

WHATCOM CHAPTER



Newsletter of the Whatcom Chapter
Backcountry Horsemen of Washington

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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.

Everyone, happy post Thanksgiving holiday. I hope you all were able to enjoy the day with family, friends, yourself whether it was enjoying a meal, binge Netflix's or reading a good book.

I hope you all get a chance in your busy holiday time to come to enjoy the Christmas party. We will be joining up with the Skagit Chapter and the Scottish Dancers. They graciously invited us to have that date for our dinner since the hall was already scheduled that day.

At our November General meeting we voted the new officers for 2023

President- Roger Edmonds
Vice President -Cindy Piccolo
Director- Joseph Remenar

Financial Manager -Tim Van Beek
Secretary- Sharon Hoofnagle
Alternate Director - William McKenna

Congratulations! Let's all commit to supporting these officers and take the time to reach out to them and say thank you. This year's board is dedicated and passionate in our chapter's best interest.

Your support of our new Board members and the committee chairs they appoint. Your support will be needed. Remember we are all in this together!

This is a time of giving and giving yourself or a loved one renewing your membership is a wonderful gift to have under the Christmas tree.

As I step down from my duties as Chapter president, I have looked back at our challenges, my rewards, my faults as a leader and the wonderful support from my mentors and our members. I would like to thank my husband Milt who has been in my corner these past 3 years. I have wonderful memories of being your chapter President and it has been a rewarding journey.

These past years have been crazy and exciting, in which I learned many new things and made many new friends. I want to thank you all for the support you offered me and your fellow group members.

~Happy Holidays
Cindy Piccolo, Whatcom President

VET NOTES Sharon Hoofnagle D.V.M. Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas to All

I didn't know how old Eva was. She was old when I first met her 30 yrs. ago. She was a horsewoman. You could learn more about horses from talking with her 10 minutes than from weeks speaking with others. Her horses took on her gentle demeanor and had a good outlook on life. Yep- I learned that from her- horses can differ in their outlook on life.

But her trail horse partner was getting old, very old. I dreaded the day when we would lose him. Wouldn't be real soon, but obviously his time was coming. She talked about it one day. "I am so thankful to have had horses in my life", she said. I knew what was coming next, the sad statement that Smoky was her last horse. But that wasn't what I heard. Instead, she said "I may not be able to ride much longer, when Smoky is gone I may quit. But I will find a way to keep a horse in my life." She looked at me with a soft smile and said, "what would life be like without horses?"

A few years later she was able to move on to a friend's farm where she lived out her life surrounded by horses.

I agree with her- what would life be without horses? And maybe our horses and mules, and donkeys think the same about us, "what would life be without humans?"

I am thankful for my horses but also for groups like Back Country Horsemen that provide a horse connection for folks. I love the awe on kids' faces when we meet on the trail. "Go climb up on that stump and you can pet him" I say." Thank you" they say. "That is the first time I have ever touched a horse". And the other user groups that meet the pack stock hauling gear in to work on trails - "good work- thanks", they say.

Thank you to all of you and your critters. Happy Holidays!!

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WBCH General Meeting Minutes Nov 9 2022

The meeting was called to order by Cindy P at 7:02 at the Laurel Grange.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Sunshine: Michelle M. has sent out cards.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved with an addendum: The signs at Vedder Mt parking were designed by Collette and Ryan. They obtained permission from the landowner (John B., who liked the signage) to install them. They purchased and installed the signs. Bill moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Roger E seconded.

Treasurer: Tim V gave the account balances. Members can request them.

Director: Bill M: Dana Chambers- State pres.- made up signs to post at trailheads with the land managers ok. They state trails are maintained by BCH and have a QR code that can be scanned.

Winery Ride: Bill M.: there were 657 participants. Bill M, Michelle M, Cindy P, Andy & Verna M volunteered from our chapter. There are about 30 photos on the website.

State Reorganization: the new system is working well.

Tim V: he attended a zoom meeting for treasurers put on by Teri, our state treasurer. Bill also sat in on it.

Under the new by-laws there is only one treasurer, that is at the state level. At the chapter level the treasurers will now be called financial managers.

Work Party Coordinator: Roger N. no work parties planned

Berthusen Park Wp Tim V reported on the combination WTA (Washington Trails Assoc) and BCH work party at Berthusen Park in Lynden. Tim arranged the work party. A 30 ft turnpike was constructed. Vince Stremmer donated logs. Jackie Y and Tim worked on Saturday, Sharon, Andy, Verna and Tim and a guest motorcycle rider worked Sunday. There were also several WTA members working both days along with Lynden City and Park officials. There were fun and informational discussions during lunch on issues.

Elections: Cindy opened the floor to nominations. All offices are open. Nominations are as follows:

president Roger Edmonds

vice president -Cindy Piccolo

treasurer- (financial manager) Tim Van Beek

secretary- Sharon Hoofnagle

trail bosses- Roger Nelson and Andy McLeod

director- Joe Remenar (nominated by Bill McKenna) (will serve 2 yrs.

alternate director Bill McKenna (nominated by Joe Remenar) (will serve 1 yr.

Cindy P called for other nominations, repeated 3 times. Nominations were closed. Bill moved that we cast a unanimous ballot, Joe seconded. The ayes had it. All nominees were elected. Cindy thanked all the elected officers.

Bylaws: copies of the new bylaws were handed out; they had also been emailed to all members earlier.

Bill: our old by-laws were 14-15 yrs. old. The state level also has new bylaws, they now have an executive committee to handle daily business. At the chapter level under our old by-laws we would discuss issues at the general meeting and vote on the issue at the next meeting. Under the new by-laws we will have an active board consisting of officers and two members-at-large. The members at large will have no specific responsibilities. The board will handle issues. The president will give a report on an issue discussed by the board to the general meeting and then call for a vote. Sam, Melinda S, Lynn J, and Bill were on the by-law's committees. An email enquiry was received by Sonja W. on why there were two impeachment procedures. Bill explained one is for an appointed position, other is for an elected position.

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WBCH Whatcom Chapter general meeting minutes Nov 9, 2022

Name change; Tim made a motion regarding the treasurer: he moved to change the name from treasurer to financial manager, Sharon 2nd, motion passed.

Quorum: previously we had no quorum. Under the new by-laws 10 people will constitute a quorum. If there is no quorum we go ahead and vote on the issue. It is then presented at the next meeting, if they have a quorum it takes effect at that meeting.

Sharon H moved we adopt the by-laws, Joe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Small Farm Expo Sharon had queried the board on if we should attend in 2023. All who responded were in favor. Sharon will coordinate our Expo display. She is asking for ideas. Bill moved we attend the Expo in 2023 and provide \$160 for expenses, Joe seconded. Motion passed.

Christmas Party: It will be on Dec 9th at the Alger Community Hall. It will be a joint party with Skagit Chapter. The Scottish dancers have been invited to join us, they gave us their time slot at the hall. Skagit will handle table decorations but Whatcom is invited to help. They will be made at Linda Riley. Provide a gift under \$15. Tell Cindy what you are bringing so she can coordinate food. Our slush fund may cover the cost of the hall.

Y Rd: Sharon – grant support letters are requested by the DNR. We need letters of support for Y Rd (Stewart Mt), Les Hilde, and Blanchard. Also, for the trail warden.

Vedder Mt There will be a New Year's Eve-day ride (Sat Dec 31) at Bryce Creek. Roger will check the date with Debbie. Riders can go out before or after lunch. Morning riders out at 10:00, lunch at 1:00., afternoon riders out at 2:30.

Wilderness First Aid Class- there were 5 from Whatcom attending: Bill M, Jackie Y, Joe R, Donna R, Sharon H. The class was excellent; however, evacuations were not discussed- maybe a subject for a meeting speaker.

Laptop Computer: Cindy sent an email to Tim Surrat for advice. We have Joe and Tim V working on the purchase. Our current club computers are outdated. It was felt the users should make the decision on which type, Mac or PC. We will also need a program to install. Tim V prefers Windows Office. The committee thought we could purchase a computer for around \$1000, extra for a program. Bill M moved we allot \$1200 for the purchase, Roger N seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Auction: Melinda S has been contacted, she is chairing it for 2023.

Joe moved for adjournment; Roger N seconded. Meeting closed at 8:29
Sharon Hoofnagle, secretary

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Be safe!



CALENDAR



Dec 9, 2022-Friday--Christmas Party at Alger Community Hall. Social hour at 6pm and dinner at 7pm. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a new gift, \$15 or under.

Dec 31, 2022----New Year's Eve ride at Bryce Creek horse camp. Be ready to ride at 10am and can ride after lunch at 2:30pm. Potluck, please bring a dish to share. Lunch at 1pm

No general meeting in December

January 2, 2023---board meeting at Roundtable Pizza on Sunset, 6pm dinner, meeting at 7pm--8:30pm

January 11, 2023----general meeting at Laurel Community Grange, 6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden. Social at 6:30pm and meeting at 7:00pm--8:30pm.



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Verna

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Need Pictures!

2023 Membership

You can renew your membership now! Go to <https://www.bchw.org/>

click on renewal to do online or complete the attached membership form. The dues are from January thru December. If you complete the paper membership, be sure to mail to the address list with your check.

Please do not wait until the last minute!

Fran



Nov 4, 2022

Ryan Heacock and I that ordered the signs and paid for them. We spoke with John for permission to put up signs. He gave us good input. Ryan put the main sign up Thursday. John saw it and loves it. I am attaching a picture. Sumas mountain DNR closed this summer and was to reopen Sept 30 and it did not open. Still closed. The ORV. Folks are looking for other areas to use. We have noticed tracks from ORV S on John's land. The main sign is up front and center and hopefully will stop the motor traffic on the trails on John's land..
Colette Cloutier

Thank you to Ryan Heacock and Colette Cloutier for donating the signs at Vedder trailhead!



Thank you so much
for supporting this
fundraising event

Barb Thomas
Chair

Thank you



Thank you very much for
helping to make our
Annual Winery Ride
a terrific success! We look
forward to using the funds
raised on our next trail project.

Winery Ride Committee,
Back Country Horsemen of
Washington





Whatcom and Skagit BCH Christmas Party

Friday, December 9, 2022

Social Hour at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Alger Community Hall,
18735 Parkview Ln. Alger

The 9th was already reserved by the Scottish dancers, but they graciously allowed us to use the hall on one of their dance nights so we invited them to join us for our Christmas Party.

Whatcom and Skagit Chapters will celebrate Christmas again together. Both clubs will provide Ham and Turkey. The rest will be potluck.

Please bring a side dish to share. Bring your favorite dish, anything that goes with ham and turkey! Be sure to mark your dish and serving utensils.

The club will provide plates, utensils, napkins and cups. There will be punch, water and coffee. We will be eating at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to participate in the gift exchange please bring a new wrapped gift, \$15.00 or less, which will include children. We encourage you to invite potential young riders!

Come celebrate Christmas with us!

(No alcohol, smoking allowed in the premises)

Directions: From Bellingham, take I-5 South, take exit 240 (Alger), turn left on Samish road continue for about one mile, turn right on Old WA-99 continue for about one block, turn right on Parkview Lane.



**Total Volunteer hours
reported in October
2022-37.5 hrs.**

**(skilled--6 hrs., Admin--
28 hrs. and travel 3.5
hrs.)**

Bill McKenna
Cindy Piccolo
Fran Van Diest
Joe Remenar
Letitia Wheeler
Lynn Johnson
Mike McGlenn
Robbie Harris
Rocky Leavitt
Roger Edmonds
Roger Nelson
Sharon Hoofnagle
Tim Van Beek
Verna McLeod

I would like to give a **special thank** you shout out to all of you who sent me support with your thoughts, prayers, texts, emails, phone calls, cards etc. for the healing of my knee replacement on October 27. As in the past the Good Lord has once again blessed me with fantastic healing. When I woke up from surgery my whole leg was twice its size and I was told it can take 2+ months for the swelling to go down! Two weeks later it was almost all down and now 4 weeks afterward there is just a touch around the actual surgical site! My walking is great as well. My physical therapist tells me that I am well above normal in my healing. I do all my exercises and am careful with general life, and not pushing because I want everything to properly heal. Keeping our connection in wonderful spirits Spencer and I have a couple of visits everyday—great therapy especially for me! 🐾

THANKS AND MANY BLESSINGS TO ALL OF YOU, Marie Tiemersma

2023 BCHW Calendars

Bill McKenna has the calendars for sale. They are \$15.00 each. Contact Bill at 360-599-2526 or send him an email at wintercreek10@gmail.com if you wish to purchase one or more before they are all gone! Or get one at the general meeting! You can also purchase your calendar at the Laurel Farm Store on Laurel Rd.
Fran

Free event!

Whatcom Farm Expo



**Saturday, March 4th
9AM - 2PM**

WECU Expo Building, NW WA Fairgrounds
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Meet your fellow backcountry horsemen at their exhibitor booth!



May '22--April '23



Wine Ride

on Oct 29, 2022, pictures taken by Cindy.



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.



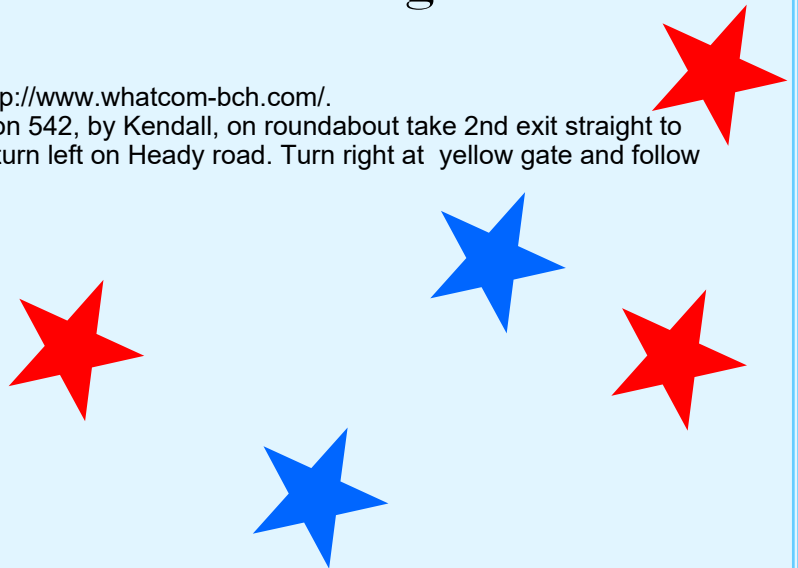
New Year's Eve Ride, December 31, 2022 at Bryce Creek Horse camp!

Join us for our fun New Year Eve ride at Bryce Creek Horse Camp, Heady trails on Saturday, December 31, 2022! First riders out at 10:00am. You can go for a ride at 10am or 2:30pm after lunch. Gate will be open, park at the gazebo or field just below.

If you choose not to ride, just come for lunch. Be back at the gazebo by 1:00pm for lunch. The club will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, the rest will be potluck, so please bring a dish to share. Be sure to leave your dish at the gazebo before you go riding, also remember to mark your dish and serving utensils.

For more info, contact or check out our website at <http://www.whatcom-bch.com/>.

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.



Come Join Us!

Go to BCHW.org and join or renew online. If online is not an option, please fill out this paper application and sign, (all members 18 and over must sign) enclose your cash or check made out to BCHW and mail to:

BCHW Membership Chair
11404 210th Ave Ct E
Bonney Lake, WA 98391



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Member Info

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Adult's name(s): _____

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City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

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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:

Whatcom Co.

If joining a secondary Chapter, provide the Chapter name where BCHW State dues were paid:

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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By signing this membership application, you will agree to the terms of our Liability Release. You can read it on our website at bchw.org, under the Join tab. You also agree to receive notices from BCHW/BCHA by electronic transmission at the above email address.

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Signature:

_____ Date _____

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Next
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General Meeting:

No meeting in December

Christmas Party December 9, 2022
Alger Community Hall
Alger, WA

