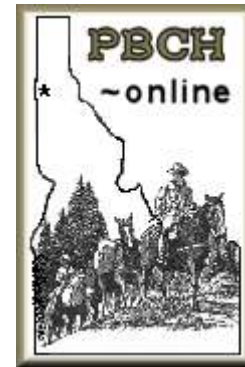


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PBCH Work Hours

By Karen Kimball

Here are the man hours our chapter has spent this spring clearing trails after the storms we had last fall and winter.

Farragut State Park: 64 man hours **Marie Creek : 80 man hours

English Point: 14 man hours **Blue Creek: 2 man hours

These are the hours recorded on our Volunteer Hrs forms. If anyone else has done any trail clearing that I don't know of please let me know so we can get the hours on our forms. The Volunteer Hrs are turned into BCHI and then to BCHA. Back Country Horsemen have more volunteer hrs each year than any other organizations and that is very impressive with the Forest Service.

Thanks for all the good work Panhandle BCH.

---SADDLE FITTING BY BOB HICKMAN



Bob Hickman talked at the June PBCH meeting on saddle fitting.

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!

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.

2016 Calendars 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.

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

** **2012 Razor for sale.** Red and white. Nice 4-wheeler rig with roof and windshield available. \$8,000. Razor trailer available also. Call Joni at 659-9066.

*****Room for rent.** Can bring one horse also. Contact Scott Bengfort at stoneyacresranch.com



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

July

July 2-4 Snow Peak Work and fun ride. RSVP Jerry Shriner trail boss email jerryshriner@gmail.com for more information.

July 9 Appaloosa Museum and Palouse BCH Fundraiser: "Spirit of the West" Mystery Ride (Wine Ride) email museum@appaloosa.com
Pony Club Grounds, Deary, Idaho. Camping and horse pens available. Registration deadline July 1. Call 208-882-5578 ext. 279.

Saturday, July 16-17, Heyburn State Park fun ride and campout. Park Ranger Don West trail boss. Nice corrals and plenty of parking on south side of road in new camping area. Water available at trailhead. Must have Idaho state 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. Contact Jerry Shriner jerryshriner@gmail.com

Wednesday, July 20, PBCH monthly meeting. Annual picnic/bbq at the park. Start 6:30 p.m. 6360 4th St., Dalton Gardens City Hall. Bring your own meat to bbq and a dish to share and a place setting. The club will have paper products.

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 in separate hay field. Bring your lunch. Easy trail system with some climbing. 3-4 hour ride. Bev Syslo trail boss. Email codeysophie@hotmail.com Directions: Follow Hwy 53/Trent going west toward Spokane. Turn right on Campbell Rd. Follow for 1.5 miles; turn left onto Lincoln. Follow for .7 mile to the trailhead.

August

Saturday August 6, 4th of July Pass Rec Area fun ride. Bea Christopherson, trail boss. 9 a.m. Bring your lunch. Easy open trails. Lots of parking. Directions: 4th of July Pass is located 13 miles East of Coeur d'Alene off of I-90. At the Summit exit #28, go South and stay right on Forest Road #614 for a quarter mile to the signed entrance for the Park N' Ski Area. Lots of trailer parking available. christobea@yahoo.com

September

Saturday, Sept. 10, 4th of July Pass Rec Area fun ride. Open to members and guests. Need trail boss. Food available for purchase. Please RSVP. 10 mile-loop. Easy open trails. Good family ride. Lots of parking.

Saturday, Sept. 24. Fall Fun Ride and Scavenger Hunt, Riverside State Park. Fundraiser for Back Country Horsemen of Washington, Ponderosa chapter. Contact Ken at 509-466-2225 or kcarmichael2225@gmail.com Discover Pass Free Day. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

2016 PBCH Officers, board members and public lands coordinator contact information:

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Arnie Wilkens, vice-pres. 755-2193;
Deb Stratton , secretary, 659-8737; and
Stan Smith, treasurer, 755-4490.**

**Board members: Bob Funke 660-7919;
Bill Clarke 687-1968;**

**Ray Heilman 660-2907; and
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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 Minutes Wednesday, June 15. 3rd Wednesday of each month for summer.

The **guest speaker** at the social hour was Bob Hickman of Hickman Saddle. Bob brought several saddles and members brought a few horses and a mule with different body styles. Bob showed how to fit the animals and explained the many different saddle frames.

By appointment Hickman Saddle will check your saddle fit. Call and come in; please don't park near the restaurant.

Bob gave the chapter a copy of saddle fitting techniques, Debbie has it in the files. Available to be checked out for your use.

Bob was very knowledgeable and very interesting.

Meeting was held in the park and was called to order at 8 PM by Jerry Shriner.

No changes in the minutes from last meeting .

Treasurer's report was read by Stan.

There were no outstanding bills. Pot size \$101.00. Dan Trevithick's name was drawn; not present.

Rides and Work Details:

Starting June 20th Priest River chapter is requesting help to rebuild some "punch outs" in a remote area north of Priest River. Help is needed to haul out the old cut up timbers . The project will continue over several weeks. Riders can expect mostly flat terrain.

Contact Karen Kimball or Bob Savages for information.

Chilco Mt. clearing detail was cancelled after USFS cleared it with the help of their Hot Shot fire crew.

Karen mentioned the only thing the USFS requested is we need to clean the water bars on the trail next time we plan a ride at Chilco.

Snow Peak Clearing and Ride was changed from July 8th to **4TH OF JULY weekend**. Jerry and Diane are heading up Thursday June 30th.

Check the Newsletter, Joni said she'll post directions.

Wine Ride at The Pony Club Grounds, Deary , ID. July 9th. Age 21 and over. **Applications need to be in by JULY 1. Call Karen 772-2434.**

Heyburn Ride is July 16&17 South side of the park. Plenty of stock water, some graze. Bring feed. NO Bathroom facilities.

Antoine Peak Fun Ride is Sunday , July 31st.

Jerry reported the Line Creek work detail went very well. All total 4-5 PBCH families and FS members completed the task.

The members built 6 fire rings, added a trailer site for a 7 trailer park sites , brush cleared, and moved feed bunks and horse items from the day and general use camping area .

Karen reported the Asotin ride weekend was lots of fun, good weather. Some 19 people rode and led extra horses. Chance Long played the guitar.

Joni mentioned she rode with 4 other ladies in Riverside Park, WA.

She said there are lots of nice riding areas in WA. And we should consider riding there more often. Washington State parks pass is needed for many areas.

Joni also mention that the Inland Empire BCH has a pot luck dinner, meeting and a ride after their summer meetings . Something we should consider for the summer months.

Joni informed the group that the website is down for presently, also the calendar is more accurate the the items listed in the Newsletter. The calendar is constantly updated.

July's meeting will be a pot luck at the Dalton City Park, 6:30 PM social , short meeting at 7:00.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jerry and seconded by Tom Knoll.

Minutes submitted by Debbie Stratton, Secretary.

Local PBCH member wins scholarship to travel into the Bob Marshall Wilderness

Written by Maddy Baker

Editor's Note: This is an essay Maddy wrote to the BCHA who was a sponsor of the event thanking them for the scholarship.

Thank you. I am filled with gratitude as I return from the packing skills class hosted by the Bob Marshall Wilderness Outfitters, made possible by the Back Country Horsemen of America. I am forever indebted to those who made the experience a possibility. This five-day hiatus from everyday life opened my eyes to a world I have left mostly unexplored. With the skills and knowledge gained on the trip, I now feel confident to go discover the beauty that awaits me in this world. And I plan to do exactly that.

The outfitter, Mack Long, shared a compilation of common sense methods. I appreciated the patience he and the wranglers freely gave as I was learning. Achieving a specific weight distribution when loading a pack animal, building the perfect campfire, and practicing Leave No Trace methods barely scratch the surface of the innumerable lessons I learned. That list is far too long to include. Everything was hands-on, and I was a self-sufficient packer when the class was over.

A typical day started with waking up to the smell of cowboy coffee and congregating around a fire while blinking awake. Homemade breakfast followed. On moving days, we would pack our bags and tents and wrap – or "manty" – the loads. They were then secured on the pack animals, and we were on our way. Riding in the mountains once barren from a fire, now baptized in regrowth, was refreshing. The hope sung by the young trees rising amidst the fallen burned logs was a force to be reckoned with. Upon arriving at camp, we set up our tents and settled in. Some dared to dip their toes in the cool creek. Chipper cooks started on dinner, and we all shared a meal in an extraordinary restaurant: watching the sun set in the Bob Marshall Wilderness with hobbled horses happily grazing in the background. A campfire followed the wranglers brought out his guitar and entertained with old western songs while we became entranced by the glow of the fire.

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Scholarship Winner



Photo provided by Maddy Baker. Taken during her trip into the Bob Marshall Wilderness earlier in June.

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And to end the day, we fell asleep to the gentle lullaby of bells hanging around the necks of grazing mules.

Aside from the rich curriculum, I learned a lot by simply listening to others around the fire. The range of discussions reflected the diversity of the group. Casual campfire conversations are easily some of my fondest memories. The collective adventure of living in tents, bathing in the creek, listening to music around the campfire, and trying to comprehend how God simply breathed all this into existence was easily the most exquisite experience I've had. I left my heart in the mountains. Thank you again, BCHA, for the trip of a lifetime.

I leave you with this: if you are a rather cautious, 'day-trip only' member of BCH like my mother and I have been for the last few years, go out of your comfort zone. Just once. You'll never want to go back. This trip taught me that the most dangerous thing we can ever do is stay in that comfortable little bubble and never venture out. Take the first wobbly step, and you'll find an unparalleled, addictive freedom in the unknown.

Calendars for Sale

I'm going to express my feelings and give you some background information on why we have calendars to sell and dues to pay. It was brought to my attention last Wednesday that we have 50 of the 150 calendars left to sell. The reason for the sale of these calendars every year is to help fund BCH state expenses which benefits all BCH members. Every chapter in the state helps to sell them. Twin Rivers BCH, Lewiston/Clarkston area, sells 350-400 every year and their membership is smaller than ours.

Some of the BCH state expenses include insurance when we have our "open to the public" rides and expenses for state delegates to go to the BCH of America national convention held once a year. It also pays for the Broomtales which is sent to every BCH member in the state. This newspaper is very informative and lets us know what the other chapters in the state are doing to keep our trails open. We should be reading this newsletter. The state also pays for officers to travel to the state convention held each year. This convention is rotated between all chapters and hosted in a different city each year. These conventions cover all business needed to run state BCH business, have very informative speakers, photo contest and makes a little money for the hosting chapter. We send two voting directors to the convention each year. Each chapter also can have 8 voting delegates. The minutes for the convention are always in the Broomtales and on the web site for anyone to read. These are some of the major expenses for BCHI that we are all a part of.

Most of our dues goes to the BCH of Idaho. From there a large portion goes to BCH of America. This is our founding body. There are 32 states that are part of BCHA. The executive director, public lands director and other members travel to Washington DC to meet with Legislatures, the Wilderness Society and other groups all interested in keeping our public lands open for everyone to enjoy. There is a push to try to sell off half our public lands to private parties. There is so much information in the "BCH of America" newsletter and we should all be reading it to be informed of what is going on and how we can help.

We are not just a trail riding group, we are here to see that our trails are kept open as some of our members can tell you after clearing hundreds of trees this spring from last winters storms. Some of you may not be able to physical go out and help clear trails but there other ways you can help. And one of those ways is to join BCH and buy a calendar. It's like buying insurance on your car. It is an expense that is needed to keep that car usable and moving. Without these expenses we wouldn't be able to go out and ride the trails and enjoy our horses and mules. If you have a calendar, thank you. If not, please purchase one and help us to sell them. Also read the inside back cover of the calendar. It will tell you a lot about BCH. **2016 Calendars** 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.** Thank you,

Karen Kimball

