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CALENDAR

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May 27 to 31- Escure Ranch Campout

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Notes from the PBCH President

By Tom Birge

Welcome to our most recent new members:

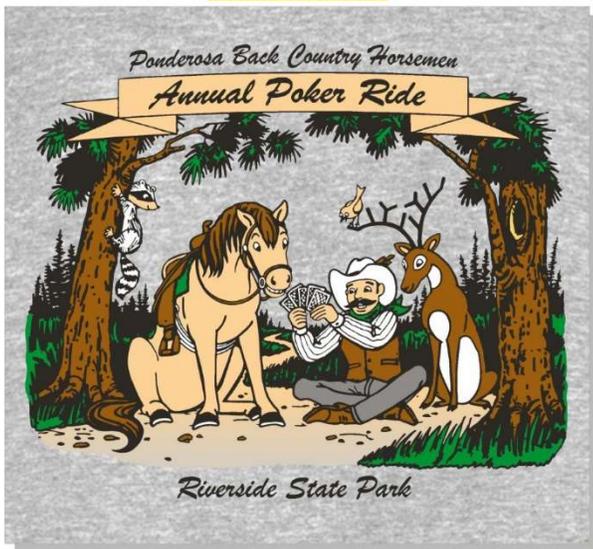
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and Holly Elliott

If you are interested in purchasing the Poker Ride T-shirt, please let me know by May 24.
I need to have my order in by May 25.

Hope to see you at our membership meeting, June 1, at 6pm, at the Equestrian Arena in Riverside State Park.

Thank you!

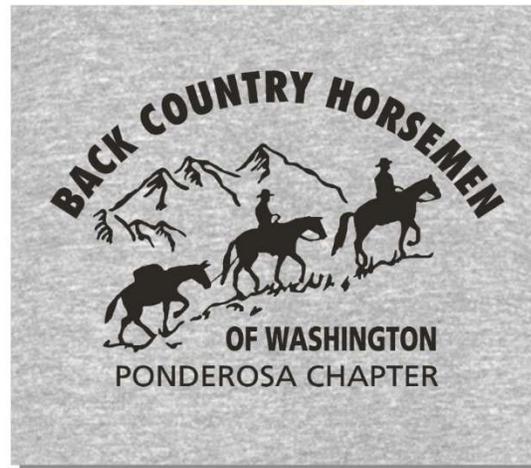
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PBCH New Officers

By Ken Carmichael

At the May membership meeting, several actions were taken.

First, we approved several amended Standing Rules. These were primarily basic changes to comply with our current practices and meet the requirements of new Back Country Horsemen of Washington rules and guidelines.

Second, we elected two new officers. With our bylaw changes in April we added the positions of Vice President and Alternate BCHW Director. **Carol Klar was elected Vice President** and **Larry Grinstead was elected Alternate BCHW Director**. These positions will perform important responsibilities as they help the President and Director perform their duties. Thank you for stepping forward and helping PBCH grow.

As noted in another article, Ponderosa BCH continues to grow and be more active in enjoying our trails and ensuring that we maintain access to our public lands. If you would like to know more about opportunities in PBCH please contact President Tom Birge or myself.

Thank you to everyone that participates.

PBCH New Members Since 2020

By Ken Carmichael

The Ponderosa BCH chapter continues to grow. We started in 2015 with 20 dedicated members and this week hit the 50-member mark. That is great. In fact, by the time this newsletter gets to you, I expect that our membership will be larger.

Because we were limited on our meeting schedule for most of 2020 and thus far this year we have not had the opportunity to meet all of our new members; they are listed below. We were happy to see 8 of them at our Escure Ranch work party in April.

Now that we are able to meet in person, outside, we hope to see more of these new members, and our more experienced members. The Ponderosa chapter has a lot going on and we want to include everyone.

Please make an effort to meet the newest people who have joined PBCH since 2020 which include:

Judy Babb
Bill Bennett
Mary Bennett
Sigrid Brannan
Sarah Dafler
Linda Daniels
Miina DeLara
Mellisa Donaldson
Holly Elliott
Tracy Gravelle
Larry Grinstead
Linda Grinstead
Selene Haeder
Corinne Helleson
Dayle Hosek
Chuck Lindquist
Keri Lindquist
De Lara Miina
Ed Odegaard
Brian Painter
Mereal Painter
Karen Skoog
Sheri Tresko
Heather Trautman
Doug Woodford
Margie Woodford
Steve Wright

Welcome to all!

Newsletter Theme: Front Country Camping

By Michelle Eames, Newsletter Editor

The June newsletter theme is “Tricks and Techniques for Front Country Camping”. My definition of front country camping is camping in a park or at a trailhead, and doing day rides from your basecamp. Several tips and articles on this and other topics follow. There is even a contribution by a world famous writer!

If you are new to horse camping, feel free to reach out to one of the members. We are all happy to mentor new campers and share our experiences.

Enjoy!

My Horse and Me Seminars

By Ken Carmichael

We have started our weekly seminars sponsored by Ponderosa BCH. The first week was on purchasing a horse. The second week was tack, grooming equipment and personal wear. Our guest speaker was Anita Utley from Will Rogers Saddlery. Our May 19 session will be on housing/stabling a horse.

Future classes include:

- Horse health
- Groups that can be of assistance
- Nutrition
- Shoeing
- Traveling with your horse

We encourage people just getting into horses to attend these seminars, but everyone is welcome.

They are each Wednesday night at 6:30 pm at the Riverside State Park equestrian arena.

This is an opportunity to encourage young, and just new people, to get into horses. As PBCH members we have the opportunity to help them go in the right direction and be successful horse owners.

Watch Facebook for the up-to-date schedule of classes or give me a call.

Please join us for a fun evening.

2021 PBCH Calendar

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June 11-13- Mountain Trail Clinic at Rendezvous Ranch

June Group Ride, host or planner needed.

June Obstacle Work Party???

June 30 to July 5- Statewide Work Party, Long Swamp Campground, Near Tonasket, WA.

July 6th – Membership meeting at RSP Arena, Poker Ride Rehearsal and Preview, possible Potluck

July 7, 14, 21, and 28- “Me and my Horse” presentations at RSP 6:30 PM and every Wednesday through the end of summer. See Ken Carmichael, for more information or questions.

July 10th-11th Open House/Poker ride @ Riverside State Park

July 31 – Volunteer Hours

August 3 - Membership meeting

August 4, 11, 18, and 25- “Me and my Horse” presentations at RSP 6:30 PM and every Wednesday through the end of summer. See Ken Carmichael, for more information or questions.

August 28 & 29- BCHW Leave no trace basic skills class, Teanaway Campground. See https://www.bchw.org/upcoming_events.php for more information.

August group ride, need a host or planner.

September 7, - Membership meeting

September 20, – Volunteer Hours preliminary hours

September 30, – Volunteer hours final report due

October 7-10- Escure Ranch Campout

October 5, - Membership meeting – Elections

October 30, – BCHW Wine Ride at Zillah

November 2, - Membership meeting

December 7, - Membership meeting

Other events can be found here: https://www.bchw.org/upcoming_events.php

Poker Ride

By Ken Carmichael

The Ponderosa BCH poker ride fundraising is **Sunday, July 11** at the Riverside State Park equestrian area.

It takes many volunteers to put on a quality event, so please volunteer to help. Past newsletters have described the many volunteer opportunities.

The July 6 membership meeting will be at the equestrian area where we will do a “dress rehearsal” of the event. Plan to attend the meeting so that you are well informed.

This is a fun event to put on and fun for the participants. Please let your friends and neighbors know about it. The flier is at the end of this newsletter and more information, including pre-registration is on the PBCH website www.pbchw.com. If you are on Facebook, please spread the word. We are in many publications including Horse Previews and the Spokesman Review special recreation section.

Please call me to volunteer or with your questions.

Education Update --- Carol Klar

We're looking forward to a **Fire Safety presentation** given by our Safety officer, Doug Frederick at our **June 1st** meeting. Doug spent many years as a wildlands firefighter, so has a great deal of real life experience to share with us. Be sure to attend, so you can be prepared for what is likely to be an active fire season.

The upcoming **Trail Obstacle Clinic** will be held **June 11-13** at Rendezvous Ranch, Cashmere, WA. This will be another excellent training program taught by licensed competition judge, Chris Jonason! Clinic sessions will be Sat-Sun from 9AM to 5PM. Participants are encouraged to arrive sometime on Friday. Directions and details will be mailed around June 1st to those registered. Enrollment is full.



This is being coordinated with Northeast Chapter. I'm working with Darrell Wallace on this, and should have a date for you soon.

As always, let me know if there are other topics/speakers you'd like for our meetings. Email me with your ideas. Cklar32@gmail.com. Thank you!

If you are a new member, and haven't joined the **Ponderosa Member's Only Facebook page**, please let me know. I'll be happy to see that you are included. Member-specific news is often posted there, in between newsletters.

E-Bikes

By Ken Carmichael

The following is an email from Kathy Young, BCHW Public Lands Committee Chair, concerning E-Bikes. If you ride soft trails in Washington, it is of interest.

I recently had an email from a member asking about BCHW's position on e-bikes. He was preparing for a meeting with the City of Richlands Parks Commission.

E-Bikes on trail is one of our most important topics this year, along with non-equestrian use of horse camps. The e-bike situation is playing out nationally and locally. It is important that we gather and share information and that we are familiar with the issues and challenges that arise when and if e-bikes are allowed on soft-surface trails. So I want to share my response to **Bill Bennett's** question with all of you.

BCHW does not have an official position paper on e-bikes.

HOWEVER We do continue to:

1. ask/insist that e-bikes are recognized as Motorized Vehicles.

We do not want motorized vehicles operating on designated non-motorized trails. That said this is developing into an uphill battle, but we have to keep that in the minds of the people making the decisions. e-bikes have a motor.

2. recognize that everyone should have a place to ride, play, walk, without pushing existing users off the trails. This will take some real work to accomplish, including looking at data.

3. Speed is a huge concern. I often frame this without using horses as an example. Say family with young children, kids running ahead on a trail that has poor sight lines. e-bikes and bikes at speed coming downhill could cause a bad incident. (It is my own opinion that horsemen who chose to ride 1000 pound flight animals can't use safety as a hammer to get the point across that all users need to have an awareness of the needs of other users.) Courtesy and knowledge is paramount.

4. Education and awareness of other users on trail, signage, etc. is critical. Personally I think the ebike manufacturers need to help with that too.

The technology is changing rapidly and in Washington state the category of bike is not immediately recognizable. How will enforcement be accomplished if Class 1 is allowed, but 2 is not, and 3 can go up to 28 mph? Montana is trying to pass a law that all e-bikes have a recognizable decal, label, something.

You will hear that these bikes will allow better accessibility for older people who are less mobile. True, and the bikes are fun. But it's absolutely not just older folks who are getting into this.

With the passage of ESSB 5452 (attached below) for state lands BCHW will be working with the group of interested and involved parties to help develop recommendations for DNR and WDFW to guide ebike use. State Parks was not named in the initial bill, but State Parks is interested in participating too.

It would be good to familiarize yourself with the language of this new legislation if you have not yet done so. It will help to frame your concerns and will show where the State is going on this. Lots of public input is required.

BCHA is also involved with International Mountain Biking Assoc. with other user groups to look at this issue; education, conflict resolution, all of the above.

At any meeting about e-bike use on trails you will probably want to ask what kind of data they are relying on to make any decisions on trail usage or designation. Where and when was that data collected.

The question is arising nationally about the effect that this use will have on RTP funding for non-motorized trails. RTP funds are designated for 30% motorized, 30% non-motorized and 40% other/mixed.

I would be more than happy to talk more about this with anyone, to hear your views and ideas,

Thank you,
Kathy Young

Trail Obstacle Course Update

Things are coming together nicely. Ziggy's gave us a good deal on materials and volunteers have been helping a lot with obstacle construction. On the evening of 5/17, a crew of 4 measured, cut and moved sections of a large tree over to the Obstacle Course for the Parallel-Log obstacle that will adjoin the Rock Weave. Other obstacles are being built offsite by industrious members. Thanks to everyone who has helped with this, and those who will be helping between now to the end of June, to finish the project.



We still need a round fence post 6" in diameter and about 5' long. Does anyone happen to have one lying around the barnyard from a fencing project? This is likely to be the length you would have if a post broke off above the ground. If so, please email me at cklar32@gmail.com

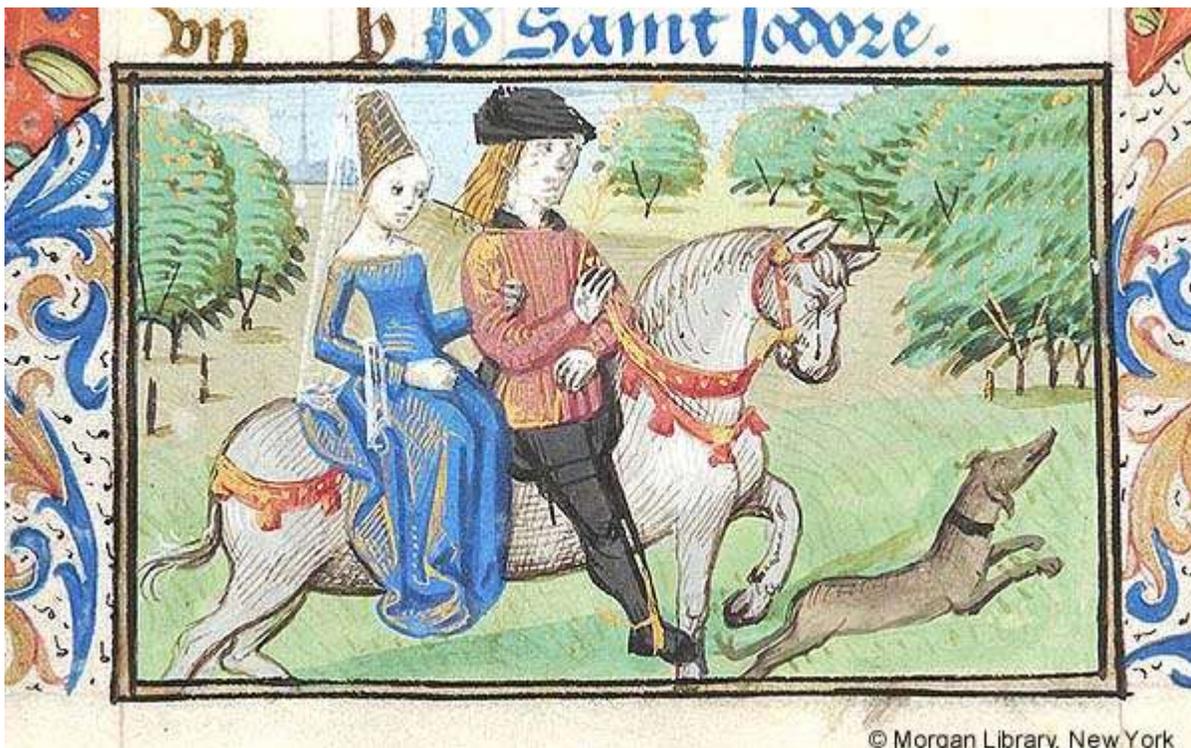
Thanks so much!

Carol Klar

The Horse 🐎

(by William Shakespeare)

**I will not change my horse with any that treads...
When I bestride him, I soar, I am a hawk,
He trots the air; the earth sings when he touches it.
"The barest horn of his hoof is more musical than
the pipe of Hermes...
He's of the color of the nutmeg and of the heat of
the ginger...
He is pure air and fire, and the dull elements
Of earth and water never appear in him,
But only in patient stillness his rider mounts him...
It is the prince of palfreys. His neigh is like
The bidding of a monarch, and his countenance
Enforces homage 🐎**



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<http://theshakespeareblog.com/2012/04/shakespeares-horses-nags-jades-and-steeds-or-wonders-of-nature/>

Front Country Camping Tips and Techniques

Here we go! Hints for hitting the road and bringing the horses to hit the trails. Following are pictures and articles that give you ideas on how to make front country camping comfortable and easy.

My friends and co-campers have many approaches to horse camping. They vary from really nice living quarter horse trailers, to motor homes pulling the trailer, to tents. It all works. I have done tent camping, too, with a small tent. I left the rain fly off, and watched stars all night and heard owls hooting and frogs croaking. It was the best no-sleep night I've had in a long time.

I have tried horse trailer camping, and I was cold in my metal open stock trailer. However, on our recent PBCH ladies' camping trip, I saw some unique approaches to horse trailer camping. One was to cover the whole trailer and side openings with a big tarp, to keep out wind and rain. Another clever option is to bring a small tent, and set it up inside the trailer. The tent is protected from the wind, and the tent adds an additional layer of insulation and protection from condensation inside the metal trailer. See Ken's article about another approach to horse trailer camping.

For a while we had a very primitive (no appliances) pop-up slide-in truck camper. We recently upgraded to a Palomino Pop-up camper. The bed is much more comfortable, and there is a HEATER!!! And a fridge and a sink. No toilet, though, so we still carry a bucket toilet in the trailer tack room for places that don't have facilities. Like Lakeview Ranch.



This is the Eames/Frederick Horse Camping Rig.

The Rice's horse camping rig is a goose neck trailer. It is not a true living quarters rig, but has been comfortably furnished to camp in. It's actually more roomy than my pop-up camper.



Carol Klar re-vamped a cargo van for her camping rig. It includes a bed, cupboards, a refrigerator, and even a small microwave for use when she has shore-power.



Cindy and Gary Miller camp with a Roadtrek RV - with heat, refrigerator, beds, microwave, toilet, shower, self-contained with generator, battery and inverter.

It can easily pull two horses, but drawback is low ground clearance creating limitations.



In the human food department, there are levels varying from eating only granola bars and jerky at all 3 meals, to gourmet camp dinners. While I aspire to be a gourmet camp cook, I actually fall into the grocery store deli-counter level of camp food: pre-made food, canned food, always some cookies, and always ALWAYS hot coffee in the morning. Lately my breakfasts have been yoghurt and granola. Hard-boiled eggs are easy, too. Lunch is typically summer sausage, cheese and crackers.

I found a link for “41 little known camping tricks that make life easier” (by Kalli Sarkin). I would normally provide the link here, but its actually one of those bothersome links with lots of ads and “click here for more”. So, I am blatantly copying the more useful tips here, with some additions by me. I’m sure you can find the original by googling the title, if you choose to.

- Travel coffee bags (the folgers kind that look like tea bags). Or make your own travel bags: scoop up some coffee grounds and place them into a coffee filter. Tie it up like a tea bag, and store it away. You can also find instant Espresso in a jar in the coffee section of your grocery store. If I’m not brewing my own, I use the instant espresso. Other friends use the Via packets from Starbucks.
- Foam floor tiles in your tent or horse trailer, for use as a mattress pad or a rug. These are the interlocking colorful foam tiles for a childs playroom.
- For a lantern, strap a headlamp to a gallon jug of water.
- DIY Tick Deterrent: Mix one part tea tree oil and two parts water into a spray bottle. Spray it onto your shoes, socks, and the ends of your pants.

- Toilet paper is not very easy to transport. It can get squashed, dampened, and ripped up. Keep your TP in tact by repurposing an old coffee can. Always carry TP, even if the campground has an outhouse or flush toilet. You don't want to be caught without.
- Store spices in empty tic tac boxes (also, if you need someone to eat the tic tacs first, I love them!)
- Create a mini first aid kit. It is a good idea to keep first aid supplies on hand. Use an old prescription bottle or an Altoids tin to keep necessities like bandages and gauze pads. If anything goes wrong, you'll be prepared.
- Freezer Bottles: keep your food cold and carry cool, refreshing water with you all in one hack. Freeze bottles of water and place them inside your ice chest. The frozen bottles will keep the other food refrigerated, and when they melt you will have plenty of cold water to drink. [Carol Klar does this in her van's electric refrigerator for when she doesn't have access to electricity. It holds the cold for several days.]
- Always bring a winter hat, even in the summer. If you get an unseasonably cold night, a hat on your head and wool socks on your feet can make all the difference.

Favorite Recipes for Horse Camping --- Carol Klar

When it comes to food, it would seem there are 2 basic kinds of campers.

- 1) **Traditional campers** who enjoy waking up to campfire coffee and the aroma of sizzling bacon followed by eggs! Then dinner is of course, nothing less than grilled steak. Ahhhh... This is perhaps the essence of true camping. Be sure to remember your cast iron skillet!



- 2) **Easy Campers** are those folks who like to bring tasty food that is prepared fresh beforehand, so cooking and clean-up at the campsite is mostly avoided. Dinner is ready to eat when riders return; no need to find extra energy to cook. **One of my favorite spring-summer camping dinners** is a hearty pasta salad which includes lots of fresh/colorful veggies, one or multiple protein sources like grilled chicken, sausage, bacon bits, pepperoni, salami, garbanzo beans, etc., along with a very tasty dressing; Italian or Greek dressing tastes great and keeps well. As long as ingredients are fresh and tasty, you can combine things in almost any way and create a delicious meal. Start with 8-12 ounces of your favorite pasta, cook it, cool it, and then combine it with all the other goodies. This keeps well and is very satisfying. OK, what it lacks in tradition it makes up for in convenience and enjoyment. **In fall**, I revise this a bit and typically bring a favorite hearty soup or stew, then heat it up at the campsite for an easy-hot meal. If time permits, soup/stew can be frozen at home for easy keeping in your camping cooler.

Other food tips for day rides: I like to keep snack bars and water in my saddle bags. Some folks keep other beverages, but that's for another discussion. Remember that opening carbonated beverages while mounted can create unplanned dismounts for you and/or others around you.

Some bars that I regularly carry are:

- Lara Bars (cherry pie is my favorite)
- Fig bars (Costco has the ginormous pack, individually wrapped in assorted flavors... yum!)
- Kind Bars (oh so many yummy choices!)
- Pure Protein bars (chocolate of course)
- Protein One bars (these are good if you are watching calories)
- Nature Valley Honey-Oat granola bars (for you and your horse)

These will all keep decently in the saddle bag and don't take up much room. Bars with a substantial protein content help keep you from feeling hungry while riding. Another perfect food for your saddlebag is a PB&J sandwich or PB and whatever. Who cares if it gets a little bit squished? Jerky travels well too, as long as you have plenty of water along to offset the salt. Happy munching!

Trailhead Camping

By Ken Carmichael

First off, I would say trailhead camping is easy, and fun. It really expands the areas that you can ride. In addition, it does not take a large investment. This is how Patti and I do it.

We have a 3 horse, bumper pull trailer. When we get to camp we clean out the back of the trailer and sleep there. This is made easier by making sure that we keep the trailer clean. We put down a blue tarp, a hide a bed mattress (I used to use an air mattress) and sheets. There is lots of room for duffle bags, chair and TV tray. We have magnetic lights and a Buddy heater, which we rarely use. It is very comfortable.

We back the truck up to the back of the trailer. We have drawers like a chuck wagon at the back of the truck and Patti cooks on the tailgate. Added amenities are the canopy, folding table and chairs.

For the horses we look for corrals first, then being able to highline. If that fails, we use the portable electric fence. I do not like to tie horses to the trailer overnight because if they paw they can damage the trailer. This is more likely if they are on opposite sides of the trailer. If you are in the trailer you will notice it. For all horse containment I suggest training the horses at home first. Horses can be very comfortable on a good highline. One thing that is never done is tie a horse directly to a tree for an extended period of time. This will damage the tree.

We carry 19 gallons of water in the trailer tank plus 20 gallons in cans and 3 gallons is a can with spout. We have the ability to haul 24 more gallons if we know we will need it for the horses. Depending on the number of horses with us we have alternatives for hauling hay. If two horses we can put four bales of hay in the third stall. If 3 horses, we can put one bale there. CAUTION. I tie the bales to the outside of the trailer because I do not want them sliding around. Some people do put them in the front stall. We also have a hay rack where we can haul 3 bales.

We go for the riding and not the cooking, so Patti keeps it really simple. Cold chicken, potato salad, fresh fruit, and sandwiches and snacks for on the trail. Patti does some cooking ahead of time so we have one pot meals. We can have hot oatmeal in the morning with coffee, coco and fruit. The key for us is to keep it simple and enjoy the ride.

Many places, especially later in the year do not allow open fires. We have a propane fireplace that we enjoy sitting around. We have sun showers that are nice after a couple of days.

If you have questions about camping, please ask another PBCH member. We all do it differently and are willing to help.

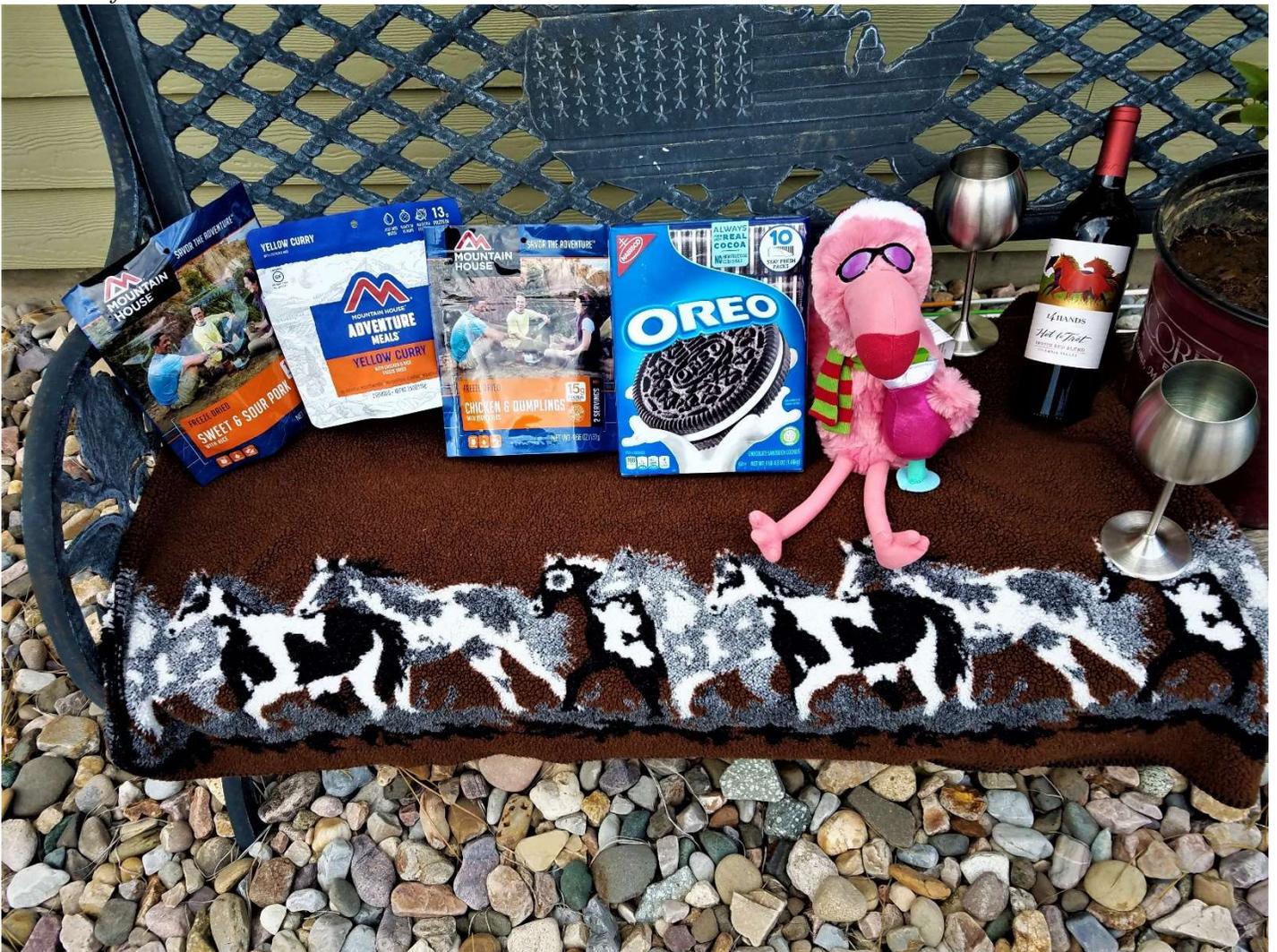
What to Pack

By Louise Walton

When packing our living quarters (LQ) trailer, we just make sure we have plenty of water for us and two horses. That's two 40 gallon tanks regardless of the length of stay. We also have five recycled one gallon juice jugs with our own well water (fussy water drinkers). Then there is the tank in the depths of the LQ. We have all sorts of staples like crackers, Quaker instant oat meal, peanut butter, honey, hot chocolate, graham crackers, canned tuna, beans, Top Ramen, etc. with us at all times.

The most important items are the main meals. Mountain House! That's all! Our favorites are chicken and dumplings, yellow curry and sweet and sour pork. For breakfast it's granola with blue berries. Occasionally we will pack six eggs. When you fix three meals a day every day when at home – it's Mountain House for us! Boil water, mix and wait less than 10 minutes. Breakfast, lunch or dinner of champions! Delicious with a glass of red wine! Enjoy.

Editors Note: I see that Louise has displayed all necessary things: easy food, cookies, wine, and even real wine glasses. Plus a camping mascot! This could rise to the esteemed level of "Glamping". Although I note the lack of visible COFFEE!



Additional Hints from Observing Other's Camping Approaches

By Michelle Eames

What to do with your horse when camping:

- Use corrals at campground.
- Hi-Tie from trailer (see photo from thedistancedepot.com)
- Highline
- Bring electric corral (see November 2020 newsletter for instructions on electric corrals and high line information; <http://pbchw.com/newsletters/>)
- Tie directly to trailer [caution, some horses have been injured on sharp fender metal. Make a plywood piece that fits inside fender. This also protects hubs from a pawing horse].



How to Carry Horse Water:

- Some campgrounds are dry, some have livestock water, some have creeks, and some have potable human-safe water.
- Some horses prefer their home water, so bring some at least for the first day and for travelling.
- Purchase Water tanks/jugs from camping store (I have 3 large tanks with spouts ~ 20 gallons total)
- Triangular water tanks that fit in trailer corner (for example pictured High Country Slant Upright Water Caddy @ statelinetack.com).
- Buckets. To keep from spilling, put large garbage bag in bucket. Fill with water. Tie off the top of garbage bag. This allows water movement, without sloshing over.



How to carry Hay:

- Bale Bags from horse supply stores (some have wheels)
- Garbage Bags
- Re-used feed bags
- Rubbermaid tubs
- Remember to bring hay nets for horse at campsite
- Remember most federal lands require certified weed free hay. This can be found at feed stores. Also check with Louise Walton for a local PBCH member source.

Being Prepared

By Ken Carmichael

Along with knowing how we want to Trailhead Camp we need to also be prepared on the trail. The Spokesman Review, May 13, had a very good article on “Be the Leader of the Pack, Experts weigh in on what to include in your first aid kit this summer”. It made lots of sense.

Way too often I see people riding without providing for the bare essentials of first aid or survival. Things can happen, people and horses can be hurt or sick, and day trips can turn into overnight trips.

Are we prepared to deal with situations? There are many lists published on what to carry with you. One criteria is what are you comfortable using? I have a combination first aid and survival kit in my saddlebags all the time, additional material if I am packing in and additional supplies in the trailer.

I go by a rule of four:

You need to know:

- First aid
- Protection from the elements (survival)
- Food and water
- How to get home

For each of these things you need to know:

- What to do
- How to do it
- Have the equipment to do it
- Be willing to do it

4X4 is 16 things. Then double that to 32 because you have to take care of the horse as well.

Yesterday when I rode I let the horses graze down by the river, they like that. Patti and I are going into snake country in May. Just for laughs, I read up on snake bites while the horses grazed. Made good use of my time.

Like I said, not everyone will do it the same, but everyone should do something. I have been in the situation where everyone threw in their vet wrap to get a horse home.

Think about it, what are you carrying or should carry? We have a group that can share ideas. It is part of the benefits of belonging to BCH.

BCHW New Leaders

By Ken Carmichael

BCHW continues the search for new leaders at the state level. Several of our leaders are retiring after many years of service and we need to replace them.

This search extends into the chapters and even individuals outside of BCHW. If you know of someone that may be interested in one of these positions, please contact me. We can provide more information including job descriptions. Working at the state level is very rewarding, and interesting. Much of our success as an organization is because of the leadership and activities by BCHW.

The State-level positions that are open include:

- President

- Vice President

- Secretary

- Treasurer

- Independent Director

- BCHA Director

- BCHA Alternate Director

BCHW Reorganization

By Ken Carmichael

This is a subject that has received more attention lately, although not a new subject. BCHW is a large organization, with 31 chapters that has changed over the years since originally formed in about 1986. Our legal status has changed, chapters have come and gone, and we must be aware of and follow many government regulations, including accounting.

This is not a question of changing our mission. It is a thorough analysis of how we operate. Currently we have 31 chapters, plus independent members, the board has 31 members, there are 19 state committees and a decentralized accounting system.

I believe that BCHW and the chapters perform essential services to the accomplishment of our mission and with any change we must be aware of the affects on these entities.

Two separate tracks are being followed. One will directly affect the accounting, while the other will concentrate on the organizational structure of BCHW and the chapters. It may involve changing the configuration of the BCHW board to Regional Representation of the chapters.

Whatever the change we will have a voice in it. As a Director it is my job to thoroughly review options, provide input and make decisions. I appreciate the input that I can receive from chapter members.

We had (or will have, depending on when the newsletter goes out) a special PBCH membership meeting to discuss this issue on May 20. I hope that you have attended. If not, or if you just want to express more thoughts, please contact me, or we can discuss it further at the June meeting.

Extensive discussion will take place at the June 19 BCHW board meeting.

Thank you for your input.

Giraffes

By Ken Carmichael

I heard a BLANK of giraffes go by. There were more than I could count.

If it were lions, you would say Pride. If it were buffalo, you would say Herd. If it were geese you would say Flock. But what do you say if it is giraffes?

Ken had planned to answer this at the May meeting, but it didn't happen. Now come to the June 1 meeting to get the answer!





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.

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RAFFLES ! CASH PRIZES!

what

Poker Ride: Stop at each station to try for a card you need in your hand!
PLUS! Raffle

where

Riverside State Park Equestrian Area
3402 N Equestrian Lane
Spokane WA
Discover Pass or Camping Permit is Required

when

Sunday, July 11, 2021

Raffle

8 am to 11:00 am

Riders Out

9 am to 11:00 am

Ride length is approximately 2-1/2 Hours

FAMILY EVENT! Kids 17 & under FREE!

cost

Pre-Registration mailed by JULY 2

\$20 per rider 18+

Register at Event:

\$25 per rider 18+

Equestrian camping – 20 sites

Reservations at:

www.parks.state.wa.us/223/reservations

OR phone 888-226-7688 and select
Riverside State Park Equestrian Area

special notes

PURCHASE EXTRA POKER HANDS

\$5 each-additional chances to win!
CASH PRIZES for High, 2nd Best & Loball
Kids cannot win at poker

RAFFLE TICKETS

On site near the raffle items
18+ years old only

Riverside State Park Trail Maps and Poker Ride T-Shirts available for purchase!

Credit/Debit available on site; Cash/Check preferred

Safety rules

- One rider per horse
- Ride at a safe distance
- No stallions please
- No dogs please
- No running horses
- No littering please
- No alcohol on trails
- Be courteous
- Minors must be with an adult
- All riders must sign a liability release

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The trail is well defined over relatively level but rocky ground and varies in difficulty. Some experience is required.

EXTRA FUN!

Arrive a day early on Saturday, July 10 and enjoy our Ponderosa Open House and the unveiling of the new features in the Equestrian Trail Obstacle Course! Assistants will be on hand to introduce the obstacle features and help you and your horse navigate the course. More details provided on a separate flyer available at www.pbchw.com.