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In Account With

Charles Henry Bourn

Saddle and Pack Horses

Specialty Guiding and Packing

To Mount Baker and other Mountains

Well what can I say ? I cancelled the January meeting because of a snow storm, have contacted a lot of members to see if it would help attendance if half our meetings were in the Omak area, and that looks like a trade off..

We have been contacting old and new members for joining and we have been trying to get some advertisement ads to help fund the newsletter. The Cabin Fever night seemed a step in the right direction with lots of ways to go. Peg and her crew did great and I'll let her give you the particulars.

A big Thank You to all.
Well I've got to hitch up
the team, sleigh ridding
Yea!!!

God Bless

Stan

Leave No Trace

Pres. Stan on Skeeter



OVCBCHW TRAIL BOSS REPORT

BY DAVE SUNDE

February is a pretty quiet month for Trail Boss. Our first outdoor activity is on March 10th at the Tonasket US Forest Service Conference room at 13:00.



We have the Rendezvous in Ellensburg on March 16-18th. We hope to see many of you there this year. Our first trail clearing opportunity is on March 31st in the Sinlahekin. Details of this will be in the next report.

I'd like to again take space in this newsletter to issue a challenge to each and every member to partake in at least two work party events in 2012. Not everyone needs to run a chainsaw or work as a swamper. On the trails we clear with horses, wranglers are always in short supply. If one or two people volunteer to take care of the horses for the cutters and swampers, we can clear more miles of trail in less time. I would also like to have potlucks and BBQ's after some of the work parties. We need people to organize these events. This is one way to contribute without ever firing up a saw or dragging a single limb.

At my place the weather has warmed up enough during the day to consolidate the snow so the nighttime temperatures can turn it into large patches of ice. Keep an eye on this because when the sun first comes out in the morning the horses tend to want to run around and play with one another. A little sand sprinkled in the worst parts may help you avoid an accident. There is nothing worse than a lame horse going into the riding season.

In remembrance of a great evening





Only An Opinion

This time of year the question always comes up should I blanket my horse? Healthy horses remain free of problems if they are well acclimatized to the existing weather and not in a false environment. Shelter from the wind and rain/snow with clean fresh air and access to fresh unfrozen water is important. A horse will not get enough water eating snow as his only source of water. The average horse needs 8-10 gallons of water daily. A tank with a 45+/- degree water is helpful, imagine drinking ice water in 10 degree weather and trying to stay warm. Adequate feed (digestion of roughage is what produces body heat) fed on a regular basis. A 1000 lb. horse needs 16-20 lbs of good hay per day. Hay more than grain will produce calories needed to keep him strong. If your horse is very thin then I might blanket him to help protect the calories needed to maintain body heat. Realize he is now in a false environment and could be more susceptible to problems related to skin infections or chilling or overheating as the blanket is on, or should come off. A healthy well cared for horse with shelter will do fine without a blanket.

Bob Isnehart, Retired Veterinarian

JANUARY WINNER

RAFFLE DRAWING HELD

5:30 JANUARY 31, 2012

WINNER

EDWARD LYNCH

20215 W. FOUR MOUND RD. NINE MILE FALLS, WA.

INLAND IMPIRE CHAPTER MEMBER

CONGRATULATIONS !!!!

OVCHBCHW LEGISLATIVE REPORT

OVCHBCHW LEGISLATIVE REPORT BY: DAVE SUNDE

Legislative Day has come and gone for the year. I was not able to attend this year, but many of our members from the West side did manage to brave the torrential rain, mud, and power r outrages to attend. Many of the legislators heard again our concerns.

The bill cutoff dates run from February 2nd to the 14th. Bills that we re concerned with are already either in committee or on the floor. The biggest things we are watching are the following:

Discover Pass” Senator Ranker’s bill (SSB5977) making the Discover Pass transferable between two vehicles passed the senate-44-0

NOVA: More on this is now coming to light, and NOVA is again specifically at risk of a sweep to State Parks. Due to the education lawsuit, the legislature is under pressure to move around every dollar they can find. Anything not nailed down is at risk. I is hard to say if the legislators were being specific about the NOVA fund, but they are right that the potential is certainly there. The House is trying to come up with a projected remaining shortfall in the State Parks budget. The gas tax funds (NOVA/boaters/snowmobile) are at risk of another sweep as well as possibly all Discover Pass funds that to DNR and WDFW. There is a lawsuit pending before the Supreme Court so this issue is still in play.

You will find a Complete copy of Bill tracking Spreadsheet on the Website at www.ovcbchw.com.

YEARBOOKS

The YEARBOOKS were in the mail on January 31st. If you have not received yours, please contact Peggy Swanberg, 486-1107 or dav-enpeg@gdimail.net. Remember, you can always find current information about rides and other activities at www.ovcbchw.com.

There is one correction to the Yearbook for the ladies rides on August 3-5. It is shown as a “ Pack-In” and this is not correct. You will be able to drive to the cabin and ride out from there. More details will be in the newsletter as the date draws closer

OVCBCHW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JANUARY 2012 TRYGVE CULP

It seems like quite a long while since I wrote the last one of these Director Reports. Since the last one, our military family was home on emergency leave for 10 days after Thanksgiving; JC and I flew to Germany via Iceland, spent a month with family near Weiden in Northern Bavaria over Christmas and New Year; flew home; shortly after arriving home, I got sick with pneumonia and the septic line froze up! A pretty hectic 5 or 8 weeks, but I got the septic system working and recovered enough to help out at the Chapter's Cabin Fever coffeehouse at the Tonasket Community Cultural Center this past weekend-more on that later. Some where in all of that I missed the BCHW Public Lands Day and 4th Quarter Board of Directors meeting. Our Alternate Director, Dave Swanberg, attended both meetings and reported on both events last month. There has been quite a lot of activity at the State level- as you would expect following organizational elections and the start of the legislative session.



As you may have heard, former BCHW President Bob Gish was elected to another 2 year term. I was elected Vice President and the Board of Directors approved the appointments of Teri Starke and Janelle Wilson a Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Other committee chairs for the next couple of years will be presented for Board confirmation and approval at the Board meeting in March. The biggest bit of news; though, was the Board's approval of the Executive Director Committee's recommendation that BCHW move forward to hire an Executive Director for the organization. Stay tuned on this deal as position description is developed; a search committee put together; the position advertised within the state and nationally; and an individual is interviewed, selected and hired. All of that is supposed to happen before the end of the year. In other activity at the State level, BCHW has opened a Face book page and already has several hundred friends. I'm not too skookum on the social media and how it works, but I'm assured that it is an excellent way to stay in touch with what is going on and to let others know in a short order what is happening between publication of issues of the Trailhead News. If that is the case, it cannot be a bad deal! Check it out-I plan to. Additionally, the Board approved the recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee to do the calendar raffle again for 2013. I'm sure a call for photos will be in the next THN- or watch for it on Face book.

DIRECTORS REPORT CONTINUED

Speaking of Photos , I'd like to close out with a HUGE thanks to Peggy Swanberg, Dave Sunde, Rae Morris, Stan and Cathy Kvistad, Nora Rappe', Gail Sunde, Ginny Batholomew, Dave Swanberg and all of the Chapter members who brought desserts to auction for all of their hard work to make the coffeehouse Cabin Fever event a huge success. I was told that we had around 90 folks in attendance. The Community Cultural Center cleared over \$200. on the meal and I believe we made around \$1200 on our dessert auction and donations. The best part of it; though, from my perspective, anyway, were the many thanks I received from folks who attended the coffeehouse for the work we are doing to keep trails open and access to public lands available for everybody. It might be fun to do it again sometime so I'd encourage all of us to take more pictures and save them on an external computer storage device like a thumb drive, CD, or DVD that can be readily transferred to other computers. Again, thanks to all who made the deal work so well.

I hope your haystack is holding up and you've got enough firewood to see you through these next 7 or 8 weeks. And I hope your septic system never freezes! See you out on the trails soon.

Trygve

COMING EVENTS

**February 13 Officer Board Meeting 1:00 P.M.
(Kvistads)**

February 13 Sleigh Ride At Kvistad's 10:00 A.M.

Anyone interested is Welcome

**February 15 (Wed) Monthly Business meeting 7:00
P.M. (Tonasket Sr. Center) D & S Taylor**

**February 24 (Friday) No-Host Dinner, Breadline,
Omak, 6:00 P.M. RSVP Gail Sunde 486-1547 gsunde@starband.net**

MEMBERSHIP

AND OTHER STUFF....

The 2012 Chapter Yearbook, also known as the Blue Book, is out and has been distributed to everybody that is current with their 2012 dues. If you are current with your dues and have not received your booklet, please contact Peggy Swanberg, 486-1107, or at davenport@gdimail.net. As a reminder, if you are not current with your dues, you will no longer receive the paper copies of the Newsletter and your contact information for important breaking news will be removed from the membership list. Your membership is important to us. If you haven't renewed, now would be the best time to send in your dues so you can stay current with our Chapter information.

Regarding the 2012 Yearbook, I have a few notes and additions you should add to your book. Andrea Haberman's phone number is 253-677-8191 and Jo Anne Thorndike's [phone is 509-476-3757

If any of you note an error in your information in the Yearbook, be sure to let me know so we can fix it and maybe get it right for 2013.

We have new members, Pete and Priscilla Hone. Some of us met Priscilla at the Christmas party, but Pete was unable to attend. Instead, Priscilla brought along a family friend, Bruce, and we possibly will be meeting the three of them someplace out on the trail. Pete and Priscilla have moved here from the Whatcom area and have a long history of membership with BBCH, Hone's phone number is not in the Yearbook, but you can reach them at 360-201-2212

Pam and Butch Watson will also be joining us as new members in 2012. Pam was a member a few years ago so it is good to have her back. They are wintering in Arizona but when they return they will be the Swanberg's neighbor. Pam reports that she rides every day so look for her and her granddaughter to be pretty regular features on our Chapter rides. Nobody has reported that Butch has a passion for riding so it will be interesting to see if that changes after the Arizona experience.

Clair Painter and Anita Ellis have rejoined after a year or so of hiatus. Some of you already know Anita from past rides and some of you know Claire Painter as a local barefoot trimmer. Welcome back ladies.

A hearty welcome back to Verona Gunn. She has rejoined this year. You can contact Verona at P.O. Box 4138, Omak, WA. 98841, 509-322-4629, She says her grandson will be coming along on some of our rides so we look forward to seeing both of them on the trail this summer

MEMBERSHIP (continues)

Richard and Bonnie Rawson are new members this year. If the name sounds familiar, think Rawson's Department store. Next time you are in their store, be sure to let them know we appreciate their membership.

Darrell Wallace is a member of our chapter now so we have some past royalty. Darrell served as President of BCHW in 2011-and 2010. Welcome to a very active club, Darrell. Be sure to jot his contact information in your Yearbook. He resides at 4809 W. Taylor Ridge Rd. Cheney, Wa. 99004. Call him at 360-918-3016 or email at Dlwallace700@gdimail.com

And Yet another new member, Tom & Renee Gransden. They both attended the Cabin Fever Event, If you missed saying hello then, you can welcome them to the club with a note at P.O. 17, Malott, Wa. 98829 or 509-422-1795 or rgransden2010@hotmail.com

Some of the new members might be unfamiliar with some of the ways we get things done so be sure make them feel welcome and offer you're assistance so they can fit right in.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

It is the end of the month and time to send in your Volunteer hours!!

There have been some questions about what qualifies as volunteer hours for 1-27, Friday night falls loosely under the 1/2 work 1/2 play guidelines similar to what we do when we go to Rendezvous.

With everybody doing different things for different portions of event, I cannot tell you what you should be reporting, just please try to be reasonable. Nobody worked the entire evening. For all of us, the time spent on dinner does not count. For some of the rest of us, the photo presentation dessert auction does not count if you didn't do any "hands-on" work. Bidding and buying does not count.

Ordinarily, for situations such as this, you would record 1/2 of your mileage and travel time, but I'm going to allow all of your mileage and travel time because I am feeling generous this morning..

Dave and Sally Taylor, turn your yours in to Dolly but tell her it was for Okanogan Valley Chapter.

Remember, this is about being reasonable, not about padding the volunteer hours report.

Thanks, Peggy

CABIN FEVER-NIGHT OUT

January 27,2012

PERFECT!!!! You couldn't have asked for things to go better. Our Chapter, with the help of the Community Cultural Center, put on an event that flowed together almost seamlessly. CCC did the dinner and made a nice profit and we put on the dessert and photo presentation making a noteworthy profit for us. To be less than exact, for us it was twice as much as we have ever made with our in-house Sweet-heart Auction. Most of the desserts were sold to other folks besides our members so it was a nice injection of outside funding.

But the money was only a small portion what was accomplished. With close to 100 attendee, many in our community went home with a better understanding of who we are and what our mission is. Along with some beautiful scenery, there were some good photos of the work we do and how it has enhanced recreation in Okanogan county.

Many thanks to the Tonasket Community Cultural Center for allowing us to use their beautifully renovated back room at no charge and for also taking complete responsibility for the dinner. If you were on the food committee for our Baxter Black performances, you know what a relief it is to not have that responsibility Also making this possible was the bird-dogging of the projection screen by Okanogan Highland Associates. Plans for this presentation were well underway when we were surprised to learn there was no screen.

I want to thank Mark and Rae Morris, Jinny Bartholomew, Nora Rappe, Dave and Gail Sunde, Dave and Sally Taylor, Dave Swanberg, Trygve Culp, Stan and Cathy Kvistad, Nonnie Judd, Sue Robbins, Barb McKinney and Andrea Haberman for helping out.. We neglected to thank you that evening, but please know your willingness to volunteer and be supportive of this effort was noted and appreciated. And of course the bakers....you can't have a dessert auction without the desserts. From the high flying huckleberry pie to the affordable coconut macarons cookies and everything in between, not a crumb was left on the dessert table

My compliments to the horse people in the group. You were able to refrain from spelling out the qualities of your chosen steed. Not so much the Mule people though. Those huge ears were hard to keep out of the photos, thus needing an explanation by the owner as to their beauty.

It was a great evening, thanks again to all.

Peggy



Evidence of a good time and the fun everyone had.

The Poetry the Auctioneer, Commentator, plus the presentation of pictures couldn't have been better



Cathy, Sue and Nonnie

Doing their Share

Find complete Series of pictures On the Web at Www.ovcbchw

A couple of Roustabouts showed up and helped us immensely showing off our desserts for the auctioneer. Thanks gals (whoops) guys?



NON

MEM

BERSHIP

APPLICATION

FORM

NO

TABLE

NO

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** (folks who are **not** joining a chapter), 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: _____

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- Single \$36.00
- Family \$49.00

Optional Membership (includes family or single from above)

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- Sustaining \$100.00
- Patron \$250.00
- Benefactor \$500.00
- Lifetime (Single) \$1200.00

- State dues paid online (attach receipt copy)
- Additional State Donation \$ _____
- Subtotal A* \$ _____

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Chapter Name (or Independent):

Okanogan Valley-PO Box 812
Tonasket, WA 98855

Chapter Dues (determined by chapter) \$ 10.00

Additional Chapter Donation \$ _____

Subtotal B \$ _____

Grand Total (A+B) \$ _____

LIABILITY RELEASE & NOTICES

All ADULT members MUST sign! Adult's signature covers minor children.

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: _____

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Send pictures or articles of interest to the above reference. We

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