

Fall 2020

# Trail Crafters News

Olympic Peninsula, Washington



## Pack String Hauling Tools

August 2020

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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## PENINSULA CHAPTER BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON

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Peninsula Chapter's New Website: [www.pbchw.org](http://www.pbchw.org) (New photos, maps, past Newsletters, Calendar, and other information are being added frequently. Check it out soon!)

Upcoming Events: Nothing is scheduled at this time due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 quarantine.

(There is a new Calendar on the website. Click the date of any event to see more.)

## President's Message – Dan Dosey

### Missing Everyone!

As we head into the darker winter months, I know we are all feeling a certain emptiness because we miss seeing everyone at our general meetings, potlucks, and group trail rides. Our lives have changed due to the Covid 19 virus, but Peninsula Chapter has managed many positive work projects despite the shut-downs. Mother Nature keeps providing us with downed trees and lots of trail work! Our pack crews have been pressed into service hauling equipment and supplies so back country work crews could do trail maintenance, even though the work crews had fewer members. Fortunately, many of our members have continued to ride the trails in small groups and our animals keep us engaged with life and provide a reason to exercise! I hope this Newsletter will help keep you informed about some of our activities. If you see something you would like to be further involved with, please don't hesitate to contact me. There are plenty of jobs to go around and we love sharing the work with friends. As always, reach out to someone in our group if you are struggling. We are a caring community.

When you are feeling "down," remember these two quotes by Winston Churchill: "There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man." and "No hour is lost that is spent in the saddle."

Happy trails,  
Dan

Important: The State Parks and Recreation Commission is in the initial design stage for development of a new "Full Service" State park planned for the Miller Peninsula property. Equestrians are encouraged to comment as to how you use the property and what you envision for the future. For your convenience, here is a link for more information and an online form for making comment:

[https://parks.state.wa.us/1187/Miller-Peninsula-Planning?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](https://parks.state.wa.us/1187/Miller-Peninsula-Planning?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)

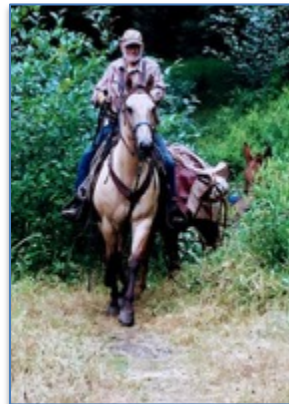
## Gold Creek Crossing – Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail – August 2020

Buckhorn Range Chapter had a grant funded project this summer to replace/rebuild the ford approach to Gold Creek along the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail. PNTA had built the original approach about 10 years ago, but it had washed out. On August 15th, Buckhorn members installed curb logs for the approach to the ford and brushed out most of the trail from the trailhead parking to the ford. The day's outing included the scramble to repair (with limited tools) the Billy Goat mower that threw a belt partway down the hill and having to work while "rapid-fire" target shooters held a gathering near the parking area!

On August 21<sup>st</sup> they were joined by member of Peninsula Chapter with pack animals to move gravel in buckets down the trail to where it was needed behind the curb logs at the ford. The crews parked at the Sleepy Hollow Extension Trailhead and packed the gravel down the 852.1 Trail to the main 852 Sleepy Hollow Trail where it crosses Gold Creek. Each bucket weighed 35lbs, each animal carried 4 buckets per trip (140lbs). The roundtrip is about one mile. There were 7 pack animals, so 28 buckets (1,000lbs) per trip. Other volunteers loaded gravel, filled buckets, held stock, and raked the new surfaces. A total of 2,750lbs of gravel was moved. The completed approach looked beautiful! This was a great example of the chapters working together to accomplish a project!



Curb logs installed by Buckhorn Range.



Pack animals hauling buckets of gravel.



After the gravel was hauled, it was raked level to create a great approach to the creek ford.



## Dosewallips Pack Trips for WTA – August 25 – 31, 2020

This summer, the Covid 19 virus required that trail work crews be limited in size to five, plus a leader, but that did not stop the trail work. Our chapter packers (Tom, Del, Leif, and Jim) provided pack support for a WTA crew that went in 16 miles to work on trails along the Dosewallips River and required overnight stays by the pack team. The trailhead is along Hood Canal, up Dosewallips Road from Brinnon. After parking in a very crowded trailhead parking lot, the pack team took 5 loaded pack animals, plus riding stock, six miles in, to camp overnight at an abandoned ranger station. The following day, they made an 18 mile round trip to pack tools and supplies to a spot near the Greywolf trail intersection, where the trail crew began its work. Coming back the pack crew camped a second night at the ranger station, then rode out six miles to their trailers the next day. This three-day routine was repeated two days later to retrieve the equipment from the wilderness. Because of this pack support, the trail crew was able to accomplish far more work in their five days than would otherwise have been possible. The pack animals can carry fuel and power tools, which means the crews can get a lot more trail work done.

Crew leader, Rebecca Wanagel reported that the crew of 6 people accomplished an extraordinary amount of work in a very short time, 100% due to the packers getting the power tools to the site. In 3 days of work (not counting the 2 days of hiking 16 miles in and out of camp) they cleared 104 trees of various sizes on the Graywolf and Dosewallips Trails, brushed more than 2 miles of the Dose Trail, and also had time left over to do some treadwork, some more brushing on the Graywolf with the chain saw, and some lopper work. If they had hiked in with hand tools only, they would not have accomplished even a small fraction of that; so much so, that she would not have bothered to lead that crew if they had to do all the work with hand tools. They had 2 chain saws and a kombi tool and astounded themselves with how much they got done with only 6 people!



At right: Gear ready to be packed.

Other photos: Along the trail.



## **Happy Valley Trailhead Parking – Dungeness Trails – Thanks, Tom!**

### **October 2020**

A new multi-use non-motorized trail network, Dungeness Trails, has something for everyone: mountain-bikers, walkers, runners, hikers, and horseback riders. Located just outside the Sequim city limits on River Road, Dungeness Trails was built by the Olympic Peninsula Bicycle Alliance (OPBA) in partnership with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. The 10-15 miles of trails on 400 acres is well marked and maintained; they're rated for level of difficulty for mountain bike riders—ranging from easy to very difficult. Future plans call for trails to be constructed south of Happy Valley road to the east of River Road all on DNR lands. All trails are multi-use.

Equestrians are welcome on these trails, but the parking areas could not accommodate horse trailers. Peninsula Chapter's Tom Mix worked corroboratively with DNR, the County Road Department, and the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe to get permission to build a better parking area for stock rigs. In a very short period of negotiation, he was given permission and permits to move a large earthen berm from the south shoulder of Happy Valley Road, near the west end, to allow space to park several horse trailers. Chapter members Del Sage and Dan Dosey brought the needed equipment and grant money provided the funds for gravel. It was about a 3 day project once the permits were issued. A "ladies" work crew spread straw on the freshly seeded berm to finish the job on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

A trail leads from the new parking to a safe crossing on River Road to access the trails. DNR has installed signs so you can find your way around. Rules require that you remove manure from the trail. Teach your horse to do haunches in or out before they poop, so it lands off the trail and you won't have to dismount. Bring your horse soon and try these trails!



Photos  
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Kris  
Phillips



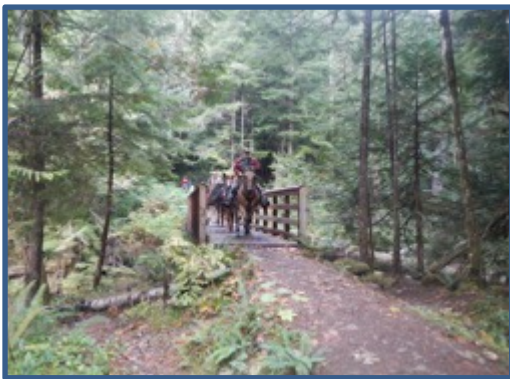
## **Lower Big Quilcene Trail – Northwest Youth Corps – October 4 – 15, 2020**

A Title II Grant that was shared by Buckhorn Range and Peninsula Chapters resulted in a Northwest Youth Corps crew doing work on the Lower Big Quilcene Trail above Bark Shanty for two weeks in October.

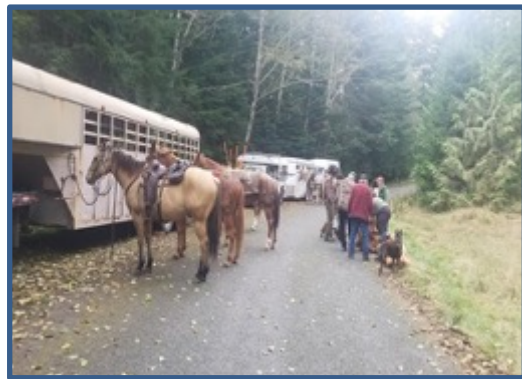
A volunteer pack crew, led by Tom Mix and Del Sage, (including 12 horses and mules plus 8 riders) packed supplies and tools in for the work crew on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Noxious Weed Control Coordinator, Cathy Lucero, rode in with them to check out the success of weed treatment done earlier in the year. The youth crew hiked in from Notch Pass. Their work was supervised by Mike Bonomo.

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, Tom and Del returned to pack them out. Upon reaching the trailhead on the return trip, they were turned around and sent back in with more supplies as the crew had just been authorized to work another week. (So, that day, two round trips of six miles each for the pack string! The horses and mules were a little confused and grumpy!)

The pack string made the final trip on October 15<sup>th</sup> to pack out equipment. This is the last of work on this trail for 2020 and the crew did a nice job, but there is more work to do in 2021 to rebuild these trails because it is being built to stock standards. There are a lot of features being built out of rock and logs: numerous crib walls, switchback curbing, and rock replacement. This reroute is literally being built into the side of the mountain. Having pack animals to haul supplies and tools is very important for the success of trail work crews.



Crossing bridge along LBQ Trail.



Loading pack stock.



Northwest Youth Corps

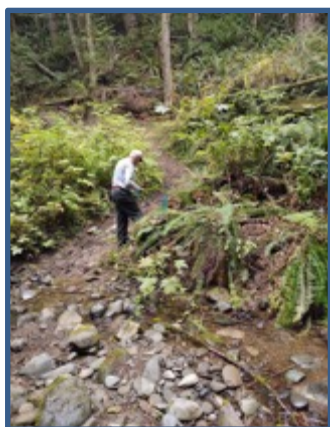


A finished section of reroute.

## Whiskey Creek Project – Olympic Adventure Route

The Whiskey Creek crossing area of the Olympic Adventure Route is challenging maintenance crews! This crossing is about 1.5 miles east of where the OAT crosses the Piedmont Road. The old fallen hemlock tree that had been repurposed as a foot and bicycle bridge has become very weak. **The equine crossing is a fairly steep, deep, muddy bog and it is not “user friendly” for horses until it is repaired.** Plans are made and preliminary work is being done to correct these problems, but it will be slow in being hardened due to Covid crew size protocols. We expect it to be ready for use by early 2010.

There will soon be an opportunity for volunteers to come out to haul buckets of gravel from Piedmont Road using pack animals. **Stay tuned for your chance to help.** There will be jobs for people who do not have pack stock as extra hands are always needed to load buckets, hold animals during the loading and unloading process, and to rake gravel.



Equine crossing.



Muddy stock ford.



Failing Whiskey Creek Bridge  
Built on old hemlock log.

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### Trailhead Courtesy Reminder:

As winter approaches, there may be fewer people using the trails, but everyone should be reminded to practice the **Leave No Trace** principles that we teach. Be sure to clean up any “deposits” you and your horses leave around your horse trailers or on the trails. If you cannot get your horse to move off the trail to “poop,” dismount and kick the stuff off the trail (especially the ADA section at Miller). Walkers and bicycle riders will appreciate your courtesy! This includes shavings and hay in the parking area! Park rangers use a “blower” to clean the parking lot, and some of that stuff just won’t move when damp! We want to be sure that equestrians set a good example for other trail users.

### New Request to All Members:

We are working toward having accurate information regarding **Trailhead Parking** on our Website. **Please:** If you go to a trailhead, take a photo of your truck and trailer that shows the parking lot. Send those photos to me and also report any unsatisfactory road conditions or problems with stock rig maneuvering space. This will be very helpful to people planning trips. (If we get multiple photos of the same lot, we’ll be able to choose the best one.) Send photos and information to Donna Hollatz [jdholatz@gmail.com](mailto:jdholatz@gmail.com) 360-457-6694

## 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](mailto:jdholatz@gmail.com)). This documentation can then be used for posters, newsletters, state calendar, and other promotions. If you have a photo that you feel is worthy of submission to "Chapter Accomplishments" or "Calendar" at the state level, please send it to me "full size" as that is the format that is needed for submissions.

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

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

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU TURN IN YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS BY THE 5<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH.**

Don't hesitate to send Suzanne an email, [rkingandsking@gmail.com](mailto: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

### 2019 year end

Total VH 6,380  
Total Value \$240,919.75

### Oct. 1, 2019 thru September 30, 2020

|                     |         |              |
|---------------------|---------|--------------|
| Total Basic Hours   | 4,774.5 | \$121,415.54 |
| Total Skilled Hours | 1,255.0 | \$69,025.00  |
| LNT & Educ.         | 384     | \$9,765.12   |
| Admin. & Plc Mtgs.  | 2,324.5 | \$58,857.74  |
| Travel Time         | 960.5   | \$24,425.52  |
| Total Hours         | 9,688.5 | \$283,488.91 |
| Vehicle Mileage     | 26,668  | \$25,334.60  |
| Total Miles         | 26,668  | \$25,334.60  |
| Total Stock Days    | 174     | \$17,400.00  |

Grand Total \$326,224.00

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

## Your 2020 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 – Sept. 30, 2020, fiscal year end

NOLT: Siebert Creek: Improved tread, spread gravel. Will do thinning in early winter.

Elk Creek: Plan to make tread improvements to trail to get equipment in to replace failed footlog next season.

DNR: Dungeness Trails: Regraded a stock rig parking area along Happy Valley Road adjacent to its intersection with River Road. This decision coordinated with JST/DNR/County/OPBA. We did the earthwork.

Furnish sanican for heavily used trailheads: Dan Kelly

Apply noxious weed treatment on DNR trails at Miller Peninsula.

Future: Install trail and property boundary signage at Miller Peninsula trails.

Striped Peak: Restart new loop trail with WTA.

Start discussions with Tribe and DNR about building additional trails on DNR land south of the casino that would link to Layton Hill.

ONP: Sawyers: ONP intends to honor our sawyer credentials. NPS expected to issue joint USFS/NPS sawyer credential recognition memo soon.

Pack trip to place WTA crew 8 miles in from ONP camp at road end. In on Aug 26, out Aug 30.

Maintained Mt. Angeles, Heather Park, Heart of the Forest, Switchback, and Headquarters Trails.

Removed blocking logs from Dose mainline to Ranger Station.

Working with NPS trails office to get them to intervene with USFS to develop TH parking at end of Dose Road.

Plan for next year: Maintain front county trails.

Start removal of old spiral wrap water pipe on Little River Trail.

Work toward parking area development at Dose Trailhead.

Provide pack stock support for WTA trail maintenance crews.



USFS: Packed PNTA crew to Tubal Cain camp to work rebench of trail to Buckhorn Lake intersection.

Updated saw policy to be released soon. New sawyer training materials will be tested by BCHW this fall.

Twisp: We built a 34 foot stock bridge over Eagle Creek near Twisp July 1–7. Took about 300 photos.

LBQ: Mike and his crew have restarted the reroute construction of about a mile of trail to avoid a slide area. BCH provided stock support.

Packed NYC to Bark Shanty camp for 2 weeks of work on LBQ reroute.

Provided a horse ride to the new Hood Canal Ranger District Trail Focal to show her Northwest trails and help build a trusting relationship.

Planted 2 lakes north of White Pass along GPNF with cutthroat trout. Cleared more than 16 miles of trail and identified 12 downed trees that we were not able to attend to because of the fish plant schedule.

Hood Canal Ranger Dist. has requested our assistance in placing and replacing road signs.

We are still meeting resistance to the replacement of failing bridges and access roads are being decommissioned by HCRD, presumably to limit user access. It is an issue we will continue to press and hope to meet with new Forest Supervisor Olympia office in effort to resolve.

**Future:** We will continue to provide stock support to crews working on the LBQ re-route.

We will work toward getting a parking area at the Dosewallips Road trailhead with stock-rig turnaround.

Continue to remove downed trees from trails as they are reported.

Work to develop a plan to install road signs.

Maintenance of existing trails and bridges as allowed by HCRD.

COUNTY: Maintained ODT: corridor trimming, noxious weed treatment, tread maintenance.

Furnish sanican at heavily used trailheads: Robin Hill

Asking our advice on how best to address the failing Whisky Creek foot/bike bridge on OAT. The stock ford needs upgrading at the same crossing. Have met with Transportation and OAT Maintenance personnel to develop a plan that the Thursday crew will pursue. The next step will be a gravel haul by stock with buckets. May be asked to replace foot/bicycle bridge in the future.

WSP: Removed down and blocking trees on trail system.

Treated Tansy on system trails.

Obtained posts and trail signs for planned installation.

Met with Park planners and made our thoughts and concerns known about the development of the Miller Peninsula into a full service state park. We were assured that all trails would remain multi-use. Should a multi-use trail be lost, an equivalent trail would be constructed.

Work planned for next reporting period:

Trim corridor and remove downed trees.

Replace damaged trail intersection signs and install new signs and posts.

Follow up with maps for all trail users at WSP kiosks.

Participate in community input to planned development of Miller Peninsula State Park into a full service park. Focus of our input will be to ensure equestrian access and use of all existing and future trails is incorporated/documented in the plan.

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## 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 25<sup>th</sup> of the month by email: [PeninsulaBCHWChapter@Gmail.Com](mailto:PeninsulaBCHWChapter@Gmail.Com)

## **Membership 2021**

There is a NEW program for renewing your membership that works very well. You are encouraged to renew on-line this year!

Go to [www.pbchw.org](http://www.pbchw.org). Click or tap the JOIN tab. Click or tap on the Back Country Horsemen logo. Complete the form. Online payment is at the bottom of the form. It is very simple. If anyone has any questions about it, they may call me 425-221-1752.

If a paper form is desired, go to our website, [www.pbchw.org](http://www.pbchw.org), click or tap on the JOIN tab, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click or tap on the image of the paper form. It will populate and can be printed from there. Follow the instructions on the form for mailing and payment.

## **Election of BCHW Peninsula Chapter Officers for 2021**

**Reminder:** You can **VOTE** until November 12<sup>th</sup> in our election of officers for 2021.

Look in your email for a message from the Chapter entitled

“Fwd: IMPORTANT! Official Ballot 2021 Peninsula Chapter Board Officer Election”

This is the ballot. It is simple. It is ANONYMOUS. If you wish a paper ballot, please call Denise Hupfer at 425-221-1752 or email her at [dhupfer1@outlook.com](mailto:dhupfer1@outlook.com).

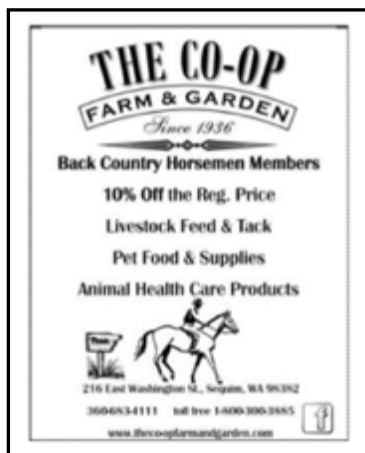
We have BCHW 2021 Calendars available  
for \$10.00.

Contact Denise Hupfer 425-221-1752  
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**VOTE in our NATIONAL ELECTION by November 3, 2020**

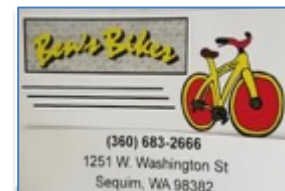






Our local store is very generous with donations to BCHW-PNC! Please show your appreciation by supporting this business.

These businesses support BCHW. Please take your business to them.



## 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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