



## The President's Saddlebag

Karen Kimball, president PBCH 2013

June has been a very busy month with a lot of activities going on. We worked at Farragut Park on National Trails Day and although we had a small turnout, we got all the work done we intended to do. I want to thank everyone who showed up to help.

Then we had our Farragut weekend outing, packing clinic and trail rides. July Volpi did a great job planning the weekend and leading the rides. Jerry Shriner organized the packing clinic on Saturday with the help of Diane Shriner and Jim Kimball. Thank you all for the work and fun. On June 13th Bill Clarke, Bob Funke and myself met out at Farragut and installed 2 hitching rails by the overnight camping and corrals. Pacific Steel donated the steel and cut it for us and Bob Funke welded them together. Then the Park Ranger drilled the holes and furnished the concrete to cement them in. Thank you Bob and Bill for hard and heavy work you did.

Thank you to Joni Lueck and Marilyn Rousher for leading the Blue Creek ride on June 15th. They had 8 riders and brought in a new member. On Sunday June 16th we decided to clear Chilco Mt. Trail before the rains started. It's a good thing we did. Thank you everyone that were called to help. We had a good crew and got the work done.

June 22-23, was the Heyburn State Park weekend campout. We had a nice number of people and we rode hard both days. It didn't rain, the weather was quite nice. At night we sat around the campfire and watched the full moon come up. It was beautiful. Thank you Bob and Linda Funke for organizing it.

We have two big events coming up in July- the Red Ives trail clearing on July 12-14 and the 4th of July Pass trail ride on July 27th with guests. Please try to join us. Remember to take weed free hay whenever you are out riding. It is required on National Forests and State Parks. Don't forget next meeting on Wednesday, July 17th will be our annual potluck. If anyone would like to lead a trail ride just let me know and get the information to Joni to put in the newsletter.

Happy Trails, Karen

## June Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order with new gavel by Karen Kimball at 7:11 pm. Minutes from May 18th meeting were read. Correction on paid bills. Should read \$273.44 not \$23.44. Minutes stand as read. Welcome to two new members, Kristina Sheppard and Kelly Hamburg. Both members are interested in being active in the PBCH program.

TREASURERS REPORT - Current bills: \$20.00 Ormus; \$30.00 Joni Lueck for mailings; \$31.02 Karen Kimball misc. Motion made to pay by Andrea Anderson, 2nd by Bill Clarke - Passed. Paid bills per May minutes for a total of \$630.95.

Income - \$305.00 membership, \$120.00 calendars and \$10.00 sponsorship for a total of \$435.00. \$100.00 deposit for clean up at Farragut should be returned. Progressive pot is \$257.00 and continues to grow...who will be the lucky winner??

OLD BUSINESS - Remember Big R is to give 10% discount on everything. If any problems talk with "Mike".

Asotin, WA Ride - 21 riders, second day rainy and windy - lots of elk joined the ride. Also saw mountain sheep. Lots of fun!

National Trails Day - June 1 at Farragut State Park. Some 8 people "worked their butts off"! Received a lot of compliments. Ray was real handy with a saw. Driving club wants to donate \$500.00 for projects. Ginger Swisher will follow up with them.

Hitching Rails - Bill Clarke reported. Steel donated by Pacific Steel, Bob Funke welded them and he, Bill Clarke and Karen Kimball put them in on June 13<sup>th</sup> at Farragut State Park.

Blue Creek Bay Ride - Joni Lueck and Marilyn Rousher reported 8 riders. New member Kristina Sheppard joined them and they had a great time.

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## Calendar Jan., Feb., June and July

**July 12-14 Red Ives work party** This is a great work party to go on and a chance to see beautiful country and have fun around the campfire. We will be clearing trails on Friday and Saturday and Sunday may be a fun ride. We will camp across the bridge from Red Ives Ranger Station over by the horse barn and corrals. The gate on the bridge will be unlocked. We'll have the Chapter chainsaws and nippers for members to use clearing trails.

Friday and Saturday will be potluck, we will have the BBQ going. Bring a dish to share and your meat to grill. Sunday morning breakfast will be on the Chapter. Jim and I will be cooking. Pack a lunch for the trail. Trails are steep so horses should be in shape and shod. We will ride out from our campsite so no moving rigs to work. Be in the saddle by 9:00 on Friday.

Jim and I will be going up on Thursday morning. Please RSVP by July 8th to Karen Kimball at 208 772-2434 or [jkkimball01@gmail.com](mailto:jkkimball01@gmail.com).

DIRECTIONS: Red Ives is on the upper part of the ST Joe River above the town of Avery. A sure fire way to get there is take I-90 to the Hwy 3/Rose Lake exit #34, go south to St Maries. At about 22 miles there is a stop sign/light at the Hwy 3/Hwy 97 Harrison "Y". From there go about 10.25 miles, at the 35 Mile speed sign and Avery/Caulder sign, take a left onto St Joe River Road (NF-50). It's about 90 miles from St Maries to Red Ives all on paved roads, except for the last 5 miles. Approximately at the 73 mile marker there's a bridge on the right to Red Ives that crosses Gold Creek. Look for one of our red and white PBCH arrow signs. The last 10 miles is narrow with few turnouts, so take it slow and carefully. Again, look for one of our red and white PBCH arrow signs at the Red Ives Historic Ranger Station directing you across the bridge to the camping area. Go to [www.PBCH.org](http://www.PBCH.org) website for a map.

**July 17** Wednesday potluck dinner and July meeting. Dalton Garden City Hall and community park. Corner of Hanley and 4<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a dish to share. Bring your own meat. PBCH chapter will have paper plates, cutlery, napkins, coffee. BBQ will be started and socialize at 6 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Short meeting to follow.

**July 20** Saturday Blue Creek Fun Ride. Foot in saddle 10 a.m. Bring a lunch. Members only. Good wide trails with views of Lake Coeur d'Alene. Trail boss Marilyn Rousher phone 755-8112. Directions to park at boat launch off Yellowstone Rd. Go east on I-90 from Coeur d'Alene to Mullan Trail exit. Turn left and go to Sunnyside and then to Yellowstone Trail. Stay left and follow signs.

**July 27 Annual** 4<sup>th</sup> of July Recreation Area fun ride. Foot in saddle 10 a.m. Ginger Swisher 691-5402 & Bea Christopherson 651-6748 trail bosses. 5-mile and 10- mile loops. Julie Volpi will serve lunch of BBQ hamburgers, chips, beans, cookies and soda for \$5. Please RSVP to Karen Kimball 772-2434 or [jkkimball01@gmail.com](mailto:jkkimball01@gmail.com) or Julie Volpi [cjvolpi@dishmail.net](mailto:cjvolpi@dishmail.net) for lunch please. Directions: From Coeur d'Alene go east on I-90 to 4<sup>th</sup> of July Recreation Area exit. Stay to the right and follow signs to parking area. Members with guests. Nice flat wide trails in large stands of trees. **Need volunteer to park horse trailers as this is a big turnout event!** Calendar continued -----

### Summertime Written by PBCH member Sonia Schumacher

Last night I was enjoying the last pinches of dusk and the fresh smell in the air after two days of rain over an evening cup of tea. Three of our four dogs were in our enclosed eight foot back yard fence readying themselves to be put up for the night. Our ritual includes a milkbone, the word "kennel" and off they go to their respective dog houses located on the porches.

As they often do the dogs ran along the 150' fence line yipping at a couple of deer grazing in the pasture on the other side. The deer come and visit all the time and somehow know the dogs are not a threat. But this evening I was able to witness once again the play and a different communication between these two animals, one a predator one a herd animal. One of the deer only three feet from the fence line began to run along its side of the fence while on the other side the dogs took to the chase. This was all done in play very evident by the body language of both animals. The deer would look over at its companion and then start running along the fence line, again dogs on the chase. Up and down they went the tawny deer stopping several times to look over at its grazing partner who soon joined in the fun. They took turns at this for about a half an hour. I of course was mesmerized by this display of abandonment of fear and the frolic of these animals that do not normally trust one another.-----

Photo below: Chilco Mountain Work Party. Photo courtesy Pat Graham.



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**Sept. 28** Trail Challenge, Farragut State Park. Open to the public. Fundraiser. Trail boss Jamie Smith.

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Father's Day - 12 people drove up the Bunco and cleared Chilco Mountain - good trail - nice and wide and about 8 miles one way.

Heyburn Outing - Bob Funke advised another group will be doing a poker ride. Both Saturday and Sunday will start at 9:30 am. Ride approximately 6 hours.

Red Ives - Clear trails on Friday July 12 and Saturday July 13th. Saturday will be a fun ride and hopefully people can stay until Monday. Rides by Line Creek and Broken Elbow. Motion was made to have PBCH sponsor breakfast on Sunday. Bob Funke approved the motion. 2nd by Linda Funke. Passed.

4th of July Pass Ride - Ride is July 27th at 10:00 am. Will be a short loop of 5 miles and long loop of 10 miles. Julie Volpi will be providing food. Need to RSVP for headcount. Also, need someone to do parking and registration.

NEW BUSINESS - It was discussed that the chapter might want to purchase Packing Equipment to lend out to anyone who is interested in learning about packing. We will discuss further with Jerry Shriner to see what type of equipment would be beneficial to the club. Karen Kimball will be ordering new hats and shirts. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Remember to always use "Weed Free Hay" when traveling and camping. Pellets work really well if you cannot find "Weed Free Hay".

We discussed doing plaques or flyers for PBCH work projects so we can be recognized for our efforts. Kristina Sheppard will make some sample flyers for the group to review before laminating. (Note - laminating will last a few months) - Bill Clarke will check with rangers at Farragut to see if we can put these up. Ginger Swisher to follow up with the Driving Club for their \$500.00 donation and we will consider buying more steel for hitching posts.

NEXT MONTH MEETING - WEDNESDAY JULY 17th - ANNUAL POT LUCK - BBQ WILL BE READY AT 6:30 AT DALTON CITY PARK. Reminder - please make sure the sprinklers are off....

For those members who know our friend Joe Swendig, he has passed away....He will be missed. He helped start the chapter of PBCH.

## TRAILS/RIDES

Independence Creek - Monday 6/24, Bob, Jill and Karen will be going up to the Forest Service. They will hike in and look at the trail to see if we want to install pungin.

Looking for trail boss for Marie Creek Ride. Ginger Swisher will look into it and Kristina Sheppard volunteered to assist.

Cindi Richardson proposed we look into a campout at Pee Week Creek perhaps August or September.

Ginger Swisher talked on Leave No Trace - Excellent program and talked about implementing one segment at a time at outings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Submitted by secretary Andrea Anderson

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## Other Rides and Events

**\*\*July 13 BCH Montana ride at Gold Creek, MT.**

All the information is available at [www.bchmt.org/clarkfork](http://www.bchmt.org/clarkfork).

Click on the wording "FUN RIDE" July 13 at the bottom of the page. Contact Joyce and Angelo Bissell 208-689-3356  
horsedapples@frontier.com



## Scholarship Information

Panhandle Back Country Horsemen will grant two individuals with a \$500 scholarship each. They must meet the below requirements and be selected by the Board of Directors. The goal of the scholarship is to assist young people in the rising cost of tuition. Individuals must be willing to be involved in trail conservation, education and horsemanship through PBCH membership. See the website [www.pbch.org](http://www.pbch.org) for further information or contact Jamie Smith at 208-755-4490 or email [jkimball2331@yahoo.com](mailto:jkimball2331@yahoo.com)

Photo below: Riders cross a stream at Heyburn State Park ride and campout June 22-23. Photo courtesy Karen Kimball.



## Classified Ads

### TWO QUALITY GELDINGS FOR SALE:

Toby: Registered quarter horse, bay, 11 years old this month. Tall, lanky, good looking. Used for trail rides. Asking \$1500 or best offer.  
Jack: Previous owner died. His papers were not found. He is a beautiful chestnut quarter horse, tall, very muscular, gorgeous. We were told he was a working cattle horse. We have used him as a trail horse. Asking \$2000 or best offer.

Please call [208 683-2154](tel:2086832154) or 208 661-6476. Jan and Gary Sylte.

### Newsletter Editor Joni Lueck 659-9066 or [jklhorserider@gmail.com](mailto:jklhorserider@gmail.com)

Deadline for submitting information 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. Please type directly into email and send to me. If you've been on an interesting or beautiful ride and want to share, please send the information along.

### Membership dues for year 2013

Please go to the web site [www.pbch.org](http://www.pbch.org) and fill out membership form for 2013. You must fill out a new form each year. Send to PBCH, P.O. Box 1903, Hayden, ID 83835.

**Progressive Pot:** Michael Anderson's name was called and he was not at the meeting. Pot was \$257.00. This amount rolls over to next meeting.

**\*Calendars: \$20.** A great deal for you and the club. Beautiful outdoor photos and your chance to win a monthly \$500 card. See any member to purchase yours today. **June winner Teresa Bryant, Ferdinand, ID**

### Contact Information

To contact Karen Kimball, president, call 772-2434. Board members contact: Bob Funke 772-5326; Bill Clarke 687-1968; Jill Reineccius 660-5549; Angela Parsons 640-3105; and Jerry Shriner 667-2949. Mailing Address: PBCH, P.O. Box 1903, Hayden, ID 83835.





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## Blue Creek Bay Fun Ride

Written by Marilyn Rousher

We missed all of you who didn't make the ride at Blue Creek with us Saturday, June 17. The weather was perfect, warm but with a cooling breeze. The new trails were dry and well marked and I saw no sign of mosquitoes or other biting critters.

Eight of us went. We were fortunate to have a new member join our ranks in Kristina Sheppard from Rathdrum. Be sure and ask her to ride with you when you go out during the week; she is retired and willing to go anywhere we are going.

Kathy Beck, Pam Kinmer, and I started our portion of the ride down at the boat launch area. Joni started her group of Kristina and Bea Christopherson meeting at the parking lot off Yellowstone Trail. Mike and Tracie Anderson who live up along Folsom Ridge rode down to the parking lot and joined the group. We met them at 11 a.m. and rode for about 3 hours. I can tell that we could have ridden longer because we didn't ride every trail that was marked.

Blue Creek Bay area has an awesome meadow where we should plan a picnic lunch; it has lots of lush grass and plenty of trees for shade. To all of you who missed out, when it is announced that we are going up there again in the future, don't tarry, and meet us up there for a fun ride.

## Packing Clinic Farragut State Park June 8-9

Written by Julie Volpi

I just got home! I think there were 18 campers. Everyone kind of did their own thing on Friday, rode, hiked whatever. Saturday I think there were about 20 or more for the packing clinic. Jerry Shriner talked about the different types of pack saddles and packs and Jim Kimball talked about the type of gear you should take up with you. Jerry checked Bill and Kay Clark's pack saddle for fit on one of their horses. After the clinic a lot of people took their own ride around the park. There was probably 25 that came for the potluck and of course there was great food!! On Sunday some people had to go home but a few more came in for just the ride. We started with around 20 riders and found a couple more on the trail and then lost a couple but all made it back with no injuries.

Anybody with a horse, minimal equipment and the desire, can get into the backcountry for a night or two, said Jerry. You can be safe, observe your limits and still get to some of those remote sites you have heard and read about, he added.

Below: Kathy Beck on her Morgan horse at Blue Creek Bay Area fun ride. Photo courtesy Marilyn Rousher.



Below: Jerry Shriner talks about horse packing tips as Bob Funke listens. Photo courtesy Julie Volpi.



