

WHATCOM CHAPTER



Newsletter of the Whatcom Chapter
Backcountry Horsemen of Washington

TRAIL TALES

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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.

Notes from the Red Barn

First off, Rendezvous is set up for March 17-19 at the Kittitas Valley Event center in Ellensburg. Bill has tables reserved for us so let him know if you need a chair. If you have never gone this is a good time to meet other BCH members, go to seminars and check out the tack sale. Don't forget to buy some BCH gear, too. Hope to see you all there.

Starting at the February general meeting, we will be having a speaker at each meeting. A representative from the Whatcom Land Trust will be speaking at the our next meeting. If you have an idea for a speaker you would like to hear from please contact me or one of the other board members and we will try to make it happen.

Our committee met this week and we have some great news for you at the next meeting. We have established some interesting committees and hope you can find a place on one of them to help out to make the BCH of Whatcom the best. Come to the meeting and see which one works for you. That's all for now, see you on the trail and Hi Ho, Silver, away!

Roger E.

MARCH 17 - 19, 2023
KITTITAS EVENT CENTER
ELLENSBURG

- ☼ **Tack Sale (Fri & Sat)**
- ☼ **Vendor Booths**
- ☼ **Cross-Cut Saw Competition**

Classes & Demonstrations

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VET NOTES Sharon Hoofnagle D.V.M. Grumpy Horses

Dr Sue Dysen is one of the foremost authorities on relating equine body posture and behaviors to determining discomfort in the horse. At the Dec 2022 meeting of the American Assoc of Equine Practitioners she presented a paper on “How to Recognize Signs of Abnormal Equine Behavior During Tacking-Up and Mounting and to Understand Their Potential Clinical Significance.”

Her basic message was that grumpy behavior when a horse is being saddled is not normal and may indicate an underlying health issue. When the behavior was recognized, an underlying issue was looked for. When the issue was corrected the grumpy saddling behavior disappeared.

Grumpy behavior can include avoiding the bridle, pinning of ears, tail swishing, biting, kicking, teeth grinding, reluctance to open the mouth for the bit; fidgeting, nose-rubbing, licking and chewing, tail swishing, and looking at the girth.

Inciting issues could include lameness, dental issues, saddle fit, back pain, psychological, or abdominal problems. One of our first treatments for a grumpy horse is for ulcers. The treatment is often successful. However medical practice can be challenging. The gastric or colonic ulcers may be the result of chronic pain elsewhere. The ulcers and grumpy behavior may reoccur if the underlying cause isn't corrected.

The take-home message was that horses should not resent being saddled. Resentment could be due to the actual saddling itself but may be due to chronic pain while ridden or chronic pain unrelated to saddling or riding that makes the horse grumpy. Many humans can relate to that. Get a chronic pain issue corrected and the whole world is a lot brighter.

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WBCH General meeting minutes Jan 11 2023

The meeting was called to order by Roger Edmonds at 7:05 pm at the Laurel Grange. It was preceded by a 30 min social time. Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roger called for a "roll call" Members stated their name.

Approval of last month's minutes as printed in the newsletter was asked for: Tim moved and Joe seconded.

REPORTS

Treasurers (financial officer): Tim V: the balances can be requested by members, we are up \$290. Tim, Verna, Jackie, and Roger were on the budget committee. Due to the delay in memberships coming in through Jan it will be revised. The board will look at it at the Feb board meeting, membership will vote on it at the Feb general meeting.

Directors: Joe R-

State BCH leadership training is Sat Jan 28th. It has been changed to virtual. Sign up through the State BCH website (or the email notice) A second part will be held Feb 4th- the 4th is mainly on grants.

Legislative day is Feb 6th in Olympia. Bill is arranging our participation. Folks should wear western gear (western hats, etc.) Tim V will contact legislators. He will also draft a position paper for attendees so we can present a unified group. Carpooling is recommended.

Rendezvous is March 17-19 in Ellensburg. Folks should get their hotel rooms booked soon. Go online to the state website to buy dinner reservations. The tack sale is being moved to the armory where there is more room. Also, circus tents will be set up for events. A first aid class will be offered, also the classroom part of the chainsaw class will be offered. Bill has reserved two tables.

Website (state) has been improved. The Legacy Trail Grant is described. Packers are asked to submit info on what they can do (stock, experience, equipment). This will help in planning work.

Summer work parties are being scheduled, Jason has a tentative schedule for Washington

Executive committee (state) is locking in on a contract for a lobbyist. The sawyer program is being worked on, Dana C is working on a youth program.

By-laws: (chapter) were approved the end of 2022, they formally establish an executive board. The board will take care of most of the chapter business, the issues will then go the membership for a vote. This will streamline the meeting and make more time for presentations and fun events.

Volunteer hrs. Verna M- we had 354 hrs. in Nov., 8.5 hrs. in Dec.

Trailheads

Saxon- Joe R- checked it out a few days ago, the gate was locked

South Fork- status is unknown. We need to find out from Parks Dept how we can get more involved. Several members have ridden the area, it will give us gentler trails to ride. A few members rode it recently to try to find the new trail markers.

Y Rd- Stewart- Sharon H- the 15-mile loop may still be blocked on the south side. The horse crossing of Olsen Creek near the tree farm has a plastic barrier just before the creek which is passable but may be spooky to stock.

Silver Lake: Bill- the barn remodel is on hold although the park has approved it. Tim V, Bill, and Rocky checked out Silver Lake. The big circle may be partially on private land. DNR and Red Mt sites- there is stock parking for horses ½ way down Baker Lake Rd.

Dead Horse Trail: it is the access to Skyline. Bill, Rocky, and Tim V checked it out. It is the main access to Skyline but the road is blown out. There are alternatives but the only sustainable option is major with 4 creek crossings. GAO (Great American Trails Act grants) funds may be available. WTA has the most at risk with losing this access. There is no stock access to Skyline right now. Hikers have a long hike but can get in.

Computer: Tim V- the new computer is here.

Trailer: Joe R- the etrack needs to be installed. Costco has shelving. Tim V- don't hesitate to ask for reimbursement for expenses. It is only \$2.50 for state to write a reimbursement check. Costco requires a Visa card, our is a Mastercard. However, we can buy a Costco cash card. Bill and Sharon suggested that this be a board discussion.

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Whatcom general meeting minutes, January 11, 2023

New Business Roger E

He would like to establish committees to do much of the club work. They are permitted by the by-laws but are not locked in. There should be an uneven number of people on a committee.

Auction- Melinda S. the committee met in Jan. We were given a \$50 gift certificate from Bellewood acres because of a mix-up in reservations we will put it in the auction. We will meet at Debbie Lagerwey’s. The auctioneer has been reached out to. We need to replace one square for credit card payments. We have 9 members, Marie Tiemersma and Holly M have joined.

Confidence builder – it was discussed at the board meeting on whether to hold it again- no consensus.

Small Farm Expo- Sharon H. it is March 4th at the Lynden Fairgrounds. If anyone wants to help let her know. The display can be set up as-is, but new ideas would be appreciated. If you have photos of work parties or rides send them. Volunteers are needed to man the booth.

New Year’s Ride: Debbie L did not charge for the gazebo, turn-out was low. It was suggested we buy them a new broom. A thank you card will be sent for the use of the gazebo.

Trail boss: Andy McLeod was introduced as our new trail boss.

Speakers for meeting: Cindy will contact the Land Trust. The Nooksack tribe was suggested. There were several other ideas, land managers etc.

Calendars: Bill- he has 2 left, Laurel has 3, will give them away but he must keep a record

Valentine Day: Joe- Skagit chapter is having a dessert auction Feb 14th at the Skagit Rodeo grounds.

Andy moved the meeting be adjourned; Bill seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:26
Submitted Sharon Hoofnagle secretary.

Reported November 2022 hours:
Basic--7.5, Skilled--39.5,
LNT/Edu--91.5, Admin--
121, Travel--91 for a total
of 354 hours.
Andy McLeod
Beth Farris - nm
Bill McKenna
Candace Keach
Cindy Piccolo
Colette Cloutier
Donna Remenar
Fran Van Diest
Jackie Yereance
Joe Remenar
Justine Nishitani - nm
LeAnne DeLuca - nm
Lori Taylor - nm
Michelle McKenna
Nancy Norris - nm
Pat Barker
Rob DeBoer
Robbie Harris
Rocky Leavitt
Roger Edmonds
Ryan Heacock
Sharon Hoofnagle
Tim Van Beek
Vance Kelly - nm
Verna McLeod

General Meeting Dates for 2023

- Feb 8th-----Laurel Community Grange
- March 8th-----Laurel Community Grange
- April 12th-----Laurel Community Grange
- May 10th-----Laurel Community Grange
- June 14th-----Misty River Ranch
- July 12th-----Misty River Ranch
- Aug 9th-----Misty River Ranch
- Sept 13th-----Misty River Ranch
- Oct 11th-----Laurel Community Grange
- Nov 8th-----Laurel Community Grange

Laurel Community Grange located at 6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden , social at 6:30pm, meeting from 7pm to 8:30pm

Misty River Ranch, located at 5690 N. Fork, Deming. Potluck at 6pm, meeting at 7pm



CALENDAR



February 1, 2023---board meeting at Roundtable Pizza on Sunset, 6pm dinner, meeting at 7pm--8:30pm

February 4, 2023-----zoom Leadership training in Ellensburg--see https://www.bchw.org/2023_leadership_training.php for more information.

February 6, 2023-----legislative day, 9am--12pm. Contact Bill at 360-599-2526 if you plan to attend and car pool info.

February 8, 2023-----general meeting at Laurel Community Grange, 6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden. Social at 6:30pm and meeting at 7:00pm--8:30pm. **Guest speaker from Whatcom Land Trust**

February 27, 2023-----board meeting at Roundtable Pizza on Sunset Dr. Dinner at 6pm and meeting at 7pm--8:30pm

March 4, 2023-----Whatcom Farm Expo at the Lynden Northwest Fairgrounds, 9am--2pm, notify Sharon if you can help out.

March 17---19, 2023-----Rendezvous--Ellensburg



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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:

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

Best Offer
Gary Anderson
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Auction Committee

The auction committee is back to work. We have sent out our greeting letters to businesses. The Auction is May 13th at the Deming Log Show Museum. We have contacted auctioneer Paul Sanchez and he will be there again. We are looking for new and gently used items also. Things that sell well are of course anything equestrian, outdoor, pet, garden, artwork just to name a few. So look around and check out the great sales that are going on this time of year. Volunteers will be needed before and on the day of the auction. We will bring sign up sheets to meetings or you can contact me. Melinda Smull 360 595-2137 We are looking forward to another fun time, so mark your calendars.

Melinda Smull

Reported December 2022 hours:
Admin--8.5

Cindy Piccolo
Fran Van Diest
Melinda Smull
Sharon Hoofnagle
Verna McLeod

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.
Fran

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** 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.

Whatcom CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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

2023 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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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- 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:

Whatcom Co.

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) \$

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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.

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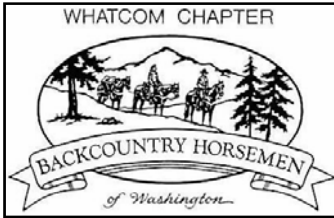
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Next
Whatcom Chapter Backcountry Horsemen

Meeting:

**General Meeting:
February 8, 2023**

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

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

