



TRAIL TALK

Northeast Chapter April 2006

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Mission Statement -- The purpose of Backcountry Horsemen of Washington is to perpetuate the legal and moral claim by the American people to use horses and mules for recreation on public lands.

ESQUIRE RANCH RIDE

Rain or Shine - Saturday, April 15

This ride is in conjunction with the Purple Sage Riders. Foot in the stirrup at 11:00 a.m. A potluck will follow after the ride. The ride usually is about 3 to 4 hours. The ground is rocky and shoes are recommended. RSVP is not required, however please call Vicki at 276-6226 if you need directions.

CHAINSAW CERTIFICATION

The Forest Service must certify anyone wishing to use a chain saw on work parties. The certification is good for three years. This year's certification will be on May 6th at the Blue Lake Grange. Contact Bob Gish at 276-6226 if you have questions. Please RSVP as soon as possible.

FIVE SISTERS RIDE

The Five Sisters ride originally scheduled for May 7 has been temporarily cancelled due to trail conditions. We will try to reschedule this ride when the trails are not quite so muddy and the creeks are lower.

COGGINS

Deer Park Vet is having Coggins for \$40.00 April 15 thru May 31. Normal cost is \$50.00.

BANDANAS - \$5.00 each for Chapter Members, \$6.00 for nonmembers, contact Karen Reiner or come to the General Meeting to pick yours out. Many colors to choose from all with the BCH logo on them.

General Membership Meeting

April 15, 2006, 7:00 p.m. - Dessert at 6:30

Williams Valley Grange

Vicki Gish will talk on what to put in
saddlebags for a day ride.

Volunteer Hour patches to be given out!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Jim Hudkins

We had a very productive Board Meeting Tuesday night. Vicki has taken the position of Trail Boss. Betty Higgins is the new LNT/ED go to. Max takes the reins as Ways and Means and welcome back Cathy Johnson as Newsletter Editor. Good luck to you all.

Take a look at the calendar of events. We have a ton planned. There are educational events presented by the Chapter as well as the Forest Service. Work parties to open and maintain many trails so the trail rides planned have a place to go. Ride the West Horse Expo and the Horsemanship Clinic Vicki is putting on will help us all with our riding and handling skills needed to have a safe and enjoyable outing. The sign in table at the meetings from now on will have a "Give us Your Suggestion" list and flyers from other events in the area. So make sure you look this table over at the General meeting each month.

The Inland Empire BCH has asked for our assistance at Ride the West in May. We are also helping with the Trail Course. Anyone interested let me know. Come on Sunshine!

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www.equine.wisecomp.com - BLM Mustangs at Burns
www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov
www.secondchanceranch.org
www.nwhorsesource.com - great horse tips on training!

Don't forget to contact some of our newsletter advertisers should you ever need something they provide! They support us so we should support them.

Reminder: Aslin Finch Feed Stores gives BCH members 10% off on any purchase of items not on sale. Lets support them since they support us. I was in their store with my BCH coat on and the first thing the clerk said you get a discount for being a BCH member!



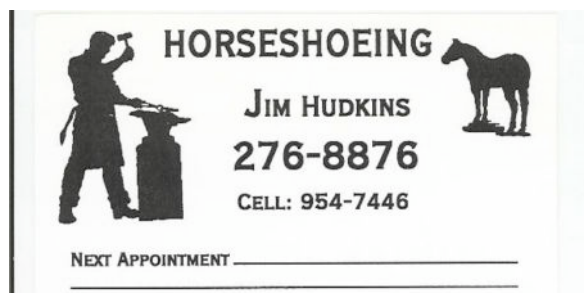
Ideas for Items to Carry in your Saddle Bags - by Debbie Nelson

Camera most of the time, cell phone (make sure your horse is desensitized to the ring), rain gear; tri bandage, jacket, 2 bandage compresses 4", stocking cap, 2-18"x36" gauze compress, Benadryl, telpa pad, ibuprofen, sam splint, aspirin, quilted space blanket, tribrisin-smz, 1st aid book, Neosporin-triple antibiotic, hard candy, emt jell or spray, matches & lighter, bee sting kit, hoof pick, NFZ puffer, shavings fire starter. after bite, 100' paracord, sunscreen, leather string repairs, wet ones, snacks, t. p., snow peak self igniting, hot hands, Burt's Bees insect repellent, fuel, Vet wrap, folding cup & spork, adhesive tape, water filter bottle, butte paste & pills, army canteen and stainless qt cup (I use for cooking pot). banamin paste, tea, coco, mashed potatoes, bandage, saftey pins, or rice-a-roni & oatmeal, Saw, map, and lead rope.

Kept on me or in a separate pouch attached to me and not my horse I carry the following when in the mountains:

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A bandana, cowboy hat, in□pouch on belt multi tool, hot hands, 357 revolver, insect repellent, bear spray, fire starter cotton balls, compass, flint and strike gloves, whistle, chinks, safety pins, flash light, lg. garbage bag, hard candy, Duct tape (small amount wrapped around wood match, fish hook, Would like to add cotton wrap and some other things.



HORSESHOEING

JIM HUDKINS

276-8876

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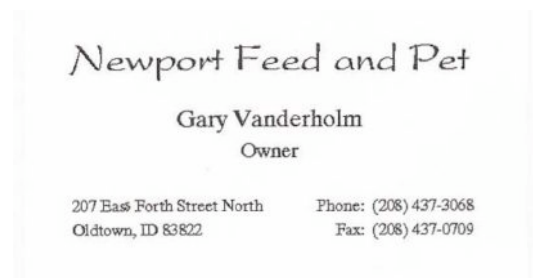
Newsletter Submission Information

Trail Talk is published monthly. Deadline for submission of articles is the 1st of each month. Non-copyrighted submissions are welcome, subject to space limitations. Opinions and views expressed in letters or personal articles are not necessarily the opinions of BCH or NEBCHW. The newsletter editor reserves the right to edit for content, space and language.

If you have a newsletter article or advertisement send it to shonjohn2@earthlink.net or call Cathy at 796-4950. No cost for an article or advertisement.

If you would like to advertise your business for one year in the newsletter or on the web page contact anyone on the Board for information.

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General Membership Meeting

March 18, 2006

State Director- State Directors voted to have a dues increase to BCHW: single membership will increase 83 cents per month and family membership will increase 58 cents per person per month. The general membership will now need to vote on the dues increase.

LNT - March 31 - ED/LNT at Riverside State Park - Trail Town - Boots in stirrups at 11:00 am.

April 8th - Fish Trap Brunch Ride - Boots in stirrups 10:30 am.

April 15th - Escure Ranch Ride with Purple Sage Riders - Boots in stirrups at 10:00 - potluck after the ride.

Public Land Liaison - Julie Anderson, Dept of Fish and Wildlife has OK'd our riding on about 60,000 acres between Creston & Odessa, with the stipulation we ride only in small groups.

In May General Membership Meetings move to Thursday.

Dale Schremp, USFS, reminds us we are required to have a Defensive Horsemanship Certification if we volunteer on work parties with equine. He has set up Defensive Horsemanship Classes on April 23 at the Sandpoint Ranger Station and May 13 at Blue Lake Community Center Priest River. There will be a saw certification May 6 at Priest Lake.

Volunteers from our chapter will help with the Competitive Trail Course at Ride the West. We need ideas for our table display to promote NEBCHW.

Dana Ogle, was nominated, and voted in as our new Vice President.

In exchange for using the Grange as our General Membership Meeting place we are going to provide the supplies, not to exceed \$400, and manpower to paint the basement of the Grange.

Virginia Carter will donate a platter for the May Auction at Yakima. Maybe someone else in the Chapter would also like to donate something.

Karen Reiner proposed a fund raising project of selling bandanas. A motion was made to buy 100 bandanas in 4 colors with the BCH logo. The motion carried.

The chapter needs an Activities person, a Trail Boss, as well as Web Chairperson, and a Newsletter Chairperson.

Cyndi Johnson, Secretary

Advertisers Needed

Looking for advertisers for the newsletter and web page. If you would like to have your business listed please contact a Board member. The cost is \$50 per year for a business card size advertisement in the newsletter and on the web page.

Defensive Horsemanship

The Chapter has several work parties planned this year. If you plan on taking your equine friends on a work party you will need to be current on Defensive Horsemanship. This U.S.F.S. safety class is a requirement for working in Region 1 and the certification is good for three years. If you need to take the class call Bob Gish-944-1075 or 276-6226.

Equine First Aid

Thank you Ted Kraus for speaking at the March General Meeting. The information you provided on Equine First Aid was very informative. I know I learned a lot!



Northeast Chapter BCHW 2006 Calendar Of Events



Date	Event	Details	Contact
04/15	Escure Ranch	11am, w/Purple Sage Rdrs	Bob/Vicki Gish
04/15	Membership Meeting	7pm, Wllms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins
04/29	Ed/LNT	10am, Pend Oreille Pk	Vicki Gish
05/02	Board Meeting	7pm, Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins
05/06	FS Chainsaw Cert/Recert	Location/Time TBD	Dale Schrempp
05/13	IEBCH Poker Ride	Fish Trap	Ken Carmichael
05/13	FS Defensive Horsemanship	Location/Time TBD	Dale Schrempp
05/14	ED/LNT	Dunn Mountain	Vicki Gish
05/18	Membership Meeting	7pm, Wllms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins
05-19/22	Ride the West	Volunteers Needed	J.Hudkins/Cathy J
05-20	BCHW Meeting, Yakima	All members welcome	Bob Gish
05-27/29	Memorial Day Work Party	Kalispell Camp	B.Savage/BGish
06/03or04	F. S. National Trails Day	Pend Oreille Pk	Bob Gish
06/06	Board Meeting	7pm, Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins
06/10	BCHW Board Meeting	Cle Elum	Bob Gish
06/10	"PRBCHW Poker Ride"	Pee Wee Creek	Bob Savage
06-10/11	Wild Women in Woods Pack	Five Sisters, Big Ft Valley	Karen Reiner
06/15	Membership Meeting	7pm, Wllms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins
06/17	Ed./LNT Event	Jory Morgan Clinic	Vicki Gish
06/24	Kalispell Basin Ride	10am	Miriam Carlson
07/1,2	Ed./LNT Event—Wappaloosie	Kettle Crest, Camp over	Vicki Gish
07/04	Board Meeting to be rescheduled		Jim Hudkins
07-15/16	Work Party Hughes Meadows		Bob Gish
07/20	Membership Meeting	7pm, Wllms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins
07/22	Mt Spokane Ride	10am	Judy Clark
07/29,30	Salmo Basin Work Party	Gypsy Meadows	Bob Gish
08/02	Board Meeting	7pm, Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins
08/17	Membership Meeting	7pm, Wllms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins
08/19-27	Pack Trip-Old Man Lake	Joint Trip with Okanogan	Bob Gish
08/26-27	Salmo Basin Work Party	Gypsy Meadows	Bob Gish
09-2/4	Labor Day Work Party-Salmo	Gypsy Meadows	Bob Gish
09/05	Board Meeting	7pm, Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins
09/09	Salmo Basin Work Party	Gypsy Meadows	Bob Gish
09/17	Huckleberry Mtn. Ride	10am	Cyndi Johnson
09/23	Membership Meeting	7pm, Wllms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins
09/24	Ed/LNT	TBD—Pack Trip??	Vicki Gish
10/03	Board Meeting	7pm, Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins
10/07	Reiner Rancho Ride & Potluck	Reiner Rancho	Karen Reiner

All dates, times and events are subject to change.
Be sure to telephone the contact person prior to the scheduled event.



Raffle Tickets

There are still trailer and camper raffle tickets available. The sale of these raffle tickets help to support BCHW. If each member bought or sold just three and a half tickets, they would all be sold and BCHW would be fully funded. Call Bob Gish to get your tickets. 276-6226 or 944-1075.

Protect a Future for Gray Wolves in the Northwest

Delisting from the Endangered Species Act would harm recovery efforts

Once all but wiped out in the lower 48 states by extermination campaigns, wolves are still struggling for their survival in the wild. Yet the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing to remove federal protections under the Endangered Species Act for gray wolves in the Northern Rocky Mountain region.

The agency's proposal would first establish a Northern Rockies "distinct population segment" for gray wolves, to include the entirety of Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming; the eastern third of Washington and Oregon; and a part of north-central Utah. The second step of the proposal would weaken protections for wolves in this area based on the argument that the wolf population in this region has recovered and graduated from Endangered and Threatened Wildlife status.

Though recent reintroduction efforts have returned gray wolf packs to north-central Idaho and the northwestern corner of Wyoming, wolves in the northern Rockies continue to face serious threats to their survival, from shooting, traffic, and development. To make matters worse, the Idaho legislature has blatantly demanded the removal of all wolves from the state by "any means necessary." A premature delisting could spell their demise, and prevent recovery in other parts of the region, such as the Columbia Highlands in eastern Washington.

Wolves will not recover without your help, so please write the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service today. Comments are due on April 10, 2006. You can take quick action online at http://www.democracyinaction.org/dia/organizationsORG/Conservationnw/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=3357. Tell the agency not to remove Endangered Species Act protections for gray wolves in the Northern Rockies. These magnificent and intelligent animals need our continued protection.

Send to:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Western Gray Wolf Recovery Coordinator, 585 Shepard Way, Helena, MT 59601; NRMGrayWolf@fws.gov; include "RIN number 1018-AU53" in the subject line of the message. For more information, visit <http://www.conservationnw.org/wildlife-habitat/gray-wolf> and <http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/wolf>.

Thank you for helping to keep the Northwest wild! **Erin Moore**, Publications Coordinator, **Conservation Northwest**, 1208 Bay Street #201, Bellingham, WA 98225

Reminders:

Volunteer Hour Patches - Please attend the General Meeting on April 15 - volunteer hour patches will be given out. If you have a patch coming it would be a great time to get it picked up. If you can't attend please contact Cyndi Johnson at 509-258-7401 to make arrangements on getting your patches.

Thank you and congratulations to everyone and all the hard work you do - whether it is out clearing a trail, writing an article for the newsletter, or planning an education event - we need all of you!

WASHINGTON STATE PARKS no longer have a parking fee - for us locally this includes Riverside State Park and many others. You no longer have to pay \$5 to park when you use these areas.

Your Horse or Mule - don't forget your 4-legged friend this spring. It is a great time to get them vaccinated, wormed, and do your West Nile Virus shot. Also a great time to get out and have some time to get them brushed up on some basic ground manners. If they have been left all winter this is a good time to get reacquainted with them. Brush them to get that winter hair off and make sure they are in shape for the riding season - teeth in good shape, hooves trimmed or shod, no unknown injuries. If you can't handle your horse on the ground you will not be prepared for what he does while on his back.

Also don't forget to check your saddle and tack to make sure it is all in working condition. Get out that saddle oil and get everything cleaned up before hitting that trail.

It is also a good time to do a horse trailer inspection. Make sure everything is in working order and up to standards. That way if you get pulled over you won't get an additional ticket for an unsafe trailer.

Finally and most important don't forget to thank that horse or mule with a treat or two for everything they do to carry you where you want to go!



NORTHEAST CHAPTER BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN - MEMBERSHIP FORM

I would like to help preserve the Horsemen's rights to use horses on public lands. Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident wherever 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 the trails or the experience of the riders or horses taking part in Trail Rides or other BCHW functions, I do hereby release the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children or horses.

Print Name: _____ Print Name: _____
 Signature: _____ Signature: _____
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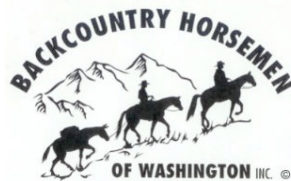
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