

Trail Crafters News

Olympic Peninsula, Washington



Delman Sage Little River, ONP
More pictures page 6

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.

Special Interest Articles

- Rendezvous 2017 Recap Pg 3
- Lk Crescent Hwy Rehab Pg 4
- ODT Pg 5
- JW Trail Pg 6
- Youth Involved Pg 9

Highlights:

Bios	2
Trail Work	4
Calendar	7
Membership	8
Photos	10
Contact Info	11

PENINSULA CHAPTER BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON

PO Box 1931 Port Angeles, WA 98362 visit us on FB peninsulabchwhchapter@gmail.com

Hot To Trot – Lots to Do!

No fooling, Spring has arrived and many Chapter opportunities are on the Calendar. There is something for every member to join in on. Be sure to volunteer, ride, or contribute in some way.

April 1 is your opportunity to help with the Annual **OAT Run** at the Dan Kelly Equine Parking Lot. Contact Tom Mix.

The next **Board Meeting** is **April 10**, 5 PM at the Clallam County Courthouse (CCC).

The ever popular and fun **Jr. Ranger Day** is **April**

15 at the ONP Visitor Center on Mt. Angeles Rd in PA. Set up starts at 8:30 AM. This event is always a joy to be a part of. Contact either Linda Morin or Debbie Dosey. The Annual Salt Creek Spaghetti Ride is **April 22** at the Salt Creek County Park in Joyce. This is our kick-starter spring ride and get together, 9 – 2 at the pavilion.

April 29 brings us a new event, **Jr. Packing Orientation** at Layton Hill Horse Camp, Sequim from 10 – 2. Bring

yourselves and youngsters to bone up or learn new packing skills.

May 8 is the **General and Board Meeting** at the CCC, 5 PM for the Board, 6:30 PM for the General. **First Aid Training** is **May 13** at the CCC.

May 20 the famous and fun **Annual Breakfast Ride with the Buckhorn Chapter at Miller Peninsula Park**.

Breakfast at 9 AM. More details posted by email for all events.

Get those equines ready! And join the fun.

President's Message – Dan Dosey

Hopefully April isn't foolin' and Spring is here. We're all more than ready. The Peninsula was well tested this winter with a large share of snow and wet cold weather. Let's all hope that sunshine is the new norm.

Our Chapter returned from Rendezvous with good stories to share and a wealth of awards. Thanks to the efforts of Debbie Dosey and Kris Phillips PNC won the Table Decoration Award for Best Mission Statement. This is our third time to win that award! It was a wonderful collective effort to set up the large two-table display. Be sure to see the pictures. We were all very

proud, and quite moved, by the awarding of the BCHW Desk Jockey Award to Judy Sage, our Volunteer Hours Coordinator. Judy was moved to tears for the honor. We think she is the best Desk Jockey ever! It was 'all in the family' when it came to the Trailer Driving Competition. Delman Sage won the Men's Division and his daughter Anna won the Women's Division. I'd also like to recognize past member, and present President of the new Olympus Chapter, Larry Baysinger, for being awarded the BCHW Lifetime Achievement Award. A well deserved

and prestigious honor. We're going to be busy in April and May. Just to name a few: Jr. Ranger Day, joint Mt. Olympus ride at Salt Creek, the Breakfast Ride at Miller with Buckhorn Chapter, 3S Trail Safety presentations, and our Jr. Packing Clinic at Layton Hill Horse Camp. Not to mention our weekly trail work parties! For 2016 and 2017 our goal of education and youth involvement has been in the forefront. Presentation request of our 3S Safety Program by several youth groups helps to bring us closer to this goal. I'll see you soon! *Dan*

Bios – Linda Morin



Kris Phillips left, Linda Morin right hosting Ride the Miller catered lunch 2016

Our bio spotlight this edition is Linda Morin, Events Coordinator for the Peninsula Chapter. Linda has served on the Board three years, beginning as Assistant Events Coordinator to Kris Phillips and as Events Coordinator Committee Chair in 2016 and 2017. Linda hails from Harford, CT where she attended a private girls school in the

1950's and 1960's. She had an idyllic life on the East Coast. She received a BS in Animal and Vet Science from the University of Maine. Linda inherited her love of horses from her great grandfather. He was a Calvary officer and performed jumping exhibitions riding three horses at once, standing on the outside two! Linda does not repeat this performance, but she has enjoyed eventing in the past and is a superb rider. Linda would work and save her money to ride horses at a nearby stable as she grew up. But, owning her own horse finally came true while she was in college. Her first horse was a blood bay Morab and they shared many adventures together while she was there. As for many of us, life took

several detours for Linda. She met Marty and they married just after college. Along came son, Matt, and careers too. That path did include horses now and then, keeping her centered on her passion for equines.

In 1981 she and Marty moved to the Pacific NW for jobs in both Oregon and Washington. Linda was able to connect with horse people wherever she went and enjoyed riding, along with her busy work and family life.

Linda and Marty were able to retire to the Sequim area and are living on their dream property in the hills above Sequim. Their 5 acres is beautiful and neatly laid out. The house sits above their cross-fenced fields and looks down on her horses, barn, and round pen areas. The country drive meanders

up through the barn area to the house on the hill. Linda also has the advantage of riding off her property onto some of the best riding above Sequim.

Linda writes to us: "Joining BCHW Peninsula Chapter about four years ago has led me to many good times and wonderful friendships. As our 2017 year gets going I am looking forward to meeting new people and having great times on the trails, educating youth and sharing the great camaraderie this Chapter offers. So, happy trails to all members old and new, and I'll be seeing you soon!"

Call Linda and help out at one of our many fun events: 360-775-5060

PNC Volunteer Efforts

Volunteer Hours Coordinator Judy Sage sends thanks to those who are turning in their volunteer hours (VH). The Peninsula Chapter data is compiled and published each month.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU TURN IN YOUR VHs BY THE 5TH OF EACH MONTH. Don't hesitate to send Judy an email,

no1sage@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 year.

2016

Total VH 7899.5
Total Value \$261,197.36

2017 to date

Total to date VH 1588
Total to date Value
\$43,000.00

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. When you email Judy make sure you include your hours, your mileage, and your stock (if

any), and a brief description of what you did. Make sure you're a part of the 2017 data, volunteer and report your efforts to Judy Sage: 360-775-6500

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



BCHW Rendezvous 2017 – Celebrating 40 Years! **by Tom Mix**

Rendezvous 2017 is now history! And, boy did the Peninsula Chapter make a great showing! Here are the highlights.

- One exciting event was surviving I-90 along the lake to just get there. The lanes get combined and shoved sideways with no lane markings – freeform driving at its best. Add a couple of semis and some four-wheelers and you get a real show. But everyone made it safely to the other side.
- Our Director Dave Seibel did a yeoman's job of managing all the facilities during the duration of Rendezvous. Dave made sure the various buildings were open for business in the mornings and secured them for the evenings.
- Sawyer Tony Karniss put on a first ever Women Only Crosscut Saw session. We had about 30 attendees all learning how to saw without any overarching inputs from the guys!
- I coordinated FA/CPR sessions where we managed to get 28 folks certified.
- The used tack sale netted over \$7k for BCHW. There were some tremendously good buys.
- Judy Sage was on the Chapter Display judging committee. She reports that Tahoma Chapter won first, Lewis County second, and Grays Harbor third. All the displays were interesting, colorful and fun to see.
- During the Director's meeting we supported the ratification of the Mount Olympus chapter as the newest chapter of BCHW. Mt. Olympus covers the west end of the Olympic Peninsula. This was exciting and very rewarding as we have continuously encouraged and supported the formation of a west end chapter.
- (Thanks to Tom!) It was announced that BCHW has received authorization to manage our own sawyer program. Our proposal packet is now used as the preferred model nationally for other volunteer groups to use when applying for program authorization.
- Saturday evening's dinner, auction, and dance were a success. Debbie Dosey and her crew won the Best Table Decoration for the BCHW Mission Statement Award. It consisted of a standard USFS stock bridge spanning between our two tables, made by Delman Sage, who also supplied the packstring that was bringing in more bridge decking and equipment. The table display was rounded out with wooden chargers made by Dan Dosey, several photos and very nice centerpieces donated by Sophies Florist in Sequim. It was a total "hands down" win as no other chapter came even close to our decorative display. Kris Phillips' horse whiney could be heard all across the room as events unfurled.
- I picked up crosscut saws needing refurbishing and we were invited to help Whatcom Chapter install a bridge later in the season.
- Trail Manager Tim Van Beek of the Washington Trails Association sat with us as our guest. He wants to use our Share the Trails 3S materials for when they conduct their youth encounters this season.
- The general meeting went well for us as Delman Sage won the Men's division Best Trailer Backing competition, and his daughter, Anna, won the Women's division Best Trailer Backing competition. There were tears in our eyes as Judy Sage was recognized with the prestigious BCHW Desk Jockey Award for all her tireless efforts compiling our volunteer hours records. And, Larry Baysinger, past member of the Peninsula Chapter and new President of the Mt. Olympus Chapter, received the BCHW Lifetime Achievement award. Kudos to all who put in such overwhelming efforts.
- There were many new and returning vendor displays this year. Members Guy and Kathy Miller had their famous chinks and other leather goods and saddles for sale.

Lots of stories could be heard around the room as old friends reconnected and new friends were made. All in all it was a fun and exciting three days. It is always a joy to see old friends, meet new ones and enjoy the many activities provided at Rendezvous. If you missed this year, or have never been, be sure to put it on your list for next year.

BCHW Rendezvous 2018!



Check out the Rhondy photos, and others, on page 10

Take Note - Lake Crescent Highway Rehab

Along with the tourist, those wishing to haul stock to the West will want to check ahead and plan accordingly. The contract for rehabilitation of 12 miles of the Lake Crescent Highway 101 and 4 miles of East Beach Rd has been awarded to Strider Construction Co, Inc. of Bellingham, WA. The

\$27.5 million project will address long-term safety and maintenance concerns and cause delays over a three-year period.

Here is a synopsis of what to expect for 2017:

April – Late May
½ Hr delays during working hours, short after hour delays for one lane traffic. Limited 4 Hr

delays 9A-1P w/2wk notice.

Memorial - Labor Day
½ Hr delays/working hours, short after hour delays for one lane traffic.

Early Sept – Mid Nov
½ Hr delays/working hours, short after hour delays for one lane traffic. Limited 4 Hr delays 9A-1P & 6 Hr delays 10P-4A w/2wk notice.

Mid Nov – Feb

No work anticipated.

March 2018 & 2019 only
½ Hr delays/working hours, short after hour delays for one lane traffic. Limited 4 Hr delays & 6 Hr delays w/2wk notice. Watch the Newspapers for more details, check the WDOT website for road conditions, or call WDOT 360-357-2789.

Spruce Railroad Trail & Tunnel Updates

If you are planning a horse back ride along the lake off East Beach road you will definitely want to check out the status of the not only the Road (see above), but also the trail. Extensive work is being done and the trail will most likely not be open to anyone at times. Check on line at <https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/wa/spruce-c/> In addition to the most up to date info there are great pictures of the work being done.

Trail Projects Coordinator Report by Tom Mix

March 9, 2017

Work Parties Held

Miller Peninsula – brushing of the east side trail loop continues. 12 trail crafters made significant progress building tread and pulling pesky stumps at the PAE road intersection. Del removed a root was partially blocking the east side trail loop near the north gate. The east side trail loop is now ready for the field mower event. The place was busy with hikers and bikers passing our work site all day long. They all thanked us for doing what we do! Signage: WSP management is looking for a vendor to fabricate the intersection signs. The Tribe has agreed to make and install signs welcoming users to enjoy and respect their lands. There will be a Work Party March 11 to finish tread construction near the PAE road intersection.

Little River trail – we were called in to remove a rather large downed fir about 3 minutes hike down trail from that fantastic foot

log complex we installed a few seasons ago. 6 of us, along with 3 stock, removed the 58 inch tree from the trail. There remains about 80 feet of tree uphill from the trail. The tree was about 670 years old at the trail, probably an additional 80 to 100 years old at the butt. We really lucked-out as we did not have to deal with much end bind.

Mt Walker – Mike and his crew cleared the first part of the trail and have a return trip scheduled.

Lower Gray Wolf – Finished work for the winter and fall season. Logouts, tread repair, brushing. Another scouting hike is due to the end of trail ~ 4.0 mile.

Lower Quilcene - Scouting hike found enough work for almost all of the fall months. It all starts at about 3 miles from lower trailhead to the 4.5 mile point. The work site location makes for long hikes both ways. Logouts, water-crossing repair, tread damage,

drainage damage is what we do. **Lower Big Quilcene** –The trail is closed to stock above Bark Shanty due to a wash out that will require a long reroute of about a 1000 feet or more, with switchbacks on both ends. No time set to start, FS still thinking about it. We walked a route and found marking tape set from a walk-a-about done years ago when FS blasted a rock face instead of the reroute.

Upcoming trail parties:

Noxious weeds
Miller Peninsula
Little River
Striped Peak Trail
Lower Dungeness
Gold Creek
Wolf Creek
Long Ridge
Happy Lake
Lena Lake
USFS Quilcene Chainsaw/rigging Certification
Fossil Trail

Con't. pg 5

Trail Projects Coordinator Report by Tom Mix con't. from pg 4

Youth engagement – We have agreed to present our Trail Safety 3S program instruction to 2 youth groups. First will be a group of about 25 to 30 youth constructing trail on the Miller system starting at Burling Road trailhead. Later in the season we will do the same for an Eagle Scout project on the Miller system where they will be constructing the Alder Hollow trail.

BCHW Saw program – Tony Karniss and I have assembled the BCHW proposal packet to continue our ability to train and evaluate our sawyers statewide. The new USFS National Saw Policy has just been adopted. The BCHW program proposal has received Region 6 and National Saw Program approvals. Our program proposal packet is being offered nationally by the USFS for others to replicate to obtain their

program authorizations. Your First Aid and CPR must be current and remain so during the life of your certification. We will be updating our BCHW sawyer program to be in compliance. All existing sawyer certifications remain in effect. The BCHW Sawyer web page will be updated soon. Contact Tom Mix or Del Sage should you need to get certified or recertified for chain or cross cut saw work.

Tom Mix – 360-582-0460

Delman Sage – 360-461-3233



Pictures: Pg 1 and to right – In Feb. 2017 a crew of 6 rode/hiked into Little River to cut through this huge tree. Measuring 58" and about 750 yr. old

Attention All PNC Members!

VOLUNTEER HOURS – ITS WHAT WE DO!

Thanks to those of you who have submitted volunteer hours. If you have hours to report, no 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, Sequim, WA 98382

Olympic Discovery Trail – Make Voice Heard

You have a chance to influence vital funding levels for the program that fund many trail building projects along the ODT. Here is what you can do to help ensure that there are sufficient funds in the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) program. Contact your Washington State Legislators (House and Senate).

Senator Kevin Van De Wege – Kevin.VanDeWege@leg.wa.gov
Representative Steve Tharinger – Steve.Tharinger@leg.wa.gov
Representative Mike Chapman – Mike.Chapman@leg.wa.gov
Your short letter of support will help to continue improvements, maintenance, and continuance of this much needed and appreciated trail system.



Western Clothing, Tack,
Furniture, and More

Cowboy Country
923 East First Street
Port Angeles, WA 98362
360 452 5025



John Wayne Trail Resolution



Members of the John Wayne Wagons and Riders, South Cle Elum station

Those who are familiar with the topography of the eastern side of Washington State may already know how important the John Way Trail (JW Trail) is. It is a "300-mile long stretch of former railway rail bed that extends from the western slopes of the Cascade Mountains to the Idaho border and is the longest rail trail in the United States." This quote is taken from the

Clallam County Board of Commissioners Resolution 32, 2017 supporting the preservation, maintenance, and improvement of the John Wayne Pioneering Trail. In fact, the Clallam County Commissioners fully adopted the Resolution as written by BCHW and it passed unanimously. The Resolution further describes the Trail. It is

owned by Washington State Parks and WA Dept. of Natural Resources. It was designated as a National Recreational Trail by the federal government in 2002. Cyclists, hikers, horse riders, and the JW Pioneer Wagons and Riders Assoc. use it for their Annual "Ride Across Washington" event. The ODT is connected to the JW Trail via the Sound to Olympics Trail, the Kingston Ferry, the Burke Gilman Trail, and the Snoqualmie Valley Trail. This makes it truly an across the State trail. The Resolution and need for such has come about due to the recent discussion of closing a portion of the JW Trail east of the Columbia

River. This is because some adjacent landowners brought forward concerns about ongoing maintenance of the trail. It becomes apparent through this Resolution that BCHW and our County agree to the importance of recreational trails throughout Washington. Shared cooperation for the maintenance and expansion of recreational trails often falls on the multiple agencies and the volunteer organizations, such as BCHW and Chapters, to advocate and work towards keeping our trails open to all citizens and user groups. Be sure to thank your County Commissioners for taking this stand.

THE CO-OP FARM & GARDEN Since 1936

Back Country Horsemen Members

10% Off the Reg. Price

Livestock Feed & Tack

Pet Food & Supplies

Animal Health Care Products



216 East Washington St., Sequim, WA 98282

360-683-4111 toll free 1-800-300-3885

www.theco-opfarmandgarden.com

Classified Ads



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: bendock2010@hotmail.com

Oh My Gosh – Osh needs a new home! If you like a horse that is a good traveler and has 'get up and go', he's for you. No buck, kick, or bite. He is 16 Hh and is 16 YO. A friendly horse and waiting for your test ride. Contact Tom Mix – 360-582-0460



Sophie's Florist, Inc.

359 W. Washington St

360-683-7949

800-477-7949

www.sofiesfloral.com

Donated Our Floral Arrangement for Rhondy!



Back Country Horsemen Members Get 10% off the Friends and Family Discount!

Show your membership card or this ad. Plus they share on Facebook a monthly \$5 off coupon

PENINSULA CHAPTER OF BCHW CALENDAR 2017



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

Check the website at pbchw.org for updates to the Calendar.

Jan			
9	Board Meeting	Kris Phillips' Residence	5:00 PM
Feb	♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥		
13	Board Meeting	Clallam County Courthouse (CCC) 223 E 4th St, Port Angeles, WA	5:00 PM
18	General Meeting Pot Luck	Sequim Prairie Grange 290 MacLeay Rd, Sequim, WA	4 PM - 8PM
Mar			
13	Board Meeting	Clallam County Courthouse (CCC) 223 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 - Joint Ride with Mt. Olympus Chapter	Salt Creek County Park Joyce WA	9:00 AM
29	Jr Packing Orientation	Layton Hill Horse Camp 2514 Chicken Coop Rd Sequim, WA	10 AM - 2 PM
MAY			
8	Board and General Mtg	Clallam County Courthouse (CCC) 223 E 4th St, Port Angeles, WA	5:00/6:30 PM
13	Free First Aid Training	Clallam County Courthouse (CCC) 223 E 4th St, Port Angeles, WA	8 AM - 5 PM
20	Peninsula & Buckhorn Chapter Miller Peninsula Rhoddy Breakfast & Ride	Stage @ Don Tucker's Land off of Pierce Road	Brkfst 9 AM
JUNE	☀ ☀ ☀ ☀ ☀ ☀ ☀		
3	National Trail Day	Get out the work and ride a trail!	
12	Board Meeting	Clallam County Courthouse (CCC) 223 E 4th St, Port Angeles, WA	5:00 PM
24	Dan Kelly Ride	Dan Kelly Rd, off Hwy 112, Port Angeles	10:00 AM
JULY	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★		
8	Chapter Picnic Pot Luck & General Meeting	Dan and Debbi Dosey's 3974 Palo Alto Rd, Sequim, WA	12 AM - 4 PM
22-23	Joyce Ride and Campout	Margaret Salstrom's Ranch 278 Dunmire Rd, Joyce, WA	10:00 AM
Aug			
2-5	State Wide Work Party	Salmo-Priest Wilderness in the Colville National Forest	
14	Board Meeting	Clallam County Courthouse (CCC) 223 E 4th St, Port Angeles, WA	5:00 PM
19-20	Mt. Mueller Campout	Littleton Horse Camp Hwy 101 past Lake Crescent	10:00 AM
Sept			
1	General Meeting/Pot Luck/Camp Out; Nominations for 2018	Layton Hill Horse Camp 2514 Chicken Coop Rd Sequim, WA	10:00 AM
11	Board Meeting	Clallam County Courthouse (CCC) 223 E 4th St, Port Angeles, WA	5:00 PM
Oct			
1	Ballots Sent Out		
9	Board Meeting	Clallam County Courthouse (CCC) 223 E 4th St, Port Angeles, WA	5:00 PM
30	Ballots Postmarked		
Nov			
4	Ballots Tallied		
13	Board Meeting	Clallam County Courthouse (CCC) 223 E 4th St, Port Angeles, WA	5:00 PM
12	Gen. Mtg Brd Hosted Dinner, Awards/ Election Results	Sequim Prairie Grange 290 MacLeay Rd, Sequim, WA	5:00 PM
TBD	★		
	Christmas Party	TBA	TBA

Look!
April and May!



Garth McCaleb is giving BCHW members 10% Discount. Just ask or bring this ad.

He comes highly recommended by several BCHW members. Call and make your appointment now...



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!

2017
MEMBERSHIP
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: ☐ BCHWashington (Trailhead News)

Check one: Please send ALL communication from this Chapter by: email ☐ posted mail ☐

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 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: _____

Backcountry 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.

Olympic Discovery Trail – Update

Jan Whitlow, PTC representative gave us a few updates:

- The new bridge at Discovery Bay will have a ribbon cutting ceremony in mid-April. Check their website for updates.
 - Parts of the Adventure Trail will be closed because of logging. The areas will be well marked. Check the ODT website for updates or their Facebook page.
 - The Spruce Railroad tunnels are being cleared out, one will be done later this year, and the other will likely go to next year due to technical problems.
- The needs for trail adopters and trail maintenance work were discussed. A possible horse trailer parking near Mary Clark Rd in the next 3 years is in the preliminary stage.
- As Vice President for the West Clallam section of the trail I am learning as I go. I'll be looking for west end adopters.

Jr. Packing Orientation Camp April 29



This is a golden opportunity for the youth in our community! Horse, or no horse, all young people can benefit from attending the Jr. Packing Orientation Camp on April 29 from 10 AM – 2 PM. The Pack

Camp will take place at Layton Hill Horse Camp off Chicken Coop Rd in Sequim. Jennifer Coyle Bond, Tom Mix, Delman Sage, and Al Wentworth will teach the various components of understanding and learning what it takes to pack with stock. The hands-on classes include How To Use A Pack Animal, This Is A Camp-Setup and Take Down, How To Pack Up a Camp, How to Pack the Stock. The day will include small class sizes and lunch sponsored by Peninsula Chapter.

There will be a follow up Pack Day later in the season. Those who attend may come with their own stock and compete in a Pack-Off. Prizes will be awarded and lunch served again. Participants can actively participate or watch. Be sure to round up your favorite young people and attend the Jr. Packing Orientation Camp Day at Layton Hill Horse Camp, 2514 Chicken Coop Rd, Sequim, WA on Saturday, April 29 from 10 AM – 2 PM. Questions call Judy Sage 360-775-6500.

More Youth Involvement with Peninsula Chapter

There are two events taking place this Spring where youth groups, Miller Peninsula Park and Peninsula Chapter are all winners!

Powel Jones, a well-known cyclist and director of the Audubon Center In Sequim, has asked us to team up at Miller Peninsula, on April 25 – 27 with Powel's Youth Cycle group. They will be helping to build a bicycle connector Trail at Miller Peninsula Park. BCHW Peninsula Chapter (PNC) will teach our Trail Safety 3 S program to the youth groups. This program

teaches everyone to share trails safely with the Stop, Stand, and Speak greeting on the trail.

In August, a local family's Eagle Scout has a project to construct a trail at Miller Peninsula Park. It will be on the Alder Hollow Loop. PNC has been asked to teach the Trail Safety 3 S program to this group also.

The Trail Safety 3 S program has been adopted by BCHW and Miller Peninsula Park to increase safety awareness and good will among user groups. The Program emphasizes that

all users groups have a responsibility to each other, the environment, and safety on the trail. This program is appropriate for any age group or hikers, bicyclist, ATV users, and stock riders and packers. It is simple and easy to remember: Stop, Stand, and Speak – the 3S's on the trail. Debbie Dosey, Don Gonder, and Linda Morin are all Trail Safety 3S program teachers. If you would like this program presented to your group please contact one of these members. Their email information is on the last page of the newsletter.



Welcome home
Sandra Coen!
Glad you're back
and looking great!



Miller Peninsula Multi Use Trails and 3S Trail Safety



Congratulations to Larry
Baysinger for the Lifetime
Achievement Award
with Dave & Becky Seibel

RENDEZVOUS 2017

Guy & Kathy Member Vendors



Judy Sage Receives Desk Jockey Award



Anna and Del Sage Trailer Award



Tom Mix & Don Gonder



Sophie's Florist Arrangement



TABLE AWARD BEST MISSION
STATEMENT – USFS BRIDGE AND
PACK STRING BY DEL SAGE



Judy, Kris, & Debbie