



TRAIL TALES

March 2010

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.

This year is flying by. Trail rides and work parties are a happening. As I write this note the Heady work party for February 27 is still to come. I'm hoping for a great turn out. Our goal is to finish brushing all the main trails. As I told you at the last meeting, we do have our sites on putting in a connector trail for one of the longer mountain rides at Heady. I do need to have more feedback from people who might be interested in this project. It could be that we could also recruit people outside the club but like to ride at that trailhead. I already have one couple who said they would help out. This new connector trail will be quite the project. I don't want to start it unless I get a lot of good feedback.

A big thank you to Susan Sebastian and Roger Nelson for getting some of the stuff on our work materials list. Over the years most of us just used our own equipment, and only used the club stuff from time to time. With the new chain purchase, we are going to try out a new type of chain. It's called a chisel bit type chain. It's mostly what the pro's use. Walden has access to a sharpener so this should help out a lot. Two of our purchases included hand saws with heavy duty covers. They are the type you carry on your horse. These should help out a lot.

Also a big help this spring is the team of Cheryl Brandt and Gary Anderson. They are nearly done mapping the Heady area with a GPS. The next big question is what to do with the info. Do we want to make up some laminated maps and sell them or just leave the map on the internet and individuals can get it off themselves. At any rate, lets figure this out so the most people can get a map in their hands.



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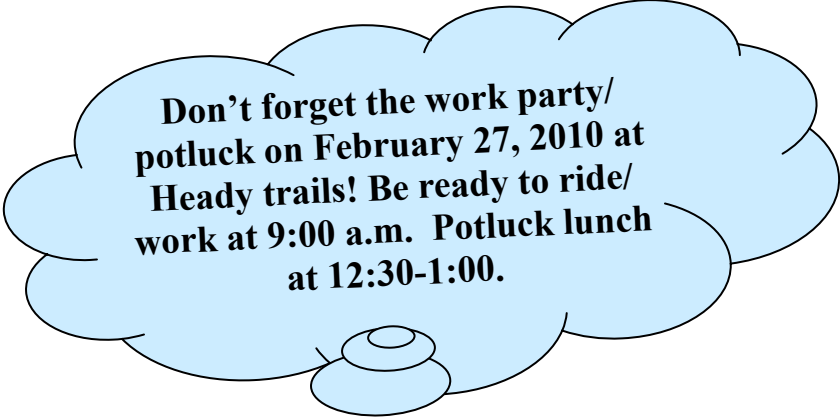
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President's note

We will also most likely need another work party at Heady to complete the new connector trail. Time and date to be set. Keep in mind the auction on March 27 at the Lynden Fair grounds for the 4-H kids. Lets support this if you can.

My appreciation to all of you that help make this possible. From the cooks, Debbie Lagerwey & Pam Ritter, to the weed wackers, everyone can play a part. This is what makes this club tick. If you have desire and a skill, don't hold back. We need you in the front lines. Come join the fun.

Rocky



**Don't forget the work party/
potluck on February 27, 2010 at
Heady trails! Be ready to ride/
work at 9:00 a.m. Potluck lunch
at 12:30-1:00.**

2010

TRAIL BOSSES

Roger Nelson
360-599-2461

Cindy Piccolo
360-966-4082

Also can adopt a ride
for 2010

**WORK PARTY
COORDINATOR**

Roger Nelson
360-599-2461

BCH

From a member

The true spirit of America lives on in people like the Back Country Horsemen, People dedicated to their families, their animals, their friends & neighbors and to their country. Hard working, responsible people, not afraid to get dirty or go out in the rain and cold. People who enjoy setting around a campfire with good friends, whither it is summer time, or on a cold snowy winter day. People willing to go the extra mile for another person in need.

Volunteers who work tirelessly for the benefit of others. They are not afraid to stand up for what they believe in and when they give you their word, you can bet they will come through. If you sometime feel like the spirit of America has left, you only have to look to people like the Back Country Horsemen to find it again.

Al Morgan

EDITOR'S POLICIES

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BCHW Whatcom Chapter General Meeting Minutes February 10, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Laurel Grange.

A motion to approve January's minutes was made, seconded and approved by the membership.

Hospitality: Alice Yancey - There were two guests.

Guest Speaker/Program: Christ Thomsen with DNR NW Region gave a presentation about the upcoming projects for this year and in the future. There will be a Volunteer Training Program Saturday, March 6 at the NW Regional Office from 9:30 - 3:30, open to all users. RSVP. He answered numerous questions put to him by membership.

Report of Officers:

Treasurer: Shirley Todhunter: gave report on account balances and that we are now officially 501c(3).

Director: Rick Olson - gave report and reminded everyone about the state rendezvous, March 19-21st in Ellensburg.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Sam Miller - no report given

Legislative: Mike McGlenn - gave report about Legislative day on Feb. 3 in Olympia. He and Rick Olson met with our legislators.

LNT: Mick Blakely - not present

Trailhead: Sam Miller deferred to Mike McGlenn who gave status of trailhead project which is moving in the right direction.

Newsletter : Fran Van Diest - Turn in articles by Feb. 20th.

Sunshine Committee: Lori Hunt - not present

Volunteer Hours: Verna Walker - keep hours, new form coming

Work Party Coordinator: Roger Nelson - Heady Road work party, chili feed and potluck on Feb. 27. Ready to ride at 9:00. Also, if anyone has pack stock that is available for use this coming year, please let Roger or Rocky know.

Trail Boss: Roger Nelson - no report

Old Business:

Auction Committee update.

Finance Committee vote: A motion was made to disband the finance committee with any requests over the Board's allowed \$50.00 to be presented in the manner prescribed by the rules set up for the finance committee; the Board will review the request and make a recommendation to the chapter; the Chapter will then have the final vote to approve the request or not. Motion was seconded and approved by the membership.

Volunteer hours for minors recognition: A motion was made to buy 12 hats for up to \$150.00 plus tax. Motion was seconded and passed by the membership.

Cheryl Brandt announced that the GPS work was done for now on Heady Road.

50/50 Draw: \$36.00 was won by Debbie Lagerwey.

New Business:

State Auction Donation: There was a proposal to donate two bear boxes owned by the Chapter. After discussion, no motion was made. A motion was made to donate to the state auction the large wall tent that was owned by the Chapter in addition to the \$250.00 already budgeted. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership. Also, \$150 of the \$250 was spent purchasing a brushing set from Walden.

New Tools: A motion was made to purchase a chainsaw bar, 2-3 chains, 2 saws with scabbards, wedges, and other miscellaneous tools for approximately \$300.00. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership.

There was a presentation made showing and describing an intarsia horse head.

Debbie Lagerwey is doing the chapter scrapbook and is looking for pictures.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Kathy Adams, Secretary.

February 23, 2010

Hello From DNR, Northwest Region!

**DNR to offer free volunteer training March 6
Training is geared for all kinds of recreation users**

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is offering a free all-day training for volunteers interested in helping out at DNR-managed recreation areas in northwest Washington, including Walker Valley ORV Area, Blanchard Mountain, Reiter Foothills, and the Harry Osborn/Les Hilde Equestrian Trails.

When: **Saturday, March 6, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Where: **DNR's Northwest Region Office, 919 Township Rd. (State Rte. 9), Sedro-Woolley**

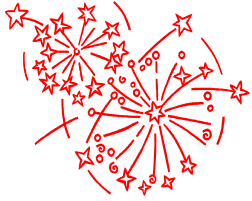
Volunteers play a critical role in keeping recreation facilities open and safe for the public. Training includes: personal safety, first aid awareness, trail maintenance practices, and how to become a registered volunteer and track hours for credit. In addition, we will provide training for those volunteers who want to participate in DNR's forest watch program.

What to bring: This is a sit-down classroom session. Bring pen, notepad, and a lunch.

Training is free, but registration is requested. **Please contact Jim Cahill at 360-854-2874 or jim.cahill@dnr.wa.gov.**

Media Contact: Toni Droscher, Recreation Program Communications Manager, 360-902-1523, and toni.droscher@dnr.wa.gov.

CALENDAR



- Feb 27 Saturday** **Work Party/Potluck ride at Heady trails.** For those of you that go for the work party, be ready to ride at 9:00 a.m. The club will provide chili, please bring a potluck dish to share with the chili. Lunch will be between 12:30—1:00. If you choose not to work, come join us for lunch! Just bring a dish to share! Please let me know if you plan to attend to know how many are coming—call me at 360-734-2567 or send me an email: fvandiest@msn.com
- March 1 Monday** **Board meeting at Bob's Burger (Barkley)** Dinner at 6:00-optional, meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- March 10 Wednesday** **General meeting at Laurel Community Grange, 6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden.** Meeting at 7:00p.m. Treats/beverages/ Mike Bjornstad, Lynn and Lloyd Johnson
- Mar 19-21 Fri-Sun** **Leadership training in Ellensburg fairgrounds. Training for new officers.** For more information check out www.bchw.org or check with Rick Olson 398-1309
- March 27 Saturday** **Herman Miller 4H Park annual auction** at the Fairgrounds in Lynden. More info, contact Mick Blakely 332-7120
- April 3 Saturday** **Easter Egg ride at Heady trails.** Contact Toni Blakely for more info—360-332-7120

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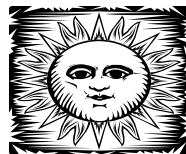
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\$3.00 for anyone else. Send your ad and
money to the newsletter editor by the 2nd
Wednesday of the month.*



Sunshine Committee

**If you know someone that needs a little
ray of sunshine, please contact
Lori Hunt 360-384-0704**

No information received.

Please notify Lori Hunt when a card needs to be sent to
one of members.

From Nancy Giordano

Announcing a very special concert. Lynne Ferguson, a
Nashville singer-songwriter will be performing a concert to
benefit the Native Horsemanship Youth Program, a charity
on the Port Madison Indian Reservation in Suquamish. Lynn
is a founder of the program and devoted to it. As a
performer, she has a special way of weaving words and
music together. Come enjoy this talented woman and
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2010 Trail Rides Schedule/Board Meetings/General Meetings.

February 27th work party/potluck at Heady trails. Be ready to ride at 9:00 a.m. Bring gloves, loppers or even weed eaters, anything that will help clean the trails. If enough people show up we can split and clean different trails. The chapter will provide chili, please bring a dish to share. Lunch will be served between 12:30—1:00 p.m.

March 1 Board meeting at Bob's Burger and Brew. Dinner at 6:00, meeting at 7:00 p.m.

March 10 General meeting at Laurel Community Grange, 6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Treats and beverages: Mike Bjornstad and Lloyd and Lynn Johnson

April 3 Easter Egg Ride at Heady trails. Be ready to ride at 10:00 a.m. There will be a small donation request. Eggs and candy will be hidden and ready to be found at lunch time after a couple hours of ride. Children need to be accompanied by an adult/guardian and must wear a helmet if riding. Contact Toni Blakely for more information.

April 5 Board meeting at Bob's Burger and Brew, dinner at 6:00, optional, meeting at 7:00 p.m.

April 14 General meeting at Laurel Community Grange, 6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Treats and beverages: Cindy Piccolo and Roger Nelson

April 24 Confidence builder ride at Virgil Strempler's place, 9480 Van Buren Rd. Lynden. Contact Fran Van Diest for more information: 360-734-2567

May 3 Board meeting at Bob's Burger, 6:00 dinner, optional, meeting at 7:00 p.m.

May 12 General meeting at Laurel Community Grange. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Treats/beverages: Angie Schutte and Shirley Todhunter.

May 15 Food Drive ride at Heady trails. Be ready to ride at 10:00 a.m. Please bring non perishable can food to be collected for the food bank. Contact Cindy Piccolo for more information-360-966-4082.

June 3 (Thursday) board meeting at Bob's burger, dinner at 6:00, meeting at 7:00 p.m.

June 9 General meeting at Herman Miller 4H Park, 1385 E. Hemmi Rd. Everson. Potluck meeting so bring a dish to share and something to drink. Potluck at 6:00, meeting at 7:00 p.m.

June—(date & place to be announced) ride. Contact John and Sage Hollins for more info:360-770-6700.

June 12 work party at Les Hilde. Be ready to ride at 10:00 a.m. Contact Melinda Hardin at 360-312-1113 or Susan Sebastian at 360-391-2965 for more information.

July 5 Board meeting at Bob's Burger, dinner at 6:00, meeting at 7:00 p.m.

July 10 Northwest Regional ride at Les Hilde. Be ready to ride at 10:00 a.m. Contact Melinda Hardin at 360-312-1113 or Susan Sebastian at 391-2965 for more information.

July 14 General meeting at Herman Miller 4H park, 1385 E. Hemmi Rd. Everson. Potluck meeting so bring a dish to share and something to drink. Potluck at 6:00, meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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July (date to be announced) Tamarack Springs Campout. For more information contact Mike Bjornstad at 360-398-2646.

July 31 Ferndale Old Settlers parade. Contact Dennis Mauler for more information, 360-927-3844.

August 2 Board meeting at Bob's Burger and Brew, Barkley Village, dinner at 6:00, optional, meeting at 7:00 p.m.

August 11 General meeting at Herman Miller 4H Park, 1385 E. Hemmi Rd. Everson. Potluck at 6:00, meeting at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a potluck dish to share.

August (date and place to be announced) High Country ride. Contact Rocky Leavitt at 360-599-2675 for more information.

August 30 Board meeting for the month of September at Bob's Burger, dinner at 6:00, meeting at 7:00 p.m.

September 8 General meeting at Laurel Community Grange, 6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Treats/beverages: Still need someone to sign up to bring goodies! Let me know if you would like to sign up.

September 11 Birdsvew Hamburger Ride at Les Hilde. More information at a later date.

October 4 Board meeting at Bob's burger, dinner at 6:00, meeting at 7:00 p.m.

October 13 General meeting at Laurel Community Grange, 6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Treats/beverages: Gary Anderson. Could use another person to sign up.

October 30 Halloween Ride at Heady trails. Be ready to ride at 10:00 a.m. If you wish to wear a costume that's great! Contact Lisa Oostema at 360-319-7390 or Susan Sebastian at 360-391-2965 for more information.

November 1 Board meeting at Bob's burger, 6:00 dinner (optional), meeting at 7:00 p.m.

November 10 General meeting at Laurel Community Grange, 6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Treats/beverages: Still need a couple of people to volunteer.

December 6 Board meeting at Bob's Burger, dinner at 6:00, meeting at 7:00 p.m.

More rides and work parties can be added at a later date. If you would like to sponsor a ride or think of a ride that the club may want to do, please contact Rocky Leavitt.

For more information contact Roger Nelson at 360-599-2461 or Cindy Piccolo at 360-966-4082.

Unless posted, rides start at 10:00 a.m. so be ready to ride at that time.

VET NOTES Sharon Hoofnagle D.V.M. FREE CHOICE HAY

Horses are designed by nature to graze 13-16 hours a day. In modern management practices horses are often fed a rich hay diet 2-3 times daily that is consumed within an hour at each feeding, resulting in both physical and psychological problems.

A healthier option is to feed a lower calorie hay at least 3 times daily.

However a 3rd choice is to provide hay free choice, hay in front of the horse at all times. Here are some important factors.

Hay should always be clean, dust and mold-free, but for free choice feeding select a low calorie hay. This is usually a local grass. Don't feed rich hay such as alfalfa free choice.

Transition to free-choice slowly, gradually increasing the amount until he/she starts leaving hay.

Free-choice is best if the horse has a large turn-out area. A horse confined to a stall may eat too much out of boredom.

A covered feeding area is a necessity. The hay must be kept dry. A good practice is to feed almost free-choice. Keep hay in front of them most of the time but have them clean most of it up once daily or every other day. Don't let wasted hay accumulate. Clean feeders regularly.

Monitor weight with a weight tape, sometimes they will gain too much weight. However one interesting note: if you are trying to put weight on a thin horse try free-choice first, however most horses will actually consume less hay if fed free choice. For example they may consume 27 lbs of hay daily if fed 9 lbs 3 times daily, but only consume 20 lbs if fed free choice. There seems to be a psychological stimulus to eat more if fed their days ration in a few meals.

Horses fed free choice will eat small amounts often through-out the day. The stomach acids will be buffered continuously. They will have lots of "chew-time". Boredom problems are diminished.

The rider can ride when they want without behavior problems. It is unfair to ask a horse to work when they haven't eaten for hours, especially if other horses are being fed. The owner is freer; can go to dinner with friends without having to worry about getting home to feed. The horse is less anxious- is not waiting at the gate for their dinner.

Not for all horses- but for most an excellent way of feeding. Caution- if feeding more than one horse in one area have a veterinarian advise you on barn design- horses bicker over feed, serious accidents can occur. Never feed grain free choice.

Vet Notes Alert Sharon Hoofnagle D.V.M.

Laminitis (founder) Alert- we are having a very unusual winter. The recent cold nights-warm days conditions results in sugars being concentrated in the grasses. The warm weather is stimulating grass growth. The combination of grass growth with high sugar content creates ideal conditions for triggering laminitis. Watch your lawn, not your pasture to determine grass growth. The horses are continuously mowing the pasture. A month ago they may have been getting a pound a day off of it, now they maybe getting 15 lbs a day, even though it looks to be the same height.

If your horse is equine metabolic syndrome body type, has Cushings, or has foundered in the past limit their grazing time. Other horses, monitor their weight weekly, if they are gaining limit the pasture time

10 Tips for Preventing Colic From the American Assoc of Equine Practitioners

The number one killer of horses is colic. Colic is not a disease, but rather a combination of signs that alert us to abdominal pain in the horse. Colic can range from mild to severe, but it should never be ignored. Many of the conditions that cause colic can become life threatening in a relatively short period of time. Only by quickly and accurately recognizing colic – and seeking qualified veterinary help – can the chance for recovery be maximized.

While horses seem predisposed to colic due to the anatomy and function of their digestive tracts, management can play a key role in prevention. Although not every case is avoidable, the following guidelines from the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) can maximize the horse's health and reduce the risk of colic:

1. Establish a daily routine – include feeding and exercise schedules – and stick to it.
2. Feed a high quality diet comprised primarily of roughage.
3. Avoid feeding excessive grain and energy-dense supplements. (At least half the horse's energy should be supplied through hay or forage. A better guide is that twice as much energy should be supplied from a roughage source than from concentrates.)
4. Divide daily concentrate rations into two or more smaller feedings rather than one large one to avoid overloading the horse's digestive tract. Hay is best fed free-choice.
5. Set up a regular parasite control program with the help of your equine practitioner.
6. Provide exercise and/or turnout on a daily basis. Change the intensity and duration of an exercise regimen gradually.
7. Provide fresh, clean water at all times. (The only exception is when the horse is excessively hot, and then it should be given small sips of luke-warm water until it has recovered.)
8. Avoid putting feed on the ground, especially in sandy soils.
9. Check hay, bedding, pasture, and environment for potentially toxic substances, such as blister beetles, noxious weeds, and other ingestible foreign matter.

Reduce stress. Horses experiencing changes in environment or workloads are at high risk of intestinal dysfunction. Pay special attention to horses when transporting them or changing their surroundings, such as at shows.

Virtually any horse is susceptible to colic. Age, sex, and breed differences in susceptibility seem to be relatively minor. The type of colic seen appears to relate to geographic or regional differences, probably due to environmental factors such as sandy soil or climatic stress. Importantly, what this tells us is that, with conscientious care and management, we have the potential to reduce and control colic, the number one killer of horses.

For more information about colic prevention and treatment, ask your equine veterinarian for the "Colic" brochure, provided by the American Association of Equine Practitioners in partnership with Educational Partner Bayer Animal Health. Additional colic information is available by visiting the AAEP's horse health web site, www.myHorseMatters.com.

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Scrapbook

Debbie Lagerwey has taken over the scrapbook.

If you take pictures at the work parties or get together, please give a copy to Debbie so she can put them in the scrapbook.

It's always nice to go back and see how we looked 5-10 years ago and what we were doing on the trails. It's our history of BCH for our future members.

Fran

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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, Shirley Todhunter, 5998 Fazon Rd. Bellingham, WA 98226



Member Info

New Member

Renewal--(State)-Membership number(s): _____

Adult's name (s): _____

Children's names(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Legislative district (if known): _____ County: _____

Number of horses in your household? _____

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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	\$ _____
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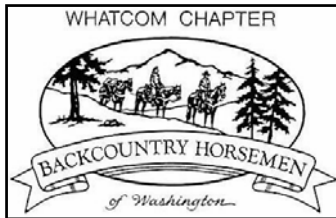
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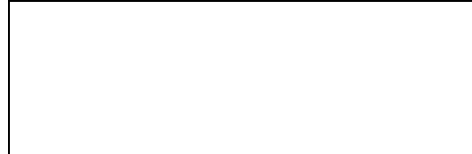
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The information on this membership application will be shared with BCH of America, and if so designated by the applicant the appropriate local chapter of BCHW. Otherwise, the information will not be divulged to any other person or organization without the express permission of the applicant.

- 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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Meeting:
General Meeting: March 10, 2010
Laurel Community Grange,
6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden, WA
Meeting at 7:00
Treats/beverages: Mike Bjornstad and
Lloyd and Lynn Johnson

