



OKANOGAN VALLEY CHAPTER NEWSLETTER  
September 2009

## From the President's Chair

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WOW!! It seems like it was the 1<sup>st</sup> of Aug. only one week ago, but here it is almost the 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept. Hopefully August will take that hot weather with it when it leaves.

It seems the hot weather really stops the activity; at least it does around here. And with Peggy gone for two of the weeks, well it's my vacation too. Doing the chores single handed and just enough other stuff to keep Peg happy when she returns are about all I have accomplished. I guess the rest of you have been busy with your family reunions, clinics, pack trips, moving, building and such. It's nice to see the rest of you keeping out of trouble.

As I mentioned in last months article, we will be holding 2 fundraising raffles this year. The tickets are now printed and are ready to be picked up so you can sell to your friends, relatives, strangers and anybody else that might be interested. All you have to do is call Dave Sunde @ 486-1547 or e mail [dsunde@starband.net](mailto:dsunde@starband.net) and let him know how many you want. Arrangements can be made to get the tickets to you.

We now have the custom saddle and the head stall with matching "pulling breast collar in hand and I will bring them to the next meeting for everyone to see. If you cannot make it to the meeting, we will have the saddle on display in Tom Deebach's booth at the County Fair in the Agri Plex building. Hopefully we will be able to sell many tickets then.

This is about all I have to report this month so until next time, ride safe and enjoy the outdoors.

Dave



## 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. 4<sup>th</sup> 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- ½ 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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,

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**TRAIL BOSS REPORT**  
**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2009**

August/September 09

Here it is the 24<sup>th</sup> of August. Where has the summer gone? Bob Crowell and Tom Windsor spent a day clearing the Shatter Rock Trail in the Barnell Meadow area on 7 August. We had a chapter ride there on 8 August with 8 members and 1 non member participating. A potluck BBQ was held at the trailhead in Barnell Meadows after the ride.

All riders enjoyed the ride and Bob and I plan to do some additional work on the trail next year to make a little longer loop ride in the area. This area is also accessible from the Aeneas Spring hunter camp which now has a new pit toilet facility.

On Wednesday 2 September there will be a ladies ride on the upper Whistler Canyon Trail. Contact Peggy Swanberg for additional information. Also on Wednesday 2 September we will meet with the DNR to conduct a reconnaissance of the proposed re-route on the Johnny Bell Trail in the Loomis Forest. The re-route of this trail will make the route accessible from Disappointment Trailhead north to Cold Spring Camp and then west to the Nine Mile road on the Snowshoe Meadow Trail and back to the trailhead; A distance of about 9 miles.

On 18 August Ken Breuel and Tom Windsor made a day ride into Cooney Lake from the Foggy Dew Trailhead. This is a very scenic location and the trail is good except for three bridges along the route. These bridges are in bad need of repair or replacement and I have so notified the Methow Valley Ranger District.

Tom Windsor, Ken Breuel and Ken Orford made a 4 day pack trip into Boiling Lake in the Sawtooth Backcountry from 20-23 August. It was a great trip with excellent weather during the day and very cool (frost on the grass and ice on our water bucket) at night. Tom Windsor, Lynn Kennedy and Sandra Walters will make a 4 day pack trip into Cooney Lake 25-28 August. There is an abundance of trout in this lake and I'm looking forward to a meal of fried fish.

The Chiliwist ride is scheduled for Saturday 26 September. More information will be forthcoming on this ride. For additional information contact Nora Rappe 422-0244.

Tom Windsor  
Trail Boss 826-4595



## **LADY'S RIDE ~ SEPTEMBER 2**

### **UPPER WHISTLER CANYON**

This is the last lady's ride of the year. Directions to Upper Whistler Canyon are in the Blue Book. Arrive at 9, and be ready to ride by 10. We will ride out the 100 Road to the top of the canyon and admire the views of the valley below. Probably eat lunch there and if everybody is agreeable, continue down the 100 Road until we feel like turning around and riding back. If you have any questions, call Peggy Swanberg, 509-486-1107 or email [davenpeg@gdimail.net](mailto:davenpeg@gdimail.net)



### **Lady's Ride ~ July 30th at Middle Fork**

If you remember from last month's newsletter, we changed the rules on this a little bit and attempted a mock "camp/pack-in" with only a saddle horse, and no pack animal. Teresa Naylor, Sandra Walters and me, Peggy, gave it a good try but the weather thwarted our efforts.

It was a nice drive up to Middle Fork and an interesting "drop" from the top down into the camp area. Not to worry, the whole thing is like an amusement park ride, big drop and a huge water feature at the bottom to slow you down. After deciding where we would set up camp and a very brief exploration into the 3 sided privy, we saddled up and rode to the Irongate trailhead, from there we turned around and headed back, stopping at a creek crossing for lunch. After some log rolling, we were able to cross the creek and head up Windy Peak trail only to come to a rotted bridge and a water crossing too boggy to make our way around. With this, we decided to ride back to the camp site, set things up, give the horses a rest and then ride again in the late afternoon.

After unsaddling, we set up highlines, tents, and were feeling pretty darn good when the sky opened up. With no time to grab rain coats, we got drenched just getting our gear out of the rain. We sat at the end of my trailer like three wet hens and waited for it to let up, which it did, but everything around was soaked or in puddles. Teresa got out her one burner stove and made hot water for drinks, I was able to get a fire started and we were thinking about eating our Mountain Home dehydrated dinner when the sky belched again. This time the lightning was the kind that heads right toward the ground was way to close for comfort. The "Chickens" headed back to roost on the bumper of my trailer..... I am no fan of lightning and had earlier reserved the right to call "uncle" if the weather turned bad and in my opinion, it had done just that. We dashed out, pulled up stakes and tossed wet tents into the back of the truck, loaded the horses, took down the highlines and headed for home, which appeared to bright and sunny. But the rain followed us down the hill, so the weather was not much better by the time we got back to Tonasket.

It was a disappointment to get rained out. Each of us had procured some little piece of equipment for the trip and we had planned on trying things out and deciding what worked and what didn't and just how much some of the gear weighed. Well, maybe next time, maybe next year. I would say this trip wetted our appetite, not whetted so maybe by next year we will be ready to try something similar again.



# September 2009

## Calendar of Events

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

		1	2 Upper Whistler Canyon Ladies Ride	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Okanogan Cty Fair	11 Okanogan Cty Fair	12 Okanogan Cty Fair BCHW Bd of Dir
13 Okanogan Cty Fair	14 Board Meeting	15	16 General Meeting	17	18	19 No Host Dinner at Oroville Pizza RSVO G. Sunde at 486-1547
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Chiliwist Ride @ Nora Rappe's
27	28	29	30			

**September Board Meeting: At the home of the Beck's on the 14th at 7:00pm  
General Business Meeting on the 16th! Social hour at 6:00 Meeting at 7:00**

Bannon Mountain Trail Head sign constructed during the Bannon Mountain Work Party



New water trough at Bannon Mountain



## **FUN WORK PARTY AT BANNON MOUNTAIN**

Aug. 4, 2009

The Bannon Mtn. Trailhead Project is now complete. Okanogan Valley Chapter members, Tom Windsor, Trygve Culp, Sandra Walters, Peg and Dave Swanberg, and Gunnar Culp completed all of the scheduled 2009 work on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The Pacific Northwest Trail crew assisted the volunteers and their hard work was very much appreciated by all.

The scheduled work consisted of assembling 2 picnic tables, installing 2 fire rings, 2 sets of high line poles, and 3 hitch rails. In addition, a new stock watering tank was installed near the trailhead and the trail from the campground to the new tank was cleaned. The repairing of the fencing and installation of a new gate at the tank will allow for easier watering of stock. The volunteers also replaced one of the trail signs that had been destroyed this past year.

The final task was to install a very large, directional signboard identifying the entire trail system on the Bannon Mtn. block. Included on the signboard, along with showing the trails, is a legend showing trail numbers and mileage.

New gate at Bannon Mountain Trail Head



Bannon Mountain Work Party  
Tom Peggy Dave Gunnar Tryg



### The 4-H Needs a Few Good Volunteers!!


The Tonasket Range Rider 4-H Group is holding a Trail Challenge Competition Ride on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> for the 4-H members only . The event will be held at Rod Stucker's ranch at 1299 Hwy.7 in Oroville.

Marcie Howell is the event coordinator and is looking for some adult volunteers to judge the riders as they ride through the course. The registration will start @ 8:00AM and the rides will commence at 9:00AM. They are planning on having 6 or 7 obstacles and will need a judge at each location.

Marcie thinks the competition will take approx. 2 hours and she has asked me to see if anyone from our Chapter would be interested in being a judge at one of the stations. If you are interested in assisting their 4-H group, please give Marcie a call at 322-2477. Marcie would like to know how many she could count on from our group within the next 30 days. This could be a chance for you to do some FUN stuff volunteer hour work.

This would be a good event in which our Chapter could participate. We could get some first hand experience in what is required to put on a trail challenge ride should we decide to try to do something like this in the future.

Dave




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# Directors Report

August 2009

Please bear with me - I'm trying a new dictation program on my PC. The program may be a little smarter than I am! It's pretty neat, as I talk, the print appears on the monitor in an open Microsoft Word document. Great for guys who went to Twisp High School and took shop instead of typing. Pretty cool...

It seems like summer is maybe starting to wind down here in the Highlands. Nights have cooled down and there seems to be a bit of humidity recovery each night. Most of the native grass including the basin big ryegrass is starting to turn brown. I notice that the choke cherry bushes in Reh-mke Creek are beginning to lose their leaves and that the aspen trees have begun to turn yellow. Hunting season must be just around the corner! My winter hay supply is in the barn and I am beginning to think seriously about getting the rest of my firewood. If anyone knows a good chimney sweep please let me know his or her name.

There has not been a whole lot of activity at the BCHW state level over the summer months. I suppose most folks are out riding the trails or camping or otherwise vacationing. The next Board of Directors meeting will be September 12, 2009. The board will be considering the Okanogan Valley Chapter resolution concerning membership structure and dues. You will recall that we have proposed creation of a single supporting membership category as well as a new lifetime membership category. Our resolution also contains provisions for corporate sponsor membership categories and payment of dues online. If you have any input for me on this topic or any other matter that you believe the board should consider, please let me know as soon as possible.

I hope that you've gotten to do all of the riding you had planned this summer. Although I missed most of the chapter rides, it seems like my butt has been in the saddle for a lot of miles this month. Dave Sunde and I fulfilled our benefit auction commitment to the Tonasket Community Cultural Center earlier this month. We packed 350 pounds of camping equipment, food and wine into Apex Pass above Tungsten Mine in the Pasayten Wilderness for a local group of hikers. Dave's granddaughter, Celeste, and my grandson, Gunnar, accompanied us on the trip. Each of them led a packhorse – they were great help. We went in on the Chewuch Trail from the Thirty-mile trailhead and then up the Tungsten Creek trail from Hangman Flats. The first 2 miles of the Tungsten Creek trail had been recently repaired by a PNTA trail crew; however, the last 2 miles below the mine have to be among the worst sections of trail I have ridden on in the last 15 years. On our return trip to retrieve the camping equipment and other gear, we encountered several members of the hiking group at Hangman Flats; they reported that their camp in Apex Pass had received six or 7 inches of snow a couple of nights earlier. Although the snow had all melted by the time Dave and I arrived in the pass, all of their gear was thoroughly saturated. I believe we ended up packing out more weight than we had packed in. We camped that night in the superintendent's cabin at Tungsten Mine. I am happy to report that we encountered no mice or rats. The buildings look to be in good condition; however, the corrals have been dismantled and removed and the water pipe has been disconnected and removed. It looked to us as though a lot of horsemen had camped at the mine this summer – there was very little feed in the immediate vicinity. If you go in there, you may want to take packer pellets with you to supplement the meager graze.

Well, I guess that's about it for this month. I hope you're able to hit the trails this fall.

Trygve



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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): \_\_\_\_\_

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Legislative district (if known): 7 County: OKANOGAN

**Basic Membership**

- Single \$36.00
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- Contributing \$65.00
- Sustaining \$100.00
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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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