



# TRAIL TALK

Northeast Chapter March 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

Spring may actually be arriving. The sun has been shining and the temperatures have been in the mid 50s. I can even see the gravel in the driveway again. The horses look like they have been in a mud Wrestling contest.

I would like everyone to take note of a couple items in this issue of the Newsletter. First, we now have advertisers and we need to support them. When you are at your favorite whatever next and know they could take advantage of our Newsletter with an advertisement just say would you like to support our NEBCHW chapter by placing a business card size ad for \$30 for the next year. Ads run for 1 year from the time of purchase and may even be on the web site. I did it and it is easy.

Next, we have guest speakers coming to our next two meetings. Please even with the rides planned make it to the meeting and show our guests that we are interested in what they have to say too.

Lonnie from the US Border Patrol will have some very interesting information on how secure our Borders really are.

Ann will speak on why you need to know more than whoa and go for the trail. Please review her article in last month's newsletter.

The Backcountry Horsemen of Washington will have an indoor and outdoor booth at Ride the West this year and will be a big part of the Xtreme Trail Course. Our Chapter is helping organize a lot of the behind the scenes things but this is the time for the State BCHW to shine in Spokane. Let us all give the other Chapters that are helping a BIG WELCOME and we are glad you are here. There will also be Chapter from Idaho BCH who will be attending and helping out.

There are many other good articles in our Newsletter. Read it clear through and let's go riding.

**General Membership Meeting**  
**March 17, 2007**  
**Border Patrol Speaker at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting to Follow**

## BCHW ATTENDS RIDE the WEST

BCHW will be participating in the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Ride the West Horse & Ranch Expo.

The Expo takes place at the Spokane Fair & Expo Center on May 18, 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>. Three days jam packed with activities ranging from the fine points of Dressage to Back Country Packing and Camping.

The Expo presents a Stallion Preview and Breed Showcase along with the glittering extravaganza of horses in "The Spirit of the West" show on Friday May 18<sup>th</sup>. Plan to enjoy "Dinner in the Dust", Toys for Tots auction, Polo, NW Mounted Shooters, the 14<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry, and much more. BCHW Chapters will be providing entertainment at Dinner in the Dust by packing in, assembling and riding across the Bridge they will build.

There are 4 arenas, over 200 horse stalls, and 80,000 square feet filled with vendors who will be displaying trailers, trucks, saddles, tack, barns, corrals and much more.

The Northeast Chapter of BCHW will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **Xtreme Trail Challenge** course with over \$1000 dollars in cash and prizes. This is open to all.

BCHW Chapters will be represented with indoor and outdoor booths making the most of this opportunity to showcase our organization. All Chapters are invited to participate so bring your trail maps, projects, Chapter photographs, awards and showcase your Chapter.

For more information, please contact: Jim Hudkins (509) 276-8876 or cell (509) 954-7446; [jchudkins1@netzero.net](mailto:jchudkins1@netzero.net) or visit Ride the West Horse and Ranch Expo @ [www.ridethewest.net](http://www.ridethewest.net)

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### Newsletter Submission Information

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## Do Horses Spread Non-Native Plants on Trails?

Can plant and weed seeds contained in horse manure, hooves, and hay cause nonnative plant species (plants that were introduced to that ecosystem but do not grow there naturally) to spread along trails and into parks and forests? This is an ecological question that often arises. Stith T. Gower, PhD, of the Department of Forest Ecology and Management at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has determined that while there are seeds from weed and non-native plant species in horse manure and hay, the plants that result don't survive or spread on trails. Therefore, horses do not appear to be a major source for the introduction of nonnative species.

Nonnative plant species pose a serious ecological and economic threat to managed and natural ecosystems, said Gower. Therefore, there is a great need to identify major sources for the introduction of non-native species and implement management plans to reduce or eliminate their introduction. Horses have been suggested to be an important source for the introduction of nonnative plant species along trails, but the data are largely anecdotal.

The objectives of two studies were to determine if horse hay, manure, and hoof debris samples contained seeds from nonnative species, and if so, whether their seeds would germinate and establish on the trails.

Gower took samples of horse hay, manure, and hoof debris from 12-24 horses at each of five American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) rides held in North Carolina, Kentucky, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Subsets of these samples were sown in potting buckets and grown outdoors in ideal conditions in Madison. In addition, samples from the horses at each ride were placed back on the horse trail.

On average, nonnative plant species germinated from 5.2% of the hay samples placed in the potting buckets, indicating horse hay contains seeds from nonnative plant species. However, only three of the 288 hay, manure, and hoof debris samples placed on the horse trail contained plants after the first growing season, and no surviving plants were observed after the second season.


Gower also did vegetation surveys along 50-meter (150-foot) survey lines perpendicular to horse and hiking (horses not permitted) trails at three of the five sites to compare species composition of native and nonnative plants. He wanted to determine if newly introduced plant species were moving into ecosystems adjacent to the horse trails and trails that prohibited horses.

Species composition and percent of total nonnative plant species did not differ between horse and hiker trails, and the nonnative plant species always occurred within 2 meters (6 feet) of the trail. Other potential sources for nonnative species might be birds, he said. Many studies have observed that trails and roads (of all uses) facilitate the establishment of nonnative species," added Gower.

The results of this and other studies demonstrate that horse hay and manure contains seeds of nonnative plant species, but native and nonnative plant species rarely become established on horse trails because of the adverse effects of harsh environmental conditions and frequent disturbance on seedling establishment," concluded Gower.

For more information about the study, e-mail Gower at [stgower@wisc.edu](mailto:stgower@wisc.edu). The study was funded by the American Endurance Ride Conference ([www.aerc.org](http://www.aerc.org)).

**HORSESHOEING**



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NEXT APPOINTMENT \_\_\_\_\_

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## BEAR LAKE WORKPARTY/RIDE/POTLUCK

March 31 – 10:00 a.m.

Due to the large response and lack of parking we must limit this work party/ride/potluck to BCHW members only.

Please RSVP to Debby Nelson at 238-6528. County parks are not open until April 15. We are being allowed access to the park for the work party. We will be manning the gate from 9:45 to 10:15 so don't be late!

We plan on removing rocks from the arena from 10AM to 11AM. We will play with our horses/mules in the arena from 11 to noon. After that we will go for a two-hour ride followed by a potluck dinner. Times and events may change depending on weather. If we are having severe weather call Debby in the morning to verify times. Bring your favorite potluck dish, plates, silverware, beverage (no alcohol) and chair. Dogs are not allowed in the park.

## Board Member at Large –

What does the Board Member at Large do? Well they are here for you the members. If you have an issue that you want brought to the board and can't go or want something mentioned at the general meeting and can't go contact your Board Member at Large.

Dana Ogle, 509-466-1497, dmogle@juno.com or Virginia Carter, 509-238-6318, lstos@worldnet.att.net

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## Packing Clinic

Thank you Bob Gish for putting together a great packing clinic in February. The clinic was very informative and everyone learned a lot about equipment and packing styles.

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## Green Horse Ride

April 7, 2007, is the Green Horse Ride. The ride starts at 9:00 a.m., and will go approximately 2.5 hours. There will be a possible water crossing (stream size), moderate to moderate/steep climbing, no shoes required.

Please RSVP so I know what level of green horse you are brining and I can give you directions. The ride will be at my house on Redman Road in Clayton, WA.

Karen Reiner – 276-1849

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## By-Law Change

A motion was made and passed at the last general meeting that we amend the current By-Laws, Article Eight Section 5. This deals with \$50 allotted to the Newsletter for Publication.

Teunis Wiers, BCHW lawyer, is going through the By-Laws to come up with a uniform By-Law each Chapter can adopt. We therefore are putting most By-Law changes on hold.

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## Ad Rate Change:

Ad rates have changed to \$30 for Business Card in the newsletter and on the web page. This is for one year. Please contact any Board member if you would like to run an ad.

## Super Packing

Things I carry when packing in 3-4 days, depending on graze, using a super pack: (behind the saddle pack)

Fly mask-horse spray, bug coil, mosquito spray, sunscreen; Bota Bags-4 each; Water filter; Nose bag-mesh so won't mold if damp-30 lbs pelleted feed; Spare lead rope, rope halter & extra long lead rope, saw (worn not packed); Highline rope-& tree savers, 2 prusik loops, 1 metal ring w/ quick release snap; Collapsible water bucket; TP w/baggies-shovel (get small folding handle type); Matches & waterproof matches, (maybe-fire starter sticks, fire blanket); Fuel canisters 2; Stove/light combo; Lighter, flash light; Knife-worn on person; lamp silverware, small French press, insulated saddle bag insert for perishable or frozen food; Titanium pot & fry pan, instant coffee, S & P film canister shakers, cup, Foil, pencil w/duct tape wrapped around it, paper sheets in book; Canvas shoes-for wading or about camp; Sleep pad/folding chair, pillow case, sleeping bag; Biodegradable all purpose soap; Clothesline & pins; Leatherman tool; Small horn bag: sunscreen, camera, binocs, map, compass, trail snacks (take lots); Tent; Stuff sack to hoist food in tree/contains clothes, small towel when packed up; Flask-for medicinal purposes; Band aids, Neosporin, large cotton pads and tape, vet wrap; Applesauce, powdered aspirin, butte, swat or your choice horse product; for topical scrapes; Whistle, mirror, comb, cotton hanker chiefs; Clothes for 3 days: clothes and socks are lightweight, dry quick. 1 pr long under wear, swimsuit. I use plastic bags that vent the air and compress But if the bag gets a hole in it you could have too much bulk when you try to repack; Carry duct tape wrapped on a pencil for repairs; Food for 3 days- I dehydrate and pre-mix in advance as much as possible and use a menu plan to help remember everything when it comes time to pack it up. I use a backpacker's cookbook and dehydrater instead of store bought pre-packaged or MRE-better food-less bulk.

Food Tips: Look for foods you can re-hydrate and don't have a long boil time to cook because at higher elevation your fuel is used up faster. Empty out packets of cider mix or hot chocolate in baggie so you minimize your garbage. Pack it in-pack it out.

Maybe take List: Wire cutters for barbed wire and/or loppers in holster. Horse blanket-if taken it would be folded under the super pack and tied on with the pack as one unit. Hoof repair kit or shoeing tools (clinch). I get horses new shoes on just before I am going in and my horses have a history of keeping their shoes on. Fire Blanket- to place my camp stove on and avoids risk of fire.

When I pack for a trip what I take along depends on where and when I am going.

Thank you for your interest. This is just how I do it and what works for me....not the definitive recipe for how to super pack. I am always learning and changing from my trips so learn what works for you and your horse.

And please remember that your horse must be fit and ready to handle the task of packing. You can hurt your horse and yourself if you aren't "legged up" before taking on the high country.

Submitted by-Jeanne Koester



## Northeast Chapter BCHW 2007 Calendar Of Events



| Date     | Event   | Details  | Contact                 |
|----------|---|--|-------------------------|
| 3/17     | Leprechaun Ride   | 10 a.m. wear Green   | Dana Ogle 466-1497      |
| 3/17     | Border Patrol to speak at General Meeting                 |  | Jim Hudkins 276-8876    |
| 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   | 6:30 p.m., Pizza Factory                                     | Jim Hudkins 276-8876    |
| 4/7      | Green Horse Ride  | 9:00 a.m., ride is 2.5 hours                                 | Karen Reiner 276-1849   |
| 4/21     | Escure Ranch 10 a.m. Potluck with Purple Sage Riders      |  | Bob Gish 276-6226       |
| 4/21     | Ann Kirk to speak at General Meeting about Training       |  | Jim Hudkins 276-8876    |
| 4/21     | Membership Meeting  | 7 p.m., Willms Valley Grange                                 | Jim Hudkins 276-8876    |
| 4/22     | Fish Trap Ride  | Ride at 10:00 a.m.   | Vicki Gish 276-6226     |
| 4/27-29  | Methow Valley Spring Trail Ride                           | see <a href="http://www.mvbch.com">www.mvbch.com</a> or call | Nancy 509-997-4802      |
| 5/1      | Board Meeting   | 6:30 p.m., Pizza Factory                                     | Jim Hudkins 276-8876    |
| 5/5-6    | Dutch Oven Potluck  | Lloyd Hughes Snowmobile Park                                 | Vick Gish 276-6226      |
|          |   | Not a BCHW sponsored event                                   |                         |
| 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 <sup>ND</sup> 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   | 6:30 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       |
| 7/3      | Board Meeting   | 6:30 p.m. Pizza Factory                                      | Jim Hudkins 276-8876    |
| 7/14     | Wild Women Pack Trip                                      | Colville Area  | Nancy Harshman 684-2786 |
| 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   | 6:30 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   | 6:30 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 <sup>RD</sup> Quarter BCHW Board of Directors Meeting   |  | Bob Gish 276-6226       |
| 10/02    | Board Meeting   | 6:30 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   | 6:30 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 <sup>TH</sup> Quarter BCHW Board of Directors Meeting   |  | Bob Gish 276-6226       |
| 12/4     | Board Meeting   | 6:30 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.**



## Director's Update:

by Jeanne Koester - backcountryrider@gmail.com

I have to report that any trail work that was accomplished this past month was done from behind a computer or in meetings with land managers. However, one can accomplish quite a bit of "trail work" during the winter- for example: I was able to help write a letter to the US Fish and Wildlife Service to protest the Draft plan for Hanford Reach Monument. If the Draft plan alternative favored by USFWS is adopted it will severely restrict the use of pack and saddle stock in an area that has been used for nearly a hundred years by equestrians. Wild horse herds once roamed the Reach area. In the early 1900's settlers homesteaded and raised livestock in the 305 square mile area of the Reach.

For those of you who don't know where the Reach is located it is along the Columbia River and includes the old Hanford Reactor site. This area was designated a Monument in 2000. Hunters know the area because of the large Elk herds that winter there. If new plans are adopted the hunters will be carrying out game on their backs and persons having a disability will no longer have access- in spite of ADA law enacted in 1990. I hope you were able to respond to the action alert that was emailed out. I hope you sent an email to USFWS protesting the discriminatory practices that are becoming a more frequent pressure on the use of pack and saddle stock; both here in Washington and around the United States.

On February 24<sup>th</sup> some of us traveled to Priest River for the USFS training Defensive Horsemanship, which is required to do volunteer trail work in Region 1. It was very interesting, even though there was too much snow to play outside on the hazard course Ranger Dale Schrempp had constructed. We did manage to roast hotdogs and share a great lunch. There were informative discussions about trail safety and the veterinarian brought us up to date on some new vaccinations, including a new W. Nile Virus vaccination. WNV has spread to our area now. We also learned about some "cross-over" first aid products that you can use for people and saddle stock. This is good information if you are packing light.

There have been a series of Travel Management meetings to discuss where we can ride in the Colville USFS area. These multi-user group meetings have been productive and generally amicable as we work with the other recreational trail users to identify where we will share, and where we will have designated motorized and non-motorized use. Our goal is to have a connected trail system throughout the Colville N.F. with places to camp with saddle stock, and trailheads that can accommodate trucks with horse trailers. At this stage we are just saying what we'd like to have; the next step is putting our wish list in order; followed by the final decisions. Likely we won't get everything we hope- but we have the satisfaction of being part of the process no matter what the final plan looks like. And we have had some real good opportunities to talk to other trail users and educate as well as learn from them. Any chance we can be friendly and put a face on who we are, the better our results.

Legislative Day was great! I strongly urge BCHW members to participate next year as it has paid off already by enhancing our visibility in the place where laws and policies affecting pack and saddle stock are made. Working closely with BCHW lobbyists Mark Gurasic and Terry Kohl helped us to be more organized, articulate in the legislative process, and they arranged for BCHW to meet and make some significant contacts with the politicians who can help us keep our trails open. (And we used their on-site office to email, make copies, use the bathroom, and make phone calls) Mark and Terry provided guidance to navigate the legislative terrain with their "map" of experience. Throughout the year they watchdog for any policy actions that need to be addressed rapidly and proactively.

In the works: The state and regional VIP rides are being developed for this summer and volunteers will be welcome and much needed so we can put our best hoof forward. On March 10<sup>th</sup> the BCHW Board of Directors will meet and I will have a full report in the April issue of Trail Talk.



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## Upcoming Events and Important Information:

**Leprechaun Ride** – March 17 – Contact Dana Ogle for any questions or to RSVP so he knows you are coming at 466.1497.

**The Border Patrol** will be speaking the March General Meeting  
by Lonnie Moore –

As part of the Department of Homeland Security's efforts to protect our country from terrorists, drug smugglers and illegal aliens, the Border Patrol is increasingly looking to high technology---remote cameras, delicate motions sensors, flying drones as well as bringing back some tried and true methods from the past, such as mounted patrols and dogs. Lonnie Moore will help us answer the question "How safe is our Canadian Border?"

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Ann Kirk to speak at April General Meeting

Board meetings have changed from a start time of 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. All members are welcome to attend these meetings at the Pizza Factor in Deer Park.

Welcome Rex and Kristy Ross as new members. We are looking forward to getting to know you.

Get your 2007 membership card at the General Meeting.

BLM horses available – one is cremello and one is perlino contact Ramona at 541-573-4439



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