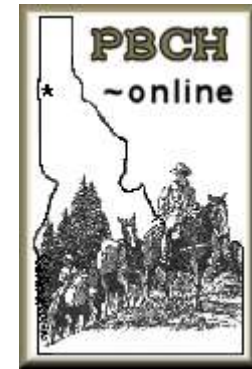


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BCHA Scholarship Winner

PBCH member Maddy Baker has been chosen to receive a scholarship to attend a packing clinic in Montana this summer.

The Back Country Horsemen of America and the Bob Marshall Wilderness Outfitters are the sponsors of the second annual scholarship for young people ages 18-25.

“I just wanted to thank you for forwarding the Bob Marshall wilderness scholarship to me! I got a call last night that I won the scholarship!! Thanks for sharing the opportunity with me,” she wrote.

She graduated from Post Falls High School last year and with her dual enrollment in college, she will be a junior next semester. She plans to become a school counselor.

She hopes to gain some skills to be a more helpful rider on the trail when she joins PBCH on the outings. She has been a member for 3 years. She helps with work projects, attends meetings, maintains the Instagram account for the chapter and rides any chance she can. Her mom Kathy Baker is a past secretary of the chapter.

The week-long event will be held in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. She will travel to Missoula to meet up with her outfitter who will take her through the ropes during the June 11-15 event.

Along with learning packing livestock skills, she will learn about LNT principles and the care of livestock in the backcountry.

Information Corner

******On Loan:** The club has a Decker pack saddle and boxes it will loan out to members.

Please go to www.pbch.org and print out 2016 **membership form** and mail in. Please email Stan Smith, treasurer sdsmith7566@yahoo.com You can also sign up at any ride or event throughout the year!

2016 Calendars now available. These make great gifts: \$20. A great deal for you and the chapter. This year's prizes will be 11 - \$500 gift cards and a grand prize of a \$6000 gift card. This is a great fundraiser for the chapters in Idaho. Call Ray at 660-2907.

Remember to get your PBCH membership card which is good for **10% discount** on animal feed at the North 40 Store.

Life Flight memberships. The yearly dues are \$45 for BCHI members. Diane Shriner has membership applications. Her phone number is 667-2949 or email shriner.diane@gmail.com. Important to have in case of med evac emergency during trail riding or other events.

Classified Ads are free to members. Please send your information to newsletter editor Joni Lueck at jklhorserider@gmail.com



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Saturday May 14, Fish Trap Ride. Sponsored by Inland Empire BCH. Fundraiser. Open to the public. See their web site www.iebch.org for sign-up form.

Saturday, May 14, Blue Creek Bay Fun Ride. Trail boss Joni Lueck email jklhorserider@gmail.com Meet at 10 a.m. Foot in stirrup 11 a.m.

Wednesday, May 18, PBCH monthly meeting. 6:30 socialize and 7 p.m. start. 6360 4th St., Dalton Gardens City Hall.

Saturday, May 21, Marie Creek Ride. Details to follow. Trail boss needed.

May 28-30 Memorial Day Weekend Ride and Campout

Jim and Karen Kimball trail boss. RSVP 208 772-2434 or 208-699-5268. This is the Fordyce Trailhead up Asotin Creek out of Asotin, WA. It is a nice trailhead with fire pit and several trails out of parking lot. Horses will have to be tied to trailers or high-lined. Trails will climb to a ridge top, good trails and gradual climb, but horses should be in shape and shoes are recommended. We will be riding 4+hours on Saturday and Sunday. A Discover Pass (Washington parking pass) will have to be purchased from Fish and Game for \$35, good for a year, or you can get a one-day pass for \$11, purchased online or at the Jiffy Stop in Asotin. The store is one block south from Asotin Creek Rd. where you turn. The store is open 24 hrs.

Directions to trailhead: After going down the Lewiston grade, drive through Lewiston City Center and cross bridge into Clarkston. On the bridge stay in left lane. After crossing bridge take the diagonal street to Clarkston City Center and Asotin. At next stop light turn left following same signs. It will take you approximately 2 to 2 ½ hrs from CDA to get to Clarkston. From Clarkston continue on same road, Hwy 129, going south through town and then along Snake River Rd 5 miles to Asotin. As you come into Asotin, turn before bridge, first road in Asotin, on (Beaumaster Drive) Asotin Creek Rd #110. When you come to a “Y” keep right and stay at creek level. Road will go back and forth from paved to gravel. After the third time it changes to paved and gravel go right at the next “Y” intersection. A few miles you will go past a couple barns on right and cattle guard. After the second barn, look for a sign along the left side of road (Fordyce Trail Head), hitch rail and large grassy area with a parking lot. You are there. It is 45 minutes from Asotin and road is always in good condition.

We will potluck meals Saturday and Sunday and bring a meat to grill. We will have the chapter BBQ for your meat and will have camp stoves out to do your breakfast if you wish. If anyone can haul firewood let me know.

Calendar continued on page 6

Escure Ranch Ride and Campout April 22-24

Written by Jerry Shriner, trail boss

Our Escure Ranch ride has become somewhat of an annual feature. This year the riding group was small but the country was as engaging as ever. We had the BLM campground all to ourselves. The BLM has added highline posts to the other amenities of the campground and with the historical features of the ranch and its buildings it makes a good camp and ride destination.

The trails are well marked for anyone but this year some chose to ride cross country among the many basalt plateaus, ponds and small valleys while others rode trail to Towell falls and some of the country around the ranch.

That is one of the great things about Escure Ranch. It is easy to ride as far or as near as you want and see small lakes and ponds, miles of beautiful stream course and varied rock formations. It is a good place to seek out challenges for your horse and yourself early in the spring when you are looking for a trailhead ride.



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Sponsorships

The sponsorships help the chapter's bottom line. They are inexpensive for members at \$10 per year. Non-members can become a sponsor also for \$30 per year. This includes your business card in the monthly newsletter Tails and Trails and also your card will be listed on the web site. This is a great price for advertising!

PBCH Meeting Saturday, 4/16/16

April Meeting Minutes

During social at 6:30 , Jerry and Diane Shriner made a wonderful slide show presentation.

Interesting and very informative show about their vacation to the Baja Sur in Mexico. Their travel transportation was mules and burros.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Jerry Shriner, President.

Minutes of previous meeting was approved as read via newsletter, motioned by Bob Funke and seconded by Bob Williams.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Karen Kimball in Stan's absence.

Progressive Pot : \$67.00 Alan Harper's name was called, he was not present.

Motion to pay outstanding bills that totaled \$169.77 was made by Karen Kimball and seconded by Bob Williams, motion approved.

Committee Report: Joni Lueck reported that 9 people showed at the Blue creek work detail, Sat. 4-16.

The detail managed to clear 2-3 trees from the trail. Good work gang!!!!

Joni Lueck said our contact person from BLM said the work planned to add more signage, trails and parking on the west side of Blue Creek Rec Area is in the analysis stage. The actual work should be begin by this fall.

Old Business: Maddy Baker made application for the youth scholarship through BCHA for a packing clinic.

Karen Kimball reported the PBCH 30th anniversary will be celebrated at the at July picnic, this year it is on the 20th.

PBCH will supply hot dogs and hamburgers, members are asked to bring side dishes.

Also chapter needs to set up a press release sometime in June for the July picnic event.

Line Creek work project was discussed by Jerry. It is still on target to move the horse camping facilities across the way from general camping.

Jerry has applied for a \$500.00 grant to help with the cost.

PBCH received a \$1500.00 grant from NW Farm Credit.

The US Forest Service has a fund that we may be able to access and there should be more info at the May meeting.

LINE CREEK work detail is set for June 10, 11 and 12th.

Jerry reported that he spoke with Bob Savage at the non-motorized trail-use meeting in CDA. He will continue to attend these meetings.

Joni made inquiry into the scheduled Geo-caching event in Farragut and that event was canceled. Joni said she will note it in the newsletter.

Jerry reported that there will be a meeting of the Non-motorized Trail Recreation Summit April 21st in CDA

Important to attend meeting is 6-8 pm, at Idaho Dept. of Park and Rec please call to confirm your attendance [208-514-2251](tel:208-514-2251).

Karen presented a proof of the proposed BCHA USA Today ad.

New Business:

Karen spoke about the English Point work detail, Friday the 29th of April. This is in partnership with other non-motorized trail users. Only horses no motorized vehicles.

Marie Creek lower section is cleared, top section needs to be done. Pack mule was needed and Jill volunteered her pack mule.

Motion to Adjourn made by Bob Williams, seconded by Bob Funke, approved, 8:20 PM.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Debbie Stratton.

Calendar of Events All events are members only unless otherwise stated. No dogs.

June

June 10-15 Line Creek Work Project, trail boss Jerry Shriner email jerryshriner@gmail.com

Wednesday, June 15, PBCH monthly meeting, 6360 4th St., Dalton Gardens City Hall.

Saturday, June 18 4th of July Recreation Area fun ride. Trail boss Bea Christopherson, email christobea@yahoo.com Members only.

Saturday, June 18, Trail Clearing Chilco Mtn. Bob Funke and Jill Reineccius trail bosses. This is the corrected date from the original June 19.

July

July 8-10 Snow Peak Work and fun ride. Jerry Shriner trail boss email jerryshriner@gmail.com

Saturday, July 16-17, Heyburn State Park fun ride and campout. Park Ranger Don West trail boss. Nice corrals and plenty of parking. Water available at trailhead along with port-a-potty. Must have park pass. Trail system is extensive. Most trails lead downhill at the start and then have riding trails on and around fairly flat areas. Some water crossings. Then a climb uphill back to the trailers and parking areas. Horses should be in shape for this ride. Some narrow trails also.

Wednesday, July 20, PBCH monthly meeting. Annual picnic/bbq at the park. 6360 4th St., Dalton Gardens City Hall.

Sunday, July 24 Local Mountain Bike Club is having a race at 4th of July Pass Rec. Area

Sunday, July 31, Antoine Peak fun ride. Located in Washington. Plenty of parking. Bev Syslo and Chris Schaller, trail bosses.

August

Saturday August 6, 4th of July Pass Rec Area fun ride. Bea Christopherson, trail boss.

September

Saturday, Sept. 10, 4th of July Pass Rec Area fun ride. Open to members and guests. Need trail boss.

Blue Creek Work Party and Ride April 16, 2016

Nine members were on the ride at Blue Creek Rec Area east of Coeur d'Alene. Bob Funke carried two chainsaws on his riding mule! There were 2 or three trees that needed to be cleared but the rest of the trail system looked good.

Joni Lueck, trail boss on Blue Creek project

Marie Creek Work Party April 30, 2016

Marie Cr clearing was a long day with lots of trees still to clear. Funks, Jim and I had cleared most of the trees on the bottom trail to Skitwitch Cr a few weeks ago, but there was still more work to do. Alan and Jesica Harper, Stan and Jamie Smith and Jerry and Diane Shriner did the upper ridge trail. They said there were more trees down than they had ever seen before. Jill Reineccius and Pat Graham, Jim Kimball and myself took the lower trail following the creek. Then we hiked the switchback and cut several trees to the road. We all left the trail head at 9:30 and got back to the trucks at 3:00. Thanks you everyone for the long working day.

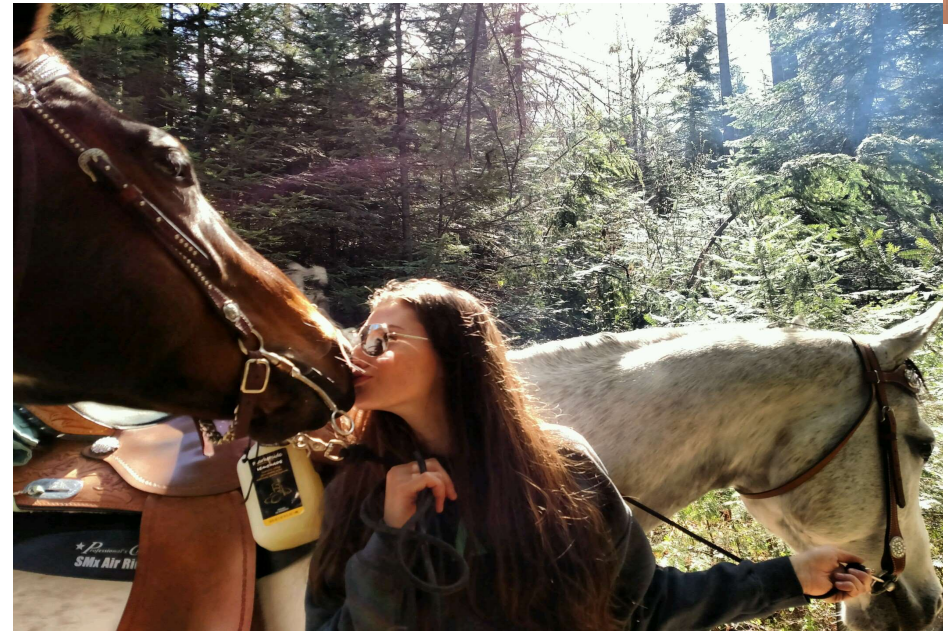
Go to Facebook to see pictures.

Karen Kimball, trail boss

English Point Work Party April 29, 2016

Six people turned out for the non-motorized joint work day at English Pt. Some people brushed and we took chainsaws and cut some trees out of the trail. Thank you to Bill and Kay Clarke, Arnie Wilkens, Bea Christopherson and Debbie Stratton.

Karen Kimball, trail boss



Above: PBCH Maddy Baker kisses her horse after the Blue Creek fun ride and trail clearing April 16. Nine riders enjoyed a nice spring day to ride. Photo below Ray Heilman, and Bob and Linda Funke at Blue Creek project. Photos courtesy Kathy Baker.



