

WHATCOM CHAPTER

Newsletter of the Whatcom Chapter
Backcountry Horsemen of Washington

TRAIL TALES

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Spring is finally here and it's time to get out and start riding again. The Rendezvous is over and it was a great time for all that attended. If you have never been to Rendezvous, you should start planning now to make it next year! You will not regret it!

Now it's time to get the gloves out, animals and equipment ready, and prepare to help on the trail work that will be happening in the coming months. It's a fun way to get to know other members and to keep the trails open for everyone to use. We are going to need a very large work party next month at Stewart Mountain to make the 15 mile loop complete since the bridge went out. We will need lots of people to do a wide variety of work for the entire day.

If you were like me and unable to make it to the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest North Fork Nooksack Plan public meeting there is another one coming up. It will be held on April 12, 2018 from 7-9 pm at the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center in Kendall. Please try to attend and give your input on what you would like to see the Forest Service do to improve this area. Please make every effort to come to the Easter Ride on March 31st. More information about the ride can be found on the flyer found in the following pages.

Rodney



Rendezvous 2018 Rocky and Rodney

WORK PARTY

April 14, 2018

Stewart Mtn. Trails, Y Road

MANY HANDS NEEDED!

Come join us in making the 15 mile loop accessible again! We will be working on the bridge. Bring your gloves. Be ready to ride to area! Lunch will be provided!



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. Email to: fvandiest@msn.com.

Whatcom BCH Annual Auction

Our annual auction was held on February 23, 2018 at the Everson Auction Barn. We want to thank everybody that helped make this a successful event! Special thanks to Pete and Terry DeBruin for the use of the facility and to Nick Margeson for donating his time and expertise as auctioneer. Also thank you to the Café ladies: Sharon, Lori and Margaret for having the Café open. Thank you to the auction committee: Bill McKenna, Sam Miller, Sharon Hoofnagle, Walden and Becky Haines, Gary Anderson, Nancy Giordano, Melinda Smull, Kathy Roby, Mitzie Walker, Fran Van Diest and Susan Sebastian for all their work. Also thanks to Geri Surratt for letting us store the items at her place.

Thank you to all the helpers before, during and after auction day, getting donations, setting up, getting tables to the auction, picking up items, separating items for silent and live, working in the office, helping out at the Silent and Live auction and also cleaning up afterwards. We appreciate all the support the community has given to the Whatcom Chapter Backcountry Horsemen of WA.

Thank You to everybody listed below that donated to our auction! Without your help our auction would not have been successful!

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List of Donors for Feb 23, 2018 Auction

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Thank you for all your support!

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Website:**

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**Whatcom Chapter of Backcountry Horsemen
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
March 14, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made and 2nd to approve the January 2018 minutes as published. Motion carried.

Treasury Report: Jackie noted that the 2018 Auction made money despite the very bad weather. She also reported that the checking account name would change from Back Country Horseman Washington to the Back Country Horseman Whatcom. Gary made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Kathy 2nd. The motion carried.

Guests: Shelly Madsen

Volunteer Hours: Verna reported she had received 433.4 hours for the past month. Please remember to report your hours. Fran has sent a copy of the Volunteer Report for your use.

DNR Volunteer Hours: Though we have exceeded our 250 hour commitment to the DNR we should continue reporting volunteer time to Gary Bellows.

Director/Legislative: Joe reminded everyone that March 16-18 is Rendezvous. Several folks are going if anyone is looking to ride down together.

DNR Rec Plan: Walden reported Motorized vehicle users had a plan presented to allocate trails for their use to the Council. It did not pass. He also pointed out the critical need for BCHW members to be a presence, be visible at the meetings and make our voices heard. Rocky had attended the DNR meeting and was impressed with the format. The meeting had four areas to attend that addressed a specific terrain. He attended the area addressing Forest Issues and came away with a new perspective on forest management that logging is not done just to generate revenue but another aspect is to open up areas for deer and elk habitat. Next meeting is April 12th in Kendall.

Newsletter: Please have items to Fran by the 20th.

Work Parties/Trail Coordinator: Roger reported he will have a work party to clear for the Easter Egg Ride at Vedder Mountain on March 24th. Please show up by 9:30AM. You do not need to bring horses unless you want to ride later. He plans to drive in. Rocky noted that Roger did a huge job clearing the Memorial Bridge area. Many thanks to you Roger, you are a peach! Rocky also asked that we pay attention to clearing the Smuggler's Pass and North Vedder areas. They are great rides with great views.

Trailheads:

South Fork Park: Rodney noted the South Fork trail to Nasset will run approximately 4 miles with a 300 foot bridge being constructed along the way.

Lake Whatcom/Stewart Mt.: Sharon handed out disposable gloves to folks, encouraging cleanup at the parking area and along the trail. It appears we may have to ribbon off the bad parts of the trail approaching the bridge. Repairs to the bridge need to happen before opening again. Roger suggested the April work party should address this, with many volunteers.

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Chuckanut: Jackie noted that Chuckanut is open and ready to ride.

Galbraith Mt.: Rosemary Vohs said she rides and communicates with the bikers at the Galbraith Mt. often and feels she can act as liaison for BCHW. She would like to have documentation noting the work was done on the parking lot by BCHW.

Packing Coordinator: Rocky asked that the packing schedule go into the Newsletter. Fran said she would accommodate it. He has packing work scheduled for July, and may be paid for the effort and another date in August, unpaid. There was some discussion how more groups want to use packing to get work done and we would like to help out. Scheduling is critical.

Committees:

Butler Hill Event: Joe talked about the June 9th event at Butler Hill. We will need 20-25 people to help make this event happen. Please contact Joe, Helen, or Geri if you can participate.

Good of the Chapter: We viewed a short video on LNT.

Gary Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Joe Remenar 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Geri Surratt

Small Farm Expo Feb 25th 2018

Back Country Horsemen was invited to participate in the Small Farm Expo put on by the Whatcom Conservation District. In spite of it being scheduled the day after our auction, right after a snow storm, icy roads, and freezing temperatures- our volunteers toughened up and manned a pretty good booth.

We had our "Leave No Trace" display, a photo album, and a slide show running. We were disappointed that our main attraction, the mules, did not make it but the roads were just too icy to haul a trailer.

There was a good turnout considering the icy weather. Lots of contacts made.

Thanks to our volunteers: Verna and Andy McLeod, Cindy Piccolo, Becky Haines, Rocky Leavitt. Eileen Turk, and Sharon Hoofnagle. Walden Haines, Mike McGlenn, and Rodney Vandersypen all showed up to help out.

Back Country Horsemen has a strong presence in the recreational community. But our presence in the agricultural and economic community is huge. Our small farms, barns, taxes, purchases of feed, fencing, tack, trucks. veterinary and farriers services, equipment, all contribute to the economy of our area.

Sharon Hoofnagle



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**2018
TRAIL BOSSES**

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Joe Remenar
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Cindy Piccolo
360-966-4082

Dawn Weaver
360-739-4447

**WORK PARTY
COORDINATOR**

Roger Nelson
360-599-2461



Sunshine Committee

If you know someone that needs a little ray of sunshine, please contact Shirley Todhunter at 360-966-5206 or send her an email at: hermater09@gmail.com

Debbie Lagerwey—get well wishes sent to Debbie, she was in the hospital.

Sheri Hathaway:—get well soon card sent to Sheri after her fall from her horse.

Gary Anderson:—get well soon card sent to Gary after he was bucked from his horse while vacationing in Arizona.

Thank You Card from the Café ladies regarding our Auction on Feb 23, 2018!



Thank you so much for the gift cards.

It is always a fun group of people who come to your Auction and we enjoy serving them.

*Everson Auction Cafe,
Girls!*

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CALENDAR



March 31st—Saturday

Easter Egg Ride at Bryce Creek Camp. You can park at the gazebo. First Riders out at 9:00am, last riders out at 9:30am. The club will provide hamburgers and hotdogs the rest will be potluck, so please bring a dish to share. Remember to leave your dish at the gazebo before you go riding so we can set the counter. Also please bring some money, we will be collecting a donation for the use of the gazebo/partial food.

April 2nd—Monday

Board Meeting at Roundtable Pizza on Sunset Dr. Dinner at 6:00pm meeting at 7:00pm.

April 11th—Wednesday

General meeting at Laurel Community Grange. 6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Would someone be willing to volunteer to bring treats/beverages? Let me know.

April 14th—Saturday

Work Party at Stewart Mtn. Trying to fix area by bridge so you can make the 15 mile loop. NEED LOTS OF HELPERS! Please save that date. Lunch will be served!

April 21st.—Saturday

Ride at Blanchard. More info later

April 27—29th Fri—Sun

Spring Ride—Okanagan

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Whatcom Chapter Backcountry Horsemen of WA



2018 Ride/Work Party Schedule

Feb 14, 2018---General meeting at Laurel Community Grange

Feb 17, 2018---work party at Heady

Feb 23, 2018---Whatcom BCH Annual Auction at Everson Auction Barn

Feb 24, 2018---Small Farm Expo at NW Fairgrounds

March 14, 2018---General meeting at Laurel Community Grange

March 16—18th----Rendezvous in Ellensburg

March 24th----work party at Heady trails. Be ready at 9:30am.

March 31st---Easter Egg Ride at Bryce Creek Camp

April 11th—General Meeting at Laurel Community Grange

April 14th----Work Party at Stewart Mtn.

April 21st---Ride at Blanchard

April 27th ---29th----Okanagan Spring Ride

May 9th---General Meeting at Laurel Community Grange

May 12th---work party, location to be determined.

May 19th---Club ride location to be determined

May 25—28—Memorial weekend

June 2nd---National trail days at Blanchard

June 9th—Whatcom BCH fundraiser at Butler Hill Equestrian Center, 7478 Butler Hill Rd, Burlington, WA.

June 13th General meeting/potluck at Misty River Ranch

June 16th Regional Work party at Les Hilde

June 19th—Pack in at Devils Dome for PNT

June 29th ---July 4th ---Andrews Creek Hot Shot 2 work party. First pack in on Friday, June 29th. (If you plan to help, need to be there on Thursday).

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Whatcom BCH Ride/Work Party 2018 Schedule

July 1st ---Pack out garbage for PNT

July 7th—PNTA work party---tentative

July 10th—Pack in Ross Lake---PNT

July 11th---General meeting/potluck at Misty River Ranch

July 14th NW Regional ride at Les Hilde

July 21st—Pack out everything--PNT

July 21st—25th ---State work party Black pine Horse camp, Leavenworth

Aug 8th—General meeting/potluck at Misty River Ranch

Aug 11th—WTA pack in at Hannegan Pass

Aug 18th—WTA pack in at Hannegan Pass

Aug 25th—WTA pack out at Hannegan Pass

Sept 1st---Suiattle pack in--- (tentative date)

Sept 8th---Suiattle pack out—(tentative date)

Sept 12th---General meeting/potluck at Misty River Ranch

Sept 15th -22nd---Pasayten

Oct 6th—Salmon Fest Fundraiser Ride at Bryce Creek camp

Oct 10th—General meeting at Laurel Community Grange

Oct 27th---Winery Ride and Halloween Costume/Prize Ride—Zillah, WA

Nov14th---General meeting at Laurel Community Grange

Christmas party---date to be determined.

New Year's Day ride---January 1, 2019

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Cindy Piccolo—360-966-4082

Rocky Leavitt--360-599-2675, rockyleavitt044@gmail.com

Dawn Weaver---360-739-8404

Additional work parties or rides may be added at a later date, more info at general meetings. Time of rides will be posted. If any changes, members will be notified.

Dues are from January 1st thru December 31st.

NOVEMBER 2013 APPLICATION

Come Join Us!

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

Chapter members, turn application and payment in to Helen Almojera,
PO Box 28607, Bellingham, WA 98228. Make check out to: Whatcom BCH.

Independent members (folks who are **not** joining a chapter), 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 name(s):			
Address:			
City:		ST:	Zip:
Phone number:		E-mail:	
Legislative district (if known):		County:	

Check to opt out of mailed (hardcopy) newsletter: BCHW (Trailhead News) Chapter

STATE MEMBERSHIP			CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP	
Basic Membership			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.	
	Single	\$41.00		
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Optional Membership (includes family or single from above)				
	Contributing	\$75.00		
	Sustaining	\$125.00		
	Patron	\$250.00		
	Benefactor	\$500.00		
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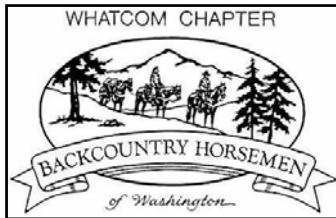
LIABILITY RELEASE & NOTICES

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 Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, Inc., including Chapters, officers, directors, or members, cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience levels of riders or horses taking part in trail rides or other BCHW events, I do hereby release and hold harmless the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children, or horses.

Signature:		Date:	
Signature:		Date:	
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Next
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Meeting:
General Meeting: April 11, 2018
Laurel Community Grange
6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden
Meeting at 7:00
Treats/beverages: Does anyone want to volunteer?

Check out the BCHW
Website at:
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