

Newsletter of the Whatcom Chapter
Backcountry Horsemen of Washington

TRAIL TALES

Whatcom Chapter
P. O. Box 28607
Bellingham, WA 98228
2017

October 2017

Notes from the President

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Rodney is out enjoying the wilderness experience so he asked me to write something for this month's newsletter. With the recent horrific hurricanes in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico, I can't help but feel how blessed we are to live in the great northwest. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected by these events.

Director:
Bill McKenna
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Alternate Director:
Rocky Leavitt
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You should all have received the BCH flyer for the Fall Ride. It will be on Saturday, October 14, at Bryce Creek. This will be a fundraising event. Following the ride, we are offering a grilled salmon lunch for a donation of \$15. Hotdogs will also be available for children for a cost of \$10. We are looking for support from our membership is getting the word out. If you know someone who would like to participate or if you know someone or a family who would like to be around like-minded people, please invite them and bring them along. We are always looking to make new friends and recruit new members. Additionally, we would very much appreciate it if you could volunteer some of your time and assist with setting up for the ride, lunch, and cleanup afterwards. We are also looking for individuals to provide desserts.

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Thank you.
Joe

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**Check out our new and improved
Website:**

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

VET NOTES Sharon Hoofnagle D.V.M. Fall Reminder- laminitis

The rains have started and our grasses which have been dormant for several weeks are starting to grow. That pasture that was grazed down to ½ inch may have been providing 2 lbs. of grass per day a few weeks ago. Today it may be the same height but providing 30 lbs. per day. You can't determine this because your horse is constantly mowing it. Watch your lawn, not your pasture, to determine grass growth. When you have to start mowing you know your pasture is growing also.

Cold nights-warm days concentrates sugars in grasses, making them more dangerous. Many normal horses will physiologically turn into Cushings horses during the fall months. This seems to be a normal variation in horses. Many normal horses will test positive for Cushings disease Sept thru Nov even though they do not have the disease. This normal physiological change increases the possibility of laminitis in all horses in the fall months.

What to do? Weigh your horse using a weight tape. If they start to gain, and/or if they are on rich grass, and/or they are equine metabolic condition or Cushings horses, or past history of laminitis pull them off the rich grass.

So why do we have a problem with horses? In nature animals build up a layer of fat in the summer and fall to get them through the winter when feed is scarce.

There are two major factors. We have bred equine metabolic syndrome into the modern horse. We like the appearance and the temperament. We did not realize that we were breeding for a disease. Cushings is a common condition in the old horse. Today's horses are living longer and so are more likely to develop the condition.

Just as important- modern grasses are developed to put fat on cattle. They are too rich for many horses.

**2017
TRAIL BOSSES**

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**WORK PARTY
COORDINATOR**

Roger Nelson
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Membership for 2018

It's that time of the year to renew your membership for 2018. Please don't delay! The membership person needs time to process all the memberships and to submit to BCHW. Membership form enclosed please complete and return to Whatcom BCH, c/o of Helen Almojera at PO Box 28607, Bellingham, WA 98228

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 Chapter of Backcountry Horsemen
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
September 13, 2017**

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Bill McKenna and seconded by Susan Sebastian to approve the August 2017 minutes as published. Motion carried.

Sunshine: Get well cards were sent out to Julie Bartholomew. Cards will be sent to Diane Kimker and Robert Eversole.

Director/Legislative: Bill mentioned the quarterly Board meeting is this weekend. It is also time to get involved in the two year cycle on the grants. Mike McGlenn, Joe Remenar and Bill met with Barb Richey with the USFS and talked about the Middle Fork Bridge. The bridge is in but the grant two years ago to build it didn't cover the ramps on and off of it. They are putting together a grant to cover them. Bill would like to know of any other trails we would like work on so we can apply for a grant. He also mentioned Excelsior has a lot of bees on it.

Volunteer Hours: Rodney read off the list of volunteers. 133 hours were logged for August.

DNR Volunteer Hours: Reminder to turn in any time you have to Gary Bellows. The time counts from when you leave home to when you return They don't count mileage, but we can turn in our hours and travel miles for our BCH volunteer hours. Also, there have been break-ins at the upper Blanchard trailhead so keep your eyes open.

Work Party/Trail Coordinator/Bosses: Roger has not planned any rides in September because of the high fire danger. There is the scheduled Halloween ride in October. He packed in timbers to the bridges on Blanchard to patch holes.

Trails: S. Fork Park: Rodney reported that the gate is open. Right now we only have a mowed perimeter trail to ride. Rod Lamb asked Rodney if we'd be interested in putting in an ADA ramp. Susan Sebastian would like more research/information to see if we can even do it financially. **Stewart:** Sharon Hoofnagle said branches have been trimmed high enough up for horses and the trails are looking pretty good. There is still brushing that needs to be done.

Fund-raising Committee: Misty River is anxious to work with us to hold something there. Rodney purchased chocolate bars and had them at the meeting to resell. When sold at \$2.00 each BCH will make \$85 per 100.

Stewart Mt. Trailhead Sign: Rod Lamb brought our idea to Mike McFarlane. Mike wants a sign to have rules printed on it that will apply to all users. One rule is to have dogs on leash at all times. Sharon Hoofnagle was against this as the Stewart Mt. area is a great off-leash place. Plus it is difficult to ride your horse with your dog on a leash.

October Fund Raiser: There was mention of changing the October 28 Halloween ride from a donation ride to turning it into a fund raiser. It would be a dinner with salmon, rice, Caesar salad, drink and dessert. The charge would be \$15/person for the ride and dinner, children 10 and under would be \$10/plate, and \$10/plate if a person didn't want salmon. There was discussion that this might interfere with the Wine ride in Selah or the Halloween ride put on by the Cascade Chapter. **Motion was made by Joe Remenar to change the date of the ride to October 14, and to do the fish, rice, salad, etc. Motion was seconded by Melinda Smull. Motion carried.**

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New Business: Elections: Elections take place in November and its time to start thinking about it. Rodney and Lynn are not going to re-run. Roger is not going to be the trail coordinator but will still be working on trails. Jackie said she would re-run for Treasurer. All positions are open. **Christmas Party:** We need to think about this now in order to book a place. There was mention of holding at Rome Grange again. We need someone to spearhead this. Will have Fran put this out to the members. **Motion made by Jackie Yereance and seconded by Geri Surratt to check with Skagit Chapter to have a joint party. Motion carried.** Susan Sebastian will send Janine an email to see if Skagit would like to do this.

Web Site: Tim Surratt showed the members what the web site looks like now. He encouraged people to view it and send Letitia Wheeler feedback.

Motion made by Joe Remenar and seconded by Susan Sebastian to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lynn Johnson



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

Lisa Oostema - loss of her equine partner

Walden & Becky - loss of one of Walden's nieces

Julie Bartholomew - Get better soon

Diane Kimker—get well soon

Robert Eversole—get well soon

A Special Thank You to:

Laurel Farm & Western Supply

America's Horse Country

Weylin & Amy Eldred

325 W Laurel Rd., Bellingham

360/398-1216 * 360/398-8050 fax

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Business Card....\$30.00 for 6 months or \$50.00 for a Year

Classifieds.....\$3.00 per month

Free Classifieds for members!

CLASSIFIEDS

*** 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.*



CALENDAR



Oct 2nd Monday

**Board meeting at Roundtable Pizza on Sunset Dr.
Dinner at 6:00, meeting at 7:00pm.** First room

Oct 11th—Wednesday

**General Meeting at Laurel Community Grange,
6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden. Meeting at 7:00pm.**
Treats—Becky, drink—Angie

Oct 14th—Saturday

Autumn Ride and delicious lunch at Heady trails.
Join us for a fun 2 1/2 hour ride. See flyer
in newsletter.

The Halloween ride for Oct 28th has been cancelled and
replaced with the Autumn Ride,

**2017 COMMITTEE
CHAIRS:**

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COMMITTEE**

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SCRAPBOOK

Debbie Lagerwey
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Need Pictures!



FOR SALE:

Well broke in Western Saddle.
Needs a little TLC; hasn't been used in years. \$200.
Ronald Mazza, 360.671.4408, ramazza@juno.com



FOR SALE:

18 year old mare seeking new home. Piper is gentle and well behaved both in hand and under saddle. She is currently being ridden on trails once a week. The trails in our area are on very steep hills and arthritis is beginning to bother her but she is very suitable for riding in flatter areas or indoors. She is in good health, gets along well with other horses, 15.1 HH, up to date on shots and worming.

Did I mention that she is a flashy brown and white pinto?

\$500.00 negotiable
Contact Ann (360) 303-0491



AUTUMN RIDE **October 14, 2017** **Heady Trails**

Join Whatcom Backcountry Horsemen on Saturday, October 14th at Heady trails for a fun 2 1/2 hour Autumn ride and a delicious lunch!

Ride and Salmon lunch donation of \$15.00

Children 12 and under \$10.00

Ride and hot dog lunch donation of \$10.00

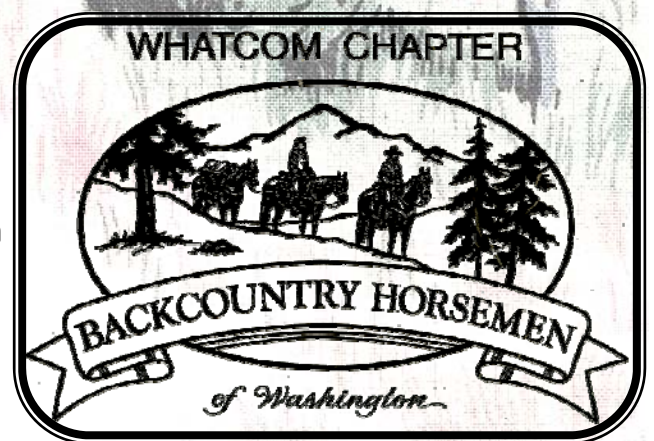
Ride only donation of \$10.00

First riders out at 9:30 am, last rider out at 11:00am. Trails will be marked.

Lunch will be served between 12:30—2:00 pm.

Contact : Helen at 360-592-8080 or Fran 360-734-2567 for more information.

Directions: From Mt. Baker Hwy (542) East continue on 542, by Kendall, on roundabout take 2nd exit straight to Kendall Road (547). Turn right on South Pass Road, turn left on Heady road. Turn right at yellow gate and follow signs to Bryce Creek Horse Camp.



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		
	Family	\$54.00	Chapter Name (or Independent): WHATCOM COUNTY If joining a secondary Chapter, provide the Chapter name where BCHW dues have been paid for 2018:	
Optional Membership (includes family or single from above)				
	Contributing	\$75.00		
	Sustaining	\$125.00		
	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) \$	

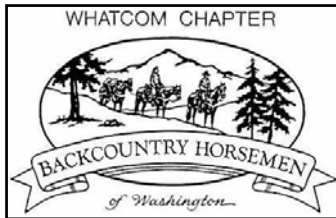
LIABILITY RELEASE & NOTICES

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:	

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