



TRAIL TALK

Northeast Chapter November 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.

PRESIDENTS CORNER

President Jim Hudkins

Guess Who Is Turning 60 !!!!

My 60th birthday is Sunday December 3rd. Carol is fixing clam and corn chowder and a cake. You are all invited to help celebrate so just bring a salad, chips, something that goes with soup or just yourselves. Please RSVP so we will have enough cake.

By the way, I'm not the only one who turns or turned 60 this year – Bob Gish is 61 this December. Anyone else out there joining our club?? Lets all celebrate together.

If the weather permits, I am riding at 11ish on December 3rd, so bring a horse if you want. We will then watch some football, shoot some pool or play some ping-pong. Definitely, there will be lots of BS to share with all you 60-somethings out there. Bring no presents, just your company for 'birthdays' celebration. Eats begin at 2:30 approximately so this will be a lupper - lunch and supper combined.

Back to Chapter business:

It is election time again and your ballot is enclosed with this newsletter. Please mark your ballot and either mail it back to the Chapter or bring it with you to the General Meeting on November 18.

It is time to get your volunteer hours in to Cyndi Johnson. You can download the forms from the BCHW web page or obtain a paper copy from Cyndi. Once you have completed your hours please get them to Cyndi ASAP as she needs some time to get the numbers to the State. If you have any questions contact Cyndi at 258.7401.

It is also getting close to time to renew your membership for next year. Remember when you renew BCHW has increased their dues for 2007. The new family membership is \$59 and the new single membership is \$46 for the Chapter.

General Membership Meeting

November 18, 2006

Williams Valley Grange

Social Time at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting to Start at 7:00 p.m.

BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON 2007 Calendars

2007 BCHW Calendars 1 to 25 \$10.00 each

2007 BCHW Calendars 26 to 50 \$ 9.00 each

2007 BCHW Calendars 51 or more \$ 8.00 each

I will be taking orders for the 2007 calendars until the December Directors Meeting. There will be no shipping charges if I pick them up then. As you can see if there are more than 25 calendars ordered we can save a buck. Don't forget to submit photos for the 2008 calendar. Get your favorite photo published.

Contact Bob Gish at mustangsnmules@icehouse.net or call 509-994-1075.

NEBCHW Christmas Party

December 16, 2006, 5:00 p.m.

Williams Valley Grange

The date is set and the food is planned. The Chapter will be providing ham, turkey and gravy for the Christmas party dinner. The Board will be bringing a variety of desserts and the membership is asked to bring side dishes – salads, spuds, rolls or whatever your favorite holiday extra is.

Start looking through your closets, your tack room or your garage for an item for the silent auction or regular auction. Remember auction items don't have to be horse/mule related. It is always fun to see what kind of great item you get to go home with.

Set up will begin at 2:00 p.m. and if you want to help out get a hold of Jim at 276-8876. We will also need a few hardy soles to help clean up.

Hope to see you all there!!

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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.

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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.

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



HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE!!

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Mail to: Northeast Chapter BCHW, P.O. Box 3094, Deer Park, WA 99006-3094 or bring your completed ballot to the General Meeting November 18, 2006, Williams Valley Grange, 7:00 p.m. **COMPLETE ONE BALLOT FOR EACH VOTING MEMBER IN YOUR FAMILY.**

Columbia Plateau Regional Council Meeting

By Jim Hudkins

The Columbia Plateau Regional Council is composed of this region's BCHW Chapters. The Council meets semi-annually for the purpose of coordinating and sharing information. The eight BCHW Chapters that make up the Council are Northeast, Inland Empire, Crab Creek Riders, Wenas Valley, Rattle Snake Ridge Riders, Purple Sage Riders, Wine Country Riders and Yakima Valley.

The fall meeting was this past Sunday and Bob Gish and I attended. We discussed the States required liability form for non-members and the membership's new forms, along with the mutual support BCHW has with other groups for trail projects and grants. BCHW needs to have another VIP ride in 2007. This years VIP ride was a huge success. Bob brought up the idea of BCHW participating in Ride the West Horse Expo this next May with all the Chapters helping with the presentation.

Heather Moorman will be in charge of organizing next year's leadership training and is requesting any ideas for different courses to add to the curriculum.

Sunday was a good day for a drive. Good company on the trip and meeting new faces at the meeting with the same interests made the day even more pleasurable.

Ruby Creek Halloween Ride

By Judy Clark

Ruby Creek is just about an hours drive from my place. This area is used for Air force Survival training and is a no guns allowed area. Great for the hunting season. This was a weekend ride at Ruby Creek on October 28 and 29, and the last overnight ride for the year for me. Vicki and I went up on Friday and had a nice afternoon ride. There is a big tree by a pond that the beaver have decided to gnaw down. Vicki has pictures from last year of riders by this tree but we didn't have a camera so next year I am sure this tree will be down.

Saturday morning Cyndi, Annette, and Betty arrived and we were on the trail by 10:30. The weather was kind to us with a beautiful sunny day. We got back to camp around 3:00 and some of us still wanted to ride. Betty stayed in camp and started a fire and got her delicious gumbo heating. Vicki and I decided to show Cyndi and Annette the beaver tree so we rode part of the trail we had rode on Friday. We got back to camp to a nice fire and started heating up our food. Of course we had way too much as usual. Betty only lives about six miles away so she headed home and the rest of us sat around the fire until bedtime.

We woke up to a chilly morning. I was the only one with a camper so all of us were inside enjoying the warmth. We had planned a short ride for Sunday, but the weather had other plans. It started to hail and then snow. We broke camp in record time and headed home as none of us wanted to be pulling horse trailers on icy roads. Still was a fun weekend and probably the last long ride for the year.

Bear Lake County Park Workparty

Saturday, October 28 we had a small workparty at Bear Lake. Gary and Christine Carroll, Jim and Debby Nelson, and some neighbors showed up to help. We worked from 10:30 am to around 2:00 pm and then took a two-hour horse/mule ride in the area. Although there were not a lot of people there we did actually get quite a bit done and had lots of fun. We repaired the fence that was lying down, removed the small trees in the arena, and did preliminary work on the arena turf. We hope to keep working to upgrade and improve the arena in the near future.

Anyone know an easy way to pick up small rocks (about 1" in diameter?) Anyone interested in helping on future workparties at the park please contact Jim or Debby Nelson 238-6528 or nelson@windwireless.net



**Northeast Chapter BCHW
2006/2007 Calendar Of Events**



Date	Event	Details	Contact
11/18	Membership Meeting	7 pm, Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
12/3	Jim Hudkins birthday party and ride if mother nature cooperates Ride at 11:00 a.m. and food and fun at 2:30 p.m. – Please RSVP		Jim Hudkins 276-8876
12/05	Board Meeting	7 pm, Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
12/16	Christmas Party Silent and regular auction; potluck with ham/turkey and dessert provided!	Williams Valley Grange 5:00 p.m.	
1/1	New Years Day Ride/Potluck	Jim and Carols weather permitting	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
1/2	Board Meeting	7 pm, Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
1/20	Leadership Conference and Training @ Cle Elum High School		Bob Gish 276-6226
1/20	Membership Meeting	7 pm, Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
2/6	Board Meeting	7 pm, Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
2/10	Alternate date for Leadership Training		Bob Gish 276-6226
2/17	Membership Meeting	7 pm, Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
3/??	Leprechaun Ride	Currently planning	Dana Ogle 466-1497
3/6	Board Meeting	7 pm, Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
3/10	1 ST Quarter BCHW Board of Directors Meeting		Bob Gish 276-6226
3/17	Membership Meeting	7 pm, Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
4/??	Green Horse Ride	Currently planning	Karen Reiner 276-1849
4/??	Fish Trap Ride	Currently planning	Vicki Gish 276-6226
6/2	BCHW General Membership Meeting @ Monroe, WA Fair Grounds		Bob Gish 276-6226
6/1 or 3	2 ND Quarter BCHW Board of Directors Meeting		Bob Gish 276-6226
9/23	3 RD Quarter BCHW Board of Directors Meeting		Bob Gish 276-6226
11/30	BCHW/USFS and State Land Managers Meeting @ Cle Elum		Bob Gish 276-6226
12/1	4 TH Quarter BCHW Board of Directors Meeting		Bob Gish 276-6226

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

Trail and Trailhead Awareness

August 2005 at the joint Okanogan/NE ride I noticed I had a flat tire on the horse trailer when turning the trailer around to leave. I noticed several rusty nails lying around on the campsite road and began to walk around picking them up. There was half a coffee can full of nails when I finished. Then we noticed I also had a slow leak in another tire. We caravanned to every town on our way back to get more air in the tire until I pulled into Les Schwab's to have them fixed. Both tires had nail punchers. Where did these nails come from? Thinking positive I thought someone had them in the back of a pick up and they fell out.....hummmm.

Friends of mine were up at the Gypsy Meadows horse camp area and found roofing nails and other nails that they picked up. Where did these nails come from?.....hummmm.

I got a phone call last night to be aware that someone is leaving martial art tire jacks on trails and at trailheads in Stevens County. These are very sharp, would cut dogs paws, ATV tires as well as our livestock hooves. Where did these come from?

I read an article that Oregon was having problems on trails of someone stringing wire 10' above the ground across trails, called it a necktie.....hummmm.

I also got an e-mail from the West Coast that someone lost there trailer over a ravine killing one of the two horses because the pin was removed and the trailer came off.....hummmm

What does this all mean? Are there people trying to hurt or vandalize our recreation experience? You be the Judge.

For me, I will be checking every time I pull into or leave a trailhead and keep an eye on the trail.

Happy Safe Trails, Nancy

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Next General Meeting is November 18, 2006, 7:00 p.m.
Williams Valley Grange
Hope to see you all there.
Saturday Meeting – Elections!!