

TRAIL TALK

Northeast Chapter February 2006

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.

**General Membership Meeting February 18, 2006, POTLUCK at 6:00 p.m.
Followed by the Business meeting at 7:00 p.m. Williams Valley Grange**

President's Message

If you haven't notice I have been your president for approximately 5 weeks, it sure has got my attention! This year is starting out hard and fast. There are so many issues that we are dealing with internal and external. We are looking at some changes of the Chapters bylaws, most of the changes are minor. The one major change is to give the five appointed board members a vote at board meetings, these people put in a lot of time and go to all of the board meetings also. This is a decision that you will have to consider. At this meeting you will be asked to approve the budget for this year. "Ride the West is coming up in May and Jim Hudkins and Cathy Johnson are again taking on the task of getting us on line and set up, sound like fun? Apply within..... Remember if it's not fun you're not doing it right! Steve

"Bylaws Review Committee Recommendations to the Membership"

The Bylaws Review Committee recommends these amendments to the current bylaws:

Article Six, Section 7;

THE ALTERNATE STATE DIRECTOR IS TO SERVE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE STATE DIRECTOR. HE SHOULD STAY CURRENT ON ALL ISSUES WITH WHICH THE DIRECTOR IS INVOLVED CONCERNING THE CHAPTER. HE WILL VOTE ONLY AT THOSE BOARD MEETING THAT ARE NOT ATTENDED BY THE STATE DIRECTOR.

Amended to read:

The Alternate State Director is to serve in the absence of the State Director. He should stay current on all issues with which the Director is involved concerning the Chapter.

Article Seven;

"Appointed Committee Chairs" amended to "Appointed Voting Committee Chairs".

Article Seven, Section 1;

THE PRESIDENT, WITH BOARD APPROVAL, SHALL APPOINT THE FOLLOWING: NEWSLETTER CHAIR, LEGISLATIVE CHAIR, WAYS AND MEANS CHAIR, AND ACTIVITIES PUBLICITY CHAIR.

Amended to read:

The President, with Board approval, shall appoint the following: Newsletter Chair, Legislative Chair, Activities Chair, Publicity Chair, and Public Lands Liaison Chair. All appointed chairs, as written in the bylaws, shall each have one vote. All individual members of the Board shall have only one vote regardless of how many elected or appointed offices they chair. All shared chairs will have one collective vote.

Job descriptions for these new appointed chairs are:

Section 5

The Activities Chair shall develop and administer informational programs and organize social activities for the membership.

Section 6

The Publicity Chair shall develop and administer informational publications, public relations activities, and oversee the management of the Chapter website giving the Chapter and BCHW a visible profile and maximize favorable recognition within the community.



Northeast Chapter BCHW 2006 Calendar Of Events



Date	Event	Details	Contact
February 18	General Meeting	Williams Valley Grange, 7:00 p.m.	Steve 935-7117
March 7	Board Meeting	Deer Park Pizza Factory, 7:00 p.m.	Steve 935-7117
March 18	General Meeting	Williams Valley Grange, 7:00 p.m.	Steve 935-7117

Proposed Bylaws Changes; Why?

Submitted by the Bylaws Review Committee

Our Northeast Chapter is maturing and as it does sometimes simple bylaws amendments need to be made, with consent of the membership, to adapt to its growth.

Until now volunteers, such as the "Trail Talk" editor and the Activities Coordinator, who are appointed by the President, approved by the Board and serve the membership as Board members, do not have a voice or a vote on Board decisions according to our current bylaws. Since these "appointed" volunteers attend Board meetings and have gifted much of their time in support of this Chapter, they should be able to participate in the Board decision making processes.

There is also a change in the appointed chairs. The Activities/Publicity Chair has been split to two separate chairs. The focus of each Chair is much different and should be separate. The addition of a Public Lands Liaison Chair has been an appointed chair in the past and is important enough to be included as a member of the Board. After researching other BCHW Chapters, President Steve Goetz found that many had dropped the Ways & Means Chair as it didn't fit the needs of their chapters and appointed a finance committee as needed. Another reason the Ways & Means Chair has been deleted is there was concern from some elected Board members as to the ratio of elected voting Board members to appointed voting Board members with the addition of these new appointed chairs. With these changes there is now a 2:1 ratio of 10 elected voting members and 5 appointed voting members on the Board.

Closely review the simple proposed amendments to the bylaws printed in this newsletter. Open for discussion at the February membership meeting, the vote will occur at the March membership meeting.

Keep it Wild!

IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

MILLIONS OF ACRES OF PUBLIC LANDS AND TRAILS FOR SALE??

Read how a provision in the Congressional Budget was passed in the House November 2005 and could have prompted the sale of MILLIONS of acres of our public lands.

In Washington State, 50,632 acres of existing mining claims on our public lands could have been sold to developers at bargain basement prices if Rep. Richard Pombo's budget reconciliation legislation would have become law. **Pend Oreille County** was at greatest risk with 11,689 acres of current mining claims. Fortunately the provision was eliminated from the budget draft a few weeks later but it could resurface somewhere else.

Have your attention? Read about this important legislative issue, and many others on our website. Catch up on the right to ride bill, funding for state parks, NOVA grants, etc on our website.

<http://nebchw.com/legislative.html>

Our website has information for educational purposes only, providing our members and others with factual information that will assist them in making informed decisions. Let's keep informed of what our government is doing. Visit the website today!

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Web Pages to Check Out!

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Standard donkeys for sale: 2 spotted geldings & 1 grey jenny. All pack, (have pack saddles for sale too), ages 6 - 12 yrs, very gentle and one drives. Would like to keep together, they're a family unit. \$900 for all 3 donkeys, \$300 for 2 saddles, 2 sets panniers & 1 set mantys. call (208) 448-0913 or email lulemieux@yahoo.com, photos available.

For Sale: Pony/donkey cart and 2 sets harness (1 nylon, 1 leather), professionally built. \$375 for all. (208) 448-0913 or email lulemieux@yahoo.com

For Sale: Roan Jack Donkey, 13.2 hands, 7 yrs. old. \$1000.00 or will trade for a good trail horse. Mark 509-732-6126 or email mburnell@chewelak.k12.wa.us

For Sale 13 year old Quarter Horse gelding, 16 hands, light bay, big boned, good on trail, quick to cattle and handles them nice, trained head horse, good in box, \$5,500, call Sue at 509-545-5030

FOR SALE: Queen size bedroom set. Headboard, bed frame, 7 drawer dresser with mirror, 5 drawer chest and 2 night stands. All in excellent condition. Darker pecan finish. Style could be considered colonial or French provincial. \$550 OBO. Call Caren or Craig at 464-1733.

WANTED: We are looking for a few good mature people, or a lot who like to camp and have horses. We would like to go camping at least once or twice a month in the good weather. We don't like to leave on a ride before 10 A, no long rides, just laid back and lots of good fun, sit around the campfire and tell bad jokes and tall tales. Lets get together. Call Susan Bates or Darryl Noyer at 509-238-2226

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Feeding Your Horse For Optimum Nutrition

By Charlotte Giles

Pete Nickerson, from Aslin Finch Feed Stores, was the informative speaker at the January Northeast Chapter Membership Meeting and shared with us some important feeding tips for our horses and mules.

Pete discussed the importance of providing your horse or mule with plenty of good grass or alfalfa hay, water and using formulated feeds such as LMF products that supplement vitamin and mineral needs according to the age and activity level of the animal.

One of the formulated feeds available from LMF, of interest to Backcountry Horsemen, is TACO; a combination of timothy hay, alfalfa hay, corn, oats, vitamins and minerals. TACO is a complete feed and can be fed to any type of horse and it's "weed-seed-free" status makes it an excellent feed to be used in the National Forests and Wilderness areas where we ride and pack.

Pete announced that Aslin Finch, a local supplier of LMF Feeds, has opened their brand new Highway #2 store, on the north side of Spokane, with easy in and out parking (thank you so much!)

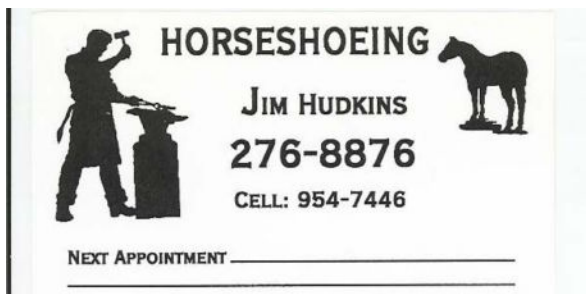
For more information on LMF Feeds go to <http://www.lmffeeds.com> Their October 2005 Newsletter has an inter-

Bits and Biting

By Monte Robertson

We have another guest speaker lined up for the February 18th meeting. Again, thanks to Aslin-Finch. Boyd Oliver has joined them and will be responsible for marketing their tack departments. Boyd was a saddle maker early on in his career and also spent a good part of his career representing a wholesaler to the tack stores.

This meeting's presentation of about an hour will be about bits and biting. Boyd has indicated that he will be happy to take questions following his presentation and would stay after to help individually if that is called for. We will get to see and learn about some of the pinchless snaffles Boyd has developed.



HORSESHOEING

JIM HUDKINS
276-8876
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NEXT APPOINTMENT _____

The advertisement features a silhouette of a farrier working on an anvil on the left and a horse on the right. The text is centered and includes contact information for Jim Hudkins.

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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.

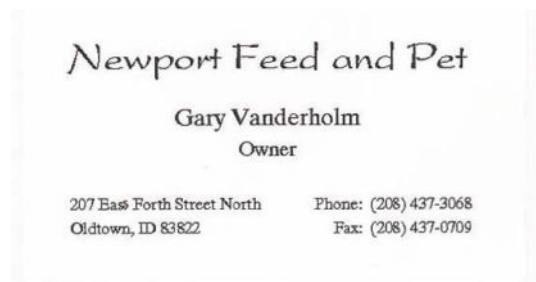
Gates, Doors and Water Holes

By Monte Robertson

Have you ever gone to someone's place to visit or ask for directions and when you drove into the yard wondered which door to use? Well, one of my old friends who lived on the original homestead farm and worked outside in the farm community calling on folks shared with me that usually, in the country, folks are received at the back door where they can leave their muddy shoes/boots just inside the door. I think he said something like the back door is reserved for friends and relatives.

I guess while we are talking about doors we might also mention that when we're using someone's gate we need to leave it as we found it. If it was open, leave it so, if closed, be sure it is closed when you depart. If there is a group of riders going through a gate, please ride through far enough that all riders can go through the gate without crowding. Remember to keep sufficient distance from strange horses so you and/or your steed don't get kicked. Please do not depart until the gatekeeper has closed the gate and remounted so that his/her horse doesn't get jazzed up because it's feeling left behind.

The same should be said about a watering hole. Don't leave until the animals have all slaked their thirst. Sometimes, it's proper to progress forward a horse length or two at a time until the last horse had had an opportunity to drink.



VOLUNTEER HOUR PATCHES

Cyndi Johnson/Vol Hr

The year 2005 was a great year. Our chapter turned in a total of 2,143 hours for 2005. The combined total volunteer hours for our chapter from 2000 - 2006 were 10,499. We have received hour patches for those who logged the prerequisite number of hours for our chapter. BCHW was out of shoulder patches. They should be in the first of March. Those who will be receiving their patches include:

Shoulder Patch

Paul Emric
Betty Goetz
Steve Goetz
Jeff Harshman
Nancy Harshman
Annette Hepler
Caren Hubbard
Cathy Johnson
Cyndi Johnson
Craig Killin
John Reiner
Karen Reiner

50 Hours Patch

Paul Emrick
Betty Goetz
Steve Goetz
Jeff Harshman
Nancy Harshman
Caren Hubbard
Cathy Johnson
Cyndi Johnson

100 Hour Patch

Betty Goetz
Steve Goetz
Caren Hubbard
Cathy Johnson
Craig Killin
Debbie Nelson
Jim Nelson
John Reiner
Karen Reiner

BCH is truly a volunteer organization. Even if you don't get patches your volunteer work is important. We are really good at volunteering, but we are the best at packing in equipment to the backcountry. That should make us all feel good. I'm looking forward to 2006. We are really good at volunteering, but we are the best at packing in equipment to the backcountry. That should make us all feel good. I'm looking forward to 2006.

Education/LNT

This year to make things fun and more interesting, I would like to have a hands on Leave No "lasting Trace rides, camp overs, and pack trips. I am combining LNT, safety, and survival techniques in our events. I hope you can join me.

Vicki Gish

For Sale!

Inland Northwest National Forest Land

By Bill Hendrix, NEBCH Legislative Chair

Millions of acres of public lands and possibly trails within our National Forest (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) almost made it to the auction block in a Congressional Budget provision slipped in by House Resources Committee Chairman Richard Pombo and approved by the House in November 2005.

In Washington State, 50,632 acres of existing mining claims could have been sold to developers at bargain basement prices if Rep. Richard Pombo's budget reconciliation legislation would have become law. Pend Oreille County was at greatest risk with 11,689 acres of current mining claims. The provision was dropped mid-December but now has resurfaced again in another proposal that will put our public lands back in the real estate market.

As of February 7, 2006, the Bush Administration's revised Federal Budget includes the proposal to sell national forest land and is intended to "ease the pain" of proposed cuts for the Craig-Wyden "county payments" law. This program was initiated in 2000 to rescue rural areas from the economic rut after the collapse of the federal timber harvest. Counties usually received a quarter of the value of the timber cut on federal lands within their boundaries with \$41.8 million sent to Washington last year and \$21 million to Idaho.

2005 IN REVIEW

NEBCHW had several work parties: Pend Oreille Park, Binarch Creek, Squaw Valley and Salmo Priest. Our camp set up at "Ride the West" was a great success. We learned not only how to dehydrate food but to make it taste great. A group of Ladies packed into the woods. They learned they could "pack in" on one animal, stay overnight, actually have a good time, and come back "Wild Women". The pack clinic taught us that knots are our friends and it's not as easy as it looks to have a perfectly balanced pack. We had a Dinner Ride" and a "Murder Mystery Ride" to die for and great dutch oven potlucks. The building we used for meetings literally moved out from under us. Williams Valley Grange is graciously allowing us the use of their building. In return we will spruce up the basement. Our Christmas Party/Auction was a great get together for all. Looking back, 2005 was a busy fun filled year; looking forward, 2006 promises even better things to come. CJ/sec

Letter from the Editor

Hi, this month I have had a good time playing around with the newsletter. There are a few things I'd like to see in this years newsletter.

Hopefully, all our elected chair people will submit something regarding to the position they hold. So far we have things from our Trail boss, LNT chair, Secretary, Legislative chair, President and Activities.

The main thing I'd like to see though, is stuff from the membership at large. This is your newsletter, and business is fine, but I think some more a personal touch would be great.

So, if you had a great ride somewhere, have something thought provoking that you would like to share, a bit of poetry, got a new horse, whatever. Let's hear about it!

One word though, things that arrive anonomysly will be round filed, and let's try and keep it tasteful, we are a family organization.

See you on the trail!

Betty...part time editor...

From The Trail Boss's Barn

Our first ride is on Fri. March 17 th.. Which just happens to be Saint Patrick's Day. So we're wearing the Green and riding horses who act Green (horses that have been just laying around getting sassy). Their will be a treat for the greenest horse and the greenest rider. Come have some laughs and get yourself and horse conditioned for the spring rides to come.

Place: Little Sand Canyon (which is just north of Suncrest). If coming from Spokane go North on 395 to Staley Rd. turn Left go till you cross Swenson Rd. then it becomes Glen Grove Rd.. We will meet at the second 90 degree corner, it turns to the right.

This ride is easy, with a gentle slope, sandy soil, horses need not be shod. Bring a snack or lunch as you desire. Stirrup up @ 11:00 a.m. sharp.

Contact Trail Boss Sherry Fenley for further info @ 1-509-276-8491

Director's Report

The state director's meet quarterly in Cle Elum. Look forward to the report!



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.

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 Signature: _____ Signature: _____
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If you don't want your information in the membership roster check here _____.

State and Chapter Dues:	Family	\$45.00	Single	\$36.00
Optional Membership:	Contributing	\$60.00	Sustaining	\$110.00
	Patron	\$260.00	Benefactor	\$510.00

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**GENERAL MEETING IS SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2006, AT 7:00 P.M.
WILLIAMS VALLEY GRANGE
HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!**

Reminder –

**it is time to renew your 2006 membership.
Fill out the enclosed membership form and get it sent in!!!**