

Summer 2021

Trail Crafters News

Olympic Peninsula, Washington



New Parking Lot Signs
June 21, 2021

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 (New photos, maps, past Newsletters, Calendar, and other information are being added frequently.)

Upcoming Events: Chapter Picnic, July 24, 2021, 1pm

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

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A Message from the Board

To All Members and Friends of the Peninsula Chapter:

This is a "short" Newsletter with a very important message.

Please join us at the annual **President's Picnic** at the home of Dan Dosey and his wife Debbie on July 24th at 1pm. The past year of the pandemic left many of us feeling the loss of connecting with our members. This is a perfect opportunity to visit and re-connect, not only with friends, but also with the activities of our Peninsula Chapter. Our picnic will be held outside with plenty of fresh air and space. (RSVP to Linda Morin 360-775-5060)

In the Peninsula Chapter, we like trails, regardless of who is using them! We build and maintain multi-use trails wherever they are on the Olympic Peninsula. Our Chapter has the most Volunteer Hours of any in the State this year. We are recognized for excellence by all six Peninsula land managers: Olympic National Park, Olympic National Forest, Washington State Parks, Department of Natural Resources, Clallam County, and North Olympic Land Trust. Working together is a good way to get to know the members of our organization. Did you know that our members are available to introduce others to trails on the Peninsula with which they may be unfamiliar?

At the picnic, we will be talking about the many projects we were able to accomplish over the past two years as well as future activities. Our efforts toward education may be expanded into training for those interested in building new trails as well as maintaining existing ones. Our Chapter now trains and certifies volunteer sawyers for the Forest Service and National Park Service, statewide. We could offer this training to other interested individuals in our community and perhaps partner with non-equestrians who share our love of the trail systems. Our "Stop-Stand-Speak" training has made multi-user trails safer for everyone. Our input is being sought by the State as development progresses for a full-service State Park on Miller Peninsula.

We need all of our members to contribute to these new opportunities. Covid taught many just how important nature is to our well being. We are all getting older and would like to develop outdoor folks to carry on preserving our trails for future generations; equestrians and others. With that in mind:

- Tom Mix (our Trail Works Coordinator) is stepping away from some of his duties as of October 1. His duties need to be shared by others as we move forward.
- Our Chapter will be electing New Officers in November and several appointed positions are open, as well. If you have any interest, or think you know of a good candidate, please talk to any Board member and ask questions to get more information.

You are our organization and we can't do it without you. Please think about any friends who might like to be involved in our mission activities. Many things do not require horse ownership. Guests may be invited to our picnic—just contact Linda Morin (360-775-5060) so we are sure to have enough food and chairs! We hope to see you on July 24th.

Sincerely,

Peninsula Chapter Board of Directors

(Dan Dosey, Leif Hoglund, Rob Hupfer, Denise Hupfer, Tom Mix,
Linda Morin, Suzanne James-King, Theresa Percy, and Donna Hollatz)



Pasture invader – Eliminate Rattle Weed!

Weeds You Don't Want

Submitted by Don Gonder

Welcome to a series of articles about weeds we don't want around our pastures or stock. It's that time of year when they are emerging or already in bloom. For this issue I have chosen *Rhinanthus minor* or Rattle Weed.

I chose Rattle Weed (also known as Rattle Box Weed and Yellow Rattle, and not to be confused with Rattle Snake Weed which is an east coast weed) because I have had it in my pastures and the neighbor's pasture is infested with it. The photo below is a very small piece of the neighbor's infestation. Why is it called Rattle Weed; because the seed pods are like little boxes and when they mature and dry out the seeds inside rattle when



shaken. You don't want this pest around because it will ruin the pasture.

So, why is Rattle Weed obnoxious? Rattle Weed is a semi-parasitic plant. It sucks the life out of other plants nearby, especially grass plants. Its roots target the roots of other plants primarily robbing them of nitrogen but other nutrients as well. This action eventually kills the other types of plants around it. So, where will you find it?

In my area, it grows in open sunny dry fields. It can also be found along

roadsides, in woodlands and along streams. It is very invasive. There is hope, however, in controlling and getting rid of this nasty bugger.

It propagates by going to seed. The best non-chemical way to get rid of it is to pull it and dispose of the plant. In the next picture you can see how minimal its root system is which makes it easy to pull.



As in the neighbor's field, though, it is too pervasive to pull. Mowing it before it blooms or is just opening to bloom will control it. As it's an annual plant, if you get rid of the ability to go to seed it won't come back next year. Lastly, if you really want to spray, any broadleaf weed killer or anything with glyphosate will take it out. Be careful with glyphosate though, it will kill everything.

Miller Peninsula – WCC Trail Work – June 14 – 24, 2021

Washington State Parks hired a crew of 6 (3 men, 3 women) from WCC/Americorp to work on the trails at Miller Peninsula State Park lands for two weeks. The Park asked Peninsula Chapter for help identifying areas that needed brushing. Members Rick King, Jim and Donna Hollatz, and Tom Mix worked with the crew to clear and widen Yarrow Trail and parts of The Bluff Trail, W. Diamond Point Trail, Cable Trail, and Two Cedars. Stock and pack animals were taken one of the days to move chain saws, hedge trimmers, and fuel to the work site where it was quite a distance from vehicle access, giving the crew a vision of how pack stock support can be very helpful to remote trail work. They enjoyed meeting the critters and it was a first horse ride for some! This was a wonderful, energetic, group of young people and I'm sure that anyone who rides these trails will notice a big difference on their next trip out that direction.



Trail Work Crew



Trail Crew Meeting Pack Stock



Short Break Along Cable Trail

Rhody Ride – May 22, 2021

BCHW Peninsula Chapter was very happy to be able to hold an “in person” activity for the first time in over a year, on Saturday, May 22nd. This annual ride is always held during the rhododendron season to take advantage of the beautiful blooms that are seen on the Miller Peninsula State Park Property. It had to be cancelled last spring because of the Covid-19 virus.

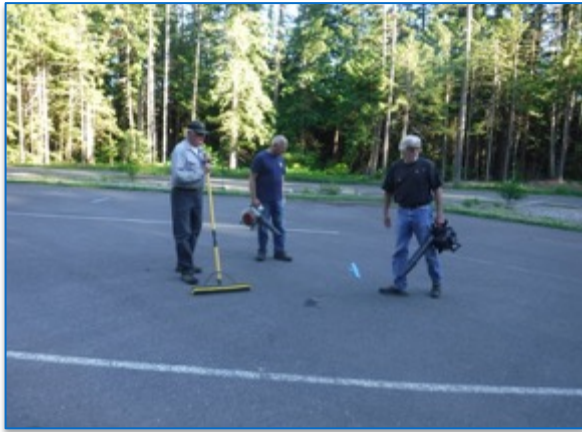
This organized ride begins on private property which links by trail to Miller Peninsula State Park property. It features a full breakfast, and general meeting of the membership, followed by a trail ride. This year's festivities included a very successful raffle and tack sale. Maps are available for participants and two different routes are flagged ahead of time so riders can choose between a “short” (about 2 hours) or a “long” (about 3 hours) ride. There were 32 people in attendance for this year's meeting and about 14 to 16 rode out on their horses to explore the trails.



New Parking Lot Signage – June 21, 2021

Members of our Chapter had been noticing cars parked in the Horse Trailer area at Miller Peninsula. This is a popular spot for hikers as well as equestrians. The State Park Ranger gave us permission to put new signage in the trailer parking area to help reserve spots for horse trailers. It takes a certain dedication for a group of seniors to be on their hands and knees painting the parking lot! Here are some pictures from June 21st to prove that it really happened! Thanks to everyone who turned out for this project.

(By the way—we recently spoke with a Park employee who was cleaning the Trailhead. He complimented equestrians on the fact that they have been doing a much better job of cleaning up after their stock this year, which makes his job of cleaning the parking lot so much easier! So, thank you to everyone for being very responsible!)



Preparation for painting.



Painters at work.



Finished product.

Report Trail Hazards

Please Report Trail Hazards on Website: www.pbchwh.org

If you encounter downed trees or other trail hazards while riding, please report them so our trail crews can address and correct the problem.

- Go to the website.
- Click on “contact”
- Give a description of the problem and where it is located. Be specific: date, which trail, approximately where along trail, size of tree or explain problem. Leave contact information if possible.

The website is monitored daily and this information will allow us to get the information to the necessary workers in a timely manner.

Thank You!

Trailhead Courtesy Reminder:

State Park personnel have complimented equestrians on the improved Parking Lot clean up, 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 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). 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!

Your 2021 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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Membership 2021

At this time we have 93 members, including all family members. There are 7 brand new members and 59 membership renewals (which are sometimes more than one person).

Membership is for one year, beginning on January 1st. We welcome new members at any time and always enjoy meeting new people. We have a lot of fun while working to keep trails open to everyone. You don't need a horse to belong and contribute or work with us. If you have friends who are interested in joining, please have them follow these directions:

Go to 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 Denise 425-221-1752.

If a paper form is desired, go to our website, 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.

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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 25th of the month by email: PeninsulaBCHWChapter@Gmail.Com

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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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