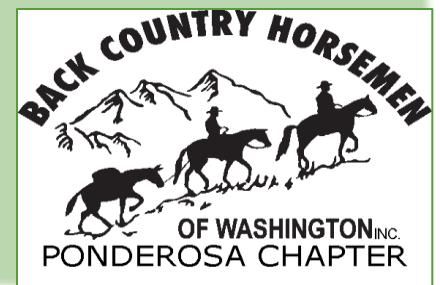


PONDEROSA

Back Country Horsemen of Washington

"Keeping Washington Trails Open"

August 2017



CALENDAR

Membership Meeting

August 1, 2017
INB Bank, Airway Heights
6:30 pm
Program: "How to Set up Camp"

Membership Meeting

September 5, 2017
INB Bank, Airway Heights
6:30 pm
2016 BCH Accomplishments Video

Scavenger Hunt Rehearsal And Potluck

September 26, 2017
6:00 pm
Riverside Equestrian Area

September 30, 2017 Scavenger Hunt

Riverside State Park

STAY COOL !



CHAPTER ELECTIONS

In September, Ponderosa will be nominating members to run for office for 2018. We are looking to fill all four of our positions, President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director.

As you know, our chapter has grown tremendously this past year, and we are now one of the largest chapters in the state. Not bad for only coming on 2 years old! However, growth means responsibility. In order to meet these responsibilities, it is going to take a commitment from each one of us in 2018. There is so much opportunity to make a difference in our community and beyond and it's going to take all of us.

During the next 30 days, please take some time to do some soul searching. Ask yourself, "What difference do YOU want to make?" "What do YOU have to offer?" "What is going to be YOUR legacy? "

September is just around the corner and the Chapter is going to need responsible, committed leaders in 2018. Give some serious thought to what you can do to help Ponderosa reach new heights in 2018.

Scavenger Hunt Fundraiser

By Ken Carmichael

We are another month closer to the Scavenger Hunt on **Saturday, September 30**. It is time for everyone to be on board as a volunteer.

As we did last year we will have a dress rehearsal on Tuesday evening, September 26 at 6:00 PM at the park. This gives everyone a chance to learn how the event will go ahead of the participants being here. This is important for a smoothly run event. We can make it a potluck and have some fun as well.

There are many great opportunities to participate. No specific skills are needed. Several of our volunteers will be friends, family (spouses) of members who just want to participate. If you are not sure what you want to do just give me a call and we can talk about it.

Here are some of the things that take place that you can volunteer to do. Because of the timing several people volunteer for more than one activity.

Parking – direct people in and help them get parked

Registration – register participants, provide material and answer questions

PBCH booth – provide information about BCH, receive Scavenger Hunt bags from participants

Prizes – door prizes, raffle items – monitor prizes and sell tickets

Crazy Hat contest – assist in taking pictures to determine winners

Chili lunch – help serve

Counting and calculating the winners of the Scavenger Hunt – count tickets from participants

Outriders on trail **on horseback** – monitor trail to help participants

General help – there are 101 small details that always need to be taken care of

The Scavenger Hunt is lots of fun, is a great fundraiser and gets our name out to the public. It is important that we put on a quality event. Please come join the fun. Call me today.

Hay Haulers Needed

By Ken Carmichael

I am looking for approximately two strong men to haul and stack about 8 tons of hay. It will be done in October. If you know of anyone that would be interested please have them contact me at 509-466-2225

Participation in BCH

By Ken Carmichael

The chapter is approaching its two year anniversary on December 5, 2017. Since its formation the chapter has grown by leaps and bounds. But with this growth we also have additional activities and responsibilities requiring more active participants. A few individuals have been carrying the load and we need to include more members.

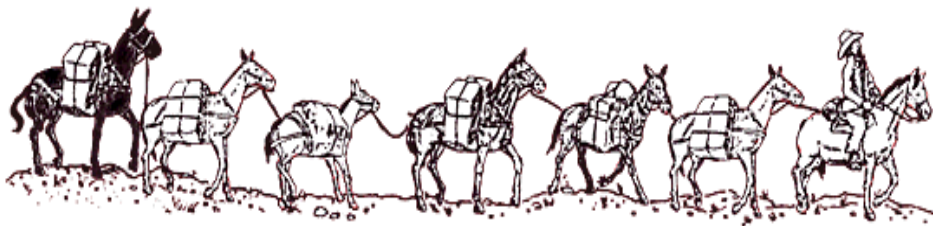
It is only August but it is time for everyone to be thinking about how we will be participating and supporting Ponderosa BCH in 2018. Elections are in October and we will be voting on the offices of President, State Director, Secretary and Treasurer.

But it goes much further than this. There are 48 volunteer opportunities in the chapter, all of which support our mission. When we formed the chapter we agreed that we wanted everyone to participate. That means that everyone looks at ways they can contribute to the organization and selects something that they want to do. Some opportunities are year around while others are shorter term. Whatever the case those that participate in an organization will be the ones that enjoy it the most.

Some members have now been in the chapter for several months and have had the opportunity to learn about PBCH. As we start the new year we want everyone participating in some fashion.

Volunteer opportunities are shown on the Ponderosa website under FORMS www.pbchw.com and I am attaching them to this newsletter.

How can we help you become more involved in PBCH?



Educational Opportunities And Other Activities in B.C.H.

By Don Dyer

I have not been around very much lately so many of you do not know me. I have had many years of experience as a packer, some experience as a ranch cowboy, lots of years as a trail rider, training horses, farrier and all-around horseman.

Due to age and injuries I have had to quit riding. However, I still maintain a membership in BCH because I care about the future of our chapter and the future use of our trail systems.

As a fifteen-year member of BCH, one of the things I have noticed is that many members fail to take advantage of all BCH has to offer, and the way you can advance yourself as a horseman. You may not see a personal need for some of the education offered, and in fact, you may never use it. But the day may come when

some emergency may arise that you find you will fall back on some of the training you have received, if not for yourself but for someone else. Especially if you ride with a group.

For example, as a personal preference, I always carried a variety of colic medicine with me. I did this for about ten or twelve years. I never once in all those years had to use it on one of my horses, but was able to help numerous friends over the years. My knowledge of repairing lead ropes came in handy on several occasions not only for myself but others.

At the meeting, last month and in last month's newsletter Patti included a list of educational topics for the chapter's consideration. As of the meeting last month she had had no response. I urge everyone to take advantage of any opportunity to advance yourself and your knowledge of the animal you are taking into the backcountry. Remember you are responsible for two lives, yours and the horse(s).

THANK YOU

*"The strength of the team
is each individual member.
The strength of each
member is the team"*

Phil Jackson

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