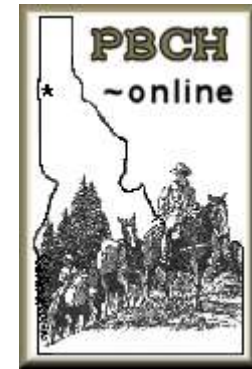


# PBCH Newsletter February, 2024 Tails and Trails

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## President's Letter

Hello fellow BCH:

First I would like everyone to give past president John Galdi a big hand for his efforts for leading our chapter thru 2023. Thank you for your leadership. A great deal was accomplished including clearing trails, an educational day at English Point, and fun rides including an early morning doughnut ride, a hot dog ride, and a steak ride.

With our mild winter we can't help thinking we should be outside where we belong so here we go! Exciting possibilities are coming up for the PBCH in 2024 as we continue to promote the philosophy of the BCH.

Our calendar is filling up! Check out changes at the web site @PBCH.org. These include Dutch oven cooking demos at the monthly meetings, GPS education, First Aid information, chainsaw classes, matching trail bosses with new rides, fundraising possibilities, and looking at the annual budget just to name a few. Recruitment is on the front burner statewide so invite someone to join us. Mark your calendar for the next meeting Feb 17 at the church at 6:30 pm or join us on Zoom.

We have sold almost all of the 250 calendars we got from the state this year. There are just a few left.

We will be represented at the state BCHI convention in Moscow March 15-16. Plan to show off your photography in the annual photo contest at the convention. Please give your photos to directors Karen Kimball or Tom Knoll.

Photos should be in matte form only, no frames. Put your name on the back of the entry. They will be returned to you.

**Categories** are: Fun with family and friends; Backcountry Bloopers; Favorite trails; and My Favorite Photo.

Open Trails Tom Knoll 2/8/24

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## Membership

Please go to [www.pbch.org](http://www.pbch.org) and print out the 2024 membership form and mail in. Please email Bea Christopherson, treasurer [christobea@yahoo.com](mailto:christobea@yahoo.com) Mail to PBCH, P.O. Box 1903, Hayden, ID 83835. Pay your dues now. Encourage others to join.

## \*\*PBCH Calendar of Events:

**February 17 PBCH meeting.** Socialize at 6:30 and meeting starts 7 p.m. Zoom meeting or in person. **Location Church at 9485 N. Maple St., Hayden.** Discuss purchasing slide projector, 2024 budget, peruse an inventory list of equipment, discuss Life Flight membership, discuss upcoming rides and work party events, and scheduling new Dutch oven cooking demonstrations.

**March 15-16, 2024 BCHI state convention, Moscow, Idaho.** Put on by the Palouse BCH chapter.

Plan to attend for the day on Saturday. See attached sign up form for the convention. If you have something to donate for the convention please let Karen, Jim or Tom know.

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## 2024 PBCH Officers

President Tom Knoll  
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Karen Kimball  
Education chair Joni Lueck

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**March 23, 2024** Socialize at 6:30 and meeting starts 7 p.m. Zoom meeting or in person. Discuss purchasing slide projector, 2024 budget, peruse an inventory list of equipment, discuss upcoming rides, events and new Dutch oven cooking demonstrations. **Meeting bumped to 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, as BCHI convention is 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday.**

**Fun ride April 27, 2024 Pending date. This could change as an annual cattle roundup by BLM in the spring could change our date.** Escure Ranch, WA. Come for the day ride or camp overnight. More details to follow. Good early season ride before the weather heats up. Share potluck, view the ranch, fun day rides. Communication for the event Joni Lueck at [jklhorserider@gmail.com](mailto:jklhorserider@gmail.com)  
See maps/directions on website [www.pbch.org](http://www.pbch.org)

**May 10-12 Heyburn State Park clearing.** Annual event. Camp and ride and clear the trails in the park south of Coeur d'Alene. Julie Volpi, trail boss. Email [charlieandjulie01@gmail.com](mailto:charlieandjulie01@gmail.com)

**August 18 annual hot dog fun ride** at Farragut State Park. Trail boss Julie Volpi. Email [charlieandjulie01@gmail.com](mailto:charlieandjulie01@gmail.com)

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Rec Area area annual fun ride.** Trail bosses Bea Christopherson and Russ Rantz. Date to be determined. [Christobea@yahoo.com](mailto:Christobea@yahoo.com)

**October Steak Ride at Farragut State Park.** Second annual event and fundraiser with silent auction. Date to be determined.

## Year End Party and Awards



Panhandle Back Country Horsemen had our year-end dinner and awards meeting last month. Scott and Rene Sullens received the Horseman and Horsewoman of the Year Awards for their unending trail maintenance volunteer hours! Thank you. We also welcomed in the new officers including Tom Knoll as the 2024 president. Tom has many new ideas for the new year. Coming soon Dutch oven cooking demos. Written by Julie Volpi. Photos courtesy Julie Volpi.

Photo at left: Rene and Scott Sullens. Horsewoman and Horseman of the Year.

Photo at top: L to R: Tom Knoll, president, state director and board member; Jim Kimball, foundation director, board member and state director; Bea Christopherson, treasurer; Julie Volpi, secretary; Ray Heilman, board member; and Karen Kimball, board member and state director.

## Hats, magnetic signs and bumper stickers



**PBCH hats are now in! Get yours today from salesman Tom Knoll. \$20. 208-651-4600.**

**Magnetic signs are available at \$7.50 each. These are great advertising for the chapter and can be put on your vehicle or horse trailer.**

**T-shirts will be coming on board soon.**

**Bumper stickers available at no cost. Stick one on your vehicle today!**



## Rides and Events

These are some past rides, work parties, campouts and other events for our chapter of PBCH. Plus a few new ideas. If you want to trail boss or help out on a ride or event please let us know!

\*Early Season warm-up ride Farragut State Park

\*Escure Ranch in Washington fun ride and campout. Pending date \*\*April 27, 2024. Trail boss Joni Lueck.

\*Obstacle Course Dalton Garden Arena Event open to the public.

\*Marie Creek trail clearing. Limited parking, bathroom available.

\***Marie Creek fun ride. Need trail boss.**

\*Asotin ride and campout in Washington at Fordyce Trail.

\*Chilco Mt. trail clearing.

\* **Farragut State Park Hot Dog fun ride open to the public. August 11, 2024, trail boss Julie Volpi.** Corrals, fire rings, bathroom.

\*4th of July Pass fun ride. Open to the public. Bathroom available.

\*Antoine Peak ride and potluck in Washington. Plenty of parking, water at trailhead.

\***Blue Creek Bay Recreation Area fun ride.** Need to re-mark the trail. Bathroom and lots of parking.

\*Squaw Valley near Priest Lake.

\*Liberty Lake horse park in Washington fun ride. Bathroom available.

\*Red Ives work party and campout in Idaho.

\*McKenzie Conservation Area fun ride in Washington. Bathroom available.

\*Pee Wee Creek fun ride and campout in Idaho.

\*Heyburn State Park work party and fun ride. Corrals and bathroom available.

\***Bernard Peak fun ride. Need trail boss. Go in on Twete Rd. Limited parking. No bathroom.**

\*Lakeshore Trail Priest Lake.

\*Stateline Trail near Superior, MT.

\***Rustler's Gulch fun ride near Deer Park, WA. Bathroom and plenty of parking.**

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

### Memorial Service and Obit

His Life Celebration will be at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds Building 2 on February 18 at 3 p.m. Please join for refreshments as memories will be shared.

Arnie's family would like to have a slide show at the memorial. If you have any photos please send to his daughter at her text Lindsey 1-831-713-7496.

Yates Funeral Home in Coeur d'Alene is taking care of the arrangements.

Arnie passed away January 22, 2024. He was a long-time member of PBCH and was the vice-president. In addition he was a member of the Gentlemen on Horseback group.

Arnie was proficient in all the tasks he did for the chapter from fixing corrals, rebuilding the storage trailer, leading fun rides, doing trail maintenance, and presenting information about compass reading and GPS technology.

He was a former long-time captain of the Kootenai County Sheriff's Posse, and member of the volunteer Search and Rescue Team.

He also loved to fish, hunt and ski. He is survived by his wife Barbara, children AJ and Lindsey, five grandchildren, siblings and extended family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Arnie's memory to PBCH, PO Box 1903, Hayden, ID 83835. Or to St. Jude's or Disabled American Veterans.

**Photo: Arnie shown left on his big Palomino gelding at PBCH fun ride last summer at 4<sup>th</sup> of July Rec Area.**

### Arnie Wilkens Rides West



## January Meeting Minutes

Minutes from PBCH January meeting and year-end Awards Night and Dinner.

Meeting 1/20/2024

Social time

Dinner 6:00 pm

Awards- Rene and Scott Sullen awarded Horseman and Horsewoman of the year for all their volunteer hours clearing trails.

New officers installed- Tom Knoll to be 2024 president, Arnie Wilkens Vice President, Julie Volpi Secretary, Bea Christopherson treasurer, State Directors Jim and Karen Kimball, alternate State director Tom Knoll. Board members Ray Heilman, Greg Parsons, Foundation Director Jim Kimball, Educational Director Joni Lueck and Arnie Wilkens. Facebook Wrangler Beth Parsons.

Meeting called to order at 6:47 pm

Tom Knoll recapped the 2023 year

Ideas for the 2024 year include Dutch Oven cooking class, Lost Creek trail clearing, Escure Ranch spring ride and Camp out  
Continuing info on FONIT, and the Idaho Horse council.

New meeting place starting February 17th will be Dalton City Hall at 6360 Hanley, Dalton Gardens.

State Convention to be held in Moscow Idaho- considering putting up display. Need photos.

More Chainsaw certifications for 2024- Working on being able to do certifications in-house from PBCH.

New member Damon Gallegos introduced himself and family. Talked about his new position as Trail Boss out at the Red Ives/Avery area and is taking questions and ideas for upcoming trail maintenance. Would like to work with the chapter on Trail Clearing.

Meeting adjourned, respectfully submitted Julie Volpi

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## Treasurer's Report January 20, 2024

Income:	Calendars	\$ 740.00	Dues	\$240.00	Interest	.06	Total	\$ 980.06		
Expenses:	BCHI dues	\$1040.00	Rocking JB Bags & Caps	\$201.52	Bank Statement	\$2.00	USPS Mailbox/year	\$166.00	Total	\$1,409.52

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## NOTES and other stuff -

Looking for someone to manage the AED equipment. Please contact Tom Knoll at 208-651-4600.

PBCH Display table will be set up at the convention. It shows what our chapter has been doing. May need to be updated. Discuss at Feb. 17 chapter meeting.

Book rooms early for the state BCHI in Moscow. Also sign up by Feb. 15 for the convention to get the \$85 rate. After that it would be \$100.

