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Newsletter of the Whatcom Chapter
Backcountry Horsemen of Washington

TRAIL TALES

June 2018

Notes from the President

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What a great work party. Yes, this month we had almost twice as many people show up for the work party on Stewart Mountain as we did last month. We were able to finish two more of the creek crossings so now you and your livestock can cross safely. All it takes is people and we can make lots of headway on these trail projects. We can now take the signs down saying that the 15 mile loop is closed because of the bridge outage. I don't know if anyone has ridden the whole trail yet to see if there are any blow downs. So it might be smart to bring a chainsaw with you if you are planning to make that trip.

There was a work party at the Butler Hill Riding area on Tuesday May 15, in preparation for the fundraiser that we are having on June 9th. I would like to thank everyone that showed up and spent at least 5 hours cleaning trails and getting the place ready for our event.

Thanks to Rocky and Roger for putting on a good club ride at Silver Lake. It was a little damp but it didn't seem to bother anyone. We got back to the truck from our 2 hour ride to hot dogs and sides that were good. Good time was had by everyone that was there. Next time maybe you might want to make the trip if you didn't make it this time.

Hope to see everyone at Butler Hill on June 9th. Happy Trails!

Rodney

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

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

VET NOTES Sharon Hoofnagle D.V.M Generic vs Brand names

We were on a ride, about 6 miles in, with no cell phone reception. Jerry had suffered some heart issues a few years ago and was still fearful of a re-occurrence. He felt a little woozy. He asked if anyone had an aspirin. He wanted to take ¼ as a precaution. Another rider responded, handing him a tablet which Jerry gratefully took. However about half hour later Jerry quietly told me that he didn't think that it was aspirin that he had been given, probably ibuprofen or acetaminophen. He was ok, but it was a tense ride for him. There are some lessons to be learned from this case.

So what happened? The rider supplying the tablets fell into the "Kleenex" syndrome. Kleenex is a brand name for a tissue. But if we ask someone if they have a Kleenex we are actually asking for a tissue. That's ok for tissues because they are pretty much all the same, but its not ok for medications.

Medications are entirely different. All of the anti-inflammatory and analgesic drugs work differently and have different side effects. They are contraindicated in some situations. You need to know what you are taking.

Always refer to a medication by the generic name, not the brand name. For example aspirin, not Bayer, acetaminophen, not Tylenol, ibuprofen, not Advil.

If someone asks you for a medication clarify what you have and use the generic name and the strength.

If you have health issues- carry your own medications. Have them clearly labeled with the drug generic name, the strength, and the dose.

The same goes for your horses' meds. Most of us carry flunixin and phenylbutazone on long rides. They are different drugs, used in different situations. We often re-package them in smaller syringes to fit in saddlebags. Make sure they are labeled and know when and how to use them.

**2018
TRAIL BOSSES**

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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.

**Whatcom Chapter of Backcountry Horsemen
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
May 9, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made and 2nd to approve the March 2018 minutes as published. Motion carried. Motion was made to approve the Agenda, motion carried.

Hospitality/Guests: Sineka Tornquist and Cathy Curtis were guests.

Treasury Report: Jackie presented the report.

Volunteer Hours: Verna reported volunteer hours to Rodney as follows: there were 197.5 hours for the past month. Please remember to report your hours. If you ride Blanchard or Les Hilde send Cindy Piccolo your hours and she will submit them to the DNR for you.

DNR Volunteer Hours: Though we have exceeded our 250 hour commitment to the DNR we should continue reporting volunteer time to Gary Bellows. Cindy Piccolo has offered to do this so please send her your time.

Director/Legislative: Bill attended the April 23-25 BCHA annual meeting in Spokane. There were about 80 delegates a barbecue dinner and cowboy poetry. Bill is now on the educational committee. He also had a sit down with USFS to go over trails that need to be worked on. Calendars are here. In addition Mike McGlenn is on the executive committee for BCHA. And lastly note the upcoming:

June 29-July 4 State Meeting, Ellensburg

July 21-25 State Work Party @ Black Pine Horse Camp, Leavenworth. Let it be known if you are attending this, as food will be provided.

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

Work Parties/Trail Coordinator: Roger reported a work party for Stewart, May 12, be ready to ride by 9:30 and bring your own lunch. Rocky reported that he went to the work party at Vedder, he did some work at N.Vedder trail and also did some work at Smuggler's trail, but still need some more work. He also reported some work had been done on Monday, May 7th at Heady trails. Lastly, Rocky and Joe went on a work party at Saxon on May 1st, cleaning the trail past the picnic table.

Trailheads:

Vedder Mt./Red Mountain Camp (Silver Lake): Rocky: Packing Coordinator: Rocky reminded us there will be a hot dog feast at the next Silver Lake Ride upcoming soon.

Committees:

Butler Hill Event: Joe is heading up a work party Tuesday May 15 to clear trails. Helen has Ribbons ordered and a prize list. Bill is on board with cooking the lunch. Roger will host LNT. Michelle will run the Tack Sale, which will get the club 15% for each item sold.

Good of the Chapter: We viewed the BCHW 2016 Accomplishments Video. It was commented that we need to designate a photographer for our work parties to get our name out there.

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Other Business: There has been an outbreak of strangles at the Black Mountain Horse Ranch.

Close: Motion to adjourn the meeting and 2nd. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Geri Surratt



**Silver Lake Ride
May 19, 2018**

The ride went well. A bit of rain but not too much. Seventeen riders came out. Had a nice visit afterwards next to the club trailer. Everybody had a good time!
Rocky

Horseplay!

Benefit Ride

June 9, 2018

Join Whatcom BCHW for a fun horseplay benefit ride on Saturday, June 9, 2018
from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (Lunch at 12 p.m.)
Butler Hill Equestrian Center, 7478 Butler Hill Rd. Burlington, WA

**Includes arena obstacle challenge, trail ride, smoked brisket cookout—
\$40 donation/rider, \$25 donation/spectator**

**Mountain trail contest, intermediate and advanced riders—
add \$20 donation/rider**

Ribbon Awards, Prize Drawings!

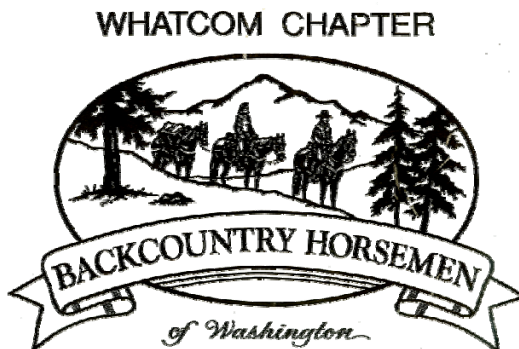
Proceeds benefit Whatcom BCHW:

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, DNR, US Forest Service, Washington Trails Association, 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.

For more information contact:

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CALENDAR



June 2nd—Saturday

National Trail Days at Blanchard. Be ready to work/ride at 9:00am. Volunteers will be doing trail maintenance work on the Overlook trail and working on a new trail to Lizard Lake. Also need packers to pack in gravel to fill the turnpike by Max's trail. Lunch will be provided.

June 4th—Monday

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

June 9th—Saturday

Horseplay Benefit Ride! Join Whatcom BCH for a fundraiser at Butler Hill Equestrian Center, 7478 Butler Hill Rd. Burlington. See flyer in newsletter. **NEED VOLUNTEERS**, please notify Helen at almojera@frontier.com or Geri at glurratt@q.com. There also will be a tack sale, contact Michelle McKenna at 360-599-2526 for more information.

June 13th—Wednesday

General meeting/work party/potluck at Vedder Trail head, Reese Road, Sumas. We plan to have a work party before potluck/meeting, so please come and help clean up around parking area. Bring gloves, loppers and anything else to cleanup. Be ready to work at 4:30pm. Potluck at 6:00pm. Please bring a dish to share, your utensils, plates, napkins, beverage and a chair. Meeting starts at 7:00pm.

June 16th —Saturday

Regional Work party at Les Hilde. Be ready to work at 9:00am.

June 19th —Tuesday

Pack in at Devils Dome for PNT. Contact Rocky at rockyleavitt044@gmail.com if you wish to help.

June 29th ---July 4th

Andrews Creek Hot Shot 2 work party. First pack in on Friday, June 29th. (If you plan to help, need to be there on Thursday).

July 1st —Sunday

Pack out garbage for PNT. Contact Rocky if you plan to go, send him an email at rockyleavitt044@gmail.com.

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Need Pictures!



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

Nick Margeson: Our thoughts are with Nick's family. Nick passed away from an accident on May 10th.

Marie Tiemersma: Get well cards sent to Marie, she had back surgery on May 22nd.

Saving the universe one trail at a time

NW Regional Prize Ride

18th Annual



Saturday July 14th, 2018

Ride out:
9:30 – 11:30 am

\$5 per Prize Hand

Lunch Available



**Harry Osbourne
Trailhead**
6998 Medford
Hamilton WA 98255

From I5 take Hwy 20 East
In approximately 10 miles,
turn Left onto Cabin Creek Road
Turn Right onto Cemetery Road
Turn Left onto Medford and
follow to trailhead

Proceeds Benefit Trailhead Improvements



BCHW NW Regional Contacts:

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Cascade Horse Club – Barbara (425) 334-6010
Traildusters – Laura (425) 870-9364
Whatcom – Susan (360) 391-2965



Wide selection of Prizes!!



Stewart Mtn. work party on May 12, 2018.

Pictures of the work party at Stewart Mtn. trails. Thank you to Rodney and Anna Marie Vandersypen, Joe and Donna Remenar, Rocky Leavitt, Roger Nelson, Bob Rathjen, Roger Edmonds and Dale Silva for helping out. They were able to finish the work so now you can ride safely and do the 15 mile loop. Pictures taken by Joe and Rocky Fran



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) | \$ | | |

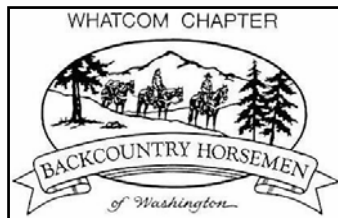
LIABILITY RELEASE & NOTICES

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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Vedder Mtn. Trailhead
Reese Road, Sumas, WA
Work Party at 4:30pm.
Potluck at 6:00pm
Meeting at 7:00pm.

