



TRAIL TALES

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2017

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Notes from the President

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Welcome to a new year. It's hard to believe that it is already 2017. We have a lot to look forward to this upcoming year. It is a honor to be your new president and I think this will be a great year for us. This year we will be pushing for the approval of a new trailheads and new trails. The location of these new trails will be determined by DNR, but the input of BCHA is necessary to having our needs met. BCHA's has important roles this year including 1) the development of the Baker to Bellingham plan with the DNR 2) the Whatcom County Parks reconveyance 3) the construction of the new trailhead at The South Fork Park. The DNR and the Parks Department has granted us the ability to share our input to ensure the equestrian community has their needs met.

I would also like to thank everyone that made the Christmas Party a great success. There was great food and a wonderful gift exchange to end the year. To end the 2016 holiday season and kick off the New Year, we will be having a New Years ride. We hope everyone can make it, even if it is only for lunch.

It is great that we have so many members. Having a large amount of members shows the agencies that this is something that people in our area truly care about. This is why the growth of the club this year, and in the coming years, is so crucial. Everyone can play a part in this process by making comments, doing field labor or just being a part of the membership. We are stronger in numbers and we could not have made the impact we have made without all of the loyal members in this club. It can be fun to be part of the work parties and there is a great sense of accomplishment once we are done and we can ride on those trails. Thank you everyone for your continued support! Happy trails!

Rodney



Thank you to President from incoming President.

Mark your Calendars!

WHATCOM BCH 20TH ANNUAL AUCTION
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017
EVERSON AUCTION BARN

Our annual auction will be held on Friday, February 24, 2017 at the Ever-
son Auction barn located at 7291 Everson-Goshen Road, Everson. We
need your help in making this a successful event. If you wish to donate
contact Bill McKenna at 360-599-2526, Sam Miller at 360-325-2833 or
Nancy Giordano at 360-961-0822.

Contributions support ongoing trail maintenance, support trail systems and
provide educational programs to the community.

See you there!
Fran

2017
TRAIL BOSSES

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Joe Remenar
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Cindy Piccolo
360-966-4082

WORK PARTY
COORDINATOR

Roger Nelson
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FOR SALE:

15 year old gelding, 15.1 hands. Trail ridden, could be a good pack horse.
\$1,000.00 but negotiable.
360-332-7120



CARE OR LEASE HORSE:

Annie 22 years old. Great on trails. Perfect for an older adult. Mare is very solid. Has been at The Lynden
Fair competitions. Call Debbie Blockley for all information. 360-325-3884

Check out our Website:
<http://www.whatcom-bch.com/>

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wbchnewseditors@msn.com or fvandiest@msn.com.

Fourth Quarter Board of Directors Meeting Highlights – Bill McKenna

Rodney Vandersypen and I attended the last BCHW meeting of the year on December 3, 2016.

Member Retention: In addition to our regular agenda, we heard from two presenters: Glen Glover from DNR and Craig Lewis, a consultant who has been working with the board to address our shrinking membership. After reviewing Craig's last report, we could see that there is a lot we need to do to reverse the trend, but he feels that it can be done. Some suggestions were: Calling members who have not renewed to find out why they did not rejoin; engaging with youth groups such as 4H & Job Corps; carrying club business cards with contact information to describe how they can join; inviting the media to all club functions; as well as other suggestions that would create a desire to join us. Mr. Lewis will be at our upcoming leadership conference to talk to the chapter leaders to help us increase and retain membership. I hope our chapter will send a full complement of new and old officers to the Regional Leadership meeting in North Bend, February 4, 2017. More about this later.

DNR: Glen Glover from DNR reported various projects going on across the state noting activity in Whatcom county trying to establish trailheads and trail systems for all user groups. He also provided us with a brief history of DNR lands in WA and the parameters they have to work within.

Wine Ride: From the business meeting we learned that the 2016 Wine Ride registered over 600 riders and netted more than \$18,000. With the weather as bad as it threatened to be, our ridership was down from last year but the income was good. 94 volunteers worked a total of 2300 hours. Another feature of the Wine Ride is that there is profit sharing with chapters who send volunteers. As volunteers, Michelle and I earned \$40 for our chapter. Next year's ride will be held on the last Saturday in October. More volunteers will be needed.

State Work Party: Jason Ridlon reported on the 2016 statewide work party at the Twisp River Horse Camp where we cleared over 52 miles of trail with 90+ volunteers and 2200 hours. The 2017 work party will take place at Gypsy Meadows north and east of Spokane on the Idaho line, August 2 – 5.

2017 Rendezvous: Plans for the 2017 Rendezvous are well underway and volunteers are needed. We also have several changes in the saw certification, and it is requested that all saw-certified members attend the certification workshop to learn of the changes. I expect to receive a detailed notice of the workshop soon, and I'll send it along as soon as I get it.

Lobbyist Activity: As mentioned in my last report, BCHW has terminated its relationship with our lobbyist and in his place we have named Joyce Willm of Trail Head News to be our lobbyist of record. A number of board members living in the Olympia area will make themselves available to contact legislators when needed. BCHW will expect a good showing from all chapters on our legislative and Big Tent day.

2017 Budget: The board adopted the 2017 budget, and a review of the treasurer's report shows that BCHW is financially sound.

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1/4 Page.....\$60.00 for 6 months or \$100.00 for a Year

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Classifieds.....\$3.00 per month

Free Classifieds for members!

2017 Whatcom BCH schedule for board and general meetings. No meetings in December. Christmas party to be announced at a later date

Board meetings usually on Mondays. Meetings are usually held at Roundtable Pizza.	General Meetings—2nd Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at Laurel Community Grange, except for summer meetings, location will be announced at a later date.
Jan 2nd	Jan 11th
Jan 30th	Feb 8th
Feb 27th	March 8th
April 3rd	April 12th
May 1st	May 10th
June 5th	June 14th
July 3rd	July 12th
July 31st	Aug 9th
Aug 28th	Sept 13th
Oct 2nd	Oct 11th
Oct 30th	Nov 8th



From Alice Ann Yancey

Wishing everybody a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I miss you all!
Alice

Membership for 2017

Your dues for 2017 are due! Please complete the preprinted membership form that was mailed to you and return with payment to Helen Almojera at PO Box 28607, Bellingham, WA 98228



CALENDAR



Dec 31st—Saturday

New Year's ride at Heady trails. Be ready to ride at 9:00am or 10:00 am. The club will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, the rest is potluck, so please bring a dish to share. Lunch at 12:30pm.

Jan 2nd—Monday

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

Jan 11th—Wednesday

General meeting at Laurel Community Grange, 6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Treats: Cindy Piccolo and Sharon Hoofnagle.

Feb 24th—Friday

Whatcom BCH 20th Annual Auction at the Everson Auction Barn. Silent auction 5:30 pm and Live starts at 7:15pm.

2017 COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

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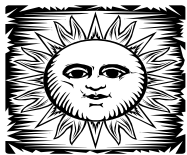
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Need Pictures!



Sunshine Committee

If you know someone that needs a little ray of sunshine, please contact Shirley Todhunter, 360-966-5206



May 2016--April 2017 ad



★ New Year's Ride, ★ December 31, 2016 ★ at Heady! ★

Our New Year ride at Bryce Creek camp will be on Saturday, December 31, 2016! Join us for a fun ride. Rocky will lead a ride at 9:00a.m. and Roger will lead a ride at 10:00a.m. The gate will be open so you can park inside.

If you choose not to ride, just come for lunch. Be back at the gazebo by 12:30 for lunch. The club will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, the rest will be potluck, so please bring a dish to share. Please drop off dish at gazebo before going on the ride.

A donation will be collected for the use of the shelter/partial food.



2017-2018 MEMBERSHIP 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		
	Family	\$54.00		
Optional Membership (includes family or single from above)			Chapter Name (or Independent):	
	Contributing	\$75.00	WHATCOM COUNTY	
	Sustaining	\$125.00	If joining a secondary Chapter, provide the Chapter name where BCHW dues have been paid for 2015:	
	Patron	\$250.00		
	Benefactor	\$500.00		
	Lifetime (Single)	\$1200.00	Chapter Dues	\$10.00
State dues paid online (attach receipt copy)			Additional Chapter Donation	\$
Additional State Donation		\$	Chapter Subtotal	\$
State Subtotal		\$	Grand Total (State+Chapter) \$	

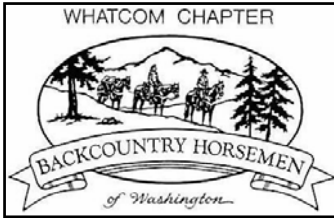
LIABILITY RELEASE & NOTICES

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:	
Signature:		Date:	

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



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Next
Whatcom Chapter Backcountry Horsemen
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General Meeting: January 11, 2017
Laurel Community Grange,
6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden, WA
Meeting at 7:00
Treats: Sharon Hoofnagle and Cindy Piccolo

Check out the BCHW
Website at:
<http://www.bchwh.org>

