



TRAIL TALES

February 2009

Notes from the president

BCHW mission statement: 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.

Hello Whatcom BCH'ers,

February is time for our annual auction fundraiser which will be held on Friday, February 27th at the Everson Auction Barn. I hope I can count on your support. We are in the process of collecting donated items. Things like good clean slightly used tack, yummy home baked items, hand crafted items, services like tractor work or tack cleaning, catered dinners or rides are just a few items that sell well. Please contact Kathy A., Melinda H. Lisa O, Annette B., or myself if you have an item to donate or have any questions. We also are in need of a few more volunteers to help run the auction; I will have a sign-up sheet available at the next general meeting. Thank you to those who have already signed up! I am also hopping that you will all plan on attending. Tell all your family, friends and neighbors, our success depends on you. We always have a great time; I hope to see you there.

We also have the beautiful hand made 4' x 6' quilt to raffle off. If you would like to sell or buy tickets please contact Lisa O. Tickets cost \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. The winner will be drawn at the Auction and you do not have to be present to win.

March 2nd is WA BCH Legislation day; contact Mike McGlenn if you are interested in going down to Olympia and meeting with other BCH Chapter members and your State Senators and/or Representatives. Mike would like to have a good turnout this year so if you are free that Monday please plan on attending. There will be a pre-meeting/reception on Sunday, March 1st at 6 P.M. at the Clarion Motel. For more information refer to page 3 of your Trailhead News.

The adopt a ride program is off to a great start. A sign-up sheet was passed around at the January meeting and we got a lot of volunteers. There are still some openings so if you are interested in hosting a ride there are still opportunities out there. The sign-up sheet will be passed around again at the February meeting.

In closing I would like to remind you to be safe and wear a helmet. You never know when your horse is going to shy or jump over something. If you have your head protected it could be the difference between life and death. I always wear mine.

Your President,
Susan

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AUCTION FEBURARY 27, 2009

Our auction on Friday, February 27, is right around the corner. Now is the time to really get out there and solicit good quality items and services. A natural time to ask is when doing business with the establishment. Also, remind donors (or prospective donors) that we are a 501 c(3) corporation so their donations are tax deductible. Please be sensitive to the economic climate and that people may not be able to be as generous as in past years.

If some people want to get together and do a "themed" gift basket, those usually go over well. We are also looking for hand-crafted items from all of you talented and creative people as well as home-made baked goods.

The auction committee would appreciate receiving any auction items as early as possible. It would be best if we had most everything a week before the auction (except perishables of course!) so they can be included in the program and the donors receive recognition in print. Items may be delivered the night of the auction, but it does make it much more difficult. We do have volunteers that will come and pick up things if you call us (contact Kathy at 398-8257).

The Cattleman's Cafe will be open the evening of the auction. Please support them as they so generously support us every year. Bring your friends and neighbors and join us for a fun and rewarding evening at the Everson Auction Barn on Friday, February 27, 2009. The silent auction runs from 5:30 to 7:00 with the live auction beginning at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Adams

2009 TRAIL BOSSES

Cindy Piccolo
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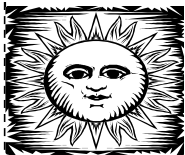
WORK PARTY COORDINATOR

(need a volunteer)

**Check out our
Website:
[www.Whatcom-
bch.com](http://www.Whatcom-bch.com)**

50/50 Draw

Wendy Davis won the 50/50, she left with \$24.00. Congratulations!



Sunshine Committee

**If you know someone that needs a little ray of sunshine, please contact
Toni Blakely at 360-332-7120**

Cindy Piccolo: Cindy's father was ill, thinking of you card sent to Cindy. May your dad have a speedy recovery.

EDITOR'S POLICIES

Trail Tales is published monthly. Deadline for submission of articles is the 15th of each month. Non-copyrighted submissions are welcomed (subject to space limitations). Opinions and views expressed in letters or personal articles are not necessarily the opinions of BCH.

Send submissions to: Editor, Fran Van Diest, 723 Van Wyck Rd, Bellingham, Wa 98226. E-mail to: wbnnewseditors@msn.com or fvandiest@msn.com.

BCH minutes**General meeting minutes Jan 14, 2009- Laurel Grange**

The meeting was called to order by Susan Sebastian at 7:03. After the Pledge of Allegiance the agenda was adopted.

President Susan Sebastian read a card received from Ebenezer School, thanking BCH for our donation. They were Arie VanWeerdhuizen's suggested charity. The Hill and Valley Riders 4-H club is having a tack sale Jan 24th from 10-3. Due to recent weather conditions trails are saturated with water. so our January ride has been cancelled.

Visitors were introduced by Alice Yancey. Susan and Lucian Stacy have seen members on the trails and are friends of Rosemary Gustafson. Donna Kelleher was another visitor.

Treasurer's report- Lynn Johnson: We are receiving a check from Country Supply as a percentage of orders. If membership renewals are paid in 2008 they can be deducted for 2008 taxes. If they are paid in 2009 they will be deducted on your 2009 tax return. Lynn has extra membership applications and decals.

Committee Reports

Directors: no report

Finance- Sam Miller announced that no requests have been made.

BCH hats were brought by Mike McGlenn ; they can be purchased for \$15.

Legislative- Mike McGlenn: March 2nd is Legislative Day in Olympia. Sunday March 1st there will be a meeting in the hotel. Monday March 2nd attendees will be meeting with their legislators. Mike McGlenn and Rick Olson are attending. Members are encouraged to attend .

Trailhead-Mike McGlenn: Mike passed out an artist's rendition of the proposed Acme Trailhead. The plan is out of a book. Proposed plans include a paved parking lot with marked parking and a water trough. Mike requested input from members. He can be reached by phone or email. Sharon Hoofnagle voiced opposition to paving the parking area. Horses stepping out of trailers can slip. There have been several injuries, including fractures, particularly when stepping out backward and slipping a rear leg under the trailer. She also is concerned about water troughs. There are numerous incidents where horses have picked up viral infections from communal water troughs. She suggested individual buckets filled from a spigot for watering your horses.

LNT: no report

Sunshine: Cindy Piccolo's Father is ill.

Trail Boss: Susan announced that Cindy Piccolo would like to be temporarily relieved of trail boss duties due to the illness of her Dad. Susan sent around a sign-up sheet for anyone wanting to adopt-a-ride. It would entail selecting an area, flagging the trail, making sure the trail is open, organizing the ride and picking up ribbons. Verna walker asked if others could help flag trails.

We need a work-party co-coordinator since both Mike Bjornstad and Rick Olson have other duties.

Newsletter- Fran Van Diest requested articles by the 20th.

Volunteer Hours- Fran Van Diest reported on our hours. We have 2399 hours for 2008, up from 2007. There were 10811 total miles, 104.5 equipment, and 196 stock hours

Volunteer awards were handed out by Susan Sebastian.

Certificates were earned by the following youth volunteers:

Members: Aaron Leavitt and Annie Vohs

Non-members: Ryan, Jeff, and Shane Hamstra, Allison and Sierra Potter

50 hour chevrons were earned by Kathy Adams, Mike Bjornstad, Matt Cannard, and Cheeta Stremmer. Gary Anderson and Letitia Wheeler earned the 50 hour and the 100 hour chevrons.

200 hours: Rick Olson, Cindy Piccolo, Susan Sebastian

500 hours: Sharon Hoofnagle

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General Meeting Minutes

Special recognitions were given to Roy Van Diest, and Gary Anderson for trail building and hauling fish. Rocky Leavitt also received a certificate for all of his trail work. Susan Sebastian presented Fran Van Diest with a pommel bag with the BCH insignia in appreciation for being ready to take on any task needing to be done. All members were thanked for their contributions to the club.

Old Business

Lake Padden- Mike Bjornstad: Mike has emailed the Parks Dept several times and has not received a reply. He will keep trying.

Auction- Kathy Adams: Kathy asked that members ask contacts for donations. Joe Attolini will be the auctioneer. The auction is Friday Feb 27th. The next auction committee meeting is a potluck at Melinda Hardin's place, Monday 7:00. Fliers are ready to be distributed. Email Mike Bjornstad where the fliers are left to avoid unnecessary trips. Tickets are available for the quilt we are raffling off, donated by the Crazy Eight Quilting club. The quilt is 48 x 72 inches with a dowel sleeve at the top. Tickets are \$5 apiece or 5 for \$20. A maximum of 500 tickets will be sold. There are no ticket stubs so buyers should print clearly on the ticket. You do not have to be present to win.

Y-Road: Donation box – Steve Adams will be working on it.

Confidence Ride: the ride is on April 25th at Stremmlers. Organizers are needed. Kathy Lockerbie will help but will not be available for the event. The Confidence Builder course has several obstacles that riders can work their horses over and around. It is not for in-experienced horses or riders. There is a lunch served, a large bonfire, and lots of stories.

50-50: Wendy Davis won \$24, 24 to the club.

New Business:

Melinda Hardin has calendars for sale, Laurel Feed has 5 left.

A sign—up sheet was passed around to provide treats for our meetings at the community hall.

State Meeting: the general meeting, directors and leadership training are combined. It will be on March 20-22 in Ellensburg. The directors will meet on the 20th, general meeting on the 21st, leadership training on the 22nd.

There will be a dinner dance and auction. We have budgeted \$250 for the auction. Susan Sebastian has made a few purchases for it. In the state newsletter we can sign up for a table at the dinner. Susan Sebastian will do this. The State website lists hotels and campgrounds. There will be vendors.

Northwest Region Ride: This ride benefits the Les Hilde Trailhead. The Region is Whatcom, Skagit, Island, Cascade, and Traildusters. There is a planning meeting this Friday, Susan Sebastian will attend. In the past we have done registration but would like to change. Options are flagging trail, dragging trail, manning stations. There will be a work party around June 27th. Skagit will provide lunch. The DNR will participate.

New Years Day Ride- Rick Olson: the ride was postponed until March 21st but maybe re-schedule again due to time conflicts.

Fran & Roy Van Diest hiked into Saxon on the Thousand Puddle trail and Ten Mile Loop. There is a lot of damage including mud slides and downed trees. The main logging road is cracking. On Y Road the road shoulders have been damaged.

A club campout was suggested, perhaps in Eastern Washington. The Manastash was suggested but motorcycles are a problem. Lions Rock is a possible area but there are other user groups using it also.

Fun comments: Verna Walker purchased some great gloves with liners at Hardware Sales. Sharon Hoofnagle reminded people to unplug tank trough heaters when not in use. Also they will corrode and it is recommended to remove them when the weather warms up.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Submitted by Sharon Hoofnagle

CALENDAR



- Feb 2 Monday** **Board Meeting** at Bob's Burger & Brew, New Market St., Bellingham, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting
- Feb 11 Wednesday** **General Meeting at Laurel Community Grange**, 6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden. **Meeting at 7:00.** Treats and beverages Susan Stacy and Lori Hunt.
- Feb 27 Friday** **Whatcom BCH Annual Auction at the Everson Auction Barn, 7291 Everson Goshen Road, Everson. Silent Auction 5:30--7:00, Live auction starts at 7:15pm. We also have raffle tickets for a chance to win a quilt, so get your tickets from Lisa Oostema.** Please call any of us listed below if you have questions or want to be part of the BCH auction team! Kathy Adams, Annette Booth, Melinda Hardin, Sharon Hoofnagle, Lisa Oostema, Cindy Piccolo, Angie Schutte, Susan Sebastian, and Susan Templeton Do you have an item that you no longer use or want, how about donating it to the auction! We accept new items, good used items, hand made items and baked goods, not just horse items. Proceeds benefit multi-use trail development and maintenance in efforts to keep public lands open. At this time we can not accept credit cards, so **cash or checks only.**
- Mar 2 Monday** Board Meeting at Bob's burger & Brew
- Mar 2 Monday** **WA BCH Legislative day** in Olympia. Contact Mike McGlenn if interested in attending.

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*Auction--Don't forget our
auction on February 27th!*



FOR SALE: Weed Free Hay. It is certified from the Radke Ranch in Tonasket. Each bale is marked and I also have written certifications papers. \$12 a bale. Rosemary Gustafson Son Shine Ranch 360 380 1638

Hi Fran,

I was hoping you might be able to pass this on to your email list? What a horrible thing to have happen! Thank You so much, Linda Cain

Dear WCDEA members and friends,
Our club member and friend Cherry Fox has lost her home to a mud slide Jan 7th. Initially a slide involved one corner of the house and then later in the day another slide came down and destroyed the entire house, moving it off it's foundation. She was able to get out with her mother, daughter and dogs. Her horses have been moved to a nearby neighbors where they can remain in tie stalls. When the roads open up and allow them to be moved, she will need some places for them. Barb Daugert has offered to assist coordinating a work party to assist in salvaging and cleaning at the house. She is also taking two of the horses on a temporary basis. As more information is available we'll send out more emails. Barb can be reached at bdau-gert@gmail.com. Cherry is using her daughters cell phone for the next day or two. 441-6478.

Warmest Regards, Carol Landt land-thubert@gmail.com

WANTED: Nice little travel trailer any size under 30ft. To park at campsite.
Also waterproof blanket 72 inches for a small Arabian.
Call Linda at 360-671-5357

Navicular Horses Can Recover

The diagnosis of navicular disease has been a fear for many horse owners. In the past, it was considered a death sentence for an incurable ailment. Twelve years ago one of our horses was labeled navicular. I began searching for an answer to her problem and discovered there has been research out since 1974 that will help these horses. **It is not a death sentence and horses can be rehabilitated.**

What I have found is the key to rehabilitating these horses is having bare feet and a non-invasive trim. The under run heels, long toes, or high heels are corrected and the horse is allowed to grow a healthier foot. These horses have to develop and strengthen the inner structures of their feet which have weakened slowly over time. With the correct trim and the ability to have a heel first landing, these horses begin to experience comfort. Their feet need the contact with the ground and the twisting and turning in motion to build up strength. With the addition of good nutrition, and plenty of exercise and turnout, you end up with a horse with great looking feet and improved soundness.

In order to make a smooth transition, hoof boots and pads are used for comfort. **It is important that you DO NOT ride a bare foot horse when their feet hurt or if they are having problems walking over gravel unless you use hoof boots.** With the popularity of keeping horses bare foot, there are a variety of boots now available which only take a few minutes to apply and are the best of both worlds as the horse gets complete coverage to the bottom of the foot and there are a variety of tractions you can use depending on what riding you are doing.

A beautiful mare was given to me four years ago. She had been a navicular horse for about ten years and was no longer ride able. It was decided there was nothing left to do to help her so she came home with me for rehabilitation. This past summer we completed our first competitive trail ride of 15 miles. These horses not only improve but they compete. There is no need to retire these horses and the more miles they are ridden, the faster their feet recover.

There are now thousands of horses that have been helped with natural hoof care and are no longer labeled navicular. It has become routine hoof care. Pete Ramey has an excellent website at www.hoofrehab.com. There you can look under the Links for more information on current research, and under Articles you can read Digging for the Truth about Navicular Syndrome. If you have a horse you feel is a hopeless case, give me a call. I can help you understand the options available for your horse to be on the path of recovery.

Skoshie Davis - 360-398-8514--horsemom54@cablespeed.com.

Volunteer Hours

I want to thank everybody that reported their hours for 2008. We recorded 2399 hours for trail work, LNT, public meetings, administrative and travel time. This is more than 2007! I hope you will continue to report your hours to me.

Special thank you to the minors that helped clean trails in 2008, members Aaron Leavitt and Annie Vohs, and non members Ryan Hamstra, Jeff Hamstra, Shane Hamstra, Allison Potter and Sierra Potter.

The following people earned their 50 hour chevron:

Kathy Adams
Mike Bjornstad
Annette Booth
Matt Cannard
Cheeta Stremler

The following received their 50 hour chevron and their 100 hour chevron: Gary Anderson
Letitia Wheeler

We had 3 others that earned their 100 hours:

Lisa Oostema
Verna Walker
Susan Sebastian

The following received their 200 hour chevron:

Rick Olson
Cindy Piccolo
Susan Sebastian


One person earned their 500 hour chevron:
Sharon Hoofnagle

Thank you everybody for all your hard work and for reporting your hours.

Special thanks to all the minors that pitched--you're awesome!

Please keep track of your hours and report them to me. If you have any questions on what you need to report, please let me know. Keep up the good work!

Fran Van Diest
Volunteer hour coordinator



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Membership

Remember your dues are due. Please complete and return the membership form to Lynn Johnson as soon as possible. This will be your last newsletter if you do not renew, so please do so to avoid any delays!

Vet Notes Sharon Hoofnagle D.V.M Barn Fire Prevention

The American Association of Equine Practitioners meeting was held in San Diego this year. There was an excellent presentation on barn fires.

Here is a list of their suggestions for prevention:

Invite the local fire dept to visit your facility to point out suggestions.

Write down and practice an evacuation plan.

Ensure that there is plenty of ventilation under, over, and around hay, and that it is dried and cured.

Manure piles can ignite, compost manure away from buildings.

Build the barn out of non-combustible materials. Keep the barn free of ignitable materials.

Hay, bedding, fuel, and vehicles should be in a separate building.

Put up solid non-flammable walls where possible to prevent spread of a fire.

Install lightening-rod systems.

Have an electrician periodically check your electrical system. Put wires in conduit.

Make sure large fire trucks can get to the barn and clear a way to a pond, lake or hydrant for water.

Install smoke, heat, flame, and carbon monoxide alarms. Consider sprinklers.

Install 2 stall doors, one to the inside and one outside and apply a glow-in-dark or reflective tape to the doors.

Turn off all appliances when not in the building, including radios.

Have fire extinguishers at each end of the building and in the middle. Check them.

Have a halter and lead available for each horse at his/her stall.

Have a phone in or near the barn. Have a cell phone and flashlights.

Have a place to put the horses, they really will run back into a barn.

Plan on how to remove horses, for example a frightened yearling may need to follow an older horse.

Keep aisle-ways free.

Aerosol cans left in the sun can explode.

Some addition notes for BCH members. Most of us have our horses in pastures or stalls and corrals so we think we are safer from barn fires than if they are confined. That is true. However years ago a client related her story of burning brush and having sparks ignite the hay in her loft. She has a five acre pasture with plenty of room for her mare to get away from the barn. The mare repeatedly tried to run into the burning barn.. Her owner finally managed to get a lead rope and halter on her and had to hold her until the fire dept controlled the fire. Scary stuff!

Rides and work party coordinator

This year we thought we would try something different to help out the trail boss. At the last general meeting a sign up sheet was passed around for members to sign up to adopt a ride. We still need a few more members to sign up. If you would be interested in signing up to help out with a ride, please contact Susan Sebastian or Cindy Piccolo. The schedule of the rides was printed in the February issue, please take a look and see which ride you would be interested in helping out with riding trail to make sure it's open, marking the trail for the ride or being drag riders. Also on some of the rides, we will need help with other activities such as the Easter Egg ride, we will need volunteers to cook and color eggs, put candy on the plastic eggs and to hide all the eggs. The Easter Egg ride is always a fun ride for everyone so how about helping out!

Also since Mike Bjornstad is our vice president and Rick Olson is now the director, we need some one to step up to be the work party coordinator. As you all know with the weather we have had lately there is a lot of damage on the trails and will need to schedule work parties. This would be a great way help out!

Fran



THE WHATCOM COUNTY CHAPTER OF
BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN
INVITE YOU TO OUR
12th ANNUAL AUCTION!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2009
EVERSON AUCTION BARN
7291 EVERSON-GOSHEN ROAD

5:30-7:00 pm – Silent Auction 7:15 pm – Live Auction Begins

Back Country Horsemen have been teaching by example our *Leave No Trace Principles* while helping maintain thousands of miles of wilderness trails.

Your local Whatcom County Chapter of Back Country Horsemen works with City and County Parks Departments, US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife, DNR, and the Pacific NW 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.

Join our fun Auction on February 27th, Everson Auction Barn!
 Our 2008 Auction was a huge success as we raised nearly \$10,000. 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.

For more info or to donate to our auction call: Kathy 398-8257



BCHW- your "TRAIL TO THE FUTURE"

Combined General Membership Meeting, Leadership Training 1 and 2,
Auction, Dinner and Dance

at Kittitas Valley Event Center (fairgrounds) in Ellensburg
Friday, MARCH 19 TO SUNDAY MARCH 22, 2009

REGISTRATION FORM

This will be BCHW's first **combined LEADERSHIP, ANNUAL General Membership MEETING , and Celebration.**

The 3 day event begins Friday with the BCHW Board of Directors meeting, preceded by a Potluck dinner in Teanaway Hall.

Leadership Training Part 1 and 2 will be held Saturday morning and Sunday morning. The General Membership Meeting will convene after the Awards Ceremony on Saturday followed by the annual auction ,dinner and dance.

Plan to attend now and participate in the weekend activities. Visit with old friends, make new friends and enjoy the fun and camaraderie, support BCHW, get up- to- date information at the General Membership Meeting.

Reservations for accommodations, and reservations for the Dinner & Dance are recommended.

For your convenience, we are offering a discount for "Early Bird" reservations.

Dinner & Dance

The dance band is called STANDING ROOM ONLY (SRO) last year they rocked.

"Early Bird" Prime Rib and Chicken Combo Dinners-# _____ x \$25 _____

Early Bird Reservations includes five Bucket Raffle Tickets

Prime Rib and Chicken Combo- "No Reserve" # _____ x \$28 _____

There are twelve(12) round tables that will circle the dance floor that can be reserved for a group of 8 people- # of tables _____ x \$5 _____ on a first come, first paid basis.

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Camping is available at the KVEC Campground at the following rates:

"Early Bird" RV Camping, Full Service # of days _____ x \$ 15 _____

"Early Bird" RV Camping, Dry / Tent # of days _____ x \$ 11 _____

RV Camping -Full Service-"No Reserve" # of days _____ x \$ 20 _____

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TOTAL COST \$ _____

Return this form and remittance not later than Feb. 21, 2009 for "Early Bird" Reservations to:

Gail Downs

68- Miyoko Pt. Rd.

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E-Mail: kozykabin@rcabletv.com

Phone: 509-770-3218

M E M B E R S H I P A P P L I C A T I O N

Come Join Us!

To join BCHW, complete this application, sign the liability release (all members over 18) and enclose payment:

Chapter members, turn application and payment in to **Whatcom BCH Chapter Treasurer, Lynn Johnson, 4548 Lopez Drive, Ferndale, WA 98248**

Independent members make check out to "BCHW" and mail application and payment to BCHW, ATTN: MEMBERSHIP, 110 W. 6th Ave; PMB 393, Ellensburg, WA 98926



Member Info

New Member

Renewal--Membership number(s): _____

Adult's name (s): _____

Children's names(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Legislative district (if known): _____ County: _____

State Membership

Basic Membership:

Single \$36.00
Family \$49.00

Optional Membership (includes family or single from above)

Contributing	\$65.00
Sustaining	\$100.00
Patron	\$250.00
Benefactor	\$500.00
Additional State Donation	\$ _____
Subtotal	\$ _____

Chapter Membership

Chapter Name: (or Independent): _____

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(determined by Chapter) **\$10.00**

Additional Chapter Donation: +\$ _____

Subtotal (**from left column**): +\$ _____

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WHATCOM CHAPTER



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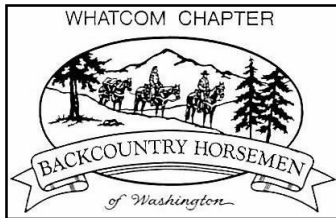
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- Do you want your name, address and phone number listed on the Whatcom membership list? _____
- If you wish to only have part of the information listed, please indicate what you want listed _____
- Areas of Interest**-Circle any that apply: Trail Maintenance/work parties; food preparation; Legislation; Rides; Packing; Hospitality; LNT; fund raisers



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Next
Whatcom Chapter Backcountry Horsemen
Meeting:
General Meeting: February 11, 2009
6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden
Meeting at 7:00
Treats & Beverages: Susan Stacy & Lori Hunt

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