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2022 WINERY RIDE



AND HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

"We're so excited, we just can't hide it"....we're about to have some fun, and we think you'll like it! This year, we have larger campsites, on-site food vendors, and the addition of a new brewery! So, come ride your horse to various Yakima Valley wineries and a brewery, sampling wines & beer as you go.

When - Saturday, October 29, 2022

Where - In the Rattlesnake Hills wine growing area of the Yakima Valley

Earlybird registration is \$35 or \$45 if postmarked after October 1

- Halloween costume contest & raffle prizes
- Wine tasting
- Camping available (dry camping - no hookups or amenities)

Go to BCHW.org or email BCHWwineryride@gmail.com for complete details, including registration, costs, schedule, and directions.



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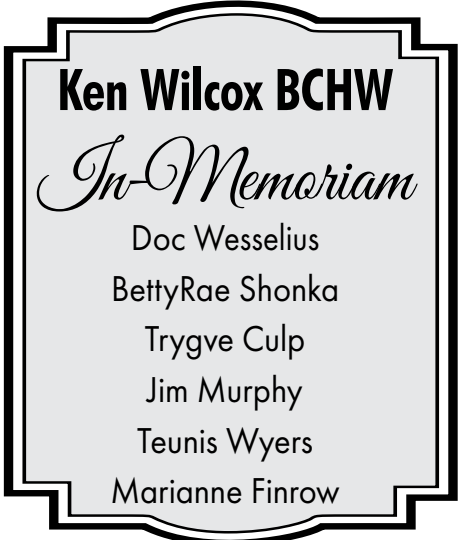
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Your volunteer mileage is also deductible. Make copies of your volunteer hours logs with mileage for your taxes. ↻



President's Corner



Hello From Your BCHW President!

By Dana Chambers, BCHW President

Summer is in full stride...finally!! I hope you enjoyed our new Turnpike Email Newsletter that debuted on August 3rd! These newsletters will go out in the months when we don't have Trailhead News.

We have been busy at the State level, adding new pages and content to our website, keeping events up to date, and loading updated information. I encourage you to go and check things out! Especially our new Trail and Horse Camp Resource page. If you have any info on a trail system or horse camp in your area, please send the info my way, including trail maps and photos. We also have some volunteer positions at the State level that we want to fill. You can see that info on the main page of the website as well.

The State Leadership has changed a bit, so I want to fill you in. In June, at our second quarter Board of Directors meeting in Ellensburg, the BOD voted in our new Executive Committee. The committee of five directors will be responsible for handling the day-to-day running of our organization. This change will

make things easier to get things done in a timelier manner.

The committee members are Heather Moorman of the Purple Sage Riders Chapter, Becca Morgan of the Tahoma Chapter, and Doug Stewart of the Northeast Chapter, all serving two-year terms. We also have Tom Conner of the Lewis County Chapter and Rob DeBoer of the Skagit Chapter serving 1-year terms. These directors will meet monthly with me, our State Vice President Bob Iddins, State Treasurer Teri Starke, and Secretary Kathy Iddins.

Following our monthly meetings, I will hold a zoom meeting to let all your Directors know what we discussed and the work in progress. For more information, please ask your Chapter Director!!

Lastly, I would like to ask that if you have article ideas for our Trailhead News, we would love to have you let us know. We are scrambling to find some good articles as we get down to the deadlines. The Trailhead News is your Newsletter! 🐾

BCHW Mission Statement

BCHW is affiliated with Back Country Horsemen of America (hereinafter "BCHA") and therefore adopts the BCHA mission statement as follows: The mission of this organization shall be:

- To perpetuate the common-sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
- To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
- To assist the various governmental and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
- To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
- To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters in the state organization.

Your Leadership Quote of the Month



"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

~ Unknown Author



Do You Know What You Have?

By Bob Iddins, BCHW Vice President

We all have some immensely powerful and magical animals that we work with, ride, feed, and spend, in many cases, most of our free time with. We all know what they do for us if we let them, but do you ever think of what they can do for others? I am talking about the emotional and physical healing powers our horses provide us, once again, if we let them.

I want to tell you a story. I live near a neighborhood with primarily young families. One of these families is a father, a mother, and three young daughters. The father is an Army veteran who spent two tours of action in the Middle East, one in Iraq and the other in Afghanistan. He has experienced things that most of us cannot even imagine, and like many others who have served, he has challenges that he brought home with him. Unfortunately, several of his Army buddies did not make it home alive. Some came home with physical injuries that can never be repaired, and most, if not all, came home with emotional issues. Our new friend would tell you that he struggles with emotional issues.

I'm blessed to have the humble opportunity to listen to some of his struggles while sharing a cup of coffee and spending time with my wife and horses. It is amazing to watch as our senior and the most seasoned horse walks over to our veteran friend, lays her head on his shoulder while he talks to her, and pets her neck, head, back, and shoulders. Watching the two of them as they continue to bond and develop a loving, trusting relationship is truly magical! The horse's name is Magic too, by the way. They have been working with each other for over two months. Zach, our veteran friend, would tell you that being able to spend time with the horses has helped in ways none of us could ever imagine. He would say to you that the peace and calm these animals have provided to him cannot be measured. I asked him the other day what his wife has noticed about him since spending time with the horses. He says that she has noticed a significant calming in his disposition and demeanor and that it is not just in fleeting moments; it lasts and is continual.

Why is this unusual, you may ask? Zach and a few Army buddies have formed a non-profit organization to help veterans and first responders who suffer from PTSD and other mental and physical trauma. They take veterans and first responders on hunting and fishing trips their organization fully funds. Their organization helps others, but at the same time, it helps them as well. The difference is that when the hunting or fishing trip is over, the euphoria of the experience lasts for about a week. Working with the horses is nearly daily, and the healing power is continual.

My wife and I expect nothing in return from Zach and his family. We want them to spend as much time as they want around our animals because we know what they do for us. Watching them bond with our animals, spend time with them, learn to ride them and feel the positive energy they provide is like nothing we have ever experienced. The

sparkle in their eyes when they are around the horses is indescribable.

Why am I sharing this story with you? Well, it is more of a question for you. Do you know a veteran, first responder, or anyone who struggles with physical or emotional issues? If the answer is yes, consider what you might be able to provide them if you let them spend a little time with your horses in a non-stressful, relaxed environment to just pet and groom your magical animals. Some of you might not feel comfortable allowing someone that does not know your animals that close to them. I understand and respect that. For those of you that have the confidence in and understand your horses well enough to share these amazing creatures with others in a healing and emotional support role, consider it. It is amazing to watch, amazing to feel and most importantly, an incredible way to pay something forward to someone who just might want or need the emotional support as much as we do.

You are probably asking, what does this have to do with our mission statement? Great question! Maybe nothing directly. But I can tell you from personal experience that the emotional healing that we have witnessed and experienced lends itself directly to the amazing diversity our animals provide if you look at what you have. Our horses provide WAY more than just a mount for our trail rides and work parties if we let them. 🐾



Wolf Creek Trail Methow Ranger District



BCHW Public Lands Updates and Reminders Forest Service Volunteer Service Agreement

By Kathy Young, BCHW Public Lands

BCHW is fortunate to have a USDA Forest Service Volunteer Agreement (VSA) in place that includes all of Washington's National Forests. To maintain this Agreement with Forest Service Region 6, all our work on Forest Service (FS)-managed properties must be agreed upon with the local district FS personnel before any work events. Chapters or members planning work events may be asked to complete a new Volunteer Service Agreement, but this should not be necessary, as our current agreement remains in place until canceled. However, the FS personnel may not be familiar with the agreement that is in place and which does not require an annual renewal. If members find this to be the case, BCHW's Public Lands Chairman can help with providing the information, or the FS District personnel can consult their managers at the forest level.

The Volunteer Service Agreement does call for pre-planning our work, with annual meetings with the FS as part of the process. Therefore, it is not too early to start looking into fall and winter dates to schedule those conversations with the districts.

The current FS Volunteer Service Agreement (VSA) is on the BCHW.org Website, Resources tab, and Public Lands page. All members working with the FS under the VSA need to be familiar with the terms of this agreement, and the included supporting documents, Job Hazard Analysis, and Risk Assessments that are part of the document package. If questions arise, don't hesitate to get in touch with Kathy Young, BCHW Public Lands Chairman, or a member of the BCHW Public Lands Committee. (PSST! There is one sentence in the VSA Service Abstract that made me laugh – let me know when you see it).

Please note: Form OF 301b Group Volunteer sign-up form has been updated. This form is used at each work event and is to be submitted to the FS within two weeks of the work event/project completion. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/OF-301b-Group-Volunteer-Sign-Up-Form-expires-10-31-24.pdf>.

Horse Camp Incident Report

Please remember to use the Horse Camp Incident form, sending as much information as you can to BCHA when your find non-stock users occupying camps that have been designed for stock use. The data we collect about FS horse camps will aid BCHA with the effort it is making nationally to keep stock camps open and accessible to equestrians. We need help in documenting incidents of parties without stock occupying developed horse camps in our state. You can download the form from <https://www.bcha.org/blog/2015/07/08/public-access-ensured-keeping-public-lands-public/>: Horse Camp Incident Form and Horse Camp

Incident Form

We don't know that education alone will prove sufficient to solve the horse camping problem. But by collecting your accounts of incidents in the field, we might better document the magnitude and geographic extent of the problem. Consequently, BCHW and BCHA are relying on members to provide data from the field of your observations, should we need to promote further solutions.

Invasive Species

Please get in touch with Kathy Young, PLC Chairman, if your chapter is doing any mitigation work with Invasives Plants. BCHA is collecting this data. In addition, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation may have grant money available to support this work.

Public Lands Resources: Federal Agency Planning Pages

Here are links to federal agency planning pages where chapters, members and BCH state public lands officers can monitor projects and NEPA documents for public lands. The recommendation is to check these pages at least every month, along with regular communication with local land managers who can let you know in advance of forthcoming projects that might be of interest to BCHW.

1. US Forest Service Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA) http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/nepa_home.php
2. National Park Service Park Planning Page <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/publicHome.cfm>
3. BLM e-planning website <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/home>

BCHW Public Lands Committee

The BCHW Public Lands Committee members try to meet regularly on the third Thursday of each month. Current members are Kathy Young, Chairman, Pete Erben, Jim Anderson, Gary Collins, Dan Chappell, Mitzi Schindele, Bob Iddins, Rob DeBoer, Mike Walcker, and Bill Ford. These members are spread across the state and positioned so they can help chapters in their area of the state solve issues at a local/regional level. Please do not hesitate to refer to any committee member with concerns or for help with issues. Additionally, at least one member from each chapter should be receiving occasional email updates when public land issues arise. The information is sent with the intention that the recipients will share it at chapter meetings for discussion and feedback. 🐾
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How Do You Support the BCHW Mission?

By Tina Short

I have often wondered if people joined BCHW for the same reason I did. I am starting to think that many did not. My reasons for joining were because of our below two mission statements.

1. To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
2. To assist the various government and private agencies in maintaining and managing the said resource.

I had found (and still do) that many of our beautiful Washington State trails were being closed due to trail conditions. I wanted to be part of a solution to open them up to all trail users.

I have found a small group of people that believe in those same mission statements who I work with on trail maintenance. What is frustrating is that I said "small." I volunteered at several work parties this year, and I hate to say that the average age was folks in their 50s, and some were in their 60, 70, and 80s. How-

ever, I just read an email this week that had a trail leader begging for volunteers to assist in clearing some trails.

If we have around 1,345 memberships, why is it so difficult to find the volunteers who want to help? Why are we not getting younger volunteers to participate in these work parties? Is it because other folks joined for different reasons other than the above two mission statements?

If you joined for the reasons I did, what are you doing to meet the mission statements above? For example, are you contacting regional work party leaders or your chapter leadership? Do you check the BCHW website (bchw.org) for scheduled work parties? Does your chapter participate in work parties, and do you participate?

If things continue along this same path, more trails will become endangered of never being reopened. Our trails need you. 🐾

Grant Opportunity!

Is your chapter struggling to keep up with trail work? Need help covering the ever-rising expenses for keeping trails stock accessible? Consider applying for Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funding through the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)! Numerous chapters across the state have successfully utilized the RTP funding for years to perform

much-needed trail work. Grant administrator, Jen Bond, is available to help you through the grant application process. Be sure to get in touch with her ASAP (applications are due soon) if your chapter would like to pursue RTP grant funding: bchw-granthelp@gmail.com or 360-461-9588. 🐾



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Mail to: Dana Chambers, State Membership Chair, 11404 210th Ave Ct E, Bonney Lake, WA 98391

Email to: membership.bchw@gmail.com



Chapter Elections

By Ken Carmichael, Ponderosa Chapter Director

Tom, our Chapter president, just announced that it is time to appoint a nominating committee for Chapter elections. It reminded me of this process's importance as we choose new leaders and confirm others for 2023.

The questions arise "Where do I fit in" and "why me." These are important.

Most of us probably fit into one of the following categories:

- I have held a position for many years and am wondering what to do next – You may be thinking it is time for a change to a new position or retirement, which may be true. However, while it may be time to step aside, it is not time to check out. At this time, you may be moving into a new role as a mentor. I do not want to use the word "old," so we will use "experienced." Now it is time to share that experience with new leaders. This requires leaving footprints for them to follow and being around to provide guidance. Written documentation is essential.
- It is time for me to move up – You may have held some positions in the chapter and gained some "institutional knowledge" to serve you in a new position. Being in meetings, attending events and getting to know people all contribute to your ability to assume a new position with more responsibilities
- I am just starting and need to know what is required – We all start somewhere. My first position was Librarian. Look

around the chapter to see what is needed that "rings your bell." It may be something you have done in your previous life that you enjoy, or you may be acquiring a new skill.

Selecting the position is important. I use the term "fitting a round peg in a round hole." Think about your interest, skills, talents, time and abilities and how they can contribute to the success of BCH. Some positions require a specific skill such as webmaster, chainsaw operator, treasurer, or being able to make the best cookies ever for meetings. But some require a sense of commitment and a willingness to learn.

Taking a position in the Chapter provides personal rewards that come with knowing that you have contributed to the success of the BCHW mission of keeping trails open. It is fun, and we learn that what we get out of something is directly related to how much we are willing to put into it.

Pick a spot and join in. Please do not wait to be asked but step up. I cannot count the number of times we have searched our brains for someone to take a position, not realizing that the best person was sitting in the room.

So back to the questions:

- "Where do I fit in" - Please think about what you want to do, what rings your bell and what you have to offer. Remember, it does not always require a specific skill but only requires a commitment.
- "Why me" – Because BCH needs you and appreciates your contribution. Happy Trails 🐾

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Rendezvous 2023 – An Update

By Teri Starke

Planning for BCHW's 2023 Rendezvous is underway, and we need your suggestions to make the 2023 Rendezvous a memorable event. We have many things planned, but we have so much room to book more classes and meetings. Of course, we also need volunteers to help. Shoot me an email or give me a call if you can volunteer some of your time to help make Rendezvous a world-class event. Some of the things we have scheduled and changed are:

1. The used tack sale will be in the Armory. The sale will make dropping off and picking up items easier. Also, the photo contest will be in the Armory.
2. We have a clinician, Tom Reed, who will be in the Bloom all day Friday and half a day Saturday. He is recruiting people and horses who would like to work with him during Rendezvous. Stalls will be available at \$16 a night at the horse owner's responsibility.
3. KVEC has the outdoor speaker system fixed, and we need a couple of people to take on the job of writing up announcements, scheduling, and speaking on the loudspeaker system throughout the weekend.

I always wonder and have heard some complaints about the 2022 Saturday Night Dinner cost. It dawned on me that there are so many behind-the-scene costs that members may not be aware of, and we should let you know how we come up with the cost of dinner.

The Rendezvous Saturday night dinner is not part of the auction fundraiser, and we do try to have the cost of dinner cover the following:

- The Saturday night dinner
- The bar service and liquor permit
- Security
- Friday night utensils for the potluck
- Sunday General meeting coffee and Danish service

I hope this sheds light on the process. Please reach out if you have any questions.

I am always on the lookout for vendors too! We are very close to having the Umtaneum full! The vendor booth forms are online under BCHW.org. Scroll down to the 2023 Rendezvous page and click on the photo. Registration can be completed online or by mail.

Please give me a call with information about any class or meeting, volunteering, or ideas you would like to see at our March 2023 Rendezvous! Teri Starke, 253-709-5052 🐾

BCHW Membership Announcement

BCHW memberships expired on December 31, 2021. Please go to BCHW.org and click on the Membership tab to join or renew. If you have any questions, issues or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me, Dana Chambers, at membership.bchw@gmail.com or call 206-498-6952. I'm here for you!

PRICING FOR OUR MEMBERSHIPS *In Addition To Chapter Dues*

Single	\$41.00
Family.....	\$54.00
Contributing	\$75.00
Sustaining	\$125.00
Patron	\$250.00
Benefactor	\$500.00
Lifetime (Single)	\$1,200.00
Lifetime (Family of 2)	\$2,000.00

2023 BCHW Awards Program

Never too early to start the list

By Susan Sundahl, BCHW Awards Committee Chair

Start the process of gathering information for the nomination packet now. Nominations are due by February 1, 2023, and will be awarded at Rendezvous in March. There are so many deserving BCHW members that should receive one of these awards. If your chapter does not have a nominating committee for Awards, please put it on the agenda for your next meeting. I am more than happy to assist you with your nominations. In addition, BCHW appreciates donations from individuals and Chapters for these awards. For more information and to see past award winners, please visit the Awards page at bchw.org/programs/awards.

BCHW AWARDS CATEGORIES

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT This award is for the BCHW member or couple who has shown a lifetime of dedication to BCHW by actively pursuing and promoting the organization and the BCHW Mission Statement in various ways. This award is for recognition, not a contest.
Lifetime = 1, max 2 awarded

LOPPER AWARD This award is for a BCHW member who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and dedication to their chapter or BCHW by participating and promoting what the BCHW Mission Statement stands for. This is an “all-around” award, with the nominee being active in several aspects of the many things that make up BCHW.
Lopper = 3, max 4 awarded

CAMP COOK This award is for the BCHW member who willingly keeps the campfires burning and the kettles hot and full of delicious food to share with others. Whether at meetings, work parties or social functions, they are in the kitchen ensuring all are well fed.
Camp Cook = 1 awarded

TRAIL WARRIOR This person may not make all the chapter functions or even own a computer, but they are out rain or shine, day in and day out, working on the trails.
Trail Warrior = 3, max 4 awarded

DESK JOCKEY This person is one of the behind-the-scenes people, always at a computer or running from meeting to meeting. They keep the wheels of our organization turning.
Desk Jockey = 2, max 3 awarded

JUNIOR BCHW Our future! Who stands out in your chapter? This person would participate in chapter events such as work parties, fundraisers, LNT/education, training or BCHW promotion such as parades.
Junior BCH = 1, max 2 awarded

BACKBONE This award is to recognize that special member who is always there when needed, ready and willing to do some special job that no one else can or will do, sometimes at the last minute. This member is very important in keeping the chapter, organization or event operating smoothly.
Backbone = 2, max 3 awarded

CINCH AWARD The BCHW Board of Directors nominates this award, and the President nominates five directors to make the selection. It was created to recognize those hard-working BCHW members who have consistently and competently carried out jobs at the state level year after year. Recipients shall be Volunteer Committee Chairmen, Volunteer Committee member or an UN-ELECTED state officer - they keep the wheels of this great organization running smoothly. They may or may not be very visible - they may be quietly working in the background, reliably doing their jobs. They may or may not be active, hold an office in a chapter or even be a chapter member, but they are invaluable at the state level.
Cinch Award = 1, max 2 awarded

PRESIDENT'S DIAMOND AWARD The BCHW President awards a person or persons “In recognition of outstanding dedication, passion and commitment to the BCHW mission.” The President’s Diamond Award is decided autonomously by the BCHW Awards Program.
President’s Diamond Award = 1, max 2 awarded

SPONSORSHIPS Last year, eight different BCHW chapters and one business-sponsored BCHW awards. Thanks to Ponderosa, Pierce County, Capitol Riders, Scatter Creek, Methow Valley, Tahoma, Buckhorn Chapters and Harbor Saw for your sponsorships. These sponsorships, partnered with the BCHW award budget, resulted in thirteen volunteers being recognized in eight categories. Please encourage you, your chapter or businesses to support the BCHW Award Program for one or more of the award categories. Also, remember that with our 501(c)3, there is a tax advantage for award donations. 🐾



2022 BCHW Award Nomination Form

(one form per nominee)

Lifetime Achievement _____	Desk Jockey _____
Lopper Award _____	Junior BCHW _____
Camp Cook _____	Backbone Award _____
Trail Warrior _____	

Nominees Name _____

Chapter(s) _____

Submitted by _____

Chapter(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____



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Information to include in your nomination presentation:

- In 75 words or less, give an opening statement telling why this person is deserving of special, statewide recognition for this specific award.
- Then separately, on as many pages as you need, create a presentation detailing WHY this person should receive this award.
- Chapters this person has belonged to and for how long.
- Positions or job titles this person has held.
- An estimate of their volunteer hours (Chapter Vol Hour Chairs can help with this).
- Awards this person has won.
- Trails or camps this person has worked on.
- A little family history.
- Include anything which will make your nominee stand out! (Letters of recommendation from land managers, news clippings, photos, etc.).



The presentation you submit will be given to the recipient.

Mail nomination forms with your presentation via the US Post Office to: BCHW Awards Committee Chair

Susan Sundahl
15188 Stevens Rd. S.E. Olalla, WA 98359
Questions: pappihorse@wavecable.com or 253-380-0343

Must be received before February 8, 2023

Attributes of a Good Trail Horse

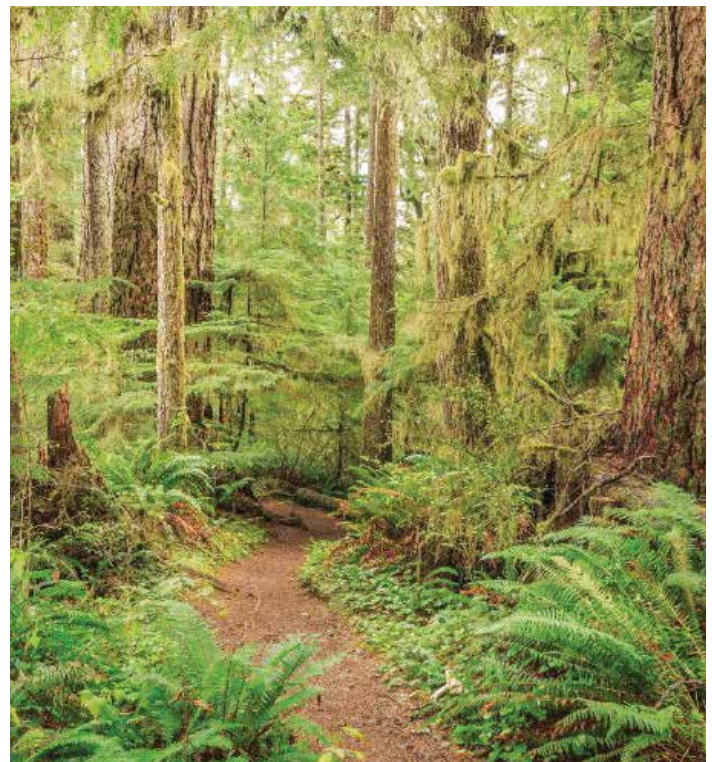
By Michelle Schmidtke, DVM

- Walks out at a good pace without jiggling or crowding the horse ahead of it
- Tolerant of other horses. Does not kick other horses or does not kick without warning (ear pin or tail flick)
- Not easily spooked or frightened. Level-headed.
- Reasonably sure-footed. Minimal tripping and stumbling
- Responsive to leg aids. Side passes to move off the trail, backs easily in any direction, rolls back to reverse direction on a narrow trail
- Leads with rider walking ahead without stepping on rider or crowding rider
- Rider can “send” horse over obstacles such as downed trees from the ground
- Well sacked out. Accustomed to ropes, slickers, backpackers, motor and trail bikes and other trail animals (dogs, goats, llamas, mules)
- Ties and highlines without pulling back, fussing or pawing for long periods of time (overnight)
- Hobbles or is accustomed to picketing, avoids getting tangled in picket rope
- Crosses bridges, puncheon, and water without balking or panicking
- Does not panic if other horses are some distance ahead or out of sight. Willing to maintain at least a horse length between horse ahead
- Well-conditioned for mountain riding
- Familiar with all Leave No Trace Guidelines
- Possesses basic skills in human and equine
- Possesses knowledge of backcountry camping and is properly equipped with lightweight gear, carries clothing for any kind of weather
- Has their horse properly equipped with gear that will not cause discomfort or sores (breast collar, substantial pad, good saddle fit, britchen or crupper)
- Trains and conditions their horse to prepare it for a strenuous ride
- Saddled and ready to ride at the appointed time. Having a comprehensive checklist is advised.
- Possesses GPS, a compass, maps, a personal locator beacon or a satellite messenger

There is no substitute for experience and exposure. Practice first at home in a safe place, make sure you’ve tried out all your gear and start with reasonably easy and safe trails
Happy Trails! 🐾

Attributes Of A Good Trail Rider

- Familiar with the terrain and their horses’ abilities
- Practices trail etiquette as defined by the group or trail boss
- Is well-prepared and knows their limits
- Confident, well-balanced rider, reasonably physically fit
- Willing and able to get off their horse and walk through dangerous terrain or to give their horse a break.



Cliff Hanger

By Leah Smith

Twenty years ago, we learned important lessons. My husband Gene and I anticipated a relaxing ride up the Twisp Pass trail from Twisp Horse Camp in Eastern Washington. The first miles of the trail was easy, but the last two became steep and edgy. Riding to a 6100-foot elevation, had a menacing drop-off to the valley below. Difficulty increased with uneven footing. Large boulders overwhelmed the trail where horseshoes could slip on the hard surfaces. Nearing the pass, we came upon an intrusive boulder, too vast to step over and angled downward. If a horse were to misstep, a hoof could slip on its sloped surface and slide over the edge. The narrow trail that skirted the boulder, on the outside, was scarcely ten inches wide! With trepidation, we continued.

We started back after enjoying the view at the pass. My husband rode. I led my horse and felt relief as we navigated the ominous trail around the boulder again. I moved forward to stop and watch my husband's horse walk this treacherous section. Then I saw his horse, diving head first, over the side! The fragile, crumbly edge had collapsed under his horse's weight, plunging them down into thick bushes that clung to the rocky mountainside.

The slopes were primarily composed of boulder chunks from rock slides. But here, the bushes were thick with sturdy branches, which slowed the descent of his horse. His mare struggled to get back to the trail, but she kept sliding further down. Realizing she was losing ground, Gene bailed off and scrambled onto the trail. The bushes helped to slow her descent, but the thick tangle of branches also bound her legs, inhibiting her efforts to get back to the trail.

Our horses pitifully called to each other. With each struggle to free herself, she would slide further down. Briefly, she dangled as the bushes suspended her body. She hung there, chest heaving, gasping in the thin air. My husband leaned out,

clinging to a small fir tree, and tried to capture her reins. He caught the reins in his fingertips. She slipped. He had to let go. We helplessly watched his horse roll twice down the mountain, then out of sight, engulfed in the tangle of bushes. I was numb as I quietly said, "Goodbye."

Moments passed. I heard leaves rustling and a whinny! Moving forward, I peered through the foliage and saw the brown color of his horse! She appeared to be standing! Or was she merely dangling? Then she turned! She had landed on a small ledge!

I grabbed our folding saw and began to cut a pathway. The slope was nearly vertical. I had to hug the wall and crouch on my knees. Grasping branches to keep from tumbling, I would saw with my free arm. My husband's leather boots had no traction. I was better equipped with hiking shoes to crawl down and cut a pathway to the ledge. When I reached our horse, she appeared uninjured.

Climbing partway up the slope, I backed deeper into the bushes. It was critical to leave the pathway open for her escape and reduce the risk of me being trampled as she battled her way up. The first part of the ascent was about three to four feet of vertical, sheer rock. Upon my command, she gave a mighty leap and clambered up the first part of the incline to a less vertical location. She maintained her balance in this precarious position on quivering legs, breathing hard. Then with tremendous effort, she fought her way up the final steep stretch through the freshly cut pathway. She grunted as every ounce of strength went into bursting leaps to reach the trail.

My husband and his horse only sustained a few minor scratches and bruises, then rode back down the mountain.

We were unprepared except for the small folding saw I recently purchased. After that, we both wore hiking boots, carried an effective way to euthanize a horse if need be, and now I carry a satellite messenger with an SOS button. These are only minimal preparations with so much more to be fully prepared for riding in the mountains! 🐾

Content Deadline for the November/December 2022

Digital Newsletter is October 1, 2022

Cover Photos can be sent anytime, 8x10 Vertical orientation is best (300 dpi).

You can send articles, photos and calendar of events early!

Please email your articles (700 word maximum) and 3 or 4 photos with caption and photo byline to thn@bchw.org as soon as possible.

ATTENTION!

Pack Support – A BCHW Tradition

PHOTO BY CATHY UPPER



Darrell, Smiley and Buddy packing in stock feed on Billygoat.

By Darrell Wallace

When many Forest Service districts have done away with their pack stock, BCHW members may be the only volunteer providers of pack support in Washington. It can hardly be disputed that trail workers can get more done when their heavy tools and camp gear are packed in. I have long said that we want trail workers fresh and ready to work when they arrive at the worksite, not exhausted from getting there with their gear!

When I moved to the Spokane area in 2010, Bob Gish soon called me: “You have a pack horse – we need your help this weekend to pack in a Washington Trails Association (WTA) crew to the Salmo Basin.” I was soon hauling a pair of bear boxes a few miles in – and could see both Idaho and British Columbia from the trailhead. It turned out that the boxes had been packed by Tim VanBeek, now with Whatcom Chapter, and they were both balanced and quiet. We packed them out the following weekend after they had fixed some nasty spots in the trail.

Over the years, I have benefited greatly from attending packing clinics from Port Angeles to Republic. The former was presented by Olympic National Park staff, the latter by Scott and Michelle Montgomery of Three Peaks Outfitters in Cle Elum. Learning a few tips about mantie loads from Scott paid off handsomely this year.

Recently, I put in a few trips back to back: on Sunday, I pulled

my little string of two horses with 240 pounds of packer pellets just four miles over Billygoat Pass in the Pasayten to support Jason Ridlon’s Hotshot crew. On Tuesday, after driving some 135 miles across Loup Loup Pass, I packed in camp supplies 10 miles for a Pacific NW Trails Association (PNTA) crew to Loudon Lake in Horseshoe Basin.

As I was heading out, I received an Inreach message from Jason: “Rough going. Need more feed”. So, I drove back to Billygoat, picked up 250 pounds of feed on the way, and packed it in 7 miles to the Hotshots (rejecting their suggestions that I try sawing). The following Monday, I was back at Loudon Lake, packing out the PNTA crew’s gear.

I should mention that my horse broke my 80-year-old pack cinch on Tuesday, so when I hit Twisp, I called my buddy Bill Ford, who drove his pack cinch into town so I could use it – a great example of BCHW cooperation!

I took a recreational pack trip to Rimmel Lake with two friends the following week. On our way out, who did we spot at Spanish Camp? Rocky Leavitt from Whatcom Chapter, who was packing in gear for a Forest Service trail crew! He led a string of four mules, so I was reminded of what a rookie packer I am.

While recreational packing is great fun, we get a lot of satisfaction and goodwill from our trail partners when we provide pack support. Why not give it a try? 🌲

Summary of BCHW HotShot Work Parties



By Jason Ridlon



By Tina Short

This year there were four small work parties scheduled and coordinated by Jason Ridlon. The work was completed in various areas across Washington State.

The first work party was located outside Winthrop, WA, at the Wolf Creek campground towards the end of May. The group cleared downed logs from the 2021 Cedar Creek fire. This log-out effort was to assist and work alongside other groups to repair tread that was damaged by burned roots.

The second effort was in Umatilla National Forest, located at the Godman Campground and Trailhead (West Butte Trail). The work party in mid-June was a smaller group of volunteers. We cleared the first six miles of trail. We also made tread improvements by clearing rock, repairing tread sluff, and removing stump root wads where the trail was narrow. The trail was opened so that pack stock could bring in a youth group in July to improve tread.

The third work party was unusual as our volunteers could

use chain saws. We were invited to help clear burned logs in the Colville National Forest during the fourth-of-July week. The Bonaparte Lake area (near Tonasket, WA, in the Okanogan Highlands) was burned last year in the Walker Creek fire. Two teams were split to try to meet up in the middle. This trail suffered significant fire damage and will need tread repair and bridge replacement. Unfortunately, a major washout stopped us in the middle near Lighting Creek. We cleared the 4th of July trail (#307), Antoine (#304), and Cabin (#303). Fun fact about this area - It has the oldest lookout (2,542 ft) in Okanogan County and is operational. It affords 360-degree panoramic views of the surrounding area.

The last work party in July is special to our core group of HotShots, who like to pack into our mission area and stay the week. We often have stock feed packed in, so we limit grazing in the wilderness; sometimes, there isn't any grazing in the area. This year the group met up at the Billy Goat Corral Trailhead just out of Winthrop. This popular access trail allows hikers and equine users to trek deep into the Pasayten Wilderness. We left the trailhead on a Sunday and returned the following Saturday. We experienced a heavy log load this year on this trail. We saw some bundles of logs that had 25 plus cuts to move 40 yards. We finished far short of our goal (Billy Goat Loop – 50 miles) but cleared up to about 300 yards past the Dollar Watch Mountain trail intersection. Note this effort was done strictly by cross-cut saws as wilderness does not allow motorized or even wheeled equipment to be used. 🌿



Volunteer Camp Host Program at Littleton Horse Camp



Group photo with Sherry Baysinger, horse Denali Camp Host.



Happy Campers and hosts Cheryl Balster and Terri Yost.

By Jen Bond, Mt Olympus Chapter

Earlier this spring, Mt Olympus Chapter members Sabrina Meyer and Jen Bond attended camp host training with the Department of Natural Resources. The group shared ideas about successful camp host programs, and Chapter members embraced the idea of having camp hosts at the Littleton Horse Camp.

The horse camp, the only one on the north Olympic Peninsula, was built in 2005 by Back Country Horsemen with USFS IAC grant funding for educational and fire control usage. Many local businesses donated time and heavy equipment as well.

The horse camp has been experiencing excessive overuse by nonstock visitors for several years. This is partly due to the decommissioning of several popular campgrounds in the Olympic National Park and increased visitors to the popular Olympic Peninsula. As a result, stock owners arrived at Littleton Horse Camp to find that it was full of non-stock campers.

On June 22, several Mt Olympus Chapter members met with the forest service personnel at the camp to discuss the camp host program. The forest service staff were very supportive and grateful that our volunteers were willing to help with the camp, especially since they are short-staffed this season. They agreed to reserve campsites for stock only until six pm. After that time, non-stock users are welcome to camp, but they must check out the following day by 10 am to allow stock users a chance to obtain a campsite. In addition, two horse campsites near the corrals and water are reserved for camp hosts. Mt Olympus advertised

the opportunity with other BCHW chapters and began scheduling volunteers to act as camp hosts over the busy summer weekends. So far, the program has been a great success!

Because there are several walk-in campsites, our camp hosts have been assisting campers desperately looking for a campsite to those sites rather than the sites for horses and trailers. In addition, camp hosts direct people to other possible locations if all the sites are occupied. Visitors have much appreciated this.

One unanticipated benefit of the camp host program is the positive interaction between camp hosts and non-stock campers, especially families with children who are excited to interact with horses. Many of these families are traveling from cities and have not had the opportunity to learn about horses and stock use in the backcountry.

It would be helpful to have a backup volunteer list of folks who may be able to help cover a weekend if a volunteer isn't able to make it at the last minute. If you're interested in helping, please contact Jen Bond at 360-461-9588.

We want to thank Pierce County Chapter for their generous donation to provide camp host vests and hats. We would also like to thank the following volunteer camp hosts: Ray and Rochelle Sutherland, Cheryl Balster, Terri Yost, Kayla Kosel, Kris Phillips, Sherry and Larry Baysinger, Kalyn Roberds-Tipton, Craig and Wendy Brundle, and Bobbi Halberg. 🐾

Trail Report



By Gary Zink, Tahoma Chapter

For Hikers: the Nannie Ridge trail #98 is now open from Walupt Lake trailhead to Sheep Lake. As of July 23, 2022.

For stock: trail #98 is open except for three or four snow patches by the unnamed lake between Nannie Peak junction and Sheep Lake. Snow is one to two feet deep and melting; patches are about 100 feet long. Any hidden deadfall trees underneath should be step-overs. The trail would be difficult for pack animals; numerous trees are growing too close to the trail for panniers to clear. Many of these trees are larger than eight inches in diameter.

The Walupt Lake trail #101: the trail is now open to hikers and pack stock to the PCT.

The Walupt Lake trail #101: the workers improved approximately 80 feet of trail tread, removed a berm for 20 feet, filled a root wad hole that took out the trail's edge, and cleared two drain dips/water bars. A logging crew removed or cut back about six logs from the trailhead to Walupt Creek. Included was removing a log from a foot log crossing over Walupt Creek and rerouting a short hiker access trail to Walupt Creek crossing. A second logging crew removed about 25 trees, of various sizes, from Walupt Creek to the PCT camp along trail #101 and cleared about 24 drain dips/water bars and light brushing.

On Nannie Ridge trail #98: they removed about 26 trees from the trail between the trailhead and Nannie Peak junction. Some blocked the stock animals with no stock bypass. They also did some light brushing out. A logging crew removed about 14 trees and logs from Nannie Peak junction to Sheep Lake.

The crews cleared several logs from the stock trail between the Walupt Lake horse camp and Walupt Lake. Altogether, they worked on four trails: Tr #101, Tr #98, Nannie Peak trail, and the horse connector trail from Walupt Horse camp to Walupt Lake.

Work Remaining:

Nannie Ridge trail #98: from Nannie Peak junction to Sheep Lake, numerous trees are growing too close to the trail for panniers to clear. Many of these trees are larger than eight inches in diameter. These need to be removed for safe pack stock passage.

A section needs a trail reroute of about 1/4 mile going east to Sheep Lake from the junction with the Nannie Peak trail. The trail loses about 200 feet of elevation in about 1/4 mile. The trail has two eroded tracks that look like an old eroded jeep track. Full of loose rocks and water erosion damage.

The USGS Walupt 24,000 quad map shows the original trail going around Nannie Ridge much higher here with a more gradual elevation loss. Recommend installing a reroute here to restore the original trail location. This work will require stock support to pack water to a work camp at Nannie Peak junction before the snow arrives in the fall.

There is more work to do to the trail, but it is open to hikers with one blocking tree and one step over five to ten minutes from the junction due to snow patches still present on the ridge about halfway to the summit. A blocking tree is being hiked around on the downhill side. Not open for stock until blocking tree is cleared, then good to go. Both trees are within 10 minutes of the junction with the Nannie Ridge trail. A three- to four-foot D-handle cross-cut, ax, and a pruning saw would do the job.

The Walupt Lake trail #101 contains eroded check steps above the switchbacks, about one mile before the PCT. Water has undercut the check steps, making them too high to step over for both hikers and stock. Too risky for stock, especially coming down the steps, creating a fall hazard.

Crew Compliments

Thanks to the hard work of another outstanding crew. Everyone worked together as a team with no accidents and no near hits. 🍀

Fall Creek Corral Project



By Sue Davis, Capitol Riders Chapter

On July 14th, 15 Capitol Riders Chapter members, three DNR employees, and a six-person WCC crew gathered at Fall Creek campground in Capitol Forest near Olympia to install a new two-horse metal panel corral in campsite number five. It was a perfect day; everyone worked together to complete the job.

Back in May, the chapter ordered and purchased the Noble corral panels. When they were ready, Deb Hall and her husband, Ron Smith, used their truck and car trailer to pick them up in Newburg, OR, and hauled them up to the campground on the morning of the work party. DNR's mini-excavator was invaluable for leveling the site and tearing out a stump in the middle of the installation site. DNR also brought their skid steer loader outfitted with an auger to drill the eight holes needed to set the legs of the corral panels. A real back-saver! Once the site was level and holes augered, everyone pitched in to move the panels in place, connect them with brackets, and level them.

Lunch break was a delight with the sandwiches, snacks, and drinks Lori Ewing and Karen Wright prepared and brought to feed

the hard-working crew. After lunch, we got two wheelbarrows serving as concrete mixers for concrete in the corner and gate legs of corrals so that they would be sturdy and secure. Finally, DNR brought their quad and little dump trailer to haul crushed rock into the corrals for drainage and easy manure clean-up. While everyone wielded shovels and rakes to spread the gravel, Bert McKillip fired up his portable grinder and welder and welded the brackets fast to the corral pipe so they couldn't easily be disassembled. The whole day was photo documented by Tammy Walch, who had fun arranging the crew for the final picture of the finished project. Great job, everyone!!

Capitol Riders hope to obtain funding to purchase more metal corrals to replace the rotting wooden ones in more Fall Creek campsites, making them safer and more appealing to equine users. The trail system out of Fall Creek is lovely and provides multiple days of riding.

When you have a chance, drive to Fall Creek to check it out. Better yet, take your horses and go camping! Just know that Fall Creek is popular with bikers, especially on weekends, and the site is open to all users, with or without livestock. 🌲



Mount St. Helens Chapter Regional Work Party



Group photo of volunteers from BCHW and WTA.

By Jim Anderson, Mt St Helens Chapter

From July 23rd-26th, the Mount St. Helens Chapter hosted a regional work party at Kalama Horse Camp, concentrating most of the work on the Cinnamon Trail. There were BCHW members from around the state representing four chapters who worked most of the four days. We partnered with the Washington Trails Association (WTA), which handled a big project installing check steps and water bars on a 1/4-mile-long steep grade. In addition, a rented excavator helped with significant erosion issues not only on the Cinnamon but also on the Fossil Trail. We completed most of the tasks we wanted, except for the higher elevations of the Cin-

namon due to several feet of snow stopping the crews.

WTA installed 18 check steps, ten water bars, and 14 drains. Their crew varied in size from eight to 13 volunteers. The check steps were 12" diameter logs, 12' long, that weighed a few hundred pounds. These were harvested on-site by a Mount St. Helens Chapter crew with help from WTA before the work party. First, the logs had to be peeled to make them last longer. Then, they were drilled, and three-foot rebar spikes were driven to hold them in place. There are still a few more steps to be installed to finish the project.

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Gary Wright working on a tree across the Toutle Trail.



Tom Connors operating the excavator on the Cinnamon Trail.

Mount St. Helens Chapter Regional Work Party

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Tom Conners of the Lewis County Chapter ran the excavator with the help of Don O’Neal. There was a washout on the access road to the WTA check step project site. The day before the work party, Tom and Don installed a culvert provided by the Forest Service to make the road passable. They repaired many erosion issues on the Cinnamon that would have taken hand crews many hours to correct. It was discovered on the Fossil Trail that there was severe erosion on the old road section close to the new bridge. It appeared that someone had sabotaged three culverts by plugging them with debris. The culverts were cleaned out, and a 1/4 mile of erosion damage was repaired.

Log out crews comprised of Leonard and Sherrie Wright, Gary and Norma Wright, and swampers Marsha O’Neal and Kathy Young traveled most of the other trails removing blockages and reporting back trail conditions. Jim Anderson, Mario Porrás, and Heidi Staheli traveled around fixing erosion issues that the excavator couldn’t get to and brushing out the overgrown spots. Terri Anderson and Claire Fisher rode to as many worksites as they could to capture photos of all the great work happening to keep these trails open.

There was also a camp crew that helped with making lunches and helped the caterers with dinners. They also cleaned a couple of bridges, did brushing on the camp trail,

fixed some trail erosion close to camp, and marked with paint the worst of the potholes and sunken areas on the 8100 Road to camp.

A great team of people can accomplish many things! 🌱



Washington Trails Association crew working on check steps on the Cinnamon Trail.

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Dungeness Trails Improvement Project

June 28 & July 15, 2022



Jeff Ralston, Jim Hollatz, Bill Mueller, Jessica Golbeck & Judy Sarles helping build turnpike.



Jan Whitlow and Jim Hollatz loading motorized tote.

By Donna Hollatz, Peninsula Chapter

In 2018 and 2019, a new system of 12 miles of non-motorized, multi-use trails was built just outside the Sequim city limits on River Road by the Olympic Peninsula Bicycle Alliance in partnership with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

The DNR land was harvested in 2015 and was selected for the site of a future off-channel reservoir for the Dungeness Irrigation System and a county park. (Sequim’s irrigation system is over 100 years old and was built to supply the farms of the valley, which were numerous early in the last century.) It is the only irrigation system west of the Cascades and was necessary because of the extremely dry climate caused by the rainshadow effect of the Olympic Mountains. (Sequim gets only 10–15 inches of rain a year.) The reservoir will help to keep the river at optimal levels for salmon. The trails are in this area, and some will eventually be covered with water.

In March of 2021, Peninsula Chapter built two more miles of new multi-use trails on a hillside of DNR land adjacent to the

bicycle trail system. After a year of heavy use, it became apparent that some spots were holding water and becoming muddy. Work parties were held on June 28 and July 15 to remedy these problems.

The workers dug out forest duff down to mineral soil, installed log side rails filled with gravel to build turnpike in the worst areas, and added three inches of gravel in some other spots. Ten yards of gravel were delivered each workday and transported from the trailhead up the trail to the areas that needed fill work. Chapter member Jan Whitlow used her tractor to fill three motorized trail totes, which hauled the gravel to where it was needed. Other chapter members did the work of leveling the gravel and building the turnpike. Each work party involved 10–13 workers who volunteered for a long day and went home with an incredible feeling of accomplishment. Working on projects like this builds bonds between members and trails for us to ride! 🌿



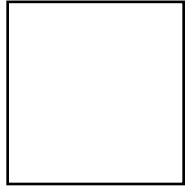
New area of completed turnpike.



Rick & Suzanne Kind dump and spread gravel on trail.



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Be sure to: • Contact the ride host to check for updates on the event. • Check to see if dogs are welcome.

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Peninsula Chapter Olympic Spirit Prize Ride

Saturday, September 10, 2022
Layton Hill Horse Camp, Sequim, WA
First Ride Out - 9:30, Last Out 11:00
Register by Date - Limited to 100 riders
No pass needed
Cost: Members & Non-Members -
\$30 inc. 4 tickets
Camping is Available - Fri \$20, Sat \$30
Lunch is Avail. - \$8 donation to WAHSET
Kim Merrick 253-261-6188
eloise55@gmail.com
www.pbchw.org/index.php

Tahoma Chapter BCHW 32nd Annual Prize Ride

Saturday, September 10, 2022
25258 Landsburg Rd SE, Ravensdale, WA
98051 Exit: alternate entrance
Noon: 25025 SE 248th St | Ravensdale,
WA 98051
Gates Open: 7:30pm Gates closed/locked:
12:30 pm
First Ride Out: 8:00am - Noon
Lunch: Noon to 3:30pm
Prizes! Gift Certificates! Silent Auction
50/50 cash drawing, Dogs must be on leash
in prize ride area. No stallions, smoking,
or alcohol
Cost: \$20 inc. hot lunch & 4 raffle tickets,
\$5 each additional tickets
www.tahomabchw.org

3rd QTR BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting

Saturday, September 17, 2022
Kittitas Valley Event Center
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
president@bchw.org • 509-699-9927

Richland Horse Park Fundraiser

Saturday, September 24, 2022
Mary & Bill Bennett 479-886-3950

Rattlesnake Slope Ride. Ready to ride

Saturday, October 15, 2022
11:00 am
Gary Westergard 509-572-7452

2022 Anniversary Winery Ride

Saturday, October 29, 2022
Zillah, WA
BCHWwineryride@gmail.com

Richland Horse Park Work Party,

October TBD
1:00-4:00, RHP
Bill & Mary Bennett 479-886-3950

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Date _____

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Location _____

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