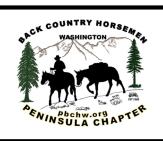
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Olympic Peninsula, Washington





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Looking Forward To 2017

It's a New Year and time to think about trail work, trail riding, volunteering, and building new friendships in your Chapter. The key word is YOUR Chapter. The Board of Directors is looking forward to bringing you some interesting and exciting events and activities to be involved in. A Calendar of Events is included in this Newsletter. Join the fun and enjoy one of the many ways you can be

involved.

Included in the Newsletter is a 2017 Membership form. If you are a member, make a few copies and distribute them when you encounter other trail users and encourage them to help maintain the trails they use. Remember our BCHW Mission Statement and goals. Encouraging volunteerism to maintain trails is a key element.

Not into trail work? The

Chapter always needs volunteers to do administrative type jobs, events, public relations, working with youth, Leave No Trace, and financial contributions.

Everyone is appreciated and the Board of Directors looks forward to your participation in YOUR Chapter in 2017. Contact a Board

member soon and see where you fit in!



BCHW Rendezvous 2017 – Celebrating 40 Years!

2017 Rendezvous is fast approaching. Mark your calendar and plan to attend the March 17 – 19 annual event.
Rendezvous takes place at the Kittitas Event Center (Fairgrounds) in Ellensburg, WA.

This Rendezvous commemorates 40 years of trail conservation by BCHW members. Attending a Rendezvous will give you valuable insight into the strength and integrity of your organization, build new friendships, and provide lasting experiences and skills. There will be an **All**

Sawyer briefing on the new National Saw Policy and the BCHW saw program.

Here are a few of the highlights:

BCHW Rendezvous 2017 Dinner and Live Auction

Competitions

Packing
Dutch Oven Cooking
Cross Cut Saw (both
Men's and Women's)

Seminars

Horse Trailer Use Packing & Safety Horse or Mule? TrailMeister Skills Sawyer Briefing

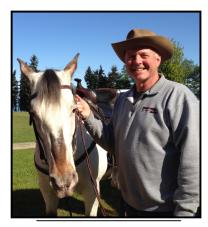
Fun & Shopping

BCHW Store
Photo Contest
Chapter Displays
Vendor/Exhibitor Pavilion
Used Tack Sale
Concessions

For info about accommodations check out the BCHW website. Contact a Board Member to see about sharing a ride and/or room.

Be a part of the fun!





Dan Dosey at the Salt Creek Ride 2014

Bios – President Dan Dosey

Dan is the cornerstone of our Chapter. Dan has been our President for three years. His positive and friendly nature, along with his dedication to the mission of BCHW and the Peninsula, are a winning combination for the Peninsula Chapter. Dan, and his wife Debbie, live on the property his

father homesteaded in 1946. Known as Stump Farm, four miles up Palo Alto road, they raised three daughters there. They now enjoy the farm with their horses, dog, and six grandchildren, who visit them often. Dan spent his career in farming, logging, milling, and working in mining. He is currently semi-retired, and does a little logging on private land. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, and riding his horse. Check the Calendar and be sure to attend the Annual Peninsula Chapter Summer Picnic hosted by Dan and Debbie at their farm.

PNC Volunteer Efforts

Thanks to Volunteer Hours Coordinator Judy Sage the Peninsula Chapter data of our efforts is compiled and published each month. Judy works tirelessly to keep all of this information accurate and up-to-date. This is a gargantuan job. In addition to prodding members to turn in their hard worked hours, Judy

must file reports on a regular basis for all the land managers that we work for. Additionally, our RTP Grant monies are directly tied to the trail work we do, mileage, stock days, and trail miles worked. This data must be included in the quarterly reports that are filed by Tom Mix.

Here is a brief recap of 2016.

2016

Total VH 7899.5
Total Value \$261,197.36
Top Three VH Members
Tom Mix 1204 Hrs
Becky Seibel 553 Hrs
Cate Bendock 481 Hrs

2017 to date

Total VH 970 Total Value \$31,146.00 Volunteer Hours reflect all types of volunteer efforts, and stock days. These efforts have a dollar value. The total dollar value also includes mileage value. Make sure you're a part of the 2017 data, volunteer and report your efforts to Judy Sage.

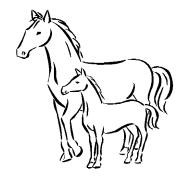
New Regulations for Coggins Testing

Thanks to BCHW members Joan Flemming and Tom Mix for sharing this important information. This is especially important if you are traveling with your horse across state lines or purchasing a horse from out of state. This change in testing requirements was due to recent EIA positive horses detected in WA (10 horses) and OR (4

horses) in 2015-16 and one in Idaho in 2016. This information was received in an email, via Joan Flemming, and included a copy of a letter from Dr. Brad R. LeaMaster, DVM, MS, PhD, State Veterinarian, OR Dept. Ag. The new ruling is as follows: Beginning Monday, February 13, 2017 a negative Coggins test is required within the prior six months for

importation of Equidae into Oregon from Washington and Idaho. This requirement already exists for all other states. Importation requirements for Equidae from all states includes a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), entry permit, and negative Coggin's test within the prior six months of entry. For more information go online to the Oregon or

Washington Department of Agriculture.



2017 First Trail Crafters Day Miller Peninsula



Sixteen volunteers worked to improve and maintain trails on Jan. 28, 2017 at Miller Peninsula Park.

Attention All PNC Members! VOLUNTEER HOURS

Thanks to those of you who have submitted volunteer hours. If you have hours to report, not matter how few, send them to Judy Sage by email, regular mail, Pony Express, or if you have Excel on your computer I can send you the file we use. If you have any questions or need help filling out your hours I'll be glad to help. My cell is 360-775-6500, my email is no1sage@gmail.com. Regular mail and Pony Express: Judy Sage, 2514 Chicken Coop Rd, Seguim, WA 98382

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Trail crafters started the year at Miller Peninsula Park Land on Jan. 28, 2017. There were 16 folks all focused on making our trails better.

Volunteers included members from Peninsula and Buckhorn Chapters of BCHW, friends of BCHW, ODT Thursday Crew, Gray Wolves Crew, and a Washington State Park staffer.

Following the Safety
Meeting the Trail Crafters
accomplished a lot! They
cleared the tread of the
ADA section of trail at the
new Miller Peninsula
Trailhead, reworked the
corridor of the 2-track trail
to the east of Diamond
Point road, cut the flag
line and roughed in the

tread for the new reach of trail from the PAE road to the trail coming from the trailhead. This new reach will get trail users out of the muddy parts and bring users directly to the mini Kiosk, and lastly, a sawyer was re-certified so they can help lead saw teams for Rebecca and her upcoming Barns Creek trail party.

As we cleared trail, we enjoyed greeting several hikers, bikers and two groups of horse riders from the Olympic Chapter of BCHW.

All had fun, worked safe, and we got some work done. Thanks to all!

Tom Mix

Peninsula Chapter Trial Project Coordinator





Historic ONP Cabins and Shelters Protected

The United States District Court for the Western District of Washington dismissed a lawsuit against the National Park Service (NPS) filed in 2016 by Montana-based Wilderness Watch (WW). WW sued the National Park Service seeking the courtordered removal of trail shelters and a cabin from the park's wilderness areas. Elaine L. Spencer and David O. Bechtold of Miller Nash Graham & Dunn LLP represented the preservation groups pro bono.

The cabins, trail shelters and other rustic structures that remain within the Olympic Wilderness provide an unobtrusive complement to the park's natural beauty. enrich visitors' experience and provide a safe spot for backpackers of all ages to seek shelter during a storm, or to gaze upon the park's stunning beauty. The structures also serve as a link to the early history of the park, and craftsmanship of that era. Only 18 of the original 90 shelters in Olympic Wilderness

remain today and are eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The structures are: Canyon Creek Shelter Elk Lake Shelter Wilder Shelter Botten Cabin Bear Camp Shelter.

Rod Farlee, vicepresident of the Friends of Olympic National Park and Peninsula Chapter member said, "The decision is a fitting tribute to former Washington Senator Daniel J. Evans. Senator Evans was instrumental to the passage of legislation creating the Olympic Wilderness and supported the preservation of its backcountry structures."
Thanks to the efforts of many, these structures will remain an important part of our Olympic National Park.



Canyon Creek Shelter ONP

Trail Projects Coordinator Report by Tom Mix

February 6, 2017 Work Parties Held To Date Miller Peninsula – Story page 3. Mt Muller - Dave led a crew where several trees were removed from the lower trail by a very active trail crew. "We went in at the yellow gate and went west on the trail and cut 3 big trees and repaired root wad damage. Turned and went east and cut 8 trees getting to the power pole parking area. Jim Hollatz, Jan Whitlow and I were the workers. I went back to get my truck to ferry everyone back to the yellow gate as Jim went up the Rock House trial and cut 6 more."

Lower Gray Wolf – Mike's crew got a logout done on Lower Gray Wolf before snows moved in. On a return trip - While doing a logout and brushing on Lower Gray wolf we heard about some logs on the Cat Creek loop, When we went back in to take care of that, 4 inches of new snow had fallen, When I saw the log, first thing that crossed my mind was I need a much bigger saw, the cedar is 4 feet across. Good thing it was all broken up inside and splintered, otherwise they'd have to get our big chain saw.

Lower Big Quilcene – Mike's crew got all the drainage ditches within the first 1/2 mile on Lower Quilcene river trail cleaned out, last time that got done was 6 years ago. Had a big rock slide and blow downs to take care of just before the snows moved in on Lower Big Quilcene river trial just pasted Bark Shanty camp site.

Upcoming trail parties:

Noxious weeds Miller Peninsula Little River Striped Peak Trail Lower Dungeness Gold Creek Mt Muller/Littleton - This site should end up within the Mount Olympus Chapter's service area. Dave Seibel will lead the system trail work parties in the interim. Wolf Creek Long Ridge Happy Lake Lena Lake Quinault - possibly Mt Olympus Chapter USFS Quilcene Chain saw/rigging Certification Fossil Trail

BCHW Regional Leadership Training, Feb 4, North Bend Ranger Station – by Tom Mix

Wow - where to start - Well the weather added it's very own twist so we had snow on the ground, lots of rain and we all arrived for the posted 8:30 start only to find the parking gates locked. Then after getting the parking access gate open – then the thought was to gain access to the buildings that were also locked up tighter than a gnat's umbrella. So – after about 1-1/2 hours we actually got inside and started the sessions. The session for Grants and Membership were cancelled, as the moderators could not attend.

Following are the sessions and our Peninsula representative(s) who attended. The Chapter attendees gave a brief overview of their session(s).

Roberts Rules and Running Meetings: Cindy Yeager

Attended the Roberts Rules and it was informative but they didn't have enough handouts so I didn't have anything for future reference. Mostly about how to amend a motion but it would have been nice to have the handout since it looked like it had a lot of good information.

Ways and Means: Tom Mix Most of the discussion was about raising funds via poker rides and raffles. Discussion on how to accomplish the goal and not activate the Washington State Gambling commission processes.

Trail Bosses (both Ride and Work): Tom Mix, Dan Dosey, **Don Gonder**

Review JHA's and hold the tailgate safety meeting prior to starting any ride and work party. Review the emergency evacuation and communications plans. I enjoyed Jason's trail boss presentation.

Communication being really emphasized about trail safety examples like: know your crew, who is allergic to bees, can my cell phone work from here, whose horse will leave the herd and go for help? If someone has a medical condition, we need him or her to keep paperwork with that information on his/her person. Where are the keys

Volunteer Hours: Judy Sage, Tom Mix and Don Gonder Lattended the VH sessions a

little late on the schedule as there was a hitch getting started with the program for all of us. We don't have but a couple of changes this year. First we can now put the skilled hours in the description such as, Sawyer, packer and what is considered skilled. Other things need to be OK'd by the State Directors. I had a wonderful trip with Cindy Yeager. We saw many old friends and made new ones. Hope more of us can make it next year. Judy Sage **BCHWPNC VH Coordinator** Treasurers: Cindy Yeager The Treasurer's training was

great. Well worth my time thankfully!

Trail Miles database: Tom Mix,

Dan Dosey

Chris Enrico gave a walk-through of the trail miles maintained input process. Make our inputs soon after the work party and follow the database prompts.

Vision Roundtable: Dan Dosey We learned that other Chapters face the same challenges we do. Trying to get more youth involvement and grow membership. Getting new members plugged in to job they could and would enjoy doing. The first thing mentioned was that we have fun! Many thanks to those Board Members who attended the BCHW Leadership Training! It is always fun and informative.





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President's Message

I hope this message finds you healthy, dry and warm, and looking forward to some good trail riding and trail work.

It has been a cold winter so far and my hay and firewood are going fast. What a surprise this winter has been with so much snow and cold. Let's all hope for dry trails and sunshine this spring. I have been waiting for the weather to break to take my horse, Dusty, out on the trails. My wife, Debbie, has finally bought a new horse. "Diango" is an

Andalusian, standing 14.2 hh and is a 14 year old gelding. He is a steady mount and a good looking horse. We are looking forward to many fun trail days together in 2017. We had our first workday on January 28, 2017. It was a great turn out with 16 workers at the Miller Peninsula State Lands Park, Our Trail Project Coordinator, Tom Mix, had us split into groups to accomplish several sections of trail that needed attention. The Park is 3000 acres and has approximately 24

miles of trail. Come join a work party and help to keep this jewel of a park in good shape. 2017 promises to be filled with a lot of things to do, from rides to educational events, and of course lots of trail work. Check out the Calendar to find something to be involved in. Please come and join us. it is a great way to get acquainted and have fun. March 17-19 is our annual Rendezvous Event in Ellensburg, WA. Last year was my first time to go, and boy, was it worth it. What an encouragement to have dinner with 400 likeminded members that really believe in our mission statement. Tom Mix and I even entered the crosscut saw competition. No. we did not win, but we had fun! We also auctioned a lunch ride for. "Ride Our State Ride". It was a success sharing our trails with other chapter members from our state. Hope to see you all there. Happy Trails, Dan Dosey

Dusty, waiting for trail ride and spring.





Debbie on Django. The Dosey's and their horses took a spring ride together on Valentine's Day.





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PENINSULA CHAPTER OF BCHW CALENDAR 2017



TRAIL WORK PARTIES - 2nd Tuesday and 3rd Saturday of each month. Watch emails fo scheduling or call Tom Mix @ 360-582-0460

Jan 9	Board Meeting	Kris Phillips' Posidones	5:00 PM
9	Board Meeting	Kris Phillips' Residence	5.00 PM
Feb		Clallam County Courthouse (CCC)	
13	Board Meeting	223 E 4th St, Port Angeles, WA Seguim Prairie Grange	5:00 PM
18	General Meeting Pot Luck	290 MacLeay Rd, Sequim, WA	4 PM - 8PM
Mar		Clallam County Courthouse (CCC) 223	
13	Board Meeting	E 4th St, Port Angeles, WA	5:00 PM
17-19	BCHW RENDEZVOUS	Kittitas Valley Center 901 E. 7th Ellensburg, WA	9 AM daily
Apr			
1	OAT Run	Dan Kelly Rd, off Hwy 112, Port Angeles Help only set up/take down wall tents	8:00 AM
10	Board Meeting	Clallam County Courthouse (CCC) 223 E 4th St, Port Angeles, WA	5:00 PM
15	Jr Ranger Day	3002 Mt Angeles Rd Port Angeles, WA (up Race St)	8:30 AM
22	Salt Creek Spaghetti Ride	Salt Creek County Park Joyce WA	9:00 AM
29	Jr Packing Orientation	Layton Hill Horse Camp 2514 Chicken Coop Rd Seguim, WA	10 AM - 2 PM
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8	Board and General Mtg	Clallam County Courthouse (CCC) 223 E 4th St, Port Angeles, WA	5:00/6:30 PM
20	Peninsula & Buckhorn Chapter Miller Peninsula Rhoddy Breakfast & Ride	Stage @ Don Tucker's Land off of Pierce Road	Brkfst 9 AM
JUNE	C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C		
3	National Trail Day	Get out the work and ride a trail!	
12	Board Meeting	Clallam County Courthouse (CCC) 223	5:00 PM
24	Dan Kelly Ride	E 4th St, Port Angeles, WA Dan Kelly Rd, off Hwy 112, Port Angeles	10:00 AM
JULY	****		
8		Dan and Debbie Dosey's	
	Chapter Picnic Pot Luck		12 AM - 4 PM
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Check the website at pbchw.org for updates to the Calendar.

The Peninsula Chapter of BCHW thanks you for joining or renewing your membership. You will note on the membership form below that there are two memberships. All members belong to BCHW, our parent organization. To belong to the Peninsula Chapter you must also fill out the Chapter Membership information. Send in your application and check to the Chapter address listed on the application. Thank you for becoming a member and joining us to keep our Public Lands trails open, maintained, and increasing in number for everyone!

COUNTRY HORSEA BCHW & PENINSULA CHAPTER WELCOMES YOU! To join BCHW, complete this application, sign the liability release (all members 18 and over), attach payment and turn in both to your Chapter Treasurer or Membership Chair. Make Checks to: Peninsula Chapter Mail to: BCHW – PC, PO Box 1931, Port Angeles, WA 98362 MEMBER INFO YES: Add the * info to the Peninsula Chapter Directory for Members Only New Member ☐ Renewal – Membership number(s): *Adult's name(s): Children's name(s): *Address: City: Zip: *Phone number: *E-mail: Legislative district (if known): County: Check to opt out of mailed (hardcopy) newsletter: BCHWashington (Trailhead News) Check one: Please send ALL communication from this Chapter by: email posted mail STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP All chapter members must also be a member of BCHW. **Basic Membership** However, BCHW dues only need to be paid once each Single \$41.00 year. Joining additional (secondary) chapters only requires paying chapter dues. Family \$54.00 PENINSULA CHAPTER Optional Membership (includes family or single from above) ☐ Single \$9.00 ☐ Family \$11.00 Contributing \$75.00 \$125.00 Sustaining If joining a secondary Chapter, provide the Chapter name where BCHW dues have been paid for 2015: Patron \$250.00 Benefactor \$500.00 Lifetime (Single) \$1200.00 Chapter Dues State dues paid online (attach receipt copy) Additional Chapter Donation \$ Additional State Donation \$ Chapter Subtotal \$ Grand Total (State+Chapter) § State Subtotal \$ 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 Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, Inc., 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:

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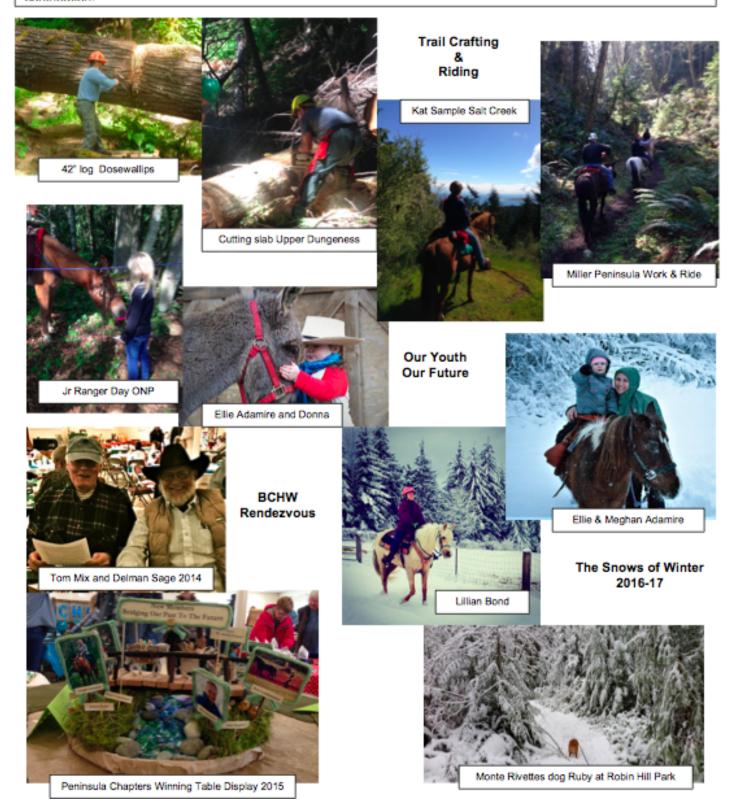
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The photo collage page reflects our BCHW mission and the Peninsula Chapter endeavors to follow that mission. We all enjoy sharing our experiences. Please send me your photos to share and include where and when the photos were taken, who is in them and any caption you'd like. Send to either the Chapter email

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