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Newsletter of the Whatcom Chapter
Backcountry Horsemen of Washington

TRAIL TALES

August 2018

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.

It's hard to believe that it is August already. Days are starting to get shorter and fall will be here before we know it. Everyone should have their hay in the barn and be prepared for the upcoming seasons. With that in mind we need to start thinking about officers for next year. This is the time to think about stepping up to put your mark on how the chapter is run. It would be nice to have people step up and commit their intentions well before the November elections.

I would like to thank the packers Rocky, Roger, Joe and Bill for supporting the trail crews. I have been unable to assist them this year because of a barn project and other issues. It is very important work that they are doing, bringing in and out the work crews supplies that keep our trails open. If there is ever a chance, please ride with them and give them a hand loading and unloading.

Get out and ride while we are having this great weather before it turns wet and cold again.

See ya on the trail.

Rodney

Check out our new and improved Website:

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

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.

Rocky Leavitt: Get well wishes sent to Rocky. He had knee surgery in July.

**Whatcom Chapter of Backcountry Horsemen
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
July 11, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made and 2nd to approve the June 2018 minutes as published. Motion carried.

Hospitality/Guests: Anna Cavazza was a guest..

Volunteer Hours: Please remember to report your hours. If you ride Blanchard or Les Hilde please send Cindy Piccolo your hours and she will submit them to the DNR for you.

DNR Volunteer Hours: There was 540 volunteer hours reported this past month.

Director/Legislative: Calendars are here and Bill has 50. If you want one buy it now as there will be no more ordered when these are gone. The Trailhead News discussion addressed the possibility of going digital. This is a move that hopefully will appeal to a younger audience. Though the question of costs was a motivator to the discussion those have not been answered yet. All Chapters need to be more proactive in submitting articles with complete and accurate information.

Newsletter: Please have items to Fran by the 20th.

Work Parties/Trail Coordinator: Rodney brought up the Hot Shot Crew that worked Anderson Creek 4th of July weekend. BCHW was well represented by Bill McKenna, Rocky Leavitt, Roger Nelson, and Joe Remenar. WTA, PCT, & PNT were all collaborating the effort. Workers were in the camp as well as on the trail. As no machines are allowed there were many loppers. Commercial packers are also very grateful as clearing the trails enables a steady flow to their revenue.

Trailheads:

- Mike McGlenn noted at the Board meeting and wanted all members to know that the DNR Recreation Committee put Stewart Mountain trails, connections to the County park and trailhead as the top priority for first implementation.
- There is a working pack day at Andrew Creek on July 4th as well as another pack day Cutthroat Creek on July 28.
- Bill noted that on Tuesday there will be a pack in to Goat Mt. Contact him if interested.

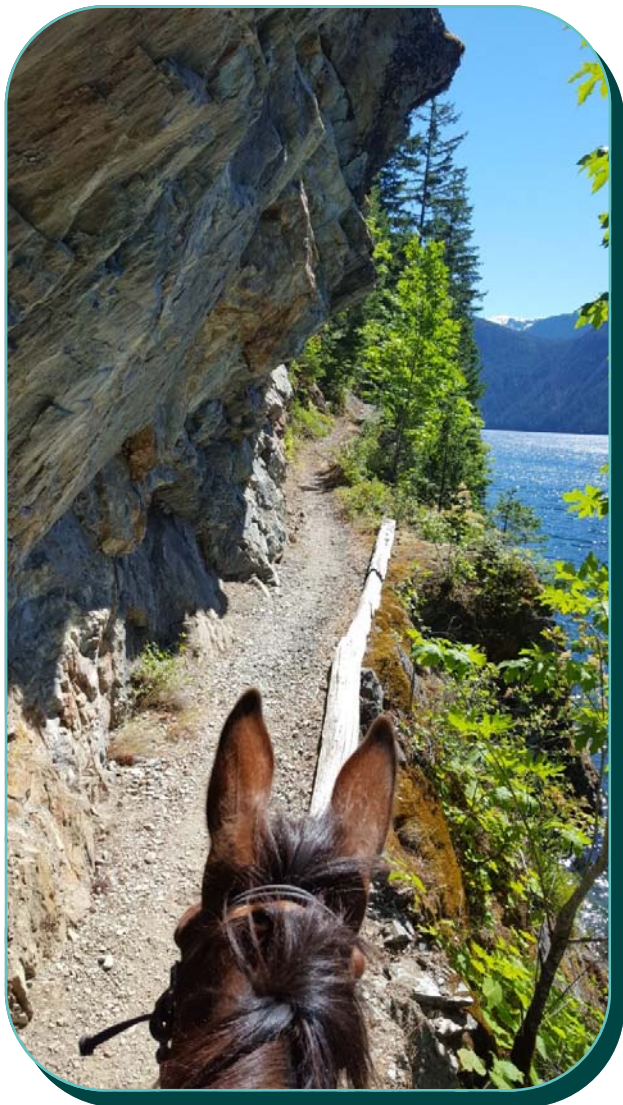
Other Business:

- Bob Atchison started our evening with a demonstration on the simplicity of having a well trained horse.
- NW Regional Prize Ride will be Saturday, July 14th.
- Cindy Piccolo attended the Horizon Camp with her horse last Monday. There were 4 horses and they spent an hour bringing joy to the camp members. There will be another session next Monday, July 16th. If you are interested in attending please contact Carol Ketchum.
- It has been clarified that members have 30 days to report their mileage and 45 days to request reimbursement for funds spent. Otherwise they must make a request to the General Membership to make an exception to this timeline.

Close: Motion to adjourn the meeting and 2nd. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

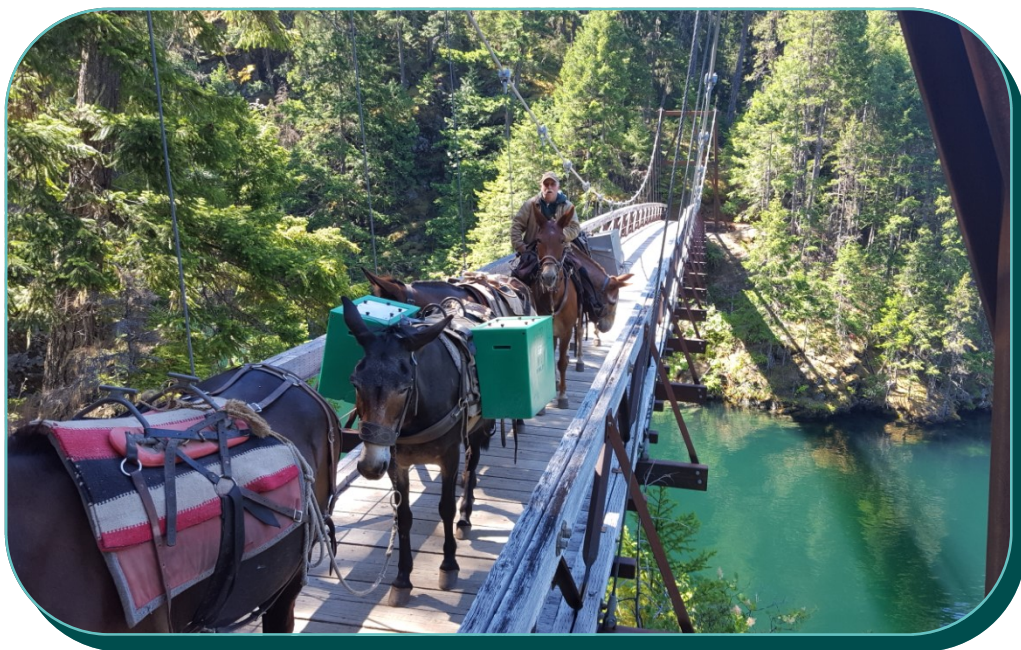
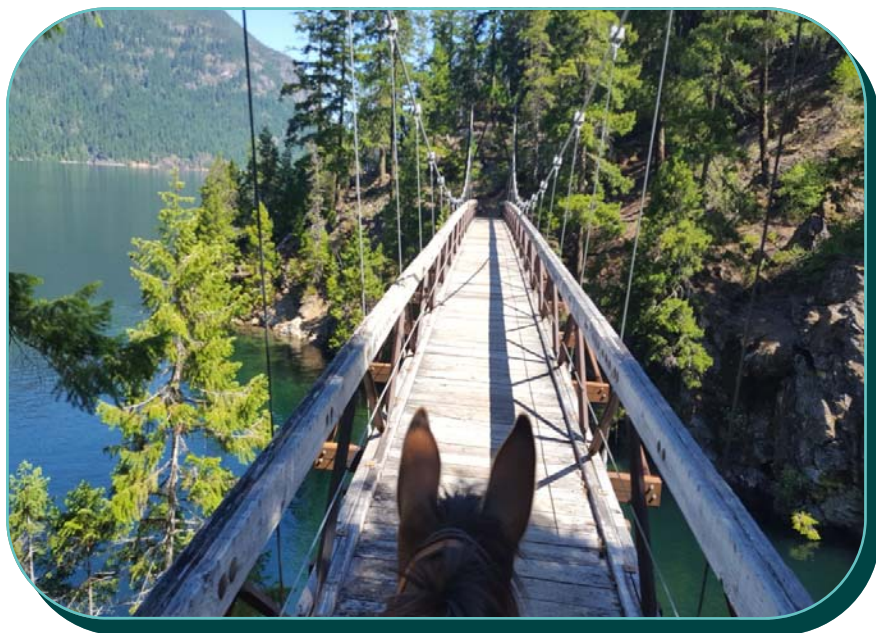
Geri Surratt



Two more Packing Trip for PNT to East Bank trail, Nat'l Park trail

On **July 12, 2018** Rocky Leavitt and Roger Nelson packed in supplies/equipment for Pacific Northwest Trail Association to East Bank Trail. Here are some pictures of the trip.

Another work party packing out was done on **July 22, 2018** by Roger Nelson and Judy Kinna. Everything went well on both packing trips.
Fran



2018 TRAIL BOSSES

Rocky Leavitt
360-599-2675

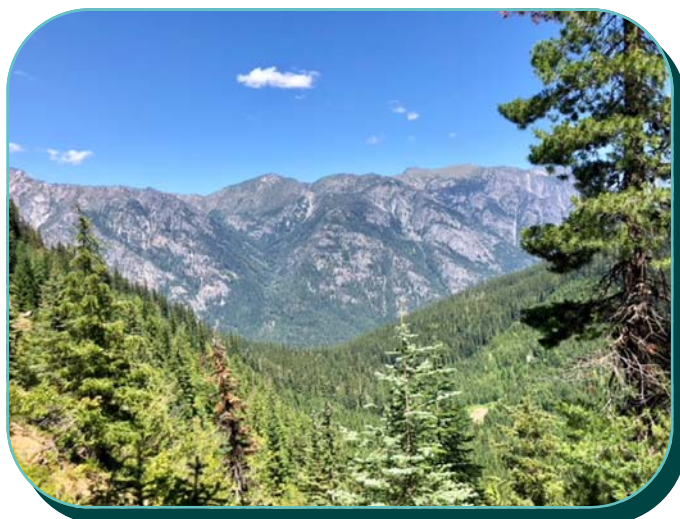
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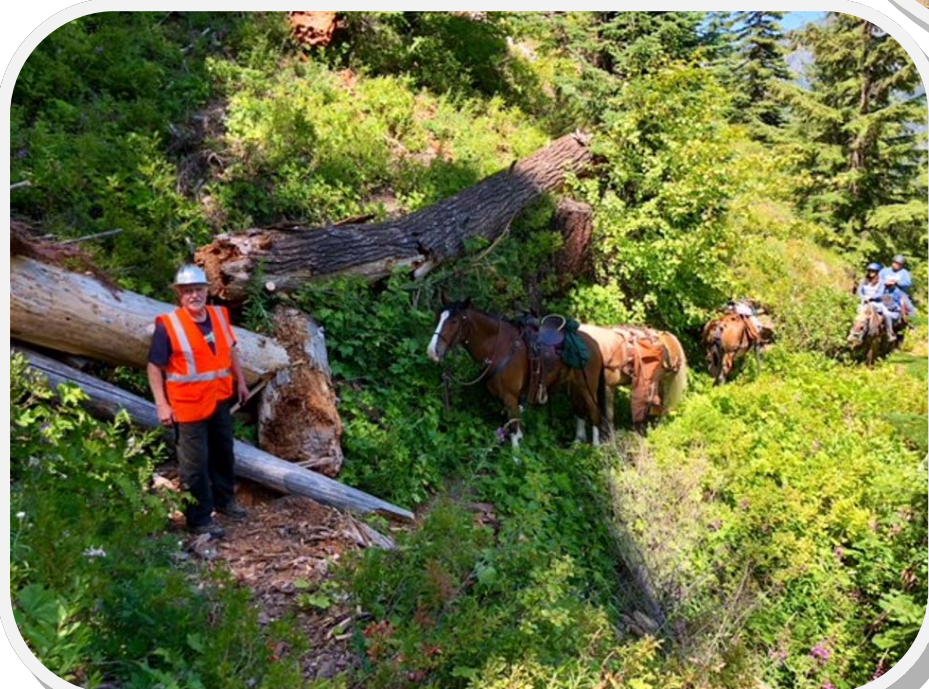
WORK PARTY COORDINATOR

Roger Nelson
360-599-2461



BCHW Statewide Work Party at Black Pine Horse Camp July 21st—July 25, 2018

A few pictures of the State work party. Looks like they did a lot of work.
Fran



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



July 30th—Monday

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

August 8th—Wednesday

General meeting/potluck at Misty River Ranch, 5690 N. Fork Rd. Deming. Potluck at 6:00pm—bring your plate, utensils, a beverage and a chair. Meeting starts at 7:00pm.

August 9th—Thursday

Packing in at Hannegan Pass for WTA. Contact Rocky if you wish to join him or more information.

August 18th—Saturday

Packing for WTA at Hannegan Pass—tentative

August 25th—Saturday

Packing for WTA at Hannegan Pass—tentative

August 27th—Monday

Board meeting at Roundtable Pizza, dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:00pm

Oct 6th—Saturday

Autumn Fest Fundraiser at Bryce Creek Camp!
More info later

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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

Hours: Mon – Fri: 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sat: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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.

VET NOTES Sharon Hoofnagle D.V.M. Rabies

The following was forwarded by the Washington State Veterinarian Medical Assoc. from The King County Health Dept. While rabies is rare in our area the climate and world conditions are changing. We need to be on the lookout for rarer diseases and how to handle them.

Public Health news and blog

Rabid bat found at Hollywood Hills Equestrian Park in Woodinville

July 9, 2018

Summary:

A rabid bat was found at Hollywood Hills Equestrian Park in Woodinville. If you had any contact with a bat at Hollywood Hills Equestrian Park on June 23 or June 24, 2018, seek medical care immediately for information on preventative treatment. Rabies can be life-threatening, but treatable if caught early before any symptoms develop.

Story

A rabid bat was found near the arena seating at Hollywood Hills Equestrian Park in Woodinville, WA. The bat was noticed by multiple people on Sunday afternoon, June 24. They were able to safely capture the bat and contacted animal control. The bat was taken to a local wildlife center for evaluation and possible rehabilitation. While being monitored at the wildlife center, the bat developed changes in behavior that suggested rabies. The bat was humanely euthanized on July 5, and tested positive for rabies at the Washington State Public Health Laboratory on July 6.

Who is at risk

Any person or animal that touched or had contact with the bat or its saliva could be at risk of getting rabies, which is almost always fatal once symptoms begin. Fortunately, rabies can be prevented if treatment is given before symptoms appear. Anyone who had contact with this bat at Hollywood Hills Equestrian Park near the arena seating should seek medical care immediately.

Rabies is treatable if caught before symptoms appear, so identifying anyone who has had contact as soon as possible is important," said Dr. Jeff Duchin, Health Officer for Public Health – Seattle & King County. "Contact includes touching a bat, being bitten, scratched, or any other bare skin contact with a bat or its saliva."

Rabies and pets

If your pet might have been exposed to the bat, contact your veterinarian immediately. Dogs, cats, ferrets, and horses should be current on their rabies vaccine but will need to be revaccinated if they had contact with a bat.

More about rabies

Rabies is dangerous, but treatable if caught early before any symptoms develop:

- If someone has had contact with the bat, treatment can prevent infection. This treatment should be given as soon as possible.

- Rabies is a viral disease of the central nervous system that is almost always fatal once symptoms begin.

The virus is found in the saliva of an animal with rabies and is usually transmitted by a bite or scratch.

Because rabies is a life threatening disease, medical advice must be sought promptly if a bat comes into contact with humans or animals.

More about bats

Bats flying overhead, and bats that have not had direct contact with humans or animals, do not pose a risk for transmitting rabies. Healthy bats will avoid people, so be suspicious of a bat you find inside your home or on the ground.

If you find a bat:

- If you find a bat inside your house, call Public Health at 206-296-4774 to discuss the situation and to determine whether the bat needs to be tested for rabies. Public Health tests bats for rabies free of charge under certain circumstances.

- If the bat is alive, do not let it go! Knock it to the floor with a broom or other object, and cover it with a wastebasket or other container. Scoop it into a box or plastic storage container with a secure lid without touching it or wear heavy leather gloves to pick it up and put it in the box.

- Use a shovel or gloves to put a dead bat in a box for testing. Do not throw it away!

For more information about bats and rabies, and how to safely avoid bats, visit: www.kingcounty.gov/bats

Dues are from January 1st thru December 31st.

2018 MEMBERSHIP 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

Single

\$41.00

Family

\$54.00

Optional Membership (includes family or single from above)

Contributing

\$75.00

Sustaining

\$125.00

Patron

\$250.00

Benefactor

\$500.00

Lifetime (Single)

\$1200.00

State dues paid online (attach receipt copy)

Additional State Donation \$

State Subtotal \$

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.

Chapter Name (or Independent):

WHATCOM COUNTY

If joining a secondary Chapter, provide the Chapter name where BCHW dues have been paid for 2018:

Chapter Dues

\$10.00

Additional Chapter Donation \$

Chapter 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:

Backcountry Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) is a public charity as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Accordingly, membership dues paid to BCHW may be treated as deductions characterized as "charitable contributions" when computing federal and state income tax obligations.



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Next
Whatcom Chapter Backcountry Horsemen
Meeting:
General Meeting: August 8, 2018
Misty River Ranch
5690 N. Fork Rd. Deming, WA
Potluck at 6:00pm
Meeting at 7:00pm.

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

