

BUCKHORN RANGE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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A Message from the Chapter President

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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.

It seems like just yesterday, actually it was October, when I agreed to be nominated for president. Now, here I am crafting my first correspondence for the newsletter which Bob Hoyle has so graciously agreed to put together. My first order of business is to thank Juelie Dalzell for her excellent leadership as my predecessor. She made this job look easy... hmmm.

I, for one, got a jump on one of my New Year's resolutions - participating in more Chapter work parties – on January 5th at the Jefferson Equestrian Horse Park. Along with many of you we shared the work load along with good conversation and good will.

This last July I retired from 30+ years in public education with the last 20 years as an administrator. I'm working part time as a consultant because it's hard to take the horse off the racetrack and turn it into a pasture pony. My goal is to be of service to the Chapter by actively supporting the Purpose and Objectives as outlined in the Chapter By-Laws.

2013 finds the Chapter well positioned to embark on a year of dedicated activity and fun. I would highly recommend attending the State BCHW Rendezvous in Ellensburg, March 15-17. It's very educational and puts the organization's mission into practical focus and it's a darn fun time to boot! I'm personally looking forward to redoing hitch rails and highlines or whatever to revitalize our beloved LeBar Horse Camp this summer. If you've never been there, it's a very special place.

We are always looking for new members. Pass the word. And if you have any ideas for short programs at our meetings, I'm interested in hearing from you.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting, work party and on the trail.

Kris

TRAIL RIDE REPORT

January

had been a cold month to date, and Saturday, January 19 was no exception. But temperatures hovering in the low 30's weren't enough to keep 15 hardy souls from participating in the first Buckhorn Range chapter ride of the year.

Starting at the Cape George parking lot we saddled up and headed in toward Boat Haven, joined along the way by Sandra and Pilar Petranek on their sparkling Haflingers which made Hoosier feel a bit drab (actually made Hoosier's "mom" aware of the bath she should have given him prior to the ride). With Juelie Dalzell and Jeff Chapman leading, Linda Mattos, Kim Hunt and Judith Hoyle brought up the rear. Although we had some fresh horses, some green horses, and some new to our group, the ride proceeded without incident. Although we did have some interesting moments: Aidan tried to surprise Jeff with a rodeo buck; Big Molly decided to keep Juelie's attention with some antics; and at different times both guest Kris K's handsome Quarterhorse and Pat's Paint weren't quite sure that either wanted to ride with this new herd. But we all kept one leg on each side of the horse and our butts firmly in the saddle. After a brief stop at the corals near Boat Haven and chatting for a bit, cold toes and restless horses signaled time to head back. As we passed the mill curve, we met up with our VP, Gerry Magnuson and his riding partner Sherry (Olympic Chapter) just heading in ("I overslept!", he laughed as we teased him).

We regained the trail head parking lot and laughed and chatted while unsaddling and bushing our horses with promises to meet again at next month's ride. Welcome to recent members Betsy Trager and Lennie Harris and Harold Jones; Lennie's daughter, Mary also rode with us. It was good to meet Pat and Andrea Crispin, too – who have since become members - and their grandson, Taylor (on the sweetest little bay Walker ever).

Submitted by Judith Hoyle

Do you have an item for the newsletter? It could be a review of a book you read, or a website you visited. Recipes you want to share, maybe some equipment or tack you want to share about or a trail ride you took are also welcome. Or try your hand at relating an amusing anecdote or story (I know we have some storytellers among our members!). Inform us of any events you think we would like to know about. No previously published material, please (unless you have obtained permission). All submissions to bobhoyle@usa.net by the 22nd of the month for the next newsletter.

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.



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Public Lands Day Ellensburg December 7, 2012

There was a big turn out - over one hundred members came to this meeting. Randy Rasmussen, Advisor for Wilderness and Recreation to Back Country Horsemen of America, addressed the gathering. An articulate speaker, Randy informed us that when the US Forest Service does their forest plan revisions this year the emphasis will be on sustainability, bio diversity, multiple uses and timber management. There will be more use of science in making decisions. There is more emphasis this year on public participation. It's important to get in at the early stages of the conversation. We must hit home how very important recreation is economically to Region 6 (Washington and Oregon). California is the cutting edge of what will happen in the Forest Service in other states. Pacific Crest Trail – There is a proposal to share it with mountain bikes in non-wilderness areas. To follow the conversation, go to www.sharingthepct.org. Given the Forest Service mandate to hear from the public they will start a rule making process to allow public response.

The 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act is in 2014. This is the Act horsemen from all over the country cut their teeth on. We will need to have lots of local events to celebrate and take the opportunity to educate about the connection between horses and wilderness. (Like we wouldn't have trails in the wilderness if it weren't for equines!)

A trail study will be soon published showing degradation of trails and will initiate a great conversation. Cynthia Wilkerson from the Wilderness Society gave an overview on what is happening with the Yakima Basin Conservation Campaign. (Jeff Chapman is on the panel.) In order to preserve water in Eastern Washington the YBCC is trying to add another reservoir that would inundate a very popular riding area and to conserve hundreds of thousands of acres of private forest that is up for sale. At stake per Cynthia is the economy in eastern Washington and of particular interest to horsemen is the hay growing capacity which may decrease given the population pressure to develop rather than preserve the declining water table. Judy Warnick, a legislator and a Back Country Horseman, talked about the budget session which begins on January 14, 2012. She said there are many new mem-

bers in Olympia who need educating on recreation and horse use. Judy is a member of the Agricultural and Natural Resource committee. The State faces a billion dollar deficit. She is not hopeful about funds for recreation but told us to go to Olympia and fight for funding.

Daniel Farber from Washington State Parks reminded us to go to www.AdventureAwaits.com the new WA State Park website, to share any stories you may have about adventures you have had in a state park. They are facing huge cuts and have been told they must be completely self-supporting. He detailed exactly what was at stake and how they planned to cut if they didn't get funding from the general fund. If they don't get general fund money they really can't function. Buy your Discover Passes! He thanked us for all our volunteer efforts on behalf of state parks.

The new Washington Fish and Wildlife S. Central Regional Director, Mike Livingston came and presented to us telling us that they are about Conservation and outdoor recreation. In Region Three, which is Kittitas, Yakima, Benton and Franklin counties, they do elk management as well. The burgeoning population in these counties is taking its toll exerting all kinds of pressure on both conservation and recreation.

Mark Mauren, Recreation Program Manager from Department of Natural Resources, was effusive in his praise of Back Country Horsemen's volunteerism. He told us that the Discover Pass money paid for six recreation wardens and one enforcement officer. Rural communities depend on the dollars spent on recreation. He gave us an overview on work they have done this past year and plans for building new horse camps and trails in the future. The transportation package is an effort to lift gas tax lid. The money gained would provide 5 million dollars in grants that DNR would use to continue to build on their planning which is extensive for horses. Mr. Mauren said that they obtained grants in the past due to Back Country Horsemen efforts and half of the DNR budget comes from grants. Since trail design standards are higher due to emphasis on sustainability they cost more to build.

Gale Throop Region 6 Trails Program Manager from the U.S. Forest Service said they are figuring out what they can do with what they have. They have 25 mil-

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Buckhorn Range Chapter Meeting Minutes November 9, 2012

Meeting held at Tri Area Center in Chimacum and called to order at 7 pm by Vice President Gerry Magnuson. We had 3 guests from the Olympic Chapter in attendance.

Treasurer's Report- We are solvent.

Director's Report- Next meeting is 12/8. Members are encouraged to buy items from the BCHW online store. Bob can pick up orders at the meeting.

Trail Boss- Last ride was at Anderson Lake, 3 riders went. Next ride will be our Donut ride on Saturday at 10 am. Ride out from Gerry Magnuson's place.

Work Projects- The Larry Scott Trail was cleared from the tunnel to Thomas Street. Next work party will be December 1st at Anderson Lake. We will use horses and our new gravel bags.

Old Business-Our Christmas party will be December 15th at 6:30 pm at "The Cup in Port Townsend. MMSC that members will be charged \$15 and the chapter will pick up the rest up to \$250. We will have a white elephant gift exchange. RSVP by 12/1 to Kris Lenke.

Elections- MMSC to elect the following officers by acclamation:

President Kris Lenke, Vice- President Gerry Magnuson, Treasurer Judith Hoyle, Secretary Juelie Dalzell, Volunteer Hours, Alternate Director Jeff Chapman, Work Projects Co- Coordinators Bob Hoyle and Jeff Chapman, vacant Trail Boss and LNT/Education

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Submitted by Cyn Okinczyc

Public Lands Day Report

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lion acres in Region Six to manage, 9.3 million acres in Washington 9,200 miles of trails in Washington, 15 horse camps in state. Her number for the percentage of horsemen using those trails is only 1.1% of total recreational users. [WE REJECT THIS PERCENTAGE - (*Ed. Note: Juelie's comment*)]. Estimated to be \$46 million in deferred trail maintenance. However the Forest Service has spent millions of dollars in fighting fires this year instead of trail maintenance. They can't even consider adding more - can't take care of what they have with the budget they have been given.

Gary Paul from Mt. Baker Snoqualmie Forest spoke to us as well, He asked us to consider the possibility of a user fee fund that stays with the forest you are using.

Okanogan, Umatilla and Gifford Pinchot Forests were represented as well. A roads analysis is being done in the Gifford Pinchot and when the Forest Service asks us to tell them what roads are important to us it is really important to write back. We might just lose the road we use to get to our favorite place. Effusive thanks was again given to Back Country Horsemen for all their work on the ground.

Submitted by Juelie Dalzell

Minutes for Buckhorn Range Chapter BCHW January 11, 2013

Meeting called to Order at 7:05

Present: Kris, Gerry, Dave, Lennie, Judith, Andrea, Gayle, Bethel, MaryAnn, Jay, Leonard, Pat, Jeff, Bob and Juelie

The new slate of officers was introduced.

President	Kris Lenke
Vice Pres.	Gerry Magnuson
Work Projects Coordinator and Director	Bob Hoyle
Work Projects Coordinator and Alt. Director	Jeff Chapman
Treasurer	Judith Hoyle
Secretary	Juelie Dalzell

No minutes from December meeting since that had been the Christmas Party.

We still need to approve the November minutes at next meeting. Juelie to find them.

Treasurer's Report – We are solvent. There are a few members who have not renewed and Judith will contact them.

Director's Report – BCHW has a money market account we can use in order to leverage interest at a higher rate. We would be able to access the money when we need it.

Lori Lennox needs your trail recipes. She is putting a cook book together to be ready for sale at Rendezvous. If you have a recipe send it now.

Calendars are a big fund raiser for BCHW. They have raffle tickets in them. A ticket is drawn every month and the winnings are fairly substantial. Buy one today for \$20.00. Call Judith or Bob. Your money will go toward supporting trail advocacy at the state level.

A new trail access, Whistler Canyon Trail head right off a highway is now complete and beautiful. Whistler Canyon Trail is a part of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail. This 12-mile trail is located 3 miles south of Oroville WA, and connects to the Wilcox Mountain trailhead.

The trail offers many links and loops that provide vistas of the Okanogan River and Pasayten Wilderness no matter what the experience level. The trail is excellent for hikers and equestrians. Thank you BCHW!

The state's Board of Directors ratified an increase in dues to the national organization to be paid in 2014. We do not know how that will play out as far as dues increases for our chapter. We will have to vote on that.

Dungeness Wildlife Refuge has signaled their intention to kick horses off the trail. We hired a lawyer (thank you BCHW for paying that bill) who managed to get the comment period extended so we can research the issues to find persuasive arguments against such a stricture. Jeff is in touch with Peninsula Chapter and will forward information to the lawyer. Our final response is due Jan. 28th. Kevin Van DeWege has come out strongly in favor of continued equestrian use.

Rendezvous - a motion to send \$100.00 to sponsor an award was made by Juelie and seconded by Lennie and unanimously approved. Judith will reserve one table for dinner. How much shall we donate for the auction? Or What item shall we donate?

Work Project Report – Jeff reported that the JEA work party went well with much gratitude to Del and Tom. Jeff has asked JEA to not schedule their work parties on the same day as our work parties. Jeff said that any of us can go any time and clip or pull scotch broom. February's work party will probably be at the same site but all work parties from March and beyond are booked with other obligations. We have Sandy Shore to get ready for the joint ride in March, Anderson Lake to complete the grant, the Great Gravel Pack In at Capitol Forest is in April, we have committed to doing a week at LeBar, and Haney Meadow late summer could use all of us.

Bob Hoyle made a motion to renew certificate of insurance for Sandy Shore Ride, Juelie Seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There is newly purchased property at Anderson Lake that should be open soon to new trails.

Jeff will track our work hours but will not track administrative hours. Juelie volunteered to track administrative hours if someone will give her a good reason for tracking them. If there is a good reason then everyone



The Seven Stages of Aging on Horseback

Stage I: Fall off pony. Bounce. Laugh. Climb back on. Repeat.

Stage II: Fall off horse. Run after horse, cussing. Climb back on by shimmying up horse's neck. Ride until sundown.

Stage III: Fall off horse. Use sleeve of shirt to stanch bleeding. Have friend help you get back on horse. Take two Advil and apply ice packs when you get home. Ride next day.

State IV: Fall off horse. Refuse advice to call ambulance; drive self to urgent care clinic. Entertain nursing staff with tales of previous daredevil stunts on horseback. Back to riding before cast comes off.

Stage V: Fall off horse. Temporarily forget name of horse and name of husband. Flirt shamelessly with paramedics when they arrive. Spend week in hospital while titanium pins are screwed in place. Start riding again before doctor gives official okay.

Stage VI: Fall off horse. Fail to see any humor when hunky paramedic says, "You again?" Gain firsthand knowledge of advances in medical technology thanks to stint in ICU. Convince self that permanent limp isn't that noticeable. Promise husband you'll give up riding. One week later purchase older, slower, shorter horse.

Stage VII: Slip off horse. Relieved when artificial joints and implanted medical devices seem unaffected. Tell husband that scrapes and bruises are due to gardening accident. Pretend you don't see husband roll his eyes and mutter as he walks away. Give apple to horse.

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must send her their admin. hours.

Old Business

Lennie Harris was nominated and unanimously voted to be LNT Education Coordinator.

Discussion about our monthly trail rides resulted in a consensus of having trail ride hosts so that no single person will be saddled with the responsibility of all rides. Our rides are the third Saturday of the month with the exception of March which is a joint ride with Peninsula at Sandy Shore and May is a joint ride at Miller.

Juelie will host January, March hosted by Jeff, November by Gerry, Lennie said she would host a ride at Green Mountain in June. A location for a ride in April was the Toandos but no host stepped forward. July will be LeBar work party and ride. In August it was suggested we ride the Dungeness River, no host, and September the Lower Big Quilcene trail. Anyone reading the minutes want to volunteer to host any of these or any others?

New Business - Motion was made by Bob to renew our membership in JEA for \$25.00. Juelie seconded motion which unanimously passed. Judith made a motion to donate \$75.00 to JEA and Jeff seconded, it passed unanimously.

Jeff made a motion to present an award in the amount of fifty dollars. It was seconded by Juelie and passed unanimously. Jeff will find an appropriate award.

Chapter logo chosen was #2. The final drawing will be presented at the next meeting.

Good of the Order Please note that Legislative Day in Olympia is on January 28th. It is a much more fun event if a lot of us go. If you want to car pool call Gerry (or Bob).

Our next meeting is on February 8th, 2013.

Submitted by Juelie Dalzell, Secretary



Open to the Public

Kittitas County's Local Equine Celebration

March 15-17, 2013

Kittitas Valley Event Center
512 N. Poplar • Ellensburg, WA



- Dinner, Auction & Dancing
Saturday Evening

- Used Tack Sale

- Vendor Booths

- Wine Tasting



- Dutch Oven Cooking Contest

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For Dinner • Camping Registration • More Information • Full Schedule:

www.bchw.org

Special needs must be requested two weeks prior to event so needs may be met



Calendar

February 2nd, Saturday, 10 a.m., Joint BRC/JEA Work Party, Jefferson Horse Park grounds, Cape George Rd. (tentative)

February 8th, Friday, 7 p.m. Chapter meeting at Tri-Area Community Center, 10 W. Valley Road, Chimacum.

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



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