trail, clearing rocks, and building up solid footing. Little by little, working in small sections, we have re-established nearly half a mile of trail.

First, a mini excavator operated by CCR member Bill Bailey is used to widen a section of trail and clear it of fallen rocks. Then we have a work party to spread gravel on the freshly cleared section of trail to counteract erosion. Volunteers at the trailhead fill buckets with gravel and load it onto pack mules. The pack string is lead up the trail by a rider to where more volunteers wait to unload the mules and dump the gravel onto the trail. Another rider follows the string. Because the trail is so narrow, each pack animal must be unhooked and turned around in place. The end rider now becomes the pack string leader, empty buckets are loaded onto the mules, and the string heads back down the trail for another load. The impact of the animals' hooves helps spread and pack down the gravel on the trail.

Each bucket weighs 60 pounds and each mule carries four buckets, for a total load of 240 pounds of gravel per animal. Using four mules and making six trips up and down the trail, we can spread approximately 5,760 pounds of gravel per work party. While the distance is not far, the trail is rocky and the mules must go uphill while carrying the gravel, so six trips is as much as we ask them to do. By then it's about lunchtime and everyone is ready to eat. The horses and mules relax at the trailers while the volunteers enjoy a well-deserved lunch. Trail work will continue on the Old Wagon Road, and in time we hope to make a full loop connecting to the canyon bottom trail. 

Volcano Riding in Central Oregon

PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBERT EVERSOLE



By Robert Eversole, BCHW Assistant Treasurer

Over the summer I had the opportunity to camp and ride throughout central Oregon for two weeks, stopping at four different equine camps along the way and riding some phenomenal country.

Celeste and I started at the Quinn Meadow Horse Camp, west of Bend. It's a popular destination point for riders throughout the Pacific Northwest. This very clean, very welcoming camp offers sturdy corrals, potable water, private camp spots and miles of loop trails to enjoy through dense forest, and remnants of the area's volcanic past.

Within 10 minutes of the horse camp, riders can step back over 7,000 years to a time of bubbling basaltic lava flows and volcanic vistas. Riding through the lava flows that tower overhead is quite the experience! For more info on the horse camp including accurate directions, GPS tracks, pics, and more, visit <https://www.trailmeister.com/trails/quinn-meadow-horse-camp/>.

Great Minds Think Alike at Todd Creek

After a few days at Quinn, we decamped and traveled an impressive five miles down the road to the Todd Creek Horse Camp where I would be completing my unfinished ride of 2017. Pulling into the immense parking lot that is the Todd Creek Camp, we saw that two of our Quinn Meadow mule neighbors had already arrived, made camp, and were now planning the next day's ride.

You may be asking, what's to enjoy if I called the camp an "immense parking lot" and that's a fair question. Lots. From the Todd Creek Camp, riders can easily connect with a myriad of wilderness rides within the Three Sisters Wilderness that sits right across the road. Riders enjoying Todd Creek's mountainous skyline might wonder the cause of such blessings. Inquisitive minds will soon discover that underneath many of those beautiful, jagged, snowy mountains lie volcanoes.

Our destination point for Todd Creek was the nearby stratovolcano "Broken Top," which lies within an area of many densely-spaced volcanic vents. I'm pleased (and so are my surgeons!) that the ride was uneventful. We enjoyed a long day in the saddle and covered nearly 20 miles as we explored the slopes and the amphitheater-like eroded crater. I had the opportunity to chat with a team of wilderness biologists who had hiked to the lake to study the remains of an elk herd that was just beginning to appear from beneath the glacier feeding the lake. Evidently, at some point in the far past, a sizable elk herd was engulfed in an avalanche. The biologists said it could have been 50 or 500 years ago, but that it had occurred during the summer months as evidenced by bulls in velvet and young calves mixed in the remains.

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ATTENTION!

**Content Deadline for the
January/February 2019
Newsletter is December 1st**

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

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

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.

Volcano Riding in Central Oregon

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For more info on the horse camp including accurate directions, GPS tracks, pics, and more, visit <https://www.trailmeister.com/trails/todd-creek-horse-camp/>.

World-Class Views at Newberry Volcanic Monument

Any trip to Oregon's volcanoes is incomplete without a stop at the Newberry Volcanic Monument, half an hour south of Bend. The Newberry Volcano is the largest volcano in the Cascades, covering an area the size of Rhode Island. And it's still active as proven by the hot springs and the youngest lava flow in Oregon; the 1,300-year-old Big Obsidian Flow.

Obsidian is a volcanically created glass, which has been used for millennia for arrowheads and cutting tools. It's nifty to see it laying on the ground, edges clear and sharp enough to slice an unwary thumb. Ask me how I found that out.

Our ride at Newberry took us from the Chief Paulina Horse Camp east and around the Big Obsidian Field and up to the top of Paulina Peak. The views, oh my, the views across the twin azure blue lakes that fill the main body of the caldera over a thousand feet below are simply spectacular. It was another long day in the saddle, but one that was well worth the effort.

Back in camp was another story. Chief Paulina is an older horse camp that sadly is showing its age. When I imagine the camp 50 years ago, in 1960's Technicolor, before big LQ's, and before uncaring users took their toll, this would have been a magical place.

Fortunately, I was told by the Forest Service that they have plans to upgrade the camp to modern standards and that they are actively seeking the partnership of an equine group to help with the campground.

For more info on the horse camp including accurate directions, GPS tracks, pics, and more, visit <https://www.trailmeister.com/trails/chief-paulina-horse-camp/>.

An Early Departure

The fourth destination for our Oregon odyssey was the Whitefish Horse Camp. With 17 campsites, pressurized water spigots, and more, Whitefish was the best appointed of all the camps we visited in this trip. Combine the fantastic amenities with the easy access to numerous trails that loop and meander through the Diamond Peak Wilderness and you'll quickly understand why this camp is a winner in all regards.

For more info on the horse camp including accurate directions, GPS tracks, pics, and more, visit <https://www.trailmeister.com/trails/whitefish-horse-camp/>.

Compared to our previous stop, Whitefish was operating room clean. The corrals, campsites and general area were impeccable. The place is loved, and it shows in the care that is received. The only things I saw that weren't spotless were three Pacific Crest Trail through hikers. As luck would have it, I had three remaining beers in the cooler, I think the hikers needed them much more than I.

Our stay here ended early. Our dog, Abby, had more excitement than an 18-year-old pup needs and was having a hard time with the heat. So, family being family, we sadly headed home.

Well, there you go, a brief rundown of a fabulous couple of weeks in Oregon riding and camping amongst volcanoes. For more information on these and other riding and camping areas throughout the US visit www.TrailMeister.com! 🐾



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Take A Moment



Quilcene Rangers visit the site one last time for the season.

By Rebecca Wanagel, BCHW Peninsula Chapter

When you're hiking, do you ever stop on a footlog and wonder how it was installed over that raging creek or river? Or even stop and be grateful it's there? Forging some of our wild creeks and rivers can get extremely dangerous, and without them sometimes we start to lose trails.

In the Olympic National Park, footlogs are installed either by a paid Park Trail Crew or by volunteers. In the Olympic National Forest, it's a guarantee it was installed by volunteers because the ONF doesn't have a trail crew. Most of the time the Backcountry Horsemen are involved because of their extensive knowledge of rigging and the gear they have to move heavy things, not to mention the horses and mules to get the heavy stuff to the job site.

Last week, on Gold Creek (Dungeness area, Forest Service land) we had a fantastic collaboration of the following groups: Graywolf Crew (volunteer trail crew led by Mike Bonomo), Backcountry Horsemen, Peninsula Chapter (led by Tom E. Mix and Del Sage), Pacific Northwest Trail Association's Quilcene Ranger Corps (this is a fantastic group of middle school kids from Quilcene who work at trail work during the summer! Crew leader is Tanner Boggs, Eric Wollborg is Communications Manager for PNTA). Martin Knowles, Paul G. Hornberger, Rod Farlee, myself, and others joined the fun.



What a great crew!

The teamwork was astounding. The log was moved, prepped, installed and the approaches (trails leading to and from the bridge) were created to excellent trail standards. This footlog was a long time coming. We are thrilled the Forest Service finally gave us the go-ahead to get it done, and we are proud of the result. Everyone had a great time, no-one walked away without learning something new, and the kids grew so much in their confidence, pride, and skills! That really warmed my heart. The comments I put on the pictures will give you a little walkthrough on how a footlog gets installed. Enjoy the story and the footlog! 🐾



This cedar tree was spotted by Rod Farlee nearly a decade ago as being the right one for this Footlog.



The rigging was moved to the tree on the other side of the creek.



This will last a long time, unless mother nature decides to throw a tree down on it.



BCHW 3rd Quarter 2018 Board of Directors' Meeting – September 15, 2018

Kittitas Valley Event Center – Armory Building, Ellensburg, WA

By Janelle Wilson, BCHW Secretary

Meeting was called to order by President, Kathy Young. Roll Call attendance was taken and a quorum was present. The agenda was adopted as amended and the 2nd Quarter Board of Director's Meeting minutes were adopted as written.

As is the usual practice, most of the officers and committees had their reports posted for Directors to read prior to the meeting by webmaster, Jim Thode. Committee reports were the first item on the agenda as follows:

Executive Committee, Kathy Young, reported that the Hot Shot Crew grant resulted in bonus for Nicole Sedgwick, Director. Kathy presented bonus to Nicole. Directors were asked to review Executive Director contract for review in April.

Treasurer/Budget, Teri Starke, reminded Directors that Chapter Treasurers MUST attend Treasurer Training at Leadership each year.

Ways & Means, Teri Starke, asked Directors to buy calendars because when they are gone, they are gone.

Winery Ride, Dave Jackson, reminded Directors that the big event is in October and at least 25 more volunteers are needed. After the 2018 Winery Ride, Dave Jackson will step down as the Winery Ride Chair/Coordinator. He will remain on the Winery Ride team to manage the infrastructure and facilities.

BCHA, Darrell Wallace and Jason Ridlon, announced that the Forest Service VIP ride was held, but regional heads cancelled at 7pm the night before due to air quality.

Special Projects, Jason Ridlon, reported on the Statewide Work Party at Black Pine and the additional work done this season at Andrews Creek in the Pasayten.

Membership Development, Ken Carmichael, reminded Directors to select a membership-development person during elections.

Governance & Bylaws, Ken Carmichael, asked Directors to make sure the on-line officer Directory data-base is correct and updated with officer election results.

Legislative, Jeff Chapman, explained the legislative process, including bill rider effects (e.g., defunding Grizzly Bears in the House version of one) and timelines.

Public Lands, Jeff Chapman, noted that Okanogan National Forest passed uses for commercial packer with option #4. The Board of Directors authorized up to \$5,000 to be spent on the development of a Friends of the Court (amicus brief) filing to support the OWNF; should the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest (OWNF) have to defend their decision with respect to the Pack and Saddle Stock Outfitter-Guide SUP FSEIS for the Pasayten and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness as a result of litigation bought by individuals seeking tighter restrictions or reduced heartbeat allowances.

The Board of Directors also voted to have the President of BCHW task the BCHW Public Lands Committee with researching if the decision of the Colville National Forest (CNF) Draft Record of Decision ROD for the CNF Revised Land Management Plan with respect to new recommendations for additional Wilderness areas complies with existing BCHW positions adopted by the Board of Directors on newly proposed Wilderness; and if the Draft ROD does not, have the Committee file an objection to the decision on behalf of BCHW.

Executive Director, Nicole Sedgwick, announced success with land managers.

Rendezvous, Nicole Sedgwick, proposed that Chapters take back Rendezvous. The vision is to have each Chapter in charge of an aspect for the event (including paying for presenters or prizes, if applicable). Focus should be on trail building, trail maintenance, and the BCHW mission.

BCHW Store, Lori Lennox, reminded to buy items from the store. The store will be at the Winery Ride. Trademark of logo and no-compete with chapters was addressed.

Volunteer Hours, Louise Caywood, reminded Directors that final calculations for 2018 are due to volunteer hour coordinators by October 1st to be presented to regional coordinators for submission for statewide year-end reports.

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Awards, Lynn Wilhelm-Howell, explained the Cinch award nomination was explained. A pommel bag will be embroidered for Junior BCH Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award is in process.

Safety, Doc Wessellius, report was posted. Jeff Chapman explained that the issue of language for the liability release will be on agenda for the next meeting.

Membership, Kathy Young for Dana Chambers, reminded Directors that renewals will begin in October. Directors must ask members to renew on-line. Every member will receive an email on October 1st with a new password. Paper applications can still be used for members who do not want to pay on-line or do not have computer access. Discussion on YM followed. Membership chairs MUST come to Leadership Training on January 26th.

Sawyer Program, Nicole Sedgwick for Tom Mix, informed Directors that the sawyer database is now on Google Docs so that Tom and Tony now have access to it at all times.

LNT, Louise Caywood, announced that the LNT Class is going on concurrently at Pilchuck Tree Farm.

Grants, Darrell Wallace and Nicole Sedgwick, outlined current grants (16-2675 Forest Service grant and 16-2714 non-Forest Service). New grants were explained. Future grant proposals were described.

Publicity/THN, Dick Yarboro, gave the Board of Directors and an explanation of what some other states pay for their publications.

Website, Jim Thode, should receive event flyers from Chapters so they can be posted.

Education, Kathy Young for Kim Merrick, announced that Leadership Training will be January 26th. All officers should come, even if they have been officers before. InReach GPS class will be taught by Darrell Wallace; so chapter members may like to attend also.

Unfinished business was next on the agenda. Doug Stewart spoke regarding extending the contract for the Trailhead News. He read the motion, which was made and seconded at the 2nd Quarter 2018 Board of Directors' Meeting. Directors voted to use WAMedia publishing for the THN 6 times per year and try to get the lowest price possible.

Louise Caywood asked Director to insure the LNT trailer to include content coverage of \$25,000, for \$625 per year with a \$500 deductible, but the motion was postponed to the December meeting. However, the Board of Directors did vote to add \$700 to the insurance budget line item.

The Board of Directors moved on to new business. Since the Northwest Horse Source contract ends at the end of the year; Directors elected to approve the Northwest Horse Source Contract for 2019. A new idea for a logo was shown to Directors. A possible bylaws amendment concerning funding of Lifetime Memberships was discussed by Directors. Ken Carmichael, Dave Jackson, Teri Starke, Heather Moorman, and Mary Kane will work on language for the Lifetime Membership finances which simplifies accounting. Directors were asked to think about time-frames for changing bylaws considering THN publication dates and Board of Directors quarterly meeting dates.

The appointment of Independent Director Sandra Ihly was approved by the Board. Jason Ridlon was nominated for another two year term in a BCHA Director position and he accepted the nomination. Elections for that position will be in December. Proposals for the Joe Watt Canyon fundraiser on May 18th are being sought which will be voted on in December.

Then, it was time for Good of the Order. Bill Ford spoke about the North Summit Horse Camp. The new horse campground is being built at Loup-Loup pass, less than one mile off paved Hwy 20. Bill thanked chapters for funds and made appeals for more funds. Jim Anderson from Mt St Helens Chapter presented a check to Bill. Jason Ridlon announced that he will be putting together a Joe Watt proposal to help the Methow chapter. A few other announcements were made: Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie bridge is currently washed out and the decking needs to be replaced. Naches road that is being refurbished. Burnt Ridge private timberland in Lewis County was sold to Merle and Ring (M&R Timber). The Fossil Trail bridge out of Kalama Horse Camp will be completed. North Carolina BCH flew out a couple of members, who attended the State Wide Work Party.

Meeting was then adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting will be Saturday, December 1st. Everyone is welcome to attend. 🐾



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Self Defense For Trail Riders – Skagit Chapter

Saturday-Sunday, November 17-18
Anderson Snowy Mountain Stables
15814 Lange Rd., Mount Vernon, WA
Email: kagitbchw@gmail.com
RSVP/Pre-Register

4th Quarter BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting

Saturday, December 1
Kittitas Valley Event Center
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick
360-640-1495 • bchwexec@bchw.org

Rattlesnake Ridge Riders

Chili Feed Ride/Fundraiser

Sunday, March 10th, 2019
First Ride Out: 10:00 am
Second Ride out: 10:30 am
Horn Rapids Park
115803 SR225
Benton City, WA
Register: On-Site begins 7:00 am
Lunch: 11:00 am – 2:30 pm
Camping: Limited Space
Cost: \$15./per or \$50./family of 4
Contact Paul Mellick
rrrbchw.info@yahoo.com

2019 Rendezvous

Friday-Sunday, March 15-17, 2019
Kittitas Valley Event Center
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick
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1st Qtr BCHW Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, March 16, 2019
Kittitas Valley Event Center
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick
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2019 BCHA National Board Meeting

Sunday, April 7, 2019
Asheville, North Carolina
Erica Fearn
860-586-7540 • efearn@bcha.org

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and photos of your event to the
THN at: bchw@wamedia.com.**

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