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HOOFBEATS

FEBRUARY 2013

Have you renewed your membership?

Dues for 2013 are now overdue! If you've not sent them in you will be cut off from emails and the newsletter (yes I know you can go to the web site) See the membership form towards the back of this newsletter. Make any checks out to Capitol Riders. Remember that it is state and chapter both.

The New Years Day ride was a blast for all attending. A very good turnout. Weather was dry but a bit chilly. The wind blew the wrong direction a few times and the smell of rotting salmon in the creek made it briefly unpleasant.

The Map/Compass/GPS class went off without a hitch. We can continue if folks are willing. The potluck was very enjoyable.

With the 2013 Rendezvous coming in March I have included a registration form towards the back of this newsletter. Register now for the fun.

Brian Stafki from Thurston County Solid Waste gave an informative talk at the meeting. As you all have to buy hay bales and they come with a plastic twine holding the bale together, you can recycle that twine as well as your plastic feed bags. See Page 2 for more information.

With 2013 upon us, please help the ride committee out by coming up with both day ride and camp out location ideas. If you need help take a look at both the horse camps and maps on the chapter web site.

Legislative Day is Monday, January 28th starting at 9 am. Please check in on the 2nd floor of the Legislative building, Lt. Governor's office. Activities will be going on up on the 3rd floor with information tables set up (volunteers needed for 2 hour shifts.) BCHW will have an LNT display in the parking lot

Next meeting February 5th 7 pm
Karen (Coffee), Carrie (Treats)

and other recreation users will be on hand as well as recreation equipment suppliers such as REI (they are not selling anything).

Make an appointment with your legislators now!

April 13th is the Great Gravel Haul in the Capitol Forest. Meet at 9 am at the Margaret McKenny campground off Waddell Creek Road. Don't worry if you don't have a Discover Pass. A day pass is available for volunteers. Work will consist of hauling and spreading gravel on the new winter equine loop trail and general cleanup of the campground itself.

Carrie Russell will give a talk about her and Barry's one month long trip to Arizona at the upcoming meeting. Come to the meeting and learn all about it.

BCHW is looking for photos for the calendar. It does not matter when they were taken.

BCHW CALENDARS.... by Vicki Clark: The BCHW Calendar committee is in need of your pictures....we are looking for a wide variety of categories and are in special need of work party and winter scene pictures. I have created a new e-mail account for digital submissions: bchw.calendarpictures@gmail.com (without the hyphen)

The submission date deadline for the 2014 calendar is March 1st, 2013. We are accepting submission all year long and have created an archive for all pictures received in order to use them at a later date.

The resolution of the pictures should be high and a minimum of 300 x 400 pixels for the small pictures can be used but 600 x 600 pixels is much better. Always choose the high resolution selection when e-mailing any submissions. Please check your camera settings to make sure that your resolution is not set on thumbnail or

Events - partial for 2013

January

28 - BCHW Legislative Day, State Capitol Legislative Building 2nd floor, 9 am
31 - DNR User meeting 6 pm, 88th Ave Tumwater

February

5 - General meeting, Littlerock firehall 7 pm
15-17 - LNT at Washington State Horse Expo, Jane Byram LNT @ bchw.org
20 - National Hug an Equestrian Day
23 - Mossyrock Mountain Man Ride 9am \$15

March

5 - General meeting, Littlerock firehall 7 pm
15 - BCHW Directors Meeting - Ellensburg
16 - BCHW General Meeting - Ellensburg
15-17 - BCHW Rendezvous - Ellensburg
15-17 - LNT at Rendezvous, Jane Byram LNT @ bchw.org
28 - DNR User meeting 6 pm, 801 88th Ave Tumwater

Thurston County "Talkin' Trash" Fall/Winter 2010:

Farm Plastics

Along with fresh produce, the use of plastic is growing on our local farmlands. More farmers are choosing to use plastic film instead of natural materials for agricultural operations. Until recently, farmers have had to treat these agricultural plastics as garbage; however, a pilot program by the Thurston Conservation District is providing free recycling to keep hay twine and straps, haylage wrappers, and woven polypropylene sacks (such as fertilizer, feed and seed bags) from ending up in a landfill. The pilot program is a joint effort with D&C Distributing out of Ellensburg.

Nearby recycling sites include:

Del's Feed & Farm Supply – Olympia (Old Highway 99)

Del's Feed & Farm Supply – Yelm (Highway 507)

Del's Feed & Farm Supply – Chehalis (Bins will be available soon at the Kresky Avenue store.)

Yelm Farm & Pet – Yelm (Bald Hills Road)

D&C Distributing picks up the plastics once a month. There is no charge for the bins or for pickup of the plastics. If you're interested in having a bin at your own location – either for personal use or as a service for others – please call the Thurston Conservation District at 360-754-3588.

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e-mail settings.

Submitting pictures implies a release of the copyright to those photos submitted. Please make sure that you have permission from the person who took the picture that you are submitting if it is not your own. Chapters frequently make a disk of chapter pictures to use for slide shows and we would love to receive a copy of those pictures. You can send digital pictures or hard copies which can be scanned, a 4x6 picture is large enough to use for the large picture after it has been scanned in at a high resolution.

Please send information with each picture which includes where the picture was taken, a short description of the event and who took the picture. Submission do not have to be new pictures but can be from any year.

Please mail submissions to:

Vicki Clark
211516 East Cochran Road
Kennewick, WA 99337

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at hrrleerydr@gmail.com or call (509) 551-0551

BCHW is also looking for your recipes. WE NEED RECIPES! We are putting together a Back Country Horsemen of Washington Cookbook for a state fundraiser. We are requesting ALL chapters AND/OR members to send in your very best recipes! All of the recipes will be for camping (front country or backcountry) or potlucking events. It can also include dishes that you prepare ahead of time and put in the ice chest/refrigerator until the potluck. Meals you cook over the fire or your camp stove. Dutch oven cooking recipes, breakfasts, lunches, dinners, you name it! We need your favorite recipes! Your name, chapter or independent member, will be credited in the cookbook. Please submit your recipes now!

We also would encourage creative names for your recipes ^ (i.e. After the Workparty Stew, Alpine Lake's Over the Top Apple Dessert) Use your imagination! We want this cookbook to be useful and fun for BCHers ^ or anyone else who loves cooking and eating in the outdoors!!!

*** We have a cutoff date of JANUARY 25, 2013 ^ in order to make our publishing date for the Rendezvous.

Thank you for helping us make this the best BCHW cookbook ever! And it will be because it's the first one!!!!

PLEASE SUBMIT RECIPES TO: BOBBIE McTIMMONS, 158 McCann Road, Onalaska, WA 98570 OR E-MAIL TO: Mctimrm@msn.com

Susie Drougas, Chairman, SAndersonRPR@aol.com
Bobbie McTimmons, CoChairman, Mctimrm@msn.com

Capitol Riders meeting minutes
Littlerock Firehall
1/8/13

Meeting called to order by President Laura Kingman at 7:04 pm.

18 people in attendance (one speaker and two guests) Barb Follett and Sandra West.

Minutes approved.

Treasurer Report, Traci Koch – solvent. End of year bank statement just arrived.

Speaker Brian Stafki with Thurston County Solid Waste spoke on recycling – what can and cannot be recycled, and where can you take it (the twine on bales of hay can be recycled by taking it to Del's. Same goes for plastic feed bags. Give Del's a call and see what they'll take.) . He handed out shopping bags, brochures and refrigerator magnets.

Activities – Vice President Peggy Tucker

Rides and work parties for the coming year – email ideas for rides to Dean Hartman, DHartman@CBM-WA.com (include the hyphen).

Do we want to sponsor a trail (maintain it) or sponsor Mima Campground. The chapter needs to make a decision for DNR.

Garage sale is May 4th. Dean will contact Janet who runs the Littlerock sale concerning payment (may be too early.)

Karen Johnson spoke about Legislative Day coming up on January 28th. There will be a large crowd as other trail users (bikes, ATV, hikers and so on) will be there along with BCHW. Tables will be set up on the 3rd floor and we should provide volunteers to help staff them to give out information.

Directors Report – Karen Johnson.

Rendezvous is March 15-17 so register now. BCHW meeting, dinner, auction, dance, wine tasting, dutch oven cookoff, clinics and more.

Auction – what to donate. There was a motion to CONTINUE to donate a trail saw with scabbard (It's been costing about \$110). Approved.

Donate items for the auction – tax deductible as BCHW is a 501(c)(3).

Table decoration contest – chapter should think about doing it.

Newsletter/Web site – Chris Enrico

Chris said he's not yet fixed the members area but he did mail out the links to that information along with instructions to not delete the email. Chris said he's also been adding interactive maps like National Forest trail systems.

New Business –

Thank you to Rob Keyser for use of his barn for the Christmas party. Motion was made to give Rob cash (approved) and Dean Hartman will handle it.

Good of the order –

Jeff LaBreck said he still has some calendars for sale. The chapter will have sold 195 when Jeff sells what he has.

Traci Koch thanked chapter members for attending the New Years Day ride at Kennedy Creek as well as Chris Enrico for playing camp cook that day.

Attending chapter members at the Map and Compass class thanked Chris for putting the class on.

Carrie will provide treats for the February meeting. Carrie also got back from spending a month in Arizona so will share her story.

Meeting adjourned 8:04 pm.

Chris Enrico
Secretary

BCHW Board of Directors Meeting
12/8/12
Ellensburg, WA-Kittitas Valley Event Center

1. December calendar Grand Prize winner (\$3000) was Dallas Muir of Elma.
2. Treasurer's Report: Teri Starke: All chapters can pool their savings accounts into a BCHW Money Market account and get a higher interest rate. (Chapter accounts will be kept separated)
3. Public Lands Report: Jeff Chapman.
 - a. There were about 100 BCHW members present at the Public Lands meeting on 12/7/12. It was a very interesting and informative meeting.
 - b. BCHW Legislative Day is 1/28/13. It will begin with a meeting on the 3rd floor of the Capitol Building. A large tent will be set up near the fountain that will represent all WA ST recreation groups. BCHW Directors voted to spend \$200 to show the economic impact of equines to recreation.
 - c. The Gifford Pinchot NF is doing a road analysis to determine which roads will be earmarked for maintenance. They are asking for public input so BCHW members should respond by letting them know which camps/roads that we use. (An Action Alert has been sent regarding this.)
4. Ways and Means: Dave Swanberg reported that calendar sales were going well but 100 were left to sell. The remaining calendars were distributed to chapters.

BCHW Cook book: Volunteers have stepped up to put together a cook book and hope to have it ready in time for Rendezvous. If BCHW can sell 500 of them for \$15 each they could generate about \$5000 profit. BCHW members will be asked to submit recipes. A vote was taken and BCHW Directors passed a motion to go ahead with the Cook book project.
5. The BCHW State Ride (Ken Wilcox Ride) will be held 7/19-7/21/13 out of the Les Hilde trailhead.
6. The BCHW store has lots of new items. Place an order with a Director so they can save you shipping costs by picking up your order at a quarterly meeting.
7. Rendezvous: There are only 300 dinner tickets available for the live auction on Saturday. Preorder early!! Camp- ing: Only dry camping is available at the Kittitas County Event Center. There is a free lot on the north side of the grounds or other fee sites with/without electricity on the west side of the grounds. If you bring a dog you must be respon- sible to clean up after it. (There were complaints last year.)
8. Whistler Canyon Trailhead (Okanogan Chapter) is now complete and ready for camping, thanks to support from BCHW members!
9. Saw Certification: Training for certifiers will be in the spring in Eastern and Western WA.
10. Safety Education: Doc Wesselius feels a need for emergency evacuation education. He would like to have ideas for safety training.
11. LNT: Jane Byrum reported the \$7000 grant had been approved which paid for a number of BCHW projects that were accomplished last year. There is an additional \$30,000 lined up for future LNT programs. The Trailhead News will have a schedule of classes. The Randall class will be the first weekend of April. It's an excellent opportunity for persons who haven't been before.
12. BCHA Dues Increase: BCHW Directors passed the \$5.00 dues increase for BCHA membership.
13. Future Rendezvous dates at Kittitas Valley Event Center (KVEC) were discussed. Rendezvous will be held again in March of 2014. Other meeting dates for 2013 will be selected soon.

14. Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge: Jeff Chapman explained the serious hiker/horse accident that occurred at DNWR last summer. As a result, USDFW is proposing to close the area completely to horses. BCHW feels that more information is necessary to assess the situation and perhaps prevent the area from being closed to horseback riding. BCHW may be seeking legal advice regarding the USDFW action.
15. Wilcox Horse Camp (Haney Meadows) rebuild project: Jason Ridlon (Alpine Lakes Trail Riders chapter) is heading up a BCHW state work party to restore trails destroyed by the Table Mountain fire last summer. It is an opportunity for BCHW chapters to come together and help restore the beautiful, historic area. The USFS will need to make preliminary safety assessments in June and July before any work can be planned, so the work party most likely would be August or September. Chapter work party leaders need to contact Jason for project assignments.
16. Gravel Pack-In (Capitol Forest) 4/13/13: BCHW Board of Directors approved up to \$500 for user groups to purchase food for the event. Darrell Wallace will temporarily be the liaison for BCHW/DNR. He also needs a safety officer position to be filled.
17. Grant Committee: Judy Smith (Mt. St. Helens chapter) will replace Lori Lennox on the committee. Several chapters helped to improve the grant applications so that they can achieve better scores.
18. Review of the 2013 Budget: Requested by Dave Jackson (Purple Sage Riders chapter). Teri Starke distributed the 2013 budget for review by the BCHW BOD. The 2013 Budget was then approved.
19. Award Committee: Deb Wesselius, chair, asked for nominations to be completed and sent in to her by 2/15/13. Joann Yost was appointed to the Awards Committee.
20. Publicity: Chair Dick Yarboro asked that articles for the Trailhead News be submitted early. New BCHW brochures have been ordered. Directors can pick them up for chapters and save shipping costs.
21. Volunteer Hours: Deb Wesselius There will be training at Rendezvous for new Volunteer Hour Coordinators.

Good of the Order

1. Purple Sage Riders chapter director, Dave Jackson, presented BCHW with a \$1000 check earned from the Winery Ride. He will be presenting another \$1000 check to BCHA from the profits. Other chapters and volunteer groups that help to put on the Winery ride earn another 20% of the earnings while the chapter itself keeps @10%.
2. A tribute to Wenatchee Valley chapter Director, Carol Wilcox was made. She received a standing ovation for being on the BCHW Board of Directors for 17 years. She has always been a respected, active member along with her late husband, Ken Wilcox, for their work in founding BCHW and dedication to its mission.
3. Bill Ford, Methow Valley chapter Director, asked for support from BCHW members regarding the building of North Summit Horse Camp. (See the Nov/Dec Trailhead News) Please send a short comment of support for the horse camp to Bill Ford, PO Box 902, Twisp, WA. Or email him at WPJC.org@centurylink.com
4. Teri Starke, BCHW Treasurer, said there will be a Treasurer training class at Rendezvous. All chapter treasurers are requested to attend. Donations to BCHW (for Rendezvous or other) require filling out a Donation Form. The white copy goes to the donor, yellow copy to Teri, and pink copy to the chapter treasurer. This is for BCHW IRS purposes.

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Come Join Us!

To join or renew your membership with BCHW, complete this application:

- Please PRINT LEGIBLY.
- Sign the LIABILITY RELEASE (all members over 18).
- Make checks out to CAPITOL RIDERS.
- Give or mail the application to Chapter Treasurer:

Traci Koch
 61 SE Craddick Road, Shelton WA 98584-9236



Member Info

New Member Renewal – Membership number(s): _____

Adult's name(s): _____

Children's name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

Legislative district (if known): _____ County: _____

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- Single \$36.00
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 Lifetime (Single) \$1200.00

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Subtotal A \$ _____

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Chapter Name (or Independent): _____

Capitol Riders

Chapter Dues - Single \$10.00
 - Family \$15.00 \$ _____

Additional Chapter Donation \$ _____

Subtotal B \$ _____

Grand Total (A+B) \$ _____

LIABILITY RELEASE & NOTICES

All ADULT members MUST sign! Adult's signature covers minor children.

Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident wherever horse use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses, riders, and spectators, and also recognizing the fact that Back Country Horsemen of Washington, including Chapters, officers, directors, or members, cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience levels of riders or horses taking part in trail rides or other BCHW events, I do hereby release and hold harmless the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children, or horses.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) is a public charity as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Accordingly, membership dues paid to BCHW may be treated as deductions characterized as "charitable contributions" when computing federal and state income tax obligations.

Are You Ready for Some Fun?

Register Now for Rendezvous 2013 and Get Early Bird Rates!

2013 Rendezvous Registration Form

Kittitas Valley Event Center, Ellensburg, March 15, 16 & 17, 2013

Reservations for accommodations and the Dinner are highly recommended (space is limited).

Reservations not necessary for the auction & dance.

Dinner - Saturday Evening

Form must be received with payment in full no later than Feb. 25, 2013, for "Early Bird" pricing.

"Early Bird" Prime Rib & Chicken Combo Dinners: (*Early Bird Reservations include five Bucket Raffle Tickets*) # _____ x \$30 _____

NOTE: After Feb. 25th or on site: Prime Rib & Chicken Combo # _____ x \$40 _____

Dinner Table Reservations (*If you wish to secure a table for your group, otherwise it is first come first seated.*)

Table numbers assigned based on receipt of registration.

Round tables that can be reserved for a group of 8 people: # of tables _____ x \$40 _____

Rectangular tables that can be reserved for a group of 6 people: # of tables _____ x \$30 _____

Camping is available at KVEC at the following rates

Check Nights Staying: Wednesday ___ Thursday ___ Friday ___ Saturday ___ Sunday ___

License Plate # of camping vehicle _____

"Early Bird" RV Camping, Electrical Only # of days _____ x \$18 _____

"Early Bird" Dry/Tent Camping # of days _____ x \$12 _____

After Feb. 25th or on site: camping with electricity only # of days _____ x \$20 _____

After Feb. 25th or on site: dry/tent camping # of days _____ x \$14 _____

No refunds after Feb. 27, 2013

Dogs are welcome, but please come prepared to clean up after your pet.

Special needs must be requested two weeks prior to event so needs may be met.

TOTAL Amount Due & Paid

\$ _____

Name (Please Print) _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

Payment Method (circle one): Check (to BCHW) Visa Mastercard Discover Exp. Date _____

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 Signature _____

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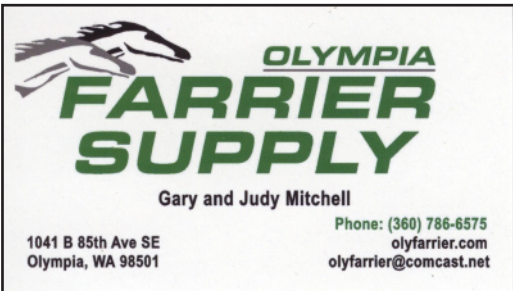
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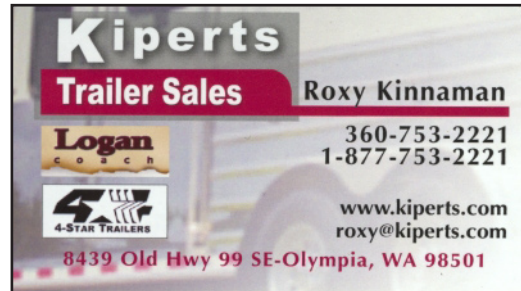


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