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Notes from the President

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Happy April, Equestrian peeps. Rendezvous 2023 is in the books. It was my first one in too many years. I went to two different saddle fittings which is now going to cost me big bucks because I can't just grab any old saddle at a tack sale now and throw it on my horse. Did I mention that all three of my horses have different bodies so three new custom saddles??

Anyway, on to a happier note, next I attended the Presidents meeting. It was hosted by our own Bob Innis, VP of the BCH of WA. We had a really informative round table discussion about what the other chapters are doing. The down side coming out of that meeting was that some of the other chapters are having a resurgence of membership since Covid and our numbers are down. Why? I don't know but what I am going to try is this.

We have our spring ride coming up on April 15, I would like ask every body coming to that ride to ask a non-member. What better way to show them how much fun we are! And you should really consider attending Rendezvous 2024, you can ride with me if you want!

See you between the ears.
Roger E.

Auction Committee

Happy Spring to everyone. Your auction committee has been working hard for this year's event. We are currently looking for donations of new and gently used items. What a great time to do some spring cleaning, items that sell well include, anything equestrian, camping, gardening, pet supplies, tools and anything that you might think would be interesting and fun. The bake sale is very popular so if you have a specialty we'd love to include that also.

Please get your value letter to Fran by April 22. Donations may be dropped off at Nancy Giordano's April 24th-May 5th, be sure to call her at 360-961-0822 to make arrangements or if needed, your items may be picked up by one of our auction committee members.

Thank you everyone it is you that make our auction great.

Auction Committee Chair,
Melinda Smull, 360 595-2137

VET NOTES Sharon Hoofnagle D.V.M.**A Story with a Lesson**

Many years ago local group of riders headed up Thousand Puddles for an overnight camping trip. They set up camp, the horses were grazing on the island, and the folks enjoyed a nice dinner. At dusk they brought the horses in, but Star was missing. They searched the island and the surrounding area- no Star. By around 10 pm they were anxious. The most likely place to find her was back at the trailhead so they decided to pack up and ride out.

As they approached the trailhead they started to joke, hoping Star was enjoying the good grass along the road. But as they rode in the joking turned to dismay- there was no sign of Star. There were a few campers at the trailhead but they denied seeing Star. As they pondered what to do next one of the campers, slightly inebriated, sidled up to them and said he thought he knew where Star was.

With the new info they headed back up the trail and within an hour had found her, stuck but unhurt.

In those days there was an intact bridge across Edfro Creek. It was about 100 ft from the stock crossing. Some slightly tipsy folks had found Star, thought she was lost, and tied her to the back of their atv and headed out to the trailhead. The problem was the bridge was not entirely decked - it only had boards on each side for wheeled vehicles. Star went right off the bridge approach and into the creek.

She wasn't hurt and with some help was able to get out of the creek. It was surprising to the riders that they had ridden close to her in the dark and she hadn't whinnied.

Many folks have good and some not so good stories to tell. But I did learn one thing from this story.

When I camp with my horse he has two tags on- one has his home address in Whatcom County, the second has his camp address and the date- for example Spanish Camp- Aug 5-12.

Then I hope if he is lost whoever finds him, finds him before happy hour.

Sunshine Committee

If you know someone that needs a little ray of sunshine, please contact Michelle McKenna at 360-599-2526 or send her an email at: wintercreek10@gmail.com.

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Whatcom Back Country Horsemen General Meeting Minutes Mar 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm at the Laurel Grange by Vice President Cindy Piccolo. It was preceded by a 30 min social gathering. The pledge of allegiance was said. The roll call was asked for. Attendees stated their name. Two members attended by zoom.

Our guest speakers were introduced from the Whatcom Conservation District. Corina Cheever – Conservation Planning Coordinator & Farm Planning, described the many programs offered to farms, including planning, education, and incentive programs. Amanda Knauf, Wildfire Resilience Specialist, described programs available and how to minimize wild fire danger on a farm, and advise on evacuation

Approval of this meeting agenda was requested- Andy moved to approve, Carol K seconded. - approved
Approval of gen min from Feb 8 2023 printed in newsletter- Verna moved, Sam seconded. Approved.

The general meeting agenda and reports were presented. The agenda topics were:
Renewal of cd: report: one cd was up for renewal, the board recommended renewing it, it is held by BCHW.
Amount available to members by request.

Website: the website was discussed by the board. It is not being kept up to date. We have discussed dropping it but it is an asset to the club. The web manager donates the website fees and does not charge us. The board voted to continue the website one year,
(The above two topics were due prior to the general meeting- club will vote on ratification)

Baker Lake Trail: (east side of Baker Lake) Bill moved and Andy seconded that WBCH work on the trail.
Discussion followed the motion: The main work will be removing puncheon and re-establishing water fords. We also need to advocate for parking; Tim is trying to get the forest service to provide parking, (four spots), possibly using Puget Sound Energy funds. The cost to work on the entire trail is \$400,000. The PNT is logging out the entire trail, WTA is working on the middle section. They will be boated across the lake. We will be working on the south end (the dam end). Whatcom and Skagit are both close enough to provide workers.
A motion was made by Bill M, Andy seconded to pass all three items: the CD renewal, the website renewal, and the Baker Lake trail work. Motion passed.

Directors: Joe R –Ted Neff is the new head of the Mt Baker Ranger District of the Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, headquarters Sedro Woolley Joe suggested that three chapters, Whatcom, Skagit, and Traildusters host a meet-and-greet event with Ted and all three chapters. The Skagit rodeo grounds would be a good venue.
Rendezvous- is coming up Fri, Sat, Sun Mar 17, 18, 19th. Events are Fri and Sat; the membership meeting is Sunday. Deb Cribbs would like a ride. Trail app: Bob and Cathy Iddins described a new trail app called Tread Map that will have a booth. It is an interactive app, people can post photos, trail info. For example, if there is a tree down it can be placed on the map
Store items: Lori Lenox will have store items at Rendezvous. Joe can bring items back members want. There will be a large tack sale.
Volunteer Hrs.: Verna- Feb had 71.5 hrs.

Auction: Melinda: M. gave the timeline: Deadline for value letters/donation-April 22

Donations may begin to be dropped off at Nancy's- April 24th-May 5th

Tagging May 6th

Auction May 13th we need lots of help that day.

A sign-up list for volunteers is being passed around, the jobs were described. Display items, set-up tables and chairs, silent auction set-up and close down, moving items from Nancy's to auction. There are enough helpers for tagging.

The value letters were explained. If there are a lot of items make a list and email it to Fran. Have the value of an item next to the item. The total of all items is the value of the donation. State yes or no if they want a tax deduction receipt. Call Nancy before dropping items off.

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The Logging Museum was very appreciative of how clean we left the grounds and building. Thanks to Roger Nelson and his crew. It was noted that our silent auction has great items ranging from fancy to garage sale type.

Good of the order

Spring Easter Ride Joe- asked if we want it, Melinda S moved to have the ride, Roger N seconded, motion passed unanimously. Debbie is on leave so Marie T will be our contact person for Bryce Creek. Cindy P will be the club contact. The ride will be at Bryce Creek on April 8th (Sat) Verna suggested putting it on the state website. Cindy P complimented Carol Ketchum on her sunshine cards that she donated.

Bob & Kathy Iddins suggested the Farm Expo trifold be taken to Rendezvous. Sharon H said it is available for any event, very easy to carry and set up. Contact her if someone wants to take it to Rendezvous, or any other event. The Farm Expo went well, there were 315 visitors and good comments were made. Several members helped out. The Remenar family collaborated on the excellent cookies and flapjacks. (If you want to know what flapjacks are, come to an event. They are a Schultz Northwest phenomenon)

Joe moved to adjourn; Melinda S seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 submitted by Sharon Hoofnagle secretary. (comments in parentheses are for clarification)

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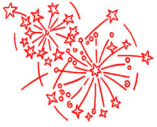
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May'22--April'23



CALENDAR



April 3, 2023-----board meeting at Roundtable Pizza on Sunset Dr. Bellingham, dinner at 6pm, meeting at 7pm--8:30pm

April 12, 2023-----general meeting at Laurel Community Hall, 6172 Guide Meridian, social hour 6:30pm, meeting 7pm---8:30pm. Guest speaker: Roger E. on his Scotland trip to the World Clydesdale Show.

April 15, 2023-----Spring Ride at heady, Bryce Creek horse camp. Potluck, so bring a dish to share, be sure to mark your dish and utensils and please leave at the gazebo before riding.

February 2023 volunteer hours:

Basic--6, Skilled-- 5, LNT.edu--3, Admin--52.5, travel--5, for a total of 71.5 hours

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Cindy Piccolo
Fran Van Diest
Jackie Yereance
Joe Remenar
Melinda Smull
Robbie Harris
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Sharon Hoofnagle
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Mike McGlenn
360-739-2619

SCRAPBOOK

Debbie Lagerwey
360-354-2804
Need Pictures!

A picture of Rob DeBoer and Dana Chambers (BCHW President). Rob was awarded the President's Award given by Dana at Rendezvous.



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verna@soundengineering.com Verna

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Mick Blakey
360-201-1098 or send email to
mick.blakey@gmail.com



Small Farm Expo, March 4, 2023 at the Northwest Fairgrounds in Lynden

WBCH had our display again at the Whatcom Farm Expo, held at the Lynden fairgrounds on March 4. New info and photos on recent activities were included, i.e., photos on equine and human wilderness first aid classes, sawyer classes, and a workshop with Washington State Animal Response Team. Joe Remenar provided a great new video displaying the talent of our stock on challenging trails and also hard-working crews. Bill McKenna brought the pack horse display. Sharon Hoofnagle brought the table displays. Cindy Piccolo, Verna and Andy McLeod helped the set-up.

The turn-out was excellent. Several additional BCH members showed up to help man the display, visit, and view the expo. Thanks to all who helped.

The WBCH display was flanked by Chuck and Betty Eichenberger's and Mike McGlenn's aerator display with Mike's tractor on one side and the Sunset Farm Park display by Roger Edmonds on the other.

The Remenar family provided nutritional supplementation with the world-famous Schultz Flap-jacks.

The whole display received a lot of positive feedback from the public and the Expo organizers. The public especially enjoyed the invaluable information on how to find your way back to a trailhead when lost.

Sharon H.



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to protect Multi-User Trailheads and trail facilities in remote areas of our region.

Volunteer members ride and pack in supplies by horseback on maintenance projects to benefit many users.

Funds raised buy equipment and supplies to help preserve our right to ride and access public lands for future generations. As a local non profit organization, we rely on community support of our efforts on behalf of all trail users, including riders, bikers, runners, walkers, and naturalists.



Pasayten Aug'22

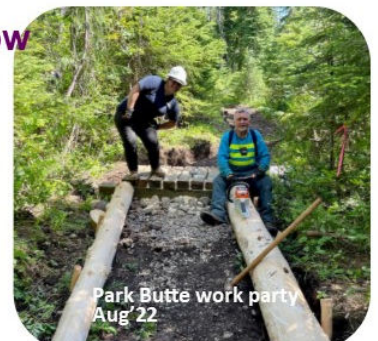
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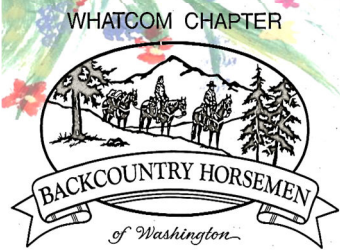
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**Melinda Smull at 360-595-2137
Sam Miller at 360-325-2833 or
Nancy Giordano at 360-961-0822**



Park Butte work party
Aug '22



Spring Ride
April 15, 2023

Bryce Creek Horse Camp

Join us for a Spring ride at Bryce creek horse camp, heady road, Sumas.

Roger Nelson will lead a ride at 9:30am.

You can also go for a ride after lunch.

Potluck lunch at 12:00pm.

Please bring a dish to share!

Door Prizes!

Contact Cindy Piccolo for at 360-961-4839 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. Park at gazebo or field below.



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BCHW Membership Chair
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Chapter Dues \$10

Please consider making a State donation:

State Subtotal \$

Please consider making a Chapter donation:

Chapter Subtotal \$

Grand Total (State+Chapter) \$

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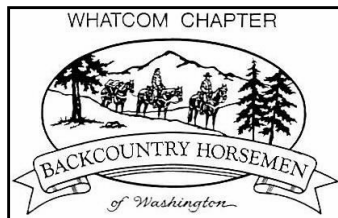
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General Meeting:
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Laurel Community Grange
6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden

6:30pm--social, 7pm--8:30pm--meeting

