



# PONDEROSA



Back Country Horsemen of Washington  
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June 2020

<http://pbchw.com/>



## CALENDAR

**Note: No June PBCH meeting.**

***All event dates subject to change or cancellation: Watch facebook and the PON3 emails.***

**June 6 - PBCH Trail Obstacle Clinic**

**June 20 - BCHW board meeting**

**July 3 – 8 - BCHW State Wide Work Party**

**July 7 – PBCH Membership meeting**

## Editor's Note

*This issue focuses on getting to know each other. Several folks sent information and photos, we will continue this for the next newsletter, too.*

*Be safe!*

*Michelle Eames*

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## **Poker Ride**

**By Ken Carmichael**

This event is still scheduled for **Saturday, August 29, at the Riverside State Park Equestrian Area.** If everything goes smoothly, we will be able to hold the event.

Please let your friends know about the event. Carol Klar has lots of information up on PBCH Facebook and Chuck Rice has the website updated.

This is a fun event and hopefully many riders will be ready to get on the trail.

**You got to know when to hold them...**

**Know when to fold them...**



## **DATES to REMEMBER 2020**

*All Dates and Events subject to Change or Cancellation.*

**June 6** - PBCH Trail Obstacle Clinic

**June 20** - BCHW board meeting

**July 3 – 8** - BCHW State Wide Work Party

**July 7** – PBCH Membership meeting

**July 11** - Mt Spokane Ride (Nordic Area) Members and guests

**August 4** - Membership meeting

**August 29-** PBCH Poker Ride

**September 1** – PBCH Membership Meeting

**September 18-20-** PBCH Ladies' Ancient Lakes Camping trip

**October 31** - 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Winery Ride and Halloween Costume/Prize Ride @ Zillah

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

## Riverside Chapter Ride

### By Patti Carmichael

On Saturday, May 16, seven riders ventured out for a chapter ride to explore Riverside State Park. Some of us were riding on familiar trails, whereas for others the trails may have been new territory. We parked at Carmichael's house and began our trek on the unofficial "Ken Carmichael Trail", to Pine Bluff trailhead, where little Vali became acquainted with motorcycle noise from the ORV area. It's always a great day when we can learn something new!



Onward through the trailhead parking lot, down the hill into Deep Creek and back up again, down again along the Spokane River, up again through McClellan Trailhead area, and then across Seven Mile Road to the Air Strip where we stopped for lunch. Whew! Great ride to this point. All the horses did very well and there was lots of chatting and visiting between the riders.

After a lunch break, we proceeded into the "military" area of Riverside, around the trails and along the bottom of the bluff. We turned left and went up the hill via the switchback trail, coming out at the top of the hill. We took a short break, where Melissa's horse, Gunner, had a not so friendly encounter with a bee (or horsefly—not sure which...) so decided we should move along.

Marchand Trailhead area. We turned right and rode along Inland Road, dropping down a bit off the road onto a trail and came out at the open area off of Inland Road referred to as "the bluff". We cut through the trees, out into the open, down a small hill, across Inland Road, through Deep Creek again, up to Pine Bluff Trailhead and back towards home along the Ken Carmichael Trail.

Sun filtered through the trees and we proceeded on the trail, coming out at the



The entire ride as wonderful, with no serious horse or people issues and everyone arrived back at the trailers safe and sound. The weather was great, with temperature in the 60s, mostly sunny sky and very light breeze. There were some other folks out enjoying the day also. We came across lots of bike riders and some hikers.



Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed the day! Ken and I are so happy that you could join us. Next chapter ride is Mount Spokane in July. Can't Wait! Watch the calendar!



Ride photos provided by Patti Carmichael and Patty Wright.

## **PBCH MEMBERSHIP INTRODUCTIONS**

### **Tom and Diana**

Hi there! We are Tom and Diana Birge. Diana is the current chapter treasurer and Tom is the current chapter president.

We have been members for about 2 years. We live in the Hayford-Newkirk neighborhood and are friends of Michelle Eames and Carol Klar so that is how we came to join.

We have 2 TWH mares and an older appaloosa (retired).

We are really slowly getting back into riding due to past health situations.

We have really enjoyed the work parties helping to improve the riding areas in the Spokane area.

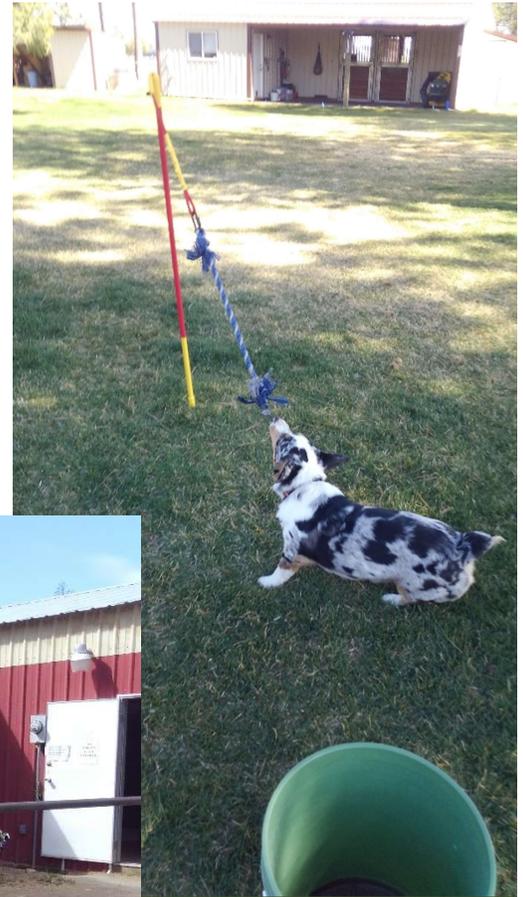
We both look forward to meeting all the new members when things loosen up.

We are hopeful that we can have a gathering at the Riverside State Park Equestrian area with all of the members soon.



## DeeDee Denison

My ponies are enjoying spring grass and my indoor arena is getting used for dog training also. I will be selling my little Blazer gelding Finan and my riding priority is changing. New dog and recumbent bike riding are winning out. I'm still planning to support PBCH in the next year, and maybe we can use my arena for an event, maybe for a tack sale or other gathering.



## Michelle Eames

Hello! I'm Michelle Eames and I joined PBCH because I wanted to support keeping public lands open to horses. And getting more public lands. And keeping those lands open to horses, too.

There is nothing better than a trail on horseback. I have two fjord horses, one is basically retired (Oly the Elder), and one is my main riding horse (Vali the Younger).

Vali is 10 going on 7. He is a mostly solid riding horse, but we are still working on a couple of issues (like loud

revving motorcycles. My husband, Doug Frederick, also contributes to the group, although he isn't a rider. He is, however, good with chain saws, so he is working on getting his certification to be able to help in that way.

Because I love writing, I edit the newsletter for PBCH. So keep sending in good stuff! We are continuing the "get to know each other" feature through the next newsletter, and look forward to learning more about everyone.



## Karen Rice

Hi my name is Karen Rice and I joined PBCH about a year and a half ago.

My two horses are:

"Prince" my 26 yr old golden boy (1st pic).

Gunner my 13 yr old (2nd pic).

I joined PBCH at the suggestion of my neighbor Carol who told me it was a great way to support the trails we all enjoy. I had just moved here and was only beginning to ride-- now I know how lucky we are!

My favorite place to ride so far is Ancient Lakes along the Columbia River. There is no way to explain the beauty -- you must see it for yourself.



My riding goals for the year:

- 1) To keep my 26 yr old going -- we completed a 13.7 mile ride on May 16 with some PBCH friends -- so far, so good. He had a nap the next day! (pic 3);
- 2) To try my buckskin on cows and ride a dressage test or two. We have completed a team sorting clinic and are prepping for a schooling show hopefully in June or July!



I've enjoyed joining in on a few work parties with our team (including my husband Chuck Rice) and look forward to doing more in the future. We have a great team -- thanks everyone!



## Sigrid Brannan

Michelle Eames met Sigrid years ago at an Ann Kirk Clinic. Sigrid is a newer member and says she plans to get more involved with PBCH. She looks forward to helping with trail projects, poker rides, etc., when things get back to normal again.

Sigrid is also a member of the Emerald Empire Arabian Horse Club and her story of how she and her horse found each other was recently featured on the club's website, as part of their "Meet an Arabian Horse" topic. Michelle asked Sigrid's permission to share the link and a photo in this newsletter. Here is an except of their story:

### *Fledge*

*After literally growing up on horses, about fifteen years ago I'd given up riding. I'd had a bad wreck on a mare I loved, and it so terrified my horse-phobic husband that I re-homed the 3 mares my girls and I had loved and ridden happily on our hill overlooking the Spokane Valley.*

*Then, a charming horse-trader moved into the neighborhood. I'd see him when I was out on walks and we'd chat about horses. Seeing his herd brought me comfort as I went about my horse-less life, working as a school principal and going to grad school at night and on weekends.*

Read the rest of the story and learn how Sigrid rescued Fledge here:

<https://www.eeahc.org/home/meet-the-arabian-horse-month?fbclid=IwAR14IteTg2VXzSwNFZq6OqJB28ce1m7dkf3aEHVrCnXkKxKxqFHqHaOTm-f9nc>



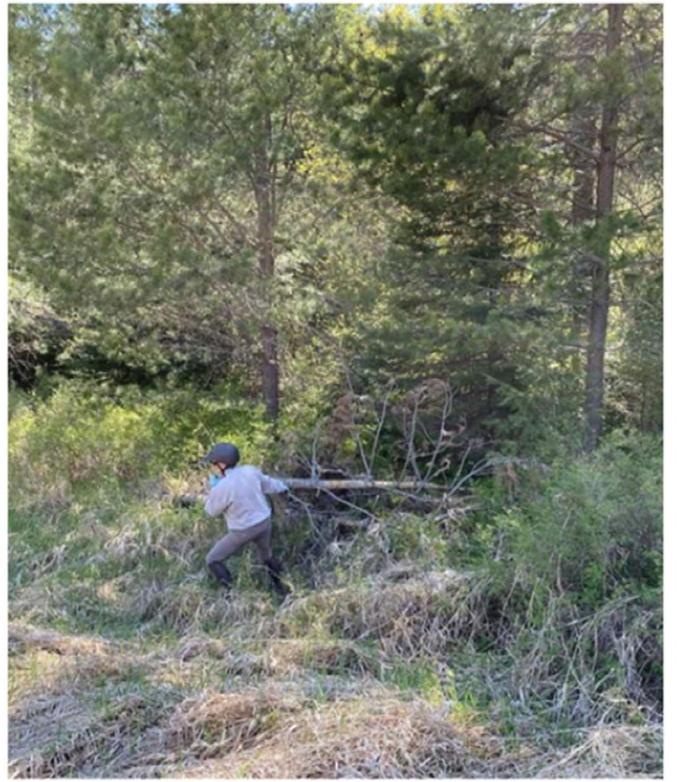
## Carol Klar

Hi, I'm Carol Klar, your Ponderosa BCH Education Coordinator and Volunteer Hours Coordinator.

I'm an Ohio native who started off with lessons, my first pony and 4H in the mid 1960s. Over many years, I've enjoyed hunter/jumper, 3-day eventing, competitive trail, horse camping and recreational trail riding. I've been in Spokane for 6 years, and spend my horse days on the amazing trails here and elsewhere in the PNW, always looking for beautiful vistas and new areas to camp, ride and explore!

I love the BCH mission, and enjoy being part of the group that keeps our amazing trails and facilities accessible!

Happy riding and I hope to see you on the trails!



**PONDEROSA BCH; OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES 2020**

<u>ELECTED POSTIONS</u>	
PRESIDENT	TOM BIRGE
SECRETARY	PATTY WRIGHT
TREASURER	DIANA BIRGE
STATE DIRECTOR	KEN CARMICHAEL

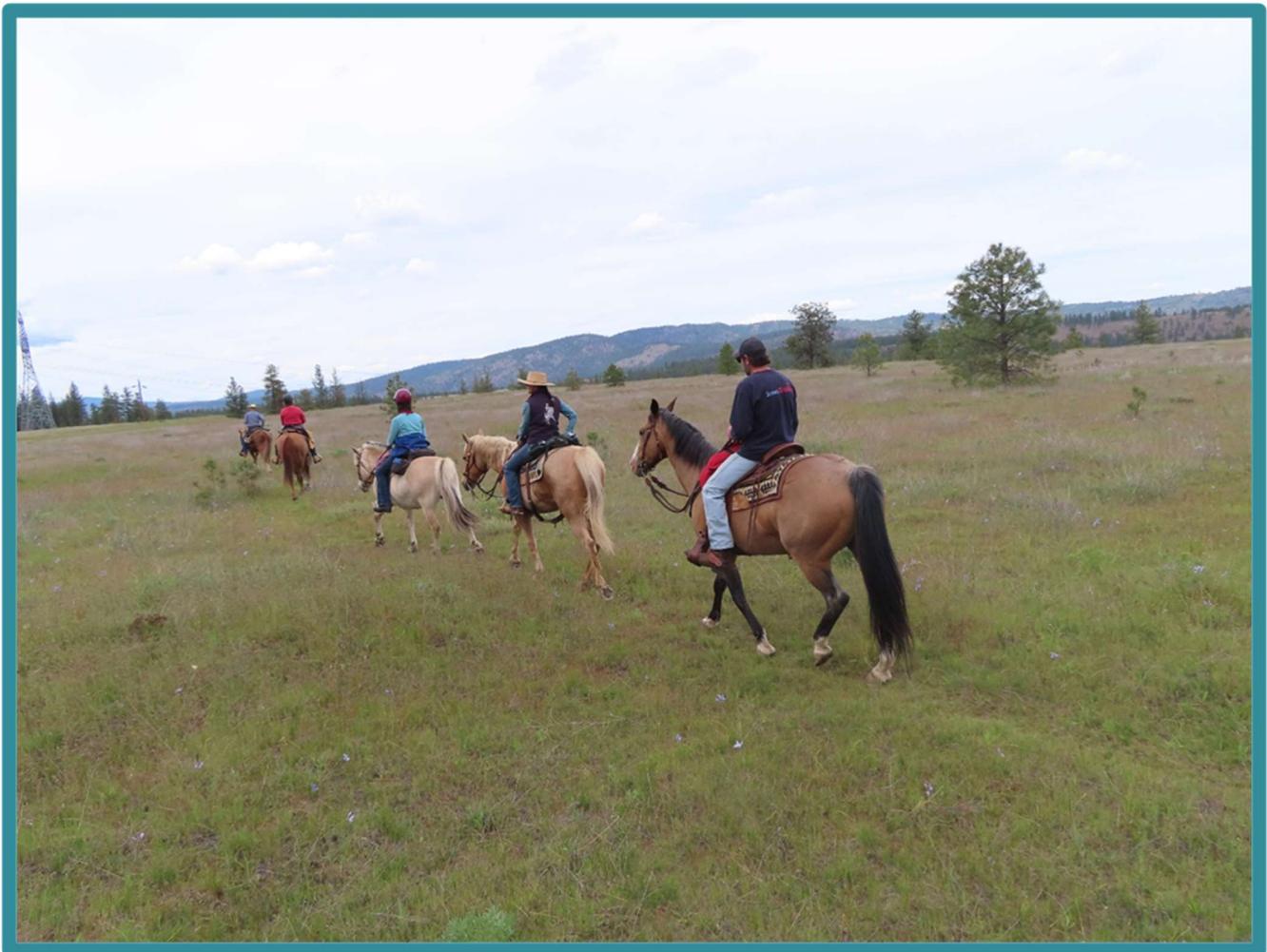
<u>VOLUNTEER POSITIONS</u>		<u>UNFILLED OPPORTUNITIES</u>	
EDUCATION	CAROL KLAR	FUND RAISING	OPEN (temporary Ken C)
LANDS	CRAIG VOLOSING	HISTORIAN	OPEN
TRAIL BOSS/WORK PARTIES	DOUG BAILEY	ADS	Open
VOLUNTEER HOURS	CAROL KLAR	PUBLICITY	OPEN
LEGISLATIVE	Doug Bailey	COORDINATE W/ OTHER CHAPTERS	OPEN
ANALYSIS OF INCOME	KEN CARMICHAEL	SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	OPEN
DONATIONS	LINDA WHITE	TRAIL BOSS/ORGANIZE RIDES	OPEN
GRANT ADMINISTRATION	DOUG BAILEY	INDIVIDUAL TRAIL RIDE LEADERS (short term)	OPEN
EQUIPMENT INVENTORY-	KEN CARMICHAEL	FINANCIAL REVIEW	OPEN
GROUP SPACE ADMIN	KEN CARMICHAEL	WORK PARTY LEADERS (short term)	OPEN
BCH STORES	TOM BIRGE	OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE (short term)	OPEN
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GREETER/NAME TAGS	PATTI CARMICHAEL	PROGRAMS	Open
LIBRARY	THERESA BAILEY	REFRESHMENTS	Open
ROOM MANAGEMENT	TOM/DIANA BIRGE		

***From the Editor:***

***I invite you all to continue 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, Newsletter 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!***



PBCH Members during the May 16 group ride at Riverside State Park.