



The President's Saddlebag

Karen Kimball, president PBCH 2014



Thank you everyone that helped out at our Wilderness Clinic, the turnout of members helping was great. We have three people trying out for the scholarship and they were all at the clinic helping. People were so impressed with the Dutch Oven food cooked by Bob Williams and George Miller and wanted to know how it is done. I think everyone learned something from the packing demonstrations and the speakers were very educational.

I've signed the "Cost Share Agreement" with the U.S. Forest Service to receive funding if we complete all of the projects. Please volunteer if you can help with any of our projects.

We had a good turnout on the Asotin Creek outing over Memorial Day weekend and the weather was perfect. Read more about it in the article written by Cindi Richardson.

Our next outing will be June 7th and 8th at Farragut State Park. Be sure to check the "Calendar of Events for what is coming up. Happy Trails, Karen

Crowd Funding Met its goals! In a letter from the BCHA

Chairman wrote: Dear JIM & KAREN, You Did It...We Reached our Goal! Thank You...Thank You All! Thank You to everyone that contributed. Thank You to all the chapters that met the Lori Lennox and Grays Harbor Chapter Challenge.

Read more Crowdfunding Letter continued on Page 3

MEETING MINUTES MAY 17, 2014 MINUTES

Vice President Cindi Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:00PM No guests present.

Debbie Samovar subbed for Andrea and read the April minutes with corrections. Bob Williams made motion to accept minutes as corrected, George Miller 2nd, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Stan reported Income of \$363: \$310 dues, \$10 Business Card/newsletter, \$43 Clinic concessions. Expenses were \$784.83: Debbie Samovar \$31.50 clinic flyers, Karen Kimball \$30 for pack cinch and \$44.98 for 1st Aid Kit supplies, Bill Clarke \$299 and Jerry Shriner \$289.40 State Board of Directors per diem and lodging, BCHI \$20 insurance, \$69.95 Clinic concession food. Outstanding Bills: Debbie Samovar \$14 clinic banners, \$36.75 Little Nickel clinic ad, Karen Kimball \$8.50, Bob Williams \$20 and George Miller \$61.02 Dutch oven cooking supplies. Angie Bissell made motion to pay the bills, Linda Funke 2nd, passed. Petty Cash \$62 Progressive Pot \$101

CORRESPONDENCE: There was a \$20 entry fee gift certificate from Inland Empire for their ride at Pee Wee Creek on June 14th, to be drawn at the end of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

WILDERNESS CLINIC – Karen wants to thank everyone who helped out. The turnout of members that came to help was overwhelming, thank you. Bob Williams reported that the Dutch oven cooking was a great success and that people were asking questions on how it's done rather than sample and run. He suggested that the next time we do Dutch oven cooking that we tell people to bring their pots, recipes and ingredients and we'd cook it for them. It was suggest that we get a list of everyone who worked the clinic and their hours and itemize the work and expenses and submit it to the state for volunteer hours and see if we could get some money out of the Education Fund. Joni also wrote an article about the Dutch oven cooking for Broomtales.

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Calendar June, July, August

June 7-8 Farragut State Park Outing. On Saturday June 7 meet at 9:30 to do work around equestrian area and brush buggy trail on horseback. This is National Trails Day so we will do some work. Bring weed eaters, hammers, shovels and rakes. This is a good chance for our scholarship applicants to help out. Potluck dinner will be at 5:30 Saturday night with chili dogs provided by the chapter. Members can bring salads or deserts. Camping on the overflow area with no hook-ups will cost \$16.96 with State Parking Pass and \$21.96 without pass. On Sunday June 8 will have a back-up clinic starting at 9:00, lunch (on your own) at 12:00 and the tail ride at 1:00 led by Julie Volpi. For those of you who have never been at Farragut State Park it is an easy ride with no mountains, around 3 hours. It'll make a fun weekend. Trail boss Karen Kimball, 772-2434.

June 18, Wednesday PBCH meeting. 6:30 socialize and 7 meeting starts. Dalton Gardens City Hall, 6360 4th St.

Chilco Mountain work party, June 21. Meet at the trail location at 9:30. Pack a lunch, you'll be riding most of the day. Bob Funke is trail boss, give him a call if you have any questions at 660-7919. Direction to trail location: Take Hwy 95 going N. to Bunco Rd. On Bunco go east or right off 95 for three miles. The Bunco then takes a left turn. Stay on this road for 14 miles as it turns into FS road #332. At intersection of #332 and #385 is where the trail starts. There isn't much parking, some 1/4 mile further on #332. This is a beautiful trail with great view points, easy riding. You will be going over two peaks.

4th of July Rec Area fun ride June 28, Saturday. Trail boss Bea Christopherson. 651-6748. Head east 13 miles from Coeur d'Alene on I-90 to 4th of July Rec. Area exit. Turn right and follow around to parking area. Follow PBCH signs. Easy flat open riding in sun and shade. No water. Bring lunch. 10-mile ride. Members only.

Classified Ads: Free for all PBCH members

Wanted: Truck campers. Call Scott Bengfort
208-964-0755.

For sale grey Arab gelding, 12 y/o, 1000 pounds, 15.2H, huge legs and feet, vet checked, shots, wormed, teeth floated, \$1,000, come take a look. Call PBCH member Carol Kinsey 659-0776.

Calendar continued----

Red Ives campout and work party July 11-13. Members only. Directions: See www.pbch.org web site and then maps/directions give details. Vanessa Edwards will trail boss. Trails are steep; horses need to be in shape. Ginger Swisher wants to brush out Indian Cr. Trail.
Heyburn State Park fun ride and campout. July 26-27. Open to members and their guests. Bob and Linda Funke, trail bosses. Info 772-5326. A few corrals available, otherwise highline or bring portable corrals or trailer tie your stock. Potluck. Directions: See www.pbch.org web site and see maps/directions for details.

Other events

Pee Wee Creek poker ride and campout June 14 hosted by Priest River Valley BCH chapter 9 to noon. Camp Friday night, ride Saturday. BBQ lunch included. Directions on www.pbch.org web site at maps/directions. Info 208-448-2457 or 208-448-1255. \$20.

Dave from Trail Maniacs is currently planning his 2014 season. A 4th of July race 7/5/14 using the cross country ski trails and the north side Forest service trail/road system out of the 4th of July recreation area.

He is also working on a Trail Run that would use the Bunco parking lot with the trails and roads incorporating North & South Chilco peaks, Hells Canyon (new route: 208-457-2726. <http://my.viewranger.com/route/details/MjQyOTU=>

August The Chilco Peaks Ultra would be on 8/24/14, this event would last all day. Please let me know if these events have a conflict, Dave @ Trail Maniacs.

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OLD BUSINESS

FARRAGUT OUTING – There are hotdogs left over from clinic, Julie has them in freezer, can have chili dogs for Saturday night potluck, June 7. People can bring salads or deserts to go with them. We'll do some clean-up around equestrian area on Sat. and have trailer backing at 9:00 on Sunday, lunch at 12:00 and then trail ride at 1:00. Julie is Trail Boss. Karen Kimball will have to get back to people what time the work party is.

MARIE CR CLEARING – Stan Smith reported that it was wet and there was snow, hail, rain and the trail was sloppy. The Shriners, Funkes and Smiths cut out several large trees and Stan and Jamie used pulaskis to widen a section of trail that was washed out.

ASOTIN CR OUTING – Is on Memorial Weekend. There will be trail clearing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Meet at KarenKimball. 772-2434.

CHILCO MT CLEARING – The date has changed to June 21 due to the Pee Wee ride on the 14th. Need a list of people that can help and a Trail Boss.

4th of JULY REC. AREA – It's listed on the web site for June 21st as a trail clearing. It's actually a fun ride and will be on the 28th. Joni Lueck and Bea Christopherson are the trail bosses and would like to make it open to the public. They were informed they need to let Karen know ASAP if it will be public, as we have to get the info to the insurance company 30 days prior to event.

RED IVES WORK PARTY – Vanessa Edwards will trail boss. Ginger wants to brush out Indian Cr Trail. Will keep date of July 11-13.

NEW BUSINESS

June 1st there will be a ride at Blue Cr Bay, Marilyn Rousher will Trail Boss.

BLM Project – Jake Backtel from BLM spoke to BOD, has project of hauling bags of concrete to a viewing deck location on Cougar Bay Trail. This planning is being done by an Eagle Scout and is a non-equestrian trail.

Karen Kimball is in the process of signing a contract with the Forest Service for the work we are scheduled to do. It looks like we may receive \$1300 if we complete all of the work. The more people that go the better the work is.

Grays Harbor BCHWa is challenging other chapters in matching their \$200 donation. Karen Kimball listened in on a BCHA conference call and listened to the State National Directors. She thinks this is worth the investment and wants to know if our chapter is interested. If BCHA collects the \$50,000, a business will match it with \$25,000. Bea Christopherson made a motion to match, Stan Smith seconded, passed.

Diane Shriner would like to see our May meeting moved to Wednesdays, as the weather starts allowing for riding. The By-Laws will have to be checked to see if we can just change the day or if we have to make it through changing the By-Laws.

Progressive Pot was won by Angie Bissell. Two names were called for the Pee Wee certificate, both of whom didn't want it. When asked who did, only Cindi Richardson was interested, so it was given to her. 7:45 Jerry Shriner motion to adjourn, Bill Clarke 2nd, passed

Respectfully Submitted by Acting Secretary; Deborah Samovar

Crowdfunding letter continued from page 1-- Thank You to all the state presidents that encouraged their members to spread the word. Thank You BCH California for your great kick off donation. A special Thank You to BCH Flathead MT chapter for your donation and for your 41 years. And another special Thank You to the Foundation, a longtime supporter of the BCHA, that posted the \$25,000 Challenge Grant - a Challenge that was met by the members and friends of the Back Country Horsemen of America. Thank All of You. The BCH Crowdfunding Campaign was a seven month project completed by a hardworking BCH team that included: Jacque Alexander AR, Freddy Dunn UT, Peg Greiwe WA, Phil and Casey Hufstader OR, Sherry Jennings WA, Ami McBride CA, Cindy McGarvey GA, Randy Rasmussen OR, Robbin Schindele ID. And last but not least, Consultant and Friend of the BCHA, Jonathon Stalls who fulfilled his commitment to us ten times over. Remember we still have 9 days left in this campaign and all monies received over the \$50,000 goal will be split 50/50 with the state organizations and chapters thru application to the BCHA Education Foundation and that includes the Challenge Grant Funds. Thank you, Jim McGarvey, Chairman Back Country Horsemen of America, peg@backcountryhorse.com P.O. Box 1367, Graham, WA 98338



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 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

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Information Corner-----

Newsletter Editor Joni Lueck 659-9066 or jklhorserider@gmail.com
Deadline for submitting information 1st of the month. Please type directly into email and send to me. If you've been on an interesting or beautiful ride or have a photo you want to share, please send the information along.

Membership dues for year 2014

Please go to the web site www.pbch.org and fill out membership form for 2014. You must fill out a new form each year. Send to PBCH, P.O. Box 1903, Hayden, ID 83835. Business Card Sponsors \$10 in addition to the membership fee. Card will run in the newsletter each month and on the web site.

Classified Ads - Please submit your ad to the newsletter editor by the 1st of each month.

***Calendars: \$20.** A great deal for you and the club. Beautiful outdoor photos and your chance to win! See any member to purchase yours today. For 2014 the State Board of Directors voted to have 12 \$1000 drawings and because of the lottery restrictions all the drawings will be done at one time and that will be in December.

Remember to get your PBCH membership card which is good for a 10% discount at the Big R Store!

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Asotin Creek trail ride and campout By Cindi Richardson

Everyone who attended the Asotin weekend over Memorial Day enjoyed a spectacular time with one exception. Some folks arrived early Friday and went out to do some trail clearing but found it in great shape. More folks arrived Friday evening and camp started to come together. After Stan and Jamie Smith arrived Saturday morning 17 riders all saddled up to ride off. We started out with a bump when Martie Fisher's horse, Flint spooked at the watering hole going through the little gate that keeps motorized vehicles out and scraped up his hind leg pretty good. But, like a good trail horse, it was not enough to keep him from going out on the ride. We rode up to the top and enjoyed gorgeous views. We decided to ride on to another ridge and maneuvered through rocky terrain. That's when the disaster occurred. Linda Funke's horse stumbled on a rock and rolled landing on her twice. She sustained a compound fracture of her left ankle. But Linda is a strong person and remained in good spirits directing her husband, Bob, to grab the camera and take pictures. We all worked together as a team gathering splints (even using a saw as one splint), bandages, and vet wrap. Luckily, we had phone service up high and were able to call 911 who activated Life Flight. Greg Parsons had a GPS that gave them our coordinates, and the helicopter arrived within a short time. The EMT's were so impressed with the job PBCH folks had done stabilizing her ankle, they left it alone and loaded her up to fly to the hospital in Lewiston. Needless to say, it was a long ride back to camp where Matt Richardson and Jim Kimball had stayed behind and were now a little worried. They had been visited by a fire truck that had also been dispatched who weren't able to give them much information except that someone had broken their ankle. Everyone pitched in and got Bob Funke on the road and on his way to the hospital. We enjoyed a delicious dinner around the fire and most made it to bed early after such excitement. Day 2 was a spectacular day of warm sun. A dozen riders rode out and enjoyed sighting about 50 elk in the early morning. On the way back to camp, the dogs treed a cinnamon colored bear. We all made it back in one piece and, again, gathered for yummy grub around the camp fire. Jessica and Alan Harper prepared awesome Dutch oven cooking at every meal to share, and we all shared potluck as well. Too much food as usual. Monday morning was threatening rain, but nine riders headed out for one last ride before heading home. Even with the mishap, it was a wonderful weekend. Thanks to Karen and Jim Kimball for trailbossing!

Campers at the Asotin Creek trail ride take a break.

What is National Trails Day?

American Hiking Society's National Trails Day® (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® 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.

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Blue Creek Fun Ride By Joni Lueck

June 1 fun ride at Blue Creek Bay area east of Coeur d'Alene was attended by just two people. The weather that day was perfect, lots of sunshine and a light breeze. Foot in the stirrup at 10 a.m. allowed us to get back to the trailer in time for a 12:30 lunch. Along the trail we listened to a woodpecker in the distance, ringing a tap, tap, tap in the pure mountain air. Lots of shade among the douglas fir and ponderosa pine. The trail within this 700-acre parcel of land is well-marked and well maintained by BLM.

This is one of my favorite trail rides. It has views of the east end of the Coeur d'Alene Lake and Blue Creek Bay. Lots of kayaks and other boats in the bay that Sunday morning to look at. The horses got their blood pumping as they hauled us up the mountain for about 30 minutes. The trail system is marked with blue, orange and red triangles. The land manager from BLM said they are working to open another section of the trail to the north later this summer.

I also checked out the trail two days before this PBCH fun ride and it was in near perfect shape. Good thing my friend and I didn't go up the day before as 150 area schoolchildren were on the trail system! Just take I-90 east to Mullan Trail exit, and follow Sunnyside and then Yellowstone roads to the Blue Creek Bay area.

The parking along the road is ok as people generally slow down at the sight of horses. But the rigs can get pretty dusty sitting on the side of the road.

The conservation area is close to town and a good way to condition your horse. The trails are wide and packed hard for good footing. No water at the trailhead, but two ponds along the way. An old loading chute and penning corral bring a nostalgia of days gone by.

In addition, we saw other birds such as a female bald eagle, osprey, songbirds and lots of butterflies. We left sign of horse along the trail to remind hikers and bicyclists that this trail system is shared use with their four-legged friends.

Oh it was a great way to spend my birthday, on the trail with my husband and my horse!