

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.

May Meeting at Chimacum Saddlery

Now that the BCHA National Directors' Meeting is behind us, it's time to look ahead to a great season of trail riding, and trail work. A huge "thank-you" to everyone who helped make hosting the annual event a complete success. Congratulations to the "Gang of Three", Betsy Wyatt, Juelie Dalzell, and Judith Hoyle, for doing such a splendid job. I'll bet they will be talking about this meeting all year, and Missouri will have to work hard to do as well as you did.

Dave Peterson will be giving a round-pen demonstration at our next Chapter meeting, this Thursday, May 14th. We will meet at Chimacum Saddlery & Tack, located at 1091 Chimacum Road, at 7 pm. There will be a very short business meeting either before or after the round-pen exercise.

June's meeting place and program are still to be determined. There is a plan in the works to have a Chapter BBQ event at Sunny Gimbaltd's place in June, possibly the third Saturday, June 13th. More details will be following.

Hope to see you all Thursday at Bethel's.

Bob Hoyle, Newsletter Editor

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

Submitted by Bob Hoyle

April's Chapter ride was held on the Toandos Peninsula. It was a nice day to ride, with a good turnout. We went in 2 groups to keep the party size down, and to wait for some late arrivals.

This is a nice area for front-country riding, even with all the recent logging. There was one fresh clear-cut that we had to pick our way through, but it was fairly easy, and everyone had a good time.

May's Chapter ride is hosted by Peninsula Chapter at Miller Peninsula. It



Toandos ride, April 2009

will be on May 16th, this Saturday. Gate closes at 9:45. Ride leaves at 10 am. Potluck afterward.

Tom Mix is the host. info@cuttinggarden.com

Directions: From Port Angeles and Sequim Go east on Hwy. 101 past Sequim. Turn left (north) 2.8 miles east of the main entrance to 7 Cedars Casino onto Pierce Road. Go approx. 1/4 mile to the gravel road on the right and proceed through the metal gate. Stay on the main road approx. 1/2 mile and parking is just past the cell tower.

From Jefferson County Pierce Road is exactly 1 mile from the Jefferson/Clallam County line and the turn is to the right. Contact Tom Mix if you are planning to attend.



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Buckhorn Range Chapter General Meeting 04/09/09

Vice President Gerry Magnuson called meeting to order. Minutes recorded by Bob Hoyle/Judith Hoyle

Program: Chapter members shared/demonstrated various useful knots, and practiced tying them.

A motion was made and passed to approve the February minutes as published in the newsletter.

Bob Hoyle read the minutes from the March meeting (abbreviated meeting due to the McWethy presentation). A motion was made and passed to approve the March minutes as read.

Reports: (Officers/Boards/Standing committees)**1. Trail Boss (Bob Hoyle)**

Sandy Shore ride March 28 had limited attendance due to rain. In fact, only Juelie and Jeff - who had just flown in from Alaska and driven in from SeaTac with 5 minutes to spare – attended. They shared their potluck with each other afterward, in the drizzle.

April 19 will be Coyle Peninsula ride. Meet at the gravel pit/parking lot off of East Toandos.

May 16 will be the joint ride with Peninsula Chapter at Miller Peninsula. Potluck to follow.

2. Work Projects/Trails report (Jeff).

LeBar is apparently not too bad. WTA is working to replaced bridges by this coming autumn. Case Creek (Dose Trail) washout is to be fixed in June/July.

LSMT: Work party on LSMT old trail “over the hump” - opened up again. County has requested that we use “Trail Work Ahead” warning signs. If LSMT does become an official part of the Pacific NW National Scenic Trail, it will come under Forest Services management, which may require F.S. certifications to work on the trail -we’re hoping that we can still work under county requirements. Buckhorn will be brushing the LSMT horse trail later this spring, probably May or June, after the spring growth spurt.

3. Director's Report (Jeff)

Ellensburg Directors meeting: One-third of the 2-year grant for trail maintenance has been spent on Forest Service and DNR work. We have discovered it is simpler to get reimbursement for mileage than to sort out what “small tools” is reimbursable. We have submitted mileage \$\$ for reimbursement. More will be submitted in 2009. In 2008 BCHW put in 70,000 volunteer hours on public trails (nearly one-third of the total volunteer hours tracked by BCHA as a whole).

New BCHW tri-fold brochures have been printed and more can be order on line. [Bob Hoyle has confirmed with WSU that we can leave some there for local distribution. Judith will pursue getting a display holder that for purpose.]

Members who have not renewed by April 10 will be dropped after the April newsletter.

Charitable contribution requirement – chapters that receive in excess of \$25000 in contributions will need to file a non-profit form with the state of Washington. [Doesn't apply to Buckhorn]

4. Treasurer. (Judith Hoyle) Chapter is solvent.**Unfinished Business and Special Orders:**

- Chapter members in attendance reviewed, discussed, modified and approved new Buckhorn Range by-laws, necessitated by BCHW having converted to a 501(c)(3) last year.
- BCHA National Directors' Meeting – Fort Worden, April 21 – 25th. Judith and Jeff both encouraged anyone who is able to attend and see how the national organization works, and see how our concerns regarding loss of trail use locally are a national concern.

New Business/Good of the Order:

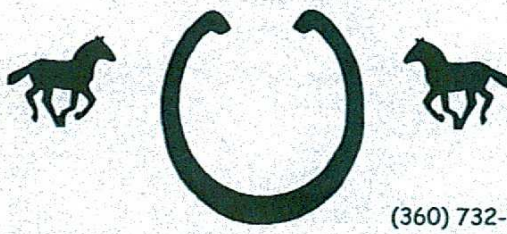
- Gerry Magnuson discussed the Western Dream Ride, sponsored by Olympic Chapter, to be held August 7-9 at Flying Horseshoe Ranch, CleElum.
- Harold Elyrea is a member of the local DAWG (Disaster Animal Welfare Group) and encouraged BRC members to become a part of or at least work with DAWG. DAWG needs more individuals who are familiar with working with horses, cows, llamas. Contact Harold with any questions (360) 301-4902.

Meeting adjourned 9:15

BCHA NATIONAL DIRECTORS' MEETING



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Calendar

May 14, Thursday, Chapter meeting, Location: Chimacum Saddlery, 1091 Chimacum Rd., Port Hadlock. Meeting time 7:00 PM. Program: Dave Peterson will give a round-pen demonstration.

May 16, Saturday, Chapter ride at Miller Peninsula, with Peninsula Chapter. 10 AM, potluck to follow the ride. Contact Tom Mix, info@cuttinggarden.com or Bob Hoyle, bobhoyle@usa.net 531-2337 for more information.

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



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