

CAPITOL
RIDERS



HOOFBEATS

NOVEMBER 2012

Dues for 2013 are due! 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.

Elections for 2013 Officers will take place at the November meeting. Nominations will remain open until just before the elections themselves.

Hoofprints - Get your paperwork to Peggy Tucker so you get your gift certificate. Mileage through October 31st. Two-page form toward the back of the newsletter.

From President Laura -

Thank you all for another wonderful year. I hope all of you got to ride a bunch during all of our dry, sunny weather. If you are riding now during hunting season, please be mindful where you go, wear your fluorescent clothes, tie some fluorescent streamers on your horses and make lots of noise. The bottom line: be visible. Stay safe out there.

At our last meeting, nominations were made for all of officer positions. Please come in November to vote.

Reminder: there is no regular chapter meeting in December and we'll have another Christmas party in Rob's barn in December.

Need holiday presents? BCHW Calendars are \$20 and make great gifts. Each calendar comes with beautiful pictures and twelve chances to win the monthly drawing. I won \$300 dollars last May so I can testify how great it is to win! The money arrived just in time to help me pay a vet bill. Perfect timing. Please let me know how many calendars you would like. We will have some at the next meeting.

Give your horse a kiss, an extra carrot and tell them

Next meeting November 6 7 pm
Karen (Coffee), Mickie (Treats)

how awesome they are. They love that. Who knows, they just might kiss you back!

Happy Trails,
Laura

Without any meeting minutes to put n last month's newsletter I didn't see the point of sending one out. Sorry if you missed me but I'm still here.

The USFS made an excursion into the Haney Meadows area to check out conditions. Some damage (the cabin got burned up) but for the most part the camp survived. This coming summer will see much effort to bring it back so stay tuned for further updates and pleas for help. It is now snowing up there as I write this.

The November issue of Equus out today has a special lengthy report about the equestrian trails crisis in the US called Preserving Trails for Tomorrow, and also covers keeping available land for raising horses. It covers the efforts of the three primary national groups, namely ELCR (for private land), AQHA, and most particularly, BCHA (including a bit of history and the main mission statement). The focus of saving trails pretty much rests with BCHA and the volunteers that comprise that organization. There are a number of quotes by the Chair, Mike McGlenn, including "Our philosophy in dealing with [government] agencies is to approach them with a problem in one hand and a solution in the other, McGlenn says".

.....we are after all a "can do" organization.

There is also a quote from AHC's Ben Pendergrass.

"The Forest Service has a huge backlog of trail maintenance needs, says Pendergrass, the legislative director of the American Horse Council in Washington, D.C.. There's just not the funding there to take care of all the trails that are washed out and have trees down." What does the article say equestrians can



Events - partial for 2012

November

6 - General Meeting Littlerock fire hall 7 pm

15 - DNR User meeting 6 pm, 801 88th Ave Tumwater

30 - Capitol Forest closes to Horses

December

1 - Chapter Christmas Party

7 - BCHW Land Manager meeting, Ellensburg

8 - BCHW Director's meeting, Ellensburg

13 - National Day of the Horse

do?

“Be a joiner. At minimum, join the local trails organizations. Contact Back Country Horsemen of America about starting an affiliate if your state doesn't have one.” And “Form alliances with other trail users—hikers, birdwatchers, mountain bikers.” And “Become active in efforts such as Leave No Trace”.

A worth reading article to be sure!!! It's up to us so we best stick together. If you are expecting reinforcements from elsewhere, then it is likely another BCH chapter.

Jeff Chapman,
Public Lands Chair BCHW

BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting

9/22/12

BCHA Dues increase: BCHA is requesting a \$5/person/year dues increase to be collected in 2014. There has not been a dues increase in over 10 years. Additional funding is very difficult to raise at a national level. We depend on BCHA to help with state and national issues (preserving trails in USFS, BLM, and National Parks) as well as other “Right to Ride” issues. There will be more information on this posted soon. Chapter members need to let their Director know how they feel about this and have some alternative ideas on how the funding could be raised. (Chapter fund raisers?)

Public Lands: Gifford Pinchot NF is holding several meetings regarding roads that need to be kept open. We need to respond by listing all the roads that we currently use in the GPNF to ensure they remain open.

Naneum State Forest: This is a new area to be developed and it's up to us what we would like to have there. Do we want horse camps and trails similar to other state facilities?

A motion was made that BCHW should help to support Jeff Chapman's trips to Washington D.C. He has not previously been reimbursed for his travel supporting important BCHW issues. The motion was passed and will be discussed by the Budget Committee.

Ways and Means: a)VIP Calendars: For those requesting VIP calendars provide the names and organizations to Dave Swanberg. More VIP calendars will be available in December.

b) Raffle calendars: The goal is to sell all 1500 calendars. There are already 900 out. Members need to keep track of each ticket number and the person they sell them to. Some tickets were lost in the US mail

Legislative Day needs to be scheduled for 2013.

Wilcox Ride: Mike Mahaffey . Unfortunately, it rained the weekend of the ride so numbers were down. There were 4 BCHW Chapters represented. About \$800 was made from the dinner. Mike feels that BCHW should take responsibility for this ride so that it can be at a larger location (Les Hilde) and bring in more revenue for BCHW. He is willing to

coordinate the ride again for 2013.

BCHW Store: A sample of a work party shirt was passed around. It has "Trail Crew BCHW" on the reverse. Most folks would like to see the BCHW logo printed on the front of the shirt as well.

Rendezvous: Jason Ridlon. Asked for Chapter involvement. What would we like to see/do? They need auction items also.

Chainsaw Certification: There are 19 certifiers in the state and 44 members certified now.

Leave No Trace: Jane Byrum has still not heard from RCO regarding our grant funding, so she put together a proposed budget in the event BCHW doesn't receive the grant, totaling \$10,000. New purple garbage bags are now free to chapters. They are small and will fit on a saddle.

Bylaws: Discussion about grants was held. Who approves grants? Grant Committee? Grant Manager? Chapters need to get the approval of the BCHW organization before applying for a grant.

2013 Rendezvous dates need to be scheduled with Kittitas Co. Event Center. 2013 date will be in March but may be changed in 2014

Executive Director: Report on file

Awards for Rendezvous: Need chapters to sponsor 2012 awards. Discuss with chapter.

Publications: We need more BCHW brochures. A motion was made to purchase \$2500 worth of the current brochures. Changes will be made to the next new set of BCHW brochures.

Volunteer hours: These hours are very important for grant applications. A new change has been made: Volunteer hours are now reported from Oct. 1, 2011 to Sept.30 2012. BCHW needs the total number of volunteer hours by October 30th, 2012.

President Bob Gish expressed his wish to be replaced at BCHA Annual Meetings due to conflicts. A vote was taken and passed that BCHW will now be represented at BCHA Annual meetings by Darrell Wallace, Executive Director, and by Jason Ridlon, Director, Traildusters Chapter. It is a 2 year commitment.

Executive Committee: The Executive Director contract for Darrell Wallace is finished and will be signed in the next week.

Good of the Order:

Robert Eversole gave a \$100 donation to BCHW from a volunteer whom he met.

Barbara Woo gave a \$173 donation to BCHW from a prize ride.

Gary Sterner, Methow Valley Chapter Director, asked for letters of support for a \$16,000 grant for a new horse camp in the Loup Loup area.

Capitol Riders General Meeting 10/2/12
Littlerock Firehall, 10828 Littlerock Rd SW, Olympia, WA

President Laura Kingman called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Guests present – zero.

Members present – 14.

Treasurer Report (Traci Koch) – chapter is solvent.

Newsletter/web (Chris Enrico) – will be working on a statewide map of horse camps.

Dean Hartman mentioned that Sue had obtained information on what do in a wildfire situation. Dean will share.

Elections –

Nomination for treasurer – Traci Koch

Secretary – Chris Enrico

Vice president – Peggy Tucker

President – Laura Kingman

Dean Hartman told Carrie Russel he'd join her and Susan Hartman on the ride committee.

There as a brief discussion about having a “greeter” and it was decided a dedicated person was not needed.

Work party – Jeff LaBreck and Mel Davidson were the only two Capitol Riders present on National Trails Day. They helped spread gravel for 8 hours.

Garage sale location – Joyce Nelson has offered to host it again. Most likely will be May 4, 2013.

Calendars – Jeff LaBreck has 51 to distribute.

Membership renewals are due for 2013.

Map and compass class January 5th? Chris to check with Tom and Tootie to see if they can host. Dean can get the firehall if need be. (Chris checked with Tootie who gave the okay.)

Director's report (Karen Johnson) – BCHA dues increase, Gifford Pinchot road closures – input needed, Jeff Chapman trips to DC, calendars, Wilcox ride, BCHW store, rendezvous, chainsaw certification, LNT grant with brief discussion of the DNR grants, bylaws?, Darrell Wallace is exec director, BCHW brochures, volunteer hours Oct 1 to Sept 30,

Peggy Tucker– Hoofprints – turn in at November meeting, October 31 cutoff

Treats – Mickie Hatstrup, Coffee - Karen Johnson

News Years Day ride – Kennedy Creek

President Laura Kingman adjourned the meeting at 8:01 pm.

Chris Enrico - acting Secretary.

Capitol Riders General Meeting 9/4/12

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President Laura Kingman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Members present - 10

Membership voted and approved Aug. 7, 2012 minutes.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Traci Koch was absent.

Petty Cash - Angelle Hickman - absent

Newsletter/Web - Chris Enrico - absent

Activity Committee VP Dean Hartman - absent

Ride Committee: Carrie Russell, Martha Kesting and Susan Hartman

Laura Kingman announced that we need a Volunteer for our 2013 Trail Boss.

Sept 7th - 9th Bordeaux Clinic with Mitch & Jolenn Hoover. Sept 7th @ 6:30 free demo.

Sept 22nd Kennedy Creek Ride: Call Traci Koch if you are interested.

Work Parties: Jeff LaBreck - September 29th is Public Lands Day - DNR Work Party in Capitol Forest.

Mickie Hatstrup and Cindy McAllister reported on trail cleanup and that 9 people showed up.

Ways & Means: Dean Hartman & Tom Crowson

Nothing to report.

Social Events: Connie Bailey, Loretta Watkins - Need volunteers and ideas for social events. Please call or send email to Connie with any ideas you may have for a social.

Membership Correspondence: Chris Enrico/Connie Bailey - nothing to report.

Board Nominations for 2013, at our Oct. 2nd, meeting. Nominations close at the beginning of the November meeting and elections will take place.

Legislative: Dean Hartman - absent.

Director Karen Johnson - Alt. Director: Jeff LaBreck: .nothing to report.

New Business: New Members Start date - Motion made and approved to allow new memberships submitted in August of any year to: 1) New applicant will be considered Chapter Member for current year and 2) treasurer will submit their membership forms, in October, to be affective for the following year. Note: Our by-laws support this motion.

Good of the Order: Jeff LaBreck mentioned that BCHW has 1,500 calendars to sell with raffle tickets. Our Chapter has 100. Contact Jeff if you need more.

Treats & Coffee for October Meeting: Karen Johnson (Coffee) & Laura Shillam (Treats).

Adjournment: Laura Kingman adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Connie Bailey

WDFW NEWS RELEASE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091

<<http://wdfw.wa.gov>><http://wdfw.wa.gov/>

October 19, 2012

Contact: Deputy Chief Mike Cenci, (360) 902-2938

Wildlife managers cite new laws when they say 'don't feed bears'

OLYMPIA - As black bears make their usual fall showing in neighborhoods around the state, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is reminding residents that feeding those animals is not only a bad idea, it's also against the law.

Two new state laws went into effect in June that prohibit - intentionally or otherwise - leaving food or food waste in places where it can attract bears and other wild carnivores.

"This is the time of year when bears are looking to build up as much fat as possible to get through winter," said Mike Cenci, deputy WDFW police chief. "Putting food scraps out for them or leaving garbage cans or pet food exposed is an open invitation for them to pay you and your neighbors a visit."

While black bears rarely attack people in the wild, they can pose a danger to public safety if they become accustomed to humans, Cenci said. That can present some tough choices for wildlife officers responsible for managing those animals, he said.

"Too often, relocating a bear that has learned to scavenge people's leftovers results just moves the problem somewhere else," Cenci said. "When that happens, we often have to destroy those animals."

One new law subjects anyone who "intentionally feeds or attempts to feed" bears and other wild carnivores to a fine of up to \$1,000, Cenci said. Another law authorizes a fine of \$87 for those who "negligently feed or attempt to feed" those animals.

Cenci said people can avoid feeding wild animals unintentionally by:

- Securing garbage and compost, particularly when bears have been reported in the area.
- Removing attractants such as bird feeders.
- Keeping pet food and pets inside or otherwise secured.
- Cleaning barbecue grills.

Black bears are by far the most common species among Washington's large wild carnivores, with up to 30,000 estimated to range across the state. They eat both meat and vegetation, increasing the likelihood that they will be attracted to human food, pet food and garbage.

Cougars and wolves will scavenge for food, but more often prey on other animals, wild and domestic, Cenci said.

"Food is involved virtually every time we respond to a call about a bear sighted in a neighborhood," he said. "The new laws are designed to encourage people to take more responsibility for that situation, both for their own safety and for the welfare of bears and other wildlife."

Tevis 2012 - Great Finish For Booted Horses,

A Solid First Attempt For Barefoot

The Arabian Horse World Magazine wrote a nice article on the top 4 finishers, all representatives of Easy Care: The "Easy Team" Takes Top Four Places in the Western States 100-Mile Trail Ride"

One of those horse and rider teams, Rusty Toth and "Stoner", took home the Haggin Cup award for best condition - it was a great finishing for booted horses, over all!. There are two great stories on Easy Cares blog page. Here's the Tevis page with the link to the results.... <http://www.teviscup.org/> a lot of these horses were booted.

Here's another link to Lynne Glazer's great Tevis 2012 Haggin Cup pictures, which catches the type of hoof protection used as well as showing some of the quality of movement in all of the top ten finishers. All of the top ten finishing horses looked great! Lynne has pictures of all or most of the Tevis teams on her site...

Barefoot is one thing, but Tevis 2012 Barefoot with no boots or shoes?

I found out a few weeks before Tevis that two riders asked for and received permission to ride Tevis barefoot. When I heard they were really going to try it, I made a point of connecting with them through David from Hoof Armor so that I could check the horses and their feet out even if they didn't complete the ride.

The riders were Heather Tolland and Tera Allen of the Redding CA area. I don't know what the approval process to ride Tevis barefoot is, what the requirements are, but I wanted to meet these two women and their horses.

They had a good start the morning of Tevis, and did get 55 miles, all the way to to Deadwood. They weren't pulled for lameness - which was very cool. I really wanted to see those horses feet! I love riding a barefoot horse, love distance riding and prefer riding barefoot to riding booted, but have always felt that we "need" hoof protection like boots for most rides, particularly for Tevis. But I keep an open mind about it because I know vets won't let a foot sore horse continue. My friend Darolyn Butler has completed many endurance rides barefoot... I was really curious about feet that could attempt this.

All of us who are into barefoot hoof care are.

So here are the pictures and some of the stories. I don't know much about their trimming history, just that Heather and Tera are friends, Heathers horse has always been barefoot and Heather taught Tera how to trim. They were riding barefoot because that's the only way they ride, and both have completed multi day rides with similar footing to Tevis barefoot.

Heather Tolland

Rickey is an 8YO Morab out of Heather's mare. He has never been shod, She attempted Tevis barefoot (2012) and pulled at Deadwood, 55 miles with a mild colic. Apparently the water ran out at the two water stops before Deadwood, and when they got to Deadwood, Rickey tanked up and either drank too much or too fast, and had a mild colic so was pulled. His feet were great and he was sound. He was fine not long after pulling.

He gained weight on the 55 mile leg of Tevis... The picture to the right is post-ride!



The first thing I noticed when I looked at his feet is that he has fantastic digital cushions and super broad heels for a domestically bred and raised horse. He always competes barefoot, has 555 AERC miles and has done the Moab multi-day

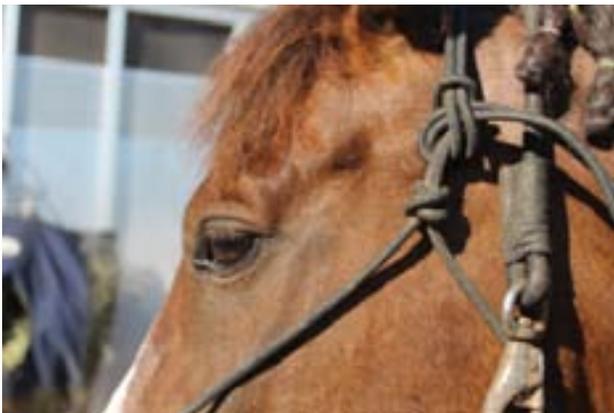




A Barefoot Riders Nightmare??

Horses that are ridden barefoot in some areas develop a thick durable retained sole that provides protection from rocks and gravel. To Heathers horror, Rickey shed this sole on all of his feet the day prior to Tevis! Fearing the worst and hoping for the best, Heather cleaned up his trim and went ahead with her plans to ride barefoot.

Rickey has feet like a mustang, he was fine on the tough tooting! His bars were a little prominent to the sole in these shots, but passive to the ground, and he was VERY sound the next day.





Tera Allen

Tera Allen's horse Jazz attempted Tevis barefoot and also got as far as Deadwood, 55 miles. Tera pulled because the heat in the canyons got to her - they had Jazz checked and he got all "A"s on his vet card! He was definitely fit to continue.

David from Hoof Armor, LLC agreed ahead of time to help Tera put Hoof Armor on Jazz's feet to help give him an edge without booting. They applied the Hoof Armor the day before Tevis as well as adding another layer at one of the vet checks; I'm not sure which one. I've used Hoof Armor therapeutically, and what it seems to do is bond to the sole and help resist wear and help the foot retain calloused sole

If you want more information about Hoof Armor you can check their web site or contact David at david@hoofarmor.com



Jazz is trotting and Government Morgan bloodlines. He's had a variety of old injuries was shod in front for a few months, but Tera pulled his shoes as soon as she got him. e Tera has owned him. His legs aren't perfectly clean because of the old injuries, but he looks great.

When I look at these pictures, I remind myself that Tera isn't a professional trimmer. Her trim strategy is simple; she takes off any hoof she feels needs to go with an angle grinder. These feet aren't perfectly balanced the way I expect to have my trims be, but apparently that doesn't matter! These are SUPER strong and thick soled feet.

Very healthy. I have some great feet in my practice but I don't know if any of my clients horses could keep up with this guy.

Tera says that she's clocked Jazz doing a 22mph trot down a gravel road! Super thick soles



and very hard digital cushions, thick Lateral Cartilages too, but not hard and calcified. he has very thick sole.

He dislikes boots, complains as they go on and stumbled in them when Tera tried them, so he's gone barefoot since coming out of shoes. According to Tera "He did Wild West, 155 miles barefoot . He has 255 AERC miles, and this is our 3rd year of doing endurance. (1 year of LD's, last year 50s, and this year) He's also my eventer/jumper. :)"

I love his weight.... great looking horse!







TEVIS 2013???

I asked Heather and Tera if they were going to try for Tevis in 2013, and both said yes... I think they can do it!

Linda Cowles Hoof Care
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more at www.healthyhoof.com

Drop off fecal samples for testing prior to the meeting, 6 to 7 pm. Call Connie Bailey for more information.
360-273-5552. \$10 per horse.

What to bring:

1. Ziplock bag. Write your name and horses name on baggie
2. Envelope: Insert \$10 for ea horse. Write your name, horse(s)name, EMAIL Address.
3. FRESH fecal (2 nuggets) put in zip lock bag and REMOVE AIR.
4. Refrigerate (keep cool)

RESULTS: will be emailed to you within 48 hrs.

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HOOF PRINTS
Mileage Awards
Capitol Riders BCHW



PURPOSE: To have FUN while keeping track of the miles we've ridden and using the mileage towards helping to keep our trails open.

RULES:

- The Mileage Awards year begins on November 1st and ends on October 31st.
- The annual registration fee is \$5.00 per rider.
- When unsure of the distance ridden, calculate at 4 miles per hour. Be sure to exclude the time taken for any breaks.
- No arena or pasture mileage counts.
- Turn in the Mileage Record Sheet with monthly miles ridden to the Hoof Prints Chairperson.
- Total mileage must be turned in no later than November 15th. Any mileage turned in after that date will NOT be counted.
- Awards are given at the December Christmas Party to the riders who rode and reported the number of miles ridden.

MILEAGE RECORD SHEETS are used to record your miles ridden. Get them from the Hoof Prints Chairperson, Peggy Tucker.

MAIL or GIVE the completed registration form along with the \$5.00 per rider annual registration to:

Peggy Tucker
16951 Dodd LN SW
Rochester, WA 98579-8560

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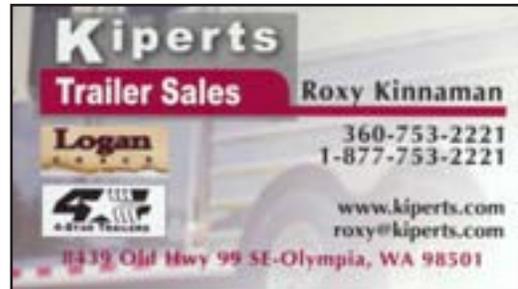
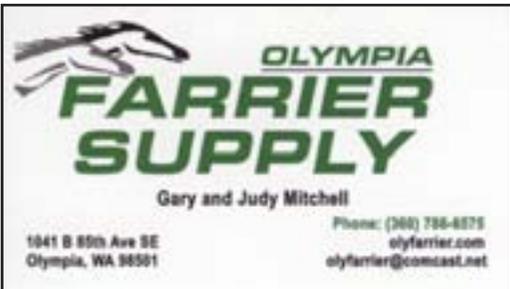
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