

WHATCOM CHAPTER



Newsletter of the Whatcom Chapter
Backcountry Horsemen of Washington

TRAIL TALES

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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.

So, it is a New Year and you all have a new president. Please be patient as he works his way through this year.

I would like to take this chance to thank some people. First, Cindy, our out going president has done an incredible job and has set the bar high for me and promised to guide me like a seeing eye dog to a blind man so thank you, Cindy. Second to the other board members for their dedication to this organization. I hope all the BCH of Whatcom know how hard they work for you and all the other trail users. And last of all, you, the members of the BCHW, who are all going to try to step up and give just a little more of what free time you have to help this organization in what ever way you can, be it trail maintenance, part of a new committee or just taking time for a meeting which is a little bit of a social hour. If you have been wondering how you can help, just give me or any other board member a call and we will find a niche for you.

On another note, upcoming events, BCHW Leadership meeting is Jan. 28 at the Kittitas Valley Event Center and the 2023 Rendezvous also at the Event Center on March 17-19. Info and sign up are on the BCHW web page so see you there.

That is all for now, so Ride on, cowboys and cowgirls.

Roger Edmonds

Special Thank You!

Thank you to the following members for giving an extra donation to the Chapter. We appreciate all your support and commitment:

Patty Yust
Roxann Worrell
Debbie and Leroy Lagerwey
Brady Emmons

And thank you to all who have renewed their membership to Whatcom Chapter! If you haven't renewed, please do so.
Fran

Vet Notes**Sharon Hoofnagle D.V.M.****Winter Woes**

Snow is certainly a mixed blessing for horse people. It's beautiful, but cold weather can be a challenge. Here are some time-proven hints.

Stock tank heaters are worth their weight in gold. There are two factors: First- horses drink substantially more when they have access to water with the chill taken off. But there is one confusing factor- they prefer cold water but they will drink substantially less of it. For optimal health remove the cold water source and just provide warm water. Second- frozen tanks limit the horse's intake. Horses tend to drink after they eat, and they eat periodically throughout the day and night. This means they drink several times during the day and night. If the ice is broken in the tank just twice a day, they will consume less water. Water intake is a key factor in preventing colic.

But sometimes a heater isn't possible. There are some other tricks to try. Nesting two stock tanks and filling the space between with shavings helps. Covering half the stock tank. Placing the tank in a sunny area helps.

Ice balling up the feet can be a serious problem. It is usually worse in the front feet which are more cupped. The ice balls can be knocked out with a hammer, but they usually ball up again. There are home remedies: Crisco coating the sole, spraying the sole with spray cooking oil, taping the feet with duct or adhesive tape. Unfortunately, none work well. Pulling (removing) the shoes will help a lot. There are pads that your farrier can put on that help pop the snow out. In our area the snow is usually short-lived, so the pads often aren't warranted. You can try boots but most won't fit over a shod foot and are not designed to be worn for long periods.

Most horses do well without blankets but shelter from wind and sleet is important. To warm a cold horse up blanket them and feed them hay. While grain is higher in calories, they need to expend energy to digest grain. Hay ferments in the GI tract and provides free heat.

Winter is far more enjoyable for human and horse with a barn full of hay, a good shelter (doesn't have to be fancy, mine is a simple loafing shed) and a constant water source.

**2023
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New Year's Eve Ride

We had our New Year's eve ride this past Saturday, December 31, 2022, the weather turned out good but we didn't have as many participants as in the past, but still had a good time. Not too many riders either, but it was a nice get together to visit with our fellow members and enjoy a good meal. Thank you to everyone that brought a potluck dish and to Joe Remenar for donating hot dogs, hamburgers, buns and cooking at the event. We appreciate every one's support to this event.

We will be planning rides and events for this year so if you have a preference, please contact Roger Nelson rogerramjet1961@hotmail.com or call him at 360-927-6964

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Check out our Website:

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



More pictures of the New Year's eve ride at Bryce creek camp.

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



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.

January 28, 2023-----Leadership training in Ellensburg--see https://www.bchw.org/2023_leadership_training.php for more information. Also available by zoom on **February 4, 2023**



TRAIL HORSE WANTED:

mid teens, gelding, 15-15.3 hands high for intermediate rider. Forever home for the right horse. verna@soundengineering.com

Verna

FOR SALE:

16 foot livestock trailer. Has hay rack on top, extended tongue for camper. Have hauled 6 horses in trailer.

Best offer
Roy, 360-734-2567

FOR SALE:

Lance Camper 9.6 feet. In very good condition, no leaks, everything works!

Best Offer
Gary Anderson 360-410-1312



2023 COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

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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!

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Auction Committee

The auction committee is starting to plan for our auction on May 13, 2023 at the Deming Logging Show. If you are interested in helping out, please notify Melinda at 360-595-2137.

Letters will be sent out to the businesses and then the committee will start soliciting donations, picking up items and storing them until the day of sorting and tagging.

Contact Melinda for more information.

Fran

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.

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.

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Plant Sale & Celebration
March 18th
Pre-orders now open!

Save the date for these upcoming 2023 in-person events!

Whatcom Farm Expo
March 4th



www.whatcomcd.org/event-calendar



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

Check One: ☐ New Member ☐ Renewal ☐ Secondary Chapter Application Only

Adult's name(s): _____

Children's name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

Legislative district (if known): _____ County: _____

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STATE MEMBERSHIP

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Basic Memberships

- ☐ Single \$41.00
☐ Family \$54.00

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- ☐ Contributing \$75.00
☐ Sustaining \$125.00
☐ Patron \$250.00
☐ Benefactor \$500.00
☐ Lifetime (Single) \$1200.00
☐ Lifetime (Family of 2) \$2000.00

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:

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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) \$

NOTICES

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.

Back Country 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.

Signature:

_____ Date _____

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Next
Whatcom Chapter Backcountry Horsemen

Meeting:

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**Laurel Community Grange
6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden**

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

