

WHATCOM CHAPTER



Newsletter of the Whatcom Chapter
Backcountry Horsemen of Washington

TRAIL TALES

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I hope this newsletter finds everyone feeling healthy and safe during the Covid 19. I know that many of you are taking on the many challenges of every day life, I know many of you are financially, physically and emotionally impacted by the pandemic. I want to thank those who are working on the front lines for your service. I see normal being the new normal and with changes we all can learn to adapt.

I am hopeful we can start slowly getting back on some trails after May 4th. If some areas do open remember the surge of riders that will want to ride. Just be mindful the impact on that trailhead with the trailer parking area and riding the trails. Remember our mission as BCHW members and recreational leaders.

Use this time to clean your tack, work with your horse/mule, garden, reach out to friends, read or what you need to be mindful and healthy. We will get thru this and we will prevail.

Ride on Cindy P President

Check out our Website:

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

For more information on the Coronavirus

<https://www.whatcomcounty.us/360/Health-Department>

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/Health>

Cindy

Forwarded message From: **Dana Chambers** <membership.bchw@gmail.com>
 Date: Tue, Apr 28, 2020 at 12:33 PM
 Subject: **Online Auction 2020**

Directors,

Since we were unable to have an auction this year at Rendezvous, we have decided to hold an **online auction on the new BCHW website that is going live this Friday afternoon and on eBay**. Items will be auctioned off for approximately 10 days at a time. We are happy to add things as they come in, so if you miss the Friday start date, no worries, we are happy to add it in. Dana Chambers, BCHW Membership Chair, has offered to help me run this auction. Dana will be running the website auction where we will have items specific to BCHW members or things too large to ship. Those items will be delivered to the director to take back to the winning bidder from our director's meeting unless the winning bidder makes other arrangements for the delivery. This will just be a joint effort to make it happen, much like those wine bottles leftover at the wine ride. I will be running the eBay site where we will auction off smaller items that are more general and easy to ship. These will have shipping costs attached to the item that the seller will pay and BCHW will reimburse the chapters for shipping them from your area. This way we can raise money from more sources than our members.

We have some items from Trygve Culp's family that we will be auctioning off on the website. If you have anything special to BCHW, be sure to mention it in the email with the information.

So please talk to your chapter members and send the following information to Dana and I. We will decide where to place the item when you send it in.

1. Name the items like "Come Ride Our Part of the State Tahoma Chapter" or "Porcelain Horse Ornaments".
2. Pictures of the items. Be sure to label the picture with the name of the item.
3. Who is donating them.
4. What is the approximate value of the item.
5. Please write a short description of the item. Be sure to include descriptors such as color, size,

Thank you for working with us to make this happen. I hope this might bring a little bit of excitement to your days at home.

Thanks,
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Thank You,
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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.

VET NOTES Sharon Hoofnagle D.V.M. COVID-19 4/26/2020

Here is some current info on the coronavirus and animals. The source is the American Assoc of Equine Practitioners, the American Vet Med Assoc and the Center for Disease Control as of April 24.

At this time, there is no evidence that animals play a significant role in spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.

Based on the limited information available to date, the risk of animals spreading COVID-19 to people is considered to be low.

There are a very few incidences of animals possibly catching COVID-19 from humans (a few pet cats, also tigers and lions in one zoo, and a few mink on Dutch farms.

Equine Corona Virus -ECoV- is NOT the same virus as Covid-19. The equine disease has never been transmitted to humans. It is a completely separate disease.

However- as a precaution:

If a human has COVID-19 have someone else care for their animals if possible. And even in normal times after caring for animals use standard hygiene precautions (washing hands) (There are other conditions such as ringworm or salmonella that are transmissible to humans.- Dr. H

Other notes on COVID-19

Horses should not be confined to stalls for long periods of time. If your horse is stalled arrange for turn -out daily if you can't ride.

Shoeing and trimming may be an issue if you are not riding. Watch the feet, they grow fastest in the spring.

Allowing the toes to become too long can be difficult to correct.

A basic principal even in normal times is to have feed available and help lined up to care for your horse if you become unable to care for them. Make it simple. Ideally the caretaker does not have to go in with the horses.

Have the feed easily available and leave written instructions.

For example: possibly a loafing shed that can be blocked off, feed free-choice hay, a water trough can be filled from outside the fence, and there is 24 hr. access to the sacrifice area. The horses can be enticed outside, the barn roped off, cleaned, and hay put out. There is large retired plastic water trough outside the shed door. The critter-sitter throws manure from the barn in to it. It can be picked up with the tractor and driven to the manure pit. It usually takes a few days to fill it.

A neighbor can clean and feed quickly, and no wheelbarrows to push.

Your horse will be fine without grain for awhile

Security cameras are great. They are inexpensive; and if you are ill or traveling you can check on your horse yourself throughout the day

Stay safe and well- we will get through this.

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CALENDAR



Due to the coronavirus, more information on the following will be sent by email at a later date. All dates are currently pending until further notice.

May 4th——Board meeting at Roundtable Pizza on Sunset Dr. Bellingham.

May 13th——General Meeting at Laurel Community Grange

May 16th——work party

May 23rd——Club Ride

Email from Debbie on April 29, 2020

Veddar Trailhead—OPEN as of May 5th.

Hi Fran, The governor has lifted the closure for trails and trailheads as you know. So the trailhead is open for day use only, parking and riding. Bryce Creek Camp is still closed to camping until further notice. We are hoping that it will be opened by Memorial Weekend.

Thanks Debbie

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SAVE THE DATE!**November 14, 2020
Whatcom Chapter
Fundraiser Auction**

Due to the coronavirus, our auction that was scheduled for April 4th was postponed. Melinda was able to reserve the next available date which is Saturday, November 14, 2020 for our auction at the Deming Logging Show. The time will be the same:
5:30-7:00 pm – Silent Auction
7:15 pm – Live Auction

Thank you all for your donations and your patience. If you still wish to donate, please contact Melinda Smull at 360-595-2137.

So mark your calendars! Let your friends and relatives know. More information at a later date.
 Fran



Email from Sharon on April 27th
Pilchuck Farm Trails
 opening of private lands

Hi folks- just received the following from Penny Booker regarding Pilchuck

Please note that Pilchuck Tree Farm is PRIVATE PROPERTY and the dates given by the governor for opening of Public Lands do not apply. When the owner via tree farm management decides to open the land for recreation it will be posted. Thank you. Sharon Hoofnagle.

Ps. If you wish you can contact Penny Booker for more information at 360-920-6067.
 Fran

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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.

Angela Ferguson: Get well card sent to Angela.

Sage Hollins: Thinking of you card sent to Sage, John Hollins passed away on April 14th.

Cheryl Brandt—past member passed away on March 23rd.

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BCHA Appreciates You!

Dear WA's Whatcom Chapter,

On behalf of the Legacy Fund and the Fundraising Committee, we wanted to again express our sincere appreciation for your generosity. Please find attached your Certificate of Appreciation for being a Founding Member(s) in the Legacy Fund of the Back Country Horsemen of America. If you would like a hard copy of this certificate, please let us know by either responding to this e-mail or e-mailing fundraising@bcha.org and confirming your mailing address and phone number, at the same time noting any incorrect information we might have.

We are proud to report that the Legacy Fund has just hit a milestone and exceeded \$100,000 in donations and pledges. There are 60 Founding Members and your donations represent the "seed money" to establish the foundation. While donations are always important, and will continue to be, "Planned Giving" also includes bequests to help the Legacy Fund build principal and earned income. As principal grows, earned income grows. Over time, earned income will represent a reliable, stable source of funding to support BCHA operations and programs in the future.

Please read "Creating a Lasting Legacy -- Make a Bequest to BCHA" in the Back Country Horsemen of America Newsletter, Spring 2020, on page 2 to learn more.

"Keeping America's Trails Open for Future Generations."

Latifia (Tif) Rodriguez, BCHA Fundraising Chair

Steve McClintock, BCHA Legacy Fund

A photograph showing a group of riders and pack animals (horses and mules) on a dirt trail. In the background, there are steep, rocky mountains with patches of snow. The trail is bordered by a body of water on the left.

Back Country Horsemen of America

wishes to recognize

WA's Whatcom Chapter

as a founding member of the

BCHA Legacy Fund



**Email dated April 28, 2020 from Rick Foster—DNR
May 5th State Lands Reopening**

Good Day,

I hope you are doing well and are staying safe. I have attached a few documents related to reopening state land for recreation. They provide good information and I encourage everyone to read it.

We will be opening The Blanchard State forest and The Harry Osborne State Forest on May 5th for day use only, no overnight camping on all state land till further notice.

- Reopening specific recreation sites is somewhat at the discretion of the region. My understanding is overcrowding and or disregard for public health guidelines at DNR recreation sites may lead to additional closures.
- Guidelines for reopening recreation on state land consistently mentions that recreation should only be conducted with people of a single house hold unit and if areas are busy and crowded please change your plans or find another area to recreate.
- Recommendation for parking is to leave one space between each vehicle. This will be challenging at the Samish Overlook as parking is already limited.
- I do not know at this time if restrooms will be open at Blanchard or the Harry O. Folks should be prepared and practice Leave No Trace principles. If unsanitary conditions proliferate that may necessitate closures.
- Drive safe. (This is my personal reminder). I know people are excited to get back to the outdoors, but for the safety of all users, have patients, please slow down on gravel roads, drive the posted 15 mph.

Currently on Blanchard the timber sale is still operational and heavy log truck traffic is occurring on the mainline. This is anticipated to continue for 3 more weeks.

Rick Foster

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Recreate Responsibly

TIP SHEET

Before you go:



Check what's open. Many state-managed lands are open for day-use only, but some local and federal lands may still be closed.

Stay close to home. This is not the time to travel long distances to recreate. And, if your chosen destination is crowded, go elsewhere or come back another time.

Be prepared. Restrooms may be closed or limited during the reopening process, so bring your own soap, water, hand sanitizer and toilet paper.

Feeling sick? Save your outdoor adventure for another day.

When you get there:



Practice physical distancing. Keep six feet between you and anyone who doesn't live with you. Leave at least one parking space between vehicles and boat trailers, and only launch one boat at a time.

Wear a mask and practice good hygiene. Keep your hands clean and avoid touching any high-traffic surfaces (such as in restroom facilities). When you must be in close contact with others, wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth.

Leave no trace. Always pack out what you pack in, including gloves and masks.



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- **Chapter members:** If paying by check, make it out **TO YOUR CHAPTER**, Attn: Helen, 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: MEMBERSHIP**, 11404 210th Ave Ct E, Bonney Lake, WA 98391



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Member Info

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Adult's name(s): _____

Children's name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Levels below include Single and Family

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Chapter Name (or Independent):
Whatcom Co.

If joining a secondary Chapter, provide the Chapter name where BCHW dues have been paid for 2020:

Chapter Dues \$10.00

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Chapter Subtotal \$ _____

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LIABILITY RELEASE & NOTICES

By signing this membership application, I confirm that I have read and understand the Liability Release accompanying this application and agree to its terms. (SEE REVERSE)

By signing this membership application, I agree to receive notices from BCH by electronic transmission at the above email address.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

"See payment and mailing info above"



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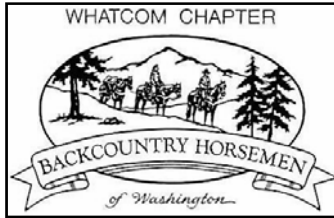
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Hazards and Risks: By signing below, I acknowledge that using horses, mules, equipment and tools may expose myself and/or my child, if I am signing for a minor child, to hazards. Horses or mules can misbehave or flee. Riding in open country could result in injury caused by dangerous or unstable riding surfaces, trail obstructions of various kinds, water crossings, wild animals, poisonous plants, extreme weather conditions, and other hazards. Other risks include errors of judgement by BCHW representatives assisting with this activity, or the misuse or failure of equipment and tools provided, if any. These hazards could result in property damage, serious physical injury, or death.

Additional Provisions: I authorize BCHW to provide or obtain for me medical care as is considered necessary or appropriate and I agree to pay all costs associated with such care and related transportation. I agree to pay all costs and legal fees incurred by BCHW in defending a claim or suit brought by me or on my behalf, or on behalf of the minor for whom I sign.

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Next
Whatcom Chapter Backcountry Horsemen
Meeting:
General Meeting: May 13, 2020
Laurel Community Grange

TO BE DETERMINED, MORE INFO LATER

The General Meeting for May is pending further
information regarding gatherings due to the coronavirus.

