

Winter 2019

Trail Crafters News

Olympic Peninsula, Washington



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Dungeness River Audubon
Center's "Inspire Wonder"
capital campaign.

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trails open for all users;
educating horse users in
Leave-No-Trace practices;
and providing volunteer
service to resource
agencies.**

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Winter is Upon Us

We have been having many gray, soggy, days, but the hours of daylight are slowly extending, so keep your spirits up. You will soon be feeding and mucking during the daylight hours. There have been some dry, chilly days that are perfect for taking a gentle trail ride if you bundle up. I guarantee that your horse would enjoy the change of scenery after being limited to a pasture or paddock existence for a month or more! Keep in mind that shaggy horses will heat up quickly and dry slowly, so don't ask them to overexert without cooling and drying them after or they could get chilled. It is wise to carry a small trail saw and pruners so you are prepared if you come to a fallen tree or limbs. If you find trails impassable, please report the location to our Trail Boss, Tom Mix (backcountrypacker.mix@gmail.com), so he can organize a clean-up crew. Also, please let Tom know of any areas where vegetation needs some spring trimming! Get out and enjoy your horses!

President's Message – Dan Dosey

Happy New Year to All!

We are so glad to welcome new members to our ranks and look forward to seeing everyone at our events in 2019. If you have not renewed your membership, please use the form at the end of this newsletter and encourage others to join.

The trail work for 2019 has already begun, with a special emphasis on removing trees downed by our major December windstorm. We are also trying to finish installing all of the intersection signs at Miller Peninsula and starting to build some new trails on Tribal land in that area. Watch for work party announcements and join us for the fun if you can!

Our Christmas party at Fox-Bell Wedding and Event Center was grand. We are so grateful to members, Martha and Shelby Vaughn, who made it available for our use.

The slate of officers from last year was re-elected and we are excited to head into the new year. We would, however, like to ask each of you to give some thought as to an office you might consider for next year. Most of us are on our 4th year, and getting tired. New officers would bring fresh energy and ideas to our organization, so please consider stepping up or suggest someone whom you think would do a good job.

Be sure to check the calendar for important dates of activities planned for 2019. Rendezvous will be in Ellensburg, March 15-17. It is always fun, and you need to get your reservations in early so you don't miss this great experience.

A few of our Fall Projects are highlighted in the newsletter, so read on! I hope each of you has an opportunity to join us in some of the many work parties or social events we have planned for 2019.

Thank you to everyone for making our Peninsula Chapter successful! Happy Trails.

Dan

Hauling Planks for Slab Camp Bridge Replacement

On Saturday, November 11, 2018, a hardy group of riders, mules, and horses gathered at the trailhead. A total of 10 stock animals assisted (5 mules, 5 horses). Planks were packed by both mules and horses. Some handlers rode while others walked and lead their pack stock. Del, Tom, Leif, Juelie, and Jeff had stock. Rod and Mike assisted with loading at the trailhead and Rebecca assisted at the job site. The planks were carried in about 2 ½ miles and cached until the project is ready. Each pack animal carried 2 planks.

The span is about 35 feet and sufficient planks are needed for the decking and to make new abutments. Tom is anticipating that 2 more plank hauling work parties will be needed using a similar process. In addition, there will be a trip to accomplish demolition of the current bridge, and another to place new stringers and re-deck the span. Some reaches of the trail do not facilitate stock meeting and passing, so trail travel will be managed carefully.

Construction of the new bridge will be a collaborative effort. BCHW will provide all pack support for tools, equipment, supplies, and some personal gear. WTA will prep the site and remove the old decking. BCHW will remove the old stringers and place the new ones. WTA will install new decking, bull rail, abutments, and regrade the approaches. BCHW will pack out tools, equipment, unused supplies, and some personal gear.

Side trips will be made to make sure the trail is clear to the Gray Wolf Bridge. We may carve out parts of the project so it will be an Eagle Scout project. These could be: abutment/approach or decking removal or decking/bull rail installation. This will be coordinated with WTA/BCHW and the Scout troop leader.

In the meantime, Mike and the Gray Wolves crew are repairing a failed puncheon about midway to the job site so the trail will be more user friendly. We are waiting for snow to leave the road and trailhead so we can make more plank supply runs. (Information provided by Tom Mix)



This is the bridge that crews will be replacing.



Del Sage and his mules are packing these bridge planks.



Carrying planks was a new experience for Leif's horse, and she did a fine job!



First, all the packs have to be properly balanced.



Then it is time to head down the trail.

Christmas Party --- December 8, 2018

The annual Christmas party was held at the beautifully decorated Fox-Bell Wedding and Event Center, owned by our generous members, Martha and Shelby Vaughn. They graciously invited us to use their venue and we all enjoyed the warmth and cheerful atmosphere. Arthur deep fried a turkey in peanut oil and also prepared a ham. Linda Morin, our Event Coordinator, outdid herself getting everything so well organized. BCHA members filled in the menu with delicious side dishes and desserts. Everyone left feeling very satisfied!

President, Dan Dosey, conducted a brief general meeting. Elected officers for the year 2019 were announced. Awards were given to members who had donated a large number of hours to chapter projects this year. A drawing was held to award special prizes to members who renewed their membership early. First place, a \$75 gift certificate to Coastal, was won by Monte Rivett. Second place, free membership for the year, was won by Juelie Dalzell, and Third place, a \$25 gift certificate to Clallam County Co-op, was won by Lavonne and Bill Mueller (who are very active with our trail maintenance projects).

A gift exchange activity resulted in beautiful and useful horse related items and led to a number of stolen treasures! I think everyone who participated enjoyed the festivities.



A wonderful social function for many members of our group, coordinated by Event Chair, Linda Morin.



New Trail, 2019 – New Trail from Cat Lake Road to Miller Trail System

The Jamestown Klallam Tribe has authorized some additional trails on Tribal land that adjoins the state park property on Miller Peninsula. Rough brushing was begun on the first section of new trail on Tuesday, January 15th. Once a corridor has been cleared of trees and brush, a small excavator will be used to further define the trail. This new trail will go from the cul de sac at the end of Cat Lake Road, north, to connect with Belly Deep. Eventually there will be more trails built on DNR land to the south of Cat Lake Road and this will connect to the Olympic Discovery Trail. Tom Mix has worked for 18 years to get the cooperation of all the agencies involved to make this work, so we are very excited to get the project started. It will keep the trail builders busy for many months. Below are some photos from our work party.



Safety meeting before starting work.



The new trail will go right through here!



Lots of branches to move!



We just need a path to walk.



Beginning to see through the jungle.



More trees to move.

Miller Peninsula Trail Signage Continued in 2019

With the beginning of the New Year (January 7th) riders converged on Miller Peninsula to ride the trails and cut out logs downed in the December wind storms. Three groups of riders with chain saws were able to finish the task that day.

Workers returned to the Discovery Bay Loop on the 12th to install sign posts in that area. Some of those trails are not accessible by tractor, so the posts were taken in on a bicycle and holes were hand dug.

The same “bicycle pack” procedure was used again on January 14th to complete signage along the E. Diamond Point Trail, W. Diamond Point Trail, and the Connector. We still have some posts to do on the Manzanita Trail, near the bicycle parking lot on E. Sequim Bay Road, and the western end of the Bluff Trail.



First work party 2019 – Clearing downed trees at Miller.



Scouting for fallen trees along the Bluff Trail.



Jim’s idea of transporting posts on bicycles worked very well. It is still a hard push up some of the hills!



Installation of an intersection sign.

BCHW-PNC Supports River Center Expansion – As reported in Sequim Gazette



Dec. 12, 2018 The Peninsula Chapter of BCHW recently supported the Dungeness River Audubon Center Executive Director’s “Inspire Wonder” capital campaign with a \$1,000 donation. With the support, organizers for the campaign say they’ve reached 43% of a \$2.9 million goal to expand the building at Railroad Bridge Park, add a new entrance and paved, lighted parking.

Back Country Horsemen have worked with river enter executive director Powell Jones for years to educate local youths and public about the value associated with local parks, forests, wilderness and other public lands.

The horsemen’s President Dan Dosey said, “we see that our relationship with the center enriches our community through education, advocacy, and volunteerism.”

Back Country Horsemen was founded in 1985, and club member Judy Sage estimates the local chapter has contributed \$198,000 in volunteer hours on trail maintenance this year.

Organizers of the “Inspire Wonder” campaign look to expand the 1992 building because of an increase in use and lack of space.

GO PNC! Be Proud of Your Volunteer Trail Work!!!

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU TURN IN YOUR VHs BY THE 5TH OF EACH MONTH. Don’t hesitate to send Judy an email, no1sage@gmail.com, as soon as you do volunteer work of any kind related to trails, events, education, or anything tied to our Mission Statement.

Here are our latest numbers and comparison from last year.

2016

Total VH 7899.5
Total Value \$261,197.36

2017 year end

Total to date VH 5165
Total to date Value
\$165,492

2018 year to date

Total Basic Hours	1625	\$38,285.00
Total Skilled Hours	544	\$29,920.00
LNT & Educ.	497.5	\$11,721.10
Admin. & Plc Mtgs.	2481.5	\$58,464.14
Travel Time	1002.5	\$23,618.90
Total Hours	6150.5	\$162,009.14
Vehicle Mileage	26,585.5	\$25,256.23
Total Miles	26,585.5	\$25,256.23
Total Stock Days	180	\$18,000.00

Grand Total \$205,265.37

VOLUNTEERING IT’S WHO WE ARE MAKE YOUR HOURS COUNT – REPORT THEM

Your 2018 Peninsula Chapter Officers & Chairs

Take the time to note that this list of Chapter members continues to step up and be your Board Directors and Chairs. They do an outstanding job. We are a very successful BCHW Chapter because of the work they do for you. You can support them in many ways: attend your General Meetings, do volunteer event and trail work, attend our ride events, join every year, bring in new members, and send them a thank you now and then. As with all organizations, burn out is a given. Consider shadowing the person who holds one of these positions so that you can step up to take their place in the near future. Your Chapter's future depends on you!

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Trail Projects Coordinator Report by Tom Mix

Trail Projects Director's report – Through January 12, 2019

Work Parties Held

Miller Peninsula State Park— The trails have been all ridden and downed trees have been removed. The Discovery Bay Loop has been signed. The Park staff is building "Leaving/Entering State Park Property" signs and will supply posts for their installation.

ALERT: Miller Peninsula is on the short list to be developed into a full up State Park. Jeff Chapman attended a Recreation Caucus meeting at the Capitol this morning. State Parks once more affirmed that they are going ahead with a public process to select a new state park from one of three candidate properties. Update: Nisqually has been removed from the short list as the local Tribe has funded the effort. Westport Light has just been added to the short list:

Miller Peninsula
Fisk Property (near Spokane)
Westport Light

One of the above will be added to Nisqually as two new State Parks. The selection will be based on public input during the outreach. No public meetings have been scheduled for Miller Peninsula to date. The 2-year open comment period closes in June.

Miller Peninsula Tribal Lands--We have walked the proposed route for a trail connecting the Miller Peninsula State Park trails system to Cat Lake Road cul de sac and then to DNR lands to the south. We have their MOU for signature and next will be our Volunteer Agreement.

ODT @ Sequim Bay State Park—The "No Stock" signage will be removed. The proper signs have been ordered and should be placed soon. We had prompt and focused assist from Clallam County ROW manager. He spotted an error in the original agreement, renegotiated the agreement, got it signed and recorded. The agreement now stipulates the ODT path through Sequim Bay State Park is for hikers, bikers, and equestrians.

ODT @ MP6—We spent 3 trips to remove downed and hazard trees from the tread which crosses a fresh clearcut. DNR has agreed to have its Foresters identify "Leave" trees in future clear cuts no closer than a root wad diameter to the ODT as it traverses a clear cut. This will save the ODT crews from having to repair a tread tear out from a trailside tree toppled by wind.

ODT@MP12-15--Removed downed trees and accomplished water management.

ODT within active DNR timber harvest sites—negotiated that DNR Foresters will start to place "Leave" trees at least one root wad diameter away for the existing ODT tread in an effort to prevent root wad tear outs during high wind events in fresh clearcuts. This is a direct result of the ODT crossing an active timber harvest site near MP6 where "Leave" trees were left at trailside and have toppled due to high wind events and took out several feet of trail tread.

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Lower Dungeness—none

Lower Gray Wolf—log out to end of trail by Mike's crew.

Lower Big Quilcene—First water crossing – install a gabion basket in prep for a foot log. Brushing to mile 5, log out and re-bench failing tread.

Little River Trail—We held 2 trail construction work parties that focused on gaining corridor clearance to stock standards. The new trail is now open to all users. Local resident Tom Singleton is moving soil to finish grade the new trail tread. We offered to assist as/if needed.

Quilcene bone yard milling of planks—The Gray Wolves are using the Alaskan Mill to mill planks for puncheon and bridge decking. The bolts came from the Dungeness Forks campground microburst. All planks are stored at Quilcene. Del moved sufficient planks to his place in prep for future pack trains to move the planks to the job site. We will announce pack trips to move planks based on road conditions and snow level at the trailhead.

Slab Camp Trail Bridge Replacement—The Gray Wolves continues to repair tread in preparation for the bridge replacement effort. The USFS Quilcene office has granted us permission for power equipment use during the Slab Camp Bridge replacement.

Gray Wolf Bridge on Slab Camp Trail—assessed for installing stock safe approaches. Looks like a standard crib supported ramp will work the best and be the least effort.

WTA--Youth Initiative on Peninsula—We have partnered with our local WTA leads to encourage at least 2 "youth on trails" events—most likely March and May 2019. Rebecca Wanagel is the WTA focal and is working with PA High School to identify suitable projects close to PA. Tentative locations are: NOLT Lyre and Siebert sites and Miller Peninsula.

PNTA-none

Grant Status:

The effective date of our current RCO grant 16-2714 is April 4, 2018. This grant ends in the fall of 2019.

RCO Grant 18-2255—For the 2019-2020 seasons. We have presented our total application materials to BCHW Grants Committee for incorporating into one of the BCHW Grant application packets for RCO consideration. With the Government shutdown—RCO is unable to coordinate with the various land managers. That means that RCO will not process grant applications until later in the spring or after. That postponement will put our operating funds further out in the future. On a brighter note—RCO has confirmed that RTP funds are applicable to Tribal lands. We plan to include Tribal lands in future grant applications.

Memos of Support—We have issued 4 memos of support to other organizations (DNR, USFS, PNTA, NOLT) seeking RTP grant funding. We wish them luck in the grant selection process.

Our 2 mini grants for Title II funding for foot log replacements and for back country privy installations—Slab Camp bridge is next up for replacement. Following the Slab Camp Bridge—the next bridge project will be the 2 on the S. Fork Skokomish. Unless—those bridges get out prioritized again—think Heather Creek foot log and Tubal Cain Trail Silver Creek crossing. The privy part of that work package is not getting much in the way of USFS attention and we may have to provide the RAC with a discouraging interim progress report. The USFS is being pinged regularly to make sure they do not repeat with the privies what happened last season with noxious weed management. We have asked that they assure us that all their internal paperwork is in order and that everything is in place for us to have a successful field season. We now have all the materials in hand and several youth groups wanting to help install the privies.

Upcoming Trail Parties:

Bridges—We have been asked to lead a bridge construction effort at Glacier Creek near Ross Dam rec area next season. That will be a 3 stringer, 65 foot span stock bridge. USFS has offered to provide the standing timber and decking. I have asked our local crew to prep the abutments this season. Update: now the USFS engineering department wants the stringers to be fiberglass, not local timber. There are no plans for a fiberglass stringer bridge and no one has offered any funding sources. I think we just witnessed another bridge project get scuttled. This new requirement presents access implications. We have been asked to lead a bridge replacement during the July/August SWWP. Tony Karniss is the focal for our portion. We plan to stage from the Green River stock camp. The 24-foot span bridge is on the 213 trail near the 213A junction.

Noxious Weeds—We will schedule treatment parties and assessment trips when and where needed during the season. None scheduled at this time. Initial sites are Miller Peninsula for Tansy and Canary reed grass and Heather Creek meadows for Canadian thistle. Please notify the Trail Work Projects Coordinator should you observe noxious weeds on our trails. We notified Mt. Olympus that there is Orange Hawkweed in the Mt Mueller meadows. WSP issued us the herbicide used to treat Tansy on their Miller Peninsula system. The USFS is being pinged regularly to make sure they do not repeat what happened last season. They assure me that they will have all their paperwork in order for our coming season and beyond.

Miller Peninsula: We will install 3 or 4 picnic tables; mow the east trail loop to 5-year standards. We have permission to flag a new full loop trail on the bluff to the east of the beach trail and north of Fireweed road. Work parties will continue to be held to install posts and trail intersection signage begun January 2018, brushing to regain corridor and construct short realignment segments of trail. We plan to participate in an Eagle Scout project on the Miller System. They will build tread on the Alder Hollow or other designated trail. The Tribe has authorized us to build trail from the end of Cat Lake road to the WSP Miller system. DNR has authorized us to build trail from the end of Cat Lake road all through their land to the south. State Park management is about to issue a statement that will facilitate our using State park equipment to mow Fireweed and other roads to corridor standards. State Park staff is building "Entering/Leaving State Park Property" signs and have asked us to install them once the signs are available. That could be another 12 sign posts to place.

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Little River: WTA led a work party to clear downed trees but left a rather large item for us to remove between foot log 4 and 5. We are planning to remove the waterline spiral wrap wire and then ask the WCC crew to back fill the pipe route for stock safety. Sally Coats wanted this done about a century ago.

Striped Peak Trail: DNR will be constructing a new trail along the length of the property to complete a loop trail opportunity and another new trail to gain access to the top. The trails will be prepped for the Salt Creek ride later in April.

Lower Dungeness: Avoid having stock on this trail until further notice. There is a new slide area a short ways past the puncheon saw site that has to be repaired. Mike Bonomo and his crew have completed puncheon rebuilds.

Upper Dungeness: Noxious weed treatment between Camp Handy and meadows above Grindstone meadows.

Tubal Cain: Need to replace the bridge at the shelter area. We and WTA need to revisit the scree slope crossing just before Tull Canyon to make it stock safe. The pack stock clearance requirement was not incorporated into the reroute. Neither BCHW nor WTA constructed that re-route. WCC crews may have done the work.

Slab Camp: We anticipate the construction of stock approaches to the river bridge itself. That iron bridge is kind of high and needs approaches installed. Currently, stock must for the Gray Wolf. A scouting trip was conducted mid-October.

Upper Grey Wolf: Bridge out just before the ONP line. Also – 5 miles in from TH there is a failed switchback that will need a crib wall built and retreading of the switchback into a climbing turn. From Three Forks to the pass there are more than 20 downed trees.

Wolf Creek: We will head in from the top and accomplish log out. The ONP failed to prep for the dam removals and now the main road is gone. The Elwha has once again exerted influence on the ONP road and has isolated the ranger station, maintenance yard, and Mule Barn. Our current plan is to approach Wolf Creek from the top down.

Happy Lake Ridge: We may host a log out trip as the snow recedes and time permits. This may be in cooperation with the WTA. We may need special consideration from ONP management to access the trail due to the washout of the main road.

NOLT-Lyre River Conservation Area-We have been asked to install an ADA accessible trail near the existing trailhead. This trail will be about 0.3 miles long and encourage ADA access. Plan is to build it about 5 feet wide and place 6" of 5/8th minus crushed basalt surface using power equipment.

ONP: Kalaloch tsunami evacuation route trail corridor: Heather may ask us to lead a corridor clearing work party event to open up a tsunami escape route. We await Heather's schedule.

Heart of the Forest, Lake Angeles, and Heather Park Trails all have downed trees and need our attention. John Wegmann is coordinating trail work parties for us.

USFS Quilcene—We have been asked to conduct instruction and certification for chain and crosscut sawyers and to conduct instruction in rigging for selected USFS and volunteers.

WTA—We expect to be asked to provide pack stock support to WTA crews for North Fork Skokomish to O'Neil, Appleton Pass, Aurora Ridge, and possible Happy Lake Ridge. They will ask Mt Olympus chapter for pack support to the Mt Muller top part of the loop trail. They will ask Grays Harbor for packing assist to Skyline (Low Divide) and O'Neil Pass (Enchanted Valley).

PNTA—need to restart discussions on just exactly where is the PNTA route across the Peninsula.

Sawyer Certs: Contact Tom or Del should you need to get certified or recertified for chain or cross cut saw work.

USFS Saw Program—We have updated the sawyer field evaluation forms to be more user friendly. We have helped EMBA and the Snowmobile groups assemble their sawyer program application packet. We have already certified their initial cadre of sawyers. The USFS TAG asked to use our field evaluation forms as their new baseline national forms. They also asked to use our Instructor/Evaluator sawyer session guide (Faubion/Zink). Del Sage is now recognized as one of the USFS's Feller instructors.

Clallam County Trails Advisory Committee, per Kat—Nothing reported.

Equestrian Access to the PNNST/ODT—Rich James requested a stock user map of areas on ODT from Port Townsend west where stock can and cannot safely or administratively travel.

PTC—Chuck has offered to help with PTC strategy and other items to ensure stock have no travel restrictions as the ODT traverses administratively diversified jurisdictions. The ball is on our court--so to speak--and Linda Morin has taken the lead for getting our needs known. Jan Whitlow is our rep on the PTC board. Jeff B has offered to start discussions with stock users so that their needs are addressed from trail/trailhead design requirements clear through maintenance [I am referring to the process of incorporating equestrian requirements into the trail and trailhead specs, project design review/approval, siting of a project (does it facilitate/integrate with other trail systems) project implementation (construction), review of the maintenance to insure that it is meeting requirements.] We are waiting for Jeff to schedule a meeting. Should Jeff not schedule a meeting soon, we will schedule it. Process discussions with Chuck have devolved.

Rich James has provided design sketches for the ODT Lyre River parking area showing parking for a few stock rigs. The new parking area will be just east of the 4 wheeler parking lot. Stock rigs would drive in and past the 4 wheeler parking, make a U turn and park headed east just past the day use parking lot. With the Elwha closed—I expect the new parking area for stock rigs to be overrun with day use 4 wheelers. Still no sharing of upcoming plans and designs for the ODT where we can get a look at proposed trail configurations to insure stock accommodations are actually contained in the design paper. Rich says the County's Trail Advisory Committee gets a look at upcoming designs before they go to bid. The current BCCHW reps are: County's Trail Advisory committee. They include Kat Sample, Larry Baysinger, and Jennifer Reandeu.

Legislative News – Jeff Chapman

It is that time of the year that we gear up into the next legislative session in Olympia. This is the big year when a two-year budget is decided upon. Two years ago there was a standoff in Olympia over rural water rights that led to a one-year delay in adopting a capital budget. That delay led to a postponement of project awards, and this is leading to an overlap of grant efforts, with wrapping up some grants and starting others. The bottom line: lots of work is getting done, but this won't continue if the state doesn't pass the 2019 capital and operating budgets. That will be the focus of our legislative work between January and April.

In the usual front positions, we will be working to make sure the NOVA (over 10 million) and RTP (5 million) revenue items are in the capital budget for recreational grant use and not diverted to some other purpose. These remain the key grant revenues for trail maintenance in Washington State (RTP grants include BCHW, WTA, PTCA, M2SG, and others). A note that on the federal side there is hope to get the gas tax source for RTP increased by 2x or 3x fold through federal legislation for future years.

For the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, there are a number of large scale grant projects in this, from completion of the Spruce Railroad Trail section of the Olympic Discovery Trail in Clallam County to a couple of engineered sections of the Palouse to Cascades Trail in Whitman County. We hope to connect these with a 3,000 foot trail bridge over the Columbia River, a project spearheaded by the same Historic Preservation group that worked successfully on some of our federal issues to save the Enchanted Valley Chalet, the Green Mountain Lookout, Projects to develop horse trail near Tiger Mountain in the Raging River area as well as improve Margaret McKinney horse camping in Capitol Forest.

On the operating side, we are working on advocating to secure 8.5 million for DNR for sustainable recreation. This will be used to improve and expand trails at Green Mountain and other horse facilities throughout the state. We also will support State Parks funding requests and assist with solving the chronic difficulties of WDFW in establishing a balanced budget while keeping sportsmen's fees reasonable.

January is a busy month for bill introductions, and we will look through any that affect recreation. We will be participating in the weekly state legislative caucus meetings to discuss Discover Pass policies and other bill provisions/studies that can influence our access to public lands. We will be holding our annual **Legislative Day** in Olympia at 9am on Monday, February 25th. There is contact information in the January/February **Trailhead News**. Hope to see you there!

Additional Information from Jeff's BCHW notices:

Bills of Interest:

SB 5099 Relates to target shooting on DNR lands.

SB 5110 Expands on use and restriction of alcohol on fairgrounds. Wording may be an issue at Rendezvous for folks drinking in their campers.

Federal: The Senate ENR Committee has a large public land package of bipartisan Measures ready to push through. A couple of Washington specific measures are protecting the Methow Valley Headwaters from mining and another phase Of the Yakima Basin Plan. (S 47 Natural Resources Management Act)

Legislative Activity – Ken Carmichael, Governance and Bylaws Chairman

(This appears to be important information from **Trailhead News** that some of you may have overlooked.)

“It is a well-known fact that our representatives in the state legislature and national congress like to hear from constituents. When we contact them about bills that concern us, it has an influence, especially when we talk as a group, such as BCH.

Jeff and Randy can keep track of the bills and make contacts, but it is us in the chapters who must back them up with the calls and emails. So, when you receive a request to contact a legislator or congressman, please take a few minutes and follow through. Once you get the hang of it you will find that it is a very simple process. The message can be very simple.

We need to keep track of who our representatives are, what committees they are on, and how best to contact them.

Bottom line is that these legislators and congressmen are important to the success of the BCH mission. We must know them, they must know us, and we must express our opinions in a way that we are heard, understood, and accepted as valuable input. Please join us in that effort.”

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Classified Ads

Horse Property for Sale
4054 East Sequim Bay Road
All set up with Home, 3 Stall Barn, & RV Parking
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Board includes use of outdoor 50' Round Pen &
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Opportunity to Make Donations to the Chapter!

The following is from an article found in USA Today. I tried it and found it works as advertised. October 31, 2013; [USA TODAY](#). This holiday season, Amazon is in quite the charitable mood when it comes to giving away money to nonprofits. Amazon has released a new project, [Amazon Smile](#), which gives shoppers the opportunity to donate through the site to the charity of their choice. By shopping at [smile.amazon.com](#) instead of plain old [amazon.com](#), 0.5 percent of the value of their purchases will be donated. What's even more amazing is that there seems to be no limit to the amount Amazon will give to charity, although as of now auto-renewed subscription purchases and digital products aren't included in the AmazonSmile project. Ian McAllister, general manager of AmazonSmile, says the company did it simply "because it thought customers would love it." Donations will be made on behalf of a foundation established by Amazon, so those using AmazonSmile will not be able to claim donations as charitable deductions. Philanthropic charities looking to register their organizations can visit [org.amazon.com](#), sign up, and begin spreading the AmazonSmile link to start the giving to your nonprofit. And, in a moment of shameless self-promotion, if you'd like to support the *Nonprofit Quarterly* (listed under the IRS and GuideStar as the Nonprofit Information Network Association) through AmazonSmile, [please click here](#) <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-4080038>

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Every little bit helps so if you do buy from Amazon try this out.
Don Gonder, Secretary BCHWPC

PENINSULA CHAPTER OF BCHW CALENDAR 2019



TRAIL WORK PARTIES - 2nd Tuesday and 3rd Saturday of each month. Watch emails for scheduling or call Tom Mix @ 360-582-0460

Jan			
14	Board Meeting	Cindy Yager's Residence	5:00 PM
26	Leadership Training	Ellensburg	8:45 AM
Feb	♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥		
11	Board Meeting	Cindy Yager's Residence	5:00 PM
25	BCHW Legislative Day	Olympia	All Day
Mar			
11	Board Meeting	Cindy Yager's Residence	5:00 PM
15-17	BCHW RENDEZVOUS & Director's Meeting	Kittitas Valley Center 901 E. 7th Ellensburg, WA	9 AM daily
23	General Meeting Pot Luck	Sequim Prairie Grange 290 MacLeay Rd, Sequim, WA	5 PM - 8PM
23	BCHW 13th Ann. Gravel Pack-in	Capitol State Forest	8:00 AM
Apr			
8	Board Meeting	Cindy Yager's Residence	5:00 PM
	Jr Ranger Day	3002 Mt Angeles Rd Port Angeles, WA (up Race St)	8:30 AM
27	Salt Creek Spaghetti Ride	Salt Creek County Park Joyce WA	9:00 AM
	OAT Run	Dan Kelly Rd, off Hwy 112, Port Angeles Help only set up/take down wall tents	8:00 AM
MAY			
11	Irrigation Festival	Sequim	
13	Board Meeting	Cindy Yager's Residence	
18	Rhody Parade with Buchhorn Chapter	Port Townsend	
19	BCHW Joe Watt Canyon Ride	Ellensburg	
	Peninsula & Buckhorn Chapter Miller Peninsula Rhody Breakfast & Ride and General Mtg	Stage @ Don Tucker's Land off of Pierce Road	Brkfst 9 AM
TBD	Rendezvous Auction Ride	Miller Peninsula State Park	TBD

JUNE 			
	National Trail Day		
10	Board Meeting	Cindy Yager's Residence	5:00 PM
15	Dan Kelly Ride	Dan Kelly Rd, off Hwy 112, Port Angeles	10:00 AM
15	Director's Meeting	Ellensburg	9:00 AM
JULY 			
TBD	Chapter Picnic Pot Luck & General Meeting	Fox Bell Weddings, 137 N. Barr Rd	12 AM - 4 PM
TBD	Screamin' Eagle Camp Out & Beach Ride	17 2nd Ave, Ocean City, WA 98569	
TBD	2019 Election Ballot Development	TBD	TBD
TBD	State Wide Work Party	TBD	TBD
Aug			
8	Board Meeting	Cindy Yager's Residence	5:00 PM
13	Joyce Ride	Margaret Salstrom's Ranch 278 Dunmire Rd, Joyce, WA	10:00 AM
	ONP Volunteer Event		
Sept			
TBD	General Meeting/Pot Luck/Camp Out; Nominations for 2018	Layton Hill Horse Camp 2514 Chicken Coop Rd Sequim, WA	10:00 AM
12	Board Meeting		5:00 PM
14	Director's Meeting	Ellensburg	9:00 AM
TBD	Littleton Horse Camp Ride		
	River Festival 3S Training	River Center	All Day
Oct			
5	Surprise Ride		
	Ballots Sent Out		
14	Board Meeting	Cindy Yager's Residence	5:00 PM
	BCHW 7th Annual Winery Ride	Zillah	
	Ballots Postmarked		
Nov			
4	Ballots Talled		
11	Board Meeting	Cindy Yager's Residence	5:00 PM
9	Gen. Mtg Brd Hosted Dinner, Awards/ ElectionResults	Sequim Prairie Grange 290 MacLeay Rd, Sequim, WA	5:00 PM
7	Director's Meeting	Ellensburg	9:00 AM
TBD	 Christmas Party	TBA	TBA

2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

BCHW & PENINSULA CHAPTER WELCOMES YOU!

To join BCHW, complete this application, sign the liability release (all members **18 and over**), attach payment and turn in both to your Chapter Treasurer or Membership Chair.



Make Checks to: **Peninsula Chapter**

Mail to: BCHW – PC, Attn: Kandy Mulrony, 185 Vogt Rd, Port Angeles, WA 98362

MEMBER INFO YES: Add the * info to the Peninsula Chapter Directory for Members Only

New Member Renewal – Membership number(s): _____

*Adult's name(s): _____

Children's name(s): _____

*Address: _____

*City: _____ *ST: _____ *Zip: _____

*Phone number: _____ *E-mail: _____

Legislative district (if known): _____ County: _____

Check to opt out of mailed (hardcopy) newsletter: BCHWashington (Trailhead News)

Check one: Please send **ALL** communication from this Chapter by: email posted mail

STATE MEMBERSHIP

Basic Membership

- Single \$41.00
- Family \$54.00

Optional Membership (includes family or single from above)

- Contributing \$75.00
- Sustaining \$125.00
- Patron \$250.00
- Benefactor \$500.00
- Lifetime (Single) \$1200.00

State dues paid online (attach receipt copy)

Additional State Donation \$ _____
 State Subtotal \$ _____

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

All chapter members must also be a member of BCHW. However, BCHW dues only need to be paid **once** each year. Joining additional (secondary) chapters only requires paying chapter dues.

PENINSULA CHAPTER

- Single \$9.00
- Family \$11.00

If joining a secondary Chapter, provide the Chapter name where BCHW dues have been paid for 2019:

Chapter Dues	\$ _____
Additional Chapter Donation	\$ _____
<i>Chapter Subtotal</i>	\$ _____
Grand Total (State+Chapter)	\$ _____

LIABILITY RELEASE & NOTICES

All ADULT members MUST sign! Adult's signature covers minor children. Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident wherever horse use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses, riders, and spectators, and also recognizing the fact that Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, Inc., including Chapters, officers, directors, or members, cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience levels of riders or horses taking part in trail rides or other BCHW events, I do hereby release and hold harmless the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children, or horses.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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