



Newsletter Editor
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President's Letter

Our chapter just went through a flurry of activity. The CD (certificate of deposit) has been secured, insurance for our equipment is in the process of being bound, and Escure Ranch overnight ride is in the books. If you have not seen Escure Ranch you better get out there as it's awesome.

We are about to do the trail clearing at Heyburn State Park.

I'm concerned about our web page and Facebook and we will discuss that at the next meeting so everybody come with your thoughts on how to improve both going forward.

If anyone is thinking of doing a ride or trail bossing an event please step forward so we can help you plan and organize. Member Tom McIntyre has donated the packing of the wheel bearings on our equipment trailer. We are searching for a set of four tires as we are needing to replace. Any tires out there? (Size ST205/75R/15).

Oh, I almost forgot our stealth trail clearing crew ventured out to the bottom trail along Marie Creek. I have no reports on the upper sections of the trail at this time. I believe Jed from the Forest Service is going to give us an update. Get your name on the list if you want to participate in these trail clearing events. The crews can be put together at the drop of a hat so we know who to call and we can rally quickly.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting. Please encourage others to attend. This is a bottom-up organization and your ideas and thoughts are important to our mission going forward. Thank you for your support of our efforts.

Keep the Parsons family in your prayers.

Tom Knoll, president

Membership

Please go to www.pbch.org and print out the 2024 membership form and mail in. Please email Bea Christopherson, treasurer 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:

PBCH monthly meeting, Wednesday, May 15. 6360 4th St. Dalton Gardens City Hall. Socialize 6:30 and meeting starts 7 p.m.

May 25-27 Memorial Day Weekend Ride and Campout. Jim and Karen Kimball, trail bosses. This is Fordyce Trailhead up Asotin Creek out of Asotin, WA. Head to Lewiston on Hwy. 95 south. Potluck Saturday and Sunday and bring meat to grill. BBQ and camp stoves will be set up. Follow signs. Please RSVP to Karen at jkkimball01@gmail.com or 208-699-5268. See directions Page 8. This is a nice trailhead with fire pit and several trails out of parking lot. Horses will have to be tied to trailers or high-lines. Horses should be in shape and shoes are recommended. We will be riding 4 hours on Saturday and on Sunday. A Discover Pass (Washington parking pass) can be purchased from Fish and Game for \$35, good for a year. Or at Jiffy Stop in Asotin. One block south from Asotin Creek Rd.

Hot Dog Ride, August 18, Farragut State Park. Trail Boss Julie Volpi. Open to the public.

4th of July Fun Ride. Date TBD. Bea Christopherson and Russ Rantz.

Other Event:

Saturday, May 18. BCH of Plains, MT will host a poker ride. For registration call Terry at 406-529-2908. Limited to first 150 riders. PBCH Members Irv and Susan Walker can host overnight campers at their place in Plains. Call 208-599-4305.

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Heyburn State Park work party



Member Irv Walker of the Panhandle Back Country Horsemen as well as others, spent the weekend May 2-5 clearing trails at Heyburn State Park. We had teams working the trails Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Both the North side and South side Trails are clear! Many thanks to our great bunch of volunteers! We had a potluck on Saturday night. So much great food! We spent 110 hours total working. Photo courtesy Julie Volpi.

PBCH meeting minutes

President Tom Knoll
Vice-President Russ Rantz
Secretary Julie Volpi
Treasurer Bea Christopherson

Dutch Oven Demonstration was held Prior to the meeting. Tom Knoll, Russ Rantz, Jeanene Pitts and Julie Volpi prepared and demonstrated Dutch Oven Cooking and treated the members to samples of pizza. New Members Christine Phillips and Gary Clawson treated us to Tri Tip and Berry cobbler.

Meeting was called to order at 6:54 at Dalton Gardens Community Park after a Dutch Oven Demonstration, By President Tom Knoll.

Pledge of allegiance

Minutes from March meeting were approved as written. Motion was made by Susan Walker and 2nd by Betsy Walker.

Treasurer's report was read by Bea Christopherson. Motion was made by Stan Smith and 2nd by Susan Walker to accept and motion carried by the members in attendance.

Russ Rantz reported on the In Reach activation. PBCH will pay for service out of the chapter account. Russ reported that the A.E.D. Is ready to use and recommends 2 new pads. Russ reported that the road to Escure ranch is good and that Karen Kimball has directions. There is also directions on the web site. And lastly Russ reported that he is planning an Arnie Wilkens Tack Cleaning Party at his place.

Trailer Maintenance: Russ and Tom are going to work on getting needed maintenance for the trailer done. Karen inventoried contents. A check out list will be made up for equipment. Also Insurance for the contents is recommended. \$7500 coverage with \$100 deductible for \$188 a year. Julie Volpi made motion Jamie Smith 2nd and motion carried. Bags for equipment were donated by Black Sheep Sporting Goods.

Joni Lueck reported on Escure Ranch Fun Ride April 26th, 27th and 28th. Potluck Friday, Saturday night. Group ride starts Saturday at 10:30 am boots in the saddle. Ride is approximately 8 miles. The Falls Ride is about 6.5 miles. Shoes for horses recommended. Weed free Hay required.

Motion was made to move \$5000 to a CD at Washington Trust Bank at 4.65 % for 6 months. We need 3 signers Thomas Knoll, Bea Christopherson, and Karen Kimball. Motion made by Julie Volpi, and 2nd by Jim Kimball. Motion carried by membership.

Hot Dog Ride: Julie reported ride is set for August 18th.

Marie Creek Clearing: Tom Knoll reported that the Ranger said it's too wet to start clearing trail.

Chilco Mt: We can clear up to the burn area.

Farragut: suggestion was made to move hitching posts that were donated by PBCH and installed in Thimbleberry to be moved to the horse area.

The chapter is looking at being able to pay memberships on the website.

Heyburn Trail Clearing: May 3rd,4th and 5th. Julie Volpi reported that Heyburn is blocking the camping area off for the work party. No state park pass required. Potluck Saturday night. Please let Julie know if you are coming. charlieandjulie01@gmail.com

Discussion old and new business: Susan Walker reported on the Plains Montana BCH Poker Ride May 18th. Susan is offering to let us camp out at her place. Call Susan for more information. 208-599-4305. Or susirvak@aol.com

4th of July fun ride: Date to be determined. Bea Christopherson and Russ Rantz Trail Bosses.

October Steak Ride: Date to be determined. Joni Lueck Trail Boss

First Aid, Chainsaw certification. If you need to be trained or updated contact Tom Knoll or Russ Rantz.

Life Flight Memberships: Betsy Walker has information

Please welcome new members, Tammy Moyer, Trish Nordquist, Ryan Avery, Christine Phillips, Gary Clawson, Niki Brown and Eli Brown.

Discussion was held on changing the meeting to the 3rd Wednesday of the month the whole year. Will check into what the process is to make the By-Law change.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Irv Walker, 2nd by Stan Smith. Meeting adjourned 7:41 pm. Respectfully submitted, Julie Volpi, secretary, Panhandle Back Country Horsemen

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!



Heyburn State Park Work Party



Photo above: Members Pat and Jill Graham crossing a creek at Heyburn. Photo at right shows lots of good food at the potluck Saturday night. Photos courtesy Julie Volpi.

Treasurer's Report April 2024 Income

Calendars	\$ 100.00
Dues	\$ 160.00
Signs	\$ 0.00
Hats	\$ 60.00
Sponsor w/ad	\$ 0.00
Donations for Arnie	\$ 105.00
Yard Sale Arnie	\$ 915.50
Interest	\$ 0.06
Total	\$1340.56

Expenses

Convention	
K. Kimball	\$ 515.26
T. Knoll	\$ 477.94
Bank Stmt	\$ 2.00
Total	\$ 995.20

Members of PBCH put on a Dutch Oven cooking demonstration at the April meeting. They made pizzas, cobbler and tri-tip steak. About 20 people attended the meeting and saw first hand what it takes to cook with the black pots and create great food for outdoor eating! Thanks to Julie Volpi, Jeanene Pitts, Russ Rantz and Tom Knoll. Left photo: Jeanene Pitts tends the coals. Right photo shows using a "chimney" to fill the Dutch ovens with hot coals. Photos by Joni Lueck.

Dutch Oven Cooking at April General Meeting



Escure Ranch Fun Ride and Campout



Top: Towell Falls. Stock photo. Right: Shari Bolander on her beautiful Tennessee Walker “River”. Photo by Terry McDonald.

Six members attended the Escure Ranch fun ride and campout April 26-28.

Friday night and Saturday night we got lucked. The weather was very windy but we rode Saturday 6.3 miles roundtrip to Towell Falls. We followed the meandering Rock Creek. The wide open, flood torn landscape in the Cheney-Palouse Scablands, created by the great Lake Missoula Flood, has its own beauty. It was very green and we saw some wildflowers along the trail and mule deer along the ridge. The area is managed by BLM. Several outbuildings still remain from the early 1940s sheep ranch, but they are locked up. BLM acquired it in 1999.

A group of Boys and Girls Scouts arrived Friday night and stayed the weekend. We spoke to them about trail etiquette when meeting horses on the trail. There were picnic tables, horse corrals, fire pits and vaulted toilet. Trail bosses Joni Lueck, Tom Knoll and Russ Rantz.

Fordyce Trailhead up Asotin Creek driving directions for Memorial Weekend event 2024

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 1/2 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. In a few miles you will go past a couple barns on the right and a cattle guard. After the second barn, look for a sign along the left side of road (Fordyce Trail Head), a large grassy area with a parking lot. You are there. It is about 45 minutes from Asotin and the road is always in good condition. We will potluck meals Saturday and Sunday. You can bring a meat to grill. We will have a couple BBQ's for your meat and will have camp stoves out to do your breakfast if you wish. If anyone can haul firewood let me know. Jim and I will be going up early Friday morning and will put signs up. Please RSVP. Thanks, Karen

Trail clearing Marie Creek



Six PBCH members cleared the lower trail at Marie Creek to Skitwitch on April 27. Shown in photo Stan Smith and Jim Kimball. Photo courtesy Karen Kimball.

Sprague, WA old sign photo courtesy Tom Knoll



Escure Ranch event April 26-28



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