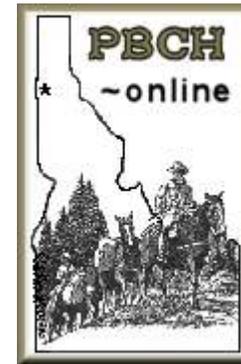


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The President's Saddlebag

Jerry Shriner, 2015
PBCH president



BCHA is all about insuring that the backcountry and wilderness in public lands remain accessible to public use. (Check out www.bcha.org to see our vision and mission statement) Our service extends from simply using the trails, to advocating for their maintenance, to hundreds of thousands of hours and dollars from members to work on the ground. Add to that our training to support safe riding and minimal impact practices and you can be proud of your BCH involvement.

We join PBCH to enjoy the company of people like ourselves who value the outdoors from the back of a horse or mule. When we become BCH members we are accepting a responsibility beyond our simple desire to ride with safety and responsibility. We are also joining the mission of the BCHA. We are committing ourselves to do our part to maintain and preserve our public lands and resources for ourselves and future generations. In doing so we serve not only the rich history of equine stock use across our nation for our own good but for everyone.

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June 17, PBCH Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm (after a "Snowbirds with horses in Arizona" presentation by Joni Lueck and her husband Dave Logue.)

PLEDGE

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Shelly & Clay Ensley – Clay is a saddle maker

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

Minutes were not read but approved

TREASURER'S REPORT by Stan Smith

3 new members were added from the de-spooking clinic.

BALANCES FROM LAST MEETING

Checking Savings 2 CDs

INCOME EXPENSES

\$155	Dues	\$ 38.04	Karen K. 1st Aid / Refreshments
\$ 20	Calendar	\$169.50	Chaps
\$100	De-Spooking Clinic		
TOTALS	\$275	\$ 207.50	

OUTSTANDING BILLS DUE

\$29.94 Fire Extinguishers (2)

CURRENT BALANCES

Checking	\$1,713.20	Savings	\$2,305.35	CDs	\$18,621.55
and	\$22,641.53				

PROGRESSIVE POT \$181.00

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4th of July Pass Ride Report by Joni Lueck

The weather was very warm so I think it kept many horse people away from this popular day ride east of Coeur d'Alene Sunday, June 28. Four riders and two camp cooks showed up for the event which has been attended by dozens of people in the past.

Probably the most exciting thing was when heard a lot of rustling below us on the trail when we first started out. Then the elk moved across the trail in front of us and up the mountain. Not sure how many there were as we only saw the very last one which stopped and looked at us before bounding up the hill.

We rode about six miles in the deep forest just Bea and me. On the way back to the trailhead we bumped into Bob and Linda Funke who got a late start. By then they turned around and headed back for lunch also. Lunch was some 3-alarm chili made by Karla Trevithick along with Fritos, fruit bars and drink. Karen Kimball said the leftover chili would go to good use at the work party this month at Red Ives.

In addition we saw several hikers and bicyclists too. This was the weekend of Hoopfest and Ironman.

It's too bad more people didn't show as it was open to members and guests.

De-spooking Clinic at Farragut State Park

By Ginger Swisher

I want to thank everyone for helping out and participating in the June 6-7 event. It is always an incredible pleasure for me to see folks take such an active interest and participate in making themselves and their horses better. The level of communication that develops between the horse and rider is never lost when you take the time and put your own self image and ego aside for that communication.

At each station (there were 5 stations that had multiple obstacles) we had volunteers that knew what the objective was and helped the riders choose options and techniques to help their horses through.

We chose the obstacles specifically with back country horsemen/horsewomen in mind to help with those spooky things that would befall us on our backcountry treks. Backing uphill, separating horses, desensitizing to chainsaws and moving boogie men, crossing muddy areas, dragging logs, and sooo much more!

I have to say that the best costume goes to "Mr. I got a orange Orangutan on my back Kimball" He won hands-down with bells on.....literally!!

The after clinic, the potluck and camp out, as always, is a wonderful way to talk about and share the challenge and achievements of true working horsemanship.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jerry passed around a picture of the Big Creek cabin, which he was at the prior weekend. The roof of the cabin is not too bad, but there are several places that rodents can get in the walls. The Palouse Chapter wants to work on the cabin as well. There might be an August date set to do this.

Jim McMillan, president of the Panhandle Nordic Ski & Snowshoe Club, wrote a letter to Kootenai County Sheriff Ben Wolfinger. The letter is requesting that sheriff crews clean the south side of road, that doesn't get cleaned, like the North side of road that does, with crews in the future. Jerry Shriner will write a letter requesting concrete barriers be placed to keep wheeled traffic out of Road 614 on 4th of July Pass.

RIDES

- * Asotin had 14 riders.
 - * De-spooking Clinic had around 30 contestants. On Sunday, 13 riders rode the park and 7 rode outside the park.
 - * Marie Creek got sprayed. The upper trail was sprayed with horses and the lower trail was done by foot. There were 2 forest personnel involved.
 - * June 21 Chilco Mountain work party is meeting at trail head at 9:00am. Directions are on the web site.
 - * June 28 4th of July Fun Ride is open to members and guests. Bea is leading the long ride and Karen is leading the short ride. Karla is making chili. 9:30 foot in stirrup.
 - * July 11- 12 Red Ives. Karen Kimball is trail boss. Saturday will be a work day with a potluck in the evening and Sunday may just be a ride.
- The forest service would like us to work on the Spotted Louie trail to the Clearwater. More info to follow in July.

July Meeting will be a picnic.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Karen Kimball went up to the 4th of July pass to assure that a horse could get through the bollards being placed to keep 4-Wheelers out.

The chapter now has 29 individual and 35 family for a total of 64. Last year was 80ish.

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2015 PBCH Officers, board members and public lands liasion contact information:

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Ray Heilman 772-7301; and

Karen Kimball 772-2434.

Jill Reineccius, public lands liasion 660-5549

Classified Ads

Steve Edwards mule saddle, 15" excellent condition, only used 3 years. Includes breast collar, britchen, tapaderos and bridle with martingale. \$750.

Karen 208-772-2434.

Used Admiral Refrigerator/freezer, beige, 18.4 cu. Feet. Good condition. \$100. Also black metal fire pit never been used. Good for a backyard. \$75. Call Joni 659-9066.

Thanks to Jerry Shriner and Jill Reineccius for weed spraying the loop at Marie Creek. Also Jim Kimball helped set up the equipment for the work party.

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Information Corner

Newsletter Editor Joni Lueck 659-9066 or jklhorserider@gmail.com

Please go to www.pbch.org and print out 2015 **membership form** and mail in. Please email Stan Smith, treasurer sdsmith7566@yahoo.com to determine if you are current on your membership.

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.

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.

Calendar of Events

July 10-12 Red Ives work party. Please RSVP. Come one day or stay all weekend. We clear trails on Saturday. We'll potluck Saturday night. For Friday night if you want to bring hamburgers to grill I'll have the condiments. We'll have the BBQ grill up there for your meat. Trails are steep so horses need to be in shape. We'll park by the corrals at Red Ives which is a beautiful camping area, room for everyone. Directions are on our website www.pbch.org. The other route you can take is by going to St Regis and up over the pass. Call me for directions if you are going that way. Karen Kimball trail boss [208-772-2434](tel:208-772-2434) or [208-699-5268](tel:208-699-5268) Members only event.

July 15 3rd Wednesday PBCH meeting. Potluck in the park behind Dalton Garden City Hall. Start 6:00. Short business meeting also. The chapter will provide the paper and plastic products and people should bring their own meat to bbq, own drinks and a dish to share.

July 19 Mountain bike group ride on 4th of July trail system.

August 19 3rd 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.

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When I have the opportunity to ride in the backcountry as I did over the 4th of July weekend I have an opportunity to think about the miners and loggers and packers and Forest Service rangers who built the trails I used. It gave me a sense of being part of something much bigger than myself. It also led me to think about the many trails that I know of that are being lost from lack of use and proper maintenance. Each lost trail is a little piece of history lost. And it is a little piece of the future lost because once no one will ride or hike that trail again and a little piece of the backcountry will become inaccessible.

So that is our mission: become an activist and insist that public agencies meet their responsibility to ensure access, step up and help with the work to get the job done; and, most of all ride. The trails belong to you, use them.

Chilco Mountain Work Party June 21

Karen Kimball trail boss

Six PBCH members worked the annual trail clearing project after getting on the trail at 9:30 on June 21 Father's Day. There were fewer downed logs than in the past years so the group got back to the trucks by 3 p.m.

The group covered 17 miles roundtrip after Bob Funke went ahead to work the trail and then met the group at S. Chilco Peak. The views were pretty. The bugs and flies were bad especially when the group was stopped.

Thanks to Ray Heilman, Lori Jenkins, Jim and Karen Kimball, Jerry Shriner and Bob Funke. There were a total of 8 stock animals.

Ray had a flat tire on his truck when he arrived at the trailhead.

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OLD BUSINESS-none

NEW BUSINESS

Lea Williams broke a collarbone getting onto a horse. Cindy Richardson sent a card.

Joyce Bissell started a discussion about a six-month passport (by a veterinarian) required for hauling animals that will be staying for any length of time in Montana. This is because of Idaho horses going to Montana for slaughter.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Diane Shriner brought up that you should look for ticks in dogs mouths.

Jay May's name was drawn for the progressive pot, but was not present.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm Submitted by Dan Trevithick, vice-president

