

## Alaskan Fishing Adventure for PBCH President



Look at what PBCH President John Galdi has been up to. Fishing trip with wife Audra and friends in Sitka, AK. Fished three days and caught salmon, halibut, ling cod and rock fish. Also saw 6 or 7 orca whales on the adventure. Here he is showing off a King Salmon.

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### Membership

Please go to [www.pbch.org](http://www.pbch.org) and print out the 2023 membership form and mail in. Please email Bea Christopherson, treasurer [christobea@yahoo.com](mailto:christobea@yahoo.com) You can also sign up at any ride or event throughout the year! Mail to PBCH, P.O. Box 1903, Hayden, ID 83835.

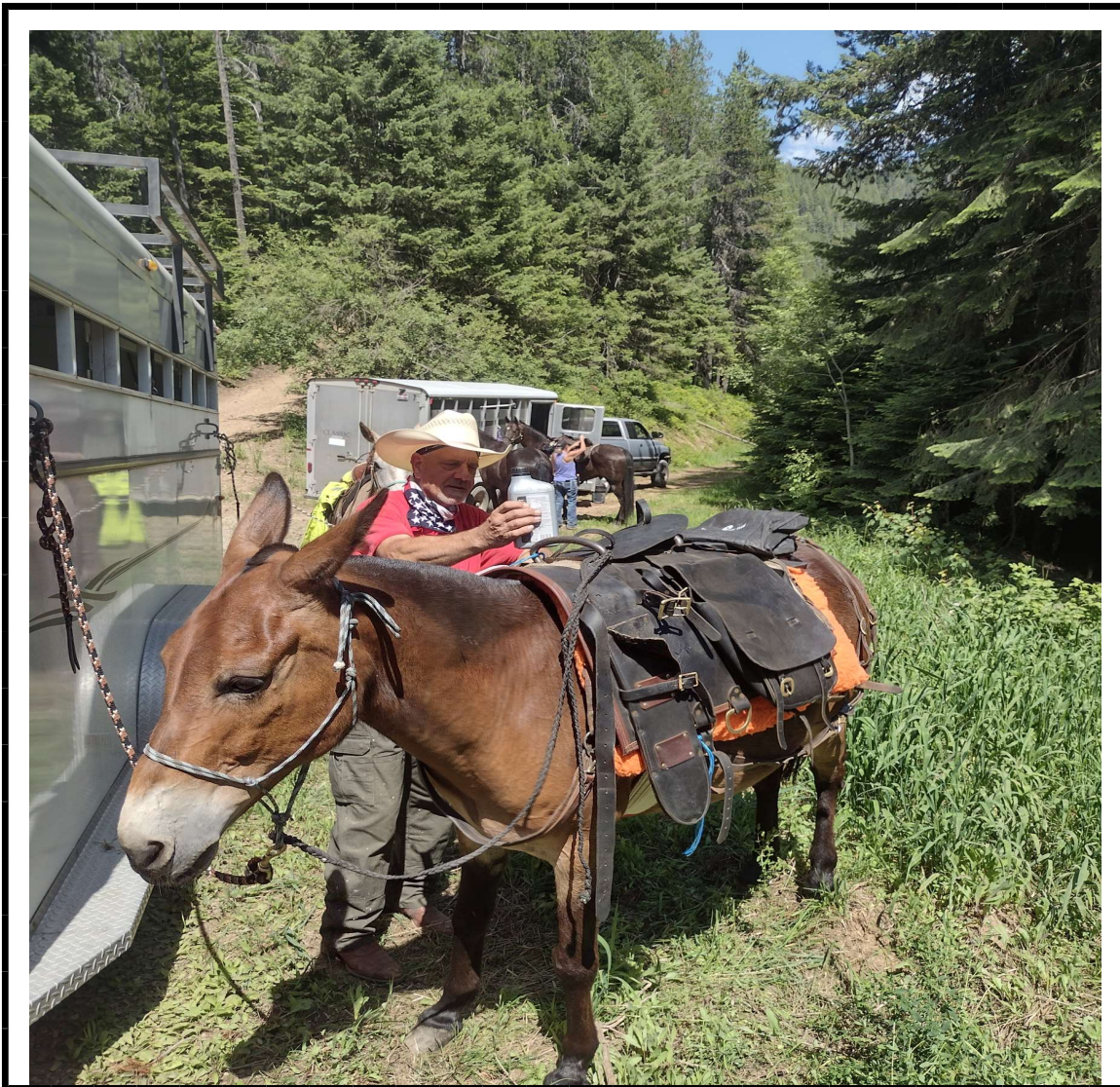
### PBCH Calendar of Events:

**July 8, 2023 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pass Rec Area work party.** Clearing Jeannette's Jaunt trail below parking lot and Spencer's Loop up by the outhouse about 2.5 miles in. Getting trails ready for to the public ride on July 22. Need workers to help in both areas. Contact Karen Kimball if you are interested in helping out.

**July 19 PBCH meeting and potluck.** Location the church at 9485 N. Maple St., Hayden. Plan to eat at 6 p.m. and meeting starts at 7 p.m. Either attend in person or by Zoom. No BBQ will be available instead lasagna will be main dish and will be provided. Please bring potluck items to go with the lasagna. The chapter will provide water and all paper products. Bring a chair. It will be held in the shade outside at back of church. See you there. Contact Joni Lueck [jklhorserider@gmail.com](mailto:jklhorserider@gmail.com) if you have questions.



## Chilco Mountain Work Party



Written by Tom Knoll

Jamie and Stan Smith and I headed up Chilco Trail and after a short distance Jamie had to drop out as her horse was acting lame. Stan and I continued on and completed the trail out to South Chilco Peak and back. Encountered 10 hikers who all thanked us. The animals did amazing despite the horse flies that were horrendous.

The weather was wonderful and the work was minimal as the trail was in better shape than I assumed it would be. We did encounter a couple of widowmakers which we eliminated. Jamie had a cold refreshment for us when we returned. Very good day.

**Photo at left:** Stan Smith loads up Tom Knoll's mule Boone at the trailhead during the work party last month.

## This and that--

### Calendars

2024 calendars are in! Pick up yours today. Contact Tom Knoll or Karen Kimball. \$20. When we sell a calendar the chapter keeps \$2 and sends \$18 to the state BCHI for the legal fund.

**Idaho Horse Council** wants to charge non-motorized trail users for a parking sticker to raise money to clear these types of trails. Talk to Tom Knoll about this program.



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**July 22** 4<sup>th</sup> of July fun ride. Trail bosses Bea Christopherson and Arnie Wilkens. Bring your lunch and a chair. Plenty of parking. No water at the trailhead. It will be five or 10-mile loop rides. Email [ajwilke@gmail.com](mailto:ajwilke@gmail.com) or [christobea@yahoo.com](mailto:christobea@yahoo.com) with questions. Foot in stirrup at 9:30 a.m. This ride is open to the public. Bring a friend. Bring a chair. Club will furnish paper products, coffee and water.

## July 29 Rustler's Gulch fun ride and campout

Near Riverside State Park in Washington. Susan Walker, trail boss email [susirvak@aol.com](mailto:susirvak@aol.com)  
There is overnight camping available for Friday Night (July 28<sup>th</sup>) and Saturday Night (July 29<sup>th</sup>) at a cost of \$25.00 per trailer per night. Water will be provided for stock, but this will be dry camping. Any day rider's can park at our location to join us for the ride for free. There is a short ride to the trailhead from the property we are camping at.

Lots of nice loops with water available for stock in the creek. I estimate ride will probably be 10-11 miles.

We could also plan a potluck dinner for Saturday night if people are interested.

Please respond by July 12th and let me know if you're camping both nights, one night or just a day ride so I can make your camping reservation.

I'm confirming if we need to highline or bring portable panels for our stock and will send our more information soon.

**August 13 PBCH Annual hot dog feed and fun ride at** Farragut State Park. Trail boss Julie Volpi. Open to public. Please RSVP to

Email [charlieandjulie01@gmail.com](mailto:charlieandjulie01@gmail.com)

**Other events Non PBCH sponsored**

**\*Scavenger Hunt September 23rd at** Chipmunk Rapids. More information later. By PRV BCH.

## English Point Nature Walk and Presentation



English Point Nature walk- June 10th educational public service event. The public was invited to learn about the native plants and learn about the different groups that help maintain, promote and protect the local recreational trails. We had stock present for people to check out and info about the Backcountry Horsemen. We received \$25 donation. . Botanist gave tour at 11 a.m. to 10 people. To identify flowers and plants. "It is very important to expose ourselves to the public. The public doesn't know what we do," said Arnie Wilkens, vice-president. The club had their poster board and pamphlets at the table manned by Jim and Karen Kimball, Tom Knoll and Arnie Wilkens.  
**Photo by Arnie Wilkens.**

## 2023 PBCH Officers

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Volunteer Hours, education  
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Karen Kimball

## PBCH Meeting Minutes June 21, 2023

Minutes from Panhandle Backcountry Horsemen Meeting June 21, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm

12 members in attendance 2 on zoom. Welcome new member Janelle Harris

Minutes from May meeting were approved as written Motion made by Betsy Walker and second by Karen Kimball.

Treasures report was read and approved. Joni Lueck made motion to approve and second by Betsy Walker.

### Old Business:

Heyburn Trail Clearing- June 3rd 14 members attended. Split into 4 groups. 37 trees cut.

Gandy Dancer, Rocky Top all cleared. Plans in the future to clear Ponderosa

Farragut Trail Clearing- June 17th, 6 members attended

English Point Nature walk- June 10th educational public service event. The public was invited to learn about the native plants and learn about the different groups that help maintain, promote and protect the local recreational trails. We had stock present for people to check out and info about the Backcountry Horsemen. We received \$25 donation.

### New Business:

Chilco Trail Clearing-June 24th 9 am . Meet at the Bunco Road Parking lot. RSVP Tom Knoll

Scout Trail Clearing- discussion was held on the possibility of working on the Scout Trail to Bernard Peak. Julie Volpi is going to check it out and see what the scope of work is.

4th of July Pass Trail Clearing- July 8th

Lost Creek Trail Clearing moved to September as the recommendation of the Forest Service Ranger.

Rustlers Gulch Fun Ride- July 29th camp out July 28th and 29th Susan Walker Trail Boss

4th of July Pass Fun Ride- July 22nd Arnie Wilkens and Bea Christopherson Trail Boss

Priest River Valley Backcountry Horsemen Scavenger Hunt- September 23rd

Annual Hot Dog ride-Farragut State park August 13th 9am OPen to the public. Julie Volpi

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### Trail Boss

Blue Creek Rec Area trail clearing and marking and fun ride- Joni Lueck working on dates and details.

Horse Council Zoom call attended by Karen Kimball. They discussed charge for non-motorized day use of trails, sticker that can be purchased with your car registration. Also they want a record of volunteer hours.

Motion was made by Julie Volpi and second by Tom Knoll to approve bill for Inreach devise for the chapter. \$124.65 Motion approved. Email is [panhandleBCH@gmail.com](mailto:panhandleBCH@gmail.com) password packhorse1.

Motion made by Tom Knoll and second by Betsy Walker to purchase 2 helmets and 2 chaps for \$330. Motion approved

Motion made by Jim Kimball and second by Robert Wuest to purchase longer bar for the 14 inch electric saw. Motion approved.

Motion was made by Julie Volpi and second by Tom Knoll to purchase 12 more hats that will be sold for \$18 for members and \$20 for non-members

2024 Calendars are available. See Karen Kimball

Motion made by Julie Volpi and second by Tom Knoll to adjourn. Motion passed 8:19pm.

## Farragut State Park work day



Stan Smith and John Galdi work to clear trails at Farragut State Park last month. Also Jamie Smith, Audra LaBelle, Tom Knoll, Julie Volpi and Jill Graham helped out. Photo by Jamie Smith.

## Rides and Events

These are some past rides, work parties, campouts and other events for our chapter of PBCH. Plus a few new ideas.

- \*Escure Ranch in Washington fun ride and campout.
- \*Obstacle Course Dalton Garden Arena Event open to the public
- \*Marie Creek trail clearing
- \*Marie Creek fun ride
- \*Asotin ride and campout in Washington at Fordyce Trail
  - \***Chilco Mt. trail clearing**
- \*August Farragut State Park Hot Dog fun ride open to the public
- \***4th of July Pass fun ride**
- \*Antoine Peak ride and potluck in Washington
- \*Blue Creek Bay Recreation Area fun ride
- \*Squaw Valley near Priest Lake
- \*Liberty Lake horse park in Washington fun ride
- \*Red Ives work party and campout in Idaho
- \*McKenzie Conservation Area fun ride in Washington
- \*Pee Wee Creek fun ride and campout in Idaho
- \*Heyburn State Park work party and fun ride
- \*Bernard Peak fun ride
- \*Lakeshore Trail Priest Lake
- \***Riverside State Park day ride and campout in Washington Rustler's Gulch**

If anyone wants to trail boss a ride or event please let any chapter officer know!

## Calendars for 2024 are In!

Get yours today! This is a fundraiser for the state BCHI to bolster the legal fund. Also the chapter receives \$2 for each \$20 calendar sold so it helps our bottom line. The other \$18 is sent to the state.

The chapter has pledged to sell 150 calendars. The raffle will be held at the end of September. Many prizes and gift cards are available.

## Treasurer's Report

June 21, 2023

### Income:

|           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| Dues      | \$190.00       |
| Calendars | \$140.00       |
| Donation  | \$ 25.00       |
| Caps      | \$180.00       |
| Interest  | <u>\$ 0.06</u> |
| Total     | \$535.06       |

### Expenses

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Arnie Wilkens    | \$264.99       |
| Rocking Bags and |                |
| Embr. Caps       | \$190.80       |
| Bank Stmt.       | <u>\$ 2.00</u> |
| Total            | \$457.79       |

Current checking account balance  
\$1,263.96

## **Foundation BCHI**

### **Purpose and Definition of The Foundation as related to BCHI.**

#### 1. What we are:

The Foundation is a sister corporation to the BCHI and operates under its own bylaws and articles of incorporation within the framework of a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. The Foundation was incorporated in September 1999.

#### 2. What we do:

The Foundation was established to provide an avenue for any BCHI chapter to solicit funds that would go to the Foundation and be distributed to the local chapters within the guidelines specified by the donor of the funds. By allocation of the funds through the Foundation, the donation becomes a tax write-off for the donor and tax-free income to the chapters. This is achievable due to the Foundation's non-profit status. One of the responsibilities of the Foundation Director, or Alternate, is to express its chapter's needs in terms of projects and funds required.

#### 3. What are our goals?

It is our goal that every chapter provide a representative to serve on the Foundation. The Foundation meets once a year at the BCHI State Convention and conducts business throughout the year via email and phone. The Foundation will help local chapters in grant writing, and as requested.

**\*\*PBCH did request and receive Lighthouse grant money through the Foundation to build at the trailheads. We have installed hitching rails at a few local trailheads.**

PBCH Foundation chapter director is Jim Kimball.

The Foundation will help donors get the tax write-off they need. In addition, the Foundation will be trying to obtain donations and grants that can be used by all chapters in Idaho. Once able to acquire monies for distribution, all chapters will be notified of how to apply for a share of these monies.



## BCHA celebrates 50 years

Back County Horsemen of America was founded in January of 1973 by four men in Montana's Flathead Valley.

These four men Ken Ausk, Dulane Fulton, Dennis Swift and Roland Cheek used their specialized knowledge of stock and the back country to bring changes and modifications of restrictive stock management by public officials, according to the BCHA website. It is dedicated to the following mission:

- \*To perpetuate the commonsense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.

- \*To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.

- \*To assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.

- \*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.

- \*To foster and encourage the formation of new state Back Country Horsemen's organizations.

Our grassroots members help carry forward our organization's mission and values throughout the United States and Canada working closely with trail partners and local land management agencies to clear and maintain trails.

## Hats for sale



Get yours today! Price is \$18/members and \$20/nonmembers. Call Tom Knoll at 208-651-4600.



