



# TRAIL TALES

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## 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.

I hope everyone got through the winter storm unscathed. We had 14 inches of snow here. It was hard to cancel a meeting during this important time of budget and auction, but I was glad we did.

On the agenda for March will be the discussion and approval of the 2017 budget. It looks similar to last year's. The Rendezvous is approaching, March 17-19 in Ellensburg. I encourage everyone to attend. It's a great time. They will have horse training and packing clinics, cross cut saw demonstrations, tack sale, and dinner and auction, and much more. At the dinner, we have two tables reserved for our members, so come join us.

Going...going...gone...I'm writing this before the auction and hoping we have a great turnout on Friday. I'd like to thank everyone that worked hard to make this auction possible. This is currently our only fundraiser, and we depend on it to run our club for the year.

Happy trails!  
Rodney

**Check out our Website:**

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

The February general meeting was cancelled due to the weather so no minutes .

**VET NOTES Sharon Hoofnagle D.V.M. Colic**

This month's vet notes is courtesy of the American Association of Equine Practitioners

**Colic Prevention Tips**

*The following article is provided as a courtesy and service to the horse industry by the American Association 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 veterinarian.
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.
10. 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.

*The American Association of Equine Practitioners, headquartered in Lexington, Ky., was founded in 1954 as a non-profit organization dedicated to the health and welfare of the horse. Currently, AAEP reaches more than 5 million horse owners through its nearly 10,000 members worldwide and is actively involved in ethics issues, practice management, research and continuing education in the equine veterinary profession and horse industry.*

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# CALENDAR



**Feb 27th, Monday**

Board meeting at Roundtable pizza, dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:00pm.

**March 4th—Saturday**

Packing clinic at Rhodes River Ranch in Arlington. Contact Rocky Leavitt for more information.

**March 8th—Wednesday**

General meeting at Laurel Community Grange, starts at 7:00pm

**March 11, 2017-Saturday**

Work party, location to be announced at the general meeting.

**March 17th-19th 2017**

Rendezvous at Kittitas Event Center, Ellensburg. More information in the THN newsletter.

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## **Membership Dues are due!**

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Fran

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## **Laurel Farm & Western Supply**

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*\*\* Place your classified ad here. Classifieds are free to Whatcom BCH members, or just \$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**

Shirley Todhunter at 360-966-5206 or send her an email at [shirley.todhunter@frontier.com](mailto:shirley.todhunter@frontier.com)



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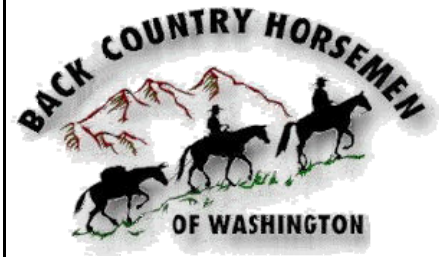
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## Come Join Us!

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 Carol Ketchum, 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	
<b>Basic Membership</b>			All chapter members must also be a member of BCHW. However, BCHW dues only need to be paid <b>once</b> each year. Joining additional (secondary) chapters only requires paying chapter dues.	
	Single	\$41.00		
	Family	\$54.00		
<b>Optional Membership (includes family or single from above)</b>			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 <b>\$10.00</b>	
State dues paid online (attach receipt copy)			Additional Chapter Donation \$	
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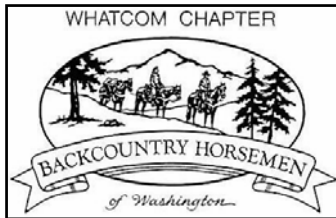
## LIABILITY RELEASE & NOTICES

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*  
Whatcom Chapter Backcountry Horsemen  
*Meeting:*  
**General Meeting: March 8, 2017**  
**Laurel Community Grange,**  
**6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden, WA**  
**Meeting at 7:00**  
**Treats: Therese Jones and Helen Almojera**

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

