



# PONDEROSA



Back Country Horsemen of Washington  
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September 2019

## CALENDAR

**September 3rd –  
Membership Meeting**

**September 14th- BCHW  
Board Meeting**

**September 24th- Dress  
Rehearsal for  
Scavenger Hunt**

**September 28th- Fall  
Fun Ride and Scavenger  
Hunt**

**Aug. 28, 6:30 – 8 p.m.  
Washington State Parks  
Strategic Plan Meeting**



Liberty Lake Regional Park trails were peaceful and beautiful. A sign is shown pointing the way to the Mica Peak trail junction.

## September Membership Meeting

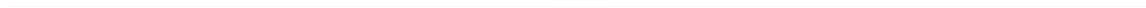
By Ken Carmichael

On Tuesday, September 3 we will resume our monthly membership meetings at the church on Hayford Rd. Remember we start to gather at 6:00 and the meeting starts at 6:30.

This month we will see the BCHW 2018 Accomplishment Video. This is a summary of many of the activities around the state. Ponderosa chapter has a segment you will want to see. We will also have a mini work party to put stickers on more Carsonite signposts. These will be used to mark the new trail at Fish Trap Lake.

Another item for the meeting is it is about time for the chapter election of officers. Our elections are in October so we will need a Nominating Committee appointed at the September meeting. The offices open for election include: President, State Director, Secretary and Treasurer.

Come to the meeting and share your stories about where you have ridden this summer and where you would like to ride.



## **DATES to REMEMBER 2019**

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

**Aug. 28, 6:30 – 8 p.m. Washington State Parks Strategic Plan Meeting;** Spokane County Library Valley Branch – Conference Room

**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

**October 26, 2019-** 18th Annual Winery Ride and Halloween Costume / Prize Ride - Zillah

### **2020 Planning Dates**

January 25, 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

*More dates for BCH activities across the state can be found here:*

[http://www.bchw.org/Int/main/upcoming\\_events.htm](http://www.bchw.org/Int/main/upcoming_events.htm)

# Scavenger Hunt

By Ken Carmichael

This is the last call for volunteers for the PBCH **Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**. This is our one and only fundraiser and we need lots of help to put it on.

In addition, we will have a **dress rehearsal on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at the equestrian area**. This is a potluck starting sharply at 6:00 PM so that we can cover the necessary information. This is an opportunity for everyone to be familiar with how the Scavenger Hunt is performed. It makes all of our jobs easier if we are all on the same page. A key factor about our event is that our staff is well trained and all contestants are felt welcome and comfortable with their surroundings. This is critical.

This is an all-day event. Everyone is there at 7:00 AM to help do the final setup. Everyone must check in with Carol Klar, our volunteer coordinator. We ask that you know how long it took to get there and your mileage. We will also be handing out the supplies you need for your job.

There are several opportunities to volunteer on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Here are some examples:

Camping Friday night – If someone wants to camp on Friday night they could help people get settled as they pull in. It is always nice to know what is happening in a strange location.

Parking - We need another person to help Chuck Rice, Doug Frederick and Dee Dee Denison guide people into parking spots.

Registration – Some people are preregistered but many register as they arrive. We have some experienced people here but need two more to fill in. Now we have Don and Sheila Dyer and Bill and Greg Wyche.

Door Prizes and Ticket Sales – Here we need people to help participants do the door prizes and raffles. We just want them to put the right ticket in the right cup, and of course we want them to buy lots of tickets. Chris Bennett and Sheila Dyer will be selling the tickets. As we award prizes we need this staff to help hand them out.

Contestant Pictures – Chris Bennett will be taking pictures of contestants at the beginning of the ride. She just needs a helper at the beginning as people register.

Scavenger Hunt Results Counters – We use an Excel computer program to determine the scavenger hunt winners. Patti Carmichael will operate one computer and we need a second person doing this. We will train you prior to the event. We also need two helpers just to keep the papers straight as they are brought into the booth.

T-Shirts Sale – New this year we have beautiful scavenger hunt T-shirts for sale. Tom Birge will be doing this but will need a helper to hand out the T-shirts.

Finish- Pick Up of Scavenger Baggies – As the riders finish around 1:00 they report to a finish line to turn in their baggies and complete a survey. We need at least 4 people there to help. You may consider if you help at registration then you can also help at the finish line.

Lunch- Doug and Teresa Bailey are responsible for the lunch but they need three helpers to set up and serve lunch.

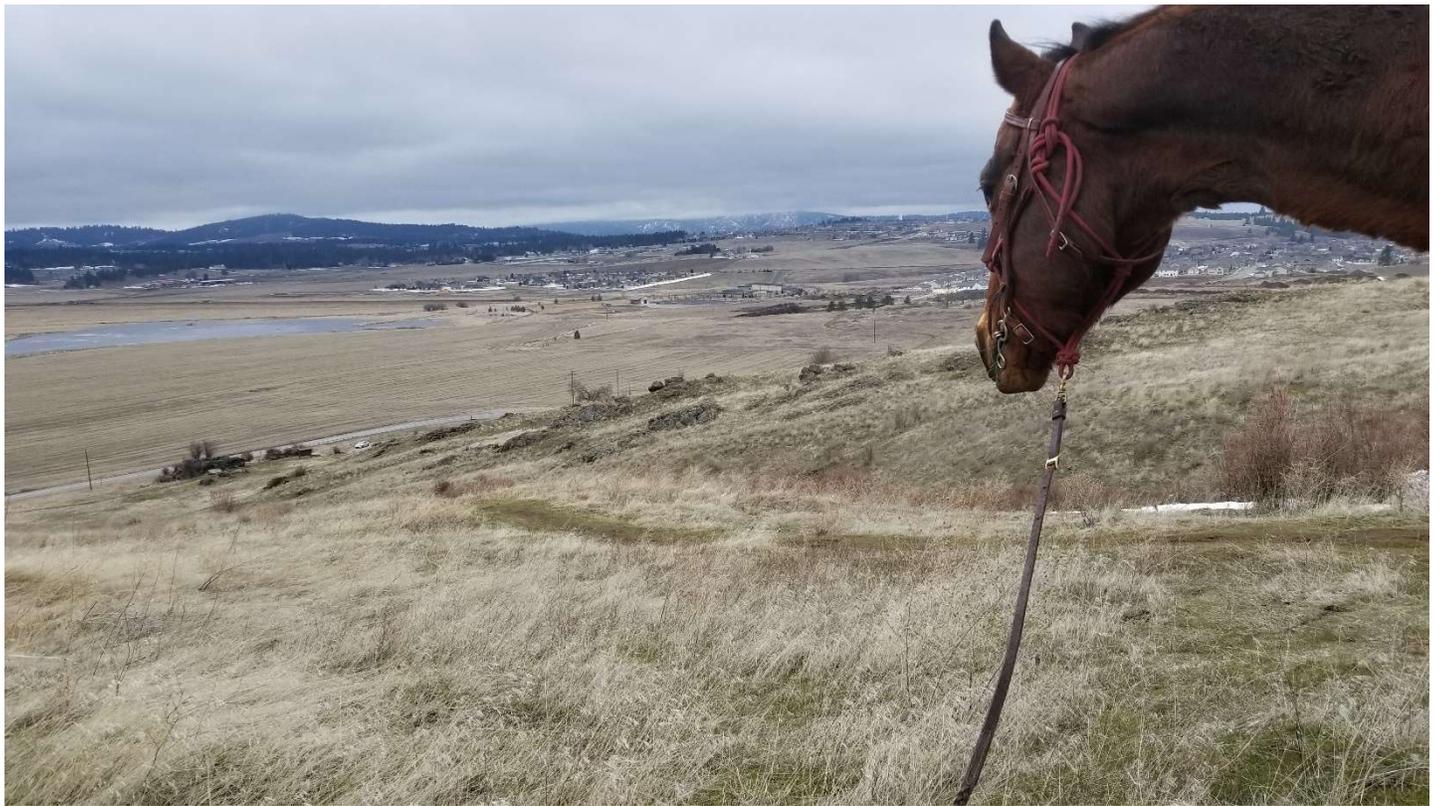
Horse Holders – Some riders will need help holding their horses as they register and at the finish line. One must just be comfortable handling strange horses.

Friday Set Up – On Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> we set up some portable car garages, hang sponsor banners, spot the outhouses and put up the portable corral that is part of the silent auction. Doug and Teresa Bailey are there, but we need a couple more people to help them.

Other jobs that we have covered – SCOPE will be our outriders again this year. This is a great help to have eyes and ears on the trail. Don Dyer will have his ATV there in case of an emergency. Don Dyer and Carol Klar will be in the PBCH booth answering questions about BCH. Others can help do this. Gary and Cindy Miller will be our official photographers. Cindy will also be playing the music through the sound system. Hank FM radio will be on site. Ken and Patti Carmichael will be placing scavenger items out on the trail.

As you can see there are many opportunities to volunteer. But we need to have volunteer commitments ahead of time so that we can provide instructions and be sure we are covered in all areas.

Please let me know where you would like to help. Call 509-466-2225 or email at [kcarmichael2225@gmail.com](mailto:kcarmichael2225@gmail.com).

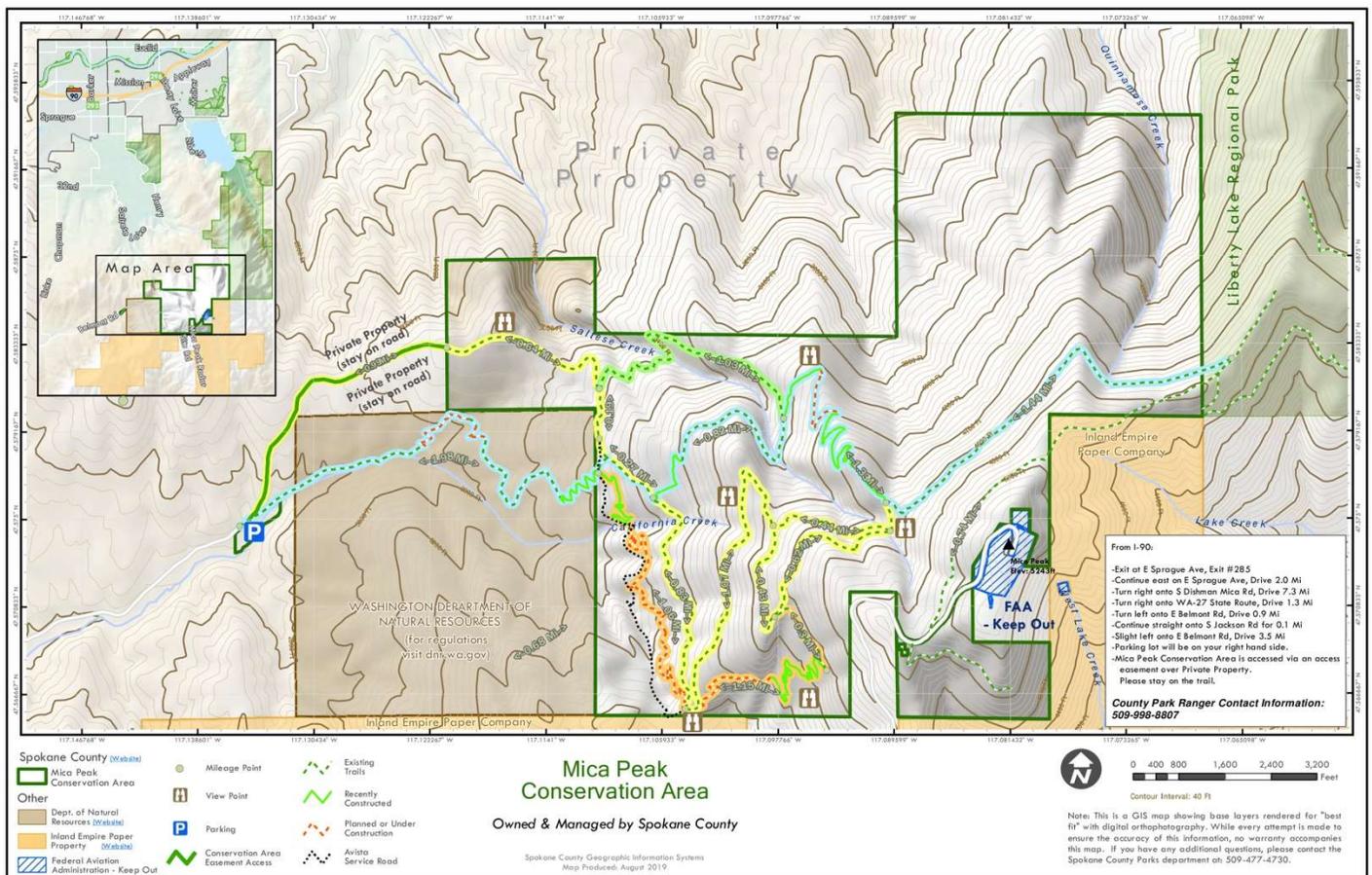


**Melissa Halpin & Gunner taking a load off to enjoy the view at Saltese Uplands near Liberty Lake.**

## Mica Peak and Liberty Lake

Paul Knowles from Spokane County Parks shared the attached map with Cindy and Ken. This is an update trail map for Mica Peak; some trails are still under construction, but you can now ride from the Belmont (Mica Peak) Trailhead to Liberty Lake Regional Park. You will also be able to ride from Henry Road trailhead in the near future. The distance round trip for this trip is approximately 17 miles. It is mostly service road traveling with some beautiful scenery along the way.

If anyone tries this, please give us a report!





Washington State Parks sent out the following information in a recent newsletter:

## What should State Parks focus on in the future?

### *Public invited to help agency with long-range strategic planning*

OLYMPIA – Aug. 14, 2019 – The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission is beginning the process to develop the agency's 2021-31 strategic plan and would like the public's input.

State Parks is hosting three public meetings to hear from stakeholders about the draft strategic planning framework the Commission developed for 2021-31 and to discuss if the draft reflects the needs of park users across the state. Topics to be discussed include the current state of the park system and goals and strategies for achieving a healthy, sustainable park system.

The Commission values the public's comments and encourages the public to help develop direction for the next 10 years. Information and feedback gathered will be used to finalize the strategic plan over the next several months. Stakeholders may provide feedback at the public meetings or [online](#).

### **Spokane [Yakima and Tacoma meetings not listed here]**

**Aug. 28, 6:30 – 8 p.m.**

Spokane County Library

Valley Branch – Conference Room

12004 E. Main Ave.

Spokane, WA 99206

(509) 893-8400 (branch) or (509) 893-8270 (main)



**You scratch my back, I'll scratch yours!**

Sent in by Diana Birge (via Tom Birge)

## A Horse Dental Health Experience, by Melissa Halpin

Recently, Gunners badly chipped front tooth had died and started to rot in his gums. This is Dr. Peters of McKinlay and Peters DVM removing the tooth.

First Gunner was placed into a sturdy frame, given a sedative, his head put in a sling and his gums were numbed. Even under a sedative a horse can stand (sort of stand). Dr. Peters used chisels, picks, hammers and a large tweezer thing to pull the dead, rotting tooth out. It was nerve clinching to watch. I also have a video in my phone if someone wants to see it at a meeting. The end result is a healthy horse with no infection in his gums. Cost about \$500 dollars, includes xrays.



## Horse Dentistry

*Links and information gathered by Michelle Eames.*

For more information on equine dentistry and teeth, see the article at this link:

<https://articles.extension.org/pages/29842/basic-dental-care-for-horses>

The linked article includes the following schedule for dental exams, and a list of what the veterinarian will look for.

Equine dentists or equine veterinarians that perform dentistry have to look for different situations in the horse's mouth at different stages of the horse's life. The following table lists situations that are most common at these stages.

## Birth – 18 months

(should be examined at least once a year) **Will be evaluated for:**

- Defects that the horse may have been born with related to head symmetry or chewing function
- Proper eruption of teeth
- Incisor alignment
- Sharp enamel points on teeth
- Improper position and number of teeth
- Abnormal wear

## 18-52 months

(should be examined twice a year) **Will be evaluated for:**

- Eruption cysts in the gums over permanent teeth
- Gingivitis (inflammation of gums)
- Periodontal disease
- Loose or infected caps or cap slivers (A cap is the remnant of the crown of a deciduous tooth after the roots has been resorbed.)
- Sharp enamel points on the premolar, molar and wolf teeth (These are the first upper premolars that are not fully functional or formed.)
- Unequal eruption of permanent incisors
- Wolf teeth interference with bit
- Rounding of edges of front cheek teeth (first premolar) to keep biting comfortable

## 4-10 years

(should be examined once a year) **Will be evaluated for:**

- Contact and balance of bite surface
- Sharp enamel points on cheek teeth
- Sharp edges of cheek teeth which interfere with the bit
- Jaw balance
- Symmetry, contact, length and balance of incisors

## 10-18 years

(should be examined once a year) **Will be evaluated for:**

- Abnormalities of wear that can lead to abnormal crown wear, crown fracture and periodontal disease
- “Wave” mouth due to abnormalities of wear on central molars making teeth look wave-like
- Sharp enamel points on teeth that may require extensive correction (hooks,\* ramps\*\* or beaks\*\*\*)
- Balance of tooth alignment
- Length of canine teeth if needed

## 18 and older

(may need frequent oral exams and dental maintenance to keep mouth healthy)

- Periodontal disease (60 percent to 80 percent incidence)
- Tartar accumulation
- Gingivitis
- Tooth loosening
- Loss of grinding surface of teeth
- Abnormalities of wear
- Need for geriatric diet
- Sharp enamel points on teeth (hooks, ramps or beaks)
- Balance between upper and lower jaws

## Signs of Dental Problems

These are signs that a horse is having problems with his teeth:

- long, unchewed particles of hay in manure
- changes in eating or drinking habits
- irregular movement of lower jaw
- bumps or enlargement on jaw/side of face
- abnormal tongue carriage
- sharp points on front of first lower or upper molars
- oral pain
- head shy
- quidding – dropping partially chewed food from mouth
- weight loss
- halitosis
- abnormal slurping sound during chewing
- food pocketing between teeth
- loosening and loss of teeth
- lacerations of cheek and tongue
- “hamster-like” cheek swelling
- very slow chewing
- inappetence
- holding head in abnormal position during eating
- using one side of the mouth for chewing
- reluctance to eat hay
- spending more time eating
- abnormal head carriage
- resistance to bit
- head shaking during work
- foul smelling, chronic nasal discharge from one nostril
- excess salivation
- bleeding from mouth
- swelling or distortion of lips
- tooth displacement

This additional link gives even more information about horse teeth and dental care.

<https://aaep.org/horsehealth/equine-dental-care-what-every-horse-owner-should-know>



**THINK OF THE TIME YOU COULD SAVE CLEANING UP IF YOU TAUGHT YOUR HORSE TO DO THIS!**

Photo and caption sent in by Louise Walton

## **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!***