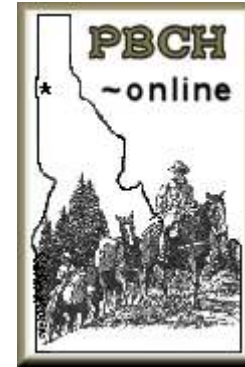


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## The President's Saddlebag

**Jerry Shriner, 2015  
PBCH president**



Last month I took some time to remind riders of the need for safety and preparedness to deal with an accident. While these are most important they don't need to limit our enjoyment of our stock, the beauty of the many and varied trails and the challenges of visiting the back country on horse or mule.

Keeping safety in mind, we can increase our riding enjoyment by expanding our comfort level and accepting more challenging situations on the trail. Our stock sense our fear and hesitation, perhaps more than we sense theirs. The key is small steps. Neither you nor your animal wants to go from the arena to a bridge high over some river in a wilderness somewhere; but you can ride with some experienced horses over some puncheon or work them from the ground on a "bridge" in the arena. When you are on the trail take an occasional detour to step through some water, climb a steep bank or step off a rock that is a little higher than you have done before. You will gain confidence, you will learn that your partner is more capable than you realized and your partner will learn you are more trustworthy than it realized.

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### **April 18, 2015 PBCH Meeting Minutes**

Meeting 7:45 pm (after an equine nutrition presentation by Purina representative Buford Howell)

#### PLEDGE

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS- New member Colleen; Guests- Shirley Milson; Chris and Kimberly Cornelius

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING- stand as read

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Income: Dues- \$205; Sprayer- \$100 (Twin Rivers Chapter sent a thank you letter); Calendars- \$320; Litehouse grant- \$250; Business card ad- \$40; BCHI Refund for 10% of calendar sales- \$300 (only a profit if we sell all calendars)  
Expenses: Calendars- \$3000; Karen K. Ref. and Postage- \$32.33; Nickel's Worth Ad- \$31.60

Outstanding Bills- Joni L- \$10; Convention Donation \$65 (saw & scabbard); \$75 for Open Horse Show fair brochure; \$\$ Tune up Clinic Breakfast; Mileage and Lodging- \$353 Bill and Kay Clark; Shriner \$242.32 (minus cost for ad)

Total Bills \$720.26

Progressive Pot- \$129

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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Report on the state convention in McCall- Nine PBCH members present. The resolution allowing for five chapters to request a special meeting passed and is now included in the by-laws. The calendar revenue resolution and financial planning resolution failed. The fourth resolution regarding outfitters was tabled until September due to technical issues.

Two new chapters were added to BCHI. One chapter has the same acronym as PBCH.

Next convention (March 2016) will be in Priest River.

The backcountry ATV folks will ride at Fourth of July Pass on trail 614 on June 20th and use the south parking lot. PBCH ride is on June 28th.

BCHI Foundation at State Convention- Kay Clark gave a report. The foundation provides funding for trail maintenance and materials for trailheads. PBCH used a Lighthouse grant (for northern chapters) that was used to install a hitching post at Farragut State Park. Members may make tax deductible contributions to the foundation. The PBCH also has a 503 (c) status and allows for tax deductible contributions as well

Jerry noted that a portion of membership dues go to BCHI, of which a portion is sent on to the national level.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

\*\*Scholarship committee- No report

\*\*Events committee/ride and project updates-

June 6 De-spooking Clinic is for members. Guests are welcome to observe the clinic but may not participate. Guests are welcome to ride the trails on Sunday with PBCH and to join the potluck. Riders may join PBCH at the de-spooking clinic and participate. Member forms will be available on site.

Escure Ranch is a members only ride on April 25. It is a 2 hour drive from Dalton Gardens. The directions are on the PBCH FaceBook page and signs will be posted. Escure Ranch is BLM land. Stock water is available as are restrooms, and parking is plentiful. Horses will need to be highlined between trailers. No drinking water is available. Ride begins Saturday at 9am. Bring your own meat and side dish Saturday night. For those who want to camp there will be burgers Friday night (bring a side dish). Bring your own lunch. Bring wood for the fire.

Marie Creek Work Party April 19- Ready to ride at 9:00. Pack a lunch.

Education committee- no report

Public lands- no report

Membership committee- Diane, Deborah, and Tracy will be calling past members to encourage them to join again and gather input for improvement purposes.

Calendar- Deborah asks that members send her photos. Only 7 have been collected so far from PBCH.

**OLD BUSINESS-** none

**NEW BUSINESS-** Marian Crumb shared a raffle opportunity to benefit the Diablos 4-Hers.

Member Angie Parsons asked if there was enough interest in a teeth floating clinic.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER-** nothing

Progressive Pot- Zach Bane's name was drawn (absent).

Meeting Adjourned at 8:42.

Minutes submitted by Kathy Baker, secretary

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## Calendar

**May 20 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday PBCH Meeting.** Jim Kimball will give a talk "Firearms for the Trail Rider" at 6:30 and regular meeting start at 7 p.m.

**May 23-25 Memorial Day Weekend Ride and Campout.** Bob Funke trail boss. 660-7919 Fordyce Trailhead up Asotin Creek out of Asotin, WA. It is a nice trailhead with fire pit and several trails out of parking lot. Horses will have to be tied to trailers or high-lined. Trails will climb to a ridge top, good trails and gradual climb, but horses should be in shape and shoes are recommended. We will be riding 4+ hours Saturday and Sunday. A Discover Pass (parking pass) will have to be purchased from Fish and Game in Washington for \$35, good for a year, or you can get a one-day pass for \$11. Purchased online or at the Jiffy Stop in Asotin. The store is one block south from Asotin Creek Rd., where you turn. The store is open 24 hrs.

Directions to trail head: 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 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 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. 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), hitch rail, and large grassy area with a parking lot. You are there. It is about 45 minutes from Asotin and road is always in good condition.

**June 6- 7 De-spook clinic and campout Saturday and trail ride on Sunday.** Farragut State Park. Need trail boss for campout and trail ride Sunday. Ginger Swisher will be trail boss for de-spook clinic on Saturday. De-spook clinic open to members only. Non-members can join campout and potluck Saturday night and trail ride Sunday with PBCH. Check with Farragut State Park for permits for parking and camping.

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**Kathy Baker, secretary, 819-3252; and**

**Stan Smith, treasurer, 755-4490.**

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**Karen Kimball 772-2434.**

**Jill Reineccius, public lands liasion 660-5549**

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2015 Calendars now available. These make great Christmas gifts: \$20. A great deal for you and the club. This year's prizes will be 11 - \$500 gift cards and a grand prize of a \$6000 gift card.

**On Loan:** The club has a Decker pack saddle and boxes it will loan out to members.

Remember to get your PBCH membership card which is good for **10% discount** at the North 40 Store.

### Classified Ads

Member Wendy Ward is looking for a good-sized trail gelding for her husband. Nice 10 acres with other horses and good barn. Please call 659-3540.

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**Life Flight memberships. The yearly dues are \$45 for BCHI members. Cindi Richardson has membership applications. Her phone number is 699-3116. Important to have in case of med evac emergency in mountains during trail riding or other events.**

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On 6/6 PBCH will host a “de-spooking” clinic offering an introduction to some novel situations designed to give you and your horse or mule some skills that will enhance your riding experience and give you added confidence to ride more trail and see more of the beautiful country that surrounds us.

Members are welcome to bring stock to the clinic. Guests are welcome to watch clinic and do the potluck 6/6 and to ride with us on Sunday. The event will be at Farragut State Park. Bring a friend and join us for supper, a campout and a ride. (Remember only members may have stock in the clinic. But your guest could join on Sunday and participate with their stock.)

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**June 17 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday PBCH Meeting.**

**June 20** Please note at 4<sup>th</sup> of July Rec Area an ATV Club will be using south parking lot for their rigs for an organized ride.

**June 21** Chilco Mtn. work party. Father's Day. Please RSVP. Bob Funke 660-7919

**June 28** 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fun ride, Sunday. Members with guests. Need trail boss for the ride and trail boss for the food.

**July 10-12** Red Ives work party. Depends on weather. Please RSVP. Karen Kimball 772-2434.

**July 15 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday PBCH meeting.** Potluck in the park behind Dalton Garden City Hall.

**July 19** Mountain bike group ride on 4<sup>th</sup> of July trail system.

**August 19 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday PBCH Meeting.**

**September 5** Saturday Dalton Garden City Picnic volunteer project. Trail boss Karen Kimball. 772-2434.

**Sept. 12-13** Ride and camp Heyburn State Park. Members with guests. Need trail boss.

**October 3** Saturday Steak Ride Linscott Ranch.

**October 17** meeting

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Members can get their clippers sharpened with H&H Knife Sharpening. Phone 509-951-0724. These guys have donated and given demos to PBCH chapter in the past.

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## Escure Ranch Ride and Campout

By Jerry Shriner, trail boss

Maybe we are lucky or maybe the weather always cooperates on the scab lands south of Sprague, WA. Escure is an historic cattle and sheep ranch (at different times) now owned by the BLM. The trailhead is adjacent to Rock Creek, a catch and release trout stream, and across the creek are the historic building from when it was a working ranch. The surrounding land is still grazed by cattle on a leaseholder basis.

Twenty-five PBCH riders got together for meals, socializing around the fire and, of course, to ride. The geography and geology of the area is unique and beautiful with surprises around every rock butte. It is a great place for simply wandering across country to see what is around the next cliff or in the next valley.

The trail boss announced that the fire would be going and the coffee would be hot by 6 and we would hit the trail by 9. Despite some grumbling everyone stuck to the schedule and we were out of camp on time. We stuck to the 11 mile designated trail on Saturday and were back to camp in plenty of time for afternoon naps and refreshments.

The Sunday ride to Towell Falls is only about an hour each way so it leaves time for a later start with plenty of time to pack up and head home after the ride. In addition it offers the opportunity to take a more challenging cross country route home with some steep, rocky descents, a little narrow hillside trail, a couple creek crossings and, for one person, an unexpected dip in a very cold creek.

## Marie Creek Work Party

By Karen Kimball, trail boss

We had beautiful weather on April 19 for clearing the trail. Fourteen people gathered at the trailhead and headed out about 9:30. We had one crew on the upper trail and the other on the bottom. Some of us, including Maddy Baker, stayed back and nipper brush along the the trail. There wasn't much to cut out on the part of the trail but more on the upper trail. The two groups met on top, had lunch and rode out together.

Thanks to everyone that helped and especially Bob Funke for getting the chainsaws ready and bringing them to the trailhead.

**Photo below: Group of riders cover ground on Escure Ranch Ride. Photo at right shows riders crossing creek on Saturday ride. Some 25 people attended the 2-day event.**



