



TRAIL TALK Northeast Chapter January 2009

www.nebchw.com

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 Leon Sproule

**CABIN FEVER PARTY Jan. 17th starting at 6:00pm-potluck and auction
7:00pm general meeting
AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!!**

Well we did it, we survived 2008. Thankfully, that is over. I want to welcome you all to the new year by inviting you to our first ever Cabin Fever Celebration. This will be similar to what we had planned for our December meeting but it will be our January 17th meeting. No complaints about too much snow or I am tired of shoveling will be voiced. We are going to party up sunshine and fair weather by having our holiday auction and dinner in spite of the facts. Please plan on coming at six o'clock and bringing an auction item or two. Turkeys and ham will be provided so bring potluck items to go with the dinner.

The board met at Judy Clark's house on Saturday for a board and budget meeting. The budget will be presented for approval at the general meeting on Jan 17th. We made plans for a very active fun successful 2009. We are inviting all of the membership to step up and contribute where they can to help us meet the goals of that plan. Some things may be different this year. There is a question about Ride the West being at the fairground again this year. Our involvement may not be as much as in the past depending on the final configuration of the event. The cost share programs with the Forest Service may be limited this year so we may need to find additional sources of finance for operating our chapter. We are planning a couple of riding events to help in that direction.

Unfortunately, Linda Hansen has had to resign as trail boss. We wish her well and hope she is able to join us when she can. She was really looking forward to this opportunity and was planning some exciting rides. The board asked Mike Bryarly to step up and fill this position and he consented. His appointment as trail boss was confirmed Saturday by the board. We would like to thank him for his willingness to accept this responsibility.

There are some exciting things happening on the state level of BCH as well. Did you know that the national BCHA meeting is going to be in Washington State this year? Leadership training and the membership meeting is being combined so that more people can benefit with less travel. See all of the exciting details in your director's report. And now for a more personal note, I have been wrangling with the county assessor's office over the Open Space deferred tax issue. It has been settled and we are restored to our Open Space deferment. It is interesting to note some of the things that occurred. When I filled out the questionnaire that the county originally sent out they did not respond to the

information that I provided. When I called the office no one answered the phone. When I left a message no one returned my calls. Without ever talking to me or responding to me the assessor's office removed my property from the Open Space deferment and told the county treasurer to bill me for seven years of back taxes and interest that was due immediately. I was able to circumvent this by going to the assessor's office and telling them that I was not leaving until the problem was resolved and I was restored to what I was before.

I know that I am not the only person who has experienced this difficulty. What worries me is that there are lots of elderly people who are not able to fend off the assessor and find themselves stuck with a huge tax bill that forces them off of their land. The requirement that agricultural land must produce an income in order to be preserved as open space is the problem. There should not be an income requirement in order to qualify to preserve open space. I know several widows who wish to live out their lives on the property they and their husbands worked so hard for. They are in danger now.

(continued on page 3)

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!!!



HORSESHOEING

**JIM HUDKINS
954-7446**



NEXT APPOINTMENT _____

2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

Leon Sproule 509-238-6318
lstcs@worldnet.att.net

Vice President

Stu Nieman 509-466-8851
niemanspk@aol.com

State Director

Jeanne Koester 509-238-3267
jeannekoester@gmail.com

Alternate State Director

Cyndi Johnson 509-258-7401
gracyn2@highstream.net

Secretary/Web Page

Barb Taylor 509-276-5097
bj@flathorse.com

Treasurer

Judy Clark 509-238-2206
Clark_1944@msn.com

Board Members at Large

Dana Ogle 509-466-1497
Virginia Carter 509-238-6318
lstcs@worldnet.att.net

Trail Boss

Mike Bryerly 509 -951-9226

Volunteer Hours

Cyndi Johnson 509-258-7401
gracyn2@highstream.net

Forest Service Liaison/ Public Lands

Bob Gish 509-276-6226
robertgish@gmail.com

Education/LNT

Max Mullholland 509-235-1620

Newsletter Editor

Rachael Hepler 509-935-8084
trailtalknews@yahoo.com

Legislative Chair

Jeanne Koester 509-238-3267
jeannekoester@gmail.com

Bob Gish 509-276-6226
robertgish@gmail.com

Phone Tree Chair

Judy Clark 509-238-2206
Clark_1944@msn.com

Ways & Means

Bob Gish 509-276-6226
robertgish@gmail.com

Junior BCH Chair

Vacant

Activities & Publicity Chair

Vacant

Deer Park, WA 99006

Newsletter Submission Information

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.

If you have a newsletter article or advertisement send it to trailtalknews@yahoo.com or call Rachael at 935-8084. No cost for an article or advertisement. 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.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Looking to share my horse with another rider. I would like to find another gal who likes to ride the trails but doesn't want to spend the large amount of money to keep a horse full time, to help me defray my costs. He is boarding in Chattaroy at Virginia and Leon Sproule's place and there are loads of trails in the area. He is a well-trained, 12-year old, tall, registered appendix with a willing, gentle personality. Must be experienced rider. Call for details and to talk. Lesa 535-2390

For Sale: 97 American 3 horse trailer. Please call Jeanne Koester for more details 509-238-3267

Reminder: Aslin Finch Feed Stores gives BCH members 10% off on any purchase of items not on sale. Lets support them since they support us.

Looking for advertisers for the newsletter and web page. If you would like to have your business listed please contact a Board member. The cost is \$30 per year for a business card size advertisement in the newsletter and on the web page.



In Clayton

(Presidents letter continued)

My personal belief is that the developers are behind the push for auditing the open space properties. In some areas of the state there is a tremendous push to remove the old people from the land so the property can be broken up and sold at high real estate prices rather than farm prices. This brings in more tax dollars so the counties are all for it. Currently there is interest in the state legislature to address this issue of open space. There are lots of questions being asked and there is a current directive that says that boarding horses does qualify as agricultural income. If you have an interest in preserving open spaces and you want to see private property owners keep their land as they grow old communicate with your legislators and let them know. I think that the state and counties should be working to preserve all open space and that no income requirement should be a part of the evaluation.

Thanks for letting me sound off on an issue that I think is vital. Join us for a great time on the January 17th at 6:00 pm. Ride when you can. Did any covered arena survive?

Leon

Down the Trail

by Michelle LeVar

Hoof Picks & History: A reliable resource reported the basic design of the hoof pick hasn't changed since the time of Genghis Khan. The punishment for not using one, however, is not as severe now as it was back then! Hoof picks are found in use around horses all over the world and come in all shapes, sizes, materials and colors – handmade sterling mounted on blued gunmetal to plastic (some topped by a handy hoof brush) and straight fixed handles to folding loop handles. They are one of the most useful little tools any horse can appreciate when tucked in your saddle or horn bag – even for a simple day ride.

Post Christmas Riding Gear Check: After the holidays, while we are all waiting for the snow to go and riding to start is a good time to gather your saddle and tack together in a warm place where you can sit down with a nice cup of coffee and check it over carefully for any overly worn or missing stitching, cracked or badly worn leather stress points or missing parts. January and February are good times to get your saddle and tack repairs done. Next month we'll talk about some easy saddle and tack cleaning and feeding techniques – classic and modern. Don't get stuck in the snow – if you can even find the road ... See you down the trail

LIFE FLIGHT 2009

NEBCHW has again purchased a 100 block in the Life Flight Membership Program's Group Membership. Saint Alphonsus Life Flight is an air ambulance service based in Boise, Idaho. This will be offered to all current chapter members first and then **open to family and friends beginning in February**. Please include name, address, phone number and birth date for each person you wish to have covered. The annual cost will be \$6.00 per individual for 2009. We have added an additional \$.50 to the \$5.50 to cover the mailing expenses.

Just and FYI, I noticed on the new enrollment form that the 2008 coverage is through January 31, 2009.

Life Flight aircraft are mini critical-care units, providing advanced medical care and rapid transport for people in life-threatening situations. The crews are some of the most highly trained medical professionals and flight personnel in the country.

The Life Flight Membership Program exists to support the Life Flight Program at Saint Alphonsus. By joining the program, you are supporting not only Life Flight, but also the local emergency responders in our community. As a membership benefit, there is no out-of-pocket expense to any member of the program for a medically necessary flight supplied by Life Flight or any of our reciprocal partners. Our reciprocal partners are;

Air Life of Oregon – Bend, Oregon, Airlift Northwest – Seattle, Washington, **Air St. Luke's** - Boise, Idaho, Calstar - Northern California, **Enloe Flight Care** – Central California, **Care Flight** - Reno, Nevada area, **Life Flight Network** - Portland, Oregon, **Portneuf Life Flight** - Pocatello, Idaho, **Wyoming Life Flight** - Casper, Wyoming, **NW MedStar** - Spokane and Tri-Cities, Washington.

If you wish to participate, **please do not combine your payment with your regular NEBCHW membership. You will need to send a separate check with the name, address, phone number and birth date for each membership.**

Mail checks to:

NEBCHW
% Judy Clark, Treasurer
19402 N Yale Rd
Colbert, WA 99005

Inland Feed & Farm Supply, Inc.



Fuel Card Lock



Hardware • Feed • Seed
Fencing • Fertilizer
Livestock Equipment
Gasoline • Diesel



Half Moon Feeds



Land O'Lakes, Inc.

Marv Schmautz
Todd Schmautz
Owner / Operators
224 South Main
Deer Park, WA 99006
(509) 276-8070

10% Off Coupon (petroleum products not included)

DNR Recreation News

1. Governor's Budget – Yesterday, Gov. Gregoire announced her budget for the 2002-2011 budget cycle. As we mentioned in the most recent addition of the DNR Recreation News, the governor's budget is another step in the process of developing the state's biennial budget. The next step will be when the Legislature begins its budget deliberations after the March revenue forecast is released.

Overall, DNR's recreation budget fared well. The funding for managing and maintaining recreation sites and trails was not reduced in the governor's proposed budget, probably because our primary source of funding comes from a dedicated fund derived from the sale of gas, and that we receive very little general fund monies.

The governor's office is actually projecting a slight increase in the revenue generated from the sale of gas, which could translate into an additional \$100,000 that we can invest back into the department's Recreation Program. The governor's does reduce our capital budget by 20% (\$816,000), which I hope we can make up for in grants.

For details about the Governor's priorities and her proposed budget for 2009-2011, go to

<http://www.governor.wa.gov/priorities/budget/default.asp>

To view the actual budget documents, go to: <http://ofm.wa.gov/budget09/>

2. Federal Stimulus Bill – The incoming administration will be proposing a federal stimulus package, which may include funding to hire maintenance and construction crews. To better position the state to receive some of this funding, we are working with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and State Parks to identify where it makes sense to have joint maintenance crews across the state.

We have also initiated discussions with the US Forest Service (USFS) to see if they are also interested in sharing maintenance crews where it makes sense. So far, the agencies are all interested in exploring this possibility.

The three state agencies have been working collaboratively for the last 5 years to more efficiently manage the limited funding we receive for the Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) Program. DNR has taken the lead administration role. Crew supervisors work with the field managers from DNR, WDFW and State Parks to schedule crew time based on allotted time for each agency and priority. Thanks to the efforts of Kirk Thomas (DNR's WCC Program Director), this approach has been successful to date. The program has not only gained administration efficiencies but provided individual crew members with a variety of experiences. If we can involve the USFS, we can not only be more efficient but have a greater capacity to manage the trails and facilities in a wide geographical area.

3. Goals for 2009 – I will be meeting with my staff in mid-January to discuss what we intend to accomplish in 2009. I thought it would be valuable to add your thoughts to the discussion as well. For example, last year the recreation program goals included:

- Establishing a periodic recreation newsletter

(DNR continued)

- Developing a 10-year capital plan

- Developing a master volunteer project list

- Increasing grant funding and volunteer participation

One of our goals for 2009 is to improve our recreation Web pages on DNR's Web site and make them a useful tool for you.

So please e-mail me your thoughts!

Also, I just wanted to let you know that you can now download current and past issues of the DNR Recreation News at http://www.dnr.wa.gov/RecreationEducation/Topics/OtherRecreationInformation/Pages/amp_rec_newsletter.aspx

Hope you have a great holiday season!

Mark Mauren
Assistant Division Manager
Recreation, Public Access and WCC
(360) 902-1047




DID YOU KNOW?
KAIMANAWA is a breed of horse that lives wild in New Zealand. The name means "Eat the wind"

in Maori. This is a small, hardy breed of horse that was first reported in 1876, and descended from Exmoor and Welsh pony stock brought to the island in the early 1800's. In 1941, the mounted rifle cavalry units at Waiouru released several horses when a Strangles epidemic threatened. In 1960, an Arabian stallion was turned loose. These feral horses stand 12.2-15 hands high. They are strong, sure-footed, and very intelligent. They are domesticated and used in a variety of showing disciplines.

My favorite animal is the mule. He has more horse sense than a horse. He knows when to stop eating -- and he knows when to stop working."

-Harry S. Truman



Reminder that it is time to pay the 2009 dues and that this also gives members a 10% discount at Aslin Finch and a 10% discount on horse items only at Big R.

A Hibernian sage once wrote that there are three things a man never forgets: The girl of his early youth, a devoted teacher, and a great horse. ~C.J.J. Mullen



Warmth Of A Horse

When your day seems out of balance and so many things go wrong ... when people fight around you and the clock drags on so long ... When some folks act like children and fill you with remorse ... Go out into your pasture and wrap your arms around your horse. His gentle breath enfolds you as he watches with those eyes ... He may not have a PhD but he is, oh so so wise! His head rests on your shoulder you hug him good and tight ... He puts your world in balance and makes it seem all right. Your tears will soon stop flowing the tension will be eased ... The nonsense has been lifted. You are quiet and at peace. So when you need some balance from the stresses in your day ... The therapy you really need is out there eating hay! ~Don Huston~

Wacky Taffies

- * Ritz Crackers
- * Carmel Squares

Directions:

Unwrap the Carmel squares in toast them like you would marshmallows only not as long just heat them up a little. Place the Carmel in between two Ritz Crackers and enjoy eating them.

Sweet Bananas

- * Banana
- * Brown Sugar
- * Butter

Directions:

Cut down center of banana, but not all the way through. Put a little butter in it, and add some brown sugar. Place the banana on the campfire grill and let it cook for about 2 - 5 minutes.



10% off coupon



Rules of Colorado , Wyoming , Nevada , Montana , Utah , Idaho, Eastern Washington , and the rest of the Wild West are as follows:

1. Pull your pants up. You look like an idiot.
2. Turn your cap right, your head ain't crooked.
3. Let's get this straight: it's called a 'gravel road.' I drive a pickup truck because I want to. No matter how slow you drive, you're gonna get dust on your Lexus. Drive it or get out of the way.
4. They are cattle. That's why they smell like cattle. They smell likemoney to us. Get over it. Don't like it? I-80 & I-90 go east a nd west, I-25 & I-15 goes north and south. Pick one and go.
5. So you have a \$60,000 car. We're impressed. We have \$250,000 Combines that are driven only 3 weeks a year.
6. Every person in the Wild West waves. It's called being friendly. Try to understand the concept.
7. If that cell phone rings while a bunch of geese/pheasants/ducks/doves are comin' in during the hunts, we WILL shoot it outa your hand. You better hope you don't have it up to your ear at the time.
8. Yeah. We eat trout, salmon, deer and elk. You really want sushi and caviar? It's available at the corner bait shop .
9. The 'Opener' refers to the first day of deer season. It's a religious holiday held the closest Saturday to the first of November.
10. We open doors for women. That's applied to all women, regardless of age.
11. No, there's no ' vegetarian special' on the menu. Order steak, or you can order the Chef's Salad and pick off the 2 pounds of Beef & turkey.
12. When we fill out a table, there are three main dishes: meats, vegetables, and breads. We use three spices: salt, pepper, and ketchup! Oh, yeah We don't care what you folks in Cincinnati call that stuff you eat . . IT AIN'T REAL CHILI!!
13. Yeah, we have golf courses. But don't hit the water hazards - it spooks the fish.



NORTHEAST CHAPTER BCHW
2008 Calendar Of Events



Date	Event	Details	Contact
Jan. 17-	NEBCHW Meeting "Cabin Fever "	and Pot Luck/Auction- ----Learn a Knot.	
Feb. 3-	Board Meeting-	Pizza Factory 6:30 pm	Leon Sproute-238-6318
Feb..21-	NEBCHW Meeting and Pot Luck	Learn another Knot and remember the last one.	
Mar. 3	Board Meeting-	Pizza Factory 6:30 pm	Leon Sproute-238-6318
Mar.14-	Pack Clinic-Saturday.	Pot Luck and Chapter meeting to follow.	
Mar.20-22-	BCHW Annual Meeting/Dinner/Dance/Auction & Leadership Training -		Jeanne Koester-238-3267
April 4th-	Easter Egg Hunt/Ride/Dessert-Fundraiser/ Membership Drive--Suncrest Area-	limited amount of tickets will be sold in advance	Vicki Gish-276-6226
April 7-	Board Meeting-Pizza Factory-	6:30 pm	Leon Sproute-238-6318
April 18-	NEBCHW Meeting & Pot Luck-	Remember the last 2 & learn another.	
April 25-	Pond Orelle Co. Park -Trail Party-brush and clear trails -	everyone is invited!	Vicki Gish 276-6226
May 2nd-	Prize Ride/Chili Feed/Fundraiser/Membership Drive-Pond Orelle Park-	limited amount of tickets will be sold in advance.	Vicki Gish-276-6226
May 4-	Board Meeting-Pizza Factory-	6:30 pm	Leon Sproute-238-6318
May 16-	NEBCHW Meeting and Pot Luck	Be ready to learn something.	

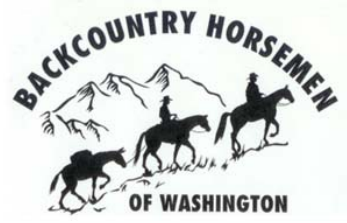
All dates, times and events are subject to change. Be sure to telephone the contact person prior to the scheduled event.

Northeast Chapter BCHW
Newsletter Editor
PO Box 3094
Deer Park, WA 99006

Come Join Us!

To join BCHW, complete this application, sign the liability release (all members 18 and over), and enclose payment:

- **Chapter members**, turn application and payment in to your Chapter Treasurer. If paying by check, make it out to your chapter.
- **Independent members**, make check out to "BCHW", and mail application and payment to: BCHW, ATTN: MEMBERSHIP, 110 W. 6th Ave., PMB 393, Ellensburg, WA 98926.



Member Info

New Member Renewal – Membership number(s): _____
 Adult's name(s): _____
 Children's name(s): _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____
 Legislative district (if known): _____ County: _____
 Number of horses in your household? _____

STATE MEMBERSHIP

Basic Membership

- Single \$36.00
 Family \$49.00

Optional Membership (includes family or single from above)

- Contributing \$65.00
 Sustaining \$100.00
 Patron \$250.00
 Benefactor \$500.00

Additional State Donation \$ _____
 Subtotal A \$ _____

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Chapter Name (or Independent): _____

Chapter Dues
 (determined by chapter) \$ _____
 Additional Chapter Donation \$ _____

Subtotal B \$ _____
Grand Total (A+B) \$ _____

LIABILITY RELEASE & NOTICES

All ADULT members MUST sign!

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 trails or the experience levels of riders or horses taking part in trail rides or other BCHW events, I do hereby release and hold harmless the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children, or horses.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Signature: _____ Date: _____

The information on this membership application will be shared with BCH of America and, if so designated by the applicant, the appropriate local chapter of BCHW. Otherwise, the information will not be divulged to any other person or organization without the express permission of the applicant.

Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) has applied to the Internal Revenue Service for "public charity" status as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Accordingly, membership dues paid to BCHWS may be treated as deductions characterized as "charitable contributions" when computing federal and state income tax obligations.