

BUCKHORN RANGE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

February 2010



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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.

BLOWDOWN LOWDOWN

Thanks

to the early appearance of Spring-like weather recently, our Chapter has already started working on clearing trails. We have had 2 work parties on the Lower Big Quilcene Trail in the last 2 weeks, clearing blowdowns. Our Chapter's 3 Forest Service-certified chainsaw operators were hard at work in response to reports of impassable sections of this lower elevation trail. (see pictures, pg. 2). There is still some work to be done, and one of the bridges across the river was severely damaged and will have to be replaced, but I am excited that so much work has been done already so early in the year. We are hoping to be able to offer more support this year to the various agencies we work with, especially in the face of the severe budget shortfalls and cutbacks expected. After getting by for years on very little for trails maintenance, public land managers are facing even bigger challenges now and for the foreseeable future to get the help they need to keep trails open. This is where organizations like ours can help make a difference. If we want to continue to be able to use trails on public lands, we are going to have to pitch and do what we can to fill in the gaps, whether by getting involved in work parties, making donations, working to secure grant monies, making phone calls and sending e-mails to legislators and county commissioners, or just by attending meetings and being informed. This month's Chapter meeting is being set aside as an opportunity for all our members to come together and brainstorm on ideas to take our "little chapter that could" into the future. Any comments, questions, concerns or ideas you have about any aspect of our organization are what we are looking for this Thursday night at Chimacum Saddlery and Tack, 7 pm. It could be ideas for fun activities, projects you would like to see us undertake, suggestions for programs at Chapter meetings, or information you want to share; all input and feedback is welcome at this session, but we need you to be there!

As volunteers we are looking for ways to be a positive force in our communities. Your membership is a testament to your commitment to keeping trails and public lands open and rideable for everyone. Thank you!

Bob Hoyle, BCHW-Buckhorn Range Chapter President

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

Submitted by Bob Hoyle

The Winter weather looks like it might be over, and the sun has me thinking about scraping off one of our mud-caked horses and trying to get some saddle time in. In the hopes that others are feeling the same way, we have scheduled a Chapter ride for Saturday, February 20th on the Larry Scott Memorial Trail. We will meet at the Cape George trailhead parking lot, ride-out 10 a.m. This is an urban trail, so please leave your dogs at home for this one.

I hope to see everyone there!

Bob Hoyle, Trail Boss



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Trail Work, Lower Big Quil Trail, 2/5/2010

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.

Buckhorn Range Chapter General Meeting Minutes

January 15th, 2010

Location: Chimacum Grange Hall 9572 Rhody Drive, Chimacum

Meeting called to order by President Bob Hoyle at 8:48 PM following a slide show presentation of the Red Rock Ride. The presentation was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Reports: (Officers/Boards/Standing Committees)

Juelie Dalzell made a motion to approve the Minutes as published in the December newsletter; seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Judith Hoyle stated the Chapter is Solvent.

Trail Boss Report: Bob Hoyle stated the next scheduled ride was for Saturday January 16th, however has been called due to weather.

Work Project Report: Jeff Chapman stated work parties are currently on hold due to weather restrictions (excessive rain and wind.)

Some of the known trail maintenance on the various trails will be windfalls and some washouts. A work schedule will be submitted as soon as further assessment can be made.

Jeff Chapman proposed signing an agreement with Anderson Lake State Park committing our Chapter as a volunteer organization. All members present agreed. A discussion was held on the needs of the park and vendors for material needed.

A discussion was held re: vendors that will be invited to attend the BCHW General Meeting in Ellensburg. Dave Peterson moved for a \$25.00 vendor fee for all commercial vendors. Non-profit and exhibitor groups would be exempt. Juelie Dalzell seconded the motion.

New Business/Good of the Order-

A proposal to change the meeting night to the 2nd Friday of the month was submitted and is out for discussion.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by MaryAnn Merrill, Secy.

2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NEW APPLICATION OR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

To join BCHW or renew your existing membership for **2010**, complete this application, sign the liability release (all members over 18), and enclose payment:

- **Buckhorn Range Chapter:** Make checks out to "Buckhorn Range Chapter". Give to Judith Hoyle or mail to P.O. Box 845, Chimacum WA 98325



MEMBER INFO

☐ New Member ☐ Renewal – Membership number(s): _____

Adult's name(s): _____

Children's name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

Legislative district (if known): _____ County: _____

STATE MEMBERSHIP

Basic Membership

- ☐ Single \$36.00
☐ Family \$49.00

Optional Membership *(includes family or single from above)*

- ☐ Contributing \$65.00
☐ Sustaining \$100.00
☐ Patron \$250.00
☐ Benefactor \$500.00

Additional State Donation \$ _____

Subtotal A \$ _____

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Chapter Name (or Independent): _____

Buckhorn Range

Chapter Dues
 (determined by chapter) \$ **8.00**

Additional Chapter Donation \$ _____

Ex: State \$36 (Single) + Chapter \$8 = \$44

Ex: State \$49 (Family) + Chapter \$8 = \$57

Subtotal B \$ _____

Grand Total (A+B) \$ _____

LIABILITY RELEASE

ALL ADULT members MUST sign!

Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident where ever horse use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses, riders and spectators and also recognizing the fact that Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, Inc., including Chapters, officers, directors, or members cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience levels of riders or horses taking part in trail rides or other BCHW events, I do hereby release and hold harmless the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children, or horses.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The information on this membership application will be shared with BCH of America and, if so designated by the applicant, the appropriate local chapter of BCHW. Otherwise, the information will not be divulged to any other person or organization without the express permission of the applicant.

Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) has applied to the Internal Revenue Service for "public charity" status as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Accordingly, membership dues paid to BCHWS may be treated as deductions characterized as "charitable contributions" when computing federal and state income tax obligations.

General Membership Meeting, Leadership Training, Auction, Dinner and Dance at the Kittitas Valley Event Center (fairgrounds) in Ellensburg

Friday, March 19 to Sunday, March 21, 2010

This will be the second year that BCHW is having a combined Leadership Training, Annual General Membership meeting, Directors Meeting and Celebration. Friday will be the BCHW Board of Directors meeting, preceded by a Potluck Dinner in Teanaway Hall. Leadership training Part 1 and 2 will be held Saturday morning and Sunday morning. The General Membership meeting will convene after the Awards Ceremony on Saturday, followed by the annual auction, dinner and dance.

Plan to attend now and participate in the weekend activities. Visit with old friends, make new friends and enjoy the fun and support BCHW, and get up to date information at the General Meeting. Plans are in the works to have vendors and dutch oven clinic & competition.

2010 Rendezvous Registration Form

Reservations for accommodations, and reservations for the Dinner & Dance are recommended. For your convenience, we are offering a discount for "Early Bird" reservations.

Dinner & Dance

The dance band is called Standing Room Only (SRO). Last year they rocked.

"Early Bird" Prime Rib and Chicken Combo Dinners # _____ x \$30 _____

(Early Bird Reservations includes five Bucket Raffle Tickets)

NOTE: Without prior reservation Prime Rib and Chicken Combo # _____ x \$40 _____

There are 20 round tables that will circle the dance floor and can be reserved for a group of 8 people

of tables _____ x \$5 _____
(first come, first paid basis)

Camping

Camping is available at the KVEC Campground at the following rates:

"Early Bird" RV Camping, Full Service # of days _____ x \$15 _____

"Early Bird" RV Camping, Dry / Tent # of days _____ x \$11 _____

RV Camping - Full Service, "No Reserve" # of days _____ x \$22 _____

RV Camping - Dry / Tent, "No Reserve" # of days _____ x \$17 _____

Total Cost \$ _____

Return this form, remittance and check not later than March 1, 2009 for

"Early Bird" Reservations to:

Jackie Angermeir

PO Box 1717, Westport, Wa 98595 • 360-268-0212 or 360-267-1765

Checks payable to BCHW - Mark for 2010 Annual Meeting/Reservation

2010 Leadership Auction Items Needed

Hello BCHW members!

Your 2010 Leadership team is already hard at work getting prepared for our March 19-21 event in Ellensburg. The Auction Committee wants to inform members that we are beginning the search for auction items for both our Silent and Live Auctions. We would especially love to have unique or hand made items, or tickets to events/

shows. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, or if you are interesting in soliciting donations from businesses, please contact Carl Dewey at (425) 432-1852, eagle3bd@comcast.net, or Kim Merrick at (253) 261-6188, eloise55@gmail.com. Your support of BCHW activities and events is important and appreciated. 🐾



Calendar

February 11, Friday, Chapter meeting, Location: Chimacum Saddlery & Tack,. Meeting time 7:00 PM. Program:: **Ideas & Suggestions: How Can We Grow Together?** Calling all Chapter members, current & former, to come together to share ideas and suggestions for activities and projects, events and programs for our Chapter. This is your Chapter, what do you have to say about it's future?

February 20th, Saturday, 10 a.m., Chapter Ride: Larry Scott Trail, PT.

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



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