

# CAPITOL RIDERS



OLYMPIA, WA.

## Hoofbeats - June 2012

No July General meeting  
Next meeting August 7th 7 pm  
Karen (Coffee), Sue Koch (Treats)

There will not be a general meeting in July. It falls on the 3rd and (hopefully) a number of members will be headed to the Mount Adams Horse Camp for a few days.

This summer is shaping up to be another like last year. With the cooler weather this spring the snow is melting slowly. But that is a good thing too as it cuts down on flooding and damage to roads and trails.

For those who didn't make the June general meeting, there was a guest speaker giving a presentation on parasites. (Sorry I didn't get information into the newsletter. It was an oversight on my part.) Ms. Laura Cohen's discussion of what she presented is included on page 6.

At the August meeting you can bring your fecal samples and get them tested (approx. \$10).

The weekend of June 23-24 was an outing to Beaver Creek Horse Camp outside of Twisp. Yes it is a distance away (five hours plus from Olympia) but worth visiting if you get the chance. It's on DNR lands so a Discover Pass is required. At this point the Hartman's may have going by themselves.

If you fancy yourself an amateur biologist, BCHW has been asked to participate in an invasive species identification program. Major locations of interest include Nisqually, Yakima and Chehalis River watersheds and the area around US 12/SR 410 which includes Mount Rainier National Park.

Volunteer training will be conducted in mid July to identify, collect and report data. If you are interested please contact Julie Combs, pnw.ipc.org@gmail.com for more information or to sign up for the training. Training dates and locations will be based on volunteer response. If you don't have email call the Washington Invasive Species Council in Olympia at 360-902-3000.

A potential trail clinic is to be held in September (9/8 and 9/9) at Bordeaux Stables off Mima Road. Contact Sheri Wheeler at 503-409-4503 or sheritoo@hotmail.com for answers to your questions. You can also contact Irene Boysen, EBS Stables, 360-791-3035. This is a Mitch and JoLinn Hoover clinic. Some photos further in this edition.

I hope this summer finds all of you back in the saddle enjoying our blessed horses (and mules), fellow riders, and the wonderful trails in our beautiful state. Shimmer and I have been enjoying many miles of trails, and now that Brian has the summer off, he and Luke have joined us in the forest also.

Please remember there is no meeting in July; I will see you again the first Tuesday in August.

Thank you to all who came out and worked in Capitol Forest on National Trails Day, June 2nd. We had an impressive showing and all the work we do adds up to a significant contribution to keeping trails maintained, and thus open. Just how we like 'em. Thank you to Karen Johnson for being trail boss; and to Diane Killingsworth who stepped-up at our last meeting to be trail boss for our chapter.

Thank you for all of the birthday wishes when Bronco turned 36-years-young on the 11th. He's 9-years-old in Bronco-math: in his view, if you have more than one digit in your birthday you keep adding the numbers together until you get a smaller-number. I'm 11.

Greetings from Yakima! Many of you will remember Cheryl Brown who joined our club last year then moved back to Yakima when she lost her job here. Carrie and Barry Russell recently met up with her on the trail. Cheryl spoke of how much she enjoyed being a member of our chapter. She appreciated how

helpful and friendly everyone was. She sends her thanks and warm thoughts to all of you. Carrie was happy to report Cheryl has a new job and a new sweetie. We wish Cheryl the best.

Upcoming trail riding clinic: while working on trails in Capitol Forest, I met Irene, who owns Bordeaux Stables near Littlerock. She told me they are hosting an extreme trail clinic with Mitch and JoLinn Hoover of MJ Rising Ranch on September 8 and 9. This could be a great opportunity for anyone who wants to learn more about training their horse on trail obstacles. The clinic is only half-full and they need more participants to bring the clinicians here. Please call her at 360.791.3035 for details. Barb Apple also has several clinics to choose from: [www.BarbApple.com](http://www.BarbApple.com).

Many happy trails,

Laura, Bronco, Shimmer and Luke

## **Events - partial for 2012**

### **June**

30 - Okanogan Valley Chapter Chiliwist Ride 9 am, 509-422-0244 or 509-826-1421

30 - Roslyn Riders Play day 12:00 pm

30-7/1 - Annual Ken Wilcox Skagit River Ride, Sedro Wooley, 360-661-4063 or [mohappy@cedarsprings.org](mailto:mohappy@cedarsprings.org)

### **July**

*No General Meeting*

**4-8 - Chapter Mt Adams Horse Camp camp out**

4-8 - Pierce County Chapter Nile camp out, 253-732-7402

7 - Olympic Chapter ride Newberry Hill 10 am

13-15 - Okanogan Valley & Ferry Cty Joint Ride & pack-in, Edd's Mountain, 509-775-9998 or 509-486-2061

14 - Pierce County Chapter Elbe work party, Discover Pass, 253-381-2868

**14 - Chapter Beach day ride - Grayland/Wesport, Discover Pass required**

15 - Nisqually Chapter ride Fort Lewis Area 22, 11 am, Pass required

**20-22 - Olympic Chapter Western Dream Ride, Lower Teanaway, Cle Elum**

21-22 - Nisqually Chapter Elbe Hills camp out, Discover Pass required

22-24 - Olympic Chapter Haney Meadows

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

26-29 - Pierce County Chapter PCT work party Government Meadows, 253-863-8591

**27-29 - Chapter Wildcat Camp - Tieton camp out**

27-29 - Ferry County Chapter Steak Ride 509-775-8165

27-29 - Olympic Chapter Sahara Elbe camp over, Discover Pass required

### **August**

3-5 - Okanogan Valley & Ferry Cty Ladies ride/pack/camp, Hall Creek, 509-485-3002 or 509-486-1107

4 - Enumclaw Chapter Prize ride, Buck Creek 9 am

4 - Olympic Chapter Green Mt ride Gold Creek TH 10 am, Discover Pass required

**7 - General Meeting Littlerock fire hall 7 pm**

**10-13 - chapter Les Hilde camp out - Sedro Wooley SR 20, Discover Pass required**

12 - Okanogan Valley Chapter Disappointment Trail ride, 509-486-1547

**18 - chapter Panhandle Lake day ride - Shelton**

18-19 - Competitive Mounted Orienteering, Margaret McKenny Capitol Forest

18-19 - Natural Horemanship Games and Rendezvous, Fall City 425-222-7911

23-26 - Pierce County Chapter Conrad Meadows camp out 253-732-7402

**24-27 - chapter Green River Horse Camp - Randle camp out**

## **BCHW Capitol Riders**

Meeting minutes

Littlerock fire hall 6/5/12 7 pm

**Call to Order:** Laura Kingman, President, called the regular meeting of BCHW Capitol Riders Chapter to order at 7:01 PM on 06/05/2012, in the Littlerock Fire Hall.

**Introduction of Guests:** Angelle Hickman - five guests.

(Jan Huntley - a friend of Connie, Wanita Dalton - a friend of Sue Koch, Julie Heath - a friend of Karen Johnson and Nisqually chapter member, Tamra and guest #5)

**Attendance :** 30 (5 guests)

**Approval of minutes:** Connie Bailey

Membership approved May 1st, 2012 minutes as read.

**Treasurers Report:** Traci Koch

a) Club is solvent. Traci reported on garage sale proceeds and iGive donation.

b) Petty Cash - Angelle Hickman is in charge of petty cash.

**Newsletter-Web:** Chris Enrico

Chris was not present to report.

**Activity Committee:** Vice President Dean Hartman.

**Ride Committee:** Carrie Russell, Martha Kesting and Susan Hartman

Carrie reported that the Nile ride was great.

June 7-10 Ride Change to:- Joe Watt Canyon.

Petterman Ride Changed from June 16th to June 23rd - Day Ride

July 27-29 Changed to Wildcat ~Contact Carrie for information. 360-438-1873

Sept. 7th Ride ~We will discuss at August 7th Meeting.

**Hoof Prints Program:** Peggy Tucker

Submit your \$5.00 to Peggy and use the Hoof Prints form to document your rides. In November, Peggy will collect your completed forms, turn them in and issue \$15.00 gift certificates from Tack Room Too. Contact Peggy to sign up!

**Work Parties:** Jeff LaBreck

National Trails Day had a successful attendance.

**Ways & Means:** Dean Hartman & Tom Crowson

Advertising: Jeff LaBreck: Currently 8 sponsors. Note: Advertising revenue will be submitted to petty cash fund.

Garage Sale: Garage Sale at Joyce & Don's. Date May 5th was a great success!! Hartman's donating gift certificate to Joyce & Don, in appreciation for hosting this event.

Sale Proceeds: 10% agreed upon to go to petty cash at the May meeting was reviewed and determined that the petty cash fund did not require funding.

Raffle Tickets: Angelle Hickman

iGive: Connie Bailey: quarterly reports - nothing.

**Social Events:** Anita Rustvold, Connie Bailey, Loretta Watkins

Need volunteers and ideas for social events. .

Please call or send email to Connie 360-273-5552 with any ideas you may have for a social.

**Membership Correspondence:** Chris Enrico, Connie Bailey

Angelle Hickman oversees various personal events with our membership.

**Legislative:** Judy Francis & Dean Hartman.

Current Information posted on the web site and emailed to the membership.

DNR User meeting May 31, 6:00 pm, 801 88th Ave, Tumwater..

**Director:** Karen Johnson

Karen announced that we need to identify a “Trail Work Boss” Volunteer Coordinator, in regards to Trail work reporting to BCHW.. Diane Killingsworth said that she is involved with that work group and volunteered to represent Capitol Riders as our ‘Trail Work Boss’.

2013 Calendars coming out soon - \$20.00. Jeff will go to Eastern WA and pick up 100 calendars

Volunteer’s to sell calendars: Ron H., Jeff L., Connie B., Laura K., Karen J., & Dean H.

Karen is leaving tomorrow at 8pm. If you would like her to pick up something from the BCH store, place your order with her. It will save you shipping.

BCHW 1st annual fundraiser : Annual Ken Wilcox Skagit River Ride June 30 - July 1. Sedro Woolley, WA. Chris has the flyer on our Events page. Wonderful event with free LNT class, free horsemanship class, swimming, hay ride, dance, prize ride and much more! Held at Cedar Springs Center. Lodging, camping and loads of fun!!!

**ALT Director:** Jeff LaBreck:

Discussion that we had not formerly adopted a trail. Jeff also discussed DNR trail signs. Laura Kingman requested that they put ‘Capitolriders.org’, on our trail signs.

**Old Business:**

Adopt a Trail. Dean mentioned we do Mima Camp & help other groups. Motion was made and carried to adopt a trail: Mima - Greenline 6 to Trail 20

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**New business:**

Guest Speaker-Laura Cohen- Parasite Control & Monitoring. Karen Johnson Introduced our guest speaker. Laura gave a very informative presentation where we had a Q&A session. 22 people participated in submitting their fecals for testing. The summary of Laura’s presentation and the fecal results will be provided in the June news letter.

**Good of the Order:** See postscript.

**Treats & Coffee for August 7th Meeting:**

Karen (Coffee) & Sue Koch (Treats).

**Adjournment :** President Laura Kingman adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM noting that there will not be a July meeting.

**Minutes submitted by:** Connie Bailey

**Minutes approval by:** Membership on \_\_\_\_\_

**Postscript Good of the Order:** After the meeting member Mickie Hattrup wanted to make a comment on the Good of the Order. Mickie sincerely extended her appreciation to Chris Enrico & Connie Bailey for providing her all the information/feedback she requested on the condition of Elbe trails. Mickie was overwhelmed by our immediate response and assistance.

## Nile Valley Trip - Memorial Day Weekend 2012

They say that prior planning provides perfection, (or something like that). I knew that if we worked on all the details of our Nile Valley campout ahead of time, everything would go smoothly and we would all have a great trip.



Tootie and I had only camped at the Nile Valley once before. We had an OK trip, but most of the time we rode by ourselves. We didn't really know where we were going. Except for one day riding with Nina, we were mostly clueless!

This year would be different. I got all the maps out of our mapbook and reviewed them ahead of time. I put new batteries in the GPS. We knew that we would potluck on Saturday night with Lewis County chapter, so Tootie made her famous lasagna.

We had not run the generator all winter, so while filling the water tanks in the camper, I primed, started, and ran it for an hour. I was happy that it started and ran perfectly the first time I tried because this, **HIGH DOLLAR, LOW HOUR, NOISY, PIECE OF JUNK HAS NEVER REALLY WORKED PROPERLY FROM THE BEGINNING!**

We caravanned with Barry and Carrie, meeting at Hwy 12 at 9:00 on Thursday morning. There was a little rain on the trip out, but we had checked the forecast and knew that things would dry up on the other side of the mountains. Leaving early on Thursday would almost guarantee good campsites close to the creek. Dean and Susan would show up later on Thursday so we needed three good spots.

About noon, we found good campsites, set up camp and our highlines, got everything relatively level and were able to relax and enjoy the perfection of the weekend.

That evening, before bedtime, I thought I would start the generator to charge up the batteries. I was confident in the fact that it had started instantly and ran beautifully on Wednesday at home in my driveway.

**IT WAS DEAD WHEN I TRIED TO START IT, "DEAD AS A DOORNAIL!!!"**

I will not repeat any of the swear words that I uttered, trying to figure out what happened to my untrustworthy Onan generator. Dean saved the day by lending his small, quiet, Honda to us to run occasionally to charge things up.



Actually, everything else on the trip went smoothly. There was just enough rain at night to hold the dust down during the day. The riding was wonderful, the trails were great. We found the lake and the Big Rock with Barry and Carrie. We did the cross river loop, everything was beautiful, the footing was good, I was able to calm down and have a good time. Gordon and Nina came by on Saturday and stayed for the potluck, it was good to see them!

On these camping trips we integrate a tribe of people, a herd of horses, and sometimes a pack of dogs. There's something about these chapter campouts that always grounds us in reality. Something that reminds us of our history and what our grandparents and great-grandparents went through when they settled here in the Northwest. I always try to remind myself about things that are really important, I try to filter out the problems that modern society gives us and

get back to basics.

All in all, it was a wonderful trip. We met great people, there were LOTS of people and horses there, but it never seemed crowded. We really enjoyed the camaraderie, (after all, horse people are great!) No-one got hurt, a girl lost one of her dogs on a trail... only to have him walk back into camp later. The Lewis County chapter had a large turnout; it was nice to get to know them. I'm looking forward to next year's trip already.

Tom Crowson

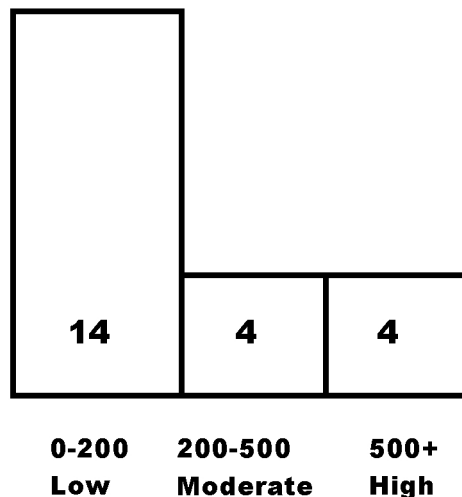
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Fecal Counts (FEC)  
Recommended Parasite Control to avoid Parasite Resistance  
Presentation by Laura Cohen  
6/5/2012

Thank you to all who stayed and listened to my talk about FEC. This is the direction deworming must go, as parasites are becoming resistant to our current selection of drugs. The drug companies are not researching new drugs at this time. FEC is an evidence based approach to deworming based on a count of eggs per gram of manure. Depending on your count (low 200 or less, medium 200-500, high 500 and above) if it's 200 and above it is recommended you consult your vet to determine which dewormer to use. Then, wait 7-14 days and retest to verify if your choice of drugs worked. Rotational deworming is out as this practice has greatly contributed to the resistance problem we have today. When it was suggested, rotational deworming was necessary as we had no broad spectrum dewormers to use. However, we have had broad spectrum dewormers for the last 25 years! Small strongyles are the biggest threat to mature horses. Ascarids are mostly a problem for foals and young horses, but they develop immunity to the parasites.

Some horses have high immunity to parasites in general, only needing deworming 1-2 times a year (and using a dewormer with praziquantel in it can take care of tapeworms, which can be difficult to detect in a FEC). Manure management is important in parasite control. Horses on pasture are likely to carry a higher worm load since that's where the life cycle begins. Eggs hatch from manure and larvae crawl up on grass stems to be eaten. Thus the cycle begins again.

Picking up manure in stalls and paddocks must be done daily. Composting manure will kill larvae and destroy eggs. Hot dry weather will destroy them as well. Unfortunately we only have 3-4 days of that kind of weather here... So, don't drag your pastures unless it's a very hot and dry in the forecast, and use proper pasture management.

Capitol Riders Fecal Egg Count Results  
22 Horses on 6/5/12



Laura will be at the August 7th meeting to pick up additional samples for testing. Cost is approximately \$10 each. Please contact Connie Bailey as soon as possible to make sure you get on the list. 360-273-5552.

Take-Home Message -

While we can't completely, eliminate equine parasites, Nielsen recommends horse owners consider implementing fecal egg counts and fecal egg count reduction tests as part of a sustainable parasite control program.

<http://www.thehorse.com/ViewArticle.aspx?ID=20182>

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**MEMBERS COMING TOGETHER AT THE JUNE 10TH ACTHA TRAIL CHALLENGE @ HAPPY TRAILS ARENA** (Happy Trails Arena is the previous "HAPPS" facility)

by Gretchen Shea

For any horse lover searching for a fun activity, you might consider joining the ACTHA. (American Competitive Trail Horse Association). The ACTHA is an organization that sponsors competitive trail challenges all over the United States. Prizes are awarded for 1st through 6th place, and there are four division's which include Open division for more experienced trail horses and riders, Pleasure division, open to all adults who want to gain experience. Junior division for youth riders, and a buddy division which doesn't keep score, but allows you to ride with a partner. Rides are scheduled on weekends and posted online for easy registration. Camping is available as well as informative clinics with guest speakers and hands on experience for an extra fee. Trail rides are 6-8 miles in length, and last approximately 2-3 hours. Obstacles are set up at different areas throughout the course and there are two judges that score you at each station. My first competitive trail ride challenge was June 10, 2012 at Happy Trails Equestrian Center in Ethel Washington with my horse Emmitt. I had no idea what to expect but was fortunate enough to meet up with Peggy Tucker who had competed in a trail challenge before. The ride lasted about 2 ½ hours from start to finish with a briefing in the morning before the ride going over rules and obstacles.

Peggy and I warmed up in the field a little bit to try and work some of the energy out of our horses before we set out on our challenge. Riding out to get to the obstacles involved crossing two large river beds. Emmitt is not a horse that is too keen about crossing water or even the thought of getting his feet wet. He finally got the nerve to cross, and off we went to the next one only this one came complete with rushing water and sound effects. Again, he was very hesitant to go but with encouragement he crossed. As we made our way through the marked trail we came upon our first obstacle entitled "Dirty Campsite". This obstacle you were to pass under an enormous blue tarp suspended in the trees with empty cans scattered on the ground to make clanking noises when your horse walked through. I looked at the tarp thinking "He's going have nothing to do with this" but to my surprise he walked gingerly through it at which point I was ready with his peppermint treat to reward a job well done. Our second obstacle was a water crossing in which you and your horse cross a large stream about knee deep for the horse, turn around go back into the water and proceed upstream for about 10 feet making a wide circle around two wooden ducks that were strategically placed on each side of the stream, and then back to the bank to continue on.

Peggy's horse went first and completed the obstacle like a pro. When it came my turn, Emmitt just wanted to get across that water as fast as he could and wanted nothing to do with returning. I decided for safety reasons to pass and take a zero score. I was just excited that he made it through the water without much trouble. Obstacle three was up and over a hill. Your task was to walk your horse up a hill without breaking into a trot and continue down the other side. Emmitt performed this perfectly, but little did I know that waiting at the top of the hill on each side were large purple whirly bird lawn ornaments. Emmitt nervously glanced at them realizing they weren't going to jump out and grab him, and continued down the hill to the next obstacle. Obstacle 4 involved backing your horse through poles shaped as an "L". I have to say that I was impressed with his backing ability, although the challenge was to stay within the poles without touching them and If he had a better navigator, he would have aced this obstacle with a high score.

The obstacle that was the most fun for me was the Cowboy Curtain in which you approached multiple windsocks hanging down from a suspended rope. You and your horse had 30 seconds to pass under it to the other side. I could read Emmitt's mind as he approached the obstacle. He must have been thinking to himself.... "It's gonna swallow me whole." So after much encouragement and realizing he wasn't going to be swallowed alive, he passed under without a care. By this time Peggy and I we're almost back to the starting point and to the last obstacle which was located in the indoor arena. This challenge was to canter your horse in a large figure eight with a simple lead change. Although we scored 38 out of 100 points for our first trail challenge, I had so much fun, and was extremely proud of his efforts for never experiencing

this before and doing a great job at it.

Emmit is a 12 year old gaited Quarter-Horse-cross, brought into the Enumclaw Auction in September 2009. I don't know what brought me to the auction that day but he was the first horse I saw and I wasn't leaving without him. No information was given on his pen. His legs were bloody from cuts, but his demeanor was calm almost drug induced. I crawled in his pen with him and talked to him. He let me pick up his feet and pet him but wouldn't let me touch his mouth. I found out later that he was used as a Mexican dance horse and was trained with methods that are less than humane. He was very afraid of any sudden movements for the fear of being disciplined. People would ask me "What you do with him?" And I would reply, "Oh, he's just a trail horse." In June, 2012, Emmit just completed 90 days of professional training with Josh Auman from Onalaska Washington and he is a completely different horse. I knew that with some time invested, a horse that meant nothing to one person would change another forever. I wanted a discipline we could learn and grow together with and now I know this is it. I had the best time on my trail challenge and am so excited to go on the next one in Fall City Wa. On June 23rd and 24th., I will never say that Emmit is "Just a Trail Horse" again.

Gretchen Shea



### Adventures in Trail Obstacles By Peggy Tucker

I'm always looking for ways to make my horse (and me) safer on the trails, and to make my horse truly a bomb-proof horse. I use her in field trials (dog events) where blank pistols and shotguns are being used, I've attended several trail clinics by a couple local clinicians, and of course, go on trail rides by myself and with other people.

This year I decided I would join ACTHA (American Competitive Trail Horse Association) to be able to go on rides with obstacles to tackle along the way. I've been on two rides so far this year with ACTHA. The first one was at the Mossyrock Horse and Riders Club in Silver Creek, WA.

I wasn't exactly sure what to expect, but the ride coordinator explained the rules and each person got an obstacle rules sheet, what would be expected by the judge at each obstacle. The rides are about 6 miles long with 6 obstacles set up along the path. The first obstacle was mount on the off side. Now I don't know about anyone else, but I've never done



that and Lady, my TWH mare, looked sideways at me and kept swinging around and presenting her left side. So we got a no-go for that one. The rest of the obstacles went better and I got what I thought was a decent score for a first time person. Some of them were crossing a stream, crossing logs, doing a 360 degree turn within a marked off square.

My next ride was at Happy Trails Arena, formerly Happs, in Ethel, WA. I was able to meet with and ride with Gretchen Shea. I have to tell you, riding these rides with someone else is a lot more fun than riding them alone. Again the ride coordinator explained everything. We had both signed up for the first ride out time and were the third party out. Our first non-obstacle obstacle, an obstacle that wasn't being judged but was there, was crossing a stream. Imagine a horse who doesn't like to get her feet wet showing a horse who doesn't like water how to cross a stream. We were wondering if we were going to get to the first judged obstacle when I finally got Lady to cross the stream and Gretchen's Emmitt decided that if Lady could do it, he could.

We crossed the stream three times before we got to the first obstacle, the "Dirty Camp". We had to go under a large tarp "teepee" and through trash strewn on the ground. Lady went through first and acted like a pro. Gretchen had to encourage Emmitt, but he bravely travelled through the site. The next obstacle was the dreaded water obstacle. By this time, Lady had the attitude of "Fine, my feet are already wet! You want me to go in the water, I'll go!" We had to go into the stream, go upstream, around some plastic duckies tethered in place, back down stream and then out of the stream. Again Lady did fine, and I was so proud of her. With much encouragement from Gretchen, Emmitt crossed the stream but she couldn't quite persuade him to go upstream.

After that, we followed the trail as it wound around, always keeping the trail markers on the right, until we came to a pole with a stuffed gorilla hanging on side and a flower pot with candy in it on the other. Both of us were able to get our horses close enough to be able to stretch over and get a candy. Each candy had a number on it for a raffle to be held after the ride.

On to the next obstacle, going up and over a steep hill. But we had to go through the covered bridge to get there. Now Lady's been over all sorts of bridges but this was her first covered one and the echo made her a little nervous. Gretchen said Emmitt jiggled all the way across behind us. The fourth obstacle was the Cowboy Curtain. Once Lady saw what it was, she acted as if to say "Oh, okay, I know what this is. No problem!", and thankfully it wasn't. Emmitt had more trouble with it but the judge was nice and let Gretchen work with him to get him through it. I'll bet he'll be better at it in the future. He's such a kind and smart horse!

The fifth obstacle sounded easy. Back up between two poles with a turn in the middle. Lady knows how to back, but she decided she didn't want to make things too easy for me and refused to back straight, scattering the poles around her! Emmitt was MUCH better at it!

After that it was back to the finish line for the final obstacle, but before we got there we had the chance to go under the waterfall. Lady balked a couple times, after all her feet were nice and dry by that time, but finally went through at as fast a walk as she could.

The final obstacle was a figure eight in the arena. It was suppose to be done at a lope, but Lady is a gaited horse that I'm still trying to get to canter. She'll canter on a lunge line but so far not with me in the saddle. So our figure eight was a fast hard pace, and it gave me a taste of what running barrels on her would be like. Not going to happen!

After the ride, the contestants scores are tallied. There is a score for the horse and one for the rider and then a combined score for each obstacle and then a total score. Scores are out and I did about the same as I did for my first ride, which is pretty good since I haven't practiced any obstacles since then.

If you want to have a fun time on a weekend morning, check out ACTHA. It's a nice group of people with great horses. And if you're good enough, you could walk away with a prize! But at least you'll walk, or is that ride, away with a feeling of accomplishment and a smile on your face.

Peggy

On July 7th Connie Bailey will be judging at the ACTHA fund raiser event to benefit Rainier Therapeutic Riding. This event will be held at Bolender Horse Park, 131 Crater View Dr., Silver Creek, WA 98585 starting at 8 am.

Two of our members riding in this event are Gretchen Shea & Peggy Tucker.

Laura mentioned an extreme trail clinic with Mitch and JoLinn Hoover at Bordeaux Stables. First you can find more information concerning the Hoover's at [www.mjrisinghbranch.com](http://www.mjrisinghbranch.com) and feel free to Google them as well. The following photos were sent to Laura by Irene Boyson the owner of Bordeaux Stables.







Start planning now for Olympic Chapter's "Dream Ride" in the lower Teanaway east of Cle Elum. Registration ends July 1 or 200 reservations, whichever comes first. Registration form is at "olympicbchwa.org/PDFs/2012\_WDR\_Registration.pdf". All 30 stalls are now rented. It is July 20-22 and it's on our list of scheduled rides

July 4th through 8th is another trip to the Mt. Adams Horse Camp. Gifford Pinchot National Forest lands so bring your money for the overnight fee, no other passes required. Assuming you'll be driving into Oregon to get there, tolls are now \$1.00 per axle, both directions.

July 14th is a day ride on the beach at Grayland-Westport. Bring your Discover Pass, it's a state park.

July 27th to 29th is an overnighter changed to Wildcat above Rimrock Lake off SR 12. "Wildcat" for Wildcat Creek which goes into the William O Douglas Wilderness. It's on USFS lands. (FYI - The William O Douglas trail from Yakima to Ohanapeosh is now officialy open.) Dry camping so bring your own water.

August 10th to 13th is a trip to the Les Hilde trailhead off of SR 20. Said to have about 100 miles of trail available. Bring your Discover pass.

August 18th is a day trip to Panhandle Lake west of Shelton. It's a 4-H camp with trails around the perimeter.

August 24th to the 27th is another overnighter to Green River Horse Camp out of Randle. Be sure and check out the "Boundary Trail".

To finish off the scheduled rides is Buck Creek in the Greenwater area of SR 410 on September 9th. Overnight at Echo Ranch if you wish or hang out at the airstrip (camp sites are available.)

Other events/Clinics -

Superior Soundness of the Equine Hoof, August 11-12, 8 am, free snacks, lunch fundraiser, \$130 donation. 12211 123rd Ave, Rainier, WA. Please register prior to July 10. Send check to: Rainier Equine Hoof Recovery Center, PO Box 1272, Rainier WA 98576. Made payable to: REHRC

Flying M Stables - 3922 113th Avenue SW, Olympia

Play Day: July 7th, 10am - Cal Stake, Figure 8, Key Pole, Poles, Barrels

Gaming Practice: July 27th, 7pm

Schooling Show: July 28th, 9am

Performance Clinics: Wednesday nights in June and July 7 - 9pm

Cattle:

June 30th, Arena Sorting 6pm. July 1st, Ranch Sorting 11am

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - 7pm, Introduce your horse to cows, \$15 for adults, \$10 for Youth

July 7th: Team Penning, 6pm. July 8th: Ranch Sorting, 11am. July 22nd: Arena Sorting 11am

July 28th: Team Penning 6pm. July 29th: Ranch Sorting 11am

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# 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 Chapter Treasurer:  
**Traci Koch**  
**61 SE Craddick Road, Shelton WA 98584-9236**



## 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 \$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
- 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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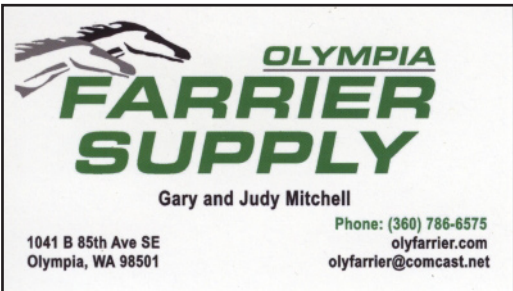
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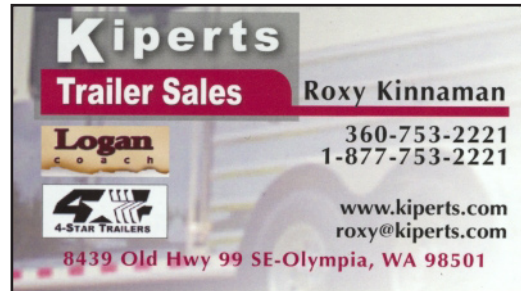
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