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Newsletter of the Whatcom Chapter
Backcountry Horsemen of Washington

TRAIL TALES

January 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.

What a great Christmas Party! I would like to thank everyone that helped make the party a success. It was nice to have the joint party with the Skagit Chapter. Our best guess is that there were around 85 people that were in attendance. We also had the State Executive Director from the State BCH, Nicole Sedgwick and her husband. That was a pleasant surprise. There was a great selection of food in the pot luck dinner with lots of desserts that were awesome. The gift exchange went well but we had to limit the stealing of gifts to one per gift to keep it from lasting all night. I would have to say that the gifts this year were very nice and I think everyone that exchanged went home with something that they could use in the New Year.

Speaking of the New Year, our first ride of the year will be New Year's Day. Please see the article in the newsletter for details. Talking about riding in the New Year we also need to start planning some work parties. There are trails that have been closed in the past year that we were unable to work on last year. There are two areas that come to mind, the 15 mile loop on Stewart Mt. and the trails off Saxon Road. Make a New Year's resolution to get out and help on some of these trails during the work parties.

I hope to see you on the trails during a work party.

Rodney

**Check out our new and improved
Website:**

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

Christmas Party, December 15th at Alger Community Hall Whatcom and Skagit Chapters. Everybody had a good time! Lots to eat! Lovely centerpieces made by Skagit and raffled off after dinner. Afterwards there was the gift exchange. Also thank you to everybody that donated items for Hugs in a Bag. The food was dropped off at the food bank, the toys were dropped off at the North Whatcom Fire station for Toys for Tots and the clothing will be given to Hugs in a Bag. Fran



Walden and Joe



**2018
TRAIL BOSSES**

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COORDINATOR**

Roger Nelson
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Skagit Pres.: Janine F. and Whatcom Pres.: Rodney V.

**2018 Whatcom BCH schedule for board and general meetings.
November 20, 2017**

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| Board meetings are usually on Mondays. Meetings are usually held at Roundtable Pizza, first room. | General Meetings—2nd Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at Laurel Community Grange, except for summer meetings, location will be announced at a later date. |
| Jan 8th | Jan 10th |
| Feb 5th | Feb 14th |
| Mar 5th | March 14th |
| April 2nd | April 11th |
| April 30th | May 9th |
| June 4th | June 13th |
| July 9th | July 11th |
| July 30th | Aug 8th |
| Aug 27th | Sept 12th |
| Oct 1st | Oct 10th |
| Nov 5th | Nov 14th |
| December Christmas party---date and place to be announced | |

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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.

2017 Third Quarterly Report: BCHW Board of Directors

The meeting was held in Ellensburg WA as scheduled. Joe Remenar and I drove over the night before to attend a pre-meeting dinner and the quarterly LNT subcommittee meeting. The LNT committee is looking for a chapter to step up to host a Leave No Trace workshop in their area. It would be nice to have one in either Whatcom or Skagit counties as most have been held in the southwest corner of the state.

The first report was regarding the Wine Ride. The ride took in \$31,404.41 and netted \$17,309.71 plus another \$4,500 in BCHW paraphernalia. The wine ride has a profit sharing component where 10% of the gross is divided among the chapters who have volunteers who help with this ride. With Michelle and me serving as hosts at the Knight Hill Vineyard, our chapter got a check for \$32.61. It's not much, but if we had more volunteers from Whatcom, we would get more money. The wine ride is a lot of fun and they need more help, especially hosts, so please consider going next year.

The legislative report revealed that our Legislative Day is set for February 19, 2018. I plan to attend and would encourage other members to come as well. Give me a call--maybe we can put a carpool together. Attendance is important as there is value in numbers. Perception is real, and legislators take notice when they see a whole bunch of cowboy hats circulating among their representatives. Additional funding needs to be provided because of the court-ordered McLeary decision, and so far there is no capital budget. So while this is not an election year, it is expected that funding issues will be hotly contested. Without the capital budget, all state parks will be closed and all grant funding withheld. Another bill moving forward is funding for the Discover Pass. There is general consensus that the pass should be more user friendly and funded equally for all users. One proposed bill calls for the pass to be funded by adding the cost to all license plates so that everyone who registers a car will pay whether they use a park or not. As our legislative day gets closer, we'll hear more.

Darrell Wallace reported that the last grant cycle received \$150K and of that, approximately \$30K was spent on things that BCHW would have to fund anyway, so whether a chapter had a grant or not, everyone in BCHW benefited from the grants. He also reported that the BCHW match of hours worked amounted to more than \$247K, a sizable contribution for the work performed.

The 2018 leadership workshop will be held in the armory in Ellensburg on January 20. It is strongly recommended that all officers for every chapter attend. A schedule of workshops is posted on the BCHW website. If enough officers can attend, I'd like to establish a carpool to drive over and back.

The next BCHA annual meeting will be held in Spokane on April 23-25. BCHA doesn't come to Washington very often, so this will be a good opportunity for you to take part. I plan to attend and would encourage other Whatcom members to attend as well.

The last order of business was election of officers. While most of the officers were re-elected, Jason Ridlon was elected Vice President and I am the new Alternate Director for BCHA.

The last of the 2018 calendars were sold at this meeting and the decision has been made that there will be no more printed. I have 15 left so if anyone wants a 2018 BCHW calendar they should contact me at 360-599-2526 or wintercreek10@gmail.com. The price is \$15 each with \$10 going to the state, who absorbs the cost of production, and \$5 going to our chapter.

Other important dates for your 2018 calendar

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| March 16-18 | Rendezvous |
| May 19 | Joe Watt Canyon Ride, Ellensburg/CleElum |
| June 29-July 4 | Hot Shot Followup, Andrews Creek |
| July 21-25 | State Work Party @ Black Pine Horse Camp, Leavenworth |

This report is respectfully submitted by Bill McKenna, Director for the Whatcom Chapter of BCHW

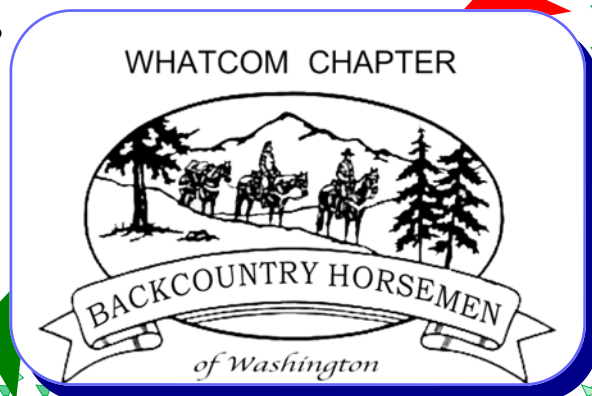
New Year's Ride, January 1, 2018 at Heady!

Join us for our fun New Year ride at Bryce Creek Camp, Heady trails on Monday, January 1, 2018! First riders at 9:00am lead by Rocky and last riders out at 10:00am, lead by Roger. The 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 12:30 for lunch. The club will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, the rest will be potluck, so please bring a dish to share.

A donation will be collected for the use of the shelter/partial food cost.

For more info, contact Fran at 360-734-256 or check out our website at <http://www.whatcom-bch.com/>





Picture of Alice Yancey and her horse. Alice joined when Whatcom Chapter was formed in 1986. Although Alice is no longer able to help the Chapter, many members remember all the hours she helped for many, many years. We wish you a Happy New Year's Alice!

Membership for 2018

It's that time of the year to renew your membership for 2018. Please don't delay!

The membership person needs time to process all the memberships and to submit to BCHW.

Membership form enclosed please complete and return to Whatcom BCH, c/o of Helen Almojera at PO Box 28607, Bellingham, WA 98228 or you can rejoin online:

<http://bcha.site-ym.com/page/WAMembJoin>



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

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.

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.*

Advertising Rates

Full Page---\$45.00 per month, limited to space available

1/2 Page.....\$90.00 for 6 months or \$150.00 for a Year

1/4 Page.....\$60.00 for 6 months or \$100.00 for a Year

Business Card....\$30.00 for 6 months or \$50.00 for a Year

Classifieds.....\$3.00 per month

Free Classifieds for members!



CALENDAR



Jan 1, 2018—Monday

New Year's Day ride at Bryce Creek Camp Headv trails. The gate will be open. The club will provide hot dogs and hamburgers the rest will be potluck. A donation will be collected to help with gazebo/food cost.

Jan 8th—Monday

Board meeting at Roundtable Pizza on Sunset Dr. Dinner at 6:00pm meeting at 7:00pm.

Jan 10th—Wednesday

General Meeting at Laurel Community Grange, 6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden. Meeting at 7:00pm. Can I get someone to bring treats? Please let me know.

Jan 20th—Saturday

Annual Leadership training at Kittitas Valley Event Center in Ellensburg—check out schedule: <http://www.bchw.org/lnt/main/Leadership%20Training%2001-20-2018%20One%20Page.pdf>

Jan 27th—Saturday

Chuckanut Ride—Jackie will lead the ride. More info later.

Feb 23rd—Friday **SAVE THE DATE**

Whatcom BCH 21st. Annual fundraising Auction at Everson Auction Barn. Silent auction starts at 5:30pm and Live starts at 7:15pm. See flyer in this newsletter for more information. If you wish to donate a gently used item or new items, please let us know. We need good quality items! We will also need some baked good so if you decide to bake some goodies, please let me know---Fran at fvandiest@msn.com

Volunteer Hours

Remember to turn in all your hours to Verna at verna@soundengineering.com If you are not sure what to report, just report it and Verna can let you know if it counts or not. We need the hours worked, travel time and mileage round trip. Also need to know the number of stock used. If you are in a committee planning events that are open to the public, those also count, so be sure to report them.

2018 COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

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LEAVE NO TRACE:

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TRAIL HEAD COMMITTEE

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SCRAPBOOK

Debbie Lagerwey
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Need Pictures!



FOR SALE:

Well broke in Western Saddle. Needs a little TLC; hasn't been used in years. \$200. Ronald Mazza, 360.671.4408, ramazza@juno.com



THE WHATCOM CHAPTER OF
BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN of WA.

INVITES YOU TO OUR 21st.
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AUCTION!

**Friday, Feb. 23, 2018,
EVERSON AUCTION BARN
7291 EVERSON-GOSHEN RD.**

**5:30-7:00 pm – Silent Auction
7:15 pm – Live Auction Begins
Auctioneer: Nick Margeson**



Work Party at Blanchard, packing in for WTA & Eagle Scout

Back Country Horsemen have been teaching our *Leave No Trace Principles* by example while helping to maintain thousands of miles of multi-use trails.

Your local Whatcom County Chapter of Backcountry Horsemen works with

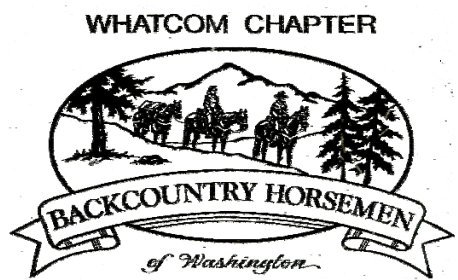
- City and County Parks Departments
- US Forest Service
- Washington Trails Association
- DNR
- Pacific NW Trails Association

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.

Join our fun Auction on Feb 23, 2018, Everson Auction Barn!



(Cash or Check only)

**For more information or to donate call:
Bill McKenna at 360-599-2526
Sam Miller at 360-325-2833 or
Nancy Giordano at 360-961-0822**

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

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| 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 | | | 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. | | | | |
| | Single | \$41.00 | | | | | |
| | Family | \$54.00 | | | | | |
| Optional Membership (includes family or single from above) | | | Chapter Name (or Independent): | | | | |
| | Contributing | \$75.00 | | WHATCOM COUNTY | | | |
| | Sustaining | \$125.00 | | If joining a secondary Chapter, provide the Chapter name where BCHW dues have been paid for 2018: | | | |
| | Patron | \$250.00 | | | | | |
| | Benefactor | \$500.00 | | | | | |
| | Lifetime (Single) | \$1200.00 | | | | | |
| State dues paid online (attach receipt copy) | | | | Chapter Dues | \$10.00 | | |
| Additional State Donation | | | \$ | Additional Chapter Donation | \$ | | |
| State Subtotal | | | \$ | 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.

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| Signature: | | Date: | |
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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: Jan 10, 2018
Laurel Community Grange
Guide Meridian, Lynden
Meeting at 7:00
Treats/beverages: ?

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

