

Summer 2019

Trail Crafters News

Olympic Peninsula, Washington



May 17, 2019
Volunteers Flag
Trail for Rhody Ride

Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), is a 501 (c)(3) organization with 31 chapters across the state dedicated to: keeping trails open for all users; educating horse users in Leave-No-Trace practices; and providing volunteer service to resource agencies.

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Summer Reminders!

As everyone enjoys our lovely summer weather and plans vacations and house guests, there are some “**horse keeping**” chores to keep in mind:

If you had issues last winter with mud or standing water around your barn, gates, or in paddocks, this is the perfect time of year to address and correct those situations. The Clallam Conservation District will provide professional help if you request it. (360-452-1912)

It is also an excellent time to wash winter horse blankets and be sure they are in good repair before they are needed in the fall.

President’s Message – Dan Dosey

Summer Activities

The welcome summer weather is getting everyone outdoors! It is prime time for trail projects and Peninsula Chapter members are working with many organizations to get the work done. I want to highlight the great cooperation of so many trail using groups in our area. Members of BCHW-PNC work cooperatively with Olympic National Park, US Forest Service, State Parks, Department of Natural Resources, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, and volunteer groups like WTA(Washington Trails Assn.), NOLT (North Olympic Land Trust), PNTA(Pacific Northwest Trails Assn.), ODT(Olympic Discovery Trail Thursday Trail Crew), OM(Olympic Mountaineers), WCC(Washington Conservation Corps), QRC(Quilcene Ranger Corps), EMBA(Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance), CMBA(Colville Mountain Bike Alliance), hiking groups, and other chapters of BCHW. Since all of these groups are concerned with keeping our wooded and wilderness areas available for public use, the cooperation is a “**WIN**” for everyone. Many amazing people are lending a hand in this effort.

Our Newsletter attempts to keep members informed about many of our projects. If you see something here that you would like to assist with, please give me or our trail boss, Tom Mix, a call so you can join us. Also, encourage community members and acquaintances to become members of BCHW if they have an interest in maintaining our public lands for recreation. A person does not have to own or ride a horse to participate in many of our group projects and activities. Invite someone whom you think might be interested to our summer picnic. Peninsula Chapter is a great group of people and we welcome new members! I would love to see lots of new faces at our next gathering.

Dan

Sequim Middle School Activity – April 23, 2019

Chapter members (Rick & Suzanne King and Jim & Donna Hollatz) helped supervise a group of about 30 middle school students in conjunction with a Science field trip. Working with Powell Jones, the students learned to use tread building tools (shovel, rake, lopper, Pulaski, rhino, McLeod) and built a considerable amount of tread on the new Cat Lake connector trail. Their day included a hike with their teacher to identify native plants, lunch, and a demonstration of the 3S Safety Program with Linda Morin and Judy DuPree. We hope that activities of this kind will cultivate an interest in our natural wonders and trail use and maintenance that will carry over to adulthood. The Olympic Peninsula is such a beautiful environment that we hope the youth of this area learn to appreciate it in this day and age of “electronic entertainment”. RTP grant funding helped to support this activity.



Sequim Middle School Students
proud of their work!



3S Demonstration for Trail Builders.



Students choosing tools.



Students building tread.

Junior Ranger Day, April 27th



Demonstration of 3S Safety Principles



Our ambassador, Murphy, greets participants.

Junior Ranger Day was held at the Olympic National Park Visitor Center in Port Angeles. Members were on hand with horses, bicycles, and hikers to demonstrate and teach our 3S Trail Safety Program. Our message reached about 400 - 500 young citizens through this activity and children were thrilled to be able to interact with the horses.



These members did a 3S demonstration at Striped Peak with Rebecca Wanagel, a WTA crew, and Port Angeles High School ROTC students on May 4th.

May 18: A volunteer work party was held to help prepare the Layton Hill Horse Camp for the summer riding season. Del and Judy Sage enjoy sharing their facility with our chapter and equestrians from many other areas. It was a great opportunity to “give back” by clearing fallen trees from campsites and weed-whacking tall grass. “Many hands make light work” and a good time was shared by all involved. We hope many of you will go to Layton sometime this summer to experience the great trails and try out the obstacle course and arena.

May 25 – Rhody Ride

Our annual Rhody Ride from the Don Tucker property off Pearce Road was a great hit this year. At least 26 members and 6 guests attended, enjoying a fabulous breakfast, campfire, and short general meeting where President Dan introduced newcomers. The weather started out fine, but unfortunately turned into a downpour just as riders were ready to mount up. A few people took their horses home, but a hearty group had a nice ride. Although we ended up very “soggy”, everyone had a good time and the blooming rhodies were spectacular despite the rain.



General meeting.



Good turnout for ride & breakfast.

June 5th – Tubal Cain Trail Signs

Our trail boss, Tom Mix, led a group of 6 riders in 3 miles to the Tubal Cain Mine area to install some new trail signs. It should help hikers and equestrians who were often confused by the many trail segments near the creek and camping area. Our crew also cut out some limbs to improve the creek crossing, then rode on 3 more miles to enjoy the views at Buckhorn Pass. Everyone agreed that it was a fine high-country experience.



New trail sign!



Beautiful view from Buckhorn Pass.

June 14th – Slab Camp Bridge Project

The Slab Camp Bridge Project is continuing with Tom Mix and others packing bridge slabs into the site. Three large cedars must be prepared for stringers under the planks. Two are ready and another trip is needed to get a third one ready. The project is expected to be completed in August. This project is funded by an RAC grant.



Patient pack stock, waiting while the crew works to cut a new bridge support.

Cat Lake Road Trail – Ready for Use

The new Cat Lake Road Trail, which was begun January 15th, is now ready to ride! It goes from the cul de sac at the end of Cat Lake Road west to an extension of Belly Deep. There is also a connection going north to Cable Trail near the Aerospace buildings. This makes a nice new loop to ride! This is an example of the wonderful work that can be accomplished with the efforts of multiple trail groups. Peninsula Chapter members slashed the trail, Powell Jones ran an excavator through for the rough trail, then numerous groups worked to widen the corridor and build tread, including the ODT Thursday Trail Crew, a group from Buckhorn Chapter, a group of Sequim Middle School Students, and members of a mountain bike group. Next time you are at Miller Peninsula give it a try! We are very proud of this new trail segment.

Photography Assistance Requested

One of the best ways to document all of our wonderful activities is through photos! We do not have an official photographer and it is difficult for one person to be at all of our events, so it would be extremely helpful if those of you in attendance would take some photos and send them to Newsletter editor, Donna Hollatz (jdholatz@gmail.com). This documentation can then be used for posters, newsletters, state calendar, and other promotions.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE SENT PHOTOS IN THE PAST!

The Duckabush June 18-23, 2019 - written by Rebecca Wanagel, WTA spokesperson & volunteer

This project was done by an all volunteer crew of 6, under the leadership of Rebecca. She has provided us with a great story and wonderful photos to tell about the work that was done.

“The Duckabush. This trail snatches my heart and gives me goosebumps. Partly because of where it goes right into the heart of the Olympic National Park. Partly because it’s so pretty every step of the way as the river and the trail converge and diverge endlessly. Partly because it’s been through some tough times. It’s reaching out to be loved and tended. Mother Nature is taking care of regenerating this place after 2 devastating forest fires (one human caused, the other – maybe lightening?). But humans have to tend the trail, which is made more difficult by the fact that it is a burn zone for so many miles. Burn zones toss down a lot of trees onto the trail every year, plus the new trees and brush growing along the trail make it maddening at best, dangerous at worst. The trees themselves are sometimes more challenging to cut safely due to the lack of vegetation along with the sheer number of snags (standing dead trees) that make it harder to move rounds out of the way safely.

WTA had already led two multi-day trips this year (led by another volunteer leader, Al Mashburn) to tend to the stretch from River Camp (about 2-1/4 miles) to Seven Mile Camp (really 7.5 miles). They did an excellent job clearing all the logs, putting in a Park-approved reroute where the trail was getting dangerously undercut right at about mile 7, and doing some brushing and tread work. Now it was my turn to lead a crew.

The unique thing about this trip is that WTA decided to allow the use of a chain saw on a trial basis. If this went well, it would set a precedence for the safe use of a more efficient tool than a crosscut saw. Since I was only able to get a crew of 6 on this trip, it was even more imperative that we use a more efficient tool.

[Martin Knowles](#) and I were the two on this trip who are certified to clear trees with a chain saw. Please forgive the fact that this album does not have pictures of the incredible crosscut team doing their amazing work, as I was always with Martin running the power saw or swamping for him when it was his turn to run the saw.

Because we were allowed to use a chain saw (by the way, this entire stretch is in the Olympic National Park), that made it so we got through all nearly 90 trees in 3 days, which left us time to get to some of the horrible brush and encroaching trees that needed to be cut back. Sure, it needs more brushing and I hope next year to take in a couple of power brushers, but we definitely made it SO MUCH BETTER it’s practically unreal.

This trip would not have been possible without the support of the Backcountry Horsemen, Peninsula Chapter led by [Tom E. Mix](#). Tom and Leif Høglund packed our stuff into and out of 5-mile camp. Sure, we had to take it from there, but to get all that equipment up and over Little and Big Humps was a lifesaver. When you take a chainsaw in, there is a lot of extra weight involved with the saw, extra bar, chaps (2 sets), sharpening and tool maintenance accessories and – of course – gas and bar oil. The partnership between WTA and Backcountry Horsemen is nothing short of amazing. I cannot thank Tom and Leif enough. Without them we would have had to take in only crosscut saws. That would have meant we would have spent the entire time getting through most but not all of the trees, and no brushing or tread work would have happened.

We camped 2 nights at 7 mile camp (7.5 miles) and then 3 nights at 10 mile camp (10.7 miles). Then we got all the equipment, tools and the (thankfully empty) gas and oil cans back to 5 mile camp for pickup by the mules. We were very happy to see Tom and Leif riding back into camp. Riding a team of mules over Big Hump with those 19 steep and narrow switchbacks is not a small feat. I admire them and am grateful.

I only had a crew of 6. But what an amazing 6 we were. We were a well-oiled machine. Everyone was tough as nails, uncomplaining and super hard workers. It was tough, but we had a great time.

Enjoy the album. As always, I included a description with each picture so you can follow what was going on. Again, my apologies that I don’t have pictures of the crosscut team. They were just as critical to the success of this trip as we were.

If you attempted this stretch of the Duckabush in the past few years and decided it just wasn’t worth it, I’d give it another go now.”

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/7RK22mg4mXL5Ydwj9>

Here are some photos from Rebecca's trip. Many more are available on line.



Editors Note: This was an historic trip for WTA. The crew was authorized to use chain saws and make the case than volunteers can safely use power saws on trail maintenance outings. We fully expect WTA to implement policy authorizing chain saw use! This is all thanks to Rebecca and her crew.

GO PNC! Be Proud of Your Volunteer Trail Work!!!

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU TURN IN YOUR VHs BY THE 5TH OF EACH MONTH. Don't hesitate to send Suzanne an email, rkingandsking@gmail.com, as soon as you do volunteer work of any kind related to trails, events, education, or anything tied to our Mission Statement.

Here are our latest numbers and comparison from last few years

2016

Total VH 7899.5
Total Value \$261,197.36

2017 year end

Total VH 5165
Total Value \$165,492

2018 year end

Total VH 6,150.5
Total Value \$205,265.50

Oct. 1 2018 thru July 12, 2019

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| Total Basic Hours | 1817.5 | \$44,874.08 |
| Total Skilled Hours | 560.5 | \$30,827.50 |
| LNT & Educ. | 256 | \$6,320.64 |
| Admin. & Plc Mtgs. | 821.5 | \$20,282.84 |
| Travel Time | 721.5 | \$17,813.84 |
| Total Hours | 4,177 | \$120,118.89 |
| Vehicle Mileage | 21,793 | \$20,703.35 |
| Total Miles | 21,793 | \$20,703.35 |
| Total Stock Days | 90 | \$9,000.00 |

Grand Total \$149,822.24

VOLUNTEERING IT'S WHO WE ARE MAKE YOUR HOURS COUNT – REPORT THEM

Your 2019 Peninsula Chapter Officers & Chairs

Take the time to note that this list of Chapter members continues to step up and be your Board Directors and Chairs. They do an outstanding job. We are a very successful BCHW Chapter because of the work they do for you. You can support them in many ways: attend your General Meetings, do volunteer event and trail work, attend our ride events, join every year, bring in new members, and send them a thank you now and then. As with all organizations, burn out is a given. Consider shadowing the person who holds one of these positions so that you can step up to take their place in the near future. Your Chapter's future depends on you!

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Trail Projects Coordinator Report by Tom Mix

Olympic Discovery/Adventure Trail

Weekly maintenance trips accomplished tread and corridor maintenance plus reestablishment of tread through fresh clear cuts on DNR land.

The "No Stock" signs at both entrances of the ODT and Sequim Bay State Park have been removed. The ODT is now open to stock where it had been administratively blocked.

We and our partners accomplished maintenance of 12 miles of trail. We will continue to maintain tread and corridor plus build new trail as the ODT heads west past Bear Creek towards Forks and LaPush.

Department of Natural Resources

About 2 miles of new trails were flagged across DNR land near Miller Peninsula State Park, increasing user enjoyment of the area.

We helped build a new trail at Striped Peak adjacent to Salt Creek County Park.

Several 3S (Stop, Stand, Speak) educational sessions were conducted with youth crews on how trail users can safely encounter one another. (Hikers, Bicyclists, Equestrians)

The Little River Trail re-route was installed.

Our plan is to continue to establish future trail routes and help with construction and maintenance. We also plan to return to Little River Trail to remove several yards of rotted water line wire that poses a safety issue for hikers and stock.

North Olympic Land Trust

Hazardous trees were removed at access trailheads and about 3 miles of trail maintained.

Trail Projects Coordinator Report by Tom Mix (cont. from P. 8)

Olympic National Park

About 5 miles of lowland trails were cleared of downed trees. Access was limited due to snow levels.

U S Forest Service

Sawyer instruction/evaluation and certification was conducted for several USFS volunteer trail maintenance groups.

Planning was completed for the replacement of a failing 35-foot long stock bridge/puncheon about 2.7 miles in on Slab Camp Trail #838. Deck planks for the bridge were sawed at USFS Quilcene yard and planks staged at Sequim in preparation for packing to the job site.

We initiated replacement of 30-foot long puncheon 2.3 miles in on Slab Camp Trail.

We flagged and started the 1.5 mile reroute of the Lower Big Quilcene (LBQ) Trail #833.

We negotiated and committed to support the Quilcene Ranger Corps (using funds from an RTP grant) to keep it from dissolving due to an abrupt withdrawal by PTNA of Corps management and leadership.

We met with PTNA regional management and built their trail maintenance project and schedule.

Focus will be trail #8840 Tubal Cain to Marmot Pass to Boulder shelter to Constance Pass.

During the next reporting period we expect to:

Complete the packing of bridge deck planks from Sequim to Slab Camp bridge replacement job site.

Complete the Slab Camp puncheon replacement project.

Contract PNTA to process Quilcene Ranger Corps leadership via USFS paper.

Contract WCC crews to assist on the LBQ reroute and replace a failing tread across a seeping hillside.

Open LBQ trail to stock travel in support of crews working the reroute.

Over 12 miles of trail and 30+ feet of puncheon were maintained in this reporting period.

Washing Department of Fish and Wildlife

No work was done during this reporting period. Our work with WDFW is a fish stocking program with incidental trail maintenance as issues are encountered on USFS trails.

Washington State Parks

About 12 miles of trail corridor was maintained and a mile of new trail constructed. We will continue to refine the just installed new trail and focus on tread and water management as we move into the fall and the wet season.

Upcoming Trail Parties:

Bridges: We have been asked to lead a bridge construction effort at Glacier Creek near Ross Dam rec area next season. That will be a 3 stringer, 65-foot span stock bridge. We are awaiting USFS decision to proceed.

We have been asked to lead a bridge replacement during the July/August SWWP. Tony Karniss is the focal for our portion. We plan to stage from the Green River stock camp. The 24-foot span bridge is on the 213 trail near the 213A junction. All work approvals are in hand.

Noxious Weeds: We will schedule treatment parties and assessment trips when and where needed during the season. We will conduct thistle treatment July 25 (weather permitting) starting at Camp Handy and meadows further in along Heather Creek. Other sites are Miller Peninsula for Tansy and Canary Reed Grass. Please notify the Trail Work Projects Coordinator should you observe noxious weeds on our trails.

Miller Peninsula: We will install 3 or 4 picnic tables; mow the Discovery Bay Loop to 5-year standards.

Lower Dungeness: Avoid having stock on this trail until further notice. There is a new slide area a short ways past the puncheon saw site that has to be repaired. Mike Bonomo and his crew have completed puncheon rebuilds.

Trail Projects Coordinator Report by Tom Mix (cont. from P. 8)

Tubal Cain – We helped WTA and USFS by felling a new foot log for the failing footlog at Silver Creek Shelter. The new foot log was installed July 9th. We and WTA plan to revisit the scree slope crossing just before Tull Canyon to make it stock safe. The pack stock clearance requirement was not incorporated into the reroute. Neither BCHW nor WTA constructed that re-route.

Upper Gray Wolf – bridge out just before the ONP line. Also, 5 miles in from TH there is a failed switchback that will need a crib wall built and retreading of the switchback into a climbing turn. From 3 Forks to the pass there are more than 20 downed trees.

Wolf Creek – we will head in from the top and accomplish log out. The ONP failed to prep for the dam removals and now the main road is gone. The Elwha has once again exerted influence on the ONP road and has isolated the ranger station, maintenance yard and Mule Bran. Our current plan is to approach Wolf Creek from the top down. Future access to the Elwha may not occur for another 5 years or more.

NOLT – Lyre River conservation area – we have been asked to help install an ADA accessible trail near the existing trailhead. This trail will be about 0.3 miles long and encourage ADA access. Plan is to build it about 5 feet wide corridor – Heather may ask us to lead a corridor clearing work party event to open up a tsunami escape route. We await Heather's schedule.

USFS Quilcene – We have been asked to conduct instruction and certification for chain and crosscut sawyers and to conduct instruction in rigging for selected USFS and volunteers.

WTA – We expect to be asked to provide pack stock support to WTA crews for North Fork Skokomish to O'Neil, Appleton pass, Arura Ridge, and possibly Happy Lake Ridge. They will ask Mt Olympus chapter for pack support to the Mt Muller top part of the loop trail. They will ask Grays Harbor for packing assist to Skyline (Low divide) and O'Neil Pass (Enchanted Valley).

PNTA – Need to restart discussions on just exactly where is the PNTA route across the Peninsula.

Sawyer Certs – Contact Tom or Del should you need to get certified or recertified for chain or crosscut saw work.

USFS Saw Program – Del Sage is now recognized as one of the USFS's Region 6 Feller Instructors!

Equestrian Access to the PNNST/ODT – Rich James requested a stock user map of areas on ODT from Port Townsend west where stock can and cannot safely or administratively travel.

PTC – Chuck as offered to help with PTC strategy and other items to ensure stock have no travel restrictions as the ODT traverses administratively diversified jurisdictions. The ball is on our court, so to speak, and Linda Morin has taken the lead for getting our needs known. Jan Whitlow is our rep on the PTC board. Still no sharing of upcoming plans and designs for the ODT where we can get a look at proposed trail configurations or ensure stock accommodations are actually contained in the design paper. Rich says the County's Trail Advisory Committee gets a look at upcoming designs before they go to bid.

Trail Projects Coordinator Report by Tom Mix (cont. from pg. 11)**Clallam County Trails Advisory Committee, per Kat Sample**

- 1) Discussion for electric bicycle guidelines on the ODT/OAT. Class 1(no throttle) is what is being requested to be acceptable for trail use with a 12 month trial period. Concern: enforcement of MPH & possible Class II or III being used on trails by abusers.
Trail etiquette, training at time of purchase with flyers & additional signage on trail discussed. Phone # on trail etiquette sign to report any abusers (accident, break-ins, etc. will be able to call also). Need right of way triangles put up. Questions about feed back on 12 mo. period. How & who will keep track & report...unknown.
P.S. De ja vous of frizby golf, but this all sounds *inevitable* so we need to keep on this with our requirements.
2. **Four Corners to Discovery Bay RT** – (12-13 mi) Study has been set back due to death (volunteer Bill Bates, who seemed to do most of work). Jefferson Co. is unable to take over his position.
3. **Old Gardner to Diamond Point** – DOT general use permit issued & from Jefferson Co. 600 ft. No grant involved. Signage plan progressing. Work will begin ASAP. Six big trees to be cut vs going around.
4. **Pierce to Old Blyn** – 2019 Jamestown Project. Justin (DNR) gave approval to connect trail.
5. **Dawley Road Slide** – Meeting with WSDOT Chris Bruning. Water problem on Hwy affecting trail. NEEDS fixing. Signage & netting are in place now. Probably won't be fixed before marathon.
6. **Onella Road Project** – Design nearing completion for April bid. 2 mi right of way. Freshwater to Thompson Road.
7. **Gosset Road to Waterline Road Project** – DNR negations. They agreed to price. Owners will hold contractors responsible to any damage done to Trail. Involves 1 bridge, 2 big culverts.
8. **Spruce RR Trail segment "B" update** – Design is underway. 70% plan – working on 90% plan. Expect end of April, finalized in May, out to bid in June. (Design contractor was slow but too far into it to fire him.) Trail will open end of April & won't shut down till end of Aug. WFL & county think cost will fall in budget. It will finish tunnel & rock walls. Done in 2022.
9. **Adventure Trail (OAT)** – Logging mile past 6 is partially restored. DNR started Tues & done by Fri this week (done).
10. **Calawah River Trail Multi-Use Bridge** – Rayonier acquisition. Met with them & OK with selling and piece. End of Calawah Pk county has right of way & don't need to deal with Blodell until later (after crossing hwy). Rayonier wants to put up forestry signs.
11. **Calawah River Trail Multi-Use Bridge** – RCO NOVA application. 150' right of way proposal. 50' dividing motorized from non-motorized users. Funding is controversial. Calawah Pk 1mi North to A Rd.
12. **Forks to LaPush FLAP Project** – 2021 to 2023 project, Rayonier is OK to selling, didn't want easement.

Legislative News – Jeff Chapman

In an email on July 2nd, BCHA asked members to take action on two important Public Lands Funding Bills that are before the U.S. Senate that would benefit trails and recreational access for everyone.

Please weigh in with calls directly to your senators.

Restore Our Parks Act (Senate Bill 500)

This bill would bring new funding to address the deferred maintenance back log throughout the National Park System.

The House of Representatives is working on a similar bill (HR 1225) which includes Department of Interior land management agencies in addition to the National Park Service. BCHA is working with a broad coalition that seeks to include the Department of Agriculture's U.S. Forest Service, and its deferred maintenance backlog, among both bills.

Your calls to U.S. Senators are needed to ask them to:

“Please include the Department of Agriculture’s U.S. Forest Service among agencies that would benefit from S 500, the Restore Our Parks Act.”

Our senator, Maria Cantwell, sits on the Senate Natural Resources Committee.

She can be reached at: www.cantwell.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/email.maria

Phone: 202-224-3441

In the next few weeks, the U.S. Senate’s Committee on appropriations is likely to resume work on the Fiscal Year 2020 budget for federal and management agencies. These agencies include the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management. The House of Representatives is further along in the development of next year’s budget. Their proposal holds some welcome surprises for public lands, recreation and trails.

The House Committee on Appropriations took a novel approach, and asked the Forest Service no longer to assess cost pools (i.e., overhead) on Congress’ approved budget for non-fire agency operations including facilities, roads and trails. They wanted greater accountability from the agency and asked that the forest Service create a separate budget line item for cost pools.

For the current Fiscal Year (2019), for example, the Forest Service took 28 percent of the trails budget “off the top” before funds were distributed to regions. For 2020, the House is proposing only 4 percent be taken from the agency’s trails budget. If the Senate adopts the same approach, this would mean that the Forest Service’s overall trails budget could increase by between \$5.2 million to \$8 million next year.

Calls to members of the Senate Appropriations Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Subcommittee are critical at this time. Ask them to:

“Please adopt the House Appropriations Committee’s recommended budget for non-fire U.S. Forest Service operations, including the elimination of cost pools from its trails budget.”

We believe that phone calls from constituents are more effective than either letters or emails at this time. Please report any feedback you receive to BCHA’s director for Public Lands & Recreation at: WildernessAdvisor@bcha.org

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Horse Property for Sale
4054 East Sequim Bay Road
All set up with Home, 3 Stall Barn, & RV Parking
Contact: Boyd Sharp (360)683-4137 or Cell: 206-550-5506

Horse Boarding Facilities Available in 2019
Board includes use of outdoor 50' Round Pen &
100' x 150' Riding Arena
Location: north off Woodcock between Towne Road & Sequim-Dungeness Way
Contact: Tom Mix (360)582-0460
Email: backcountrypacker.mix@gmail.com

All BCHW members can post a free equine or farm related ad. 20 words or less. Must include contact info. Due by the 25th of the month by email: PeninsulaBCHWChapter@Gmail.Com

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Opportunity to Make Donations to the Chapter!

The following is from an article found in USA Today. I tried it and found it works as advertised.

October 31, 2013; [USA TODAY](#). This holiday season, Amazon is in quite the charitable mood when it comes to giving away money to nonprofits. Amazon has released a new project, [Amazon Smile](#), which gives shoppers the opportunity to donate through the site to the charity of their choice. By shopping at [smile.amazon.com](#) instead of plain old [amazon.com](#), 0.5 percent of the value of their purchases will be donated. What's even more amazing is that there seems to be no limit to the amount Amazon will give to charity, although as of now auto-renewed subscription purchases and digital products aren't included in the AmazonSmile project.

Ian McAllister, general manager of AmazonSmile, says the company did it simply "because it thought customers would love it." Donations will be made on behalf of a foundation established by Amazon, so those using AmazonSmile will not be able to claim donations as charitable deductions.

Philanthropic charities looking to register their organizations can visit [org.amazon.com](#), sign up, and begin spreading the AmazonSmile link to start the giving to your nonprofit. And, in a moment of shameless self-promotion, if you'd like to support the *Nonprofit Quarterly* (listed under the IRS and GuideStar as the Nonprofit Information Network Association) through AmazonSmile, [please click here](#) <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-4080038>

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Every little bit helps so if you do buy from Amazon try this out.

Don Gonder, Secretary BCHWPC

PENINSULA CHAPTER OF BCHW CALENDAR 2019



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

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| Jan | | | |
| 14 | Board Meeting | Cindy Yager's Residence | 5:00 PM |
| 26 | Leadership Training | Ellensburg | 8:45 AM |
| Feb | ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ | | |
| 11 | Board Meeting | Cindy Yager's Residence | 5:00 PM |
| 25 | BCHW Legislative Day | Olympia | All Day |
| Mar | | | |
| 11 | Board Meeting | Cindy Yager's Residence | 5:00 PM |
| 15-17 | BCHW RENDEZVOUS & Director's Meeting | Kittitas Valley Center 901 E. 7th Ellensburg, WA | 9 AM daily |
| 23 | General Meeting Pot Luck | Sequim Prairie Grange 290 MacLeay Rd, Sequim, WA | 5 PM - 8PM |
| 23 | BCHW 13th Ann. Gravel Pack-in | Capitol State Forest | 8:00 AM |
| Apr | | | |
| 6 | Frosty Mossey Relay Foot Race | Dan Kelly Trail Head | 11:00 AM |
| 8 | Board Meeting | Cindy Yager's Residence | 5:00 PM |
| 20 | OAT Run | Dan Kelly Rd, off Hwy 112, Port Angeles Help only set up/take down wall tents | 8:00 AM |
| 23 | Powell Johna-3S Youth Training | Miller Penninsula State Park | |
| 27 | Nati'l. Park Jr. Ranger Day | 3002 Mt Angeles Rd Port Angeles, WA (up Race St) | 8:30 AM |
| 28 | Buckhorn Miller Ride | Miller Penninsula State Park | |
| MAY | | | |
| 11 | Irrigation Festival Parade | Sequim | |
| 4 | WTA Youth Project #2 with 3S Training | Striped Peak & Salt Creek | |
| 13 | Board Meeting | Cindy Yager's Residence | |
| 19 | BCHW Joe Watt Canyon Ride | Ellensburg | |
| 25 | Peninsula & Buckhorn Chapter Miller Peninsula Rhody Breakfast & Ride and General Mtg | Stage @ Don Tucker's Land off of Pierce Road | Brkfst 9 AM |

| JUNE  | | | |
|---|---|---|--------------|
| 10 | Board Meeting | Cindy Yager's Residence | 5:00 PM |
| 15 | Dan Kelly Ride | Dan Kelly Rd, off Hwy 112, Port Angeles | 10:00 AM |
| JULY  | | | |
| 13 | Chapter Picnic Pot Luck & General Meeting | Dan & Debbie Dosey's Residence | 12 AM - 4 PM |
| 11-Aug | Screamin' Eagle Camp Out & Beach Ride | 172 nd Ave, Ocean City, WA 98569 | |
| 20-21 | Buckhorn Tahuya Overnight | Tahuya Horse Camp | |
| Aug | | | |
| 12 | Board Meeting | Dosey's | 5:00 PM |
| 10 | Joyce Ride | Margaret Salstrom's Ranch 278 Dunmire Rd, Joyce, WA | 10:00 AM |
| Sept | | | |
| 6, 7, 8 | General Meeting/Pot Luck/Camp Out: Nominations for 2018 | Layton Hill Horse Camp 2514 Chicken Coop Rd Sequim, WA | 10:00 AM |
| 12 | Board Meeting | | 5:00 PM |
| 14 | Director's Meeting | Ellensburg | 9:00 AM |
| 27 | River Festival 3S Training | Dungeness River Center | 9 AM-2 PM |
| Oct | | | |
| 5 | Salt Creek Spaghetti Ride with Mt. Olympus Chapter & New Trail Rider Mentoring | Salt Creek County Park Joyce WA | 9:00 AM |
| | Ballots Sent Out | | |
| 14 | Board Meeting | TBD | 5:00 PM |
| 20 | Peninsula & Buckhorn Joint Ride | Port Gamble | |
| | BCHW 7th Annual Winery Ride | Zillah | |
| 30 | Ballots Postmarked | | |
| Nov | | | |
| 4 | Ballots Tallied | | |
| 9 | Gen. Mtg Brd Hosted Dinner, Awards/ ElectionResults | Sequim Prairie Grange 290 MacLeay Rd, Sequim, WA | 5:00 PM |
| 11 | Board Meeting | Cindy Yager's Residence | 5:00 PM |
| 16 or 17 | Buckhorn Donut Ride | | |
| Dec | | | |
| 7 | Director's Meeting | Ellensburg | 9:00 AM |
| TBD |  Christmas Party | TBA | TBA |

NON
MEMBERSHIP
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APPLICATION

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: _____ *ST: _____ *Zip: _____

*Phone number: _____ *E-mail: _____

Legislative district (if known): _____ County: _____

Check to opt out of mailed (hardcopy) newsletter: BCHWashingon (Trailhead News)

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STATE MEMBERSHIP

Basic Membership

Single \$41.00

Family \$54.00

Optional Membership (includes family or single from above)

Contributing \$75.00

Sustaining \$125.00

Patron \$250.00

Benefactor \$500.00

Lifetime (Single) \$1200.00

State dues paid online (attach receipt copy)

Additional State Donation \$ _____

State Subtotal \$ _____

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

All chapter members must also be a member of BCHW. However, BCHW dues only need to be paid **once** each year. Joining additional (secondary) chapters only requires paying chapter dues.

PENINSULA CHAPTER

Single \$9.00 Family \$11.00

If joining a secondary Chapter, provide the Chapter name where BCHW dues have been paid for 2015:

Chapter Dues \$ _____

Additional Chapter Donation \$ _____

Chapter Subtotal \$ _____

Grand Total (State+Chapter) \$ _____

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 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: _____

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