



TRAIL TALES

September 2011

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.

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Hard to remember a more beautiful end to summer. I've been riding once or twice a week for the past several months. The animals are looking lean and mean and ready to go. As you know, most of our high country packing has been canceled this year due to heavy snow pack. Hopefully this month we will be able to get out and do at least some high country riding. I would like to do a local over nighter in the high hills. Let me know if you have any interest. We can bring a big tent with a wood stove.

Work parties galore. Lots of different work parties have been going on. Yet there is much still to do. The upper far left trails going up Olson Creek haven't been cleaned in years. We need to try and get to them soon. If you like to ride these trails, perhaps you could volunteer to lead some crews up there. A group of us also went up the farthest left (north) of the hiker trails and found it kind of steep but ok for the horses. It will need to be brushed out and have a few small trees cut for the pack saddles. When done, it will be our best training and getting in shape trail in the low mountains. Also, we need to try and get a work party to do the west Vedder trail. We haven't done it this year. We will lose the far west portion that is on private land to the brush if we go too long. Let me know if you can be a part of that.

Congrats to John and Sage for a job well done. The trails near their property are very nice. A lot of hard work went in to making this happen. I have never seen blue paint on the ground to mark a trail before but it did indeed help a lot. If you missed this ride, you missed a good thing.

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President's Notes

Personal note - One of the biggest reasons most of us enjoy being in the BCH is the sheer enjoyment of riding and being with others. Lately I've been reminded of this. On some of our fifteen mile rides lately we've been having upwards of five to ten riders. For the entire four to five hours everyone is having the time of their life. We even found a new lunch stop where we have a great view of Glacier Peak. We've had new riders whose butts had to be sore but they didn't admit to it. What a tough bunch! What more do you want. Good horse, good food, good friends. If you are in this club and you are not having a great time then you need to put in more effort. Come join some of the rides. Maybe help out on some of the work parties. Volunteer to host a ride. Raise your hand when we need cooks for a lunch. In the end, nothing is better for you than to donate your time to a worthy cause. It will be a big part of your life.

Rocky

Come let us ride together. Let us share a meal. And thank you Dear Lord for the company of fine friends.

2011

TRAIL BOSSES

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 360-599-2461

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Also can adopt a ride
 for 2011

**WORK PARTY
 COORDINATOR**

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General Meeting Minutes

No minutes for August 10th BCH general meeting received.

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

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.

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Les Hilde Ride to Birdsview Brewery

September 10, 2011



First rider at 10:00

Last rider at 11:00



Starting Les Hilde Trail Head approx a 2.5 hr ride ending at the Birdsview Brewery; for those who want to extend your ride you can ride along the old Railroad line to Birdsview Hamburger Restaurant.

If you decide to ride one way there is plenty of parking for your trailer.

The trail will be marked with Green and Pink Ribbons.

Please no dogs, guns or alcohol this is a sanctioned ride.

Please read the rules for attending a sanctioned ride.

The Brewery has a small kitchen to accommodate a large group, leaving in small groups at a time would be greatly appreciated.

Check their website to download their menu, also available is a kids menu. They have a beer garden which you have to be 21 to go in, read their reviews and they do make awesome Root Beer.

<http://www.birdsviewbrewingco.com/menu.html>

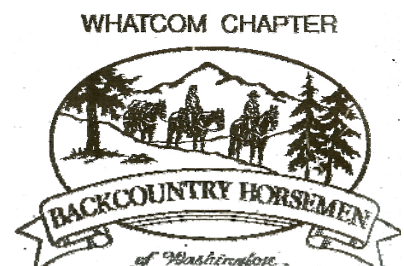
I would like to have a general idea how many people will be going to inform the Brewery, due to the fact the kitchen is not large enough for large parties and they would like to provide great service.

There are some areas to tie your animals, if you would like to ride one way and are bringing your trailer down, would you like to volunteer to have some people tie their horses to your trailer?

Please contact me at 360-966-4082 for information and let me know if you plan to attend, ok to leave a detailed message.

Fun/Work party at 10:00 on Sunday Sept 4th
To flag, ride the trail or enjoy the day with good friends

Cindy Piccolo Trail Boss



CALENDAR



- Sept 4 Sunday** **Marking trail at Les Hilde for Birdsvie Brewery ride at 10:00 a.m.**
- Sept 8 Thursday** **Board meeting at Bob's Burger & Brew, Barkley Village, dinner at 6:00, meeting at 7:00 p.m.**
- Sept 10 Saturday** **Les Hilde Ride to Birdsvie Brewery. Be ready to ride at 10:00, last rider out at 11:00 a.m. (More info on page 3)**
- Sept 14 Wednesday** **General Meeting at Herman Miller 4H Park, 1385 E. Hemmi Road, Everson. Potluck at 6:00 p.m. Bring your favorite dish to share. Please bring your utensils, plate and beverage. Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.**
- Sept 16-18 Fri—Sun** **Camp out at Heady trails. Dates have been reserved for another campout at Heady trails. Contact Roger Nelson if you plan to campout. They need to know how many people will be there. There is a \$20.00 fee donation to the Church camp for each rig.**
- Sept 24 Saturday** **National Public Work party at Les Hilde. Contact Roger Nelson for more information.**

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Free Classifieds for members!

Tid Bits**Meetings**

Remember in October the general meetings will be held at the Laurel Community Grange located at 6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden, WA. Second Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Nominations:

2012 nominations will be held in November. Is there anyone interested in running for an office? We usually have a nomination committee—are you willing to help out? No experience needed!

Christmas Party:

Time to start thinking of our Christmas Party. Can you be in the committee? Need to determine date and also locate a place.

Rides and work parties:

Time to start thinking of rides for 2012. What trails need work done? What other rides would you like to have? Would you like to host a ride? We need feed back, send us your emails or give us a call.

Membership

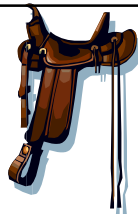
It's that time again to start thinking about renewing your membership for Whatcom BCH. Please complete the membership form and send to the treasurer. Please help the treasurer by renewing early and not waiting until the last minute.

Auction:

Time to start thinking of our auction for 2012. Do we want to have an auction? Date of auction? Are you willing to be in the auction committee?

Remember this is your Chapter, get involved!

Fran

**Sunshine Committee**

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

Kelly Cannard: Get well wishes sent to Kelly.

Cascade Horse Club BCH Chapter
Prize Ride
September 17, 2011
Pilchuck Tree Farm in Arlington

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.
Riders out 9—11 a.m.

First hand—\$7.00, additional hands \$5.00

Lunch will be available.
Proceeds benefits local trailhead
Improvements.

www.CascadeHorseClub.org
or contact Wendy Kondo at
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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.*

VET NOTES Sharon Hoofnagle D.V.M. Wound Treatments

Horse people sometimes refer to their horse as a bag of bones looking for trouble. Combine the flight reflex of a prey animal with a mischievous curiosity; it is no wonder our equine critters often suffer cuts and scrapes. Often these injuries are more distressing to the owner than the horse, and the owner wants the best possible wound treatment for their friend. But a trip to the feed store can be confusing. There are hundreds of wound treatments on the market, some cheap, some very expensive.

The discovery of disinfectants and antibiotics advanced our treatment of wounds. However we are finding that some of the old pre-antibiotic treatments can be very effective.

Wound treatment has changed over the years. Researchers discovered that many wound preparations delay healing. Although they may inhibit bacteria they are toxic to growing cells and are detrimental to wound healing. Also many bacteria are resistant to modern antibiotics and some form a biofilm, a layer that protects the bacteria from antibiotics. Some preparations promote proud flesh or exuberant granulation tissue. Proud flesh occurs most often on the lower legs. Instead of a cut healing it over-produces granulation tissue forming a mound of irritated bleeding tissue.

Any wound over a joint or a vital structure, or that has been sutured requires optimal treatment. Your veterinarian will evaluate the wound and prescribe the required medications.

However for a simple scrape the owner can use an over-the counter preparation. The trail rider wants something that can fit in saddle bags and is easy to use.

A good all-around wound treatment is triple-antibiotic ointment. It can be used on humans or horses, is available in convenient squeeze-tubes available in most stores. The tubes will hold up in saddle bags, although it is safer to put them in zip-locks.

Another excellent wound preparation might surprise you. It's honey. Honey is anti-bacterial, anti-inflammatory and promotes healing. It is available in a squeeze tube. The type of honey used may be a factor. Honey from New Zealand or Australia such as Manuka honey has better healing properties than store-bought honey, however it is quite expensive and not readily available. All unpasteurized honey will be effective to some degree. Honey is messy and not easy to use. It is easiest to apply it to a gauze sponge or pad and then apply it to the wound. New products are being developed that will simplify its use.

Honey is a food product so it should not be kept in your saddle bags or tent when you are camping. You don't want a bear coming into your tent for it.

I recommend riders carry triple antibiotic in their first aid kit because of price, ease of use, and doesn't attract critters. But if you run out or forget it on a camping trip grab the honey. However it is not just an emergency treatment. This ancient wound treatment dating back 4000 years is making a strong comeback. It is often the treatment of choice for simple wounds.



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Come Join Us! Jan 1—Dec 31, 2011

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, 5999 Fazon Rd. Bellingham, WA 98226**

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

Adult's name (s): _____

Children's names(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Legislative district (if known): _____ County: _____

FOR CHAPTER USE ONLY	
Date Pd. _____	
Check # _____	

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 \$ _____

Chapter Membership

WHATCOM CHAPTER



Chapter Name: (or Independent):

Whatcom

Chapter Dues

(determined by Chapter)

\$10.00

Additional Chapter Donation: +\$ _____

Subtotal (from left column): +\$ _____

Grand total from left column & right column=\$ _____

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 where ever 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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- 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 _____



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Next
Whatcom Chapter Backcountry Horsemen
Meeting:
General Meeting: September 14, 2011
Herman Miller 4H Park,
1385 E. Hemmi Road, Everson.
Potluck at 6:00 p.m.
Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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