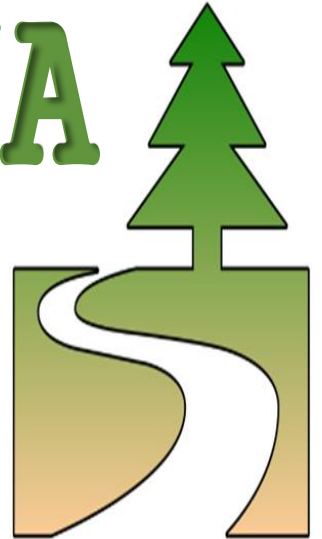




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BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON

Preserving Trails and Providing Solutions

August 2018

Calendar

August 7
Membership Meeting
INB Bank
Airway Heights
6:30 pm

August 17
Chapter Ride & Potluck
Dee Dee Denison's House
Garfield Road
6:30 pm

September 4
Membership Meeting
INB Bank
Airway Heights
6:30 pm

September 8-9
Work Party & Camp Out
Lakeview

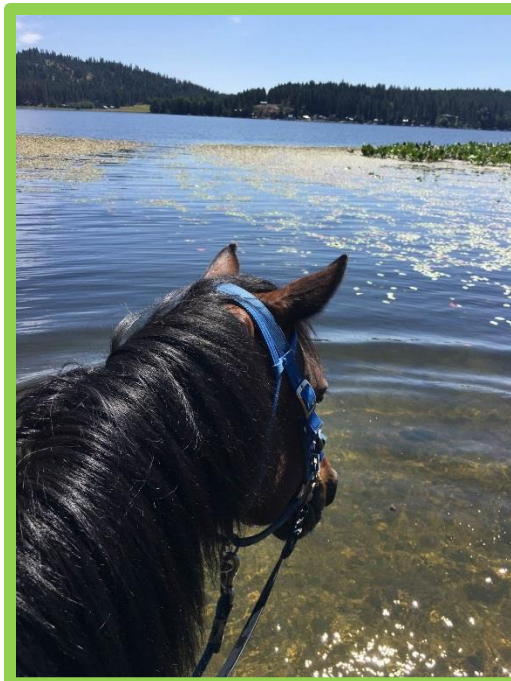
September 15
BCHW Board Meeting
Ellensburg

September 14-16
Leave No Trace Basic Skills Class
Arlington, WA

September 25
Scavenger Hunt Rehearsal
6:00 @ Riverside Arena

September 29
Scavenger Hunt
Riverside Arena

October 6-7
Ride & Camp Out @ Escure



STAY COOL !

By Carol Klar

The heat wave occupying Spokane has made us think of creative ways to keep ourselves and our horses from being overheated.

One of my long-time favorites is to take my horse swimming! One of the easier places to do this around Spokane County is at Newman Lake, entering through McKenzie Conservation Area. The drive up to the parking area on West Newman Lake Road is a bit hairy, but once there, the short trail to the lake is an easy ride.

Horses seem to enjoy this water spot, and no parking pass is required. At left, Copy and Vali enjoy the lake, and riders Carol Klar and Michelle Eames enjoy the refreshing shower that Vali provided. The lovely views were just a bonus.

Letter from the Editor

Dear Members,

Hope all of you have been enjoying your summer! Our BCHW chapter is approaching a busy time. We have our Scavenger Hunt in September. This is our largest function and our only fund raising event. We need every able bodied member to volunteer; it takes us all working together for a successful event.

Another very exciting event coming up is a Leave No Trace Basic Skills class! Cascade chapter in Arlington, WA is hosting the event scheduled for September 14-16 at Pilchuk Tree Farm. BCHW hasn't offered this training for a couple of years. LNT is a cornerstone of BCH and one of the reasons why we exist. If you are new to BCHW, or would like to learn more about Leave No Trace, I highly recommend that you consider this class. Ken and I participated three years ago and we had a blast!

We have a work party/campout scheduled for September 8-9 at Lakeview. Since the grant is now approved, we will begin work tearing out the existing corrals. Doug Bailey will lead this effort and will also serve up some great Dutch Oven cooking! Come and participate, bring your horse and plan to spend the weekend. After the work, we'll enjoy a trail ride!

Happy Trails!

Patti Sander, Editor



Scavenger Hunt

By Ken Carmichael

The scavenger hunt is quickly approaching. Saturday, September 29th will be here soon.

Right now Linda White continues to gather in fantastic prizes for the winners of the scavenger hunt, door prizes and raffles. Tom Birge is making every effort to get the word out on as many riding websites and Facebook accounts as possible. This is something that we need lots of help on. Please put this link on your Facebook and get your friends to do it as well. <http://pbchw.com/events/#Scavenger>.

It is very important that we have lots of volunteers on September 29th. The major thing that makes the event a success is that we have people there to help the participants and have the event run smoothly. Please contact me to volunteer so that we know that we have all the positions covered.

Another way that we insure that the event runs smoothly is that we have a dress rehearsal on Tuesday, September 25th. This will be an evening meeting (potluck) at the equestrian area. We want everyone fully informed about what will happen and it is not possible to do this training and answering questions the day of the event.

If you have questions please contact me.



COMING SOON!
PONDEROSA CHAPTER STORE!

Backcountry Horsemen of Washington has many items available for purchase.

Hats, bandanas, travel mugs, coffee cups, shirts, belt buckles just to name a few. You can view all items on the BCHW website at www.bchw.com just go down the side menu to BCHW stores. These items would be great for personal use or as gifts to friends and family. They are great for starting conversations for what we are and what we do.

They are only available at certain times for pickup.

Ken will be going to the state board meeting in September so any items that you would be interested in can be picked up at that time.

If it is a clothing item, Lori Lennox will check her stock and see if it is available and if not she can order the items.

Items will also be available at the Winery ride in October in Zillah.

If you wish to purchase items let us know and we will get the items on order. Make payment to BCHW and Ken will take payment for the purchased items to the state board meeting.

We would also like to stock some items for purchase by our members. If there is anything you would be interested in and think we should stock let us know.

I am also interested if members would be interested in t-shirts for the Scavenger hunt to identify the volunteers. These would be purchased by each individual not the chapter.

Thank you

Tom & Diana Birge

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Work Parties

By Ken Carmichael

The last month has been a time for organizing future work parties. We have a lot on the plate.

You may have heard that the RTP grant for our Lakeview ranch corral building project has come through. Now we can work. We will start on the weekend of September 8 and 9 to tear down part of the existing corral. For this event we will have a campout for those that want to spend the weekend. We will be working hard but at the end of the day if you want to ride then bring your horses. It will be the type of work where everyone can participate. More details to come.

On July 18th Doug Bailey and I rode for two hours to locate and mark a trail for the tractor to get into our next barbwire project. The tractor and wire roller worked so well for the last work party we really wanted to use it again. We feel comfortable now that we can get the tractor into the barbwire site. We had 15 volunteers at the last barbwire pull and it would be great to have a big party for the next one. This will take place on Sunday, September 16th. More details to come.

LEAVE NO TRACE

Basic Skills Class Scheduled for September

BCHW has a long tradition of educating members and the public at our Leave No Trace Basic Skills Classes. Many of these classes were funded with the help of RTP Grants. The past classes demonstrated to hundreds of people how to enjoy their outdoor adventures to the fullest while using minimum impact techniques for humans and stock.

Missing the last few years, we are excited to be offering another Skills Class at Pilchuck Tree Farm, Arlington WA, on September 14, 15, 16, 2018, hosted by Cascade Horse Club. This is the perfect opportunity for new members to start learning about Leave No Trace practices and for established members to hone their gentle land use strategies.

Join us Friday evening for a potluck dinner. Classes start after a provided breakfast on Saturday followed by classroom education with a break for lunch and more informative hands on classes, dinner and campfire activities.

Early Sunday starts with breakfast and follow up information.

Dry camping is available, horses are welcome but there will be minimum riding time with the exception of Sunday afternoon. Pilchuck Tree Farm will ask for a \$2.00 donation used for trail maintenance.

Most BCHW Chapters will help members cover the \$50.00 class fee that covers printed material and 5 meals.

For registration info contact:

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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.

Patti Sander, Editor

P.S. Please send me photos of you and your equine buddy so I can highlight you in our newsletter!

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