



# HOOFBEATS

## FEBRUARY 2014



Next meeting February 4th 7 pm  
Karen (Coffee), Deborah (Treats)

### Capitol Riders Chapter, BCHW Officers for 2014

Norman Green - President  
Peggy Tucker - Vice President  
Deborah Green - Treasurer  
Chris Enrico - Secretary  
Karen Johnson - Director  
Sue Koch - Alt. Director

Chris Enrico - Newsletter  
Chris Enrico - Web  
Chris Enrico - Legislative  
Connie Bailey - Membership  
Connie Bailey - Communications  
Chris Enrico - Communications  
Carrie Russell - Rides  
Dean Hartman - Rides  
Norman Green - Work Parties  
Connie Bailey - Social  
Peggy Tucker - Hoofprints

### Capitol Riders Chapter, BCHW

#### Mission :

1. To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
2. To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
3. To assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
4. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
5. To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters in the state organization.

### Capitol Riders Chapter, BCHW

[www.capitolriders.org](http://www.capitolriders.org) (with a link to our Facebook page)

Meet monthly at the Littlerock firehall, 10828 Littlerock Road SW (larger of the two meeting rooms). Please verify the meeting by either going to the chapter web site and the Events page, or call 360-459-4759.

The next general meeting is scheduled for February 4th, 7 pm at the Littlerock firehall, 10828 Littlerock Road SW, Olympia, WA.

#### From your President:

Let me start out by thanking everybody for their confidence in me. There are a lot of things I'd like to do with the chapter from work party's to camp outs.

I encourage all to give me your ideas on how we can help the chapter grow. We have rendezvous coming up in March; hope to see a lot of you there. We have a sign up list for the tables.

There is a lot of work to do on the trails due to weather damage. Let's get out there and clean them and remember to fill out your volunteer hours.

I would like to have clinics for those who are interested in them. If you have a skill or technique that can be helpful to the members please share them. Please send your photos to Chris so he can update the web site.

Thank you for your support.

Norman D Green Jr

#### Events for 2014

The Rides Committee has come up with a list of both day and overnight rides for the coming year. There are no rides scheduled until May however but you should have plenty to choose from even so. Come to the February general meeting to find out what those rides will be and when.

There is one "Equestrian Courtesy Day" scheduled in Capitol Forest this year. It will be on July 19th out of Fall Creek Campground.

There are several other equestrian events taking place in the forest this year as well. They include Orienteering, endurance rides and a Stockman's Coalition Ride.

The first work party of 2014 just took place on January 18th on the Equine Loop. Work consisted of spreading Gravel. Thanks to Karen Johnson, Sue Koch, Chris Jellison, Deborah and Norman Green as well as others.

On January 22nd another work party to install the manure bin at Mima Falls Campground will take place. The work party is small since DNR will be on hand with heavy equipment. No request for volunteers was sent out on this one.

The Great Gravel Pack-In is coming on March 29th. It's in the Middle Waddell this year and folks are being asked to park on the Tacoma Trail Cruisers property (128th out of Littlerock to Waddell Creek Road. At the intersection of Waddell Creek and Sherman Valley roads turn left and drive another 1/2 mile. The property is on the left.) Meet in the Middle Waddell Campground at 9:00 am for a safety meeting before heading out. Lunch is provided. Bring work gloves, water and raingear.

#### Treasurers report as of 1-17-2014

2014 Current membership paid is 38 members, with \$24 unpaid dues to collect. Bank Balance as of 1/17/2014 shows the chapter solvent. The BCHW will be reimbursing all receipts for any grant purchases. The 2013 Chapter Financials were emailed on January 20th to BCHW.

Further in you will find the Director's Report which I forgot to get in the newsletter last month. And some of you like to take the horses and mules to the east side of this great state of ours. So you will also find information on dealing with snakebites. That won't be a topic at Rendezvous but perhaps in 2015. And don't forget to read the meeting minutes from last month (and November as well.)

## Currently Scheduled Events - partial for 2014

### January

27 - BCHW Legislative Day 9 am Senate Rules Rm (Legislative Bldg, 2nd Floor, Lt. Gov's Office), contact Darrell Wallace, exec@bchw.org

30 - DNR User meeting 6 pm, 801 88th Ave Tumwater

### February

4 - General Meeting Littlerock fire hall 7 pm

14-16 - LNT at Washington State Horse Expo, Clark County Fairgrounds, contact Louise, saddledupw@aol.com

14-16 - Spirit of the West Cowboy Gathering - Ellensburg

20 - National Hug an Equestrian Day

22 - Mossyrock Horse & Rider Mtn Man Ride and Chili feed, 9 am, \$15

### March

4 - General Meeting Littlerock fire hall 7 pm

14-16 - BCHW Rendezvous - Ellensburg

14-16 - BCHW General Meeting, Leadership Training, Ellensburg

27 - DNR User meeting 6 pm, 801 88th Ave Tumwater

29 - Capitol Forest Great Gravel Haul 9 am, Middle Waddell

Capitol Riders of BCHW Meeting Minutes

Littlerock Fire hall

January 7, 2014

Incoming 2014 President Norman Green called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Fifteen members in attendance with one guest – Bill Batten who came with new member Kathy Moore.

Work Parties – Karen Johnson; Karen said a work party is planned for January 18th on the Capitol Forest winter equine loop with Scattercreek chapter members. Meet at the Appaloosa club on Waddell Creek Road SW, 9:30 am. Bring rakes as we'll be spreading gravel. Personal equipment should include gloves, boots and raingear.

The question was asked if the chapter has a first aid kit and the answer was No, we do not. Chris Enrico said the kit needs to follow the prescribed guidelines (USFS). The group agreed that we need to put one together.

Connie Bailey mentioned a class on how to deal with emergencies and Deborah Green stated the kit should have supplies for the animals as well.

Karen said that BCHW Rendezvous is coming on March 14-16 in Ellensburg. It was mentioned that the Super 8 Motel is honoring the price as shown in the BCHW Trailhead News. The Holiday Inn is unknown but the Comfort Inn has a price of \$80 for a king and \$84 for 2 queens. Be sure and ask for the BCHW rate.

A question about table reservations was asked and it was stated that more information on how to make reservations will be coming in the next edition of the BCHW Trailhead News.

Traci Koch said it would nice if the chapter were to reward Karen Johnson for her hard work as director by paying for her table. A motion to purchase a round table that seats eight for \$40 was made and approved.

The table decorating contest was mentioned since we were talking about tables. Deborah Green volunteered to take on putting something together.

Karen Johnson said the chapter needs to consider a donation to the auction at Rendezvous. The trail saw with embossed scabbard was mentioned that we've donated several times before. Jeff LaBreck said it cost \$110. A motion was made and approved for Jeff to purchase the saw.

Karen went on to say that BCHW is asking chapters to prepare a presentation of their accomplishments for the past year for Rendezvous. We need to send the materials to Louise Caywood by February 1st.

Karen stated that the chapter needs to build the manure bin at Mima Campground, in the day use area. She asked if a date this month would work and that Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday works best for DNR staff. The membership decided that January 22nd or 23rd would work for them with a 9 am start time. This needs to be confirmed with DNR.

Treasurer Report – Traci Koch (outgoing 2013 chapter Treasurer); Traci went over the bank balance as of the end of 2013. The chapter is solvent.

The two outstanding checks made out to BCHW were brought up. Deborah Green (2014 Treasurer) said she'll investigate.

Dean Hartman said he no longer wants to be on the checks. Chris Enrico (2014 chapter Secretary) said he would do it. The chapter needs to remove both Traci Koch (2013 chapter Treasurer) and Dean Hartman, and add Deborah Green (2014 chapter

Treasurer) and Chris Enrico (2014 chapter Secretary).

President Norman Green brought up two receipts submitted for payment. Lincoln Creek Lumber bill submitted by Jeff LaBreck for manure bin supplies. Karen Johnson told the group that the BCHW Grant Committee will release money to the chapter who will then reimburse Jeff. Karen Johnson submitted a bill for coffee. A motion was made, seconded and approved to reimburse Jeff and Karen.

President Norman Green discussed the unfilled chapter committee chairs:

Trail Boss – Much discussion about the position. Other chapters have trail hosts (ride on their property or use it as the meeting point for a ride.) Connie Bailey mentioned the chapter “Ride Anytime” list. Chris Enrico brought up the rides database. Drag riders were also mentioned. Unfilled.

Work Parties – Norman Green volunteered.

Rides – Norman asked Dean Hartman to put a ride list together. Discussion of last years list and how many people went.

Membership – Connie Bailey

Alternate Director – Sue Koch

Legislative – Chris Enrico

LNT/Education – Unfilled. Norman asked who had attended the LNT course and two people raised their hands.

New Business – Norman mentioned a saw certification course. Karen Johnson said it will be May 17-18, led by Trygve Culp (BCHW Education Chair) somewhere along SR 410 on the west side. An email update will be sent out.

The need for a garage sale location was mentioned. The Littlerock sale is the first weekend in May. Dean Hartman said it may not happen as the woman who ran it (she worked at the Littlerock Post Office) has retired.

Connie Bailey said that shopping through iGive is a good way to donate to the chapter. Even searches raise money.

Rest Areas were mentioned as a way to raise money. There is a two year waiting list. You must be on site for three days, 24 hours a day.

Karen Johnson said that Legislative Day is January 27th.

The LNT display at the Washington State Horse Expo at the Clark County Fairgrounds was mentioned and that volunteers are needed. February 14-16. Contact Louise Caywood, [saddledupw@aol.com](mailto:saddledupw@aol.com).

Dean Hartman and Connie Bailey were given “Thank you” awards from the chapter for their volunteer service. Carrie Russell and Laura Kingman were not present to accept their awards.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Enrico

Capitol Riders chapter Secretary, 2014



Cindy McAllister on Chief and Mickie Hattrup on Romeo after winning their Competitive Mounted Orienteering event at the Appaloosa Club on Waddell Creek Road January 18th

**Back Country Horsemen of Washington**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter - December 7, 2013  
Ellensburg, WA  
Kittitas Valley Event Center  
Manastash Hall

**Meeting called to order** at 9:16 a.m. by President Bob Gish.

**Roll Call Attendance** - Excused: Mt Adams; Absent: Tri-Rivers. Quorum was present.

**Agenda** for the meeting was accepted as posted.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** were approved as posted.

**Officer and Committee Reports**

**Treasurer** - Teri Starke

2013 Budget actuals were posted. 2014 Treasurer Training is in March on Saturday afternoon at Rendezvous and Chapter Treasurers MUST attend.

Moment of Silence was observed for BCHW members who are no longer with us.

**Membership** - Heather Moorman

Report was posted. There was neither a loss and nor a gain in memberships for 2013 (as compared to 2012).

**Ways and Means** - Dave Swanberg

**2014 Raffle Calendar.**

There are over 100 calendars left to sell.

Mail glue-less tickets to: Dave Sunde, 1579 Pine Creek Rd, Tonasket, WA 98855.

**2014 VIP calendars** are \$5.00 with a list of recipient names.

**2015 calendars:** Dave Jackson, Purple Sage Riders Director, moved to continue with a 2015 raffle with 1,300 calendars, the same prizes, and 500 non-raffle calendars. *The motion was amended to have the Directors approve the 2015 calendar program, refer the 2015 raffle calendar program to the committee and let the committee do the business. Motion carried.*

**BCHW Store**

Lori Lennox thanked everyone for selling and buying merchandise. This is revenue and advertising for BCHW. A safety vest was modeled which would be \$20.00. Return any unsold cookbooks to Lori for Rendezvous.

**Wine Ride**

Dave Jackson reported that more volunteers are needed. Certain tasks must be done locally, but other work can be done by telephone or email. Help is needed on the event weekend desperately. Darrell Wallace will chair the event next year. *Dave Sunde, Okanogan Valley Director, moved to give the \$860.00 profit share money to BCHA. Second. Motion carried.*

**Public Lands** - Jeff Chapman

Jeff Chapman gave an overview of the various national public lands events and conferences going on in 2014. He also explained new legislation, accessibility (disability) motorized use allowances, access permits for riding and hunting on private land, State Parks funding report... Bob Gish asked that Directors explain to their chapter members why support of State (BCHW) and National (BCHA) by chapters is so important.

**Rendezvous** - Lori Lennox

Jason Ridlon gave updates on progress toward the 2014 Rendezvous event. Lori Lennox reported that

packing is the backbone of what we are doing on the trails at the moment; and there will be packing clinics at Rendezvous. More help will be needed to park vehicles. Saturday night entertainment is being addressed - see Lori with ideas. Kim Merrick is the auction chair. She asked that Chapters seek donations of items that will bring in the bids.

**Leadership Training** - Darrell Wallace

Darrell Wallace opened the floor for brainstorming on when, where, and how to train chapter officers. Several suggestions were given. There was no consensus.

**Education** - Trygve Culp

**Saw Certification** - Trygve Culp reported that the self certified 50% goal has been reached. 16 chapters still need a certifier. There will be certifier training session for experienced sawyers on May 17-18, 2014. The proposed revision language was posted. It would make certified sawyer "A" level good for one year, "B" level for two years, and "C" level for three years. *Tom Saunders, Encumclaw Trail Riders, moved to adopt the "proposed" revision as published prior to the meeting. Second. Motion carried.*

**Safety** - Doc Wesselius explained the Job Hazard Analysis forms and how they developed. Two people can go to WTA Crew Leader College training. Contact Doc Wesselius or Tom Mix if individuals are interested in attending.

**LNT** - Jane Byram gave her report and presented the outgoing President Bob Gish with a gift card for coffee for all his years of support of LNT.

**Governance and Bylaws** - Teunis Wyers (not present)

Darrell Wallace reported that Teunis is working on standing rules.

**Executive Committee**

No report.

**Executive Director** - Darrell Wallace

**Grants** - The next grant cycle we will need specific projects for 2016-17. Any chapter wanting money for projects MUST attend the meeting at Rendezvous. *Louise Caywood, Pierce County Director, moved to authorize BCHW to apply for 2016-2017 RTP grants for Trail Maintenance and Education. Second. Motion carried.*

**Business Plan** - A draft will be available before the next meeting.

**Awards** - Deb Wesselius

Report was posted. *Louise Caywood, Pierce County Director, moved to adopt revisions to the Awards program. Second. Motion carried.* Judges are needed. Ideas for 2015 are needed. Committee members are needed. Sponsoring/supporting chapters should get checks in before February.

**Volunteer Hours** - Traci Koch

Deb Wesselius reported for Traci. Deb apologized that there are no statewide figures for today, but shared some success stories. Darrell Wallace will look into how BCHA would like Independent hours reported since they have no chapter.

**Publicity/THN** - Dick Yarboro

Darrell Wallace reported for Dick. Direct complicated publicity requests to Darrell. Lori reported that brochures need to be distributed.

**Website** - Jim Thode

Report was posted.

**Nominations** - Trygve Culp

No further nominations were received via email. Bob Gish called for nominations 3 times and then closed nominations.

President - Trygve Culp

Vice President - Jim Anderson  
BCHA Director, position #1 - Darrell Wallace  
BCHA Alternate Director - Ken Carmichael

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Elections** - President Bob Gish

*Louise Caywood, Pierce County Director, moved to elect the slate of officers as nominated by acclamation. Second. Motion carried.*

On behalf of Trygve Culp, President-elect, Bob Gish requested that the Board appoint Janelle Wilson as Secretary and Teri Starke as Treasurer for the next year. *The motion to appoint Janelle Wilson as Secretary and Teri Starke as Treasurer was seconded and the motion carried.*

### **New Business**

#### **Trailduster Plans for Haney Meadows** - Cathy Nelson

Cathy Nelson has a grading permit, recommendations for contractors, and a quote from one to fix the road into Haney Meadows Horse Camp. Money is needed - please go back to chapters for support. Bernie Stratton gave some ideas for getting the project done. *Barbara Woo, Cascade Horse Riders, moved that BCHW entities refrain from submitting a grant application to AQHA until Cathy Nelson has had the opportunity to determine whether she needs to apply for the 2014 grant for her project. Second. Motion carried.*

#### **Chapter Gambling Permits** - Teri Starke

Teri Starke will have a training at Rendezvous by the gambling commission, if there is interest. Get questions to Darrell for the presenter to have in advance.

#### **Written Agreements for Trails Passing Through Private and Public Lands**

Skagit Chapter Director, Michael Mahaffey, noted that DNR is requiring that the 75 miles of trail on private land needs to have an agreement drafted. Sierra Pacific owns most of the private land; so Skagit Chapter is negotiating an agreement which will be acceptable to DNR. If any chapters have agreements similar to an MOU, like a license to use land, which has been approved by a government entity please share those.

#### **Hanford Recreational Access** - Danny Chappel

Tri Cities Visitors Bureau will be developing a vision for recreational access to this region. There were no public equestrian access ideas in the plan, but the planners are embracing the idea with BCHW members input now.

#### **PCTA MOU** - Bernie Stratton

*Bernie Stratton, Lewis County Director, moved that we temporarily suspend pack stock support of PCTA until the MOU and liability issues are addressed in compliance with our partnership with WOGA. Second. Motion carried.*

#### **Great Gravel Pack-In** - Karen Johnson

Karen Johnson invited everyone to attend the 2014 event in March.

#### **Rendezvous 2015 Chair Needed**

Lori Lennox and Jason Ridlon are asking that someone step up to run Rendezvous for 2015.

#### **Joint Base Lewis-McChord Access**

Alan Pankau, Nisqually Director, announced that JBLM has closed Area 23 due to helicopter and horse conflict for almost a year. JBLM Area 15 is closed to horseback riding, but not hunting, due to a bird and a butterfly being listed as endangered species. Nisqually chapter is looking for ideas to help deal with USDFW on these issues.

#### **Good of the Order:**

#### **Chapter Directory Updates**

Remember to update directory on-line with new officers, by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Chapter Forum**

There will be a Work Party at Haney Meadows - camping at Ken Wilcox Horse Camp on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend in 2014.

Barbara Woo, on behalf of the NW Region, presented BCHW with a share of their prize ride proceeds in the amount of \$143.00.

Lori Lennox has Roberts Rules of Order copies for those interested.

Jim Hudkins announced that Northeast Chapter sends 10% of proceeds to the state and national organizations - 7% to BCHW and 3% to BCHA. He suggested that chapters give a \$1.00 per person to BCHA.

Photos are needed for the next calendar by February 14<sup>th</sup>. Get those to Vicki Clark of Purple Sage Riders.

Louise Caywood needs photos for the Chapter slide show at Rendezvous.

### **Announcements**

Any ideas for Barb Apple's clinic should be given to Cascade Horse Riders.

Bob Gish, BCHW President, received a standing ovation for his years of service as President to the Board of Directors of BCHW.

**Meeting adjourned** at 2:02 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janelle Wilson, Secretary.



Work party, January 18th on the Capitol Forest equine loop - L to R Karen Johnson, Karen Jones, Sue Koch, Joan Fleming (kneeling), Chris Jellison and Bryan Hamlin (DNR).

**Back Country Horsemen of Washington**  
**Public Lands Meeting**  
Manastash Room - Kittitas Valley Event Center  
Ellensburg, WA  
December 6, 2013

**WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS**

Meeting was called to order by BCHW President, Bob Gish, at 9:30 a.m.

Bob Gish welcomed everyone to Public Lands Day and thanked everyone for attending.

Darrell Wallace, BCHW Executive Director, explained the format for the day. The morning would be devoted to success stories. The afternoon would be devoted to challenges and solutions.

**SUCCESS STORIES**

Jason Ridlon, BCHW - Alpine Lakes Trail Riders Director, introduced the Cle Elum Ranger District representatives.

**CLE ELUM RANGER DISTRICT PRESENTATION**

Pam Novitzky, Resource Assistant, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District, introduced Mary Bean and Brenda Yankoviak from Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest.

Pam showed some photos from the Table Mountain Fire repair project and presented BCHW with a thank you plaque which was accepted by President, Bob Gish.

Mary Bean, Recreation Program Manager, presented Jason Ridlon with a US Forest Service blanket for all his hard work on the Table Mountain Fire repair project. Jason thanked everyone from across the state for all their hard work and dedication to making the project work.

Pam announced that Tim Foss of Cle Elum Ranger District is retiring and his position will not be able to be immediately filled. She read a statement from Tim thanking BCHW for volunteer efforts and guidance.

**ATTENDANCE**

49 attendees introduced themselves and an open microphone for success stories followed.

**SUCCESS STORIES**

Bob Gish told about a project in NE Washington - Pend Oreille County Park has stock water now.

Paula Keohane, Island County Director, told about a county park they adopted - Cutney Woods County Park on Whidbey Island with an RCO grant.

**GIFFORD PINCHOT NATIONAL FOREST PRESENTATION**

Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District introduced themselves: Gar Abbas, District Ranger; Steve Hoecker, Forest Technician; and Andrea Durham, Wilderness Coordinator were present, bringing attendance at the day to 52.

Steve Hoecker, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, explained the great year and lots of work done with support from BCHW. They work mostly with Lewis County BCH and Pierce County BCH.

Deb Wesselius, Lewis County Chapter, explained 7A trail work success with RTP funds and dedicated volunteers.

**SUCCESS STORIES**

Bernie Stratton, Lewis County Chapter, explained a low budget Naches Ranger District project (depicted in a displayed poster) with a coalition which included: a BCHA grant; Bob Woods, Pacific Crest Trails Association; Washington Trails Association; and others. Jim Anderson, Mt St Helens Chapter Director; Jason Ridlon, Alpine Lakes Trail Riders Director; and others, added their experiences. Doc Wesselius explained writing the article.

Trygve Culp, Okanogan Chapter member and Jon Knechtel, Pacific Northwest Trail Association, explained the Whistler Canyon Project progress.

Lori Lennox, Grays Harbor Director, spoke on behalf of Peter Erben, Quinault Ranger District, Olympic National

Forest, about the Humptulips trail success with four BCH chapters, young volunteers, and several grants in a rainforest area.

### **MOUNT BAKER SNOQUALMIE NATIONAL FOREST PRESENTATION**

Gary Paull, Forest Wilderness and Trails Coordinator from Mt Baker Snoqualmie National Forest, introduced Lee Cerveny. Lee Cerveny, National Forest Service Social Scientist at Pacific Northwest Research Station in Seattle, WA presented “Engaging Partners and the Public in Sustainable Roads Planning”. Lee made worksheets available for comments and responded to questions.

Gary Paull, Forest Wilderness and Trails Coordinator from Mt Baker Snoqualmie National Forest, introduced Tom Davis. Tom Davis, Trails Specialist, Skykomish Ranger District, Mount Baker Snoqualmie National Forest, presented a slide show on successes in the district, including: West Cady Ridge puncheon repair and Wild Skye Wilderness.

Gary Paull, Forest Wilderness and Trails Coordinator from Mt Baker Snoqualmie National Forest, presented a slide show on their high country trip with some new rangers and supervisors in the glacier area, and other successes on the forest.

### **UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST PRESENTATION**

Larry Randall, Recreation Program Manager at the Walla Walla Ranger District on the Umatilla National Forest, thanked participants for encouraging stories and turned the floor over to Danny Chappel, Rattlesnake Ridge Riders Director, an Umatilla partner. Danny Chappel explained their process and relationship for progress in the District.

### **PACIFIC CREST TRAIL ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION**

Bob Woods, Pacific Crest Trail Association North Cascades Regional Representative, announced that the northern 350 miles of trail is considered the North Cascades Region. The PCTA headquarters are in Sacramento, CA and PCTA has only had an office in WA State for 4 years (out of North Bend). Bob Woods outlined the successes on the trail this year that were had with the assistance of BCHW volunteers, including some “non-horse” projects. He also mentioned that saw certification pilot programs with BCHW and PCT are being watched from around the country which is a big success. [www.pcta.org](http://www.pcta.org)

### **SUCCESS STORIES**

Doc Wesselius, Lewis County Chapter member, announced that they worked with the Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, Naches Ranger District, and the PCTA, on a section of the PCT to supply a work party for a month long project above 7,000 feet.

### **CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS**

#### **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**

Gar Abbas, Cowlitz Valley District Ranger, explained some of the challenges surrounding NEPA. NEPA is a Congressional Act that has been around since the 60’s that requires any proposed project that would cause ground disturbance to get an impact study, public opinion, and incorporate that information into an educated decision on whether to proceed. Andrea Durham, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District Wilderness Coordinator, explained that it is expensive to pay specialists to prepare a study.

#### **Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail (PNNST)**

Jon Knechtel, Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Association (PNTA), gave an update on the effort to build community awareness and planning involvement for the PNNST through meetings along the route from Montana to the Pacific Ocean. First meeting will hopefully be in October next year. Plan should be completed in about 2 years. It is a slow process.

#### **Presenter Presentation**

Darrell Wallace, BCHW Executive Director, and Bob Gish, BCHW President, presented the public land meeting speakers and guests with BCHW calendars and thanked them for their participation.

Jason Ridlon, Alpine Lakes Trail Riders Director, congratulated everyone on coming together to get projects done.

Mike McGlenn, Whatcom County, explained the importance of VIP rides and that he and BCHA members took the Wilderness Society on such a trip. He outlined the successes that resulted from that trip and encouraged others to do trips. At BCHA - minimum tool analysis and streamlining the process are both still on the table, in order to use volunteers more efficiently with the Forest Service.

Is it time to look at reinstating the statewide VIP Ride? VIP Rides should come out at the top of things we CAN DO. Trygve Culp encouraged all chapters to host local VIP rides with their local land managers.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jane Byram invited everyone to an LNT planning meeting at the Holiday Inn Express after the meeting. Comments or suggestions about this meeting should be given to Darrell Wallace.

#### **CLOSING COMMENTS**

Bob Gish, President, noted that Chapter support has always been the focus of the BCHW membership, instead of support of the State organization. Even less financial support is given to the National support. This organization (BCH) needs to be funded at all levels. An organization can only be as effective as the support it receives from all members. Bob thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Janelle Wilson, Secretary.



Norman Green and Toni Stray (Scattercreek Chapter) raking away. Photo by Deborah Green.

## Snake Bite

Christopher Hanson, DVM, ACVS Mount Vernon Veterinary Hospital

For those of you that travel with horses into Eastern Washington or other parts of the country where rattlesnakes are prevalent, a little knowledge and preparedness is a good thing. Rattlesnakes tend to be more active in warmer temperatures and the heat of the day. Rattlesnake encounters are less common on early season rides. For the most part snakes want to be left alone and will leave if given the chance. Most human bites are not accidental and are a result of human approach or handling. Horses too can be curious, but may also accidentally stumble across snakes when hobbled or tied. When riding if you stay on trails snakes are less likely to be obscured by brush and noticed before they are stumbled upon. Snakes supposedly can't strike more than one-half their length. The average Washington rattlesnake is only 1-2 feet long, typically maxing out at 4 feet, so if not approached, they are unlikely able to strike from a distance.

The majority of snakebites in horses are either on the face or lower leg. Most bites are not witnessed or detected immediately. Typically the swelling from the bite may be the first sign noticed. The punctures or fang marks may never be located. Thankfully 25 % of rattlesnake bites are dry, meaning there is no injection of venom. However, the possibility of infection from the punctures is still possible. An immediately fatal dose of venom for a horse is not likely, due to their large body mass. The typical result of venom injection is local digestion and destruction of tissue. This results in severe swelling and later tissue and skin slough. For leg bites this can be problematic if there is tissue damage that extends to joint or tendon. For face or muzzle bites the immediate threat is swelling that can obstruct the nasal passages and make breathing' difficult or cause asphyxiation. Tissue slough is also a problem and often results in the need for long term wound care.

Older first aid measures that cannot be recommended are tourniquets, incision or suction devices. Tourniquets may further compound the local tissue destruction by restricting blood flow. Incision or suctioning is ineffective in retrieving venom. For leg bites a padded lower leg bandage is recommended to minimize excessive swelling, it may also limit venom spread, without the tourniquet effect. For face bites with excessive nasal passage swelling and difficulty breathing, passing a length of lubricated garden hose up each nostril may provide a sufficient airway. In either case plans for evacuating the horse and seeking veterinary attention should be made. It is important to stay calm and keep the horse calm. If in the backcountry, walk the horse out slowly. Running or excitement will raise blood pressure and may increase the spread of venom. If there is a limited airway, this will be aggravated if the horse is made to move too quickly.

Veterinary care will typically consist of supportive care, antimicrobials, airway establishment if necessary and typically wound care dictated by the tissue slough in the following days to weeks. Antivenom has not been practical in horses, it is of questionable effectiveness, is not readily available in sufficient quantity and is typically cost prohibitive. So enjoy these hot dry days in the backcountry, make sure you have bandaging supplies in your first aid kit. You're more likely to need them for wounds, but will have them if needed for a snakebite on the leg. And add a couple of 12-18 inch pieces of smooth ended garden hose to your kit.

And for the human members of your party:

A rattlesnake bite seldom delivers enough venom to kill a human, although painful swelling and discoloration may occur. However, all rattlesnake bites should be considered life threatening. When someone has been bitten, time is of the essence. If possible, call ahead to the emergency room so anti-venom can be ready when the victim arrives.

If a rattlesnake bites a person, do the following:

- Keep the victim calm, restrict movement, and keep the affected area below the heart level to reduce flow of venom toward the heart.
- Wash the bite area with soap and water.
- Remove any rings or constricting items; the affected area will swell.
- Cover the bite with a clean, moist dressing to reduce swelling and discomfort.
- Shock is responsible for more snakebite deaths than the actual venom is. To treat for shock, keep the victim quiet and maintain his or her body temperature. If the victim is cold, wrap them in a blanket; if hot, cool them off by fanning.
- Get medical help immediately.

Things not to do:

- Do not allow the person to engage in physical activity such as walking or running. Carry the victim if they need to be moved.
- Do not cut or suck the wound, do not apply ice or cold packs to the wound, and never use a tourniquet.
- Do not give the victim stimulants or pain medications, unless instructed by a physician.
- Do not give the victim anything by mouth.
- Do not raise the bite area above the level of the victim's heart.

## Come Join Us!

To join or renew your membership with BCHW, complete this application:

- Please PRINT LEGIBLY.
- Sign the LIABILITY RELEASE (all members over 18).
- Make checks out to CAPITOL RIDERS.
- Give or mail the application to :

Chris Enrico  
 4809 24<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Lacey WA 98503-3252



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### STATE MEMBERSHIP

#### Basic Membership

- Single \$41.00
- Family \$54.00

#### Optional Membership (includes family or single from above)

- Contributing \$75.00
- Sustaining \$125.00
- 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): \_\_\_\_\_

#### Capitol Riders

Chapter Dues - Single \$10.00  
 - Family \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 Back Country Horsemen of Washington, 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.

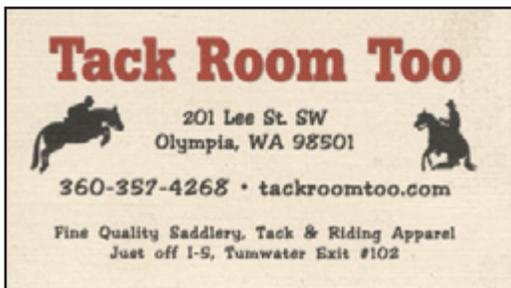
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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