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October-November 2019



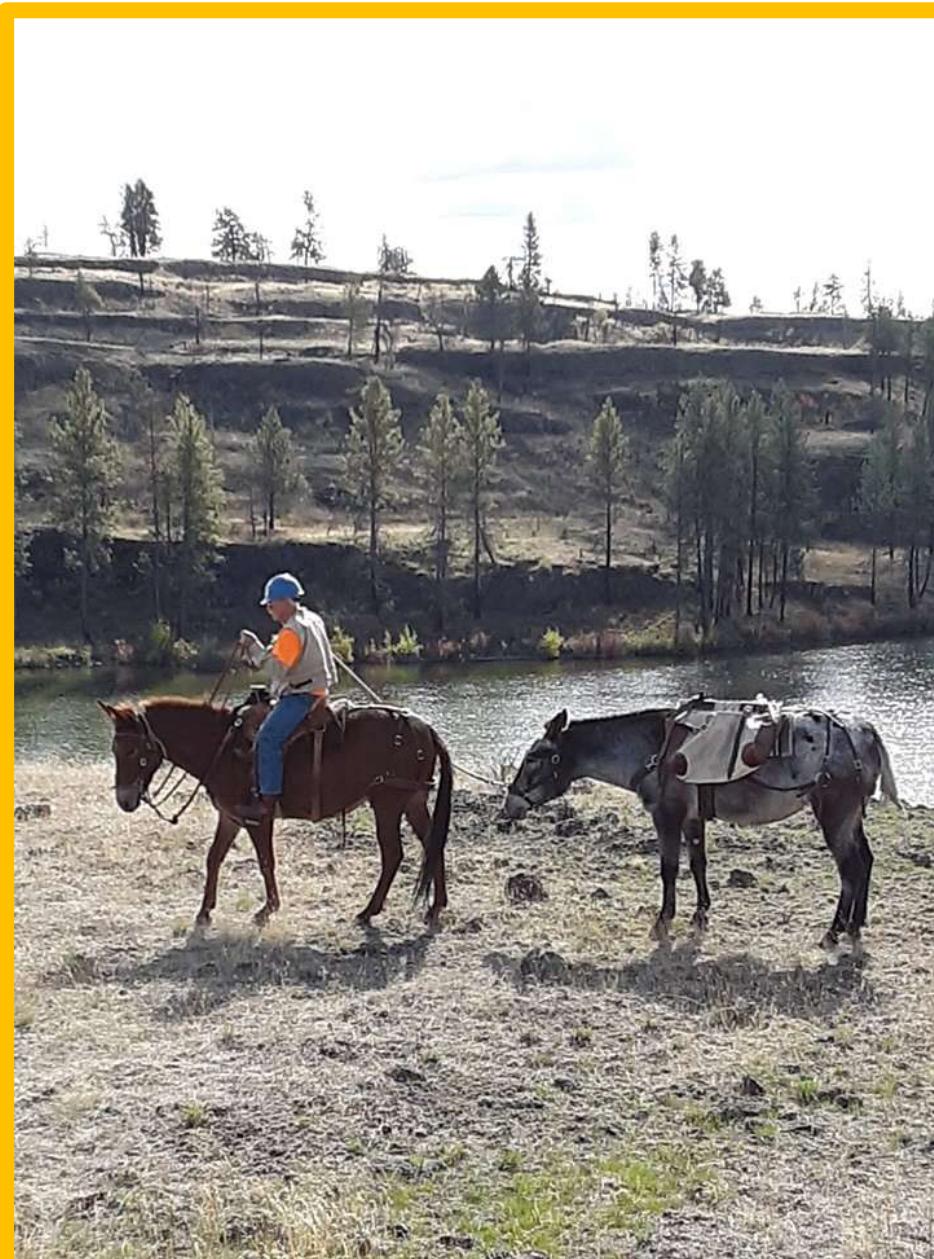
CALENDAR

November 5,
Membership meeting at
Hayford Community
Church, Airway Heights
WA

6 PM for socializing and
soup, 6 30 for meeting

December 5, 2019
Membership Meeting

January 25, 2020 BCHW
Leadership Training



November Meeting and Soup Social!!

November 5; 6 pm for socializing!



We have already had a few glimpses of what's coming, so what an ideal time to have the Ponderosa BCH Fall Soup Social. This will occur with our regularly scheduled November meeting. We currently have 3 volunteers (Carol, Patty W, Baileys) to share their favorite Crockpot soup, and we would welcome a few more folks to share their creations with the group. Please email me: cklar32@gmail.com if you can bring soup... Variations such as chili or stew are just fine too! Looking forward to warming up with you!

DATES to REMEMBER 2019/2020

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

November 5, 2019- PBCH Meeting and Soup Social

December 3, 2019- PBCH Meeting

January 25, 2020- BCHW Leadership Training

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

February 17, 2020 - BCHW Legislative Day - Olympia, WA

March 20, 21, and 22, 2020- BCHW Rendezvous, Kittitas Valley Event Center – Ellensburg

April 4, 2020-Tentative Teeth Clinic with Dr. Charlie (contact Carol Klar for more info)

May 16, 2020 - BCHW Joe Watt ride, Ellensburg

July 3 - 8, 2020 State Wide Work Party

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

http://www.bchw.org/Int/main/upcoming_events.htm

Chapter Treasurer Training

By Ken Carmichael

The title to this article is a little misleading. The seminar on Saturday, October 12, was conducted by BCHW Treasurer Teri Starke, but it was meant for all BCHW members who have an interest in ensuring that our accounting is done properly.

At the seminar Ferry County was represented by one person, Northeast Chapter had 8 people there, and from PBCH there were Diana Birge and me.

I have been a treasurer and was very involved in setting up the accounting system when we became a 501C3 nonprofit. I really thought I had a good handle on the accounting. However, Teri brought us up to date on many new aspects of accounting for BCH. Anyone involved in putting on an event, doing a work party, working with the RTP grants or spending chapter money, or providing income to the chapter would have learned a great deal. In addition, it is just important that all members understand the importance of proper accounting. As BCH grows and we become more visible, we cannot afford to make errors in all the reporting. Transparency and documentation are essential.

I learned some things, as I am sure Diana did, and we will do everything in our power to ensure that Ponderosa is a leader in accounting procedures.

Thank you to Teri Starke for coming to the east side and providing this instruction.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MEETING

By Ken Carmichael

I was invited to attend a meeting with DNR Commissioner Hilary Franz on September 20th. She was elected in 2016.

Paul Knowles of County Parks and Jeff Lambert, Executive Director of the Dishman Hills conservancy managed the event at the Camp Caro building at Dishman Hills.

This was a great opportunity to learn more about everything that DNR does, including their important role of firefighting. Only the federal government controls more land than the DNR in the state of Washington.

The Commissioner answered lots of questions and had lots of figures about fires and the DNR resources.

The main thing I got out of the meeting was the contacts. It is places like this where we get to talk to and interact with land managers and other groups and show that Back Country Horsemen is part of the picture.

BCHW Saw Certification Explained

BCHW has a self-certification agreement with Region 6, USFS (Forest Service), that provides for certified Instructor-Evaluators (I/Es) from BCHW to train and certify sawyers for trail work on public lands – for bucking only (fallers must be directly certified by FS staff). Locally, Darrell Wallace and Ken Elliott are doing this training and certification.

All sawyers must remain current with First Aid/CPR. They should complete FA/CPR training prior to their evaluation. Opportunities for FA/CPR training will be explained in classroom training.

The first step for a previously un-certified sawyer is to complete the classroom training, which takes about three hours and will cover both chainsaw and crosscut bucking. Next is a field evaluation that involves demonstration of sawyer skills. Evaluators will determine whether the sawyer can be rated as an “A”, “B”, or “C” sawyer – bucking only, and issue a certification card that day. An official USFS card may follow in the mail sometime later. Sawyers using only battery-powered chainsaws can and have been certified. A previously certified sawyer can re-certify by passing an evaluation, and is not required to re-take the classroom training, although they are welcome and encouraged to attend.

BCHW trail work partners are eligible to certify as sawyers by BCHW, and local partners have recently asked about scheduling a class and evaluations. October will be a good opportunity for BCHW members to take advantage of a Fall class and field evaluations by contacting Darrell Wallace (dlwallace700@gmail.com) or Ken Elliott (elliott.tile.ke@gmail.com).

Carol Klar, Education Coordinator

Dear Ponderosa BCH Friends:

I will be assuming the Education Coordinator role for our club, and would love to hear what topics you'd like to have offered this year. Below are a few items I have in mind for springtime, and hope to get lots of other suggestions so we can have a fun year learning new things! Please email your ideas to me at cklar32@gmail.com. Thx, *Carol Klar*

- 1) Electric Corral Essentials – a mini clinic to show new horse campers what is needed to construct an electric corral, as an option for horse-containment in places that don't have "built in" options. Clinic will cover the materials and the instructions for construction. This is an easy, fairly low-cost option. We will also look at the Hi-Tie option. Clinic will also touch on some tips for gear storage and hauling water, etc.
 - 2) Assessing your horse's teeth – I'd like to get Dr. Charlie back to provide a spring clinic that will show us how to determine if our horses need a float, and how to answer that interesting question: (How old is my horse? *See more detail later in the newsletter.*)
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In addition, Deedee and I recently participated in a Mountain Trail Obstacle Clinic at Rendezvous Ranch in Cashmere (near Wenatchee), and had a terrific experience there. It was one of the most fun and helpful clinics I have ever done! It not only produced a well-rounded trail horse, but it did an enormous amount for improving ground handling skills and building confidence in horse and rider, all while having loads of fun! I spoke with the owner/instructor, Chris Jonason, and she is willing to do a 2-day clinic specifically configured for Ponderosa BCH. Chris and her assistant, Catha, are wonderful instructors, easily helping riders of all ages and experience levels, as well as all types of horses. [Click HERE](#) to scroll thru several pictures from the clinic which recently concluded.

Price would be \$220, and that includes the clinic, a parking/camping spot, and access to bathroom and shower. There are also several nice bunk houses/apartments available for rent, if you'd prefer that type of lodging. We are looking at a June weekend, and clinic size would be minimum 6, max 15. Please let me know if you are interested. If there is sufficient interest, registration information will be provided to the membership.

Thanks!

Carol Klar
2020 Education Coordinator
cklar32@gmail.com

Work Parties in September

By Ken Carmichael

While preparing for the PBCH Scavenger Hunt on September 28 we managed to squeeze in two work parties. It made for a busy month but a very successful one as well.

When at the Scavenger Hunt site preparing for the event, we realized that the 15 picnic tables were in poor condition. In order to clean them up before the Scavenger Hunt meant that we had to put a rush on a work party. We approached Riverside State Park Management and they easily gave us the go ahead. Moose Hempel, the ranger for the equestrian area, was also on board.

We calculated the amount of materials we would need, then approached PBCH member Craig Volosing who made arrangements with Ziggy's Lumber for us to get exactly the best wood and stain for the project. It is nice to have experts to work with and on short notice.

I picked up the wood and stain on Thursday and stored it in my horse trailer. Because of other commitments, the work party would not happen until Sunday, September 15. Twelve of us gathered to put in some hard work. Doug Bailey had gone down a day early to be sure the bees were killed. We set up a pretty good production line, and everyone fit into a position where they were comfortable and productive.

It is great when there are people on site that know how to work and are self-starters. Several people brought tools but as always Don Dyer shows up with the kitchen sink, which I believe we used. People set to work and soon we had everything lined out in a production line. We took tables apart, used the old wood as a template to drill holes in the new wood, used a router to round edges, sanded the boards, put the tables back together and stained them.

Tom went back on Monday and applied a second coat of stain.



Thank you to the following people for their hard work:

Ken Carmichael
Patti Carmichael
Doug Bailey
Don Dyer
Linda White
David White
Michelle Eames
Doug Frederick
Chuck Rice
Karen Rice
Patty Wright
Tom Birge



Our second work party was on Thursday, September 19. This was a continuation of a project that we started last year: picking up barbwire in Riverside State Park. Last year the project got stopped when Doug Bailey's tractor tire went flat. With vast experience in pulling barbwire, we made quick work of the project. Doug brought his tractor and Don Dyer brought his ATV and a power wire roller we mounted on Doug's tractor. Tom Birge and I cut the wire loose from the posts as Doug and Don rolled it up. We then pulled all the metal posts. It all went smoothly and we can check that project off our list. This area of Riverside State Park known as the Trautman Property is a great place to ride from the Carlson Trailhead.

I should mention here that it rained all around these projects but NOT on them.

Thank you to everyone that helped on these projects. We make a difference when we work together.

The new tables were used at our pre-scavenger hunt potluck and volunteer orientation. Not only were the tables lovely, but so was the food! One of the yummy recipes follows.

Iron Skillet Frittata

By Doug Frederick

Well, I was cooking out of the fridge the other day for our Scavenger hunt briefing potluck and googled frittata recipes. There are a lot that come up on the search, so I changed the search to Mexican frittata.

What I ended up doing was a combination of the two. The basic recipe is as follows:

Pre heat oven to 350 degrees.

- 2 tablespoons oil. (any oil of your choice using a 14-inch skillet)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ large onion. (3/4 cup)
- One half pound of any sausage. (chorizo was in the recipe, but I had hot sausage)
- 3 potatoes cubed and pre-cooked. (optional)
- 2 medium sized jalapeno peppers diced and remove the seeds. (any pepper will do just depends on your tastes)
- Sauté until onions and potatoes are done and meat is browned. Put aside to cool.
- In your large bowl break in ten eggs and add:
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ cup heavy cream,
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt,
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped cilantro,
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cumin. (optional)
 - Pepper to your liking.

Pour the beaten mixture over the still-warm skillet and pop into the oven for 25 min. Once the center is done and bubbling add $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of grated cheese. Put back in oven for 3-5 minutes until the cheese is melted.

This “basic” recipe works pretty well and is easy to prepare and can be adapted to any taste or bulked up for a large group. One suggestion was to add hash browns in with the eggs instead of the cubed potatoes.



Scavenger Hunt 2019

By Ken Carmichael

First, and foremost, thank you to all the BCH members that helped at the scavenger hunt. There were 25 volunteers on site and that included 6 that are not members of BCH. Plus, we need to thank the SCOPE riders that acted as our outriders on the trail. Many of our volunteers jumped from one job to the next to cover all the responsibilities.

A lot goes into presenting such an event and it is always nice to see it come off without a hitch. I do not consider the rain a hitch as we have no control over that. As it was it did not rain hard and we had three garages and 11 canopies to provide protection.

There were 40 riders on the trail and some of the pre-registrations did not ride but came for the chili and supported the raffle.

The door prizes, raffles and silent auction were very successful. **Linda White** did a fantastic job of gathering prizes from our faithful sponsors. We really appreciate their support.

Other major support came from:

Patti Carmichael – preparing all the prizes for presentation and putting up the PBCH/LNT booth

Doug Bailey – our chief cook

Chris Bennett – prepares all the forms and documents

And of course, we want to thank all those riders that braved the weather to have a good time in the saddle and support BCH.

It was fun but now everything is put away and we can get ready for winter.





Scavenger Hunt, 2019

'Twas September 28, of twenty-nineteen,
When winter rolled in with a full head of steam.

Neither rain nor snow nor sleet
nor hail,
Would keep scavenger hunters
from the trail.

Tennessee walkers, appaloosas
and mules,
Rode back to camp for chili to
refuel.

The riders were hearty, the
horses were wet.
But oh, the prizes! Who knew
what they'd get!

Thank you for coming and
supporting our goal,
Of horses on trails in sun, rain, or
snow.

Michelle Eames



Work Party at Fish Trap Lake

By Ken Carmichael

We completed another large work party commitment on October 5 at Fish Trap Lake. In 2016 PBCH applied for and received an RTP grant through BCHW. This was delayed some due to the legislature not passing a capital budget. When it was approved PBCH built 14 new corrals at BLM Lakeview Ranch in May 2019 as the first part of the grant.

The second part was to participate in the marking of a new trail at BLM Fish Trap Lake. This project was started about five years ago when I was invited to HIKE (yes, I said hike) with a group headed by the Washington Trails Association (WTA) to identify a new trail at Fish Trap Lake. Over the years WTA took the lead in building the trail. PBCH participated one year to put in tread.

Our assignment this year was to install carbonite signs along the trail. Patti and I tried riding it in the spring but could not find part of the trail. On September 30 Patti, Doug Bailey and I put Holly Weiler, of the WTA, on a horse to show us the entire trail. At that time, we marked the location for 77 signposts. At one of the PBCH membership meetings PBCH members helped put some identification stickers on the posts.

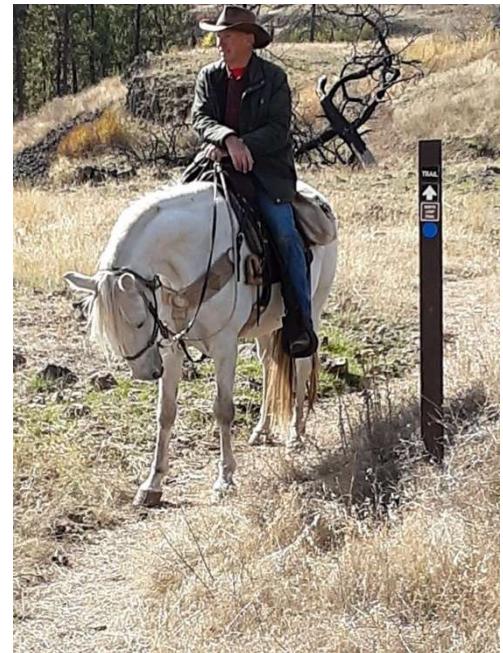
Doug Bailey used his three-wheeler to put some of the sign posts out along the trail. On Saturday, October 5 Doug Bailey, Karen and Chuck Rice, Patti Carmichael and I went out on horseback to pound in the posts and finish the identification stickers. The trail is a figure eight and the Inland Empire Chapter (IEBCH) did the southern loop while we did the northern loop.



It went pretty well except for when the pack mule got away and it took a while to catch her. Chuck got his exercise lifting the heavy pounder in and out of the pack bag and pounding posts. We still must go back to put on a few more directional stickers.

This is a beautiful trail of about 10 miles if you do both loops. Much of it goes along the bluff overlooking the lake. The best starting points are the south parking lot and the parking lot on Fish Trap Road. The trails are marked north and south loops.

This was a collaborative effort under the leadership of WTA and BLM to create a great multiuse trail.



A Note From Tom Birge, Current BCH Store Manager and Future PBCH President

- Chuck Rice has earned a Blue Hard hat for work parties. Congratulations Chuck!
- Calendars are still available at \$10.00 ea.
- It's getting close to Christmas there are hats, wine glasses, 1-stein, travel mugs, and 1 belt buckle available in the store.
- You might also consider clothing items from wildrosegraphics.com for someone special.
- You can contact me with any questions.

Thanks!

New things for 2020!

In April 2020, Dr. Charlie will be returning to Ponderosa BCH for an educational day focusing on teeth, and like last spring, she will offer Coggins/Health and vaccinations to anyone needing them.

The dental education portion of the day will cover these topics:

- How to determine if your horse's teeth need floating
- How to "age" your horse via its teeth
- Recognizing common dental problems or abnormalities

After a lecture/demonstration, each participant will have the opportunity to assess his/her horse's teeth, and then review the results, one on one, with Dr. Charlie.

The tentative date for this will be April 4th; location: Deedee Denison's arena (same as last time).

More details to follow. Have questions now, please contact Carol Klar

2019 Officers and Other Chapter Staff:

Lyle "Doug" Bailey, President and Trail Boss

Diana Birge, Treasurer

Patti Carmichael, Secretary

Ken Carmichael, State Director

Craig Volosing, Lands Chair

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

New officers for 2020 are as follows. Newly elected officers will take office on November 1, 2019.

Tom Birge, President

Diana Birge, Treasurer

Patty Wright, Secretary

Ken Carmichael, Director

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!

Below several PBCH members met for a last-minute October ride at Riverside State Park: Arleta, Katy, Patty W, Carol, Karen, and Michelle. Here's hoping the weather holds for more fall rides!

