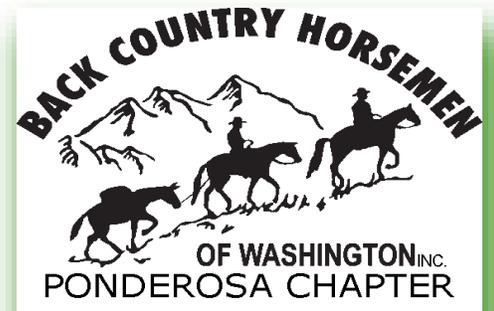


PONDEROSA

Back Country Horsemen of Washington

"Keeping Washington Trails Open"

April, 2018



CALENDAR

APRIL

3rd - Membership meeting;

6 30 PM, INB bank building

Airway Heights

Program : "Large Predators"

presented by the

Inland Northwest Wildlife Council.

Bring your favorite snack or dessert to share.

23-25 BCHA Board Meeting,

Northern Quest

Airway Heights

Volunteers Needed

28th Chapter Day Ride

Riverside State Park

Feet in Stirrups 10 am

Meet at Carmichael's

Escure Work Party

(Dates to be determined)

MAY

1st- Membership Meeting

4-6th PBHC Ride & Camp at Escure



No Coffee Needed

By Dean Giles

The majority of time I spend in my day job involves reading, researching writing and enforcing building codes (yawn...). As a consequence, I have developed several strategies for staying awake, or at least looking like I'm awake.

Coffee's usefulness is limited, with the positive effects wearing out as the jitters kick in. Also, any intake after noon keeps me awake when I'm actually trying to sleep.

I don't like using the energy shots or drinks very much- just seems like a mega-dose of chemicals can't be that good for your organs.

Pinching myself, slapping, or otherwise using violence isn't recommended but can temporarily open the eyes. Unfortunately, it has the side effect of making my coworkers look at me funny...

Getting up and walking around has the best results, giving me a whole 5 minutes until the sleepyies start creeping back in.

One weekend, I had an epiphany; I realized that I don't get sleepy when I'm riding or otherwise around my horses. It may have something to do with being engaged, actively interacting with another living breathing creature (not saying my coworkers are zombies... I just interact more with code books than people. Books don't really care if I'm there or not). My day job is a great job to have, no complaints, but doesn't involve fur and hooves, saddles and outdoor vistas. I wish that riding horses came with a paycheck and benefits, but oh well, It doesn't. Gotta support the horse addiction somehow, so off I go every morning...

Staying awake on horseback is not even a question. Every ride is an event, with sightseeing along the trail, sounds of creaking leather and clopping of hooves, the smell of warm pine, shared comments and observations with riding partners... the list could go on a long time. Its all good!!

With spring in the air and all the horses shedding, my zest for living takes a jump for the treetops. I don't ride much in the winter, so the change of seasons comes with a change in attitude, too. Wheee! Wish I could bottle that feeling and share it!

Mornings that start with a nicker, big brown eyes, the smell of hay, and that look that says, "let's get out of this corral and go somewhere!"... those are good mornings. No coffee needed.



Upcoming events to note

Washington Trails Association Work Parties, April 2 and April 15:

Provided by Gary and Cindy Miller: The REI events calendar shows two work parties sponsored by Washington Trails Association, one at Fishtrap Loop April 2 and a second at Atoine Peak April 15. Since both areas are favorites of horsemen & women, it might be a good idea to partner with and establish relationships with fellow trail enthusiasts. Links to the two events are below:

Fishtrap Loop, Monday, April 2, 2018: https://www.rei.com/event/wta-work-party-at-fishtrap-loop/sprague/201320?cm_mmc=email_com_gm--retail_events--032018--retail-see-price-details&ev36=10776884&RMID=20180320_OPO_StoreEvents&RRID=1331135&ev11=1&mi_u=1331135

Antoine Peak, Sunday, April 15, 2018: https://www.rei.com/event/wta-work-party-at-antoine-peak-conservation-area/spokane/201321?cm_mmc=email_com_gm--retail_events--032018--tile_events&ev36=10776884&RMID=20180320_OPO_StoreEvents&RRID=1331135&ev11=1&mi_u=1331135

Riverside State Park Ride April 14, NE Chapter BCH

- * April 14th; Saturday
- * Discover Pass Free Day; Pass not required!
- * Boots in the stirrups at 11:00 AM
- * Bring a lunch if you like
- * Bring a friend, we love company
- * Bring your good spirits
- * Please text, call or email me that you are going to join us

As the ride leader, I would like to know how many of you will be joining me on the Riverside State Park ride this April 14th, Saturday, starting at the Equestrian Center. Looking forward to a great fun ride! See you there!

Warm Smiles, Louise ([509-590-5132](tel:509-590-5132))

Escure Ranch Camp May 4-6.

The overnight camping and chapter ride at Escure Ranch has been rescheduled for May 4-6, 2018.

Hope everyone can make it. It's a beautiful area to ride and a great way to fellowship with each other. Bring your best 2 legged or 4-Legged buddy and plan to join us!

Patti Sander

Wild West Bingo Ride and Cowboy Cookout May 26.

Farragut State Park, Saturday, May 26, 2018. Put on by the Selkirk Valley Back Country Horseman. Flyer was sent out to the Ponderosa BCH list serve, and you can email for more information at Selkirk VBCH@gmail.com, or call 208-267-0128.



Rendezvous 2018

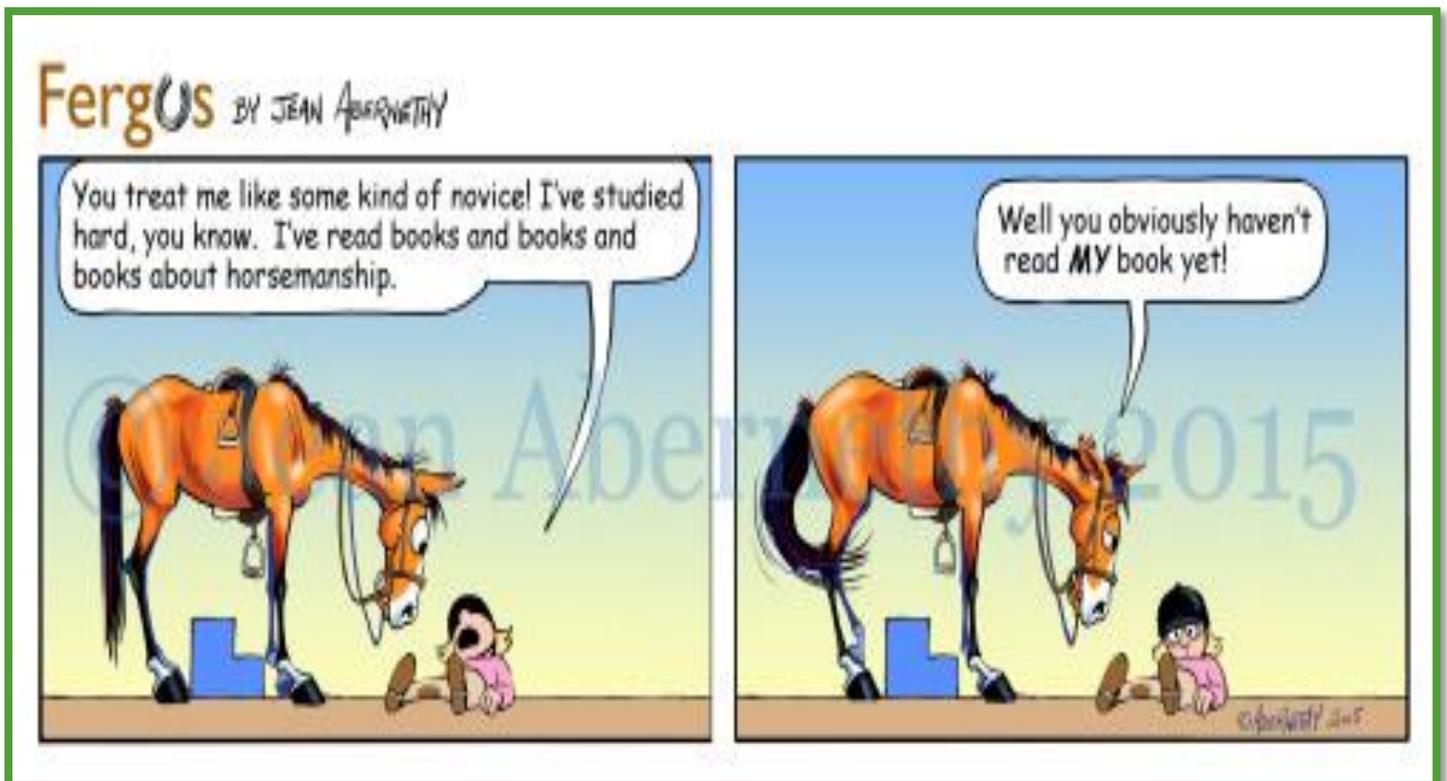
By Ken Carmichael

The rendezvous 2018 is in the books. A great deal of hard work went into making sure that this was a very successful event.

Don Dyer provided a beautiful custom made sign for the live auction. We are proud to say that this item sold for \$300. Thank you Don for your generous donation and hard work.

Patti and I enjoyed developing and displaying the BCHW Membership booth. This was not a chapter booth but instead promoted membership statewide. Many chapter did provide booths describing the work their chapters do.

Overall we had a good time at the vendors, demonstrations, contests, seminars, banquet and auction. We even came away with a few purchases from the huge tack sale.



Scavenger Hunt 2018

By Ken Carmichael

Plans are being made for the **3rd annual Scavenger Hunt at Riverside State Park on Saturday, September 2018**. Linda White already has some large donors signed up and we are starting to put out publicity. Some supplies are being put together and decisions are being made where changes need to be made. It is our desire to make this year's event bigger and better than ever.

It is not too early for everyone to mark this date (September 29) on your calendar. As I recall it takes about 25 people to put on the event that day so we need all the help we can get. Some of the jobs will include:

- Parking
- Registration
- PBCH booth
- Raffle and door prize display and selling tickets
- Pictures of contestants and the entire event
- Checking contestants in at the end of the ride
- Tallying results of the scavenger hunt
- Food
- Music

We will have a dress rehearsal on Tuesday evening September 25th, potluck, to get everyone on board. We will be setting up equipment and trail course on Friday September 28th.

We are well on our way to developing a faster and more accurate way of tallying the scavenger hunt results using a computer. We will have more on this as it is developed.

Please let us know how you want to participate. It is lots of fun and the chapter's only fundraiser allowing us to do the work of keeping trails open.

More Scavenger Hunt News

Thinking ahead to this years scavenger hunt I have started the process for donations and sponsors. So far we have Suzy Dix, McKinley Peters, INB, and Northern Quest Casino with donations greater than \$250. They will be considered major sponsors. As we progress through the spring and summer there will be many other items donated to us.

If anyone in the group has a talent for making things, please consider a donation. Last year Don made some very nice signs. You can also purchase items or gift certificates if you want to make a contribution. Or if you know someone you think I should contact please send me their contact info at linda43562@hotmail.com.

I know everyone already does so much to put this event on. Let's make it bigger, better and great again this year.

Linda White



Membership

By Ken Carmichael

The chapter membership continues to grow. Last month was **Katey Fitzgerald's** first meeting. She came all the way from Rathdrum.

This month we are adding:

Holly Elliott. She was at the Survival Seminar and comes from Springdale.

Muriel McKenzie and Bob Miller also come from Rathdrum. They are just now moving here from California and building corrals so they can bring their animals.

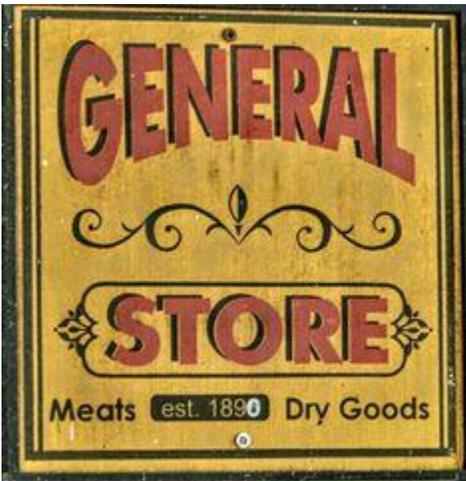
Lori and Mike Robinson live near Rice. They have a long haul to get to anyplace and we are glad to see them joining BCH.

Gina Pebbles has moved back to the area and is renewing her membership. Nice to have her back.

As you can see we are gaining membership with people from a wide area around Spokane.

Each of you recently received an up to date membership list. This is a good way to get to know each other and find people close to you. Part of the benefits of BCH membership is the networking of friends. I also put a copy of the membership list in my truck. You may be the first ones I call if I am broke down on the side of the road with horses in the trailer.

Let's not be shy about sharing our knowledge and interests with each other and our new members. Stick your hand out and make a new friend.



Chapter Stores

By Ken Carmichael

What is “chapter stores”? This is the opportunity for chapter members to purchase BCH identified clothing and equipment at the chapter level.

BCHW has an extensive store operated by Lori Lennox. She has the inventory available at BCHW board meetings and other BCHW functions such as rendezvous, wine ride, poker ride, etc. The inventory is also shown on the BCHW website <http://bchw.org/lnt/main/BCHW%20Store.htm> . However, we cannot place order forms on the website or in the Trailhead News.

This limits the opportunities for BCH members to purchase BCH material. We only have a few physical opportunities to sell our logo items. Here are the options:

- Go to the website, select what you want to buy, tell me and give me the money and I will pick it up at a board meeting or other event that I attend. No freight involved.
- Contact Lori, send her the money and she will ship it to you, plus freight cost. Not a preferred option because of cost and labor.
- Attend an event and purchase from the BCHW store.

HERE IS A GOOD OPITON: The chapter can maintain a store of a few items available to purchase at the chapter meetings. Right now we have the bumper stickers for our trailers. However, we could expand this inventory to such items as ball caps and scarfs.

Wearing BCHW logo items is free advertising for the organization. Besides being a fund raiser for BCHW, anyone walking (or driving) around with the BCHW logo on them is advertising OUR organization for free.

Lori is willing to work with chapters with pricing and designs on large orders. If you go to the Tahoma Chapters Facebook page you will see a whole bunch of members wearing our Trail Crew safety tees on their big National Trails Day work party!

Managing the store, keeping track of inventory and purchases is one of about 51 volunteer opportunities in the chapter. It would also include selling the BCHW calendars each year. By the way, the 2019 calendars will be available after the June 2018 BCHW board meeting.

Anyone interested in helping with this please contact me.

Spring Resolutions

By Michelle Eames

Yes, I know, it's April, not January, but it feels like the year is new now, with the snow gone and the pasture showing green. I am working on a late batch of New Year's Resolutions. Spring always makes me think of where I want to go, and what I want to do with my horse. Spring also makes me think of my bucket list for rides and accomplishments; maybe we should call it the grain bucket list. I have the summer grain bucket list, and the long-term grain bucket list. I have learned over time, that a big list with big tasks can seem overwhelming, but if you break it into little sub-tasks, everything is reachable with time.



Here is my summer grain bucket list for the 2018 riding year:

1. Turn my young green horse into a solid, predictable riding horse.
Yeah, I know, this can take years. But I will make progress on him this summer.
 - a. Have a trainer put some time on him. [Check. In progress.]
 - b. Take him to the de-spooking clinic.
 - c. Get him out on the trail in small groups, with sane horses.
 - d. Ride, ride, ride. Practice, practice, practice.
2. Ride in new places on new trails.
Luckily, I have a friend who loves to get out to new places. So I can usually just go along, and don't have to do much planning for this.
3. Sell an old saddle, buy a new English saddle for the young horse.
 - a. Advertise, or consign old saddle.
 - b. Wait to buy new saddle, until old saddle is sold. So hard to wait...
4. Get all the truck and trailer repairs and maintenance done early, so I am safe when getting out on the trail.
Okay, I'm flunking this part so far. Used the truck and trailer yesterday, and the trailer breaks are grabbing.
 - a. Make appointment with mechanic for the second week of April.
 - b. Remember appointment.
 - c. Pay big bucks.
5. Go riding with an old friend.
My old horsey friends are from the west side of the State, and getting over there is a bit of a haul. One friend has a lesson barn, and brings in clinicians.
 - a. Call old friends, check on schedule, pick a place, and a weekend.
 - b. Sign up for a clinic at my friend's barn. That also nicely meshes with item one above, getting the young horse trained better.

Here is an item on my long-term grain bucket list:

1. Get out in a wilderness area. This might be next year, not this year. It might be on foot, or on horseback. It might be on my horse, or I might hire a packer. It might be Glacier Peak wilderness, or the Pasayten. Or maybe “The Bob”. Definitely need to work toward this long term goal.
 - a. Research trails and locations.
 - b. Learn to pack.
 - c. Research horse packer businesses.

I hope everyone has a joyful spring, your horses are good, and your trails are amazing.

Volunteer Opportunities

By Ken Carmichael

As BCHW Membership Development Committee Chairman I am constantly talking to other chapters about the benefits of membership and the many opportunities it provides.

We have people with all kinds of interests, skills, talents and abilities. That is what makes the organization function. Not everyone runs a chainsaw and not everyone can make the best cookies I have ever eaten. Otherwise it takes all of us to make this organization function. We just all need to find where we fit in that meets our interests, skills, talents and abilities.

As I tell other chapters, there are about 51 volunteer opportunities in a chapter. So, there is something for everyone. You will have more fun if you are involved rather than sitting on the sidelines.

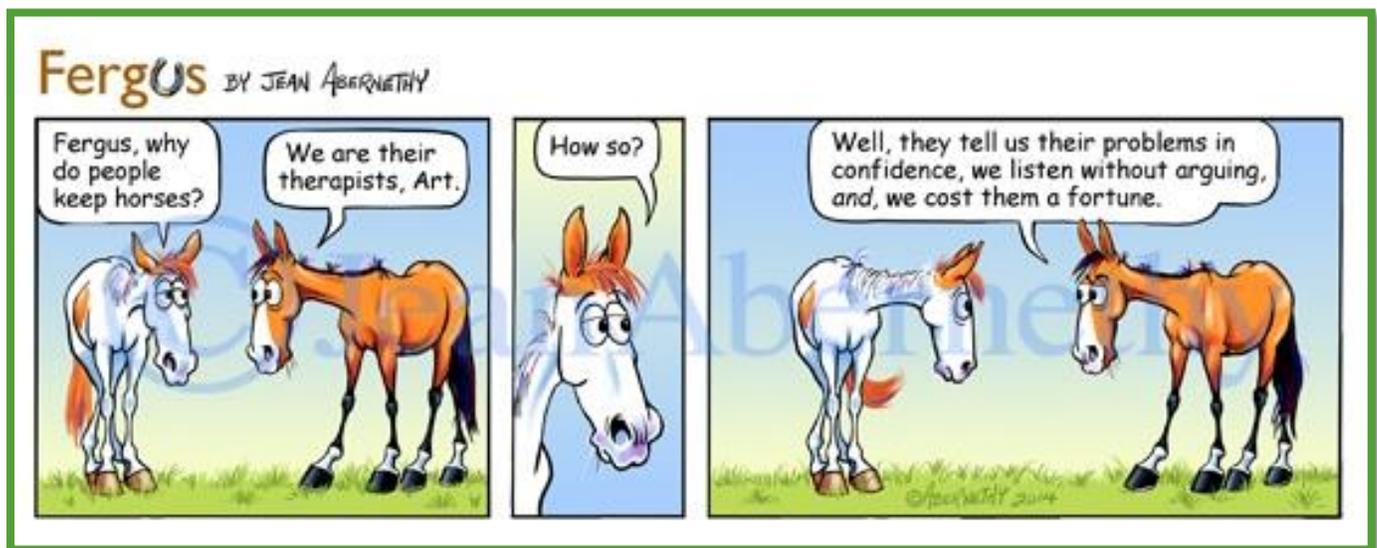
Three of the key volunteer opportunities that we need help with in PBCH are: Membership chair, Publicity chair and Legislative chair. The following is a brief description of each:

Membership - Coordinate membership renewal, solicit new members & develop new members

Publicity - Develop & manage information program directed at individuals & organizations outside the chapter

Legislative - Develop & maintain contact with government officials to communicate the equestrian interests. Follow and engage in issues being addressed by BCHW and BCHA. Keep chapter members informed and help them respond to legislative issues when necessary.

We have more in depth volunteer descriptions. If you are interested in these, or other volunteer opportunities please contact me so we can talk about it.



PUBLICITY PERSON!

PBCH Needs You!

Work with retailers, advertisers, potential sponsors, media, and PBCH committee members to assist with marketing, advertising and assisting in promoting the BCH Mission and Ponderosa Chapter.

Please contact Dean Giles or Ken Carmichael if you'd like to participate
In this important service to your Chapter



From The Editor

I invite you all to send me your stories, tips, jokes, articles, photos, words of wisdom or whatever. I especially would like to encourage our officers and committee chairs to share their thoughts, visions and projects. The goal here is to make the newsletter fun, entertaining and informative.

Patti Sander, Editor

P.S. Please send me photos of you and your equine buddy so I can highlight you in our newsletter!

2018 PONDEROSA CHAPTER OFFICERS

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Craig Volosing, Lands Chair
Doug Bailey, Trail Boss
Carol Klar, Volunteer Hours Coord.
Patti Sander, Education Chairman
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Patti Sander, Newsletter Editor
Michelle Eames, Newsletter Publisher
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PONDEROSA BCHW

2018

As of 4/1/2018

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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NOTE : THE LAKEVIEW WORK PARTY WILL BE SCHEDULED WHEN THE GRANT IS RECEIVED

JANUARY:

2nd - Membership meeting

13th - PBCH Planning Meeting

20th - BCHW Leadership Training Ellensburg

27th - Rope braiding seminar

31st - Volunteer Hours preliminary hours

31st - Accomplishment video due

FEBRUARY:

6th - Membership meeting

Program: SCOPE

17th - Survival Seminar

19th - BCHW Legislative Day in Olympia

MARCH:

1st - 2018 calendar pictures due

6th - Membership meeting

Program FFA from Reardan

10h - 4-H Tack Sale (no PBCH booth)

16-18th - BCHW Rendezvous Ellensburg

APRIL:

3rd - Membership meeting



Program Large Preditors

28th - Ride Riverside State Park

30th - Volunteer Hours preliminary hours

?? - Presentation to FFA on LNT

MAY:

1st - Membership meeting

Program: ???

4-5th - Ride & Camp at Escure Ranch

19th - BCHW Poker Ride at Cle Elum

Someone Host a Ride !!!!

JUNE:

2nd - Rearden Mule Days

5th - Membership meeting

Program - ??? Location - ???

10th - Ride Slavin Ranch

?? - REI Trails Day - work party

Someone Host a Ride!!!!

JULY:

3rd - Membership meeting & Potluck

Program - ??? Location - ???

21st - Davenport Pioneer Days

21-25th - Statewide work party

28th - Ride Mt Spokane State Park

31st - Volunteer Hours preliminary hours

Someone Host a Ride!!!!

AUGUST:

7th - Membership meeting

Program - ??? Location - ???

17th - Ride & potluck evening @ Dennison's

Someone Host a Ride!!!!

SEPTEMBER:

4th - Membership meeting

Program - ???

10th - Volunteer Hours preliminary hours

22nd - Draft Horse Show as group

25th - Dress rehearsal for Scavenger Hunt

29th - Fall Fun Ride & Scavenger Hunt

30TH - Volunteer hours final report due

?? - BLM work party at Fish Trap Lake

OCTOBER:

3rd - Membership meeting

5-7th - Ride & Camp at Escure Ranch

27TH - BCHW Wine Ride at Zillah

NOVEMBER:

6th - Membership meeting

DECEMBER:

4th - Membership meeting

Ponderosa's 3nd Anniversary! Let's party!

MEMBERSHIP MEETING DETAILS:
We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Location is the Inland Northwest Bank 11917 W. Sunset Highway, Airway Heights. This is 6/10 of a mile west of Hayford Rd. During the summer we may be at an outdoor location enjoying the weather.

NOTE: Rides and work parties are scheduled as the time approaches.