



OKANOGAN COUNTY BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMAN OF WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER MAY 2010 ISSUE

**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S
DESK
BY
DAVE SWANBERG**

It just goes to show you how much I know. Last month's article I stated that we should be able to accomplish some early trail clearing due to the warm winter months. **WRONG!!!** We could not finish cleaning the Bannan Mtn. Trail system and had to abandon trying to clear the Whistler Canyon trail from the upper end because there was still too much snow in the higher elevations.

We were still able to do a lot of trail cleanup and had several great trail rides this past month. We have no Chapter rides scheduled this month, only the N. Central WA. Basic LNT Clinic. It scheduled for the middle of the month if sufficient number of BCHW and OVC members sign up to attend. I'm sure there will be some impromptu rides organized during the month and we will try to notify you via e-mail. You can always call our new Trail Boss, Bob Crowell for any current ride or trail clearing information. If you have a favorite place to ride, take the lead, pick a date and let Bob Crowell or myself know of time and location and I'm sure there will be other members willing to tag along.

The annual National Trails Day is scheduled for the **First weekend in June**. We will be working on 2 trail systems that weekend. They are Sweat Creek/Clackamas Mtn./Maple Mtn. trails and we will be working in conjunction with the Ferry Co. Chapter members. The second trail system is the Bonaparte 4th of July trails. Both projects will require a lot of clearing, so if you are looking for something to do on that weekend, we would love to have your help. **ACTUALLY** we need your help so come on out and join in to support the reason BCHW exists.

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We are currently underway in preliminary planning and scheduling of next years BCHW annual event. We want to expand the week-end by having clinicians doing demonstrations as well as offering private instructions for a fee. BLM is considering having several yearling mustangs for colt starting and auction. Jeff LaBreck is working on getting more vendors signed to attend and we anticipate offering a full , three day event. If you have a vendor you think might be interested, a favorite clinician, demonstration or an educational venue you would like to see included, call or e-mail me and I will get that information to the proper chairperson.

That's all the news for now, **Happy Trails , Bob**

LNT CLINIC—Due to lack of interest the Basic LNT Clinic scheduled for May 14, 15 & 16 at the Blue Lake campground in the Sinlahekin Valley is cancelled. The Good News is we will still hold a 3 day event at the Blue Lake Campground. The plan is to have a fun weekend by having trail rides, practice packing and camping procedures for those who are interested, have a BBQ dinner on Fri. and Sat. evening, socializing with our new and old friends.

More details to follow in a few days. Dave Swanberg

3RD Annual Lady's Camp-Out

This is just a little “pre-notice” Notice. The campout is still June 25-27 at S. Loup-Loup and it is going to be just as much fun as last year. But the reason for the early reminder is to find out if those who plan to attend have a preference for meals.

We have some talented ladies that have offered to be in charge of food. Saturday night meal for a start, But what would you like to do?? We can do just plain Potluck, Potluck with a specific theme, a meal prepared for you that you would purchase ahead of time, or if a caterer could be found, maybe a fully catered meal that could be purchased, or maybe you have an even better idea. If so, let's hear it.

If you think you might be attending and have an idea about what you would like to do for meals, please let me know. You can e-mail me at **davenpeg@gdimail.net** , or just call at **486-1107**.

The sooner you can decide what you might like to do, the better the food committee is going to be able to plan, so I hope to hear from some of you soon. Thanks,

Peggy Swanberg

COMING

Sat. May 1-2 Lyman Lake Camping/Packing Clinic

Tom Windsor 826-4595

Fri. 7-9 49er Days, Winthrop

Fri 14-16 N. Central WA. Basic LNT Training

Mon. 17- Chapter Officer's Board Meeting 7:MP T&J

Culp

Wed. 17-Monthly Business Meeting, 7: PM Tonasket SR

CNTR

Sat. 22-Chain Saw Certification, Lambert Creek



WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

Kurt and Julie Hensley

Kurt and Julie Hensley live off the Wakefield/Monse Rd
About halfway between Brewster and Okanogan.

They have 10 Acres, horses and dogs. She walks with her
dogs, rain or shine every day.

Julie is an experienced horse person, probably been in the
saddle or bareback since she was able to get on a horse.

She makes beautiful Braided Bridles and Leads.

Kurt is a Truck driver for Food Service of America .

He loves to ride, and his real pleasure is when he is home
and they can ride together.

Happy Trails to both of them, We are proud to have them
as members.

Watch for additional new members as in the coming months

Director's Report

Trygve Culp

Its been a while since I've written a report for the Newsletter – a lot has happened since my last report so I'll try to bring you up to speed on what is happening at the State level.

At the last BCHW Board of Directors meeting – held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting and Leadership Training in March – a number of action items were decided:

- 1 The Board approved the BCHW Executive Committee's decision to support Washington Department of Natural Resources request to the Legislature for authorization to assess "reasonable" fees for use of WDNR recreation facilities. *Note: At the time this is being written, WDNR has not established nor imposed fees for use of recreation facilities.*
- 2 The Board approved a Gambling Income Tax policy – effective in 2010, individual chapters whose fund raising activities include any gambling as defined by IRS rules will be responsible for the payment of any corporate income tax associated with that gambling income. *Note: OVC does not have to pay any federal income tax on our raffle earnings from 2009, but may have to pay taxes on our 2010 raffle income.*
- 3 The Board unanimously approved a motion to award Carol Wilcox, the widow of Ken Wilcox, the "founding father" of BCHW, Lifetime Membership Number 1. Funds to pay for the membership were collected by donation from the Board.
- 4 The Board voted to revoke the Chapter Charter of the West Sound Chapter. West Sound has been defunct for the past 18 months.
- 5 The Board approved the date for the 2011 Annual General Meeting. The event will be conducted at the Kittitas Valley Events Center in Ellensburg March 18, 19 and 20, 2011. OVC will Chair the event – a special thanks to OVC President Dave Swanberg for stepping up. There was discussion as to what the event should be named. Personally, I favor a return to calling the event the "BCHW Rendezvous"; however, there seems to be a lingering fear that use of that name could still somehow embroil the organization in the lawsuit threatened following the last Rendezvous held in Yakima in 2007. Stay tuned.
- 6 Jeanne Koester, Grant Committee Chair, reported that BCHW's Recreation Trail Grant for 2010 and 2011 had been approved and funded by the State Recreation Conservation Office. The grant includes funds for reconstruction of the first half mile of the Whistler Canyon trail above the new trailhead among other projects.
- 7 Traci Koch, Volunteer Hours Chair, briefed the Board on her committee and the procedures to be followed for reporting volunteer hours in 2010. *Note: Peggy Swanberg is on the VH Committee as the regional representative for northeastern Washington.*
- 8 Doc Wesselius, BCHW Safety Officer, passed out copies of the new BCHW DVD, Be Considerate of Others for each Chapter. *Note: I have not had the opportunity to view the DVD, but will do so and schedule a showing for sometime next winter.*
- 9 Bob Brooke, Legislative Chair and Parliamentarian, explained to the Board that Standing Rules are procedural requirements that can be amended, modified, or deleted by majority vote of the Board of Directors. Bylaws are the governing rules under which the organization was created. The Bylaws are registered with the State of Washington and can only be amended with 2/3-vote and 60 day previous notice. There are still many items that need standing rules and some of these are being developed.
- 10 Jane Byrum announced to the Board that the Tri-Rivers Chapter would be dissolved due to a lack of members; Jane will continue as LNT Chair.

Well, there you have it – a one-page summary of what I believe to be the most important happenings within BCHW for the last couple of months. As always, I welcome your questions, ideas and suggestions. I hope to see you on a work party or ride real soon.

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TRAIL BOSS REPORT

BOB CROWELL
APRIL 21, 2010

The previous Trail boss report was a poor effort. I was unprepared and Havillah Road Printing did not correctly type what I was able to submit. I paid HRP

Out of my pocket to type that small piece and e-mail Nora. I got fleeced and it will not happen again. Until I can get on-line the surest way to get the TBR will be to attend the monthly business meeting.

- March 26th & 27th- Trail clearing in the Sinlahekin . With very little additional work, there will be a trail from WDFW Headquarters to Scotch Creek.
- <March 28th– Six folks rode the trail behind Blue Lake and the beach back to the trailers. Two arrived a little late and were able to join up by circling back. The swans (Snow Geese) on Blue Lake were beautiful.
- April 9th– Some clearing was accomplished on Bannan Mountain but snow depths on the trails discouraged work. We are scheduled to return on June 25th & 26th.
- April 16th– Four mounted and two on foot cleared the Whistler Canyon Trail from the bottom to the second Black Diamond Trail junction. We also cleared the Black Diamond loop trail. A band of Bighorn Sheep and a few turkeys added to the experience.
- April 17th-Five mounted continued clearing Whistler Canyon Trail to very near the scenic overlook. It will now be more efficient to work from the top down when the snow melts. We were treated to seeing a coyote, a turkey and lots of wintering moose sign. The ruffed grouse were drumming in several of the riparian areas.
- April 18th-Fourteen rode up Whistler Canyon and around the Black Diamond Lake loop trail. The weather was near perfect, bugs were minimal, wildlife was all around, and there were NO WRECKS. An enjoyable ride if there ever was one. Good job folks. We did leave the trailhead a little late. I have a plan to address this inconsiderate and bad habit.

When Tom Windsor semi-retired our chapter lost about 50% of its trail clearing capacity, I miss Tom and hope to see him on a project again someday.

Because of that loss, new USFS project proposals, and my differing opinion on

Trail Boss Report Continued:

The projects I will be accomplishing in the near future are:

- May 1st & 2nd– Trail ID and clearing Barnell Bailey.
- May 14th –16th– Trail ID and clearing Barnell Bailey.
- June 4th & 5th– 4th of July Trail clearing (only two days originally scheduled on this trail system.
- June 6th-Ride and clearing on the 4th of July Trail.

At each meeting I will detail future adjustments in a timely manner.

Bob Crowell, OVCBCHW Trail Boss

CONGRATULATIONS

JANET LOGAN, She was awarded the Kieth Zeilke award for OUTSTANDING SERVICE, by Darrell Wallace at the recent WSBCH membership meeting

TRYGVE CULP received his LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE at the same time, presented to

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To join BCHW, complete this application, sign the liability release (all members over 18), 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
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Optional Membership (includes family or single from above)

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Additional State Donation \$ _____

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Chapter Name (or Independent):
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Chapter Dues
 (determined by chapter) \$ 10.00

Additional Chapter Donation \$ _____

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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.

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