

WHATCOM CHAPTER



Newsletter of the Whatcom Chapter
Backcountry Horsemen of Washington

TRAIL TALES

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Notes from the President

April 2022

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Spring is here and day light savings time comes with it longer days of enjoying the outdoors. This could be riding, gardening, hiking or whatever your interest is. For myself it is a time to decompress from the computer and refresh my mind and soul.

I had the wonderful opportunity to attend Rendezvous. The weather was fantastic for Ellensburg, many vendors, beautiful and creative displays of LNT. The state did a great job organizing an event that has been on hold for 2 years.

Dr Sharon Hoofnagle gave a presentation on Equine Back Country First Aid. Monica Uruchurtu also gave a presentation on Horse Massage for Owners. I understand the clinics were well attended. It was wonderful to see many smiling faces and rekindle old and make new friendships. We had 2 tables at the catered dinner auction. Our Chapter donated a sprayer for your ATV and Mike McGlenn donated an original custom painting on an old stovetop. The live auction was long and it went well.

We will have a booth at the Lynden Farm Expo on April 23rd. If you have pictures or would like to volunteer, please contact Sharon Hoofnagle. This is a perfect opportunity for us to connect with the local community.

Come out to our next General meeting held April 13th at the Laurel Grange Hall. Remember our social hour starts at 6:30. This chapter is so amazing; it's because we are strong, we love and enjoy each other, we feel valued what we give individually. Your membership to the chapter is because you believe in the mission of keeping our trails open for all user groups.

~Ride on and stay safe! Cindy

Cindy Piccolo President

Check out our Website:

<http://www.whatcom-bch.com/>

VET NOTES Sharon Hoofnagle D.V.M. Two Subjects This Month: Critter-Sitter info and Laminitis Alert

Critter-sitter info

With the price of fuel we may not be traveling much this year. But just in case you do get away here are some care-taker suggestions. Email your caretaker the instructions and leave a second copy on the farm.

Horse Care Instructions

leaving date ,expected return date , contact information

PHONE 1 PHONE 2 EMAIL OUT-OF-AREA EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE

■ HORSE CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Include NAME , DESCRIPTION, STALL OR PASTURE DAILY FEED AND WATERING INSTRUCTIONS MEDS ,SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

VETERINARIAN and financial instruction. You can leave directives with your veterinarian and payment options

other instructions (How to turn off water main, where blankets are located, etc.)

Laminitis Alert

This is an extreme danger time for laminitis. The grass is growing rapidly. Sunny days and cool nights concentrates the sugars. If your veterinarian has identified your horse as being prone to laminitis take the recommended precautions to avoid it. Spring vaccinations are an excellent time to have your vet check your horse and discuss the conditions that can be involved. Management is usually easy but will differ from horse to horse because so many factors are involved that are constantly changing.

2022 TRAIL BOSSES

Rocky Leavitt
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Joe Remenar
360-778-9848

Roger Nelson
360-599-2461

WORK PARTY COORDINATOR

Roger Nelson
360-599-2461

PACKING COORDINATOR

Rocky Leavitt
360-599-2675

From: **McKown, Hyden (DNR)**

<Hyden.McKown@dnr.wa.gov>

Date: Tue, Mar 15, 2022 at 9:24 AM

Subject: Oyster Timber Sale at Olsen Creek

To: Mike McGlenn <mikekmcglenn@gmail.com> ,

Hey,

Just another friendly reminder that heavy truck traffic is expected to be begin on April 1st at Olsen Creek. Please share with your clubs as you see fit. Thank you,

Hyden McKown
Baker District Recreation Manager
Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
(360) 854-8835 (cell)

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WBCH General Meeting Minutes March 16 2022

The meeting was called to order by Cindy Piccolo at 7:00 pm at the Laurel Grange.

The pledge of allegiance was said. Members in attendance: 13

Sunshine report: Michelle M sent out 5 cards. To respect privacy recipients were not named.

Treasurers report: Tim V. stated account balances. Members can access account balances privately.

Volunteer hrs.: Cindy reported on behalf of Verna: 85 ½ hrs. were reported for Feb.

Directors: Bill M-Rendezvous is this weekend. Bill bought a sprayer for the auction. We had slated \$250 for an item. It retails for about \$500. He has reserved 2 tables for our club, there are 4 seats left.

We have two club members as presenters.

Regarding state reorganization- an executive committee is being formed but the membership is uncertain. Ken Carmichael found a state code that prevents non-elected members to serve on the committee.

Joe R. he can bring items back from the store at rendezvous if members want to order online.

Work parties: Roger N.- none planned

Packing coordinator: Rocky- no changes, Pasayten in July and 1st week in Aug. Last year the work was shut down due to fires. More work may come in. Rocky states the Pasayten trails are easy and more folks should ride them.

There will also be finishing up work at Excelsior and Schreiber's.

Grants: Tim, Bill, and Mike met and went over the RCO grant 2 2/1 weeks ago. They have 4-5 hopeful projects. They met 1 week ago on the Hot Shot grant- they discussed S Fork, Silver Lake, and Chuckanut.

Bill- there is more work to be done at Schreiber's and Excelsior but mostly work, no funds needed.

On Excelsior there may be more steps, possible culvert, possible car decking.

On Silver Lake Bill described the proposed changes at Silver Lake: turn the barns into removable pens, build a perimeter road around the meadow with camp sites and high lines.

Joe: We did 100% of the requested work on Schreiber's and 95% on Excelsior last year. Also packed in to Elbow Lake and rebuilt the ford twice.

On future work parties, more help is needed: security for vehicles, help with stock, bring food.

Trailheads:

Y-Rd Stewart: the logging road on the south side is completed. They will start hauling logs on the first of April. Stock should avoid the south side, the 15-mile loop on that side will probably be closed, avoid the bridge across Olsen Creek. (Sharon will try to check if they will be logging weekends)

Vedder: trails are dry.

Parking lot: Marie T- hikers are parking in stock areas and there have been a few campers. We need signs, a committee was suggested. Rocky, Linda, and Marie were suggested. (post add. Marie is very busy, can't help right now)

Auction: Melinda- the committee met, reviewed the list. A few members went to the cattlemen's auction and got some ideas. Value letters need to be in by April 16th. All donations need a value letter. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers. We need help setting up, running the silent auction, bidding sheets, etc. We will provide coffee, tea, and water. Cicchitti's pizza truck will provide food. They are not charging us a minimum amount fee

Small Farm Expo: Sharon- need new photos, camping, riding, work party photos. The expo is April 23rd. We will need help the day of the expo.

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Good of the order

The 7 principles of Leave No Trace were read:

Plan ahead and Prepare

Camp and ride on durable surfaces

Dispose of waste

Leave what you find

Minimize campfire impact

Respect wildlife

Be considerate of other visitors

call for adjournment by Joe, seconded by Bill. Meeting adjourned at 7:54
submitted by Sharon Hoofnagle secretary



WANTED: 7-15 YEAR OLD QUARTER HORSE OR QUARTER HORSE MIX GELDING OR

MARE, 15 - 15.3 hands. Good Trail Horse. No bad habits. References available upon request. Please call: Peggy or Ed Chase at 360-988-5332

HORSE: I have a friend who is looking for a place to board a horse. Please let members know or put it in the next news letter. They can contact me at 360 318-5509 or jjyy@earthlink.net

A Special Thank You to:

Laurel Farm & Western Supply

America's Horse Country

Weylin & Amy Eldred

325 W Laurel Rd., Bellingham 360/398-1216

* 360/398-8050 fax

Hours: Mon- Fri: 8:30am. to 7 pm; Sat:

8:30am. to 6:00 pm. and Sun 9 am. to 5 pm.

Free event!



Whatcom Farm Expo



April 23

9AM - 2PM

Farm Pavilion

NW WA Fairgrounds

Lynden, WA 98264

www.whatcomcd.org • 360-526-2381

Speakers

9:30AM - 1:30PM

#WhatcomFarmExpo

Bring Your Horse Home

Molly McDaniel, local farrier & trainer

Maximize Forage Potential

Cat Sieh, Legacy Lambs

Pastured Poultry

Stephen King, local regenerative farmer

Asian Giant Hornets

Cassie Cichorz, WSDA

Planning & Funding Your Farm Goals

Aneka Sweeney, Whatcom CD

Permaculture Resilience

Brian Kerkvliet, Inspiration Farm

Keynote Panel: 12:00 PM

Starting & Nurturing

A Successful Farm Business

Katie Pencke: Alluvial Farms

Allison Trimble: Coastal Realty

Marie Hegarty: Fair Cow's Path Farm

Elizabeth Hayes: Cloud Mountain Farm Center

May 21--April 22



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CALENDAR



Due to the coronavirus, more information on the following will be sent by email at a later date. All dates are currently pending until further notice.

At this time work parties will be scheduled as needed and email will be sent to notify members.

Apr 4, 2022----zoom board meeting at 7:00pm.

Apr 13, 2022----general meeting at Laurel Grange on Guide Meridian, social hour at 6:30pm and meeting at 7:00pm.

April 23, 2022----Whatcom Farm Expo at the Fairgrounds in Lynden.

Volunteer Hours for February 2022, a total of 85.5 hrs.

Basic---23, skilled---3, Educ---1.5, admin---49, travel---2.5 hrs.

Bill McKenna

Bobbie Carter

Cindy Piccolo

Debbie Lagerwey

Fran Van Diest

Jackie Yereance

Joe Remenar

Melinda Smull

Mike McGlenn

Nancy Giordano

Rocky Leavitt

Roger Edmonds

Sam Miller

Sharon Hoofnagle

Tim Van Beek

Verna McLeod

Auction

The auction committee has been working hard and getting everything ready to have an auction this year. Since not having an auction for the last 2 years, the committee is going thru the donated items and contacting the businesses that donated gift certificates to make sure we are still able to use them and also updating the list.

Melinda is also getting volunteers to help with the auction where ever needed. Will need to setup items, help with the office, silent and live auction and help clean up. Having lots of helpers really helps so not just a few have to do all the work.

It takes hours and hours to make the auction a success! We appreciate all your help! Contact Melinda at 360-595-2137 or send her an email at mwrsmull@aol.com if you can help.

Save the date: May 14, 2022 and join us!

Fran

2022 COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

LEGISLATIVE:

Bill McKenna
360-599-2526

LEAVE NO TRACE:

Bill McKenna
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VOLUNTEER HOURS:

Verna McLeod
360-595-2744

PROGRAMS:

Sharon Hoofnagle
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SUNSHINE

Michelle McKenna
360-599-2526

TRAIL HEAD COMMITTEE

Mike McGlenn
360-739-2619

SCRAPBOOK

Debbie Lagerwey
360-354-2804
Need Pictures!

Sunshine Committee

If you know someone that needs a little ray of sunshine, please contact Michelle McKenna at 360-599-2526 or send her an email at:

wintercreek10@gmail.com

Mike McGlenn: get well card sent to Mike as he recovers from knee surgery.

THE WHATCOM CHAPTER OF

BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN of WA

INVITES YOU TO OUR 23RD
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AUCTION

Saturday, May 14, 2022

Deming Logging Show

3295 Cedarville Rd.
Bellingham.

5:30-7:00pm--Silent Auction

7:15pm--Live Auction starts

Cicchitti's Food truck available



Backcountry Horsemen have been teaching our Leave No Trace Principles by example while helping to maintain thousands of miles of multi-use trails. Your local Whatcom Country Chapter of Backcountry Horsemen works with:

- City and County Parks Departments
- Dept of Natural Resources
- US Forest Service
- Pacific NW Trails Association
- Washington Trails Association

to protect Multi-User Trailheads and trail facilities in remote areas of our region.

Volunteer members ride and pack in supplies by horseback on maintenance projects to benefit many users.

Funds raised buy equipment and supplies to help preserve our right to ride and access public lands for future generations. As a local non profit organization, we rely on community support of our efforts on behalf of all trail users, including riders, bikers, runners, walkers, and naturalists.



Join our fun Auction on May 14, 2022 at Deming Logging Show

(Cash, Check and Credit Card)



(For the past 2 years we have not had our auction, due to Covid restrictions, we are looking forward to this auction).

For more information or to donate contact:
Melinda Smull at 360-595-2137
Sam Miller at 360-325-2833 or
Nancy Giordano at 360-961-0822



Rendezvous March 18---20, 2022

Here are few pictures taken at the Rendezvous this year. Deanna DeBoer won the saddle raffle!

Congratulations!

Looks like everybody was having a good time!

Fran





Rendezvous March 18--20, 2022

Here are a few more pictures at the Rendezvous.



Trails:

If you see trails that need work, please notify Roger Nelson at rogerramjet1960@hotmail.com.

We may need to schedule a work party

Fran

Come Join Us!

Go to BCHW.org and join or renew online. If online is not an option, please fill out this paper application and sign, (all members 18 and over must sign) enclose your cash or check made out to BCHW and mail to:

BCHW Membership Chair
11404 210th Ave Ct E
Bonney Lake, WA 98391



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Member Info

Check One: ☐ New Member ☐ Renewal ☐ Secondary Chapter Application Only

Adult's name(s):

Children's name(s):

Mailing Address:

City:

ST:

Zip:

Phone number:

E-mail:

Legislative district (if known):

County:

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CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

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☐ Family \$54.00

Levels below include Single and Family

☐ Contributing \$75.00
☐ Sustaining \$125.00
☐ Patron \$250.00
☐ Benefactor \$500.00
☐ Lifetime (Single) \$1200.00

All chapter members must also be a member of BCHW. However, BCHW dues only need to be paid **once** each year. Joining additional (secondary) chapters only requires paying chapter dues.

Chapter Name (or Independent):

Whatcom Co.

If joining a secondary Chapter, provide the Chapter name where BCHW State dues have been paid for 2021:

Chapter Dues \$10.00

Please consider making a Chapter donation:

Please consider making a State donation:

State Subtotal \$

Chapter Subtotal \$

Grand Total (State+Chapter) \$

NOTICES

By signing this membership application, you will agree to the terms of our Liability Release. You can read it on our website at bchw.org, under the Join tab. You also agree to receive notices from BCHW/BCHA by electronic transmission at the above email address.

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.

Signature:

Date

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Date



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Next
Whatcom Chapter Backcountry Horsemen

Meeting:
General Meeting: April 13, 2022
Laurel Community Grange
6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden, WA

Social at 6:30pm
Meeting 7:00pm---8:30pm

