

WHATCOM CHAPTER



Newsletter of the Whatcom Chapter
Backcountry Horsemen of Washington

TRAIL TALES

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Notes from the President

March 2022

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Our winter weather has given us some challenges for the year 2022 which has delayed some of our rides and work parties. With our weather challenges soon behind us I am optimistic about our future working on the trails. The chapter members approved accepting the RCO and Hotshot funding. We will need your help to determine projects, so if you are up to the challenge please step up and get involved to keep these projects alive. We also need to reach out to other user groups, we need to work together. What do you want to see accomplished? Do you know other organizations that would like to help on the trails? Do you know how to improve our social media? I hope I have you thinking.

The few volunteers we currently have are getting tired and need more volunteers to step up and help. You will find it an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

I want to thank everyone who donated to our Sunshine Go Fund, We raised \$235.00 for stamps and cards. As you all know the sunshine committee sends out cards to our current or past members whenever we receive information of a death, injury or surgery.

Rendezvous is March 18-20th in Ellensburg. Go to bchw.org if you want to attend the dinner and auction.

Stay safe and see you out on the trails.
~Cindy Piccolo Whatcom President

Check out our Website:
<http://www.whatcom-bch.com/>

VET NOTES Sharon Hoofnagle D.V.M. Impaction Colic

Four friends were headed out for a 5-day pack trip. Jim was a photographer and liked his horse, Frosty, looking good. Wednesday morning, he brought his horse in from the pasture and brushed him down. He hosed a few mud spots off. But knowing that a wet horse loves to roll he confined him to a stall. Frosty had been on grass but he fed him hay Wed morning, night and Thurs. morning. He hung a water bucket in the stall but Frosty had never seen a bucket before. Thursdays 4-hour drive to the trailhead was uneventful. That night horses were fed hay in nets from a highline and were led to a creek to drink. But Frosty was uneasy drinking from the strange creek with strange horses. Friday morning the horses were fed hay in the nets. They planned on watering on the trail. They packed up started up the trail at 9 am but as is common with new horses on a new trail the first day none drank well at creeks. At 4 pm they were in camp, the horses un-packed and un-saddled. Two folks turned their stock loose with hobbles. The other two had theirs picketed or behind electric fences.

Frosty was unintentionally being set up for an impaction colic. There are several inciting factors: sudden change from a moist diet (grass) to dry hay, strange new water source, and lack of exercise.

Accustom your horse to a new diet slowly. Remember you are feeding microbes that need to adapt in the GI tract. Give your horse a small amount of hay daily for a week before the trip. On travel days try to walk them a bit. Get them accustomed to a water bucket a few weeks ahead of a trip. Try to take some day rides with your trail partners before a big trip and pal-up when leading to water. Hobbled or loose horses can get to water but tethered or fenced horses cannot. Check your horses' manure often on a trip. If it becomes hard, dry, with fewer smaller fecal balls an impaction may be starting.

It's fairly common for horses (and humans) to become dehydrated the first few days of a trip. But it is potentially dangerous and we should try to avoid it. It can lead to a serious intestinal impaction.

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Rendezvous Notice

For those who are going to Ellensburg -We have three Whatcom County people talking at Rendezvous

Christina Cline is talking on Hoof Fundamentals.

Monica Uruchurtu is talking on Horse Massage

Sharon Hoofnagle D.V.M. is talking on Equine Wilderness First Aid

Sharon

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.

General Membership Meeting BCH Feb 9, 2022

Due to covid 19 the meeting was held by video conference, with phone access also. (Zoom)

The meeting was called to order by Cindy Piccolo at 7:01. There were 8 members attending. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Bill M moved to approve the minutes from Jan as printed in the newsletter, Andy seconded.

Sunshine: email thank you was sent to those who donated to the fund. The time of the Dave Richey service was announced.

Treasurer: Tim V. reported the balances of our accounts. If members want these figures they can contact Tim. Kathy A. asked if certain funds were committed to projects, for example the large commitment to the county for S. Fork restroom. Bill: we have been released from the S. Fork commitment. Sharon: we have an itemized budget prepared yearly which is passed by vote by the membership. Any member can request a copy.

Directors: Bill M.- nothing new on legislative

Saw certification is being held Fri and Sat. It's a "train the trainer" to bring instructors up to speed. The class is usually in Yakima but the instructors, Tom and Tony, are travelling around the state. This course will be at the Sedro Wooley Rodeo grounds. PNT, DNR etc. members will be participating.

Rendezvous will be March 18 & 19th. Recommend you get room reservations soon. Bill will pick up \$250 worth of donation items from Laurel for the auction.

Sharon: will be talking on equine wilderness first aid at Rendezvous.

State reorganization: board set-up will remain the same. There will be an executive committee for day-to-day operation decisions. It may be made of board members, past presidents, etc.

It was asked if attending classes like Rendezvous or Washington Trails clinics can count towards RCO hours. Bill will ask Darryl about it.

Auction: report from Melinda S was presented.

Auction: Melinda Smull: Would you please pass on the information about our auction committee.

May 14th at the Deming Log show museum

Auction committee has their first meeting planned, it has been a few years!

We will be able to use Nancy's for tagging as in the past.

Please make sure if you have items that do not have a value letter yet we need to get those to Fran.

Please think about volunteering at the auction we will need help with the delivery of goods to log show, Silent auction helpers, set up of silent auction tables and what not. Clean up too. Sign up will be coming soon.

We will have a pizza truck for food Cicchitti's.

Vedder: report read: Vedder Mt: Mike M- We had an uninvited party show up at the Vedder Mountain Trailhead last week. A trailer, dog, people, and a couple of cars set up to camp there. It caused concern to a couple that had arrived to park their horse rig and ride the trails. They went elsewhere to park.

They called me. I contacted Bryce Creek Church folks and the camper was gone the next day.

Bryce Creek folks remind us that this Trailhead is on Private Property. If we see folks there that really don't belong there we are fully authorized to ask them politely to leave the site as it is private property. If you have concerns about talking to them about moving then don't. But once back in cell range, call the Whatcom County Sheriff and report the violation of the private property owner's rights and ask them to respond to move the campers along.

The US Border Patrol has in the past presented a presence in the Heady Road/Reese Hill Road area. Currently the priority for the Border Patrol has shifted to the Southern Border of the US. They are not able to be patrolling around our area at Heady. If you see suspicious activity while riding the valley or the hills around it they asked that we phone their number and report what was seen. A number that I have for them is 360 988 5520.

In either of the above situations, your comfort level and safety is the main concern. Use your best common sense to avoid a confrontation issue.

Mike , 2 Feb 22

add: Mike talked to the border patrol- a camera has been installed

add: recommend asking folks to leave as you are leaving.

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General Membership Meeting BCH Feb 9, 2022

Question asked if the border is still patrolling with helicopters and are they doing rescues? Bill: are still flying. Kathy: they are using cameras more since the logging

New Business:

There is a work party Sat. April 30th. at Les Hilde. There is also a dessert and tack sale April 30th.

Volunteerism: Tim and Cindy getting a committee together to determine ways to encourage volunteering. Sharon, Tim, and Roger E. volunteered. Roger E suggested what Sunset Farm does: food and tools for everyone. Verna described how much the ice cream was appreciated at Schreiber's. Michelle M and Cindy P provided it. Signage was suggested and donation suggested from other trail users. We can use Facebook and our website.

Good of the order: Cindy showed the Whatcom Conservation calendar that showcased Roger Edmonds and his horses. Roger described the services they provide. We will have out club display at their Small Farm Expo. Mike M. may have the aerator there.

It was moved to adjourn at 7:59
Sharon Hoofnagle secretary

Volunteer Hours for January 2022, a total of 98.5 hrs.
Basic—32, skilled---3.5,
Educ---16.5, admin--36.5,
travel—10 hrs.

Bill McKenna
Bobbie Carter
Cindy Piccolo
Fran Van Diest
Jackie Yereance
Joe Remenar
Melinda Smull
Mike McGlenn
Roger Edmonds
Roger Nelson
Sharon Hoofnagle
Tim Van Beek
Verna McLeod

From: Mike McGlenn <mikekmcglenn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 5:08 PM
To: Fran VanDiest <fvandiest@msn.com>
Subject: Fwd: Lower Josephine Lakes Trail

Hi Fran, Please send this out to our membership. This trail is down at the **Les Hilde Trailhead above 4 Firs picnic area.**

Thank you , Mike
22 Feb 22

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **McKown, Hyden (DNR)** <Hyden.McKown@dnr.wa.gov>
Date: Tue, Feb 22, 2022, 4:11 PM
Subject: **Lower Josephine Lakes Trail**
To: Mike McGlenn <mikekmcglenn@gmail.com>

Hi,

Logging will start this week on the Cecil timber sale. This a Variable Density Thinning (VDT) harvest to create more Nesting, Roosting and Foraging (NRF) habitat for Spotted Owls. It will impact the trail heading up toward Lower Josephine Lake. We are working to get the trail signed closed this week. Please share this information with your clubs. Thank you,

Hyden McKown

Baker District Recreation Manager

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WANTED: 7-15 YEAR OLD QUARTER HORSE OR QUARTER HORSE MIX GELDING OR MARE, 15 - 15.3 hands. Good Trail Horse. No bad habits. References available upon request. Please call: Peggy or Ed Chase at 360-988-5332

WANTED TO BUY - BOOTS FOR HORSES. Any size, condition, even trashy. No Easycare Styles. \$5.00 each?. Marie Tiemersma; mtiemersma@hotmail.com; 360-815-5992

BOARDING PLACE FOR HORSE: I have a friend who is looking for a place to board a horse. Please let members know or put it in the next news letter. They can contact me at 360 318-5509 or jjyy@earthlink.net

You still have time to renew your membership for 2022. Just complete the attached membership form and mail with payment to the address listed with payment or go to www.bchw.org and click on membership renewal.

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: 8:30am. to 7 pm; Sat:
8:30am.to 6:00 pm. and Sun 9 am. to 5 pm.

Free event!



Whatcom Farm Expo

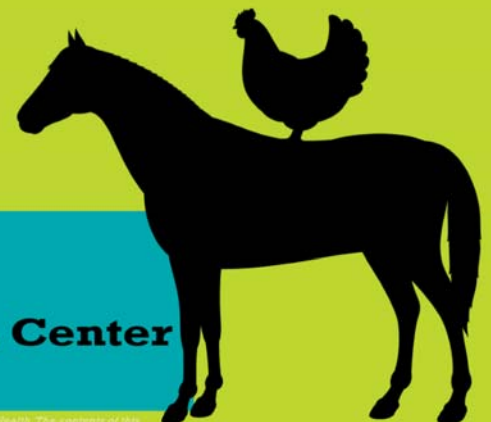


April 23
9AM - 2PM
Farm Pavilion,
NW WA Fairgrounds
www.whatcomcd.org
360-526-2381

KEYNOTE PANEL:

Starting & nurturing a successful farm business

- Katie Pencke of Alluvial Farms**
- Marie Haggerty of Fair Cow's Path Farm**
- Elizabeth Hayes of Cloud Mountain Farm Center**
- Allison Trimble of Coastal Realty**



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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.

At this time work parties will be scheduled as needed and email will be sent to notify members.

Feb 28, 2022----zoom board meeting at 7:00pm.

Mar 9, 2022-----general meeting at Laurel Grange on Guide Meridian at 7:00pm.

Mar 28, 2022----zoom board meeting at 7:00pm

2022 COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

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Need Pictures!

SAVE THE DATE!
May 14 2022



WHATCOM CHAPTER

BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN of WA.

INVITES YOU TO OUR 23rd. ANNUAL FUND-RAISER AUCTION at the Deming Logging Show!

More information at a later date.
Our last auction was in 2019.

Silent auction from 5:30--7:00pm and Live starts at 7:15pm.
Cicchitti's Pizza food truck will be there.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the auction was rescheduled several times, we have rescheduled for May 14, 2022. For more information, contact Melinda Smull at 60-595-2137.

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

Card sent to Val Richey and family, Dave Richey passed away on January 21, 2022.

Card sent to Holly and Jerome Malysh, Jerome's father recently passed away

Saw certification training on February 12, 2022.

On February the 10th and 11th, Whatcom and Skagit chapters of BCHW hosted a 1/4ly statewide train trainer class for the BCHW Saw Certification program. The class was conducted by Tom Mix and Tony Karniss, founders of the BCHW saw certification program, and was attended by more than 30 evaluator/instructors [IE's] from various user groups. These groups included all BCHW IE's in all chapters north of King County, PNTA, the Bikers alliance and Mountain Rescue. The classroom session was held at the Rodeo grounds in Sedro Woolley and the hands-on field session was conducted on DNR's Anderson Mt.

At the end of the day 3 members from Whatcom & Skagit BCHW chapters are certified IE's, so we can now put on our own classes. Stay tuned for an announcement as we would like to set a date for that class before our trial work season begins.

Both Joe and I were certified as Class C Bucking Instructor/Evaluators. Rob DeBoer who is a member of Skagit and Whatcom was also an Instructor/Evaluator.

To learn more about the BCHW's saw certification program check out the BCHW web site: www.bchw.org.

Bill McKenna and Joe Remenar



Top left picture: Bill McKenna with another gentleman.
Top right picture, Rosalie Rasmussen from PNTA. The other pictures shows Tom Mix with clipboard.



BCHW 2022 Rendezvous

What is our BCHW Rendezvous?

It is a state sponsored event put on by Back Country Horsemen of Washington that is open to the public. This is a non-riding event. We offer educational



classes, shopping, social and informative events and seminars. There are no fees for anything other than the Saturday night catered dinner and on-site camping.

BCHW Rendezvous 2022 Details:

It will be held March 18 through the 20th and located at the Kittitas Valley Event Center in Ellensburg, Washington. Mark your calendars now! Email your questions or comments to rondy2022@bchw.org.

For more information check BCHW.org
https://www.bchw.org/bchw_2022_rendezvous.php

Also check out the THN newsletter,
click here: <https://www.bchw.org/files/thn-janfeb-2022-web.pdf>

NON-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: _____

National and State Newsletters are viewable online at BCHA.org/BCHW.org or Please mail a hard copy of Newsletters
 (Check Boxes) BCHA Newsletter BCHW (Trailhead News) Chapter Newsletter (If available to mail)

STATE MEMBERSHIP

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Basic Memberships

Single \$41.00

Family \$54.00

Levels below include Single and Family

Contributing \$75.00

Sustaining \$125.00

Patron \$250.00

Benefactor \$500.00

Lifetime (Single) \$1200.00

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 (or Independent):
Whatcom Co.

If joining a secondary Chapter, provide the Chapter name where BCHW State dues have been paid for 2021:

Chapter Dues \$10.00

Please consider making a Chapter donation: \$

Please consider making a State donation: \$

Chapter Subtotal \$

State Subtotal \$

Grand Total (State+Chapter) \$

NOTICES

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.

Signature: _____

Date _____

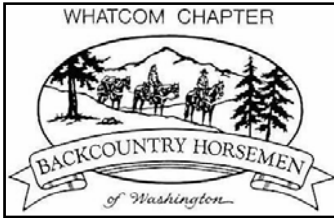
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Next
Whatcom Chapter Backcountry Horsemen

Meeting:
General Meeting: Mar 9, 2022
Laurel Community Grange
6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden, WA

Meeting 7:00pm

