



TRAIL TALK

Northeast Chapter June 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.

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President Jim Hudkins

Slow down world, I want to enjoy more of my time. It has been over two weeks since Ride the West Horse Expo. The Trail Challenge was a huge success and is sure to be back next year. The NE Chapter and Inland Empire Chapter provided the materials for the trail course. I finished the bridge Wednesday afternoon just in time to haul it to Spokane. The first contestant was the first to use it and she took 2nd in the competition. Carol and I could not load the chapter's bridge because of its size and weight. This piece of art is no lightweight either but we have the tractor at home to handle it. I want to thank Steve and Kathy Smith, Cathy Johnson, Jim and Debbie Nelson, Bob and Vicki Gish, Jim and Sandi McCarthy, Carol Zdanovec, Dana Ogle, Stu and Ginger Nieman and Cyndi Johnson for all their help with setting up on Wednesday, running the course and tearing down on Sunday. I want to thank Susan Rae and Rick for putting forth the effort and time to bring such a show to Spokane. All horse and mule people should attend this event. The clinician's and vendors have something for everyone. If you missed the BLM Mustang auction, you are more than welcome to come and see the 2yr old cremello I adopted and brought home. I call her Duchess and she is a real treat to be around and work with. She loves lots of attention.

The work party at Priest Lake cleared a number of trails and the rain followed me wherever I went. High lights for the weekend were Patty Shields and her wild life citing and Judy Clarks Moose up trees. Patty was told not to look but she did anyway and cited a camper, male, in a leopard thong. Judy swore she heard a moose up a tree. I did not know their feet were able to fit limbs.

Do not forget at the June and July Membership meetings we have some real entertainment planned. Jim Nelson said he will BBQ and Dana is providing the fun, so wear your grubbies. Watch your calendars for upcoming events and if you want to sponsor a ride, BBQ, or whatever just let Vicki know.

General Membership Meeting

June 15, 2006

Williams Valley Grange

NEW DAY - THURSDAY

POTLUCK AND PAINTING

STARTING AT 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Thursday, June 15

We will be having a barbeque potluck. The Chapter will provide hamburgers and all the fixing's. Please bring a potluck dish. In order to "pay the rent" for the grange hall for our meetings our Chapter has agreed to paint three walls in the basement. We will be prepping the walls at this meeting. We estimate approximately two hours of work (or less if everyone comes!) The work is easy and everyone working together should be fun!

Wear your old clothes and if you have them bring the following.

Masking tape	Ear Plugs
Box Fan	Safety
Glasses	Rags
Shop Vac	
Brooms and Dust Pans	

We will be moving all furniture to the middle of the room and covering it with plastic. Others will be taking anything on the three walls down and covering them. After the basic prep 3 to 4 persons will be sanding the walls down. There are lots of small areas to help for everyone! While the walls are being sanded we will be having our meeting and eating our dinner. After that it is just a matter of cleaning the room back up. If you have any questions or comments please contact Dana Ogle at 466-1497. Visitors are welcome. See you there!

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If you're not getting your BCHW or BCHA Newsletters please contact Bob Gish at 276-6226.

WEBSITE UPDATE By Debby Nelson

Since taking over the updating of the website I have learned quite a bit. Having never done a website before, I really was not aware of how long it actually takes to learn and work on a website! I am progressing, slowly, but progressing. My current goal (now that I finally have learned how to do anything at all) is to keep the calendar and contact names/addresses up-to-date. It is actually a bit difficult to be at the computer on these warm and wonderful days. But, by winter (or during winter) I do hope to learn ways to make the site more fun and interesting. If you have any questions or comments on the site please feel free to contact me – but remember I am just learning!!!



Look who adopted a mustang mare at Ride the West! Congratulations Jim – have fun with her!



Trail Talk

RIDE THE WEST – THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Here are some pictures from Ride the West – thank you to everyone who helped with the trail course and building the bridge on Friday. I hope you all enjoyed the event.



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"BCHA and BCHW are not a party to any agreement with any governmental agency either supporting or not supporting NAIS. The BCHA National Board passed unanimously a policy statement reiterating the fact that the NAIS issue is not within the framework of the mission statement and therefore as an organization we will not have a position on this issue. Individuals who happen to be BCH members have opinions on this matter, but at no time are they to state they represent the position of any BCH organization on this matter.

The National Animal Identification System Implementation application to the federal government was a paper filed applying for federal funds to implement the program on a State level. In my research and discussion with Ms. Spaulding of Washington State Department of Agriculture no BCHW officer has signed a document on behalf of BCHW either for or against this issue. If there is a document that has been signed by one of my predecessors I cannot find it and as Mr. Thode, Director of the Lewis County Chapter, has stated it was never brought before the BCHW Board and an officer cannot sign any document on behalf of BCHW without the Board's permission.

BCHW was included as a stakeholder because WSDOA assumed for whatever reason we were interested in the issue when in fact we have not, are not, will not be a party for or against this issue. As far as I am concerned we were listed as a stakeholder without our permission and that mistake is being addressed and corrected by WSDOA."

Bob Shonka
BCHW President and National Director

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 bandana colors to choose from. All bandanas have the BCH logo on them.

Wild Women's Extreme Pack Trip – rain, what rain
- look for more in the next newsletter! Lots of fun!!



MEMORIAL DAY USFS WORK PARTY

Well this years work party was a little different from last years. Instead of 80+ degree weather and everyone talking about being to hot, this year people got rained on and depending where you were you actually got wet. Overcast and cool, I remember last year John and I were assigned the Lake Shore trail and we were so glad. It was nice. A canopy shaded us the whole day and when we were done we took the dogs for a much-appreciated dip in the lake. This year the crew that was sent out on that trail talked about the canopy but there was no speak of dipping in the cool lake water, although there was a story about bare buns but I'm not going there. Lots of trees down, sort of a repeat of last year.]

This year John & I got to clear the trail right behind the Visitors Center. There were 4 very nice trails in there. The one big loop "Kaniksu Marsh Trail" went around a huge marsh that just looked like perfect Moose habitat. There was dried moss hanging from all the trees and I have never seen so much Moose & Elk scat in one place. Then there was the "Pine Ridge Trail" that took you above the marsh trail. When we finished that trail we cleared the "River View Trail" which true to its name afforded us a view of the raging Priest River. We didn't make it all the way to the "Jack Pines Trail". That was my only regret because I didn't get to see "Chipmunk Falls" or was it "Chipmunk Rapids"? Well maybe next year.

Of course I cannot say enough about the cooks. Jim & Debbie Nelson fed us well. The time spent with them around the campfire was fun and as always it's my favorite time of the day. We missed seeing a lot of folks that were there last year. Gas prices and weather had to be the cause. We sure hope to see you next year. Those trails can use all the help we can give. There is just lots of dead fall each year. We need to keep up with existing trails as well as clear new ones. Fun to all.

Karen Reiner



Northeast Chapter BCHW 2006 Calendar Of Events



Date	Event	Details	Contact
06-10/11	Wild Women in Woods Pack	Five Sisters, Big Ft Valley	Karen Reiner 276-1849
06/15	Membership Mtg - Painting	7pm, Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
06/17-18	Clinic and Ride	Jory Morgan Clinic	Vicki Gish 276-6226
06/23-24-25	Ferry County Poker Ride	Must sign up/Steak Ride and Brksts/Music/Fun!	Judy Clark 238-2206
07/1,2	Ed./LNT Event—Wappaloosie	Kettle Crest, Camp over	N Harshman 684-2786
07/06	Board Meeting	7 p.m. Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
07-15/16	Work Party Hughes Meadows	Tentative Work Party	Bob Gish 276-6226
07/20	Membership Meeting Painting	7pm, Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
07/21-22	Deer Park Fair	Clayton Community Fairgrounds	
07/22	Mt Spokane Ride	10am	Judy Clark 238-2206
07/29,30	Salmo Basin Work Party	Gypsy Meadows	Bob Gish 276-6226
08/02	Board Meeting	7pm, Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
08/17	Membership Meeting	7pm, Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
08/19-27	Pack Trip-Old Man Lake	Joint Trip with Okanogan	Bob Gish 276-6226
08/25-27	Clayton Community Fair – come see the new Fairgrounds!		
09-2/4	Labor Day Work Party-Salmo	Gypsy Meadows	Bob Gish 276-6226
09/05	Board Meeting	7pm, Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
09/09	Salmo Basin Work Party	Gypsy Meadows	Bob Gish 276-6226
09/17	Huckleberry Mtn. Ride	10am	Cyndi 258-7401
09/23	Membership Meeting	7pm, Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
09/24	Ed/LNT	TBD—Pack Trip??	Vicki Gish 276-6226
10/03	Board Meeting	7pm, Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
10/07	Reiner Rancho Ride & Potluck	Reiner Rancho	Karen Reiner 276-1849
10/21	Membership Meeting	7 pm, Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
11/07	Board Meeting	7 pm, Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
11/18	Membership Meeting	7 pm, Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
12/05	Board Meeting	7 pm, Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
12/??	Christmas Party	To be determined	

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

4TH OF JULY RIDE AND WATCH THE DEER PARK FIREWORKS!!

Carol Zdanovec and Jim Hudkins will host a BBQ and Ride on the 4th of July. The ride will start at Jim and Carol's house and you will ride to the Deer Park Ski Trails. After the ride there will be a BBQ at Jim and Carol's. Bring a side dish or something to BBQ. Then later everyone can watch the fireworks in Deer Park. If you would like to go contact Jim or Carol at 276-8876 for all the details!

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: _____
 Date: _____ Date: _____

SIGNED WAIVER MUST ACCOMPANY MEMBERSHIP DUES. ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD INCLUDED IN THE MEMBERSHIP MUST SIGN FORM. Parents may sign for minor children. Dues are not deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. Dues may be considered as ordinary and necessary business deductions.

Membership Information (Please print clearly)

Name(s): _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____
 County: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 E-Mail: _____ Legislative Dist. _____
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If you don't want your information in the membership roster check here _____.
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Next General Meeting is June 15, 2006, 6:30 p.m.
 Potluck and painting the Grange!!!!
 Williams Valley Grange
 Hope to see you all there.
 This is a THURSDAY!!