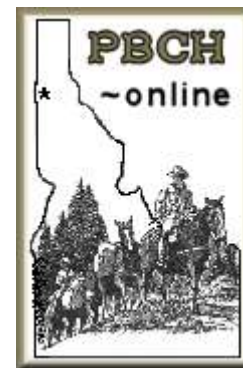


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Tails and Trails



English Point Trail System Nature Walk-Plant Identification

Come join us Saturday, June 10 for a nature walk along the English Point, Red Loop Trail. Two walks are scheduled, the first walk is at 11 a.m. and the second walk will be at 1 p.m.

PBCH, along with Idaho Native Plant Society, Calypso Chapter of Coeur d'Alene, will host the event.

Derek Antonelli of the Calypso Chapter will lead the trail walk identifying the beautiful spring plants along the trail.

The Idaho Native Plant Society is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to promoting interest in native plants and communities, collecting, and sharing information of Idaho native plants and fostering an understanding and appreciation of our native flora.

PBCH volunteerism is one of the most important activities Back Country Horsemanship can use in our effort to perpetuate enjoyable common-sense use of pack and saddle stock in the back country. A central point of our mission statement is to assist government agencies in maintenance and management of public land. PBCH is working with the U.S. Forest Service clearing and maintaining many of the non-motorized trails used by hikers and bicyclists everyday.

For additional information phone John Galdi, president PBCH.

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Membership

Please go to www.pbch.org and print out the 2023 membership form and mail in. Please email Bea Christopherson, treasurer 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:

Wednesday, April 19 PBCH monthly meeting.

Location is the church, 9485 N. Maple St., Hayden. Third Saturday of this month is set aside for the state convention. So our meetings are the third Wednesday of the month now. Socialize at 6:30 p.m. and meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Tack Cleaning Party. Sunday, April 23. Host Arnie Wilkens. 7284 E. Forest View Rd., Athol. Email ajwilke@gmail.com Chili with potluck items.

April 30 Early spring ride. PBCH members only Farragut State Park. Breakfast coffee and sweet rolls at 9 a.m. Ride after breakfast. John Galdi email jgaldi6047@hotmail.com

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March Meeting Minutes

PBCH March 25, 2023 minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:04 by president John Galdi

Pledge of allegiance

No guests in attendance. 8 members at meeting 1 on Zoom

Minutes of last meeting were approved as written

Treasurer's report was read

1. John asked if any member would be interested in hosting a ride.

2. Nature walk/fund raiser at English Point- Scheduled for June 10th from 11am-3pm. 1.6 mile Red Loop _Idaho Native Plant Society, Derek Antonella President of the Calypso Chapter(Coeur d' Alene) agreed to host 2 walk -throughs as along the red loop identifying native plants and trees. Jim Kimball will provide some plants for identification from a nearby meadow. It was discussed to bring pack animals to demonstrate our trail work that we do. It has been approved by the U.S. Forest Service and will look into writing into our next contract for future events. We need to make a flyer for our Facebook page and something we can share with other trail using groups.

> 3. PBCH board of directors is working with the BCH of Washington for requesting a grant for trail maintenance. Specifically for us, Marie Creek. Arnie Wilkens submitted a draft copy of grant documents to the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance for \$9,022.45. Chapter will vote at next meeting. Arnie and Tom Knoll will provide an update. Motion made by Karen Kimball to go forward on the grant. Betsy Walker 2nd and motion passed by members in attendance.

> 4. Karen Kimball reported on the BCHI convention held in Salmon Idaho March 17, 2023. Treasurer's report and man hours were in excess of 326,804 for BCH.

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State Convention Attendees



PBCH representatives at the state convention last month in Salmon, ID. From left Foundation member Jim Kimball, state board director Karen Kimball, and Tom Knoll, alternate state board director.

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June 10, 2023 Nature walk and plant identification at English Point. See attached flyer. Open to public.

July 22 4th of July fun ride. Trail bosses Bea Christopherson and Arnie Wilkens. Open to public.

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

Other events Non PBCH sponsored

***April 27 Vet Clinic.** With Dr. Erin Kennedy. Off Tower Rd. in Cocolalla. At Aspen Creek Ranch. There are a few spots open for PBCH members. Call Mirah 208-929-8387 to schedule your horse for spring vaccines, worming, teeth, chiropractic, etc.

***May 19-21.** Sponsored by Priest River BCH chapter. Upcoming trail clearing that they would like other chapters to participate. Camping available at Reynolds Creek. They will potluck for dinner. Waylon will be doing Chainsaw certification and crosscut for members that need it. PRVBCH president Janna Ostler. Her phone number is 208-627-8893 if you have any questions. She also suggested that 1st aid training can be available for nominal cost through PRVBCH. See attached flyer for this Trail clearing Extravaganza.

***Packing Clinic April 29th** in Athol by Bat Masterson. Sponsored by PRBCH chapter. Email ostleracres@gmail.com

***May 21 Poker Ride.** Riverside State Park. Sponsored by Ponderosa BCH of Washington. Go to www.pbchw.com for more information.

***Scavenger Hunt September 23rd** at Chipmunk Rapids. More information later. By Priest River BCH.

Winter Scene



Bea Christopherson's horse Lady paints a pretty picture against the background of snow in North Idaho. Spring has sprung and it is now time to be thinking of the riding season.

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Call for photos for 2024 Calendar

DUE DATE FOR PHOTOS—APRIL 15th

Photo criteria:

Must be of BCHI members, take by a BCHI member or taken for BCHI (such as a newspaper).

Can be taken in any state and the cover photo will be selected from Idaho submissions.

Must have a horse/mule in the shot.

Or be a work project with members wearing safety gear:

(hard hat, safety glasses/goggles, ear protection, gloves, leather boots, long sleeves, pants, chainsaw chaps).

Heads and faces preferred over tails and backs.

Kids photos welcome: If using saws they must have safety gear on.

Please do not resubmit photos that have been used in previous calendars.

Photos are placed by seasons - winter, spring, summer and fall.

Please submit as many photos as you wish on CD, DVD or USB drive. NO PRINTS. USB drives will be mailed back to you . If you want your CD/DVD back please let me know.

Photos need to be in JPEG Format. If you only have a few photos or no way to burn them to CD or a USB drive, you can e-mail them directly to me. USB drives will be returned after calendar is printed.

Photos submissions can be:

- emailed to SecretaryBCHI@outlook.com

- thumb drives, CDs, DVDs mailed to:

Debbie Samovar

9176 E Soaring Hawk Ln

St Maries, ID 83861

- uploaded to Dropbox, **email me for instructions**

Attached is the information sheet that needs to be filled out with the information for the photos that you submit.

Any questions, let me know and thanks for your help and submissions, Deborah Samovar

SecretaryBCHI@outlook.com

208-245-3041

Best Kept Secret in North Idaho

**By Arnie Wilkens, Vice-president
Panhandle Back Country Horsemen**

BEST KEPT SECRET IN NORTH IDAHO

Panhandle Back Country Horseman (PBCH) established a chapter from Back Country Horseman Idaho in 1984, comprised of all volunteer horsemen and horsewomen, dedicated to keeping open and maintaining National Forest, State Forest and State Park trails for all public use.

Certified by the U.S Forest Service for the use of chainsaws with a focus on safe cutting and certified CPR and AED use, the volunteers provide a valuable service to the community. Presently our membership totals 61 members with about 20 certified cutters with 10 new members awaiting training and sawyer certification.

After tough winters in North Idaho we all know about the tangled mess of down tree blocking access to our favorite trails. Whether hiking, biking, mushroom or huckleberry picking, horse back riding or just plain meandering through our forests, fallen trees often ruin our best plans for an enjoyable outing.

PBCH also repairs bridges, installs hitching posts at various trailheads and sprays for noxious weeds. We repaired the corrals at Farragut State Park and installed a metal welded hitching post.

At Line Creek campground near Red Ives, PBCH moved and rebuilt feed bunkers, installed highlines for horses and repaired other structures.

In May PBCH will participate in a three-day training and trail clearing project with the Priest River chapter and both chapters will work out of a campsite at Reynolds Creek. It will be an old fashioned rendezvous, exchanging ideas , training tips and of course clearing trails.

All of our chapters are volunteers, very little dollars come from limited paid details from USFS.

For more information and /or to donate, visit our website at www.PBCH.org.



PBCH members Ray Heilman and Arnie Wilkens clear out a fallen tree.

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New officers were elected. Next year's convention 2024 will be held in Moscow, Idaho. This year's 2023 BCH of America meeting will be held April 15-19 in Kalispell Montana.

* Leave No Trace has been changed to Light on the Land.

Jim Kimball attended the Board of Foundation meeting at the convention. The USFS is proposing that the Foundation take over some of the contracts with the BCH. They would like the Volunteer Contract to be handled by the Foundation and we would still have our contract with our local USFS Branch.

Next State Board of Directors to be held in September in Boise.

Calendar sales statewide last year was 1700 calendars. Next 2024 calendars will be 1920. PBCH has asked for 150 calendars for 2024. There were 2 speakers at the convention. One vet spoke on the bird flu. Bird flu is in 47 states. And is in southern Idaho. The other vet spoke on backcountry horse emergency care.

Karen spoke on the Idaho Horse Council. Dan Waugh is the Chairman of the trails committee is bringing awareness to the monetary importance to the State of Idaho on Horse use. Horse use, events and such is the #4 money maker for the state of Idaho. This is encouraging political leaders to fund money to fix up horse facilities and trail heads.

Karen bought chaps and helmets at the live auction.

5. Importance of weed free hay on state and USFS land was discussed. Arnie brought up that the fine in Washington state is \$100 for not having the weed free hay. Will put article in newsletter.

Priest River Valley BCH will be offering a CPR/ First Aid class for BCH members on April 22 at Priest River fire station. Contact ostleracres@gmail.com

BCH hats are available for \$15 . Arnie made motion that our chapter buy 12 hats. 2nd by Joni Lueck. Motion passed.

New Business: Arnie spoke on the need for a satellite communication in conjunction

with the AED in case of emergency. Chapter is going to look into it.

July 22nd is the date set for the 4th of July Fun ride.

Bea Christopherson and Arnie Wilkens trail bosses.

Up coming events:

Priest River BCH Packing Clinic April 29, 2023.

Priest River BCH Trail Clearing Extravaganza May 19, 20 and 21st.

PBCH Nature Walk June 10, 2023 from 11 am to 3 pm.

PBCH 4th of July ride July 22, 2023.

Ponderosa BCH of WA Riverside State Park Poker Ride May 27, 2023

PBCH Hot Dog ride Farragut State Park August 13th

Priest River BCH Scavenger Hunt September 23rd 2023

Motion to adjourn John Galdi. 2nd Shari Bolander. Meeting adjourned 8:40

Respectfully submitted by Julie Volpi, secretary.

Treasurer's Report March 25, 2023

Income: Dues \$160. Calendars \$40. Interest \$.06

Total Income **\$200.06**

Expenses:

Karen Kimball Awards \$ 81.79

Chainsaw certify, etc. \$ 81.94

Food for Jan 23 meeting \$110.62

Bear It Design website \$ 63.32

Karen and Jim Kimball BOD meeting \$536.24

Tom Knoll BOD meeting \$501.24

Bank Statement \$ 2.00

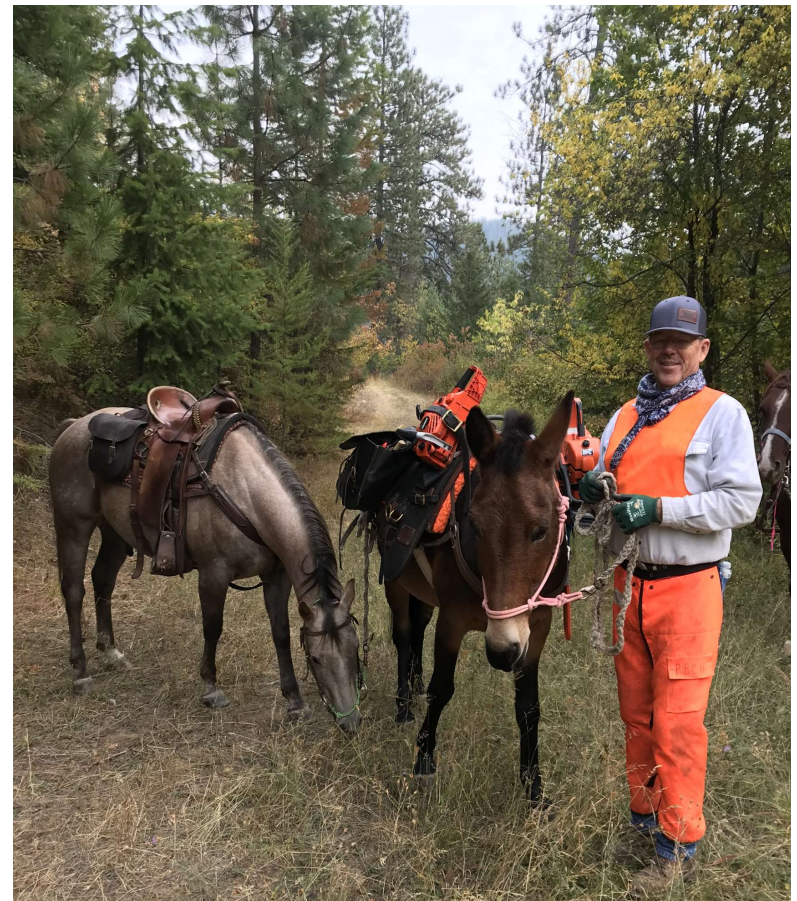
Total expenses **\$1,377.15**

Rides and Events

These are some past rides, work parties, campouts and other events for our chapter of PBCH.

- *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 and lunch open to the public
- *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
- *Riverside State Park day ride and campout in Washington

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

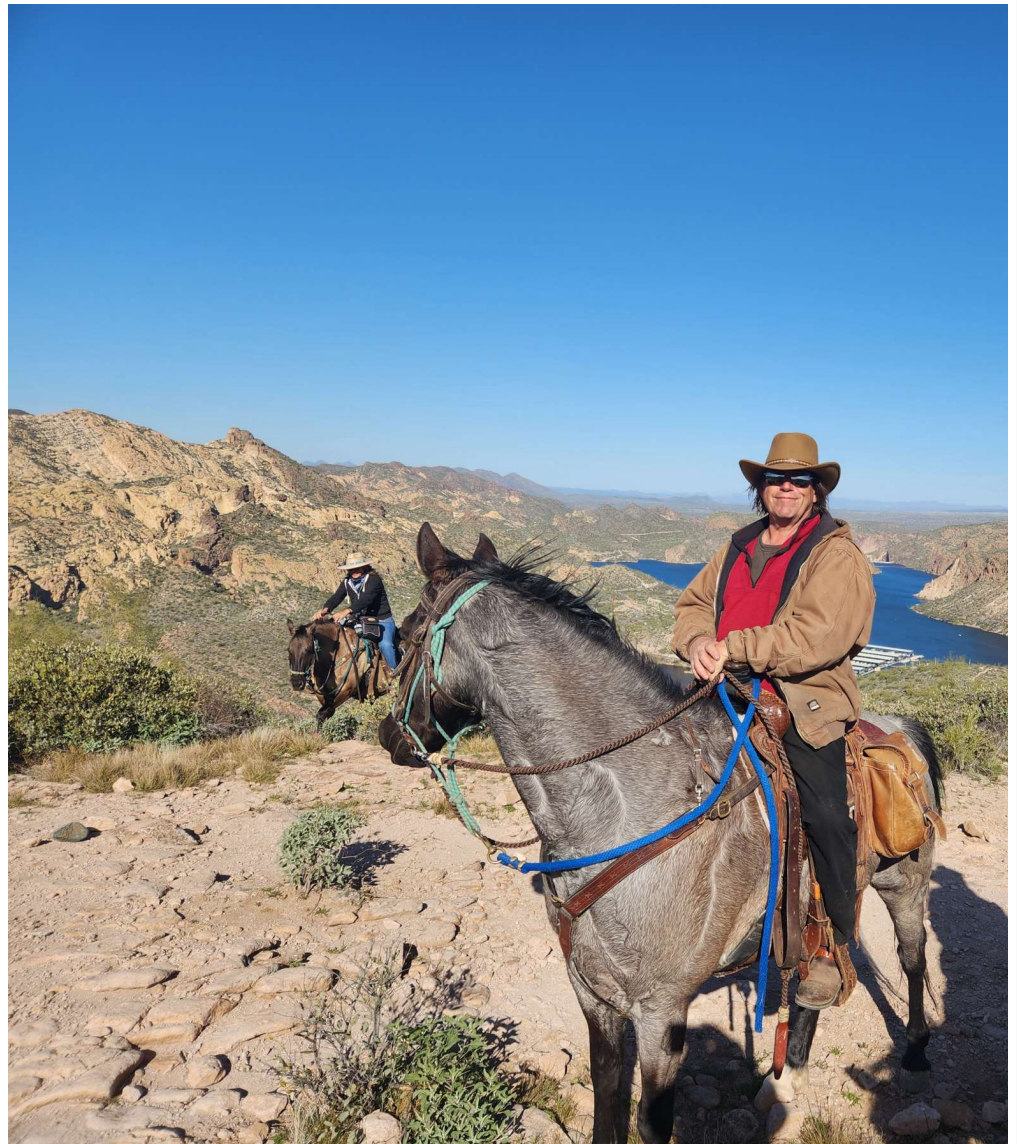


PBCH member Tom Knoll at a work party at Marie Creek last year.

A Winter in Arizona



Susan and Irv Walker, PBCH members, riding and participating in different events this past winter as snowbirds down in Apache Junction, AZ.



Arizona Winter

We came down to Apache Junction, AZ on Nov. 5, 2022 in our living quarters with three horses (Magic, Red and Laredo), two cats (sparky and tigger) and our dog Flossie. Since coming down we've met a great group of horse people. Joined the East Valley BCH and SHA (Superstition Horsemen's Association).

The plan was to stay and travel around for one month which has turned into 5 months. We became gypsies and lot-hopped until we found our own winter home. The cats were very happy to have the additional space.

We now have a horse property in Apache Junction and will be able to offer horse camping spots next winter. Plan is to offer full hookups but this is in the works.

We are now going to live summer all year long, in Plains, MT and the other part being in this old-person playground in AZ.

Since being down here we've ridden daily and seen over 100 head of wild horses, done the Lost Dutchman Parade, the obstacle course put on by EVBCH, the girls' weekend ride, and officially carried mail on horseback in the Pony Express event. Each person rode one mile of the 26-mile route.

Being able to ride every day is special. The desert, due to so much rain, is crazy green. Loving life.

Susan and Irv Walker



