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How Do You Represent?

By Kathy Young, BCHW President

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Left to Right - Terri Anderson on Mister, Jim Anderson on Rooster, Mount St Helens Chapter; Deirdre Perot on Lilly, Dave Michael on Bill, Back Country Horsemen of North Carolina, Pisgah Chapter; Darrell Gunells, Jr. on George, and Chico, BCHW Independents

I love Back Country Horsemen. So many members are completely dedicated to the "cause," our mission to keep trails open for saddle and pack stock as well as for other users. This BCHW organization is small compared to other outdoor recreation and service groups but we are elite; small but with a big presence in Washington on public lands. Small, but doing great things.

So it really does upset me when I see or hear of examples of bad behavior by horse people. I do hear it; believe me, these reports come straight to me every time. Many good deeds can be overshadowed by a single bad experience that happens to another person who is out enjoying a great day of recreation.

I was recently made aware of an incident that occurred with some picnickers enjoying a day at a river with their stuff obviously established at a spot where they could enjoy the water. I'm told that a large group of trail riders showed up and pretty much

walked through their picnic area in order to swim horses in the river "right here." So they walked ten 1,000 lb. animals through the picnickers' stuff to get to the river. This is just one side of the story of course, but I realize that this could be pretty intimidating for anyone. I'm told that yes, this was a popular river entry spot, but I also heard that there was another option for the horses a bit further down the trail and yet an incident occurred that perhaps should not have had to happen.

I'm hearing your arguments in my head... "it wasn't me" or "I don't do that" or "how do they know it was BCH members"... but this is not my point here, not my real concern. The issue is who we are as an organization, and how we are perceived. Fair or not, we are held to a high standard by others, and I hope that we always try to model that high standard in all of our interactions.

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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.





Working Hard Across the State

By Nicole Sedgwick BCHW Executive Director

Back Country Horsemen of Washington's mission statement is:

- To perpetuate the common-sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
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Prez Says

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A single bad experience can negate the good that we do. So, I ask, "How do you represent Back Country Horsemen of Washington?"

SWWP #6 BLACK PINE

This one is in the books and what a fantastic event it was. We had 75 members from 17 chapters including independent members who attended over the 5 days. We worked on a number of trails radiating out from the Black Pine Horse Camp. Our crew was delighted to host a dynamic two-person Back Country Horsemen workforce that traveled from North Carolina to attend. (We won 'em in an auction at the BCHA national board meeting ... there's a story there, believe it!) I want to send my warmest thanks to Deirdre Perot and David Michael for making the trip from North Carolina to participate in this event and for their hard work. I guarantee that some new and strong friendships have been built between BCHW and BCHNC. You guys ROCK!

AND THERE'S MORE

It just so happened that I had a chance to travel to North Carolina earlier in July, as a last minute addition to Washington State's delegation to the Outdoor Recreation Industry Confluence. This is

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Rob DeBoer, Skagit Chapter

an organization that has been initiated by 8 states to recognize and to cultivate the recreation economy that so greatly contributes to the character of and quality of our lives. We worked for 2 days to finalize the 4 Accords that will serve as the common principles to be used to further the role of recreation and the recreation economy in the initial 8 states. The Accords will also serve as a model to encourage additional states to join the Confluence. The 4 Accords are titled Conservation & Stewardship, Education & Workforce Training, Economic Development and Health & Wellness. The Confluence recognizes that each state is unique and that the outdoors and nature are the backbone of recreation. With the adoption of these accords, they are committing to fostering conservation and stewardship values, ensuring environmental quality and restoring sustain-

able access to the outdoors for current and future generations. I was honored to be included to represent our great State of Washington, and the trip also gave me a chance to spend some pre-SWWP#6 time with Deirdre Perot and David Michael.

Next up--- The Winery Ride! Be there or be square, REALLY.... Please consider volunteering. It's fun and more volunteers make it easier! YEEHAW!!

Working Hard Across the State

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I have been traveling all over the state this spring and summer going to work parties and chapter meetings. I would just like to say how proud I am of our organization. Not only do you get out there to clear the trails you love to ride, but you support the others to get the jobs they need help getting done. I have seen our chapters donate money to other chapter's causes, jump in and work hard to clear trails important to others, and to bring in people outside of Back Country Horsemen to help accomplish our and their goals. As a 501(c)3 organization, we are demonstrating exactly what that means. Not only have I seen our members work on trails, I have seen them make sure they get the training they need, supply the pack stock needed, and make sure our voices are heard for advocacy. I love going into meetings with land managers and state representatives and hearing about how our local chapter members are actively working with them to accomplish our joint efforts to have public lands open to the public.

As I have been traveling around the state to rides, work parties, and chapter meetings, I wanted to talk about BCHW's mission statement and how proud I am of our focus to teach, learn, advocate, and maintain trails.

I saw a new packer being trained on the trail. They were taken into the wilderness by at least three different packers to learn from them. Our certified sawyer list is growing all the time. Both Leadership Training and Rendezvous were busy with people willing to teach and learn.

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We have had several joint efforts to keep our trails open. I went to two different legislation days where we were able to share our love of the land with our state legislatures. I have also been able to observe a few joint efforts with other organizations to work together on trails; I've been able to go to a VIP ride where there were reporters, politicians, and other organizations involved.

The work parties I have been on, I have enjoyed watching young and old working side by side. I love it when someone asks why we do something the way we do, and instead of the typical answer of, "Well...that is the way we have always done it," I listen to people explain the logic behind the method and if some-

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thing is brought up that might work better, it is heard out. If it makes sense, they run with it. Our members are so great at finding better ways to do things and sharing that method with everyone.

I know that we all can easily think of at least three people off the tops of our heads who do a lot of work towards our mission statement but never report their hours. However, even without their reports, we have an amazing amount of volunteer hours to share with the people who give us grants, our land managers, and the politicians.

You should give yourself a pat on the back and be very proud of all the hard work you put into BCHW. Just remember, it doesn't matter what your skill set is (cooking, scouting, sawyer, packing, computer work, organizing, brushing, repairing/maintaining....) everyone has something to offer. 🐾

Winery Ride Anyone?

Back Country Horsemen of Washington
invites you to attend the
**17th Annual Winery and
Halloween Costume Prize Ride**
in Zillah, WA
on Saturday, October 27, 2018

For more information visit
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Registration Forms coming soon to our website!

Proceeds go to protect and maintain back
country and front country riding trails

Camping available for \$15 per night, Fri & Sat
Catered dinner available Sat

We hope to see you there!

BCHW Awards Report

By Lynn Wilhelm-Howell, BCHW Awards Committee Chair

Wow! Where has the time gone? It's time to start putting together nominations for our well-deserved volunteers you feel represent BCHW in one of the categories listed below. Pictures of your nominee in BCHW activities are very helpful. Recommendations from BCHW members, land managers or agency partners, and news clippings will also help the judging team learn about your nominee. Talk amongst your chapter members to assist you in compiling the award packet for your chapter's nominee. The fun part is keeping it all hush, hush!



Nominations may be from either a chapter or a BCHW member. Nomination forms and a current list of all known award program recipients are posted at www.bchw.org under BCHW Awards. Award categories are only given out once to a volunteer. Please look up the nominee to make sure they have not received an award in the category you are thinking of. Nominees must be a BCHW member.

BCHW AWARDS CATEGORIES

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT This award is for the BCHW member or couple who has shown a lifetime of dedication to BCHW by actively pursuing and promoting the organization and the BCHW Mission Statement in a variety of ways. This award is for recognition, not a contest.

Lifetime = 1, max 2 awarded

LOPPER AWARD This award is for a BCHW member who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and dedication to their chapter or to BCHW by participation and promotion of what the BCHW Mission Statement stands for. This is kind of an "all around" award, with the nominee being active in several different aspects of the many things that make up BCHW.

Lopper = 3, max 4 awarded

CAMP COOK This award is for the BCHW member who willingly keeps the campfires burning and the kettles hot and full of delicious food to share with others. Whether it is at meetings, work parties or social functions, they are in the kitchen making sure all are well fed.

Camp Cook = 1 awarded

TRAIL WARRIOR This person may not make all the chapter functions or even own a computer but they are out rain or shine, day in and day out, working on the trails.

Trail Warrior = 3, max 4 awarded

DESK JOCKEY This person is one of the behind the scenes people, always at a computer or running from meeting to meeting. They keep the wheels of our organization turning

Desk Jockey = 2, max 3 awarded

JUNIOR BCHW Our future! Who stands out in your chapter? This person would participate in chapter events such as work parties, fundraisers, LNT/education, training or BCHW promotion such as parades.

Junior BCH = 1, max 2 awarded

BACKBONE This award is to recognize that special member who is always there when needed, ready and willing to do some special job that no one else can or will do, sometimes at the last minute. This is a member who is very important in keeping the chapter, organization or an event operating smoothly

Backbone = 2, max 3 awarded

CINCH AWARD This award was created to recognize those hard working BCHW members who have consistently and competently carried out jobs at the state level, year after year. Recipients shall be Volunteer Committee Chairmen, Volunteer Committee member, or an UNELECTED state officer - they keep the wheels of this great organization running smoothly. They may or may not be very visible - they may be quietly working in the background, reliably doing their jobs. They may or may not be active or hold an office in a chapter or even be a chapter member, but they are invaluable at the state level.

Cinch Award = 1, max 2 awarded

PRESIDENT'S DIAMOND AWARD The President's Diamond Award is decided autonomously from the BCHW Awards Program - the BCHW President awards a person or persons "In recognition of outstanding dedication, passion, and commitment to the BCHW mission".

President's Diamond Award = 1, max 2 awarded

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Membership Leads the Way

By Ken Carmichael, BCHW Membership Development Chair

Back Country Horsemen of Washington has a mission basically to keep trails open for many people, including equestrians. We do this through education, advocacy and moving dirt (work parties).

However, in order to do all of the above requires a large and strong membership. Therefore, membership is very important to accomplishing our mission. What can we do about this?

Membership starts at the chapter level. It is the chapters that meet with the public through public and chapter events and the media. We want activities and publicity that demonstrate that BCH is a great organization to belong to whether for recreation or keeping trails open.

Chapters have brought forth many ideas to gain members. We gain members by showing them that BCH has something to offer in such a manner that it resonates with them and aligns with their goals and priorities. We want our prospective members to see the value of membership so that they are excited about joining BCH.

Each chapter must determine their strengths and promote those to prospective members. Then we must go to where these people are to make the connection. Many of them are on social media. Others we find through publications, at other meetings, or on the trail. In all cases, we must be prepared to tell the BCH story in such a way that it is vibrant, moving a current.

BCH membership offers so much to such a variety of people. Some people are very concerned about our trails and want to be part of the solution. Others may want more personal benefits, information, an opportunity for community service or the many educational opportunities that we offer.

We have many marketing tools available to gain their attention and provide information. We want to make sure to use posters, displays, BCHW calendars, banners, business cards, brochures newsletters videos, educational material and a host of other items developed by the chapters, BCHW and BCHA.

Detailed information about the Membership Development Program is available on the BCHA website. Go to www.bcha.org, sign in, click on Chapter Resources and the drop-down tab Membership Resources and scroll down to BCHW Membership Development Handbook. Or you can obtain a hard copy of the program from those individuals in your chapter that attended one of the many Membership Development Program seminars.

All projects require a leader, someone who takes ownership of the project to make it work. This is true of Membership Development. This person takes the lead and makes sure that others are informed and enthusiastic about our program. Membership development is not a specialized skill. Everyone can, and should, participate in Membership Development to make BCH strong and productive. 🐾

2018 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 2018 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.

BCHW Winery Ride Update

You can make a difference for BCHW

~Volunteer at this Year's Winery Ride~

When: Saturday, October 27th, 2018 - Zillah, WA

The host for the winery ride will be the Severino Cellars Vineyard again this year. However, the address for the new camp location is 1890 Highland Drive in Zillah. It's just about 1.5 miles due West of the old location on Highland Road. Contact Dave Jackson for general information.

Volunteers: WE NEED YOU! It's time again to sign up to help at the 2018 Winery Ride - Please RSVP to Deb Wesselius. You will have a good time, and help BCHW raise money for a good cause

First-Up: Volunteers needed for the parking layout crew. About 10 volunteers are needed maybe a week prior to the event. Contact Deb.

Dave Jackson will be the lead for the layout crew.

Needed: Approximately 35-40 winery hosts are needed. We were down in the volunteer count last year and the wineries are asking for extra assistance from BCHW hosts during the event.

Parking Crew: Volunteers will be needed for ATV and ground crews to park participants. If you have a side-by-side or ATV and would like to come out and assist with parking, think about covering a shift for the event.



Prizes: Please collect any prizes from your chapter or individuals donating for the upcoming Winery Ride. Dave Jackson will collect the prizes at the September board meeting. Please include the chapter or individual who donated the prize and the contact address with your donation.

Need: Again this year, because of the change in location, we do not have access to electricity. If you have a generator that can be used for the lighting and electrical needs, please let us know.

Need: Again this year we are looking for horse trailers, stock trailers, or flatbed trucks that can be hauled to the wineries and left for stock containment. 🐾

Deb Wesselius • wesselius@wildblue.net • 360-736-6106.

Content Deadline for the November/December 2018 Newsletter is October 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.



Basic Skills Leave No Trace Class September 15-16, 2018



Back Country Horsemen of Washington adopted the Leave No Trace (LNT) program to help educate equestrians with the proper methods for maintaining public land use for future generations. Today's education helps all stock users preserve the right to use stock for recreation on public lands. The LNT principles of outdoor ethics encompass ways to lower impacts, with or without stock, in both the back country and front country.

This year is the 54th anniversary of federally designated wildernesses. Such designation of public lands assigns greater responsibility to all of us. Leave No Trace practices help us fulfill our responsibilities to these lands and prolong our access to them. Our hands-on classroom and field class is instructed by BCHW Master Stock Trainers, covering the 7 Principles of Leave No Trace. This is NOT a horsemanship nor packing class.

This class is sponsored by Back Country Horsemen of Washington, providing instructors and curriculum. The facility is provided by Pilchuck Tree Farm, Arlington, WA. It is hosted by Cascade Horse Club, facilitating our logistics, registration and provided meals.

Class size is limited, (16 years old and older). Registration is on a first registered basis (monies received). BCHW members may find financial assistance from their respective Chapters. Cost is \$50.00 for the weekend class Register with payment by September 1, 2018 or as soon as possible. Participants may arrive Friday after 3:00, there is time for riding Friday and Sunday afternoons only. Dinner Friday evening is potluck. If you choose to bring a horse, there is a \$2.00 fee payable to Pilchuck Recreation Association.

For information Contact: Barbara Vache 425-334-6010
dunerydr2@aol.com.

To register contact Sue Ward 206-618-2098 josuward@msn.com

Make checks payable to CHC/BCHW.

Payments: 11930 60th ST NE Lake Stevens, WA 98258

To investigate the Ethics of Leave No Trace further: LNT.org

To learn more about Back Country Horsemen of WA - BCHW.org

All proceeds benefit the BCHW LNT program 🐾



Calendar Photos

Your BCHW calendar needs a wide variety of your photos, all things equine and all year long!!

All work photos must have the correct personal protective equipment to be used.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

See FSH 6709.11.21.13

PPE	Trail Maintenance	Chainsaw Operations	Crosscut Saw Operations
Hard Hat	Hard hat	Hard hat or cutting helmet meeting ANSI 289.1	Same as chain saw
Safety Glasses	Eye protection; any prescription safety glasses must have side shields.	ANSI 287.1 (clear safety glasses, at a minimum) or equivalent (mesh "bug-eye" type or mesh face shield type) (OSHA 1910.266(d) (1) (vii) (8) Note)	Same as chain saw
Hearing Protection	Hearing protection if working near chainsaw	Hearing protection required for gasoline powered chain saw use	None required
Gloves	Work gloves	Gloves or chain saw mitts are required for all chain saw operations. Leather required for sharpening. Alternative style of gloves may be used for inclement weather conditions, based on JHA.	Same as chain saw
Shirt, Pants	Long sleeved shirt and long pants	Long sleeved shirt and long pants	Same as chain saw
Leg Protection	None required	Chaps or cut-resistant pants for chain saw use shall meet the requirements for Forest Service 6170-4 or ASTM F-1897 (current version). Chaps shall overlap boots at least 2".	None required
Boots	Slip-resistant heels and soles with firm, flexible support	Cut-resistant or leather, laced 8 inch (204mm) high boots that provide ankle support and non-skid soles (hard toes are optional). OPTIONAL - Use JHA to determine proper footwear for the environment and/or related tasks.	Cut-resistant or leather, laced boots that provide ankle support and nonskid soles (hard toes are optional). Use JHA to determine proper footwear for the environment and/or related tasks.
Specialized		Wear additional PPE as identified by local conditions, safety data sheets (SDS) or JHA/RA	Same as chain saw

Photo Resolution needs to be detailed enough to enlarge

- Photo's need to have high resolution and enough pixels to enlarge clearly. The resolution of the big picture photos should be high at least 2400 x 2400 pixels, use a camera, typically cell phone pictures do not enlarge clearly to the big picture opposite the calendar.
- The small pictures within the calendar need to be at least 400 x 460 pixels.

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.

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. 🐾

Back Country Horsemen of Washington State-Wide Work Party

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"They are able because they think they are able." – Vergil

Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) volunteers not only think they are able but know they can contribute their abilities to work and ensure that public land remains open to recreational stock use. The Black Pine Horse Camp in Wenatchee National Forest was inaccessible for a decade because of a road washout; consequently, the horse camp and the trails leading out of the camp did not get maintained. United States Forest Service (USFS) Wenatchee River Ranger District, under the leadership of Jeff Leisy, Trail Manager, realized that correcting the neglect was going to require a huge undertaking. Jason Ridlon, event organizer for BCHW, prearranged with USFS a BCHW State-Wide Work Party (SWWP) to get the camp open again and clear several destination trails for rides from camp.

Prior to the six-day work party, there was a huge amount of organization and planning before the work at the horse camp could commence. Xaner Demetrios, Wenatchee River Ranger District Trail Foreman, and five USFS personnel worked with Trail Manager Leisy to start the camp and trail work that was required to access the campsite. A state Recreational Conservation Organization (RCO) grant was obtained to help finance the project. USFS also made arrangements with concessioner Thousand Trails, fee area administrator, for volunteers to stay at the camp for the June preparatory work party and the SWWP. Jason obtained a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant to help fund the project.

The June work party, centered on National Trails Day, cleared the campgrounds of vine maple, brush and Pacific Yew that had overgrown the camping areas. Highline poles and hitching posts were also installed in preparation for the large amount of volunteer's vehicles that were anticipated for the SWWP.

Jason also attained collaboration with Washington Trails Association to have a youth and an adult crew to help with the trail work. Arrangements were also made to have the Faubion Trail Crew clear trails in the back country. The three wilderness crews were hauled to their remote worksites by Icicle Creek Outfitters and BCHW packers.

Jason's next challenge was to feed the workforce for six days. Kim Merrick, Nisqually Chapter, was commissioned to organize three meals a day and consolidate cooks for meal preparations and clean-up. After the morning breakfast, the cooks had sack lunches and water prepared for the volunteers to take out on the trail for the day's work. Nobody missed the evening meals after a hard day of trail work.

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BCHW State-Wide Work Party

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A parking crew was appointed to assign camping spaces and register the volunteers for volunteer hours documentation. It was a tight squeeze to get all the attendees gathered in the campground and accommodate for the various camping requirements; tents, living quarter trailers, campers, and horse trailers. Comradery quickly developed when everyone had to share camping space and quarter their trail stock. Jason had made arrangements to provide weed seed free hay for the horses and mules plus delivered water daily to each camp. Every morning the Leave-No-Trace crew cleaned up the highline areas after the work crews left for their work duties.

Each morning work assignments were given out, everybody had a job, and crew leaders gathered to coordinate the day's activity at their specific project site. Arrangements were made with the packers for delivery of allotted trail tools and supplies for each worksite. Before the packers loaded planks; cut to size, nail holes drilled and weighed. Equal weighed pack loads were arranged and marked for loading on the pack stock. The same preparations were made when assembling cargo loads for the three wilderness trail crews that stayed at their remote camps; all of their supplies and tools had to be hauled in.

In addition to clearing trails originating from the horse camp, three construction projects were planned for the SWWP. Jeff identified three drainage problem areas on Jack Creek Trail that would require either a puncheon and/or a turnpike to ensure livestock safety. Prior to the work party, Jason rode the trails to evaluate the amount of trail maintenance and construction that could be accomplished during the six-day event. The organizers then procured the needed supplies from USFS for the construction projects and made preparations for their delivery at the horse camp. Arrangements for collecting and delivery of tools for trail clearing, trail repairs and construction projects were then completed.

After the morning directions, the workforce rode or hiked to the worksites to start their daily tasks. The trail clearing crews had to range further and further out as the work progressed but they were determined to get their designated trails cleared; leaving earlier and returning later as the week progressed. The construction crews were also taxed with completing their project before the celebratory dinner the final night at the horse camp; complete with entertainment by Jeff.

Seventy-six volunteers from 16 BCHW chapters showed up to help at the work party. When volunteers arrived at the horse camp their personal vehicle miles traveled to the work party were recorded, a total of 18893 round trip miles, to start the documentation of contributions. Every evening the volunteer hours were recorded for each volunteer. For the entire project, 3750 volunteer hours were accumulated plus 49 pack stock days were donated; equaling \$84,674 in labor match for the RTP grant. The whole project was supported by a RTP grant that BCHW applied for in 2016. RTP grants require "match" from volunteer labor, travel costs, etc. and the 2018 SWWP volunteers contributed over seven times the amount we spent! BCHW bought puncheon planks, spikes, tools, and equipment, food, certified hay, and other support for this project with RTP funds.

As the volunteers packed up their camps and loaded trail stock to head home, there was a noted satisfaction in the completion of a major project. Everyone had contributed their individual expertise and ability that culminated in a monumental achievement. The volunteers were able because they knew they were able. 🐾

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HotShot Crew Pasayten Wilderness

What were you doing from June 29th to July 4th, 2018?

PHOTO COURTESY OF JASON RIDLON



By Sherri Wright, HotShot Crew Lewis County Chapter

An energetic group of volunteers found their way to Andrews Creek in the Pasayten Wilderness. Thanks to Cascade Wilderness Outfitters for the use of your camp and for the generous donation of two tons of hay that made this event possible. Friday morning, after meeting and giving crew assignments, we moved up toward our projects, some packing their food and shelter on their backs, and some with horses/mules packed with tools and creature comforts. Having crews and pack support was a logistic plan that started long before our meetings Thursday night and Friday morning. BCHW Vice President Jason Ridlon has been orchestrating this HotShot Crew idea for years.

My crew was working on the #525 Peepsight Trail, about 9 miles up Andrews Creek Trail. After crossing the river we dropped off the packs, high lined the animals, gathered the tools and off we went, starting a 5-day adventure to find the trail to Peepsight Lake.

With fresh muscles, we began reopening the trail that last year's HotShot Big Hat Crew started in 90 + degree heat and a trail that burnt over 8 years before, where it was a massive struggle to make that 1st mile.

In 2018, we had ten volunteers willing to tackle this challenge and were excited to make it to the spot where the Big Hat Crew left off in 2017.

Day 2 was a beautiful sunny warm day. The stiffness was worked out of our muscles as we eagerly started in on the now 9-year-old mess.

Some crew members hiked up to the work site and some rode and tied horses to 12 ft pines or big burnt tree trunks. Onward we sawed, brushed, and crosscut our way another mile. Coming back to camp, we looked forward to Mountain House dehydrated meals and a comfy thermarest mat and a small tent.

Day 3 was cloudy and cooler with more pines, huckleberries, and black charred logs to cut out and clear. After another mile of hard work, we finally figured out that we weren't going to make it

to camp at Peepsight Lake, but spirits were still good with Jason's "Have I told you how much I appreciate you being here," speech, a morale and body boost.

On day 4, the cool, sunless day from before turned to COLD. It was snowing on us as we worked our way higher and higher up the mountain. The fresh snow on the peaks got closer as the day wore on and the snow turned to sleet and rain, branches soaked, climbing logs were slippery, and work took on a new element: work to keep warm.

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Sherri Wright, Lewis County Chapter running the saw with Cathy Upper, President of the Methow Chapter.

HotShot Crew Pasayten Wilderness

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Sitting around camp that night was a group of wet, tired and cold campers, but the sleeping bags were warm as we listened to the cold rain pound the tops of our tents.

Putting on cold, wet gloves and boots was hard to do, but Cathy reminded us that ziplock bags make a good barrier between a dry sock and a wet cold boot. On we worked, higher and colder. Oh and at times, if we weren't cold enough, the wind would blow off the snowy peaks, through the trees, just to keep us working harder to keep warm.

By day 5 we got high enough that the pines were sparse, the brush was spotty and the logs were fewer and farther between. We were making mileage but then everything stopped when the map and the yellow ribbons the Forest Service hung weren't matching. Then there were no more yellow ribbons that the Forest Service was supposed to lay out for us. A group of seven followed the unflagged trail and found their way to the pass to have picture proof, "There is a Peepsight Lake."

So what were you doing June 29 to July 4? We were facing a challenge that started last year. We were creating friends from around the state; we were helping to keep a legacy going for future outdoor enthusiasts. We shared a physical struggle for the greater good and made memories that will last as long as our stories shared around a campfire are told.

We are just ordinary people with a heart and determination to see our passion of places to ride stay available to us and others... "isn't that like our mission statement."

Thank you to Tom Janes and Tina Short for the use of the hoof boot for Leonard's horse. To Bennet and Cathy Upper who had local knowledge of the area. To Mark Reise for the "one more mile to the pass" line that we finally figured out was a ploy to keep going farther. To Matt Reise for your youth

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and strength. To Rob DeBoer and Tom Janes for cutting the big ones out of the way. To Darrel Gunnells, the quiet cousin to Jason Ridlon, the driver, the cheerleader, the man with the vision. And last, to Leonard who drove home tired while I was dozing. And with all this happening on Peepsight, we had pack support teams bringing stock feed and performing trail work all along Andrews Creek.


Thank you isn't enough to all the crew and partnerships that came to put your heart into this worthwhile project.

PNTA and BCHW crews performed work on Andrews Creek Trail #504 - Maintained 2.5 miles, brushed, and tread work to include Turnpike repair/maintenance and cleaned and installed water bars.

PCTA Crew Ram Creek - Made trail passable to Meadow Lake removing logs and performed heavy brushwork.

WTA Crews - Performed log from Andrews Pass to Boundary Trail and repaired large wash out that happened over winter in the fire-damaged area of the trail.

BCHW Crews - Built new puncheon bridge lost in Diamond Creek fire on Andrews Creek by Spanish Camp. Used stock to pull and remove burnt logs from trail working with WTA and FS crews.

BCHW Packers working out of Cascade Wilderness Corrals at Andrews Creek Trail Head packed in and out our trail partners and kept the Peepsight crew's horses and mules in good stock feed. 

Traildusters Missing Banner



We used this banner at the **Joe Watt Prize Ride in May**. It was hanging at one of the check points. When all of the gear came in from the check points, this was misplaced. It's approximately 3 feet by 8 feet. For any chapter who participated in the Joe Watt Prize Ride, will you please check all of the gear you brought home with you to see if this was rolled up and stowed with your gear?

Contact **Beth Ferris 425 327 4881** or **Cathy Nelson 425 231 2148**.

Work Parties Spend Five Days Maintaining Pasayten Trails

A Washington state Back Country Horsemen trail work party finished five days of trail and bridge maintenance in the Pasayten Wilderness on July 4. The work party included members of the Washington Trails Association, Pacific Northwest Trails Association, Pacific Crest Trail Association and U.S. Forest Service. Joining from the Methow Valley chapter of Backcountry Horsemen were Bennet and Cathy Upper.

The volunteers came from all over the state. Some brought pack animals to carry supplies and hay to the work sites. Hay was

provided by Steve and Jess Darwood of Cascade Outfitters. The workers were staged in several areas. A new bridge was built on the Andrews Creek Trail. The previous bridge was destroyed by fire last year.

The Methow Valley chapter of Backcountry Horsemen met the volunteers on July 4 with a steak barbecue dinner. **2**

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Persistence Pays for Public Good

By Jewel Hardy, member of Willapa Hills BCHW and Friends of Tunerville liaison

I'm not certain these days why it seems to be such a struggle to do good works for the benefit of all, but I would like to update recreation enthusiasts about a small success for all of us.

Near Naselle, WA, along Salmon Creek, there is a small, primitive multi-use camp that has been dear to many of us. This camp, officially known as Tunerville, has been a therapeutic escape for many for equine use, biking, hiking, and as a hunting camp over the years. Long story short, since the late 90's the camp has been threatened for closure due to cultural resource, ecologic, and recreational issues that have all been disproved by those of us dedicated to keeping the camp open. In each case, each reason could not be verified by the land management and produced challenges that defied belief at times.

Since 2012, this situation has changed, which I presume is due to staffing changes that created a more user-friendly atmosphere that has resulted in a good working relationship with DNR. The camp was finally certified and protected in 2017, keeping it safe from closure for 35 years. However, we recently faced a new challenge when a routine inspection of a small, wooden bridge on the road leading to the camp resulted in the bridge being condemned. This bridge is situated on a very small corner of privately owned Rayonier Timber property, presenting a challenge for repair. Rayonier did not have a reason to replace the bridge as it no

longer was necessary for their operations, but the bridge provided the only safe access for towing horse trailers up to the DNR Tunerville camp. Thanks to dedicated help from State Representative Brian Blake, Back Country Horsemen of WA, Oregon Equestrian Trails, and Friends of Tunerville, joining in a collaborative way, a solution was brought forward, first in the capital budget, and then through a plan put forth between DNR and Rayonier to begin removal and replacement of the bridge beginning in July 2018. It is scheduled to be completed by October of 2018, just in time for hunting season. In the meantime, access is by way of a difficult detour over the hill.

This is a testimony to all of us that if we want to keep something bad enough, we need to work together to defend what we have. Those of us who work and pay taxes deserve our recreation and therapy time. It is not right to have what we pay for scaled back or closed, especially with access fees on top of everything else! Let's stop taking NO for an answer and work together for a better quality of life for all. It results in a WIN/WIN for agencies AND all of us. Back Country Horsemen and other non-profit organizations are there for us to call on in these types of situations. They lobby for us and know the political lingo. This is what encouraged me to join as a member. They came to the rescue in 2000 and again in 2018. Heroes for all of us. Thanks to all. **2**

2018 National Trail Day



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Left to right in posed group photo: Tony Truog, Chris Allen, Russ Stultz, Jerry Keach, Linda Hunger, Marilyn Pineda, Randy Diefert. Not shown, Rich Ruhl

By Marilyn Pineda, Newsletter Editor BHCW Skagit Chapter

Skagit Chapter celebrated National Trails Day over the weekend of Jun 2 & 3, 2018 in epic form! Some of our members participated in a large trail project organized by the DNR on Blanchard Mountain. Whatcom and Skagit Back Country Horsemen, local soaring clubs, hikers and mountain bike clubs took on a large project of improving trails on the mountain for all of the user groups. Meanwhile, other Skagit members participated in a Sawyer's Certification Class led by Randy Diefert. Rich Ruhl and I (Marilyn Pineda) joined 5 other students for a day of class time followed by an adventurous day of field work near Langley, Washington.

The certification class was open to anyone 18 years of age and older with a love for trails and the desire to be approved to use crosscut saws or chainsaws on authorized trail work activities. Folks like me who had no previous certification had the opportunity to get on board with the Sawyer Certification Program that is set up between BCHW and the USFS. Persons who were previously certified at Level A or B had the opportunity to expand their applicable experience and, if appropriate, raise their certification to Level B or C. This opportunity attracted not only equestrians, but hikers and mountain bikers, so the

class was yet another event offering a great venue for several different types of trail users to work together.

The first day was spent in class covering the various types of crosscut saws, as well as the mechanical understandings of a chainsaw. We also spent some time discussing the cautions of felling trees, but much more time was spent on matters pertaining to safety issues and logistics of clearing logs and partially fallen trees from established trails. It was a full day on the clock, but it went by fast! My favorite new technical term learned from the day was "SWAMPING!" I taught this word to my grandchildren, and they love it – they now feel more important than ever before when we are out clearing brush at our local trail work parties!

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This was THE largest project of our fieldwork day.

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Marilyn Pineda at log with Jerry Keach

Rustler's Gulch



By Michelle Irwin President IEBCH

On June 22, the Inland Empire BCH chapter, along with members from the Ponderosa and Northeast chapters, completed a trailhead at Rustler's Gulch in Pend Oreille County on Department of Fish and Wildlife property. This new trailhead provides access to the Rustler's Gulch area. The West branch of the Little Spokane River runs through the property and provides for two river crossings. The trail system follows the river and also provides views of a beaver pond and Fan Lake. The IEBCH chapter provided \$5,000 for funding of

this project and the BCHW RTP grant provided for the rest of the funding. Ken Elliott was the project manager and did an excellent job on building this beautiful trailhead. He used his construction expertise as well as organizational skills to make this project run smoothly. After the project was completed, IEBCH sponsored a barbeque and ride for all three chapters and volunteers involved. Maps and trailhead access information can be found on the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife web page. 🐾

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The second day was spent in the woods applying our classroom discussions towards actual work that needed to be done on a local trail system. Randy had received a request for help regarding a large tree that had fallen and was hung up across a popular multi-user trail in Putney Woods on the south end of Whidbey Island. Mind you, I totally trusted the skill and wisdom of our instructor, but I have to admit I was taken back a bit at the site of that tree and its position. It seemed like a sleeping monster, and we were about to wake it up to move it from its chosen resting place! And then I got excited as I started to see how things were going to be worked out.

Randy selected a couple of the more experienced members of the class to start with the hands-on part of our day in the field, and the rest of us listened in as the first cutter/swamper team started discussing their OHLEC (Objective, Hazards, Leans/binds, Escape route, Cut plan). Little

by little, and very methodically assessing each progressive stage, that sleeping monster was brought down to the ground without protest. Randy brought in other teams, in turns, to work on the tree at various stages pairing up beginners with knowledgeable woodsmen. Everyone was challenged, but nobody was asked to do anything out of their level of comfort. The monster was eventually dismantled and the pieces were rolled quietly to the side of the trail out of harm's way.

We had a long, hard working day in the woods that day – but it was also incredibly satisfying! Randy offered great support with his instructions, and the partners in each of the teams that were set up offered great encouragement to each other. Everyone was offered an opportunity to use the cross-cut and the chainsaw throughout the day, in a multitude of applications. We were all inspired by what we had learned and achieved, and nobody got hurt. It was definitely a successful day. Thank you, Randy! 🐾

North Summit Horse Campground – Report # 2 Moving Right Along



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The first load of gravel.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JZF

NSHC grading the road and a pull through.

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Getting the notice board frame on the trailer at JR. L. Bill Ford. R. Pete Stoothoff Dave (FS) driving mimi excavator.

By Bill and Jan Ford BCHW Methow Valley Chapter

The Methow Valley Chapter of BCHW (MVBCH) first reported on developing the North Summit Horse Campground (NSHC) at Loup Loup in the March/April edition of THN this year (2018). That report told how, when the snow stopped work in 2017, the campground had been surveyed, trees removed from designated road and campsite areas, and internal roads laid out.

On June 13th this year, after the snow had gone and machinery could be brought on site, construction work started again. The road around the campground was further developed and the first six campsites (five pull throughs and one back in) were cleared. After further leveling and rolling, the Forest Service Engineer visited during the last week of June and indicated changes and additions that were needed. When the roads had been widened in places and more fill had been added, a further inspection took place on June 28th and, this time, the roads and campsite pullouts were accepted as being ready for graveling. The first loads of gravel were delivered on July 2nd. This was a red-letter day for us. Five loads of gravel were hauled from Winthrop that day, and another eight days of delivery followed, finishing on July 18th. In all, more than 1,420 tons have been purchased so far – costing over \$25,000.

The cost of spreading, leveling and compacting the gravel is substantial. It has involved an impressive array of machinery and a lot of operator time. Total construction costs, including preparation for graveling, are at least \$36,000. Six inches of gravel must be laid on the roads and on the pull-out camping areas. The six inches have to be compacted to an average of four inches. The next inspection by the Forest Service engineer will determine if this requirement has been met.

In less than three weeks, between July 2nd and 20th, about 180 volunteer hours were spent by about 20 MVBCH members, some of them bringing their own tractors and trailers. They cleared the areas in each campsite where the picnic table, fire ring, and a high line will be located. The community meeting

area was cleared and branches were removed where they impinged on the road. In addition, members moved the contents of the decommissioned Forest Service JR Campground to NSHC, about a mile away along Highway 20. This Forest Service donation provided some of the picnic tables and fire rings needed for the six campsites in the 1st phase of NSHC, as well as some signage, fencing etc. Forest Service staff helped to uproot the equipment with a mini excavator, and MVBCH members moved and unloaded it at NSHC using their own tractors and trailers.

We appreciate the help that members of the Okanogan Chapter gave at one of the work parties. They also provided a most welcome barbecue lunch with hot dogs.

We are now asking for financial help from other chapters to complete Phase 1 of this campground. This includes the development of the first six of 12 individual campsites, construction of a highline/hitch rack for each completed campsite, signage, bulletin board, manure bunkers and fencing. The campground cannot be used until the Forest Service approves the completion of requirements for Phase 1, nor can we proceed with Phase 2.

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Using a tractor to pile debris on a camp site.

Traildusters 2018 Buckaroo Ride

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By Beth Ferris, Traildusters

Traildusters Buckaroo ride was started many years ago because most of the rides this chapter goes on aren't very kid friendly. They tended to be very "scenic," with the occasional cliffhanger, steep, cross country trails and 6-8 hour rides. This isn't the best situation to take kids just learning to get out and camp with their family and horses.

Some of the original kids have now graduated college, gotten married, some have moved on and some are still riding with Back Country Horsemen. This is the real basis for this effort. We need to plant the seed for the next generation of backcountry riders.

Each year the Buckaroo Ride is put on the ride schedule, an area is located with easy, relaxing trails and good camping. All members are invited and encouraged to bring a kid. This includes bringing their children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or borrow the kid from next door.

This year there were 4 grandparents, 2 parents, a single mom, an aunt & uncle and one set of borrowed adults (they brought their neighbor's teenager). There were 2 children, 2 nieces, 1 granddaughter and the neighbor's borrowed teenager.

For the past several years we have enjoyed the pleasure of camping on private property in the Teanaway Valley. The property is located on the Middle Fork of the Teanaway River, where the river flows over smooth sandstone with a narrow, deeper channel of water. Okay, in late July, the deeper part is up to three feet. This is perfect for all family members to lounge and play safely after a great ride.

The rides were kept to under 3 hours. Unfortunately, some of that was due to the ground bees that were encountered on all three rides. There are just some things you can't predict.

Our two youngest riders were eight and eleven years old. The other four were teenagers with varying levels of riding experience. Three of the six kids have attended the Buckaroo Ride in the past. It was fun to see how much they have grown in height and riding abilities.


If the seed is never planted, the tree will not grow. Please take the time in your ride planning to include a Buckaroo Ride for your chapter and plant the seeds. 



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North Summit Campground


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MVBCH has covered the major costs (construction and gravel), using some of the income from our Spring Ride, and with the help of donations from several of our own individual and family members (plus a donation from family members of another chapter). We also thank Wenatchee and Pierce County chapters for their support.

Can you or your chapter help? The North Summit Horse Campground is for use by anyone. It is easy to reach, just off

State Route 20. It gives access to many trails and it will be a first-rate facility for riders and horses of all levels of ability. Not too many more horse campgrounds (if any) will be built on Forest Service land in this state.

For further information, contact Bill Ford: wpjzford@centurylink.net or phone 509-997-0133

Visit MVBCH.com for updates on the North Summit Horse Campground. 



BCHW 2nd Quarter 2018 Board of Director's Meeting – June 16, 2018

Kittitas Valley Event Center – Armory Building, Ellensburg, WA

By Janelle Wilson, BCHW Secretary

BCHW President, Kathy Young, presided over the meeting, which began at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned for committee meetings at 2:15 p.m. Darrell Wallace served as parliamentarian.

The meeting began with roll call by Secretary, Janelle Wilson. Absent were: Inland Empire, Island, Mount Adams, and Oakland Bay. Excused was Wenatchee Valley. A quorum was present. Next the agenda was adopted as amended and the Minutes of the 4th Quarter 2017 Board of Director's Meeting were approved as corrected. Approval of the 1st Quarter 2018 Board of Directors Meeting followed.

Officer and Committee Reports had been provided to Directors electronically prior to the meeting for their consideration. Executive Committee had taken no actions for the Board to discuss. The Treasurer, Teri Starke, gave her report about the Budget and responded to the questions. Calendars for 2019 were available for Directors to purchase. Joe Watt Ride fund raiser propos-

als are due to Jason Ridlon by September and a decision will be announced in December. Per Dave Jackson, the Winery Ride fund raiser will be the last Saturday in October as usual and volunteers are needed. Nicole Sedgwick needs help with the Rendezvous fund raiser since nobody has agreed to lead/chair for 2019 and beyond.

Grants Committee, Darrell Wallace; Safety Committee, Doc Westelius; and Executive Director, Nicole Sedgwick, reports had been read prior to the meeting by Directors and there were no questions.

BCHA report was given by Darrell Wallace, Jason Ridlon, and Bill McKenna about the National Board Meeting that was held in Spokane in April. The hard hat went to California for \$1400 (Craig Allen from Utah proposed to match the BCHW bid of \$700, if the hard hat could go to CA). North Carolina will be

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flying 3 members out to the Statewide Work Party in July. Directors were reminded that deadlines for signing up for the Statewide Work Party must be strictly observed. Kathy Young announced that the Independent Director position is open. Jason Ridlon is stepping down to concentrate more fully on special projects as BCHW Vice President.

Membership Development, Governance and Bylaws, Sawyer Program, Publicity/THN, Website, Trail Miles, BHCW History had nothing new to report.

Jeff Chapman, Legislative Chair, reported some additions to his written report. The Board thanked Jeff for making it easy to write letters to legislators. The Tunerville Horse Camp bridge will be replaced. Public Lands Chair, Pete Erben, gave his report and Directors discussed several items. Discussion followed.

BCHW Store manager, Lori Lennox, reminded Chapters that there are no order forms; so, none should be placed on websites or in the THN. BCHW sells only at public events. Louise Caywood, reported on Volunteer Hours and a coordinator is needed for the NE region because Dave Sunde has resigned. A new coordinator for Independents is also being sought. Awards chair, Lynn Wilhelm-Howell, reminded Directors about the Cinch Award and announced February 8th as the deadline for nominations for all awards. Directors thanked Lynn for doing a great job. Membership Chair, Dana Chambers, was unable to attend the meeting; so Kathy took a poll of the Directors about YM membership. The general opinion of the majority was that there are unresolved concerns and that it is too cumbersome; so, Kathy put together a committee to work on suggestions to improve YM membership and address some of the ongoing issues. Louise Caywood announced that the LNT report would be available for Directors to read online and made a few announcements. Education chair, Kim Merrick, explained her report.

Then the next item on the days agenda was Unfinished Business.

New Trail Head News proposals (other quotes) were distributed to Directors. A motion was made and Directors discussed the issue, but that motion failed. Then, Doug Stewart, Northeast, moved to use WAMedia publishing for the THN 6 times per year and try to get the lowest price possible. The motion was seconded and discussed. Bill McKenna, moved to table the motion to the 3rd quarter board meeting. The motion was seconded and explained by the parliamentarian. Directors voted to table primary motion to the 3rd quarter board of Directors meeting in September. Jeff Chapman reminded the Board that the Lobbyist conversation should occur with the discussion in September.

Then the following issue on the days agenda was **New Business**. Nicole Sedgwick addressed chapter-owned cargo trailers, their contents, and insurance. Discussion followed and a quote will be sought for the LNT trailer. Cathy Upper demonstrated a bucket bag gravel bag that will hold water. Teri Starke, Treasurer, explained the changes to the 990 and the Directors voted to accept the 990 for the taxes as currently published with corrections. Then she consulted the Directors concerning the BCHW bank account and the Directors voted to have her take \$120,000.00 from Umpqua money market savings and invest in CD's at Edward Jones with various maturity dates to maximize interest returns. The Directors also voted to create a line item to the budget, determined by the Treasurer, for up to \$1,500.00 to help our members get their First Aid/CPR cards. The cost to attend the class will be \$20.00 for members, and will be held at either Rendezvous or Leadership Training.

The final item on the agenda was Good of the Order.

- Remember to nominate chapter members to attend WTA Crew Leadership College. BCHW can send 2 members every year.
- Pierce County Fair Parking volunteers are needed for August 9-12 to help with parking.
- WA State Trails Conference is Oct 25-27, 2018, in Wenatchee.
- National Trails Conference is Oct 22-25, 2018, in Vancouver – volunteers are needed. Attendance is also encouraged. PNTS.ORG Survey to sign up will be forwarded to Directors.
- BCHW Meeting and Event Dates have been projected out to 2023. Directors voted to approve them as proposed.
- 3rd annual Haney Meadows work party will be hosted by Tahoma and Traildusters Chapter the week of July 4th and everyone is welcome to volunteer.
- Dream Ride in Cle Elum is July 20-21, hosted by Olympic Chapter.
- Packers are needed for geology students from Oregon State University at the Goat Rocks. Contact Steve Miller 509-834-0049.
- 2018 Chapter Accomplishments, Louise Caywood, distributed instructions to Directors.
- Kim Merrick encouraged Directors to meet with their Alternate prior to Board Meetings to discuss all the reports and proposals.
- Nine Mile Forest Service Class, Tom Mix is taking names for the coming year for people interested in learning to file/sharpen saws. 🐿



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

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

Tahoma Chapter 28th Annual Prize Ride

Saturday, September 8
<http://www.tahomabchw.org/>

BCHW Basic Skills Class/LNT

Friday-Sunday, September 14, 15 & 16, 2018
Pilchuck Tree Farm Arlington, WA
Overnight dry camping available
\$50.00 registration fee includes 3 meals
Saturday & 2 meals Sunday, Friday night potluck
Check with your chapter to help cover cost
Contact Sue Ward josuward@msn.com
C 206-618-2098 or H 425-334-6037

3rd Quarter BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting

Saturday, September 15
Kittitas Valley Event Center
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick
360-640-1495 • bchwexec@bchw.org

Mt. Olympus Chapter Annual Campout

Friday - Sunday, September 21-23
Ride-out Saturday, Sept 22 at 10:00 AM
Littleton Horse Camp/Mt. Muller Trail, Port Angeles, WA
USFS Pass & Weed-Free Forage Required
Come for the ride, or camp out all weekend
Pot-luck & children's activities on Sat. night
Info: Meghan Adamire, 360-460-0882
mtolympuschapterbchw@gmail.com

Ferry County Chapter Maple Mountain Ride & Pot Luck

Saturday, September 22
George Young • 509-775-9998

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

Willapa Hills Fall Fun Ride

Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018
Oxbow trails on SR6, Milepost 10 near Raymond, WA
First rider out 9:00/Last 11:00
no dogs or stallions please
\$20.00 Adult donation is for ride, lunch, and a chance at a door prize
\$15.00 Youth donation for same
Lunch only ticket \$6.00
Tack sale also
Call 360-942-8299 or 360-942.3672 for more info

Ponderosa Chapter Annual Scavenger Hunt Fundraiser

Saturday, September 29
Riverside State Park near Spokane
Ken Carmichael • 509-466-2225
kcarmichael2225@gmail.com

Traildusters Halloween Prize Ride

Saturday, October 6, 2018
Pilchuck Treefarm, Arlington, WA
\$300 First Prize
Call Cathy Nelson 425-231-2148
trippfenfarm@gmail.com
traildusters.org

Whatcom Salmon Fest Ride and Lunch

Saturday, October 6, 2018
Bryce Creek Camp (Heady Trail)
First riders out 9:30/Last 11:00 AM
Trails Marked
Lunch served 12:30 PM
Ride and Salmon lunch - \$15/person
Ride and Hot Dog lunch - \$10/person
Ride Only - \$10/person
Helen 360-592-8080

17th Annual Winery Ride and Halloween Costume/Prize Ride

Saturday, October 27
Zillah, WA
bchwwineryride@gmail.com

4th Quarter BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting

Saturday, December 1
Kittitas Valley Event Center
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick
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Example

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

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

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Name of Ride _____
Date _____
First Rider Out _____
Location _____
Register _____
Lunch _____
Name of Pass Required (if needed) _____
Weed-Seed-Free Feed Required _____
Camping (if available) _____
Cost to Member _____
Cost to Non-member _____
Contact Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Website _____

Mark your calendars for the following Forest Service fee-free days in 2018:

Sept. 29: National Public Lands Day | Nov. 11: Veterans' Day | Nov. 23: Autumn free day