



## The President's Saddlebag

Karen Kimball, president PBCH 2013



We had a great Memorial Day weekend riding over at Asotin, WA- only got rained on one afternoon. Hope the rest of you had as good a time as we did.

I think everyone had a good time on the Asotin Creek ride. No one got bucked off. One horse got his leg caught up in a rope and a couple of people got run over but only received bruises. Sunday was a sunny morning and a great two-and-a-half hour ride on a hill side on the opposite side of the road. Saw two more elk and when we got to the mountain top the view was spectacular again. We could see where we rode the two days before and then clear over to Lewiston & Clarkston. The landscape was so green and everything was in bloom. On the way home some of us were traveling together to Asotin, and for an extra bonus, there were several Rocky Mountain Sheep on the road.

Ginger is back from the LNT Clinic and is a LNT Master Trainer. She will be telling us all about it and teaching how to put it to use.

The Scholarship registration forms are ready and hope that some of you will take advantage of the opportunity to sign up students to participate. June 1st is a work party at Farragut State Park and a good chance for youth to help out. Our packing clinic on June 8th is another opportunity to either help or learn how to pack up an animal. Come and help set up camp and join in with the fun.

Thank you Joni and Marilyn for leading the Blue Creek Bay Ride.

Happy trails, Karen

## May Meeting Minutes

PBCH Minutes of 5/18/13 - Meeting called to order at 7:03 by Karen Kimball.

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Karen Kimball. Guests welcomed, Bob Barnett, Marilyn's brother who lives in Rathdrum and has three horses. Minutes were read and approved and stand as read.

### TREASURERS REPORT

Income - \$165.00 memberships, \$164.00 misc. Money received \$21.00 bumper stickers, \$16.00 T-shirts, \$15.00 signs, \$80.00 calendars, \$5.00 donations and \$27.00 burritos. Bills paid - \$20.00 Ormus, \$100.00 Julie Volpi for Farragut, \$35.96 for Karen Kimball supplies and refreshments, \$17.48 Joni Lueck for newsletter, \$100.00 Kootenai Fairgrounds for advertising for a total of \$23.44.

Bills to be paid - Cindi Richardson - \$33.95 BCHA booklets, Karen Kimball \$131.95 - \$6.79 refreshments, \$3.82 scholarship copies, \$41.34 "Wanted Posters" copies, \$80.00, State Convention per diem, Bill Clarke \$225.00 motel and \$80.00 per diem, Kay Clarke \$80.00 motel and \$80.00 per diem.

### OLD BUSINESS

Jamie Smith will pass out registration forms for scholarship; Membership cards from Big - R; Ginger Swisher attended Leave No Trace training - Will report later.

### NEW BUSINESS

BCH of America meeting approved increase in dues. We will have to address increase for 2014. There is a new National Chairman from Georgia and Executive Director resigned.

Bea Christopherson reported that group at 4th of July Pass Recreation Area removed a tree and trail is now clear.

### TRAIL RIDES

Fish Trap Ride - 8 or 9 people attended, great trail - ran into Mountaineers on foot. Escure Ranch Outing - Jerry Shriner reported 21 riders attended - good ride - bad ticks.

Blue Creek Bay Area Fun Ride - Joni Lueck & Marilyn Rouser- 5 people - New members - Marilyn found baby duck in her vest!!!!

Asotin Outing - Ride will start Sat. at 10:00 - Campsite 18 miles from Asotin - Need Discovery Pass & weed free hay June 1st National Trails Day - Brush trail at Farragut State Park and mend corrals. Nipping branches on trails, weed wacking.

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## Calendar Jan., Feb., June and July

**June 8-9** Farragut packing clinic, campout & trail ride. Julie Volpi, trail boss. Members only. Saturday there will be a packing clinic by Jerry Shriner, trail boss. Let Jerry know if you will be bringing a horse. Packing clinic 9 a.m. to noon. Saturday night we will have the BBQ out and everyone can bring their own meat and a salad, side dish or dessert to share. Starts at 5 p.m. Anyone who wants to spend the night can camp out in the parking area. There are some corrals and tie lines. Sunday at 10 a.m. there is a 3-hour trail ride. The park requires an Idaho Parks Pass or a \$5 a day pass on your vehicle and there is an camping fee. Contact Julie Volpi email her at [cjvolpi@dishmail.net](mailto:cjvolpi@dishmail.net) or call [208 683 9802](tel:2086839802) before 7:00 pm .

**June 15** Fun ride Blue Creek Bay. 700 acres managed by BLM. Foot in saddle 11 a.m. Bring your lunch. Members only. Marilyn Rousher 755-8112 and Joni Lueck 659-9066 trail bosses. Directions: Parking is either in upper parking lot off Yellowstone Road or near boat loading area near Blue Creek Bay. Take Wolf Lodge exit off I-90 east from Coeur d'Alene. Turn left and go over I-90. At Dumpsters, turn left onto Yellowstone Rd. and continue two miles to upper parking lot. Or to park near boat launch take Mullan Trail exit off I-90 heading east, then to Sunnyside and follow it to Yellowstone Trail and onto Blue Creek Bay boat launch.

**June 19** June PBCH meeting socialize 6:30, start 7 p.m. Dalton Garden City Hall. Corner of Dalton and 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**June 22-23** Fun ride and overnighter at Heyburn State Park. Members w/guests. Bob and Linda Funke, trail bosses 772-5326. Four corrals available. Directions: From Coeur d'Alene travel South on Hwy 95 approximately 34 miles to Plummer. At the flashing light, turn left (East) onto Hwy 5. Travel approximately 6.5 miles to the flashing light and left turn lane. Turn left onto Chatcolet Rd. From St. Maries, well, you know your way! Two loops to choose from. Two-hour or four-and-half-hour loops. Horses must be in shape. Saturday ride starts at 9:30 a.m. Must have state park sticker to park.

**July 12-14 Annual** Red Ives trail clearing and camp out. Members only.

**July 27 Annual** 4<sup>th</sup> of July Recreation Area fun ride Ginger Swisher 691-5402 & Bea Christopherson 651-6748 trail bosses. 5-mile and 10- mile loops plus lunch. Food trail boss Julie Volpi and she will serve lunch. **Need volunteer to park horse trailers as this is a big turnout event!**

## PBCH Member attends LNT Training Written by Joni Lueck

Ginger Swisher attended the week-long Leave No Trace (LNT) workshop at Ninemile Ranger Station in Montana May 13-17 and is fired up to teach these principles to the members this year.

She was able to attend the workshop near Missoula through monies the chapter put up for this enriching program.

LNT is a program designed to help educate others about the practical use of stock in the woods and how to leave no trace of your being in the area. She also studied the needs of other trail users, the environmental uses and needs of front and back country areas and thereby learning how those needs are different.

During the five-day workshop, much of it in the field, folks were fed Dutch Oven-cooked meals and attended class inside a wall tent set up in the field. The ranger station near Alberton, MT is an historic remount depot for pack stock in the Lolo National Forest.

Most of the seminar dealt with principles of use of stock animals, how to co-exist with other groups and to leave the environment in a good way, she said. She learned about the needs of different user groups such as bicyclists, llama handlers, hikers and backpackers, motorcycles and four-wheeler users and how to co-exist with them and to respect their needs, she added.

Much of the training was by example using pack stock and by setting up a camp of their own. For example, setting up a high line correctly, how to use tree savers and where to tie the animal so it doesn't damage the tree were learned in a hands-on setting rather than a sit-down, lecture format. Setting up our own camps and having them critiqued for placement was a learning experience too, she said.

It was well taught by retired Nine Mile packer Bob Hoverson and well-known outfitter Smoke Elser. The message of LNT is taught practically. It inspired me to come back and teach, she said.

"I would like to put on small courses at the chapter meeting or on the trail to make people aware of the concepts of LNT," she said.

Seven principles of LNT are: plan ahead and prepare; travel and camp on durable surfaces; dispose of waste properly; leave what you find; minimize campfire impact; respect wildlife; and be considerate of others.

## Other Rides and Events

**\*\*Gentlemen on Horseback ride June 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>** - This ride started in 1948 and is open to all "gentlemen" of any age for all or a part of the week. This year the ride will be SW of Nyssa, OR on Succor Creek. For more information see [www.gentlemenonhorseback.com](http://www.gentlemenonhorseback.com).

**\*\*July 13 BCH Montana ride at Gold Creek, MT.**

All the information is available at [www.bchmt.org/clarkfork](http://www.bchmt.org/clarkfork).

Click on the wording "FUN RIDE" July 13 at the bottom of the page. Contact Joyce and Angelo Bissell 208-689-3356 [horsedapples@frontier.com](mailto:horsedapples@frontier.com)

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## **May Meeting Minutes continued from page 1**

Farragut Packing Clinic, Outing and Trail Ride - Packing Clinic 9-12 - Let Jerry know if you are bringing a horse  
Saturday night potluck starts 5:00 pm. Sunday ride starts 10:00 am.

Heyburn Outing - Bob and Linda Funke will check out trail on Friday. Saturday ride starts 9:30. Small loop and large loop.  
Potluck, BBQ grill for meals. Sunday ride will be across highway on new trail. Small loop about 2 hours and Large loop about 4-1/2 hours. Lots of up and down. Horses need to be in shape.

Don West working on picnic tables for viewpoint at Heyburn. No!! We cannot haul 9 ft. timbers on pack animals.

Progressive pot was drawn - Meeting was adjourned 8:08 pm Submitted by Andrea Anderson, secretary.

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## **What is National Trails Day<sup>®</sup>?**

American Hiking [Society's](#) National Trails Day<sup>®</sup> (NTD) is a celebration of America's magnificent Trail System, occurring annually on the first Saturday in June. NTD features a series of outdoor activities, designed to promote and celebrate the importance of trails in the United States. Individuals, clubs and organizations from around the country host National Trails Day<sup>®</sup> events to share their love of trails with friends, family, and their communities. NTD introduces thousands of Americans to a wide array of trail activities: hiking, biking, paddling, horseback riding, trail running, and bird watching and more. For public and private land managers alike, National Trails Day<sup>®</sup> is a great time to showcase beautiful [landscapes](#) and special or threatened locales as thousands of people will be outside looking to participate in NTD events.

For the past few years PBCH has worked with other groups on NTD to put in horse hitching rails and horse-only gates and cleaning up the trails. This year our chapter worked with Farragut State park personnel cleaning up the park's trails and working on the corrals in the horse camping area.

## **Notes from newsletter editor Joni Lueck**

I have gotten out on two rides this past month that I wanted to share with you. Riverside State Park in Spokane has a trail that follows and overlooks the beautiful Spokane River. They have put in 16 corrals in the horse camping area along with a large outdoor arena. Must have Discover Pass to enter. Lots of parking and the trails are well marked. Restroom, water and picnic tables at parking area.

Next I rode with fellow member Wendy Ward up behind her house south of Coeur d' Alene and saw a porcupine climbing a tree. Also spooked up the largest wild turkey I've ever seen! Also saw many game trails going deep into the woods. Trails offer great views of south of Coeur d'Alene.



Bob and Linda Funke on Asotin Creek ride. Photo courtesy Cindi Richardson.

## Scholarship Information

Panhandle Back Country Horsemen will grant two individuals with a \$500 scholarship each. They must meet the below requirements and be selected by the Board of Directors. The goal of the scholarship is to assist young people in the rising cost of tuition. Individuals must be willing to be involved in trail conservation, education and horsemanship through PBCH membership. Below are requirements to be eligible:

1. **Membership in PBCH chapter. You can download the membership application from [www.pbch.org](http://www.pbch.org) web site.**
2. **Attend 3 meetings throughout the year.**
3. **Participate in two club-sponsored activities such as work parties and fund raisers.**
4. **Complete a 500-word essay entitled "What it means to be involved in PBCH."**
5. **Maintain 2.7 GPA or above in school.**
6. **Must be age 16 or older or be a graduate of 2013 or 2014.**

The above requirements must be completed from Jan. 31 to Jan. 31 of the following year.

Eligibility and determination of individuals to be awarded the scholarships will be decided by PBCH Board of Directors.

Scholarship may only be used for the following items unless authorized by the PBCH BOD.

1. College or other higher education tuition.
2. College textbooks.
3. Computers and other school equipment.

For more information please contact Jamie Smith at 208-755-4490 or email [jkimball2331@yahoo.com](mailto:jkimball2331@yahoo.com)

## Classified Ads

### TWO QUALITY GELDINGS FOR SALE:

Toby: Registered quarter horse, bay, 11 years old this month. Tall, lanky, good looking. Used for trail rides. Asking \$1500 or best offer.  
Jack: Previous owner died. His papers were not found. He is a beautiful chestnut quarter horse, tall, very muscular, gorgeous. We were told he was a working cattle horse. We have used him as a trail horse. Asking \$2000 or best offer.

Please call [208 683-2154](tel:2086832154) or 208 661-6476. Jan and Gary Sylte.

**Newsletter Editor** Joni Lueck 659-9066 or [jklhorserider@gmail.com](mailto:jklhorserider@gmail.com)

Deadline for submitting information 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. Please type directly into email and send to me. If you've been on an interesting or beautiful ride and want to share, please send the information along.

### Membership dues for year 2013

Please go to the web site [www.pbch.org](http://www.pbch.org) and fill out membership form for 2013. You must fill out a new form each year. Send to PBCH, P.O. Box 1903, Hayden, ID 83835.

**June 19 PBCH meeting**, Dalton Gardens City Hall, 7 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of months June, July and August. Socialize 6:30 p.m.

**July 17 Potluck meeting** to be held in park behind Dalton Garden City Hall. 6:00 socialize, eat at 6:30. Short meeting to follow. Bring your dish to share. Club will provide silverware, plates, cups and coffee and BBQ coals.

**Progressive Pot Ginger Swisher's name was drawn and she was not in attendance. The pot rolled over for next time.**

**\*Calendars: \$20.** A great deal for you and the club. Beautiful outdoor photos and your chance to win a monthly \$500 card. See any member to purchase yours today.



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## Blue Creek Bay Fun Ride

Written by Marilyn Rousher

Saturday, May 18th, was overcast and threatened rain, but five of us, Kathy Beck, Joni Lueck, Ray Heilman, Marilyn Rousher and new member Pam Kinmer were undaunted. The trails at Blue Creek Bay are wonderful, boast excellent footing with awesome viewing. The area across from the trail head is now open for riders which will make the Blue Creek experience even more enjoyable. Pam Kinmer, our newest member was riding her horse Rascal for the first time with a group, on his first ride away from home. Pam was a newbie to the experience as well. Both horse and rider had a good time and enjoyed making new PBCH friends.

I found out mid ride that I had a newbie rider and non-member along with me. The story is that on my way out to pick up Pam and Rascal and my mare Sammie, Dave and I found a hen and ducklings floundering across Hwy 95. We rescued the little family, but sadly Momma died from injuries from being hit by a car. All of the babies were put into my vest so they would be safe and not fall out. We found a box and put the babies into it. The unannounced rider somehow managed to keep itself hidden in my vest while its siblings were taken out. Mid ride I felt something move across my stomach.

Upon inspection I discovered my little stow away. He was one lucky little fellow because I had moved three saddles and tack, loaded horses and saddled my mare without him being injured.

I made an announcement Saturday night at our PBCH meeting that we had ducks needing a home and the Bissell's kindly took them off our hands. The duck rescue by Joyce and Angie, the kindness accorded my friend Pam in her first time ever ride away from home is just another reason I am happy to be part of BCHA. You guys are the best!!

## Memorial Day weekend ride/campout at Asotin, WA

Written by Jamie Smith

Stan and I went to the Asotin Creek campout and ride and it was beautiful country. The drive from the town of Asotin was an hour, but the road was well maintained. The camp site had some grazing for the horses and high line poles for some of the horses. I believe we had 18 riders with trail bosses Karen and Jim Kimball. The weather on Friday and Saturday was intermittent sun and clouds, but it started raining on Sunday afternoon. We took a four-and-a-half hour ride on Saturday and a shorter ride on Sunday. We saw a lot of wildlife, and I thought the elk herds we ran into were the highlight of the ride. We saw two herds, and one of the herds had over 50 head of elk. They ran down a hillside toward us, and then passed behind us. It was really a thrill. We also saw a few lone elk on the hillside closer to the trail at other times on the ride. Turkey and deer were also abundant. The trail was not very difficult, however there were rocks and shoes were a must. We also had a little mud due to the rain. We really enjoyed the ride and the fun around the camp fire. Bob Funke and Matt Richardson really can tell some stories!

Photo below: Marilyn Rousher holding duckling she found in vest pocket during the ride at Blue Creek Bay. Photo courtesy Joni Lueck



## Letter to the editor

Say I have a question. This is a not complaint nor is it a refusal to participate. Just why is it that our club has to clean up after others? I have been riding at Farragut a number of years. I see many people from bike riders to riding clubs come in and abuse the trails, corrals, camp area and leave. I also see down trees that I thought park management should take care of. What is the park doing with all those down trees that lay along the trails and rot? I would think Farragut would better manage their own work party for the good of the trees that are down. I just hope our club efforts don't go unnoticed - that's all . Thank you Patty Meyer, PBCH member.

**Editor's note:** The Farragut Park staff is working along with PBCH chapter to clean up the trails and provide materials to fix up the corrals on National Trails Day. The mission of PBCH is to insure public lands stay open and to assist government and private agencies in the maintenance and management of resources.

