

TRAIL TALK

Northeast Chapter January 2007

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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

by Jim Hudkins

The days are getting longer and sunrise is finally at 7:38. The next step is to get rid of this ice. This spring will bring new and exciting things, just look at the Calendar of Events - rides, work parties and learning experiences. The first is that Bob Gish will be hosting a packing clinic the afternoon of our next meeting, February 17. I know even if you do not want to pack in to the backcountry or cannot afford it, that there will be information to help with your everyday rides. Check it out.

I haven't written about Duchess's training the past couple of months as all I've been doing is standing beside her as she eats her grain, if I don't Lady will chase her away then go back and eat hers. I do take her for walks. I am faced with that Duchess will not be very big, at the best 14.2h. I have always said if I ever get to where I cannot ride, I will get a smaller horse, cart, harness, and drive. Guess what Duchess you are elected. Smaller horses are also nicer to pack, they are short and we do not have to reach so high. I will train her to ride too as my Granddaughter needs a mount when she visits. I am not to the point of driving only yet but it is best to be prepared.

Last month I thanked everyone for your vote of confidence and this month I want to thank everyone for just being you. I have been reading other organizations pleas for help as the standbys are burnt out. I believe we all can relate BUT the members of this Chapter have always been there to help in whatever way they can and I really appreciate you. Thank You.

A couple of notes: The January meeting is cancelled. Leadership Training by the State is January 20, if you are interested in going let Bob Gish or I know. The next general membership meeting will be February 17, with the packing clinic and chili feed before. There will be a budget meeting at Judy Clarks January 28. If you need something, contact Judy. If you have Volunteer hours, get them to Cyndi Johnson immediately. I know how easy it is to procrastinate turning your hours in, I am very guilty, and they are very important. Work is being done to help with this problem. I have an up to date membership list. If you need one just let me know and check your particulars and update if need be. Board meetings are always open to the membership so attend and enjoy Pizza or salad with us.

**NO General Membership Meeting
IN JANUARY
NEXT MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2007 PACK CLINIC**

**It's A New Year!
By Vicki Gish**

Have you seen the 2007 calendar? Our Trail Boss, Cathy Johnson has a lot of neat rides scheduled and at the February meeting we are having a hands on pack clinic to refresh your skills on mantying, hitches and knots. The clinic starts at noon and we are having chili before our meeting, so bring something to go with chili. The ladies that are planning to go on the Wild Women in the Woods pack trip need to attend this event.

On St. Patty's Day, Dana Ogle is hosting a "Leprechaun Ride" and weenie roast with a potluck of salads and desserts after the ride. You and your mount need to wear green. We always have a great time with some great views of the Spokane River. It is mostly sandy with rolling hills and we do some easy cross-country riding on old roads. It is a good place to get your horse in shape. Keep those eyes peeled for sheds! Dana lives near Suncrest. RSVP please and BYO-STICK for the roast.

Debbie and Jim Nelson are hosting a "Sack Out Your Horse & Ride" with a potluck afterwards. We will use the arena at Bear Lake with a ride afterwards in the park. Judy and I rode cross-country with Debbie at Bear Lake last fall and had a great time. This is an easy riding area and another place to give that green animal some experience. It will be a fun afternoon. RSVP required because parking is at a premium and we may need to carpool.

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and Thumper??**

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TRAIL CLOSED!

Whenever I am with a group of trail riders sooner or later the discussion includes places where we used to be able to ride but now are restricted.

If you are like me, each time this conversation occurs, you feel a melancholy pinch and a longing for sights never to be seen from the back of your horse; and perhaps you feel some anger because now there is one more restriction upon your freedom of movement.

Legal efforts to preserve our historic use and access remains hard-fought and we cannot relax or assume that equestrians will be acknowledged as legitimate users with historic entitlement to backcountry trails. We know in many cases equestrians aren't even considered as a recreational user group when entities such as state parks or national forests get together to plan, develop and maintain backcountry accommodations.

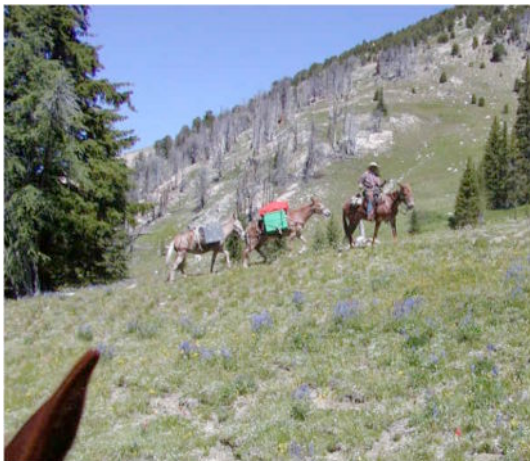
Legislative Day on February 8th is an opportunity to join and become a more visible and powerful grassroots movement. This is our chance to put a face on who we are. Additionally Legislative Day gives BCHW an opportunity to put our lobbyists-Mark Gjurasic and Terry Kohl- to work, and maybe more importantly, gives them something tangible to work with. They are our advocates and allies who know their way around the political playground; however their capacity to "earn their keep" is only as good as our ability to actively participate in the process.

Those of us who can should try to make it known to the "powers that be" that we are visible and passionate about preserving our historic right to backcountry equestrian access.

Several folks will be traveling to Olympia on Thursday February 8, if you want to pull along with us then dust off your cowboy hat, look big. (Big- as in facing down a cougar), and come on.

Me? I just don't want to be closed off from another trail when it is already too late to have done something proactive to protect and preserve my historical right to ride.

Respectfully Submitted by Jeanne Koester



VOLUNTEER HOURS

Another year has come and gone. The deadline to turn in our volunteer hours has arrived. I need to have all your Volunteer Hours in to me no later than January 10. These hours are very important. Volunteer time is becoming a major part of getting funding through grants and donations. As money becomes less available only the groups with proper documentation will be granted. The generous gift you give each year of your time and energy should be documented. Without our volunteers we couldn't get the trails cleared or educate other users of our forests and wilderness. If you have not turned in your hours please either call me or email your hours to me. After January 11 all hours will be added to next year's total. If you have questions don't hesitate to call me. 258-7401 gracyn2@highstream.net

Knots & Hitches

By Bob Gish

Whether you are an in-experienced packer, horseback rider or would like more knowledge about packing you should come to this clinic.

If you are an experienced packer you can share some of your knowledge or brush up on mantying, hitches and knots. If you just want to ride, you still should know how to tie a bowline in the dark, what a prussic loop is, and possibly some day a basket hitch could come in handy for you to pack something out. If you would like to learn about packing, this will be a good introduction.

We will be practicing mantying camping equipment, knots, basket & barrel hitches among some of the things. You will be able to inspect a couple of different styles of bear proof boxes and some light weight pannier boxes with top packs. We will show you how we carry the trail tools in work boxes. You will see some of the light weight camping gear that we use.

Please bring a salad or dessert to go along with a bowl of chili that we will be having after the pack clinic and before the meeting.

See you at the Williams Valley Grange at High Noon, on Saturday, February 17th.

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Karen Reiner is having a "Green Horse & Rider" ride at her Ranch this spring. They live in the Big Foot Valley area just west of the grange and ride on Five Sisters. This is another favorite place in our area that I like to ride. Get your green horse in shape and let him get used to stepping over logs and brush hitting his belly. Karen can give you some riding tips if you need help. This beautiful area is fairly sandy, rolling hills and easy riding.

Pond Oreille County Park Trail Clearing and Ride" is always a fun and close place to get your saddle and pack animals in shape. This is a great place to give kids a "wilderness experience in the miniature". The Northeast Chapter has been clearing this trail system in the spring for the past three years. This is a work party so keep track of your driving time and miles. Bring a 'sack' lunch.

Bob Gish is going to host a "Buttercup Ride" with doughnuts and coffee to start the morning at the Miller Ranch at Fish Trapp. It is easy riding and we should see some buttercups and wild flowers in the beautiful scabland landscape. You will want shoes on your horse. We will have lunch over looking Hog Lake Falls so bring a snack. It's about a 5 hour ride. RSVP please.

The Rattlesnake Ridge Riders and the Northeast Chapter are having a "Joint Ride and Potluck" at the Escure Ranch. Foot in the stirrup at 10:00 a.m., sharp. We have a lot of country to see....21 sections in the scablands. This is another good place to put miles on a green horse and easy riding. Bring a lunch.

The first weekend of May, there is an overnight event hosted by Jack and Julie at Lloyd Hughes Trail Head. It is a "Dutch Oven Potluck and Ride" in the Selkirk Mountains. Last year there were 44 Dutch Ovens working at the same time with some excellent food and desserts. If you do not do Dutch Oven cooking it is not a problem, bring a salad. This potluck is to die for so bring your appetite. You will discover a really nice trail head and a new place to ride. It is easy terrain with a creek crossing. There is plenty of room to park with a circular drive and a covered three sided shelter with two huge stone fire pits. Julie usually has some surprises up her sleeve. This is about 2 hours from Deer Park, north of Sandpoint, ID. This is not a BCH event. Some guests do not ride. So come up with or without your horse and spend the night or just the day.



Trail Talk

Christine and Gary Carroll host the "Asotin Ride and Camp Over". We camp on Lick Creek and ride in the Southern edge of the Blue Mountains. It is a 4-day event or whatever amount of time you can spend. Each night we camp in our vehicles and have a potluck by the creek. Christine has ridden this area for years and foot in the stirrup is usually around 9:00 a.m., and we get back around 4:00 p.m. Your horse should be in shape and have his/her 'tenny runners' on. This ride may not be for beginners 'cause we ride down the ridges on cow trails. The horses do not have any trouble negotiating the ridges. I rode my 3-year-old green mustang part of the time one year. We will be riding up draws to the ridge tops. The views are really beautiful this time of year. Hopefully we will see elk. Two years ago we counted about 70 head. Christine leads a different loop ride every day. This is a great opportunity to see this country with a guide that knows her way around the mountains. The area is located south of Lewiston. We can caravan.

Nancy Harshman is hosting our 3rd annual "Wild Women in the Woods Pack Trip". Last year we decided to change the date and camp more nights. We are thinking the last part of June or the first part of July. The pack trip will take place in the Colville area. Your horse will need shoes and the riding is easy. We will gather for morning coffee and again at super time. Nancy will have day rides out of our camp.

This is your invitation to have some fun and to do some fine riding. There is something for everyone including a pack clinic, local day rides, overnight car camping, Dutch Oven Potluck, a work party, and one "shake down" pack trip...and this is only the first half of the year.

We will have directions to these places, as we need them. Check the NEBCHW calendar in the newsletter or on www.nebchw.com for the times, dates and directions.

Get in shape and keep in contact incase of any last minute changes that may occur. If you have any questions about a ride call me and we can talk about it. If you would like to host a ride or would like to ride in an area call our Trail Boss, Cathy Johnson and let her know.



Northeast Chapter BCHW 2007 Calendar Of Events



Date	Event	Details	Contact
1/20	Leadership Conference and Training @ Cle Elum High School		Bob Gish 276-6226
2/6	Board Meeting	7 p.m., Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
2/10	Alternate date for Leadership Training		Bob Gish 276-6226
2/17	Pack Clinic and Chili Feed	Williams Valley Grange Noon	Bob Gish 276-6226
2/17	Membership Meeting	7 p.m., Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
3/17	Leprechaun Ride	10 a.m. wear Green	Dana Ogle 466-1497
3/6	Board Meeting	7 p.m., 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 p.m., Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
3/31	Trail Course & Ride – Shakeout	Bear Lake County Park	Debbie Nelson 238-6528
4/1	Pend Oreille Park Work Party	11 a.m.	Vicki Gish 276-6226
4/3	Board Meeting	7 p.m., Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
4/??	Green Horse Ride	Currently planning	Karen Reiner 276-1849
4/15	Escure Ranch 10 a.m. Potluck with Purple Sage Riders		Bob Gish 276-6226
4/??	Fish Trap Ride	Currently planning	Vicki Gish 276-6226
4/21	Membership Meeting	7 p.m., Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
4/27-29	Methow Valley Spring Trail Ride	see www.mvbch.com or call	Nancy 509-997-4802
5/1	Board Meeting	7 p.m., Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
5/5-6	Dutch Oven Potluck	Lloyd Hughes Snowmobile Park Not a BCHW sponsored event	Vick Gish 276-6226
5/17	Membership Meeting	7 p.m., Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
5/18-20	Ride the West	Spokane Fairgrounds	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
5/26-28	Kalispel Camp	Work Party	Bob Gish 276-6226
6/1 or 3	2 ND Quarter BCHW Board of Directors Meeting		Bob Gish 276-6226
6/2	BCHW General Membership Meeting @ Monroe, WA Fair Grounds		Bob Gish 276-6226
6/5	Board Meeting	7 p.m. Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
6/6-10	Overnight Ride – Asotin, WA	Fun early ride	Christine 509-466-1106
6/21	Membership Meeting	7 p.m. Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
7/?	NEBCHW Fundraiser Workparty	in planning stages	Bob Gish 276-6226
7/?	Wild Women Pack Trip	Location pending	Vicki Gish 276-6226
7/3	Board Meeting	7 p.m. Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
7/19	Membership Meeting	7 p.m. Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
8/?	NEBCHW Fundraiser Workparty	in planning stages	Bob Gish 276-6226
8/7	Board Meeting	7 p.m. Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
8/16	Membership Meeting	7 p.m. Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
9/1-3	Labor Day Workparty	Gypsy Meadows	Bob Gish 276-6226
9/4	Board Meeting	7 p.m. Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
9/15	Membership Meeting	7 p.m. Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
9/23	3 RD Quarter BCHW Board of Directors Meeting		Bob Gish 276-6226
10/02	Board Meeting	7 p.m. Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
10/20	Membership Meeting	7 p.m. Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
11/06	Board Meeting	7 p.m. Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
11/17	Membership Meeting	7 p.m. Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
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
12/4	Board Meeting	7 p.m. Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
12/15	2007 Christmas Party	7 p.m. Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876

All dates, times and events are subject to change.

Be sure to telephone the contact person prior to the scheduled event.

New year rings in new recreational pass - *Published Wednesday, January 3rd, 2007*

This week marks the launch of a new federal recreational pass that should save time and space in your wallet -- perhaps not money -- for those of us who recreate in the great outdoors in our great country.

Two years ago, Congress approved the creation of the ["America the Beautiful -- National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass."](#)

I was hoping that you could simply refer to it as "The America the Beautiful Pass," but the Naches Ranger District's Bette Cooney -- who as it turns out retires today -- tells me that the preferred shortened name is the Interagency Recreation Pass.

Cost is \$80 -- just \$10 for ages 62 and older -- but this interagency pass covers entrance fees on public lands administered by the National Park Service, Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation.

It also replaces the National Parks Pass, the Golden Eagle, the Golden Age and Golden Access Passports. It is valid for 12 months from month of purchase. By my account, if you buy the pass on the first of the month, you virtually get 13 months for the price of 12 because the pass expires on the last day of the month purchased.

An annual pass at Mount Rainier National Park(which also works at the Whitman Mission and Fort Vancouver) costs \$30. It's the same price at Olympic National Park. The Interagency Recreation Pass also can be used as a substitute for the Northwest Forest Pass, which costs \$30.

The new pass does NOT replace the Sno-Park Permit because funds raised its sales are tied to snow removal and trail grooming. And the new pass is not valid at state parks or local city/county recreational areas.

There are a few more nice features with The Interagency Recreation Pass, including:

* A second signature line that may be signed by anyone. The relationship of two signers does not matter. And you receive two free decals per pass. (However, the license plate numbers will be recorded on the decal. I'm not sure what happens if you sell or destroy a vehicle).

* At sites with a vehicle entrance fee -- such as Mount Rainier NP -- the pass admits the holder and accompanying passengers in a single, private vehicle.

* Where a per person entrance fee is charged, it admits the pass holder and three persons, age 16 or older.

Existing passes are valid until expired, lost or stolen. Sales of the new pass began Tuesday. They are available at federal recreation areas (such as the Naches Ranger Station), via government Web sites and through some third-party vendors.

Trail Boss / Newsletter Report – by Cathy Johnson

I would like to thank everyone for all the newsletter submissions over the past year. The newsletter is so much better when you all contribute. I get a lot of feedback from members and other Chapters as they like what we are doing. Keep all the great articles coming in!! I love pictures so if you have pictures of an event get them to me. You don't have to write anything just send the picture.

I am excited about being the trail boss – I hope this gets me out on the trails this year. I can hardly wait to see the top of my first mountain or enter my first wilderness. If you have any place you would like to ride or explore get a hold of me and we can get it on the calendar. Don't be afraid to speak up – you would be surprised at how many others are probably thinking the same thing. I hope to hear from a lot of you this year on where you and your horse/mule would like to adventure.

“Ya don’t have to be smart, strong or purty”

You don’t have to be smart, strong or good lookin’ to join a volunteer trail project with your BCHW pals. In fact-the idea is to “have a good time, and maybe get a little work done” according to Washington Trails Association crew boss, Christine Peterson.

Some of my best rocking-chair memories will be the camaraderie and accomplishments of work parties in the Olympic National Forest and the bridge we built for the State Park. I earned my WTA helmet and promptly plastered a BCHW sticker to the front because I am among the few “cross-overs”- a hiker who now rides. It is a grand feeling to be called upon to examine a stretch of trail and consulted to ensure horses can navigate safely.

Okay-if it is so much fun that some of us get hooked, how come more of us don’t seek the thrill? I dunno……I merely suggest that you try it, at least once in 2007.

It is an irreplaceable feeling to ride a trail you built, or cross a puncheon bridge you constructed. You can’t help but swell with pride when your Chapter receives an award for a project or you gather around the table with your friends to laugh at the post-work party photographs. When you volunteer you join an elite group that includes such folks as Paul Revere-who was a silversmith by trade, but we all know of him because of his volunteer accomplishment.

Research indicates that volunteering adds to the overall economic output of a community, it helps build cohesive communities, fosters trust between citizens, and helps develop solidarity and reciprocity, which are essential to stable communities. All right! What if BCHW were richer, cohesive and stable? We would be a formidable entity advocating for equestrian interests. All revolutions begin with volunteers.

In 2005 BCHW clocked 62,000 volunteer hours; 2006 hours aren’t tallied yet but we hope to exceed this by 10%. However, these hours will barely scratch the surface of the winter storm damage we have to address in 2007. Federal funds will certainly be insufficient to address the scope of work even if Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell are successful in their efforts to expand the state budget. Now we stand to lose even more of the miles we have available to ride. Now many trails may simply be closed-forever.

So you can’t swing a Pulaski and that doesn’t sound like your idea of a good time? How about something else that is more you:

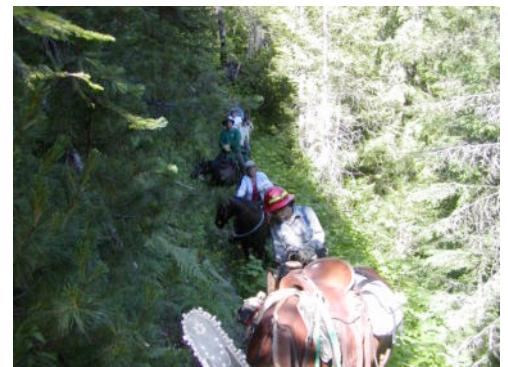
Write a letter to a politician in support of BCHW issues. Bring cookies to the next work party. Keep the coffee pot going back at camp and stir the stew pot. Run candy or water up the line to the work crew. Come along for the fun and just play outdoors.

In 2007 BCHW has some serious issues to address in the ongoing effort to keep backcountry access open to horses. Let’s keep our mission in mind, have some fun and do a little work. There are no qualifications necessary except your desire to “Do all you can with what you have in the time you have, in the place you are.” Quote by 11-year-old Nkosi Johnson

Volunteers Hard at Work



Trail Talk



BCHW Leadership Training Agenda - something for everyone!

Cle Elum High School, January 20, 2007, 9:00 a.m. -3:30 p.m. (Alternate date due to weather: February 10)

AGENDA

9:00 - 9:30 Sign in, Refreshments in the Commons. Be seated before 9:30.
 9:30 - 9:40 Introductions & Comments: Bob Shonka / Bob Gish / Mike Reedy
 9:40 - 10:15 Presentation (Judy Warnick)
 10:15 Move into classrooms
 10:30 - 11:45 Morning Sessions
 11:45 - 12:30 Lunch (Attendees may move into Commons or stay in their classroom)
 12:30 Return to Commons
 12:45-1:30 Presentation (Rex Derr, WA State Parks)
 1:30 Move into classrooms
 1:45 - 3:00 Afternoon Sessions
 3:00 -3:30 Closing Remarks: Bob Shonka / Bob Gish
 General Membership Meeting Planning Committee meeting afterward in the Library

SESSIONS

FACILITATOR	Bob Shonka	Janelle Wilson	Sue Branch / Heather Moorman	
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Tom Moran	Louise Caywood / Bill Somes		???	
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2006 NEBCHW Christmas Party –

The Christmas Party this year was a lot of fun. We had a lot of nice auction items. Thank you to everyone who donated an item. We had a lot of great food and good company. This year Steve and Kathy Smith were named new members of the year and Jim Hudkins and Debbie Nelson we named members of the year. Congratulations to everyone! Thank you to everyone who helped out with the event.



Friendly Reminders for 2007:

Now is a good time to look at your tack and make sure it is all in good working order. If you have any leather that needs replacing get it done now before you start riding this spring. Take a look at your saddle pad and any other equipment you use and make sure you don't need to get it cleaned or replaced. Your horse works hard for you so make sure he is comfortable in the tack you provide him.

Now is also a good time to do ground work with your horse. I always say you can never do too much on the ground with your horse. Refine his leading, backing, crossing over and even make sure he does not mind plastic bags, tarps, cell phone rings and what ever else you come across. Remember if you can't do it on the ground you will not be able to do it in the saddle either. You would be surprised what a few minutes each day just messing or talking to your horse will do when you get ready to ride in the spring!

More information inside the newsletter on these important items:

Leadership training is January 20 in Cle Elem – go if you can it is a fun time seeing all the other Chapters.

Budget Meeting is January 28 at Judy Clark's.

Legislative day is February 8 and we need as many people in Olympia to show we do make a difference.

Get those volunteer hours in. Even if it does not make a difference to you it does make a difference!! It is very important to show the volunteer time everyone takes to keep the backcountry open for you to enjoy.

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NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY!!!!

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**General Meeting for
January is CANCELLED**