

Newsletter of the Whatcom Chapter  
Backcountry Horsemen of Washington

# TRAIL TALES

March 2018

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## Notes from the President

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The members that worked so hard to make the auction a success did it again. It was a great event even thou the weather did not cooperate. The weather not being ideal did not keep some folks from attending the auction from as far as Redmond, WA. We did not bring in quite as much money as in past years but it was a very good showing for the conditions. I would like to thank all the members that worked so hard to put this event on with a special thanks to Fran and Geri. I would also like to thank all of the individuals that donated item and businesses. Please let them know that we appreciate the donation when you do business with them.

The auction is now in the rearview mirror and on to the next event. Planning is in progress for our next big event that will happen this summer. Stay tuned for the upcoming date for this event.

The days are getting longer and the horses and mules are getting the look in their eyes that they want to head out on the trail. It's time to put the shoes back on and start getting them in shape and get out on the trail after a long cold winter. Plan to make it to the Easter Egg ride at the end of the month.

See you on the trail

Rodney

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

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



**COME JOIN THE FUN!!!!**

- GENERAL MEETING
- USED TACK SALE
- VENDOR BOOTHS
- TRUCK & TRAILER RODEO
- AUCTIONS
- PUBLIC LANDS DAY
- DUTCH OVEN COOKING
- CROSSCUT COMPETITION

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**2018 TRAIL BOSSES**

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Joe Remenar  
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Cindy Piccolo  
360-966-4082

Dawn Weaver  
360-739-4447

**WORK PARTY COORDINATOR**

Roger Nelson  
360-599-2461

**BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN'S STATEWIDE CELEBRATION**

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|----------------|------------------|
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**Saturday Night:**

- Dinner
- Live Auction
- Dancing

Register at [BCHW.org](http://BCHW.org)

*Come see BCHW's Displays:*

- Hard Hat Decorating Competition
- Chapter Displays
- Photo Contest
- Table Decorating Competition

*Friday & Saturday: 9 to 5*

*Sunday: 9 to Noon*

*Kittitas Valley Event Center*

*512 N Poplar, Ellensburg, WA*

For more information go to [BCHW.org](http://BCHW.org)

Or

Contact: Nicole Sedgwick, [bchwexec@bchw.org](mailto:bchwexec@bchw.org)



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**Whatcom Chapter of Backcountry Horsemen  
Minutes of Monthly Meeting  
February 14, 2018**

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion was made by Bill McKenna and 2nd by Susan Sebastian to approve the February agenda as published. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Andy McLeod and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Remenar to approve the January 2018 minutes as published. Motion carried.

**Sunshine:** A get well card was sent to Doc Beck. A thinking of you card was sent to Angela and Mark Ferguson. Their daughter passed away.

**DNR/Volunteer Plan:** Jim Cahill from the DNR requested our participation in research he is doing on volunteerism. Volunteers will meet at the DNR office in Sedro Woolley. Your time in this effort counts as volunteer time.

**Director/Legislative:** Bill reported that BCHA is holding their quarterly meeting in Spokane this year. He said be sure to wear your hat for Legislative Day. Don't forget Rendezvous in March.

**Volunteer Hours:** Rodney read off the list of volunteers for the January, hours equal 178.8. Cindy Piccolo has volunteer forms for Gary Bellows with the DNR, if needed. So far we have given 372 volunteer hours to the DNR. This meets and exceeds our commitment.

**Work Parties/Trail Coordinator/Bosses:** The plan is to have a work party the Saturday after our General Meeting. Next work party is February 17 at Heady Rd. 9:30AM. Watch for possible cancellation. Next work party is planned for Stewart Mt. in March. This may conflict with the preparation for the Easter Egg Ride. Will be posted in advance.

**Trailheads:**

**South Fork Park:** There was some discussion about the use of Ivermectin and the exposure to dogs in shared off leash areas. Sharon advises if you worm with this product stay away from shared areas for about a week to avoid contaminating those areas. It was suggested we submit an article to the Northwest Horse Source on the dangers of Ivermectin and dogs.

**Chuckanut:** Trails are temporarily closed due to a plane crash in the area.

**Committees:**

**Fund Raising:** Butler Hill Event is in the planning for June 9th. We are looking for volunteers and will have specific roles in the near future. We will keep you posted.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Auction 2/23; 2/17** Items will be tagged. Day of Auction volunteers are needed. Talk to Fran. Bill McKenna will need some help getting and setting up tables. Verna will get the hours for last year's auction to Rodney.

**Small Farm Expo:** Event will take place 2/24 and folks have stepped up to volunteer. Sharon is coordinating this event. Roger will check out the display board for our club. Cindy has offered to haul the club trailer if we have an outdoor display. Weather dependent we may or may not have stock there. There has been an interest in having this event in the AG building next year to enable using stock.

**Newsletter:** Please have items to Fran by the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Motion was made by Andy McLeod and 2nd to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Geri Surratt



# Easter Egg Ride

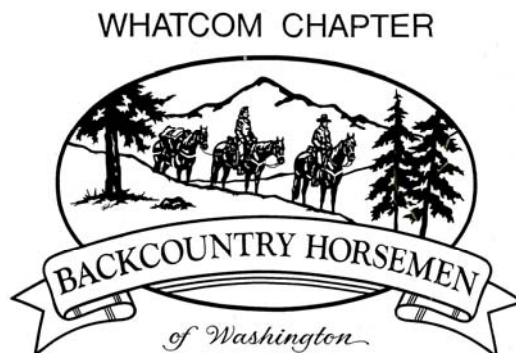
## March 31, 2018

Backcountry Horsemen, Whatcom Chapter is having their annual Easter Egg ride on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at the Heady Rd trails. First riders out at 9:00am, second riders out at 9:30 a.m. The gate will be open, you can park at the gazebo or parking area just below.

**Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served, the rest will be potluck so bring a dish to share.** Please leave your dish at the gazebo before you go on your ride. **A donation will be collected for the use of the gazebo/food. Lunch at 12:30, egg hunt around 1:30pm.**

Minors must wear helmets, children 3-5 years of age can ride double. Please take a halter and lead rope along. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Family and friends welcome! Bring your own basket.

Directions: Drive towards Everson, take the South Pass Road to Heady Road, turn left and continue to parking area. Gate will be opened. Contact Rocky Leavitt at 599-2675 for more information.





**TO A GOOD HOME:**

15 - 20 year old mare. Adopted from Everson Auction in August 2017. She was said to be green broke, 15 yrs. old and no other information was provided. She was skin and bones at that time. She has gained enough weight to start working so we have had her assessed by a trainer, who said that she has been saddled before but knows no commands. She will make a great pasture pet or project. She is sound, has good hooves and has a very strong protective streak. She will protect our mini-colt, our sheep ram or my husband against any and all. She is not good with women (is overtly aggressive at times to women), but loves and respects men.

She leads, picks up her feet, trailers okay. The trainer thought she'd probably been a brood mare for most of her life and given how protective she is to smaller horses, I'd think that was probably correct. She is a beautiful mare who needs a soft landing place.

We are not looking to sell her, simply to adopt her to someone who has the space and time for her, so she will not experience carelessness or starvation again.

Please contact Mark or Angela for more information (360-332-2917)



**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](mailto:hermater09@gmail.com)

A Special Thank You to:

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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.*

**Advertising Rates**

**Full Page---\$45.00 per month, limited to space available**

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**Classifieds.....\$3.00 per month**

**Free Classifieds for members!**



# CALENDAR



**March 5th—Monday**

**Board Meeting** at Roundtable Pizza on Sunset Dr; dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:00pm.

**March 14th—Wednesday**

**General Meeting at Laurel Community Grange**, 6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden. Meeting starts at 7:00pm.

Treats: ? Let me know if you are willing to bring treats to the March meeting—need 2-3 people.

**March 16—18 Fri—Sun**

**Rendezvous in Ellensburg**, see flyer in newsletter.

**March 24th—Saturday**

**Work party** at Stewart Mtn. Be there at 9:30am.

**March 31st—Saturday**

**Easter Egg Ride at Bryce Creek Camp.** First riders out at 9:00am. Lunch at 12:30. The chapter will provide hot dogs and hamburgers, the rest will be potluck, so please bring a dish to share.

**Coming Soon!**

**April 23 -25, 2018**

**BCHA National Board Meeting**, Northern Qwest Casino in Airway Heights, WA (Near Spokane)  
More information at: [http://www.bchw.org/lnt/main/upcoming\\_events.htm](http://www.bchw.org/lnt/main/upcoming_events.htm)

**June 9th—Saturday**

**Whatcom BCH fundraiser ride at Butler Hill Equestrian Center**, 7478 Butler Hill Rd. Burlington. Helpers needed, contact Geri Surratt at [glsurratt@q.com](mailto:glsurratt@q.com) if you can help.

**2018 COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

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**LEAVE NO TRACE:**

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**TRAIL HEAD COMMITTEE**

Mike McGlenn  
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**SCRAPBOOK**

Debbie Lagerwey  
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Need Pictures!

**Volunteer Hours**

Be sure to report your hours to Verna McLeod. Give them to her at the general meeting or mail them to 3140 S. Bay Vista Dr. Sedro Woolley, WA 98284 or send her an email at: [verna@soundengineering.com](mailto:verna@soundengineering.com)



Dues are from January 1st thru December 31st.

**NOVEMBER 2013 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

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	
<b>Basic Membership</b>			All chapter members must also be a member of BCHW. However, BCHW dues only need to be paid <b>once</b> each year. Joining additional (secondary) chapters only requires paying chapter dues.	
	Single	\$41.00		
	Family	\$54.00	Chapter Name (or Independent): WHATCOM COUNTY If joining a secondary Chapter, provide the Chapter name where BCHW dues have been paid for 2018:	
<b>Optional Membership (includes family or single from above)</b>				
	Contributing	\$75.00		
	Sustaining	\$125.00		
	Patron	\$250.00		
	Benefactor	\$500.00		
	Lifetime (Single)	\$1200.00	Chapter Dues <b>\$10.00</b>	
State dues paid online (attach receipt copy)			Additional Chapter Donation \$	
Additional State Donation		\$	Chapter Subtotal \$	
State Subtotal		\$	<b>Grand Total (State+Chapter) \$</b>	

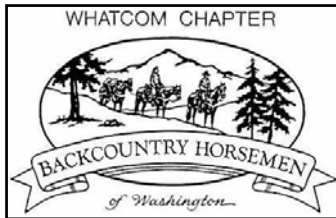
## LIABILITY RELEASE & NOTICES

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.

Signature:		Date:	
Signature:		Date:	
Signature:		Date:	

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