

WHATCOM CHAPTER



Newsletter of the Whatcom Chapter
Backcountry Horsemen of Washington

TRAIL TALES

November 2019

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Notes from the President

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.

Wow fall is here and the colors could not be more vibrant. I hope you are getting a chance to get out and get some good saddle time in between the rainy days. Our Salmon fundraiser was a huge success and a wonderful shout out to Helen Ajmojera and her TEAM of volunteers. The food, trails and people were all having a great time and the weather held out for us. We will be having elections next November please consider taking on a position - I know a lot of our members have many skills that can fill in these positions. Please think about it the rewards are endless and the support from everyone has its rewards.

On Oct 4th for the second time Whatcom Chapter was asked to guide a Trail ride at the Heady Road. Judy Kinna and I along with Lang's pony Farm guided 22 men for a 2 hour guided horse ride. They enjoy this area and many commented on how the great the trails were. They appreciate the area and of course enjoy riding good horses. We always make sure they get a photo shoot at Bryce Creek what a better way to end a fun ride. Kudos to Roger and his TEAM of volunteers. At the end of the ride they generously donated to our club \$200.00. I would do it again even if they did not donate to our club they are a hoot to be with and they appreciate what our Whatcom Chapters mission is.

Remember to turn in your volunteer hours to Verna McLeod they are important for BCHW.

This club is amazing whether we are riding together , having lunch together, working on the trails, driving someone to a meeting we are a very special club.

Ride on!
Cindy VP

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

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

**FOR SALE:**

Horse trailer is a Logan 2 horse straight laid with ribbed floor mats, minor rust slide out, padded saddle racks ramp is also matted. Had it checked at tire shop, bearings are in good condition. \$1500, firm on the price. Call Michelle at 360-599-2526 or send email at winter-creek10@gmail.com.

VET NOTES Sharon Hoofnagle D.V.M. Detecting Pain in the Lamé Horse

Most horse people are familiar with the signs of lameness that occur in just one limb. The most obvious sign is a head nod or a hip hike. The novice may not be able to detect which leg is hurting, but at least they recognize a problem. Far more difficult is a multiple limb problem. Even more difficult is pain in the vertebral column or elsewhere in the body

Dr. Sue Dyson at the Center for Equine Studies, Newmarket, UK recently presented a two day seminar on equine lameness. In addition to the usually signs, for example failure to take leads, short-striding, abnormal placing, she also emphasized the behavior of the horse. Here are some behaviors to watch for:

Resenting being saddled or bridled
 Unwillingness to go forward, less responsive to the rider
 Stiff or shortened gait
 Difficulty in going up or down hills
 Shying, bolting, tension, "buzziness", hurrying, bucking
 Ears back, raising or lowering the head
 Sweating, increased respiratory rate, flaring nostrils
 Closing the eyes, change in the eye expression, teeth grinding, gaping (holding the mouth open)

Dr. Dyson stated that far too often horses are labeled as having a behavioral problem, poor training, or a rider problem, when the actual problem is pain related.

Ref:

Dr. Sue Dyson Center for Equine Studies Animal Health Trust Newmarket, UK

Equine Chapter of the Society of British Columbia Veterinarians
 Equine Lameness Diagnosis and Therapy Oct 2019

**2019
TRAIL BOSSES**

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General Membership Meeting October 9, 2019 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Laurel Grange followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Sunshine: A card was sent to Dave Richey whose mother recently passed.

Reports:

Treasurer: Jackie Yereance gave the Treasurer's report. Income and expenses fell in budgeted range. Income included \$175 for calendars and \$100 from the Whatcom Conservation District for their ad in the club's newsletter. Expenses were not unusual but recent tool purchases for packing exceeded tool budget. Discussion followed to allocate funds from the general fund to cover cost of lumber bunks and other equipment. More discussion followed. The bunks were designed to carry boards more efficiently on pack animals. Bill McKenna suggested we ask the state org. to help with the cost of bunks as they will be used for future pack trips with the state. Bill McKenna moved we pay the current bills of \$1053.41 from available funds. Cindy Piccolo seconded. Rocky mentioned there are more expenses related to the bunks. Joe amended Bill's motion: "To make available up to \$1,400 to pay bills related to equipment." Bill McKenna seconded. The amendment was passed unanimously. The motion was voted on as amended. Passed unanimously.

2020 Budget Committee: Jackie Yereance said the budget committee met and is very close to having the budget for 2020 done. Discussion followed. Bill McKenna stated the committee is trying to make the budget realistic by basing it on actual income/actual expenses of past few years. They will present the budget at the November meeting and submit it to the state org in January as required.

Director's Report: Bill McKenna reported that he and Joe Remenar attended the board of directors meeting on September 14, 2019. They discussed the problems with chapters financial reporting and said the state organization will be hiring an accountant that may take on some of the chapters responsibilities.

Calendars are here and are available for sale. Bill also reported 6-8 members will be attending the Treasurer's meeting October 19 in Marysville. BCHW has a new liability form that was used for the Salmon Ride and will be used for future events. Bill also reported he and Michelle will be volunteering with the BCHW Fundraising Wine Ride October 26. in Zillah.

Membership: Helen Almojera reported the chapter currently has 143 members. Registration is open now for 2020. If members renew now, membership will take effect January 1st as October 1st is the cut-off for the year. Bill requests that members please try renewing online. It saves paperwork, is more efficient and streamlines the process between the chapter and the state organization. Discussion occurred around helping members register online. Please contact Helen if you need help registering online or have questions about registration.

Volunteer Hours: Roger Nelson reported for Vera that Octobers volunteer hours were 190.5.

Work Party Coordinator- Roger Nelson has no work party planned at the moment. If anyone wants to do a work party, please contact Roger. Gary Anderson volunteered to mow the grass at Bryce Creek.

Packing Coordinator: Rocky Leavitt showed members the new lumber bunks that were custom designed and locally machined for the chapter. Last year he and Walden made 3 bunks and saw room for improvement. Rocky credited Roy Van Diest with putting much time into working with Rocky and a machine shop improving on the earlier designs. The newly designed bunks hold lumber securely so it does not move while being hauled by pack animals. They reduce the time required to pack and secure the loads, and keeps the load from becoming unbalanced or obstructing the pack animal.

Rocky stated that during a recent pack trip to Alpine Lakes Wilderness area outside Leavenworth, the bunks worked really well. Packers saved time packing the lumber on the animals and the time on the trail was reduced. The trip was in support of the Forest Service to re-deck a bridge. Whatcom County Packers included Rocky Leavitt, Joe Remenar, Bill McKenna, and a friend of Bill's. There were also several members of BCH Pierce County who assisted with packing the bridge planks 10 miles round trip to the bridge site, according to Joe Remenar. Another crew (bridge crew) was responsible for stripping the old decking and replacing with new decking. Joe said the bridge crew deserved recognition for their work stripping and replacing the decking in a timely manner. The Whatcom Packing crew was there from 9/23-9/27. The re-decking was completed by the bridge crew on 9/28.

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Whatcom BCH general meeting minutes

Oct 9, 2019

The Whatcom BCHW Packers and their equine partners are gaining recognition statewide for their ability to manage and complete large projects.

Tomorrow BCHW packers are going up Blanchard and taking out a turn pike and checking out a future project on Max's shortcut.

Trailheads / Trails

Saxon- Joe reported there is a "huge" tree blocking the trail at Saxon.

Heady-Trails were in beautiful shape for the Salmon Ride. A big shout out to Roger Nelson and all who helped work on local trails this season. There was much discussion of recent changes in land owners in the NE corner of Vetter. Joe, Rocky and Roger took down signs east Alder Loop as requested by the land owner. Since the Salmon Ride, No Trespassing signs and barrier chains have been posted by the new owner. It was suggested that a representative of BCHW contact the new owner and other property owners of Vetter Mountain and invite them to a meeting to address concerns and questions.

The camp now has an address on the yellow gate for emergency calls. 9635 Heady Road, Sumas. The county EMS is trying to identify trailheads by address so they can respond more quickly in an emergency. Please take photos on your phone of the addresses of trails you ride and be mindful of your surroundings and location during your ride.

Committees:

Salmon Ride Wrap-Up: A big thank you to Helen Almojera and all who helped make the 3rd annual Salmon Ride such a success! Helen reported the ride went well. All participants seemed to enjoy the ride and the meal. The breakout is as follows: 47 Whatcom members participated, 30 were riders. There were 27 non-members and 12 non-member riders. Total participants: 74. Total riders: 42. In all, 75 meals were served (Sharon and Therese bought two salmon meals each and paid for ride only.) 61 Salmon meals were served and 15 Hot Dog meals were served. Guests came from Island and Skagit Counties! The gross revenue was \$1,125.00 A donation of \$10 was made by Donna Kelleher.

Other income includes calendars sold, vest sold and tickets for a pumpkin. Discussion followed on areas for improvement. Consensus was that registration of late arrivals needs to be simplified. Other than that, the committee has everything running smoothly.

Auction Committee: Melinda Smull has been investigating using the Deming Log Show Grounds for a new location. Discussion followed about the many advantages of changing locations. The committee has not yet settled on a date and needs to make a deposit to reserve the location before the few remaining dates are taken. Discussion followed regarding the many details to be decided. Bill McKenna made a motion to authorize approval of up to \$400 for a deposit on a venue and to give the Auction Committee authority to choose the venue for the 2020 auction. The motion was seconded by Cindy Piccolo and carried by unanimous consent. Melinda stated that we have to complete leasing documents and need to make a deposit within 10 days of that to secure the location. The \$300 deposit is refundable if all is cleaned after the event.

Garmin In Reach Committee: Joe Remenar reported that the committee met and agreed on some parameters regarding the use of the Garmin In-reach. The unit will be at Joe's when not in use as he has a computer with the support applications set up for charging, etc. Priority will be given to the packers and club events. The borrower will notify the two contact persons for the club where they are going etc. and check in when they return. The unit must be returned in a timely manner. The committee is currently writing up an agreement. Joe confirmed that the service includes 10 text messages per month. Any overages will be charged to borrowers.

Nominating Committee: Rodney reminded the membership that every officer needs to be elected by the end of the next meeting. Discussion followed regarding the terms of director and alternate. Bill suggested they be in alternating years. Rodney stated that may be the case. Bill will check the bylaws.

Cindy stated she phoned a few people but had nothing to report. The open positions are: Vice President, Secretary, Director, Alternate Director, Publicity Chair and some Trail Bosses. Anyone interested in being an officer can contact Cindy or Rodney.

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Good of the Chapter:

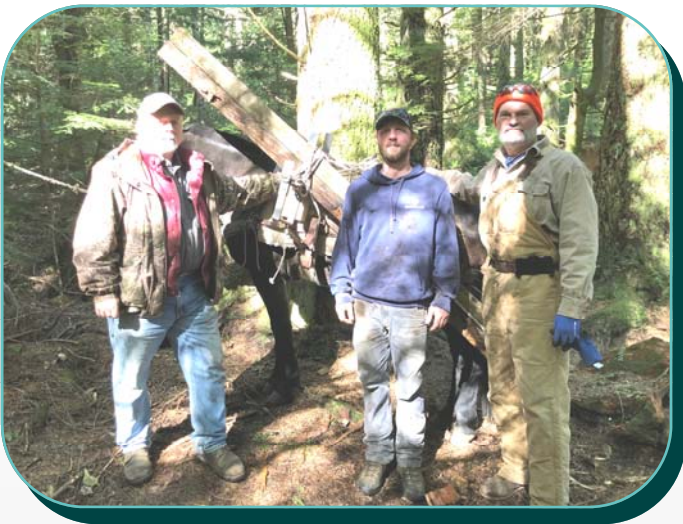
Cindy reported all went well for the 2nd annual private group ride October 4 at Heady Road. Judy assisted Cindy and rode in the middle of the group which made keeping the group together easier. The riders had a wide range of equine experience and were matched with appropriate horses from Lange's Pony Farm. Cindy thanked Roger and trail workers for the well maintained condition trails were in. The group had a great time and plan on returning in 2020. The group also gave a donation to the club.

Marie showed members the lightweight battery powered hedge trimmer that she uses to maintain trails. She made a protective sheath and said she can easily slip the covered trimmer into her saddlebag. Weighing in at about 5 lbs. the trimmer is easy to carry and operate. The hedge trimmer is one of several rechargeable yard tools made by Worx tools. Batteries are interchangeable among tools and the trimmer is about \$89. Bill suggested the club should look into purchasing a few trimmers for use by members on local trails. A battery powered Sawzall with pruning blade attachment was also mentioned.

A DVD showing Washington State BCHW chapters at work and on the trails was shown to members.

Rodney called to adjourn the meeting at 8:47.

Respectfully submitted: Eileen Turk, Secretary



Blanchard, packing out, Oct 10, 2019

Several of our packers helped DNR on Thursday, Oct 10th to haul out old puncheon planks from the trail. Rocky Leavitt had two packing animals, Joe Remenar and Cheeta Stremler each had one pack animal. Cheeta took an extra horse so that Hyden McKown from DNR could also ride to the site. It took them several hours to get it done but they had no problems and it turned out to be a nice day!

Fran





CALENDAR



Nov 4th—Monday

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

Nov 13th—Wednesday

General meeting at Laurel Community Grange, 6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden. Social at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:00pm. *Would someone like to volunteer to bring treats/beverages?*

Date to be announced.

Christmas Party at Alger Community Grange. They are working on a date—more information at the general meeting.

A Special Thank You to:

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America's Horse Country

Weylin & Amy Eldred

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Need Pictures!

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.

Gary Anderson: Thinking of you card sent to Gary, his sister passed away in October.

Dave Richey: Thinking of you card sent to Dave, his Mother passed away recently.

Sharon Hoofnagle: card sent to Sharon, she had to put down one of her horses.



Save the date for a **FREE** workshop:
Equine Health; are you winter ready?
September 19th 6-8 PM



Summer is a great time to apply nutrients to your pasture. Borrow Whatcom CD's manure spreader for **FREE!**

To schedule : Whatcomcd.org/equipment or call 360-526-2381



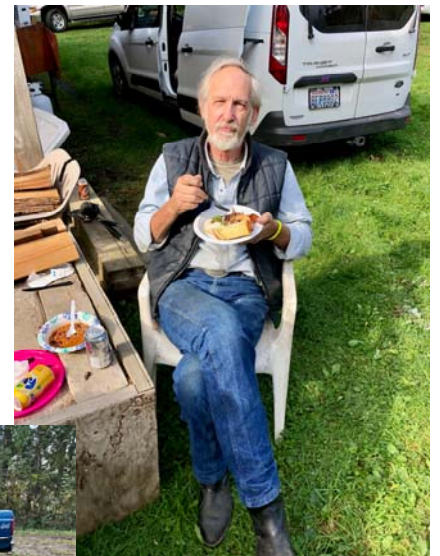
Salmon Fest Fundraiser Ride, Oct 5, 2019

The Salmon ride was a great success! It was a nice day for a ride and a great lunch! We served 75 people a lunch of salmon or hot dog, potato salad, dessert and a beverage. Thank you to those of you that brought a salad—they went fast. Thank you to Helen for organizing and Herman



For cooking the salmon and potato salad and for all the volunteers that helped make this a successful event. Also thank you to all the ones that donated a dessert—we had a good variety!

Fran



Treasurer Training Oct 19, 2019 Marysville WA.

Jackie Yearance, Joe Remenar , Bill McKenna and I along with many other chapter members, mostly treasurers, attended this informative meeting. The presenter was Terri Starke the BCHW state treasurer. One of her key points was that BCHW is a corporation. The State and the chapters are all under one umbrella, and all have the same UBI and EIN numbers.

She went over some of the changes we will see now that an accounting firm has been hired to help manage the state accounting. They will handle our grant money and audits and improve cash handling polices. Accounting for each chapter will still be separate from the others with each one having its own funds and expenses. Money that currently belongs to or is raised by a chapter is kept by that chapter unless they choose to distribute it to state or another chapter. The reality is BCHW needs to move with the times. We are currently getting a substantial amount of money in grants. These grants make it possible to work on trails and other mission related projects without the members footing the bill or having to constantly struggle with fund raising efforts. The more grants we can get the more we can do. We want and need them, but they do make accounting more difficult.

"We were informed that BCHW's annual income is rapidly approaching the thresh hole where automatic Federal audits will be implemented. This will not only impact the state BCHW but every chapter as well." This will be uncharted territory. Needless to say, that will be time consuming and stressful for Terri, other state volunteers and the chapter treasures. Teri stated she spends 35 hours a week working on the books at the state level. That is a lot of time for a volunteer. We cannot expect her to do more. For the last few years she has been struggling to see to it that the state and the chapters meet the regulations that allow us to have a 501c3 tax status which is highly advantageous for us.

In addition to the demands that the grants and the 501c3 status add at the state level there are also issues at the chapter level. It is very hard to get honest, capable and reliable volunteers to be treasurers for all of the chapters. Think about our treasurers, past and present the time they have put in to ensure our books balanced and we got our checks in time and to ensure our budget met the needs of the club. Hiring an accounting firm can make their jobs easier. Working with an accounting firm moving forward will mean changing the way we do some things and following some new rules but it will allow us to do more and have more fun without emptying our pockets or burning out our good volunteers.

The other points brought up were how chapters should handle their cash, being transparent with the books, having the books complete, correct and on time. The importance of having accurate annual tool inventories. Making sure that companies that donate to us get the thanks and tax breaks that they deserve so that we can maintain good relationships.

We reviewed what constitutes gambling and that if a chapter really wants to include gambling in their fund-raising agenda, they are required to get a gambling license from the state of WA and follow the rules closely. If one chapter screws up, we will all pay even if we were not the one that conducted the event.

We were reminded we are a 501c3, before that we were a 501c4. As a 501c4 we did not have all the restrictions, but we were not eligible for the grants we receive today. We need to remember that these grants open opportunities to keep our trails open and safe for all of us to use.

Whatcom chapter has a good track record for being transparent, accountable and timely with our records. We hope to keep up the good work embrace the necessary changes and move into the future.

We agreed that we are not just a horse club, we are a service club and a mission driven organization.

Cindy, VP

Help Needed!

Elections will be in November, are you willing to run for one of the elected positions? Elected positions are:

President: shall preside at all business meetings

Vice President: will assist the president as needed, shall preside at all meetings and shall act as coordinator to all committees.

Secretary: The Secretary shall take care of correspondence, minutes of Business Meetings, and other records required for the operation and conduct of business of Whatcom BCHW.

Treasure: shall maintain the financial records & Bank accounts for Whatcom BCHW.

Director and Alternate Director: Term is 3 yrs. The director shall attend quarterly BCHW meetings and report back to the membership at the next business meeting. If for some reason the Director is unable to attend, the Alternate Director shall attend such meetings and report back.

Publicity Chair: shall compile and edit material for advertisements and/or info for members, to include fliers announcing upcoming events, newsletters, articles for "The Trailhead News" and articles for newspapers or coverage by other new medial. The president must approve all new releases the quote Whatcom BCHW policies/positions or any other issues.

Trail Bosses: shall oversee trail activities and have final judgment in matters of trail conditions, safety, horsemanship and personal conduct of the ride participants. The trail bosses will see that the release forms are signed by participants of said event. They are also required to assure that no one under 18 years of age is involved in a ride and or event unless accompanied by a parent or proof of legal guardianship by a member of good standing.

Some of these positions will be available to fill for 2020, we could sure use your help. Please consider and let Cindy Piccolo at 360-961-4839 or Fran Van Diest at 360-734-2567 know if you are interested or have some questions. Remember there will be people available to help you learn the job.

Lets keep Whatcom BCH going strong!

Fran

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020

Well it's that time again to renew your membership for 2020. Can you believe 2020 is almost here!

Let's all renew our membership early to help out the membership coordinator!

There is a lot that she has to do for each membership form, so if we could all get our memberships early that will help her. You can complete the membership form attached to this newsletter or renew online. Remember if you renew online to include information that you are a member of Whatcom Chapter and our dues are \$10.00, so please add that to the online membership form.

If you complete the membership attached, please send to Whatcom Chapter Membership, PO Box 28607, Bellingham, WA 98228.

Thank you!

Fran

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Come Join Us!

Please go to BCHW.org to join online it's easier and faster! If online is not an option then print out an application, read 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 **TO YOUR CHAPTER**, fill out an application and turn it in to the Chapter Membership Chair.
- **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

This membership application and liability release may not be altered except for including the chapter name, address and dues where applicable.



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PO Box 28607
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Member Info

New Member Renewal

Adult's name(s): _____

Children's name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

Legislative district (if known): _____ County: _____

I DON'T WANT A MAILED NEWSLETTER: BCHW (Trailhead News) Chapter Newsletter

STATE 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

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 CO.

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

Chapter Dues \$10.00

Additional Chapter Donation \$ _____

Chapter Subtotal \$ _____

Grand Total (State+Chapter) \$ _____

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"



BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON

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THIS LIABILITY RELEASE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE BCHW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION LOCATED ON THE REVERSE SIDE OR ACCOMPANYING THIS FORM. BY SIGNING THE APPLICATION, YOU ARE ALSO AGREEING TO THE TERMS OF THE LIABILITY RELEASE.

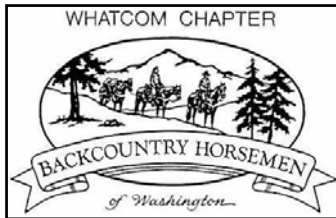
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Hazards and Risks: By signing below, I acknowledge that using horses, mules, equipment and tools may expose myself and/or my child, if I am signing for a minor child, to hazards. Horses or mules can misbehave or flee. Riding in open country could result 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 judgment 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.

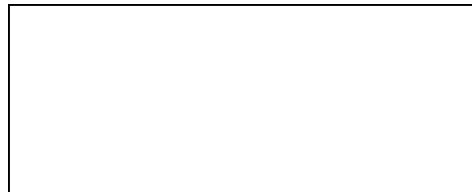
Additional Provisions: I authorize BCHW to provide or obtain for me medical care as is considered necessary or appropriate and I agree to pay all costs associated with such care and related transportation. I agree to pay all costs and legal fees incurred by BCHW in defending a claim or suit brought by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

Acknowledgement, Assumption of Risk and Compensation: I understand the nature of the activities I will be participating in, and their risks. I accept full responsibility for determining my own medical and physical ability to participate in the activities and that of my mount. I take full responsibility for any injury or loss, including death, which I may suffer, arising out of these activities, whether or not described above, including the loss, injury or death of my animals. **I hereby release BCHW, its members and the land owners from any liability for any such injury or loss to me and/or my minor child, if I am signing for a minor child, whether stated above or not.**

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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Laurel Community Grange
6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden
Social hour at 6:30pm, Meeting at 7:00pm.
Treats: ?

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