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Back Country Horsemen of Washington
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July 2019

CALENDAR

July 2nd – Membership meeting and Barbecue at Carmichaels'

July 1st – 4th – Statewide work party Umatilla NF

July 4th – 7th – Draft Horse Show as group

No August Meeting

September 3rd – Membership Meeting

September 14th- BCHW Board Meeting

September 24th- Dress Rehearsal for Scavenger Hunt

September 28th- Fall Fun Ride and Scavenger Hunt



Ponderosa BCH members enjoying a day at Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge near Colville.

From Patti Carmichael: July Meeting and Barbecue

Hi All!

Please join us at our house for the July meeting on July 2 at 6:30 pm.

BBQ hamburgers and beverages will be provided. Please bring

picnic/BBQ- type side dishes and/or a dessert to share. We'll have

outdoor games to play and a brief meeting. Our address is 10804 W

Seven Mile Rd.

There will not be a meeting in August.

See you soon!



DATES to REMEMBER 2019

[Membership rides can be hosted by any member, just send a note to the group email.]

Events that will be rescheduled due to weather:

- Riverside State Park Barbed Wire Pick-up

July 2nd – Membership meeting & Potluck at the Carmichaels’

July 1st – 4th – Statewide work party Umatilla National Forest. If you are planning to attend the work party near Pomeroy, sign up through upcoming events on the BCHW.org site; so that the wonderful cooks can plan the food. This needs to be done before JUNE 1!!!!

July 4th – 7th – Draft Horse Show as group, to be discussed at Membership Meeting

July 19, 20, 21- Pierce County BCH Prize Ride Camp Out

July 31st – Volunteer Hours preliminary hours

No August Meeting

September 3rd – Membership Meeting

September 10th- Volunteer Hours (preliminary)

September 14th- BCHW Board Meeting

September 24th- Dress Rehearsal for Scavenger Hunt

September 28th- Fall Fun Ride and Scavenger Hunt

September 30th- Volunteer Hours Final Report Due

2020 Planning Dates

January 21, 2020- BCHW Leadership Training

February 1, 2020-Accomplishment pictures from 2019 due. Also BCHW Calendar Pictures.

March 20, 21, and 22, 2020- BCHW Rendezvous in Ellensburg

Work Parties

By Ken Carmichael

We are in the process of putting together some work parties.

Doug Bailey is organizing the process of picking up the rest of the barbwire on the Troutman Property in Riverside State Park. This should be only a short day of work.

We are moving the Telford trail work to Fishtrap Lake. BLM cannot support the Telford project now and needs the same help at Fishtrap. We will work with them to put in trail signs. Doug will be organizing a work party to put stickers on the carsonite posts before installing them. Hopefully next year we can go back to Telford.

We are committed to putting trail signs up in the equestrian area at Riverside State Park but the mapping and identifying trails by State Parks is going slowly. This may not be done this fall.

Nothing is planned but I know the trails in the equestrian area could stand some lopping. Most of this could be done from horseback and would be a fun work party. Not a lot of organization, just get out there and lop. It would be nice to have it done prior to the scavenger hunt.

We would still like to put in four more corrals and extend the highline at Escure. It is a question of when we can get it done.

If anyone has identified areas where they would like to organize a work party we would be happy to hear about it. This is a big way we contribute to keeping trails open for everyone.

Many hands make light work!

Riverside State Park Mapping

By Ken Carmichael

I am on a state parks committee assigned the responsibility to identify and map official trails in Riverside State Park. This project has gotten off to a slow start and has hit some bumps in the road. However, based on a meeting last night I can now see a better direction and progress.

We met to discuss a more efficient way of obtaining a final product that will serve the public sooner. Basically we are identifying the current official trails, designing and placing trail markers and producing a map, both hard copy and electronic. Now that all sounds pretty simple but it is still a very large project. We also talked about an education program, adopt a trail program and the ability to put trail descriptions on the website version of the map.

As I have mentioned, PBCH has committed to installing the trail markers in the equestrian area. We do not know yet when this will happen.

A second phase of the project will be to identify well used social trails that should be included in the official trails. This will be done using maps and user input. We look forward to that portion of the project.

Riverside State Park with its 82.5 miles of official trails, 7 trailheads and the equestrian area and campground provide great riding opportunities. We appreciate the opportunity to provide input for this meaningful project.

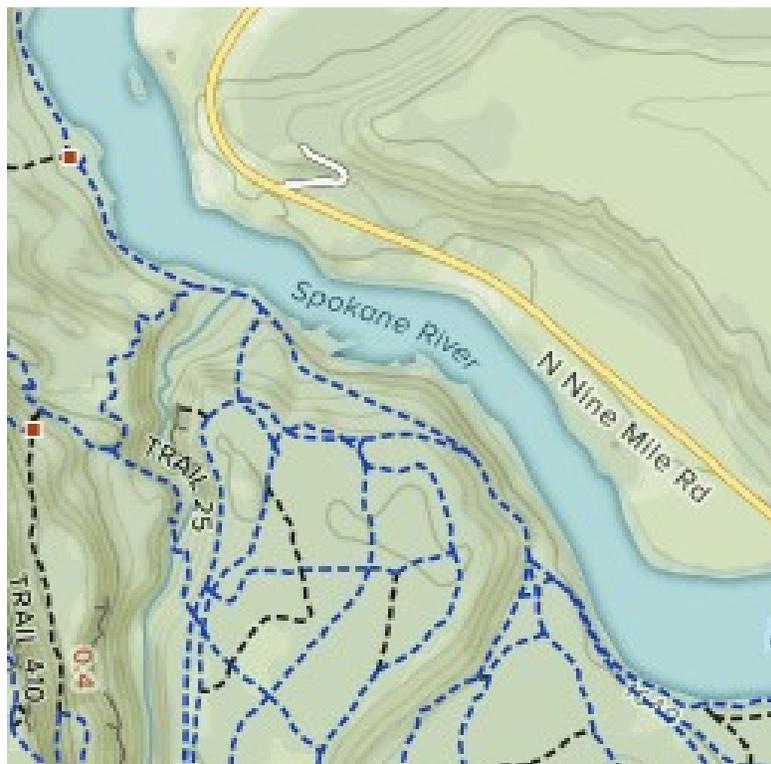


Figure Excerpted from Alltrails.com

Scavenger Hunt

By Ken Carmichael

The Ponderosa scavenger hunt is scheduled for **Saturday, September 28 at Riverside State Park Equestrian Area**. The dress rehearsal is **Tuesday, September 24 at 6:00 pm with a potluck**.

Now you know the schedule. Question, how will you be participating? We need lots of help. Here are some of the things that we need help with:

- Parking
- Registration
- PBCH booth
- LNT booth
- T-shirt sales
- Finish line
- Handling door prizes and raffle items
- Calculating the winners
- Food handling
- Holding horses

There is something for everyone to do. In fact many people will be helping in more than one area just to get it all done.

This is PBCH's only fund raiser and is the major way we can fund many of our projects.

Some things going on now:

- ✓ Linda White continues to gather prizes
- ✓ Patti Carmichael is planning the LNTS and PBCH booths
- ✓ Tom Birge is designing and ordering T-shirts (they can be ordered by members now)
- ✓ We continue to promote the event
- ✓ Volunteers are being identified
- ✓ Registrations are being accepted

Please let me hear from you so we can plan how you will participate. Call Ken at 509-466-2225.

Note From Tom Birge, PBCH Store Manager

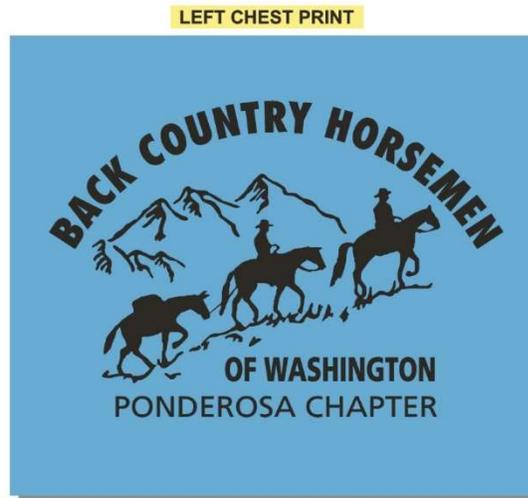
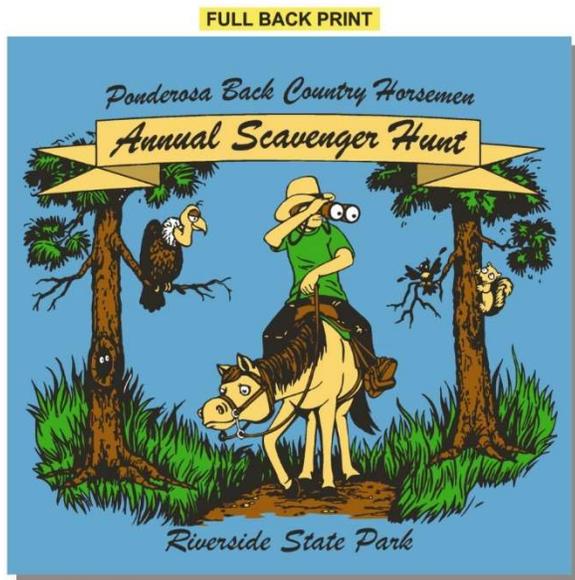
Pictures of the Scavenger hunt t-shirts.

[Note from Editor: Aren't these cool???!!!!]

Prices at the Scavenger Hunt for t-shirts will be:

Short Sleeve S-XL \$15.00 ea XXL \$17.00 ea XXXL \$19.00 ea

Long Sleeve S-XL \$20.00 ea XXL \$22.00 ea XXXL \$24.00 ea



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Also, note that the BCHW calendars are available now at \$10.00 ea.

There are at least 9 pictures from our chapter; and Ken Carmichael is "Mr. November".

Melissa Halpin Volunteer Contribution

By Ken Carmichael

Melissa Halpin wanted to volunteer in Ponderosa BCH but she had some specific criteria. We looked over several volunteer opportunities in the chapter to find one that would fit her talents and desire to serve the chapter.

Melissa chose to help with the legislative needs of the chapter. The legislative committee has several aspects which can be divided up between different people. Melissa is taking it one step at a time to see how it fits in with her schedule, ability and interests.

First Melissa is going to document who our legislative and congressional representatives are, their contact information, how to best communicate with them and what committees they serve on. Then she will design guidelines for how chapter members can most effectively and efficiently contact the correct representative when the need arises. As things progress she hopes to help chapter members develop messages and track our communications to insure that we are effective. If all goes well we may have some representatives at the chapter meetings.

This is something that really needed attention and we are glad to see Melissa step forward. This is a great job for Melissa as she sees what she wants to do.

There is even more to the legislative task. We have BCH members at the national and state levels that track legislation. We receive many emails from them that need to be reviewed, and sometimes summarized then passed on to the chapter members. Other people could take on this task.

There are many volunteer opportunities in the chapter and we encourage everyone to participate. The more you are involved the more fun you will have.

Thank you Melissa for volunteering!



Congratulations to Craig Volosing!

He has earned his blue hard hat for participating on work parties!





BCHW BOARD MEETING

June 15, 2019

SUMMARY

By Ken Carmichael, Director

The BCHW quarterly board meeting was held in Ellensburg on June 15, 2019. This is a daylong meeting (8 ½ hours for me, plus travel) with a great deal of business discussed by all the chapters.

BCHW Elections - At the December 2019 board meeting, we will have elections. Offices up for election include: BCHW President, BCHW Vice President, BCHA Director, and BCHA Alternate Director. You do not need to be a BCHW Director to run. If interested please contact me.

BCHW Safety Chair – Chuck Regimbal has been appointed as the new BCHW Safety Chair. His duties will align with duties of the chapter safety chairman. This is an open position in PBCH.

BCHW Awards Chair – BCHW is looking for a new BCHW Awards Chairman. If you are interested in this position, or helping in some way, please contact me.

Washington DC trip – BCHW President Kathy Young recently represented BCH in Washington DC. This 2 ½ day trip was with the Washington Trails Association and the Evergreen Biking Association. They visited with 14 legislators and representatives of the Forest Service. This is an important contact for BCHW as we work with decision makers about keeping trails open.

Treasurer's report – BCHW is reminding all chapter treasurers to cash checks promptly and follow the reimbursement procedures. Teri is also looking for assistance in managing the Amazon Wish List. This is a program where BCH can put items available from Amazon on a list. Donors then can purchase the items for BCH. Amazon also has an Amazon Smile program where a percentage of the cost of some items you purchase from Amazon is donated to a nonprofit. BCH can

be that nonprofit. If you are interested in promoting either of these programs at the chapter or state level please contact me.

Winery Ride – This will be held again this year in Zillah, Washington on Saturday, October 26th. It is a fun event to volunteer for or take your horse and ride. Those of you that were there in 2018 will remember some difficulty with the access road. The property owner has corrected this so we will have a two lane path into the event.

BCHA board meeting – A report was given on activities at the Back Country Horsemen of America board meeting in April. It was agreed that we need better information at this level as to BCHA direction on several important issues.

Special Projects – We are now waiting for approval of several grants which will affect trail projects across the state. There is one large grant where PBCH may be able to participate and receive part of the funds. Jason Ridlon has been coordinating with other groups and land managers about work parties across the state. The use of our pack stock to assist other trail crews is greatly appreciated. The grants we obtain are very important for this work. Considerable effort is made to acquire this type of funding for our major projects. Ponderosa is not included in this next round of grants.

Volunteer hours report – The quarterly update on volunteer hours was provided. As we have stated many times the reporting of volunteer hours is extremely important for funding and political support of our mission. Everyone is responsible for helping Carol Klar collect these records for PBCH. The BCHW report does not include the Lakeview work parties. They will be added to the next report.

Leave No Trace – There was a very successful “Train the Trainer” class May 2-5 where nine BCHW members were certified to teach LNT. LNT is being represented at Republic, Ashford Community Days and at the Puyallup Sports Show. PBCH will have a booth at the scavenger hunt emphasizing LNT.

Independent Members – Some BCHW members do not belong to a chapter. I have asked for a list of those in this area so that we can invite them to participate in some of our activities.

Electronic bikes on dirt trails – When this issue came up, the legislation directed that the land managers would determine the policy. This means that we want to be aware of what policies are developed and provide input to protect the safety of the horses.

Public Lands – Presentation and input on several public land issues were provided. Also it was pointed out that we cooperate with several other groups such as the Washington Trails Association (WTA) and government agencies to develop policies and work on the land. It was pointed out that many issues and decisions are made on a local level. BCHW is a bottom up type of organization and much of this information must come from the chapters. It is our responsibility to be aware of what is happening locally and coordinate with BCHW when appropriate.

Rendezvous – Rendezvous in 2020 will be March 20, 21 and 22. Diana has ordered two tables for the chapter at the banquet Saturday night. Doug Bailey will be running the Dutch Oven Cooking contest and Patti Carmichael will develop a chapter display. Help and attendance is encouraged. At the 2019 rendezvous the PBCH donation to the live auction was a beautiful handmade sign by Don Dyer. The high bidder was Jim Craghead. Don produced the customized sign and I delivered it to Jim.

BCHW Store – BCHW has a wide variety of items for purchase that identify BCH. These are available at BCHW events, including the board meeting. Tom Birge, PBCH Store, also has many of these items, or can order them from BCHW for you. Go on the BCHW website for a view of what is available. BCHW cannot put order forms in the Trail Head News (THN) or on the website as per Department of Revenue regulations. Help promote BCH by wearing BCH items.

Membership – Current membership is 1409 memberships. This is a 16.9 percent increase over two years ago. Ponderosa currently has 24 memberships (applications) but with spouses that means 32 members.

Trailhead News – The THN goes out to members every other month. If it cannot be delivered it is returned, which costs BCHW money. If you move, or stop your mail for a long vacation, or snowbird, contact BCHW to change an address.

Education – LEADERSHIP TRAINING WILL BE SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW AND PLAN TO ATTEND.

3 S Education Program – Those members that attended the PBCH membership meeting in May will remember hearing about the 3 S's education program from Patty Wright. This program has now been officially adopted by BCHW. We look forward to it being an effective tool for communicating to trail users on how to interact with horses they meet on the trail.

BCH Donation Envelope – The board approved the purchase of some Donation Envelopes. These can be provided to people not associated with BCH that may want to contribute financially to keeping trails open.

First aid, CPR Training – The board approved using Education grant funds for establishing a first aid and CPR training program in BCHW. This will significantly reduce to the cost for individuals to receive this training. Not only is it required for chainsaw certification but is excellent training for all BCH members.

Chapter Treasurer Responsibilities – BCHW Treasurer Teri Starke lead a discussion about the failure of chapter treasurers performing their duties accurately and timely. This is a serious concern legally as it can affect our nonprofit status and 501C3 status. I AM PROUD TO REPORT THAT THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF PAST PONDEROSA TREASURER JOYCE JOHNSON AND CURRENT TREASURER DIANA BIRGE THE PONDEROSA CHAPTER MEETS AND EXCEEDS ALL REQUIREMENTS. THANK YOU! Due to these concerns a motion was passed to provide additional help to chapters and consequences if they do not comply. This is necessary as we are all one corporation and the success of one chapter affects us all. I made the motion to accept Teri's recommendations and fully support her efforts.

Records Retention and Destruction Policy and Schedule – As chairman of the Governance and Bylaws Committee I made a motion to approve the policy and schedule. Part of this is to comply with state law and part is considered good business practices. This was approved by the board. Because BCHW and the chapters are one corporation most of this responsibility falls on BCHW. The one exception I can think of is the financial records. Since part of the BCHW financial records originate at the chapter level these are considered input documents. We should keep these records for seven years.

2018 Accomplishment Video – Louise Caywood handed out DVDs prepared to highlight the BCHW and chapter 2018 accomplishments. Ponderosa chapter is proud to be one of the chapters highlighted in this video. We will show it at an upcoming PBCH membership meeting. We are reminded to take pictures at all of our events. The deadline for 2019 accomplishment pictures is February 1, 2020.

BCHW Calendars – The 2020 calendars were available at the meeting. PBCH purchased 20 of them. They are available through Tom Birge, PBCH store, for \$10. This is a BCHW fundraiser. It is a fantastic full color calendar with pictures of BCH events. About 9 of them are from Ponderosa, with Cindy Miller and Patti Carmichael providing most of them. They make great Christmas presents. The deadline to submit pictures for the 2021 calendar is February 1, 2020.



Mischievous Mares and Goofy Geldings Newsletter Contest

This newsletter contest officially ends with this July issue of the newsletter, and participants will be entered in a drawing for a fun gift.

However, we will never get tired of silly horse pictures and stories, so keep sending them in!

Entry 4: By Tom Birge

Mercy says: "More grain!"



Previous Entries

1. Tom Birge (The Manure Spreader)
2. Michelle Eames (Nibbly Geldings)
3. Cindy Miller (Tanner Tales)

2019 Officers and Other Chapter Staff:

Lyle “Doug” Bailey, President and Trail Boss
Diana Birge, Treasurer
Patti Carmichael, Secretary
Craig Volosing, Lands Chair
Ken Carmichael, State Director
Carol Klar, Volunteer Hours Coordinator
Michelle Eames, Newsletter Editor
Cindy Miller, Webmaster/Facebook and Newsletter Graphics Design
Gary Miller, Photographer
Patti Sander, Education Chairman
Tom Birge, BCH Store Manager and Shopper Extraordinaire

Everyone can contribute to make the PBCH a successful group to support our mission. We can use help with legislative communications, membership, publicity, etc. Think of what you can do, and together “We will get it done!”

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.

Michelle Eames, Editor

P.S. Please send me photos of you and your equine buddy so I can highlight you in our newsletter! Introduce yourself to the new members with background on you or your horse!

