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September 2020



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CALENDAR

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

September 1 – PBCH Membership Meeting @ Riverside State Park Equestrian Area

September 12 and 13- Riverside State Park Work Parties

September 19 and 20- Backup dates for work Parties

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

October 6- PBCH Membership Meeting

Note from Tom Birge, PBCH President:

Our September meeting is scheduled for September 1, at 6 pm, at the Riverside State Park Equestrian Center. We will be looking at all the projects that we have planned for later on in the month. It would be great to see everybody there so that we can see what is planned.

Thanks! Tom

Ponderosa Membership

By Ken Carmichael

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Ponderosa BCH is a relatively new chapter having been chartered in December 2015. We started with 20 members, and on this date there are 40 members.

We are proud of our growth and the many achievements of the chapter. Unfortunately, this year as we have expanded, we have also faced the Corona Virus. We are fortunate to have a strong newsletter and an email system we call Pon3. This helps us keep in touch.

However, there is nothing like face to face communication, especially when we have new members that are not familiar with others in the chapter or what we are doing. There are several opportunities for members to gather. We are holding chapter meetings with face masks, outside, social distancing and no food. We have had a couple of rides where we were separated. Now we are planning some fun work parties at Riverside State Park which you can read about in a separate article.

We encourage everyone to participate, especially the new members who we want to get to know. If you have questions about the chapter, please call. We do not want to lose track of anyone during these challenging times.

DATES to REMEMBER 2020

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October 31 - 19th Annual Winery Ride and Halloween Costume/Prize Ride @ Zillah

(find more events here: https://www.bchw.org/upcoming_events.php)

Riverside State Park Work Projects

By Ken Carmichael

Ponderosa BCH has accepted the challenge of updating the Riverside State Park Equestrian Area. This project is moving along with significant progress. The project is divided into three categories:

- Campground – additional corrals – research has been done and metal corrals have been ordered. We will pick them up in Lewiston in October.
- Arena – stain – We will use the same color and stain as is currently on it. A work party is scheduled for September 12 for scraping and power washing, then September 13 for staining. This will take our largest crew. Backup dates are September 19 and 20.
- Obstacle Course – maintenance and updating – an analysis of the obstacles has been done, a materials list has been created and efforts are made for donations of materials. The maintenance will be done on September 12 and the updating in the spring. We will be working with State Parks to ensure that all new obstacles meet their standards.

Fundraising for such a large undertaking is essential. The Riverside State Parks Foundation has committed funds. We are on “Go Fund Me” and have set up a PayPal account. We are spreading the word through social media, email databases and newspapers that we welcome support of all kinds. We are receiving commitments from several organizations and individuals. Tax deductible donations can be sent to Ponderosa BCH PO Box 1184 Airway Heights, WA 99001. Or, to use the PayPal account, go to www.pbchw.com.

We will keep chapter members updated on the status of work parties. We will be following Corona Virus guidelines as established by BCHW and approved by State Parks. If you have scrapers, paint brushes, rollers and/or roller pans dig them out. This will cut down on our expenses.

BCHW Legislative Chair

By Ken Carmichael

President Jason Ridlon has announced the appointment of **Mitzi Schindele** as the new BCHW Legislative Chair. She will be working closely with BCHW members, Washington State Legislature and United States Congress to further the interests of equestrians in Washington.

BCHW closely tracks legislation that affects equestrians. We can assist with new legislation and to comment on proposed legislation.

It is important that we support Mitzi by staying engaged in legislative activities and contacting our legislators when needed. She also needs our input on issues she is called on to address. Our advocacy for equestrians is one of the primary ways we keep trails open. While Mitzi takes the lead, she will need the support of all BCHW members.

Ponderosa BCH Legislative Chair is Doug Bailey. He is a good contact with local issues.

Reflections of Learning

By Linda White

I started with my first horse, a Morgan mare named Champagne Waltz aka Dancer, about 9 years ago. I'd never owned a horse before. My learning was with a young woman who was just starting out teaching riding lessons. Then I met a "trainer" and saw what he could do with a horse and was intrigued, wondering how do I do that? And so the quest for knowledge began.

I was very interested in horse packing and wanted to learn how to do that. I looked online for backcountry trips which proved to be quite costly. Then I found NOLS, the National Outdoor Leadership School, and they offered a back country horse packing course. I signed up and spent 14 wonderful days learning more about horses and packing.

Next I saw an advertisement from the Backcountry Horsemen for an informal Clinton Anderson seminar. I signed up and started learning his style of horse training. Then a certified Clinton Anderson clinician came and did a clinic. By this time my mare was sick with Cushings and I had purchased a Haflinger cross gelding, Scooter. The clinician informed me that Scooter "wasn't broke". I didn't really know what that meant and kept riding him. Well maybe he wasn't broke but he was able to break me, my hip specifically. So he went down the road.

Then I did a second clinic later that year with the same clinician and borrowed a friend's horse. I purchased the Clinton Anderson video package and learned much about his style of horse training. Still use some of those techniques today.

After hip replacement I bought a sweet Quarter horse gelding, One Fancy CD aka Sonny. I took lessons from a local trainer and a couple of one-day clinics and did some trail riding. I decided to look around for a clinic to attend that year and saw that Buck Brannaman was coming to Dayton. Watching Buck ride a horse is like a ballet, and I said to myself "I want to ride like that". I watched a colt starting clinic and rode Sonny in the 3 day Horsemanship class. Bought the Seven Clinics videos and watched them over the winter.

The next spring I was getting ready to ride Sonny on the John Wayne Cross State ride and we discovered that he had Atrial Fibrillation, an irregular heartbeat. Sonny became a pasture pal. Luckily the fall before I adopted a young mustang. Through the winter and spring I did ground work with Angus. Then I enrolled in an upcoming colt starting clinic with Buck. This was my second clinic with Buck. Due to my limited riding skills one of the assistants put the first rides on Angus. Since Sonny was sidelined and Angus went to the trainer I spent a summer of non-riding, horse activity. I went everyday for 3 weeks to observe the trainer work with Angus and audited two more of Buck's clinics.

I have learned a myriad of skills, both on the ground and in the saddle, that I can apply riding. I have also learned that while the techniques are sometimes different the basic movements are the same. Move the hips and shoulders. Go forward, back, stop, side pass, leg yield. Lower the head. Ride the gaits. What I think I have learned the most is that a horse is a special creature, loving and forgiving. I can't imagine a life without a horse in it.

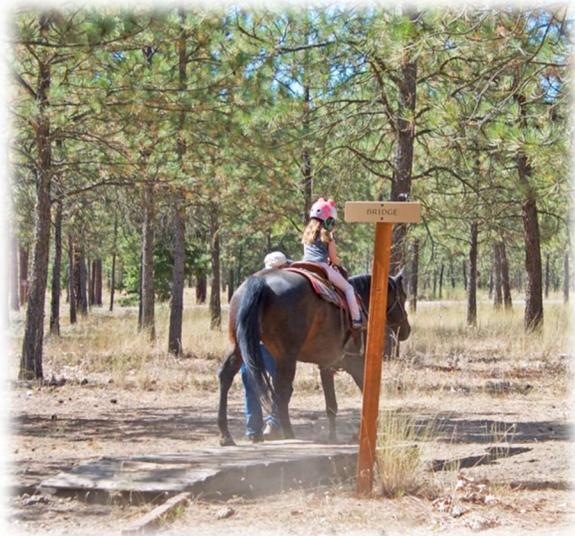
“Angus”



Family Outing at Riverside State Park Equestrian Area

By Cindy Miller

As mentioned in Ken Carmichael's article above, "Riverside State Park Projects," the Equestrian Area will soon be spruced up and repairs/replacements will begin this month (September). The obstacle bridge is in dire need of being replaced. My grandkids had a great time meandering through all the fun challenges last week. **Exciting news too** – more obstacles will be added in 2021, as funding is available. The Equestrian Area will be one of the hot spots at Riverside State Park for loads of fun with our horses. I can't wait to see what 2021 brings with all the work being done by the Ponderosa Chapter.



BOUNCE

By Ken Carmichael

I received the following ideas of how to use Bounce. For those of you that do not know, these are small sheets that you put in the dryer with your clothes to make them soft and fluffy. I do not know the original source of the ideas. I keep some Bounce in the horse trailer.

- Put a sheet of Bounce in your pockets to keep yellowjackets away.
- Chase ants away when you lay a sheet near them.
- It also repels mice.
- Keep mice from entering your vehicle by spreading sheets around the foundation areas, or in trailers, or cars that are sitting and it keeps.
- Take the odor out of books and photo albums that do not get opened too often.
- Repels mosquitoes. Tie a sheet of Bounce through a belt loop when outdoors during mosquito season.
- Eliminate static electricity from your television or computer screen.
- Wipe your television screen with a used sheet of Bounce to keep dust from resetting.
- Dissolve soap scum from shower doors.
- To freshen the air in your home – Place an individual sheet of Bounce in a drawer or hang in the closet.
- Put Bounce sheet in vacuum cleaner bag.
- Prevent thread from tangling. Run a threaded needle through a sheet of Bounce before beginning to sew
- Prevent musty suitcases. Place an individual sheet of Bounce inside empty luggage before storing.
- To freshen the air in your car, place a sheet of Bounce under the front seat.
- Clean baked on foods from a cooking pan by putting a sheet in a pan, fill the pan with water, let it sit overnight and sponge clean.
- Eliminate odors in wastebaskets by placing a sheet of Bounce at the bottom of the wastebasket.
- Collect cat hair by rubbing the area with a sheet.
- Eliminate static electricity from venetian blinds by wiping the blinds with a sheet.
- Wipe up sawdust from drilling or sand papering.
- Eliminate odors in dirty laundry by placing a sheet at the bottom of a laundry bag or hamper.
- Deodorize shoes or sneakers by placing a sheet in your shoes or sneakers overnight.
- Keep the bees away by putting a sheet in your back pocket.
- Keep a sleeping bag and tent fresh by putting sheet in them before folding and storing them.
- Wipe bugs off car easily after hosing down by wiping with a wet sheet.
- Keep mites or any other critters out of suitcase when traveling by putting a sheet in the suitcase.
- Run sheets up and down your bed linen before getting into bed when traveling to get critters already in your bed to run.



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!

Don't stop reading here, look below for all kinds of ways to help PBCH.

What are your skills?

I bet we can use them.

PONDEROSA BCH; OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES 2020

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

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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-GROUP SPACE ADMIN	KEN CARMICHAEL	FINANCIAL REVIEW	OPEN
	KEN CARMICHAEL	WORK PARTY LEADERS (short term)	OPEN
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GREETER/NAME TAGS	PATTI CARMICHAEL	PROGRAMS	Open
LIBRARY	THERESA BAILEY	REFRESHMENTS	Open
ROOM MANAGEMENT	TOM/DIANA BIRGE		