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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIR

The sky is blue and the sun is shining and it is beautiful, except for the temperature sitting at 12 degrees. And I have been having winter fun plowing and plowing and plowing the driveway. But my ears are burning because anybody with bare tires and no chains will be queuing my parentage when they try to get up to the main road. I'm wishing for warmer weather, but as my wife so pointedly reminds me, it was my idea to move here so quit complaining.

But even with this really cold weather, its time to start getting ready for the outdoor stuff. Check your schedule of events because starting just about now, we have our annual tack cleaning clinic and also our packing clinic. And of course, February is our Sweetheart Auction and potluck dinner. ( See articles on the specifics further in the newsletter )

Our Yearbook, nicknamed "The Bluebook" has been printed and you should have yours by now. If you didn't get one, maybe you are not current with your dues or there could be another problem, so call Linda Parker, 486-4719, who will be the one to take care of that issue. Please at least glance through it. It has information that will help you throughout the year as you participate in our chapter activities. If you lose it, your second one is not free. And just as a reminder, if you are not current with your dues, this is the last newsletter you will receive.

BCHWS Leadership was January 19<sup>th</sup> and 8 chapter members made the trip to Cle Elum. I want to thank all 8 of you for getting up early and arriving home late in order to educate yourself on the new BCHWS and other general information. The directors were able to pass the new by-laws without a squabble, existing officers were re-elected, treasurers got an overload of information and the rest of us had to scramble from one class to another because the schedule was packed with classes, time was short, and the facility was overcrowded.

The other really fun thing I have to do in winter is shovel that by-product made by the horses. I am being reminded right now that its time to go do that. Hope to see all of you at the Chapter events.

Dave



# The Social Corner

## SWEETHEART AUCTION Feb. 20 Tonasket Sr. Center

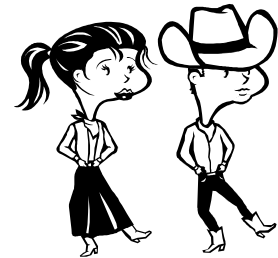
Its time again to scrap that New Year's resolution to trim down and shape up by fully participating in our annual Sweetheart Auction. Just like always, this is a potluck affair starting at 6pm. Please bring a main dish or side dish for the potluck and then your special dessert for the auction. After the auction, many of the desserts will be placed back on the table for all to share.

At the January general meeting, a sheet of paper was passed around requesting that folks list their favorite desserts. If you are wondering just what kind of dessert to donate to the auction, the favorite by far was pie, lemon coming in at number one. Apple, huckleberry, blueberry and coconut or banana cream were also favorites. And some of you are chocolate lovers so you wanted German chocolate cake, chocolate chip cookies, chocolate brownies with fudge frosting and Gail's frozen dessert that has chocolate on just about every layer. The genteel among you wanted cheese cake and so we get some fruits and veggies, the healthy types requested pumpkin bread and carrot cake. But don't limit yourself. All the desserts sell well and we love the variety.

Just as a reminder for all potlucks, please remember to bring your own place setting/ silverware and you potluck dish ready to serve including any needed serving utensils. Using our own dishes and utensils is necessary because we no longer use the Sr. Center dishwashers and the hand washing of their equipment we have done in the past does not meet the health requirements required of the Sr. Center' meal program. And with each taking care of their own clean-up, nobody has to be in the kitchen doing clean-up while the rest enjoy the party. The Chapter will be furnishing coffee, cups, and dessert plates.

## TACK CLEANING WITH FRIENDS

Feb. 2



The tack cleaning "social" will be held at the Tonasket Community Cultural Center from 10Am until 2pm on Feb. 2. Bring your gear, saddle stand if you need one, and anything you need to clean your tack and clean up any mess that you make, if you make one. When we are done, we can decide to either bring "no-host" pizza in from Tonasket Hometown Pizza, just around the corner, or go there and dine in style at their restaurant.

The Community Cultural Center is located on Western Avenue (one block West of the main street) and just North of Wells Fargo Bank. If you have any questions, call Peggy Swanberg @486-1107 or e-mail at [Davenpeg@qdimail.net](mailto:Davenpeg@qdimail.net).

# TRAIL BOSS REPORT

## KNOT TYING

About a dozen members stayed after the January business meeting to participate in the knot tying class presented by Trail Boss, Tom Windsor. Some of the terminology covered during the class included:

**Running end of the rope** (the working end that is used to tie the actual knot)

**Standing end of the rope** ( the opposite end of the rope which is static during the actual tying of the knot)

**Bight** (a loop in the rope by folding the rope back over itself)

Some of the knots tied during this instruction:

**Overhand knot** (used to back up or keep a tied knot from slipping once it is tied)

**Square knot** (remember-RIGHT OVER LEFT AND UNDER, LEFT OVER RIGHT AND UNDER- Used to tie the ends of a rope together or tie two ropes of the same or different size together; difficult or impossible to untie if a great amount of tension is applied to the knot)

**Figure eight knot** (the strongest of the knot family; used to complete a "figure eight follow through" for securing the end of a rope to an anchor of some type; relatively easy to untie even after high tension is applied to the knot)

**Figure eight on a bight knot** (the strongest of the knot family; used to attach the end of the rope to an anchor of some type; may be used to make loops in the high line for attaching halter rope)

**Bowline knot** (A non slipping knot that is easy to untie. Be careful of this knot as it can turn into a slip knot if it gets "turned over or inside out" during use. Used to secure a rope to an anchor of some type; may also be used to make any non-slipping loop in a rope)

**Dutchman knot** (Remember-three loops around the hand and pull each loop up through the other to make a non-slipping knot; good knot to use for making loops in your high line for tying halter rope to if you don't have a "knot eliminator" for the halter rope; difficult to untie if a great amount of tension is applied to the knot)

If you don't practice the knots frequently, you will forget how to tie them. Get a knot tying book and PRACTICE. There are many other knots available which may serve the same use as those listed above and that have application for use by horsemen.

Some of these include: **Timber hitch, Slip knot with half hitch for securing halter rope, Double fisherman for tying two ropes together or the ends of one rope together, Z pulley system for setting up high line** and others.

MORE KNOTS ANOTHER DAY

Tom Windsor, Trail Boss

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# Director's Report

BCHWS Special Meeting

January 19, 2008

Trygve H. Culp

Following Leadership Training, President Bob Gish called the previously scheduled Special Meeting to order at 2:30 PM. Roll call of the Chapters was taken; a quorum was present.

President Gish stated that the primary purpose of the meeting was to present, discuss and vote on adoption of new by-laws for the recently created 501c3 organization.

BCHWS Governance and By-Laws Committee Chairman, Teunis Wyers, led a discussion of the drafted by-laws. Several grammar and sentence construction corrections were suggested. Several Directors expressed the concern that election of President and Vice President by the Board of Directors may give the appearance of a "disconnect" with the membership. A discussion of the poor voter response in previous direct elections ensued. I raised the Okanogan Valley Chapter concern that it appeared that the draft by-laws gave the President unrestricted authority to appoint officers and committee chairs. It was pointed out that all officer appointments by the President required confirmation by the Board of Directors. There was consensus (I think) to continue the use of the current abbreviation "BCHW" for internal communications; "BCHWS" must be used for external and official communications until or unless the name is formally changed to Back Country Horsemen of Washington and that change is registered with the Secretary of State. A motion was made, seconded and passed without further discussion to approve the by-laws as changed. Interestingly, I thought, there were no votes against adoption of the by-laws.

I pointed out to the Board that adoption of the new by-laws left us without corporate officers. I went on to make a motion that the Board elect the incumbent President and Vice President (they were the only candidates standing for election under the old by-laws) and to ratify the existing appointments. The motion was seconded and passed; again, with no dissenting votes.

In response to a question regarding insurance coverage, President Gish briefed the Board on his continuing efforts to find an insurance carrier. He has been turned down by several firms and has received only one quote so far. The quote he received is about \$10,000 above the amount included for insurance in the 2008 budget. He has several more applications filed with other carriers and will continue to search for a less expensive policy.

In response to a question, Governance and By-Laws Committee Chairman, Teunis Wyers stated that there was no real urgency for the Chapters to revise their by-laws. He believes Chapters should hold off until his committee is able to complete a "template" of suggested language. *In view of Teunis' remarks, I think we do not need to take any action on our by-laws at this time.*

The business of the special meeting being concluded, a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 PM

Trygve Culp, Director, Okanogan Valley Chapter, Back Country Horsemen of Washington State.



**Janet Logan has volunteered to be our Chapter LNT Chair. Yeah Janet!!**

# PACKING/CAMPING CLINIC

## SATURDAY, 16 FEBRUARY

What: Packing/Camping clinic

Where: Community Cultural Center, Western Avenue in Tonasket

When: 16 February from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Instructors: Tom Windsor, Trygve Culp, Bob Crowell

All packing equipment and materials will be furnished by instructors. Bring your own equipment if you would like us to check it out for you. "Pack horses" will be furnished by instructors. We will cover the following in the clinic:

- Pack horse selection
- Types of pack saddles and pack pads
- Fitting pack pad and pack saddle to pack horse/mule
- Cinching of pack saddle to pack horse/mule
- Sling ropes
- Pigging string and break-away
- Barrel hitch
- Basket hitch
- Decker diamond hitch
- Top packs
- Hard panniers
- Soft panniers
- Mantied loads
- Load and weight distribution on pack horse/mule
- Safety while loading and on the trail
- Hands on practice preparing mantied loads
- Hands on practice in tying basket hitch, barrel hitch and decker diamond hitch

You can bring a lunch or order from the Home Town Pizza which is about 1 block from the Cultural Center. Contact Tom Windsor for additional information (826-4595)

## AUCTION INFORMATION

OVC will be sponsoring the Tack and Horse Auction on April 19, 2008 at the Okanogan Livestock Yard. We will be scheduling a Committee meeting in the near future to organize and assign Committee Chairs for the auction. Tom Windsor and Dave Sunde will be the Co-Chairs for the Auction. Don't hesitate to call them to volunteer to help in this important fundraiser.

## CALENDER

**2-2-08, SAT,**

TACK CLEANING, PIZZA PARTY

(SEE ARTICLE FOR DETAILS)

**2-17-08, MON.**

BOARD MEETING, 1pm, CULP HOME

**2-20-08, WED**

DESSERT AUCTION , POT-LUCK

(SEE ARTICLE FOR DETAILS)

Monthly Meetings are held on the 3rd

Wednesdays at the

Tonasket Senior Center

Social Hour 6:30

Meeting @ 7:00

# 2008 Annual Membership Gathering and Jubilee Celebration

March 21-23, 2008

## Motel/Lodging information

Two motels have agreed to offer special rates

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2. Best Western Lincoln Inn & Suites

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General Manager, Amy Mickelsen, 509-925-4244, [48154@hotel.bestwestern.com](mailto:48154@hotel.bestwestern.com)

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## **IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2008**

It is so helpful to our treasurer to have our dues in ASAP, besides no one wants to be treasurer so it would be so much easier on that person if you would be so kind and thoughtful to **pay your dues this month. Thank you.**

**February's newsletter will be the last one you will receive unless you**







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2008 JUBILEE CELEBRATION & ANNUAL MEETING    MARCH 22, 2008

## REGISTRATION FORM

This is our First JUBILEE and ANNUAL MEETING as a 501-c-3 Organization. There will never be another *First* Jubilee so you won't want to miss this one. Plan to attend to visit with old friends, make new friends and enjoy the fun and camaraderie. Have an enjoyable weekend that you will look back on with fond memories.

Reservations for accommodations and the dinner/dance are recommended. For your convenience, we are offering a discount for early bird reservations. Camping is available at the Kittitas Valley Event Center for the following rates:

### CAMPING

Early Bird, RV Camping, Full Service # of days            x \$15

Early Bird, RV Camping-Dry/Tent # of days            x \$11

RV Camping-Full Service-No Reserve # of days            x \$20

RV Camping-Dry /Tent-No Reserve # of days            x \$15

### DINNER & DANCE

The band is called STANDING ROOM ONLY

Early Bird Prime Rib and Chicken Combo Dinners #            x \$23

Early Bird Reservations Includes five Bucket Raffle Tickets

Prime Rib and Chicken Combo-No Reserve #            x \$27

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Marked for: 2008 Jubilee Registration





## MEET A MEMBER

I have been a member of BCH Tahoma chapter since 1998. I was born and raised in the Seattle area and had my own horse at age twelve. My Dad taught me how to ride. He made me ride that horse for three years bareback. Ha! No saddle, he said, until you learn how to ride. I had that horse for 10 years. I left the Seattle area in 1972 to pursue a career as a flight attendant with United Airlines. After a lot of travel and living in a lot of places, I settled in Ridgefield Conn. I lived there for 11 years and had horses once again. Returning to Washington in 1989 with three little girls (divorce) we married a wonderful man from Montana in 1995. Michael was born in Lewistown, Montana and was raised around the ranch life and horses. So we both shared the love. He moved to Redmond, Washington in 1988 and has worked in Alaska for the most part since 1973. They are Civil contractors and build ice roads and islands for the major oil companies as well as other major construction projects. We were married only three months and my youngest wanted a horse as well as Mom. We bought a Tennessee Walker, joined 4-H and then our herd of horses started to grow. Trail riding became the entire family's favorite. We now have four Walking Horses and one Gaited Mule (reduced from five Walking horses and two gaited Mules, old age and illness) and have enjoyed many years of trail riding with BCH and campouts. All of the kids are gone now, we bought an LQ and try to go as much as possible. I enjoy a lot of "Cowgirls Only" rides as well. Last year I attended the Methow Valley Spring ride at Pipe Stone Canyon. Our entire club was there. I can not tell you how wonderful the people were and what an outstanding job you did as the sponsors. Wow! The ride was amazing and I had such a great time as well as the club. In fact it is once again on our BCH Tahoma calendar. So while visiting everyone last spring, I just had to join your chapters and I did. I took my husband back last May to show him the area. He loved it as well. Michael works in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska so he does miss a lot of rides, but he will be there this year. We have 20 acres in Winthrop we bought two years ago, and we are plugging away on that project with hopes for a cabin and barn in the near future. We live in Kent, Washington but will be moving to Ellensburg in the spring. Closer to the Methow but away from the crowded King County. I am a full-time Barn Goddess now (retired) and I enjoy camping with the Cowgirls and all of the riding with the Clubs. We look forward to seeing all of you at the Spring Ride in April. Mike and Darlene Brady

## MEMBERSHIP DUES, NEWSLETTER AND YEAR- BOOK



If you haven't paid your dues, this is the last newsletter you will be receiving from OVBCHWS. As of this writing, there were only 5-6 of you that have not renewed so to the rest of you, thanks for renewing early. It makes the job of the volunteer treasurer so much easier when you are timely.

If you have renewed, you should have also received your 2008 Yearbook. Please read through it or at least familiarize yourself with the contents. It might save you considerable embarrassment when you have to call for the time, dates, locations and specifics about our functions, only to be told the information is in the Yearbook for your easy reference.

If you have not received your Yearbook, please contact Linda Parker, 486-4719 or [park@ncidata.com](mailto:park@ncidata.com). It would be helpful if you would check your personal information and notify Peggy Swanberg, 486-1107, [davenport@qdimail.net](mailto:davenport@qdimail.net) if there is an error or if you change your address, phone, etc. It is your responsibility to keep that information up to date. We have no way of knowing that you are not receiving the e-mail notifications, newsletter, or *Trailhead* News if you don't keep your contact information current with us.



# Meeting Minutes

Okanogan Valley BCH Business Meeting

January 16, 2008

Dave Swanberg. called the meeting to order at 7:00 with 19 members present. Introductions were made all around because of so many new members. The Secretary minutes for the Nov.07 meeting were motioned, seconded and passed (MSP) with no changes. Treasurer's Report given by Linda P. We are solvent

**Director's report :** Trygve itemized main points. 1. BCHW has been dropped from the insurance co. More information to be gathered at the BCH Leadership meeting in Cle Elum. 2. Our Horse Auction fundraiser will be effected by the new BCHW status as a 501-c 3. 30% of our revenues must be charitable contributions. Trygve will get more information at the leadership meeting. 3. A wolf management meeting will be held in Colville on Sat. 1-16-08 and will be attended by Tom W. and Jerry B.

**Public Lands report:** Tom W. discussed use of pack animals on forest service lands and issues of consolidation and forming a committee to address future issues. We will get an update of trailhead closures from Mark Morris on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Chain saw certification sign-ups available. Trygve will teach the class. Projects for this year are Sweat Creek with the help from Ferry Co chapter. March 25: Upper Fish lake trail, April 1-2: Bannon Mt. Sweat Creek again May 17-18 and Antoine/Cabin trail May 23-24.and June 3-4.

**Volunteer Hours report:** Peggy S. will check in at the Leadership meeting for any changes this year. Trygve asked to turn in old patches for a patch with more hours. Tom Windsor received the Lopper Award for 2007. Photo present to Tom to commemorate the event.

**Old Business:** 2008 Yearbooks are available to paid members. Calendars still available for this year. The BCHW Jubilee held in Ellensburg, will be a fundraising event for the State. It will be on March 21-22. There is be dinner tables to bid on ,venders auctions and an Easter Sunday service for the event. Our chapter is asking for donation for the bucket auction. Eden Valley Ranch has donated a weekend stay, a silver belt buckle specially designed by Montana Silversmiths. Leadership meeting is Jan. 16 in Cle-Elum : Sessions will include land management, publicity, officer training, and director's meeting. By-laws will be reviewed and discussion and changes will be discussed. Trygve will report at next meeting. Membership discussed direct vs. indirect election of officers at the BCHW level.

**New Business: No-Host dinner at the Breadline** in Omak, Jan.-24 6:00. Please call Myrna Hughes at 826-2468 to confirm reservations. Our chapter by-laws need to be redone to reflect any needed changes with our new BCHW status. Motion was made by Trygve to write new by-laws, seconded by Dave Su. And approved. Committee will be Trygve, Sandra W., Peggy S.

**Tack Cleaning, Feb.2** At the Cultural Community Center in Tonasket . Please contact Peggy S. for time and Pizza requests. Bring your own cleaning supplies.

**Packing Clinic, Feb. 16** At the Community Cultural Center from 9:00-3:00. **Chain-saw Certification, March 8** . Time is 8:00-12:00 in the Forest Service Room Tonasket. This is indoors , video presentation.

**LNT Training: March 1, CANCELED** To be rescheduled. **LNT Train the Trainer** - May 15-18 in Cle Elum. **Sweetheart Auction-** Feb 20 at 6:00. Potluck dinner with desert auction after. **Bring a special desert for this event.**

**Good of the Order:** A special thanks goes to **Kathy Stafford for the beautiful Quilt** she has donated for our raffle. Lu Young announced two horses for sale . Contact her for pictures and more information. MSP to adjourn the meeting at 8:10. **Know Your Knots by Tom Windsor followed.**

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