

BUCKHORN RANGE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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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.

We have been having some nice riding weather lately, and the horses are shedding out already! If we could just do something about the mud... A lot is going on right now in our little chapter. Our Director, Jeff Chapman, just spent a week lobbying for trails back in the other Washington, D.C. that is. He was part of the WTA contingent, but you can be sure he was representing equestrian interests as well. It will be interesting to hear how that went. The annual BCHW Membership meeting and Leadership training is this month in Ellensburg in a couple of weeks.

Our February meeting was a brainstorming session to get input and suggestions from chapter members on how to improve our chapter and increase member participation. There were a lot of good ideas for programs at our monthly meetings. We also voted to change the meeting night to the second Friday of each month on a trial basis, thru May. This month's meeting is this Friday, March 12, at Chimacum Saddlery & Tack. Our LNT/Education Coordinator, Juelie Daltzell, will give a presentation on "Courtesy to Others On the Trail", with a video that was put together by BCHW. In April Jeff Chapman will give a talk on where to ride on local trails. Chapter member Allie Stratton will talk about Therapeutic Riding in May.

Our chapter ride this month is a joint ride with Peninsula Chapter. Our usual parking area on Sandy Shore Lake Rd. has been removed, but Olympic Resources has been gracious enough to let us have a key to the gate at Beaver Valley Rd. so we can park in Seton's pit (where we held our last prize ride). The ride is a week late this month, due to the BCHW annual meeting. It will be on Saturday, March 27th, with a potluck following the ride. This easy 10-mile ride is always a fun time.

Our Chapter is involved with Olympic National Park and Peninsula Chapter in putting on a Leave-No-Trace clinic in May at Sequim Bay State Park. Anyone interested in helping with this should contact Juelie.

Bob Hoyle, Chapter President

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

Submitted by Bob Hoyle

Judith & I had to attend a funeral on February's Chapter ride day, and could not attend, but a few members turned out on a beautiful spring-like day!

Jeff Chapman, "The LSMT chapter ride was a good time. Betsy came from Peninsula Chapter. Rhonda and Jean G. came as well. The four of us rode out to Wild Rhody Ranch out by 4-Corners, past the pond. We had spectacular weather, high spirits, and no mishaps. It was uplifting to see that the County is now surveying the trail corridor on the south side of Discovery Road across from the Golf Course."

The March ride is a joint Chapter ride with Peninsula on Saturday, March 27th, the "Sandy Shore ride". The ride will *not* start from Sandy Shore Lake Rd. this year because the parking area is gone. Olympic Resources has allowed us to use the Seton pit and given us a key to the gate across from Beaver Valley Rd. (SR 19). This is an easy 10-mile ride. A potluck will follow the ride. Come and join us!

Bob Hoyle, Trail Boss



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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.

Buckhorn Range Chapter General Meeting Minutes

February 11th, 2010

Location: Chimacum Saddlery and Tack 1091 Chimacum Rd, Chimacum, Wa

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Bob Hoyle. Bob requested this meeting focus on suggestions to increase participation by the membership and attract new members to the Chapter.

Suggestions Presented:

Changing meeting to every other month

Changing meeting to Fridays

Various speakers presenting topics of interest to equestrians:

- Equine Massage

- Horse Health (example: dental)

- Location of Riding Trails

- Trailer Safety

- First Aid on the Trail for horse and rider

- How to correctly pull a shoe to avoid damage to hoof

- Trailer Towing Safety Measures & Experiencing the ride by the horse.

- Self Defense for Riders

- Therapeutic Riding

- Saddle Fitting Clinic

Mini Rendezvous' with bar-b-cue

Picnic - Potluck

Manning booth at Saturday Farmers Market w/Jefferson Trail Coalition

Booth at the Chimacum Sunday Farmers Market

Establishing a "Cowboy Triple A"

Kiwanis Camp (last 3 weeks of July and 1st week of August)

Flyers BRC information (meetings, activities, and work parties)

Motion was moved and seconded to move meetings to Friday for a trial period Of 3 months. Beginning with the March 12th meeting. Location to remain the same at Chimacum Tack with a club social afterwards. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion moved and seconded to have a sign made for \$100.00 to post on the inside of Chimacum Saddlery and Tack Arena for the yearly fee of \$200.00.

An amendment to the above motion to obtain pricing for a sandwich board sign to post at various activities and functions, moved, seconded and approved. Passed unanimously. Note: this was approved last year.

Secretary to establish a phone tree to notify all members and encourage attendance at meetings, social activities and work parties, to be presented at next board meeting.

Tentative Work Parties:

- Pre-ride Sandy Shore to update condition of trail

- March - Capitol Forest Gravel Haul

- April - Larry Scott Trail or Dabob?

- May 1st Derby Day Work Party - Anderson Lake

- June - National Trails Day month.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted, MaryAnn Merrill Secretary



Book Description

He was just an aged Belgian draft horse, left alone in a pasture to live out the remaining days of his twilight years. He spent his time drooling and swishing flies. But one day the old horse stepped out of a wobbly wire fence, and into a new life. He became useful again, as a horse, when he teamed up with the author, who had always wanted a Belgian draft horse.

The horse immediately began to subtly influence her and other people who crossed his path. The horse weighed a ton and was physically strong. He was also kind and gentle, with an uncanny manner of getting involved in the lives of the people he met. He walked and sounded like an equine version of John Wayne. Through trials and good times, through laughter and tears, this grand old horse conveyed many messages about life.

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*(Local book stores
and tack shops have
not been able to keep
it on the shelves)*



Author Biography



Photo by: Sabrina J. O'Neil

Annette considers herself to be a life-long lover and student of horses. For many years she raised, trained and showed Arabians and dressage horses. She has trained countless horses, given riding lessons and judged horse shows. She left the world of breeding horses in 1990 and now prefers to take in horses that are already born and need a home. She has rescued many horses that were destined for slaughter and has assisted other folks by encouraging them to take a chance on an old and/or thin "throwaway."

Possessed with a love of draft horses since childhood, the grand old horse who is the subject of this book is her first, and only, Belgian.

Born in Pontiac and a life-long resident of Michigan, Annette has had many varied and diverse experiences all throughout her life. She was a state trooper with the Michigan State Police, interviewed Holocaust survivors on film, teaches in local colleges, and worked with victims of domestic violence. However, writing—and horses—are her core passions. She holds a Bachelors Degree in Public Administration and a Masters Degree in Humanities.

Annette is a well-published freelance writer. **HORSEPOWER - A Memoir** is her first book—it will not be her last.

www.horsepowerbook.com

The following is a letter Jeff Chapman sent last week to the WA State Parks on our behalf, that I thought you all might like to read.

February 27, 2010

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
P.O. Box 42650
Olympia, WA 98504-2650

RE: Anderson Lake State Park Expansion Proposal

The Buckhorn Range Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of Washington works to provide and maintain sustainable trails on the Olympic Peninsula for all users but with a focus on those trails that allow for equestrian access. Jefferson County is a very horse friendly place with most of the city, county, and federal trails open to horses as well as the private timberlands owned by our primary landowner, Olympic Resource Management. Our chapter strives to preserve this privilege through education of the county's equestrian population as to best management practices, respect for other users, and partnering with agencies.

Anderson Lake State Park provides the only designated trails on State Park lands within Jefferson County that allows horse access. Only a percentage of the trails are open to equestrians in order to provide a range of multiuser and pedestrian opportunities and to keep stock away from sensitive areas. This effort means we have no impact on the use and ecology of the lake itself. We maintain a small parking area in the park that can accommodate a few horse trailers. This is treasured by area equestrians, and we ensure that only the best minimum impact practices are employed here.

Our chapter is a contributing member of the Jefferson Trails Coalition (JTC). The JTC works with Jefferson County to develop the Olympic Discovery Trail which will someday link Port Townsend with the Tri-Area communities and with Sequim and Port Angeles. This route will certainly connect with Anderson Lake State Park, or should everyone agree, run through the park itself. The section of the trail that would involve the park has yet to be established. However, there is no doubt the park would be key to connecting the trail to the Tri-Area communities.

Our chapter also works with the Pacific Northwest Trail Association and the US Forest Service. These entities are developing the congressionally approved Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail (PNNST) that will extend from Montana to the Pacific Ocean. This was only recently enacted by Congress, and the USFS management committee has just been organized. One of the challenges will be the routing of the PNNST across the Quimper Peninsula in Jefferson County. Anderson Lake State Park sits squarely in the middle of the Quimper and provides not only opportunities for trailhead parking, but one of the only lakes along the route in our area. There is also the potential for some camping, which may have limited options elsewhere along the route due to the density of private lands.

We therefore ask that:

1. Washington State Parks retain management of Anderson Lake State Park while the trail system logistics continue to be worked out.
2. Expand the park east into the Nicholson Reservoir Plat which was identified as within their long term boundary plan. This will provide additional recreational trail based opportunities for day users of the park on sustainable ground. It will also provide open space for habitat, which has become more limited as growth occurs around the park.
3. Work with the Jefferson Land Trust, the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, and Jefferson County on a management plan for the area east of the current park boundary. One amendment to the current plan we would like to see is

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that a north-south trail be permitted between Anderson Lake Road and Nicholson Reservoir Plat that will allow access from the Tri-Area not just for pedestrians, but also for bikes and horses. This in no way interferes with the Tribe's ability to preserve Tamanowas Rock. The Tri-Area is comprised of families. Chimacum schools are located just a short distance from Anderson Lake State Park. There are not a large number of horses kept in this specific area, so horse use would likely be very slight on this connecting trail. However, there are many bicycle users in the neighborhoods along Rhody Drive and in conjunction with H.J. Carroll Park. This is similar to the city neighborhood trails in the City of Port Townsend where all three user groups have access, and there are few to no issues. The advantage to allowing a trail to pass through this property will encourage support from the community to feel the conservation of this area is part of their community plan and vested interests as well. If this trail doesn't happen, then residents from the Tri-Area communities may well have to navigate the hills and curves on the narrow shoulder of Anderson Lake Road in order to reach the cross-county trail systems once they develop.

Back Country Horsemen of Washington and its chapters work with Washington State Parks on maintenance issues with several State Parks throughout Washington from Anderson Lake to Mt Spokane. We also are involved with maintenance and stewardship on other lands managed by State Parks such as Miller Peninsula and the distance trail systems like Columbia Plateau and the John Wayne Trail. The relationship has been strong under the leadership of Director Derr, and we look forward to assisting and working with Washington State Parks in the future.

Thank you,

/s/
Jeff Chapman, Director
Buckhorn Range Chapter, BCHW

cc: Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners
Jefferson County Land Trust
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Dale Hom, Forest Supervisor, US Forest Service
Tri-Area Chamber of Commerce

Tack and Rummage Sale

Please start thinking about items you would like to donate to our upcoming tack and rummage sale. Bethel Moore has generously offered to let us hold it at her tack store. We are still firming up the date, but it will likely be a Saturday in April or early May. Contact Judith Hoyle jkhoyle@embarqmail.com or call (360) 531-2339 with any questions, to volunteer, or to donate items.





Leave No Trace Wilderness Basic Skills Course

May 14-16, 2010 at Ramblewood ELC in Sequim Bay State
Park, Sequim, WA.

Directions: <http://tinyurl.com/onptraining>

Hosted by Peninsula/Buckhorn Chapters of BackCountry Horsemen of WA.

All Outdoor Enthusiasts Welcome!

Pre registration required by May 1, 2010

Information and registration information on line at

<http://www.clallam.wsu.edu/lnt> or call Clallam County Extension Office
(360)417-2279

\$10 donation fee reserves your meals and training materials. Donations support the Active Trails Grant provided through the National Park Foundation. Limited scholarships available. Overnight camping on site.

Training sponsored by Olympic National Park. Event made possible in part by a grant from the National Park Foundation through the generous support of the Coca-Cola Foundation, a Proud Partner of America's National Parks.





Calendar

March 12, Friday, 7 p.m., Chapter meeting, Chimacum Saddlery & Tack, 1091 Chimacum Rd. Program: ***“Trail Courtesy”***

March 20, BCHW Annual Membership meeting & Leadership Training, Kittitas Valley Event Center, Ellensburg

March 27th, Saturday, 10 a.m., joint Chapter Ride: “Sandy Shore” ride, Potluck after the ride. call for directions. 360-531-2337

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



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