

WHATCOM CHAPTER



Newsletter of the Whatcom Chapter
Backcountry Horsemen of Washington

TRAIL TALES

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Notes from the President

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Wow the Easter Egg Ride was a huge success. We counted a total of 49 people, I may have missed a few more that did not sign in. That included both riders and non riders and one young cowboy, "Weston" who came for the Easter Candy Egg Hunt. The sunny weather was fantastic, food was superb and everyone enjoyed the time together. I want to thank our trail bosses Rocky, Roger and Joe for getting the trails ready for the ride and then guiding the riders out on the trails. Thank you Rocky for cooking the hamburgers and hot-dogs. A thank you to Roy and Fran for making sure the B.C.H.W. trailer was stocked and ready for display. A thank you to Fran who handmade and painted darling Easter Baskets for the event.

A huge thank you to all the ladies who helped me set up the tables for lunch then helped put everything away after everyone left. It certainly takes a village to make an event successful and fun so I give a huge shout out to everyone!

Come to our meetings and hear about the up and coming rides, packing trips, work parties and our June Camp-out.

Joe will have B.C.H.W safety vests available for purchase.

Please remember to send in your volunteers hours to Verna. Your time is important and the club values the time you put in.

I hope everyone will get a chance to ride now that the weather is getting better. Be safe and see you out on the trails.

~Cindy VP

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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.

Sam Miller: Get well card sent to Sam, she had back surgery.

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**General Membership Meeting
April 10, 2019
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Vice President Cindy Piccolo at the Laurel Grange.

Agenda- Was amended- Cindy notified members the LNT presentation would not be shown. Minutes from the March General Meeting were approved.

Hospitality/Guests- Brett Glenn was welcomed to her second BCH meeting.

Sunshine: Sharon Hoofnagle presented a card and Chocolate Easter Bunny from Angie Schutte for Sam Miller who had back surgery. Sharon also mentioned members can share horse foaling news etc.

Trail Tips- It is tick season. Sharon Hoofnagle said some fly sprays do provide coverage for ticks and to be careful with spot type of treatments as some horses can be sensitive to the products. Gary Anderson suggested to spray the horses legs and belly to prevent ticks from getting on the horses.

Reports:

Treasurer: Jackie Yereance gave the monthly and quarterly report and budget and had copies available for those interested.

Volunteer Hours: Verna McLeod reported 342.5 volunteer hours for March.

DNR volunteer hours: Cindy reminded members they are to report hours they ride on DNR land and to include their travel to and from the trail.

Newsletter: Please submit your news to Fran before the 20th of each month for the newsletter.

Trail Bosses: Roger Nelson reported the work party at Stewart Mtn. may be moved to Sunday April 14 because of bad weather forecast for this Saturday. Fran will send out notices to confirm the date. Plan to bring your rain gear and lunch as there is a lot that can be done on this trail.

Trailheads:

Lake Whatcom/Stewart Mt.: Sharon Hoofnagle sprayed a hornet's nest near the fence. Sharon says stay clear of the fence when heading up to the trail.

Chuckanut: Jackie Yereance is now on the state trails committee for Chuckanut. No report on trails.

Vedder Mt./Red Mountain Camp (Silver Lake): Roger Nelson reported all trails are open and all blow downs have been removed. We will soon need volunteers to mow the yard regularly.

Saxon: Joe Remenar- It was reported the trail is clear to the river. It needs to be brushed out but is passable. The small gate is now open.

Eddys Mountain: Melinda Smull/Sheri Hathaway. Catherine Madera reported many trails have been impacted by recent clear cuts. Be prepared for a changed terrain.

Packing Coordinator: Rocky Levitt invited members to join the packers on rides this summer. He mentioned that trails in the Pasayten are horse friendly and offer beautiful vistas and wonderful opportunities for trail riding.

Rocky is waiting to hear from Barb about possible trips in the Suiattle Forest.

The Scott Paul suspension bridge is out and a replacement will need to be packed in.

Old Business: A BCHW Club Campout was discussed for June 15 or Memorial weekend.

New Business: Forest Service: Joe reported on a Forest Service meeting in Skagit County. They have a request for work to build a bridge from large boulders in the river past Schreiber's Meadow. Scheduling would be dependent on when roads are open for that and for packing cement to Park Butte.

Great Gravel Pack In- Rocky and Rodney went to help out at the Great Gravel Pack near Olympia on March 23rd. The event was described as well organized and a lot of fun. Rocky also invited members to join him for the Great Gravel Pack In on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at Blanchard with DNR. Need lots of helpers including the ones with pack animals.

Easter Trail Ride, Easter Eggs. Plastic eggs were filled with candy for the kids egg hunt at the annual BCH Easter Ride, Saturday April 20. First riders out at 9AM followed by a pot luck lunch. Invite your friends and family!

Close- Kathy Adams moved to adjourn. It was seconded by Joe and passed by unanimous consent.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Eileen Turk

VET NOTES Sharon Hoofnagle D.V.M. Communication- Especially with your Vet

I hate acronyms. Here is a definition :

Acronym , a word formed from the initial letters or groups of letters of words in a set phrase or series of words and pronounced as a separate word, as Wac from Women's Army Corps, OPEC from Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, or loran from long-range navigation.

I know acronyms are necessary but I just can't remember them. I have to highlight them and keep checking back in the text. In my defense, if someone has varied interests they may mean different things. WAC to biologists may mean Wildlife Advisory Commission, not Women's Army Corps

I was reading an article on hoof trimming that was referred to the HPA, acronym for the hoof-pastern-angle. About an hour later, getting a little rummy, I was reading another article on physiological stress that also mentioned the HPA. My brain short-circuited- what does the hoof-pastern-angle have to do with stress? I then woke up and realized they were referring to the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis, also an HPA.

I recently had a discussion with a horse person on an equine condition. We were both confused until we realized that we were confusing acronyms and were discussion two entirely different diseases.

When discussing anything with anyone, if things seem wonky don't hesitate to ask them to define, or explain exactly what they mean (wonky- def. crooked, off-center, lopsided, askew)

Blanchard Trails

From: Mike McGlenn <mikekmcglenn@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, April 26, 2019 10:31:41 AM

To: Joseph Remenar; Roger Nelson; Rocky Leavitt; Rodney Vandersypen; Cindy Piccolo; Jackie Yereance; Fran Van Diest; Helen Almojera; Sharon Hoofnagle; Bill McKenna; Eileen Turk

Good day all,

The attachment below is the draft of the new Blanchard Mountain trail and road map. We reviewed it at the last Blanchard Committee meeting. There are a couple of typo type issues but the trail system is now correct. The trail between Lilly and Lizard Lakes is now noted as a stock use trail. It always has been but was not shown as such on the map. You should note that it shows the trail from the lower trail head to the upper trailhead changed to get us off the road. DNR has most of this new trail done. Rick says he has plans to complete it on National Trails day then we should be good to go and be off of the road with our stock, a good thing.

Concept plans are afoot for the Blanchard area for educational signs. Some you have already seen showing information on the working part of the forest. Additional signage will be instigated telling the history of the mountain from early days of logging, the Incline and right on up to the current working forest that meets the conserved core area.

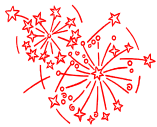
Additional warning signs for traffic control have already been installed in an effort to get folks to understand that there are stock, people, bikes and logging trucks on the road and to drive responsibly.

I hope I have done this right so you can see the map. I think you can print it if you have a printer. There will be fairly soon DNR printed maps available for handout.

Best regards,

Mike

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CALENDAR



April 29th.—Monday

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

May 8th—Wednesday

General meeting at Laurel Community Grange, Social hour at 6:30pm. Meeting at 7:00pm. Treats: Cindy will bring treats, can I get someone to bring beverages? Let me know.

May 11th—Saturday

Work party at Saxon. Contact Roger at rogerramjet1961@hotmail.com for more info.

June 1st—Saturday

National Trails Day Work Party at Blanchard with DNR and other groups. Join us at the Blanchard. Be ready at 9:00am. More info at the general meeting.

June 14th—16th-Fri—Sun

Mark your calendars! Camp out at Bryce Creek Horse camp. More info at the May general meeting.

Coming up in the months of July and August

Pack in/out trips in July and August for Washington Trail Associations, BCHW and other agencies, if you can help out, please contact Rocky Leavitt at rockyleavitt044@gmail.com. Need help packing in supplies and tools and packing out when done. Don't have a packing animal, no problem, come and join the ride, help load and unload, gives you a chance to check out the trails!

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Need Pictures!

Summer General Meetings at Misty River Ranch

Remember the general meetings for **June thru September will be at the Misty River Ranch, 5690 N. Fork Deming.** These meeting are also potluck so please bring a dish to share. Potluck is at 6:00pm and meeting will start at 7:00pm. Remember to bring your plate, utensils, napkins and a beverage, also be sure to mark dish and serving spoon with your name and don't forget to take them when you leave!

Fran

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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.

Jackie Yereance,
Treasurer, Whatcom Chapter BCHW,
PO Box 28607, Bellingham, WA 98228

April 2, 2019

Dear Jackie

Donation for the North Summit Horse Campground (NSHC)

Members of Methow Valley BCH Chapter (MVBCH) thank members of Whatcom Chapter for the generous donation of \$1,000 towards the cost of constructing the North Summit Horse Campground. We appreciate the financial help as we are in the final stages of Phase 1 construction of the NSHC and have spent \$70,000 of our chapter funds.

Roads and pull thrus are built and graveled. We have developed the first six campsites with high lines and hitch racks welded and installed, and a 500-foot post and rail fence has been constructed across the front of the campground. In November we installed three manure bunkers.

This spring we will pour concrete bases for the fire rings and install these and picnic tables on the first six campsites, as well as stringing the high lines with wire rope. Finally, with the installation of bulletin boards, pay tube and the Forest Service Sign for the campground, Phase I should be completed. Forest Service willing, we can then open NSHC to campers.

The MVBCH blog site WWW.MVBCH.com has pictures and information on our progress in constructing the campground.

Thanks again,

Bill Ford, Trail Boss, MVBCH

Cathy Upper, President, MVBCH

cc Bill McKenna, Director of Whatcom Chapter BCHW
Rodney Vandersypen, President of Whatcom Chapter

The address we have been using for donations is:- Bill Ford, Trail Boss MVBCH, 302 Twisp River Road, Twisp, WA 98856 (If it is possible to mention that in your next newsletter). Bill has been coordinating the incoming funding with the work to be done.

2019 Membership

There are a few members from last year that have forgotten to renew their memberships for this year. It's not too late to renew, just fill out the membership form in this newsletter and mail it to Helen Almojera, PO Box 28607, Bellingham, WA 98228 or you can renew online!

Even if you are too busy to attend meetings or events, your membership still helps support BCHW to continue to keep trails open for all users!

Fran

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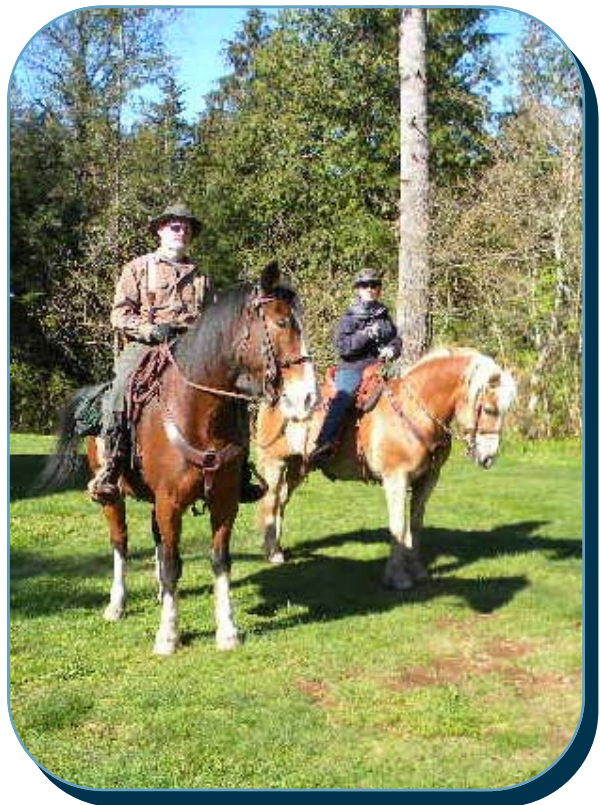
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Easter Egg Ride, April 20, 2019 at Bryce Creek Horse Camp. Pictures of some of our trail bosses and our youngest cowboy Easter candy egg hunter. Beautiful day, nice day for a ride and lunch!



Come Join Us!

Go to BCHW.org to join online its easier and faster! If online is not an option then print, fill out and sign the liability release (all members **18 and over**), and enclose your cash or check:

- **Chapter members:** You can renew online. If paying by check, make it out **Whatcom BCHW**, fill out an application and turn in to the Chapter Membership Chair—**Helen Almojera, PO Box 28607, Bellingham, WA 98228.**
- **Independent members** (folks who are **not** joining a chapter), make check out to "BCHW", and mail application and payment to:

Dana Chambers ATTN: BCHW MEMBERSHIP, 11404 210th Ave Ct E, Bonney Lake, WA 98391



Member Info

☐ New Member ☐ Renewal – Membership number(s): _____

Adult's name(s): _____

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City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

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☐ Lifetime (Single) \$1200.00

☐ State dues paid online (attach receipt copy)

Additional State Donation \$ _____

State Subtotal \$ _____

CHAPTER 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.

Chapter Name (or Independent):

Whatcom

If joining a secondary Chapter, provide the Chapter name where BCHW dues have been paid for 2019:

Chapter Dues **\$10.00**

Additional Chapter Donation \$ _____

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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 Back Country Horsemen of Washington, 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.

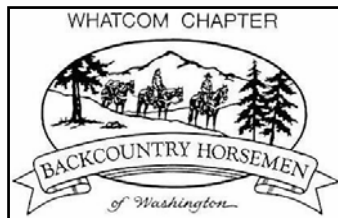
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Next
Whatcom Chapter Backcountry Horsemen
Meeting:

General Meeting: May 8, 2019
Laurel Community Grange
6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden, WA

Social hour: 6:30pm

Meeting at 7:00pm.

Treats—Cindy, need someone for beverages?

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