



OKANOGAN VALLEY CHAPTER NEWSLETTER
November 2009

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As I write this article, my thoughts go back to our last business meeting. We had a very small attendance, lowest of the year. Why was that? Was it because we are looking for nominees for 2010 officer positions? I hope not, a person can only be nominated if they agree to run for that position.

We do have a qualified group of people that have agreed to be nominated and who will be voted in at next month's meeting. However, there are a couple of appointed positions that need to be filled. They are Social Activities Director, Sunshine person (new position), Newsletter Editor, and Publicity Director. If you might be interested in one or more of these positions, please contact either Gail Sunde or myself.

It's that time of the year again when we all need to renew our BCHW and Chapter memberships. We expect to receive the 2010 forms within the next week or so, but you can use the 2009 forms if you want to renew now. The dollar amounts remain the same as in 2009. I hope everyone will renew by the 1st of January in order to reduce the amount of work required by the Treasurer for membership renewals.

Looking ahead, be sure to mark your calendar for our annual Christmas party on Saturday 12-12, @ 6:00PM. This year it will be held at the Tonasket Sr. Ctr. There will be our usual potluck, gift exchange, and short of the river rising and snow drifting, maybe some musical entertainment. There will be more detailed information in the next newsletter.

Till then, Happy Trails,

Dave

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OVC Annual Public Raffle-2009

OVC is holding their Annual Public Raffle for 2009, with the drawing to take place in Tonasket on Friday Dec. 4th during the Tonasket Christmas Festival.

This is a SUPER RAFFLE, only 200 tickets will be available at \$20.00 each, there will be 5 great prizes awarded to some lucky people, they are:

1. First Prize- 1/2 of a Natural Beef, Provided by Oberg Bros, in Tonasket.
2. Second Prize-RCA 32" Flat Screen TV-Provided by Ladoux's Appliance in Omak, Wa.
3. Third Prize- Gas BBQ
4. Fourth Prize- Weekend Retreat for 2 people @ Sun Mountain Resort, in Twisp, Wa.
5. Fifth Prize- Wash. State Gift Basket- Provided by Okanogan Valley Chapter of Back Country Horsemen.

OVC ANNUAL BCH Member Raffle-2010 thru March 2010

OVC is holding their Annual BCH Member Raffle for 2010, with the drawing to take place @ the BCHW Annual Meeting @ the KVEC in Ellensburg on March 20th at 4:00PM.

This is another SUPER raffle for the Back Country Horsemen members who are looking for some new Tack or great prizes. There are only 200 tickets available at \$20.00 each, there will be 5 great prizes awarded to some lucky BCH members, they are;

1. A new Custom made Western Saddle, Provided by Tom Deebach in Tonasket. Wait, there's more. If you are the lucky person to have the winning ticket and the saddle does not fit your horse / mule or you, Tom will take back the saddle and make another saddle of equal quality for you that fits @ no additional cost to you .(It will take approx. 3 months to make another saddle)
2. A getaway weekend for 2 people, with or without horses.- Provided by Eden Valley Guest Ranch in Oroville, Wa.
3. Custom Head Stall w/ Bit and Reins and matching Pulling Breast Collar. – Provided by Tom Deebach
4. 18" wide Stain Glass Window Panel of an Indian Chief. Provided by Peggy Swanberg, Tonasket.
5. 2 Saddle blankets and one Highline Kit. Provided by Janet & Trygve Culp

2009 Officers

President: Dave Swanberg **Vice President:** Gail Sunde **Director:** Tryg Culp **Alt Director:** Frank Osborne
Secretary: Dawn Crowell **Treasurer:** Cathy Kvistad **Legislative Chair:** Dave Sunde
Education Chair: Janet Logan **Trail Boss:** Tom Windsor **Asst Trail Boss:** Bob Crowell
Volunteer Hours: Peggy Swanberg **Newsletter Editor:** Susan Beck **Historian:** Sandra Walters

LADY'S RIDES ~ 2010

If you recall from my last month's article, I will not be doing all of the lady's rides in 2010. I will do one, probably to upper Whistler Canyon and I will do the lady's camp out provided I get previously promised assistance. The rest will be up to you.

If you enjoyed the lady's rides, please consider hosting one. Although we normally did them mid-week, that does not have to be the case if your only available time happens on weekends or holidays.

The only requirements to host a ride would be to choose your favorite place to ride or any other that you are familiar with, assure that the trail is clear, write a pre-ride article for the newsletter and a post ride article afterwards.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a list of suggested new riding areas. If any of those meet your favor that would be Ok, just let me know. Otherwise feel free to come up with options.

Regarding the list of new areas, this was compiled by several of us that met in order to provide some suggestions for new places to ride. Not all are appropriate and because we are not a riding club, not many can be incorporated in any given year. Our trail boss and alternate trail boss have additional priority responsibilities besides shepherding us around at our pleasure. Please look at the list and if there is a place on the list that you are familiar with, or any other place you might know, consider hosting a ride for the general membership. The requirements for hosting the general membership are about the same as for the lady's rides.

Volunteering to host a ride is one way to help what is becoming a very small group of volunteers willing to do our Chapter's work. Your efforts will be appreciated and any time to put in will be considered volunteer hours including the use of your stock.

If you are willing to host either a lady's ride or a ride for the general membership, please let me know no later than November 23. Or you can bring your ideas to the event scheduling meeting on that day. For further information or to make a commitment, please email me at davenport@gdmail.net. Or call 486-1107.

Peggy Swanberg

NOVEMBER NO HOST DINNER The NO Host Dinner at Lucky D's has been changed to Friday, November 6th at 6 PM. Dessert will be apple pie, chocolate cream pie, berry pie and vanilla ice cream.

RSVP Gail Sunde 486-1547/Kathy Kvistad 826-1421



2010 BCHW Calendars are here

We have a limited supply of calendars so be sure to get yours early. You can pick them up from either Trygve Culp or Dave Swanberg. The cost is \$10 each.

GOOD IDEAS NEEDED!

The Board has scheduled a meeting on Monday, November 23, 2009 starting @ 1:00 PM at Dave and Gail Sunde's. We will discuss and finalize the 2010 Event Calendar (Blue Book.) All members interested in providing input are welcome to attend. In past years this meeting lasted approx. 3 to 4 hours. If you are unable to attend the meeting but have some suggestions for activities for next year, please let Tom Windsor or Bob Crowell know so your ideas can be considered.

After the Event Calendar has been decided, we will review, discuss and prepare the 2010 Chapter budget. The final budget will be submitted to the membership for their approval at the January Business Meeting. Again, all members are welcome to attend in this very important aspect of Chapter activities.

This is your Chapter and we need your input.

New Trails and Other Considerations for 2010

The following is a list of possibilities for new ideas for 2010

1. Fir Mountain Trail (Sweat Creek Area)
2. Horseshoe Basin from Irongate for a day ride
3. Windy Peak from Middle Fork (Rd 343 to 342) Needs to be cleared
4. Trip around Bonaparte Mountain (Strawberry Mountain area)
5. Honeymoon Pass to Browns Meadow
6. Clarks Ridge
7. Angel Pass Trail
8. Bear Mountain (North Loup Loup)
9. Buck Mountain Trails (First Creek loup-west Chewuch Rd., Cub Creek in the Winthrop area)
10. Chesaw (Same as Johnny Thorp ride)
11. Tunk Valley Barnnell Bailey area
12. Woodpile area—North Fish Lake
13. Twisp River Trail 4440 (along the river)
14. Louis Lake Twisp river horse camp
15. South Creek Trail (TRHC)
16. Chewuch Trail to Rimmel Lake
17. Wolf Creek trail to Gardner Meadows
18. Shared ride with Tri Valley BCH—Pateros area

Other options and considerations:

Create trail ride for a fun poker ride(encourage membersip)

Gun Class (multiple gun use and practice)



Please contact Tom or Bob with your ideas!!!



November 2009

Calendar of Events

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3		5	6 No Host Dinner @ Lucky D's	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Board Meeting 7:00 @ Becks	17	18 General Business Mtg @ Tonasket Sr. Center	19	20	21
22	23 Event Calendar Meeting	24	25		27	28
29	30					

**November Board Meeting: At the home of the Becks' on the 16th at 7:00pm
General Business Meeting on the 21st! Social hour at 6:00 Meeting at 7:00**

Director's Report

I'm thinking our Indian summer may have at last come to an end here in the Highlands. During the last 2 weeks we've had our first snowfall; we've received more precipitation than during any other 2-week period this year; the horses are getting a quart of cob morning and evening; I've awakened to frost on the pickup windshield several days in a row; and I've already burned a half rack of firewood. Winter cannot be too far around the corner. I read in the paper that the big boys are predicting an 'el Nino winter – I believe that is supposed to mean less snowfall and warmer temperatures. My Dad used to tell my brothers and I that only fools and old guys predicted the weather and since I do not count myself among either of those groups just yet, I'll just have to hope I'm ready for what ever comes our way. My only hope for the winter is that Dave and Peggy Swanberg will be able to get in and out of their driveway (without driving hell-bent for leather out across their pastures) for the Chapter Christmas party this year.

But wait – I'm getting way ahead of myself here... First things first: On the BCHW front, the annual Public Land Managers Meeting will be Friday, December 4th at the Kittitas Valley Events Center in Ellensburg – of course members are invited. This year, two "roundtable" discussions are planned: The first will involve the new R6 U.S. Forest Service Regional Forester, Mary Wagner, the Washington State Parks Director, Rex Derr, and the Washington Commissioner of Public Lands, Peter Goldmark, (or their representatives) discussing the status of equestrian recreation within their respective agencies during tough economic times.

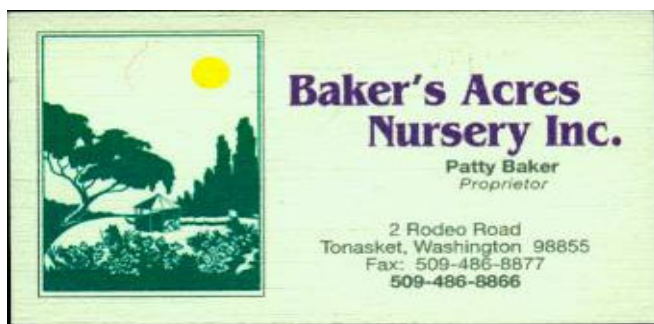
The second will involve the Directors of Trail Operations from both the Pacific Crest and Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trails, Mike Dawson and Jon Knechtel, respectively, discussing the status of their trails in Washington. Lastly, we will hear from the various Ranger District Trails Coordinators from around the State. The event will be held in the Teanaway Building – the same place where we've held the BCHW Annual General Meeting the last 2 years. There is plenty of room for visitors and guests. A catered luncheon will be furnished – I don't know what the cost for lunch will be, but I suspect it would be less than \$15 per person. I encourage you to attend this deal if you can – it should be very informative.

The 4th Quarter Board of Directors meeting will occur the next day, Saturday, December 5th. The Board will elect a new President, Vice President and BCHA Director for the next 2 years. Although as your Director, I am the only member of the Chapter who gets a vote, the election is open to any member of BCHW in good standing, that is, who has paid his or her dues, and who has a desire to serve. If that sounds like you or something you may be interested in doing, please let me know as soon as possible so we can get your nomination process rolling.

We will also be approving the 2010 BCHW budget – I will share the draft budget with anybody who is interested. We will also be discussing whether or not we should renew our lobbyists contract, whether or not to continue or change our insurance coverage and whether or not to approve the negotiated changes made to the Trail Head News contract. Right now my intentions are to vote to eliminate the lobbyist contract as it is currently written, leave the insurance coverage with our current carrier without making any policy changes, and finally, vote to approve the renegotiated contract with Washington Media Services for Trail Head News. I'm sure there will be a myriad of other stuff to deal with so it should be an interesting meeting. I'd encourage you to come on down and see what your Board is and does.



Enough rambling for this month. Until next time, Happy Trails.



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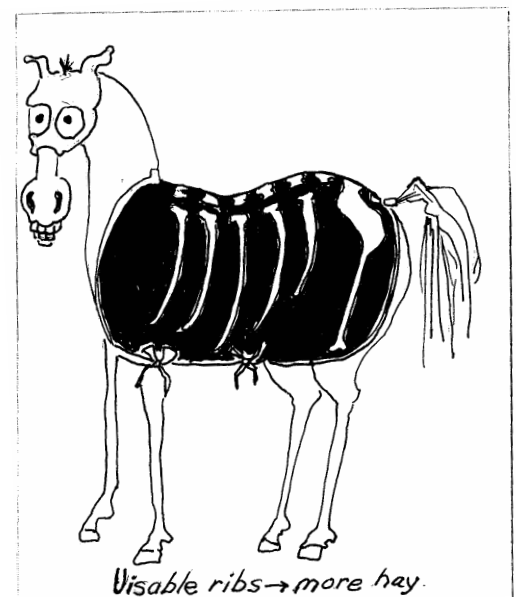
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2009 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail to: Okanogan Valley Chapter
P.O. Box 812
Tonasket, Wa. 98855



To renew your membership with BCHW:

- Make changes to your info below if necessary. Mark changes by hand or use colored text for electronic changes.
- Sign the liability release (all members over 18)
- Attach payment (make checks out to your chapter)
- Turn application and payment in to your Chapter Treasurer

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): 7 County: OKANOGAN

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 Name (or Independent):

Okanogan Valley

Chapter Dues

As of Jan. 1, 2008, Chapter Dues are \$10 _____

Additional Chapter Donation \$ _____

Subtotal B \$ _____

Grand Total (A+B) \$ _____

ALL ADULT members MUST sign!

Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident where ever 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.

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