

# BUCKHORN RANGE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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## Now for Something Completely Different

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### OUR MISSION

**To work toward the perpetuation of the legal and moral claim by the American people to use horses and mules for recreation on public lands.**

### OUR GOALS

- **To unite equestrians to achieve the goals and objectives of Backcountry Horsemen.**
- **To encourage citizen involvement in political and governmental actions affecting public lands.**
- **To maintain engagement in regulatory issues and actions regarding use of equines on public lands.**
- **To introduce interested horsemen to the use and enjoyment of trails and the backcountry.**

### OUR VISION

**Develop and keep trails open for responsible equine recreational use.**

Betsy Traeger, Gerry Magnuson and Sherry from Olympic Chapter, Jeff Chapman and yours truly loaded up our horses and caravanned to Zilla for a wine tasting tour and costume ride on horseback.

On the way over our group got separated when Jeff and I couldn't get the truck out of park after fixing a flat on our horse trailer. Betsy stuck with us and gave some school kids the thrill of the month as she helped us unloaded our horses in the parking lot of their school. But all's well that ends well and we rejoined the rest of our group along with about 400 other horses and riders in a gorgeous field that captured a view of Ranier. Zilla, Washington is wonderful wine country. As you arrive in Zilla there is actually a Church of God to greet you. That sort of set the tone for the weekend. Arriving just before it got dark we set up our electric paddocks. All our horses got along very well so we could park next to each other. The wine tasting started immediately. One of the wineries had a table set up with all their wines right in camp. We bought a nice bottle of red and had dinner in our camper. After the trials of the day Jeff and Juelie slept really well. Our horses were quiet all night but we can't say the same for other equines. Betsy was kept awake by a neighing horse.

We woke to a beautiful sunny albeit cold day in Eastern Washington. Looking to the horizon allowed us to stretch our eyes. The sun welcomed us and it felt good to leave all that rain behind.

One of the Back Country Horsemen Chapters put

on a great breakfast. The eggs were done to perfection and the pancakes were pretty good too. An espresso stand provided coffee for those of us who can't function without lattes!

It was time to get ready. I think our companion Betsy and her horse Tango had the most creative costume ever. Betsy dressed like a princess with a long flowing veil and her horse was dressed like a frog complete with lily pads

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## TRAIL BOSS REPORT

Sixteen hardy souls from both Buckhorn Range and Olympic Chapter braved the cold and participated in the annual fun of the Donut Ride this past November 19. Generously hosted by Gerry Magnuson, the ride starts out from his place on Center Road, crosses the road and then does an easy two hour circle of the old logging road on Chimacum Ridge. The horses were all very well behaved during crossing of Center Road, as was the small group of cars and trucks that just happened



to be on the road at the same time, and they waited patiently as we crossed. The fog of horse breath/sweat against the morning sun made for beautiful and somewhat eerie views as we rode the hill. We were all happy to arrive back at Gerry's place, making use of his work-

shop and heaters for our post-ride treats of donuts, coffee and finger food.

This is traditionally the last organized ride of the year for us, so hope to see you in the saddle next year.

*Judith Hoyle*



### 2011 Officers

#### President:

*Bob Hoyle 732-5042*

#### Vice-President:

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#### Chapter Director:

*Jeff Chapman 385-6364*

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#### Secretary:

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## ADVERTISING

The Buckhorn Range Chapter is accepting business advertising in this newsletter. Cost is \$40 for a business card size ad for one year. Backcountry Horsemen members can also advertise (preferably horsey) sale items or want items for free. Non-members pay \$5 per ad. Contact the editor for info.

### 2006 MORGAN-BUILT HORSE TRAILER:

2006 Morgan-built (3) horse slant, with warmblood package, extra height, extra width, with built-in 40 gallon water tank, front dressing area, (3) saddle racks, halter and bridle storage rack, Bush and hoof pick storage on dressing room door, spare tie, lined interior walls, feed bags, opening windows all around with screens, Drop down windows on left side with vertical bars, (3) roof vents, drop down loading ramp. Outside tie-rings. Used (3) times. Stored inside the barn. \$11,000.00, Newberg, OR. For pictures & information please call Sally Thomas (360)765-3280



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'floating' on his rump. Jeff riding his thoroughbred Molly was dressed like a king. I, outfitted with paint brush and beret rode my palette. For those of you who don't know Aidan is a paint.

The ride was divided into two loops each covering about five wineries. A new winery was added that wasn't on either of the loops and the five of us decided to make our way to it first. We rode about five miles on shoulders of county roads, along the boundaries of vineyards on tractor trails, and across some fields. Japanese tourists stopped to photograph and video us along the route. I can't even imagine what they were thinking. But you can bet we posed for them. When we got to the first winery it was

lunch time. The winery supplied hitching posts which they put in for the occasion and they also had a watering trough for the horses. The sun was blazing so the horses appreciated the water. The hitching posts and water tank were staffed by members of the Purple Sage Riders Chapter of BCHW in case one of our horses untied themselves. The winery had a lovely terrace in the sun with a view of three snow capped mountains,



Adams, St. Helens and Rainier. We sat in the sun, ordered a bottle of wine and ate our brown bag lunches. It felt like heaven. We stayed until others on the tour started to arrive in large numbers. We rode back to one of the loops and stopped at a couple of more wineries. At one place the Purple Sage Riders had a large flat bed to which we tied our horses. There were a lot of other horses tied to the flat bed as well. I thought I was going to have a problem with my horse when a woman covered in purple balloons rode up to greet us but I worried needlessly, the bunch of grapes didn't bother Aidan at all. Jeff and I in addition to tasting the wine bought a case or two of wine along the route. We had been assigned a number upon registering and that was written on our cases. Purple Sage members drove to all the win-

eries to pick up the wine the riders had ordered and we were able to pick the up wine with our number on it back at camp.

A catered dinner was waiting for us upon our return. Tables set up outside with heat lamps along with live music gave us the opportunity to dine together but honestly it was so cold once the sun had gone down we hurriedly ate our dinners and went back to our cozy campers.

We awoke the next morning to another gorgeous day. We broke down camp, spread our manure as requested and left around 11:00 a.m. We hit the driving rain just before Mount Si. We all had a really wonderful time and can't wait to do it again next year.

*Respectfully submitted, Julie Dalzell*



## Buckhorn Range Chapter Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2011

Meeting held at Tri Area Center in Chimacum and called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Bob Hoyle

Election of Officers – Slate of candidates were elected.

Treasurer's Report- We is solvent.

Trail Boss Report- The October ride was changed several times due to it coinciding with Opening Day of hunting season. We ended up riding the Larry Scott Trail on a nice crisp fall day. We enjoyed a nice ride out to the pond by Discovery Bay & back. Join us for the annual Donut Ride on Chimacum Ridge, Saturday, November 19th, at 10 a.m. at Gerry & Kayla Magnuson's.

Work Projects- None scheduled for December. Jeff showed some slides from prior work parties at Anderson Lake. We anticipate more gravel and grid work at Anderson Lake in the future. We also plan to adopt the Larry Scott Trail in 2012 as it will not have an employee dedicated to trail maintenance. We discussed asking JEA members to help with this.

Directors Report- Jeff will attend a 12/2 public lands meeting. One of the topics of discussion will be changes to the Discover Pass. He met with Representative Norm Dicks who would like our support for the Wild Olympics Proposal. Department of the Interior choose Washington's Pacific Northwest Trail-Olympic Discovery Trail Convergence as one of 2 projects for next year.

Old Business- Judith, Mary Ann and Kris will research venues for our Christmas party and let the members know what is decided. It will be December 9th.

New Business- We will be getting a 2012 BCHW Grant for \$15,000 which we can spend over 2 years on trails at Anderson Lake.

***Congratulations to Jeff Chapman*** for being appointed by Governor Gregoire to the advisory board for the Western Governors' Association "Get Out West" initiative.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

**Slate of Officers 2012:**

Director (2 yr.) – Bob Hoyle

Alternate Director (1 yr.)- Jeff Chapman

President - Juelie Dalzell

Vice President - Gerry Magnuson

Secretary – Cyne Okinczyc

Treasurer – Judith Hoyle

Volunteer hours Coordinator – Jeff Chapman

Work Projects Coordinator – Jeff Chapman, Bob Hoyle

Trail Boss– Juelie Dalzell

LNT/Education Coordinator - Juelie Dalzell

I am pleased to announce that Joan Sommantico will be our new Newsletter Editor. Please send all submissions/items for the newsletter to her at [joan@homersmith.com](mailto:joan@homersmith.com). Her first newsletter will be for February. Please submit items by Jan. 20th. Thank you, Joan!

Included in this newsletter is a 2012 Buckhorn Range Chapter—BCHW Membership Renewal Form. Please use this form when renewing your membership for next year—it helps the state membership chair keep her records in order when we use the form provided. It's been personalized for you; please write in any necessary corrections. If you have already renewed your membership online, you still need to pay your Chapter dues (\$8), as well as provide Judith a copy of your online renewal receipt.

Thank you!



# Calendar

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December 16th, Friday, 7 p.m., Holiday Party, Hidden Rock Café, Port Townsend Golf Course, 1948 Blaine Street, Port Townsend

January 13, Friday, 7 p.m. Chapter meeting at Tri-Area Community Center, 10 W. Valley Road, Chimacum.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Check the website in the coming weeks for information on upcoming events, at  
<http://www.olympus.net/community/buckhorn-bchw/> .



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