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View from the CHAIRMAN'S SADDLE

Fall is coming, I hope, and I'm looking forward to some cooler riding weather; although, I must admit I have not been on my horse near as much as I planned to this summer. I'm sure that I rode more last summer before I retired than this summer. I did get the chance to help pack in one trail crew for the Idaho Trails Association, which was a good experience. These folks not only volunteer their time, they help pay the cost of their food, and they walk in to their camp. The group I helped was ready to carry their gear in, and was very appreciative of us and our animals.



If given the option, would you prefer to receive your Broomtales electronically? This question has come up more than once at our State Board meetings, and I would like to suggest it is time for us to offer the option. I will stick to paper, but I understand that most of the younger generations prefer pretty much everything on a screen, even if it's the one they carry in the pocket. And as we say over and over, we need to attack the younger generations in order to perpetuate our mission. Please let your directors know what you think about this or feel free to contact myself or our Editor Alice Millington - again I am *not* suggesting to eliminate paper, only to offer an option.

I'm sure that some of you will have completed your hunting trips by the time the fall issue hits your mailboxes but just a reminder to please be safe. And for those just riding this time of year, orange or other bright colors are a good idea. I'm sorry to say that not all of those in the hills attempting to bag a trophy of some type have the common sense they should have.

Bill Conger
BCHI Chairman



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- To foster and encourage the formation of new Back Country Horsemen state organizations.

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Cover photo: "October Aspens in the Tetons" was taken on a ridge between Bitch Creek and North Fork Bitch Creek. Kristen Burns, Mitch Christiansen, and dog Shep are ahead of Tim, who is riding Jack, his (ghostly white) draft horse. **Back cover:** This picture was taken in the Tetons in September, 2017, during a lunch break on a hillside overlooking the Conant Basin. Arab mare, Snow, was ridden by Kristen Burns. Snow was in her 20s—this was her last year; she didn't make it to the next season. Photos taken by Tim Palmer, Eagle Rock BCH.

Education Report

“Let’s start to re-energize Leave No Trace training in Idaho,” says Marybeth Conger, BCHI Education Chair.

Well, it is official: BCH of California cancelled the 2018 Master Educator Course that I was enrolled in, due to fires. I had many, many questions that I had hoped would be answered during the training. For example: Can I certify someone to be a trainer, who clearly demonstrates all the required skills, or does that person still need to go through the 2-day course.

Since fires are a real and continuing threat in California, it is time to look at the logistics to bring the LNT Master Educator team to Idaho to certify 3 new master educators. These master educators will then facilitate Train the Trainer sessions within reasonable geographic areas. After successful completion of this course, these trainers would then put on LNT awareness workshops for BCH members and other interested parties. We already have three folks with the necessary skills who would be positive master educators for Idaho and re-energize our education efforts. We have the BCHI Foundation to reimburse some of the master educator tuition costs. We can request grants from the Idaho Horse Board, too. Visit idahohorseboard.com for more details.

Also, in 2019, Karen Kimball and I plan to organize two Leave No Trace training workshops—one up north and another down south. These workshops will be taught by certified Leave No Trace trainers. Any BCH or other interested parties can attend, especially our newer members.

Lastly, let’s all take ownership for BCHI and leverage any and all opportunities to get BCHI expenses reimbursed. Recently, I submitted a reimbursement request to the BCHI Foundation for some 2018 recruitment/ education expenses. The whole process took less than 20 minutes. All the information is out there. Please take the time to do the right thing. The BCHI foundation, along with other grant opportunities, are tools to help us achieve our mission. *“That’s all for now. Hope to see you on the trail.”*



Marybeth Conger
BCHI Education Chair

What’s Happening...



The 2018 National Board Meeting—A few highlights

Our BCHI National Director, Marybeth Conger, attended this year’s national board meeting in Spokane, WA. Get the complete, informative report from your state directors. Here are a few highlights from her meeting notes:

- A resolution to add a BCH youth membership category narrowly passed. Keep in mind, each state can decide to add one or not because BCH is a downward-up organization. BCHI voted against this resolution citing liability concerns and a question of overreaching.
- The state of Wisconsin was voted in as our newest BCH state.
- The BCHA Foundation has grant monies to help fund chapter and/or state activities.
- Erica Fern, full-time BCHA employee, showcased a traveling BCHA booth for use at public outreach events. Chapters would pay shipping.
- Marybeth included a list of strategies for increasing and retaining BCHI members. Examples: Utilize Facebook to promote projects and activities; come up with ideas to help market calendars; have membership training to mentor, support, and develop chapter leadership.
- Marybeth presented an outline for Back Country Horsemen of Idaho National Director training for newly-elected national directors, as-well-as members who wish to run for this state-elected position. It includes the role, duties, and responsibilities of a BCHA Nat’l Director.

Idaho State Brand Inspection Update

by Marybeth Conger, BCHI National Director and Idaho Horse Council board member

Last year in Idaho, a bill was proposed to change (Title 25, Animals, Chapter 11, State Brand Board) which would eliminate equine annual and lifetime brand inspections since fees collected did not cover expenses.

Fortunately, this bill was tabled. On September 10, I attended a collaborative, industry meeting to hold discussions regarding different ideas/proposals to make the equine brand inspection program more financially sustainable. It was agreed that the Idaho Horse Council would take the lead and write a proposal to reflect a higher fee for equine inspections.

As equine owners, we know these inspections legitimize ownership. But let’s not forget that the Idaho Horse Board gets \$3.00 for each inspection. Funds collected are then given back to Idaho horse industry, yearly, in the form of grants to further promotion, research, and education. Since 1989, \$496,395 in grants have been awarded. If your chapter is looking for monies to further your chapter’s promotion, education, and/or research, make sure to complete and submit your grant application by December 1st. Details can be found at www.idahohorseboard.com.



2019 BCHI Convention Theme: “Sharing the Adventure”

The 2019 BCHI Convention theme is “Sharing the Adventure”, says ERBCH President Winnie Welker. Displays should reflect this theme how ever your chapter interprets it—sharing with other chapters, sharing what BCHI stands for, sharing tales on the trails, etc... The display should also mention your chapter’s 2018 activities. As always, your display pictures, creativity, and organization are important. The convention will be in Idaho Falls, March 22 and 23, 2019, at the Shiloh Inn (on the river.)

Twin River's Annual Kid's Kamp—Where Work and Success Meet

—Twin Rivers BCH by Pat Bogar

The Twin Rivers BCH have been putting together a Kid's Kamp for 16 years. We have a ceiling of 25 kids per year, and that really works well for us....one year we were overzealous and allowed 35 kids; boy, did we find out that was not doable!! There are just a few basic rules: We like one adult for every two children, the kids are ages 8-18, the kids bring their own mounts (have horses and mules most years), no parents are allowed to stay during camp, and we have a good trail ride every day.

We have organized games, we set up wall tents for the kids to sleep in, and we have taught so many useful back country skills (and many different variations) for camping and trail riding that I can't name all of them. Some things we have offered are: defensive horsemanship, archery, cross-cut saw use, shooting and cleaning guns, packing, and always some LNT. We try to find something totally new from time to time, but because there are new kids every few years, we can re-use educational lessons. And we are always open to new ideas that we can present to the kids. We have invited folks from Fish and Game, the Forest Service, county weed control, Hunter Education, law enforcement (and many others) to speak and/or train and teach.

We always try to make the kids aware of what BCH stands for (the mission), the agencies we work with, and what we do. It is awesome that Washington Fish and Wildlife owns the Smoothin' Iron Facility, where we have held the camp for many years; therefore, we do a project for them—cleaning trails, building fence—and anything else that works. It takes a good cook crew, camp crew, riding crew, and a lot of work to make the Kid's Kamp happen safely. I can't begin to tell you the number of people that have been involved over the years to help make this project a success. But at the end-of-the-day, it is always worth it.



Images from the 2018 Kid's Kamp



Back Country Horsemen Participate in 4H Horse Camp

—Panhandle BCH by Arnie Wilkens. Pictures by Karen Kimball & Arnie Wilkens

On June 19, 2018, in Kootenai County, Idaho, PBCH members conducted an all-day packing demonstration at the Annual 4H Horse Camp, a week-long stock and rider clinic. The all-day presentation was attended by 45 kids, ranging in age from approximately 7-17. Also attending were the adult supervisors. The day consisted of sessions, rotated among the horse presentations. Lunch was supplied by 4H. PBCH president, Karen Kimball, VP Arnie Wilkens, and member Jim Kimball demonstrated packing techniques for pack boxes, H-top packs, and chain saws. Karen taught packing with her pack horse, Smarty; Arnie spoke about safety and survival items that should be carried both on the saddle and on your person, basic survival skills, and navigation—a big hit was “using your watch as a compass”; and Jim displayed camping items that included kitchen utensils, high lines, and a section of fire blanket used for low impact camping. Jim, well-known for his extensive knowledge of wilderness plants—both medicinal and edible—also taught participants about edible plants, always of interest.



Karen Kimball

Arnie Wilkens, standing

Karen & Jim Kimball

Children and Horses; a Healthy Connection

We love horses...

...not just Back Country Horsemen, people in general. And, not only do we love them, they fascinate us. So it's really no surprise that a relationship with horses (I include mules & ponies in this discussion of horses) increases our well-being—studies and research have established that there are profound and long-lasting benefits to us from working with our stock, whether they are show, trail, or equine therapy animals (think, veterans with PTSD, children with autism, and people with addictions.)

It's also not surprising that children greatly benefit from their interactions with horses. Here are a few of the benefits that children experience when they work, care-for, and ride horses: A child who lacks self-confidence learns to be a leader; an impatient child learns to slow down; anxious children find a sense of calm; fearful children learn how to face and overcome their fears; they learn how to take risks, and how to handle disappointments as well as rewards; they learn responsibility by caring for their horses and tack; they learn that their attitude and behaviors affect other living creatures, etc...

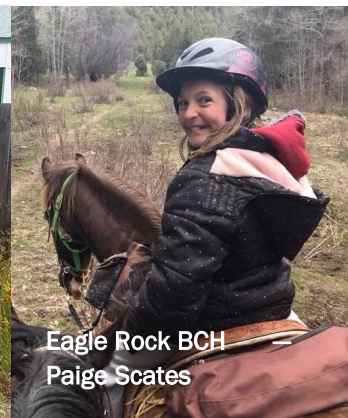
And that's just a few of the emotional, healing, and character-building benefits afforded children by time spent with horses.



A big "thank you" to those of you who responded to the email I sent out asking for pictures of your BCH youth. To the right are a few of the BCH kids who benefit from their "horsey" experiences with our chapters.



Heartland BCH—Rob and Katheryn Whitney with their girls Aspen (far right) and little Sage



Eagle Rock BCH Paige Scates



Heartland BCH —Ir Joseph and Cody Padgett



Treasure Valley BCH—Erik Roberts and 5-year old son, Gunner



Eagle Rock BCH —Hayden Scates



Eagle Rock BCH—Joe Brinkman with Grandsons (l) Korbin & Zander.



Panhandle BCH —Autumn Lambert

10-Mile Trail Clearing Project

—Twin Rivers BCH by Linda Lane

This is the fifth year that the Twin Rivers Chapter has cleared the 10-Mile Trail. This trail is located off Highway 14 on the South Fork of the Clearwater River. It's approximately 13-miles long, with about 10 miles of the trail in wilderness. This trail leads to the Buffalo Hump area. My husband, Jerry, and I made a couple of trips up to work on the trail prior to the start of the actual project, which meant that we had cut out the chainsaw portion of the trail, plus cleared a couple of miles using crosscut saws.

Rod Parks, Jerry Lane, and I arrived at the trailhead for the 10-Mile Trail-Clearing Project on August 10th and were joined by Doug Olive from the Forest Service on the evening of the 11th. On Saturday, August 11, Jerry, Rod, and I were able to clear the remainder of the trail to get to the meadow.

Sunday found us moving our camp up to the meadows for the duration of our stay. Following our camp setup, we split into two teams and cleared trail to the point where we were headed up the mountain to Buffalo Hump. On Monday, we were able to clear the remainder of the trail to Buffalo Hump. The trail was in much better shape with less downed trees than we have seen in the past. Because of our hard work, we were able to break camp on Tuesday and head for home.

A special shout out to Rod for providing and packing in the kitchen and to Doug for using his vacation time to help us with this project. We saw substantial evidence that the trail has been well used during the past year, which justifies our hard work.



Doug Olive with his mule.



Rod and Jerry, wearing PPE, use a cross-cut saw on a downed tree.



At Buffalo Hump.

A National Trail's Day project: Peace Creek and Devil's Slide Trail Work

—Squaw Butte, by Rob Adams. Pictures by Rob Adams and Lou Ann Gaskell

On June 2, 2018, National Trails Day, 13 Squaw Butte BCH members and Charlie Jarvis, of the USFS, worked out of the Peace Creek Trailhead in the Boise National Forest, NE of Garden Valley and the Middle Fork of the Payette River to clear trail. We cleared 5.5 miles of the Peace Creek Trail and 6 miles of the Devil's Slide Trail. We divided our members and their 17 animals into two sawyer teams. Overall we removed 25 downed trees, brushed, and identified spots on both trails that will need further attention.

Bill Holt arrived first to secure the camp site on Friday morning, which had been reserved for this project. After he set up his camp trailer, he collected firewood that would be enjoyed by the group later in the day. Other members started arriving in late afternoon and by 18:00 the camp was bustling with stock and people. An ad-hock dinner was enjoyed by the group around the camp fire.

After the sun went down, the temperature quickly dropped and frost covered most surfaces. The crew was up early and coffee and a fire were high priorities. Lisa made some very tasty breakfast sandwiches for the group. Charlie Jarvis arrived a bit after 8 am, and we saddled up the stock and held our project safety meeting. Sawyer and trail tools were packed up, and the two trail crews were off by 9 am.

On Rob's crew, Shelly wanted to work on her sawyer skills in preparation for getting her "B" sawyer certification later this year, so she did a majority of the cutting. I acted as her limb-swapper, assistant, and sounding-board as she planned how to deal with each tree we encountered. Lou Ann helped with limbs and took all the pictures.

The Devil's Slide Trail heads north, up the valley along the east side of Silver Creek, for four miles before turning east and climbing to the saddle between two peaks. This lower section is very popular with hikers and mountain bikers. The trail passes through burn areas and some old growth timber. After 20 trees were removed and six miles of trail cleared, it was time to head back to the trailer for happy hour and munchies. The other team had arrived back just before us. They cleared a bit over 5.5 miles of trail, but didn't clear as many trees, as motorcyclists had started working the trail the weekend before.

Saturday night dinner was the highlight of the day, with grilled pork tenderloin, moose, and an amazing assortment of side dishes and desserts, good end to a great National Trails Day project.



Top: L-Rob Adams and Shelly Duff discuss the best way to saw a downed tree; then, right, Shelly goes to work.

Bottom, L-R: The horses take five, or ten. Dave Benson relaxes. Ahhh...morning coffee. Lou Ann Gaskell and Bill Holt do dishes.



The horse knows...The horse knows if you know...The horse also knows if you don't know. Ray Hunt

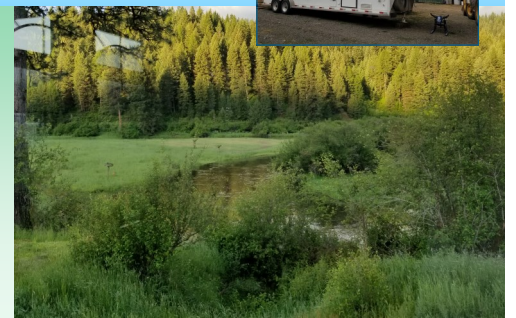
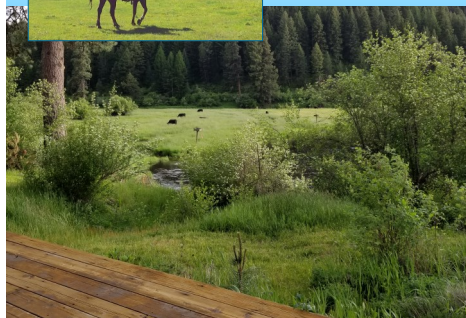
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Yellowjacket Guard Station Corral Work and Trail Clearing...

—Salmon River BCH, story and photos by Celeste Bingham

On June 8th, the Salmon River BCH arrived at the Yellowjacket Guard Station, which sits at the edge of wilderness in the Salmon Nat'l Forest, and repaired a dilapidated corral, approximately 1/4-mile from the guard station, for the Forest Service. It took a ten-member crew, working a *hard* four hours to: remove two huge, fallen trees and limbs; reposition posts; put up new rails; and install new gates.

The following day, two groups set out to clear two trails—Meadow Creek and Trail Creek—with the goal of meeting where the trails come together to complete a loop. Between the two groups of five persons, they cut 220 downed trees and spent approximately 15 hours working only to get half of the trails cleared. The plan was to finish the job that day; however, Mother Nature had other plans: we woke up to a beautiful snow-covered morning. After much discussion, it was decided we needed to come back to finish the job another day as this project is part of the Thunder Mountain trail system, and archeologists want to maintain access to Thunder Mountain. The second round of trail clearing was begun a couple of weeks later.

Three members—GG Grady, Dan Tucker, and Terry Hershey—returned to continue the trail clearing. They cut out 185 more logs, working 12 hours, and connected the two trails. However, the task isn't over yet: There's a little more work to be done on a creek crossing, and Trail Creek needs signage.



Yellowjacket Guard Station



L to R: Dana Tucker, Nicole Johnson, Heidi Tucker, Bob Griswold, Ron Johnson, Shirley DeCora, Marcella Hendricks.



Nicole Johnson and Ted Holmes



Ron and Nicole Johnson



Replacing top rails which were notched in by Ron Johnson



Blackrock Ride, buzzing with activity...

—Portneuf River BCH Photos by Shiela Eriksen

On September 16th, “the colors, the sky, the ground cover of maple leaves and great hard working friends” made for a “simply beautiful day.” Those were the words of Shiela Eriksen describing the PRBCH group ride in Blackrock Canyon. Approximately 9 miles south of Pocatello, Idaho, off of I-15, their travel meandered through beautiful countryside, though trees and bushes with fall colors. It is a ride that some take weekly.

PRBCH President, Jeff Perkins, said that it was meant to be a “fun ride,” but the group—always prepared with chainsaws, “just in case”—had to cut out two downed trees across the trail. After the trees were cut and being thrown off the trail, POW! out came the wasps. Horses, as well as riders, were stung, some multiple times.

According to Jeff, “It was an interesting 10 minutes’ regrouping” after the wasps hit them. He was surprised the wasps didn’t make their presence known until after the trees were cut, but thinks they may have been living in a near-by stump. Jeff said that they were lucky that no one was allergic to the wasp stings.



Be Prepared for an Emergency: Bee and wasp stings, they do happen, especially this time of year, and even if a person has never had a reaction before, they could have one, says TVBCH member, Cheryl Bice, Trauma Coordinator for St. Al's in Boise, ID. She says to be prepared by taking a dose (2 pink pills) of Benadryl in your saddle bag to block histamine release. Benadryl is safe for dogs and horses, too. Cheryl also advises that riders should share any medical conditions they have with at least one other rider. Think about laminating a little card with your medical conditions and carrying in an easy to access pocket when you ride. *An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.*

Neglected Section of Elk Creek/ Corduroy Meadow Trail Cleared

—Treasure Valley BCH by Doug Jones

August 10-11, 2018, twelve members of the Treasure Valley Back Country Horsemen cleared and brushed approximately three miles of trail along the North Fork (NF) of Elk Creek, starting at the trailhead at the end of Forest Service Road 579i. The trail follows the North Fork of Elk Creek, eventually crossing this creek and meeting up with the Corduroy Meadows Trail, approximately ½ mile north of the Corduroy Meadows Bridge. This section of trail had not been cleared in many years, and according to Jason Sammer from the Challis Forest Service office, it is not a numbered trail.

At least two separate fires have burned through this section of trail, leaving it very hazardous for stock and almost impassable in spots. The trail follows the west side of the NF of Elk Creek on a hillside with a few exceptions where it is on flat areas or in meadows. With the trail blocked by down-fall, users have made new tread by bypassing the blockages. In one spot, the only bypass was through a marshy and willowy

area along the creek. Depending on the time of year, it could be very dangerous for stock users. Downed trees ranged from approximately 4” to 24” in diameter.

On Friday the 10th, the volunteers split into two groups with one group taking the Corduroy Meadow’s Trail in an attempt to start clearing the section of trail from the north end. The second group of four individuals started at the south end of the section from the trail head off of FS Road 579i. The group that started from the north end was unable to find the trail where it crossed the North Fork of Elk Creek. (Willows obscured the trail tread once the creek was crossed.) The group starting from the south end cleared approximately 25 trees in the worst section of the trail, making it relatively safe. This group concentrated on the worst sections, leaving trees in passible parts of the trail for the group on Saturday.

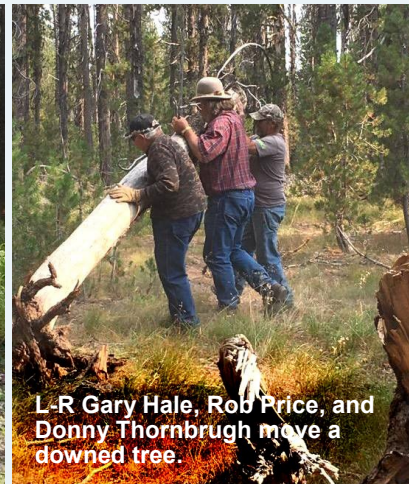
On Saturday the 11th, the entire group of volunteers started from the trailhead at the end of FS Road 579i. They split into three separate groups and cleared the remainder of the trail in a leap-frog manner. We did not count the number of trees cleared on this day.



Mike Carl surveys the trail.



L-R: Bonnie Fox, Doug Jones, and Joe Williams move downtrail from the trail.



L-R Gary Hale, Rob Price, and Donny Thornbrugh move a downed tree.



At left, Rob and Renee Price prepare a catfish fry for Saturday night’s potluck, which also included Dutch oven macaroni ‘n’ cheese, and peach cobbler. It was a feast, as all BCH potlucks tend to be. Shared meals and shared work blend to make a positive, memorable experience.



The Prices’ rig with Old Glory flying high.



Project leader, Doug Jones, heads back to camp after work is done.

A Riding Helmet will not Substitute for a Hardhat and other information you should know about personal protective equipment (PPE)

Personal Protective Equipment you need for chain saw vs. crosscut sawing —not quite the same:

For Chain saw: Forest Service-approved hardhat; wrap-around safety glasses; hearing protection; heavy-duty boots; trousers (long pants); long-sleeved shirt; heavy-duty, slip-resistant gloves; chainsaw chaps.

For Cross-cut sawing: Chainsaw chaps, ear protection, and long-sleeved shirts are *not required*.

Also required by the Forest Service is a first-aid kit... By the way, has anyone taken the “Stop the Bleed” course?

At right, TRBCH’s Rod Parks clears trail on Cumming Creek Trail earlier this year. Note that he is wearing personal protective equipment. BCHI chapters might want to buy a set or two of chaps and hardhats for their members’ use.



First Trail Clinic/Obstacle Challenge a Success...

—Cache Peak BCH by Mary Ann Shaff

Cache Peak BCH held their first Trail Clinic/Obstacle Challenge on June 9 at the Minidoka Fairgrounds in Rupert, Idaho. We had a free 4H trail clinic in the morning with 13 kids participating—we were happy at the number, as we had expected fewer to participate. Dana Lovell from Shoshone was the clinician. She worked with each kid, individually, at each obstacle, giving them pointers on how to accomplish each one. After the clinic, the kids participated in a competition judged by Dana Lovell. Many of the parents told us how happy they were with her as the judge and clinician. First place went to Emilee Pratt who won a breast collar donated by Vickers Western store in Twin Falls. Second place went to Courtney Beene who won a saddle pad. We felt the clinic for the 4H kids was a hit, and we will be doing another one next year.

The afternoon open obstacle challenge, judged by Molly Kaweck, a member of our chapter, had 15 participants—some adult and some kids. The scariest obstacle turned out to be the *bear rug*. Cami Pratt won first place and a camp stove donated by Valley Country Store in Rupert and second place went to Aunica Corr who won a saddle pad. Third place went to Val Williamson from St. Anthony.



Clockwise, from top right: Cami Pratt tackles the “car wash” in the challenge.

Norm McGuire walks his horse past the very spooky “bear.”

The mailbox challenge.

Clinician Dana Lovell leads a 4H member over the bridge.

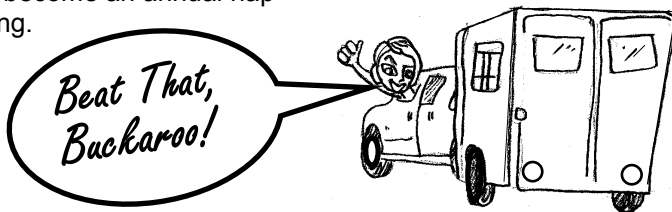
A 4Her successfully guides her horse through obstacles on the ground.

Val Williamson with Molly Kaweck.

Trailer-Backing Clinic...Brilliant!

—Salmon River BCH by Celeste Bingham

“Ladies Only—No Spouses Allowed”...Those are the words of member Ted Holden for the first-ever Salmon River BCH Trailer-Backing Clinic for members needing a little extra help learning how to maneuver their horse trailers. Ted led the clinic with the assistance of his wife, Pat, and helped eight SRBCH ladies learn to back their various horse trailers into tight quarters. (Without the husbands, it made for a very relaxing and fun time.) The ladies left feeling much more confident in their trailer-handling and -backing capabilities for those solo trips. The event was so successful, it may become an annual happening.



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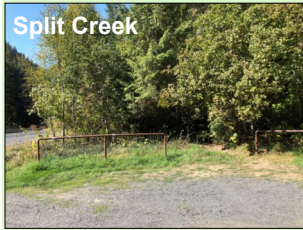
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Trailhead Work Along The Lochsa River Corridor

—BCH of North Central Idaho; Photos and information by Steve Didier

This past August, members of the North Central chapter worked on trailhead needs at various locations along the Lochsa River corridor. All trailheads were on the Highway 12 side of the Lochsa River, and all access the northern end of the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness. The following is a list of the trailheads and the work accomplished:



Split Creek

Split Creek Trailhead—brush was removed around hitching rails and trailhead using 3 chainsaws; weeds were sprayed and removed (common tansy and sulphur cinquefoil); weed-eater used to knock down grass and weeds; metal strap from old water tank was removed from hitching rail area; litter picked up; attended to the information board

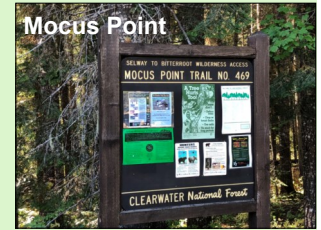
Eagle Mtn. Trailhead—welder used to repair west hitching rail (water available for safety against fire); 3 hitching rails were wire-brushed and spray-painted; weed eater used to brush trail to bridge—the Forest Service had used a pole saw in the area; spotted knapweed and common tansy were pulled and sacked; litter picked up; attended to the information board



Eagle Mtn.

Mocus Point Trailhead—pulled and sacked many spotted knapweed, as well as cleared access from trailhead to bridge with chainsaw; picked up litter; attended to the information board

Warm Springs Trailhead—middle hitching rail in bad repair, so removed; burdock pulled and sacked; litter picked up; attended to information board



Mocus Point



Warm Springs



Palouse Chapter Sees Membership Growth...

One idea for growing your chapter

by Bob Isenberg & AJ Millington, Photos by Bob Isenberg

The Palouse chapter has had good growth, adding several new families this year. Some say it's the great rides w/ lunches and some say it's the activity on social media... Maybe it's a combination. Palouse has a great Facebook site, and the chapter also does something which draws people to join their group: If you go into Events in the PBCH website and scroll down, they have a **"Come Ride With Us"** heading, and underneath is a list of five rides, one in each month, April through August. Examples:

June 10th Feather Creek Picnic Lunch Ride 10am

July 8th Vasser Meadows Pulled Pork Ride 10am

August 12th Upper Basin Dutch Oven Stew Ride 10am.

And, under the list it states:

Ride one Ride or every Ride only \$30 per person or \$40 per family. Go to the form page on this website and print an application and send it in or bring it to a monthly meeting to be signed up.

What a deal, one ride, or every ride, only \$30. Isn't that exactly what gets most of us to join, a good trail ride with others, and food's a bonus. As member Bob Isenberg says, "One ride pays for a year of fun with us. All (meals) are *free* to our members." (PBCH pays for meals.)

Top picture: PBCH Trail Master Dan Budvarson (green coat) checks his watch while members assemble for a ride.

Upper left: Dave Colman and Dan Budvarson prepare to lead PBCH on a trail ride as others prepare the BBQ meal.

Lower left: The Palouse BCH cooking and sign-in crews.

If Your Rope Halter Loosens, You're Tying It The Wrong Way...

Rope halters are light-weight and easy to use under a bridle. But, if you use one and find that the halter becomes loose, it's probably because you are tying the knot above the loop, rather than tying it on the loop.

Here's how to secure a rope halter, correctly:



FYI: A rope halter should probably not be used when tying a horse inside a trailer—you will want to use a wide- strapped halter in case you have an accident, where stock might fall down or be violently jostled.

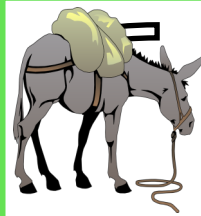
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Share Your Chapter Events On Our BCHI Website Calendar

Did you know that the BCHI website has a calendar for chapter events?
Now, you do.

Send an email to BCHI website coordinator, Jill Nebeker, with your chapter's event and project names, dates, and places, and she will have them placed on our website calendar. So easy.

Not many chapters are using it, but it's high-time we did: We need to begin using it to post, and check out, all BCHI events.

jillnebeker@hotmail.com

You can also find her email on the list of officers, directors, etc...on page two (2) of Broomtales.

"AmazonSmile, My Place for Online Shopping"

By Debbie Samovar, BCHI Secretary

Living 50 miles from town, I shop online a lot for those odd items I want, plus, I look for free shipping.

Because Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of all my *eligible* AmazonSmile purchases to Back Country Horsemen of Idaho Foundation Inc, I shop there all the time.

I additionally signed up for Amazon Prime so that I don't have to pay for shipping on orders—no matter how much I spend, how heavy the package, or if it all shipped together; no shipping.

Since Dec. 15, 2017, I've placed 21 orders that have generated \$4.11, as of September 13, 2018. The Back Country Horsemen of Idaho Foundation has received \$235.16 as of August 2018. With over 500 families in BCHI, think of what we could do if we all shopped at AmazonSmile!

"Every Little Bit Counts"



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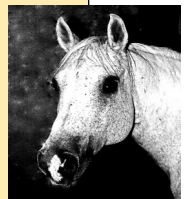
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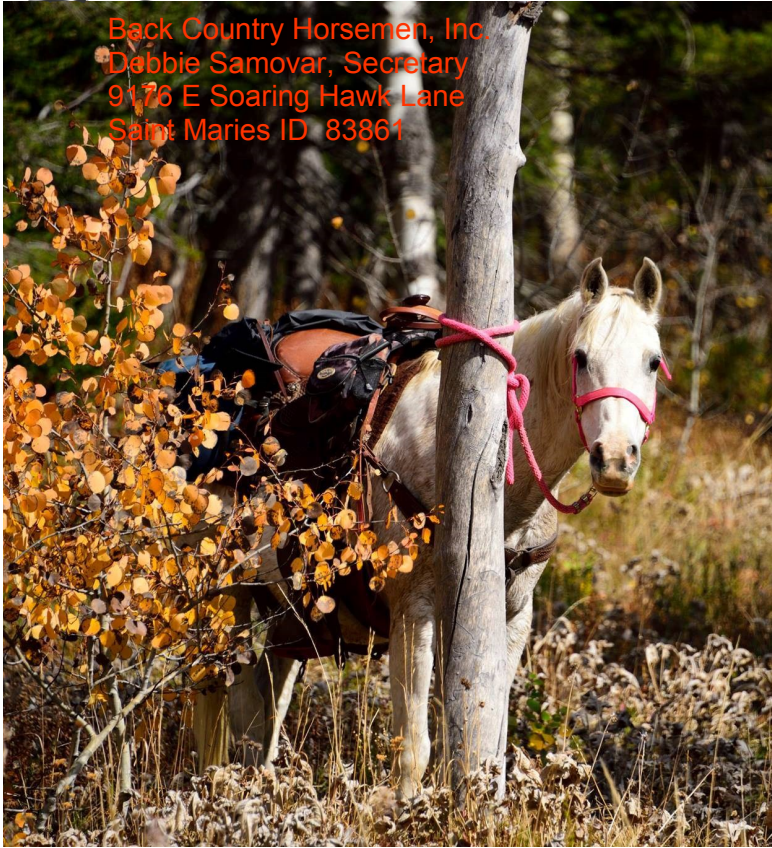
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It's All About the 2019 BCHI Raffle & Calendar...

Who chose the pictures for the 2019 calendar? A panel of 22 persons were sent the photos, chose their favorites, and made comments about their choices. Based on their selections, Debbie Samovar put the calendar together, with the help of Robin Shindele.

You may ask why a wonderful smaller picture did not make it as a cover photo? Simple: Many of the pictures that are sent in do not have enough "pixels," which means the picture resolution is poor when the image is enlarged. It's all about the pixels.

Ahhh, Whoops! Tim Palmer of Eagle Rock BCH was credited as having taken the front cover photo; however, he said in an email, "I just saw the cover picture of this year's calendar. Great picture, but I did not take it. It was taken by member Tyler Keyes. I sent them in for him with my photos. I was sure I listed him as the photographer..." Sorry for the mistake, Tyler.

What are we selling? Raffle tickets...we throw in the calendars. One ticket is for 12 drawings; that's about \$1.65 per drawing.

Did you know? If every BCHI member sold just two (2) calendars, we would have them all sold. All! (Maybe buy one, sell one.)

Best months to sell calendars: October, November, December...before the 2019 new year.

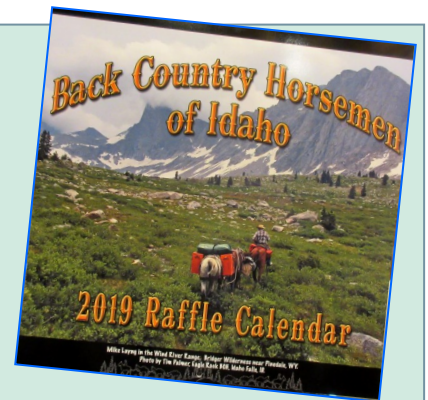
Who are potential buyers for our raffle tickets/calendar? Your veterinarian, horse shoer, hair dresser, dentist, eye doctor, town newspaper publisher, etc.... TVBCH member, Alice Millington, sold one to all of these, and "they never batted an eye."

Why are Cabela's, D&B, and Sportsman's Warehouse shown on the back of the calendar? They give BCHI a little monetary break when we purchase cards from them; however, BCHI is not limited to certain stores—gift cards can be purchased from any businesses.

Best venues for selling tickets? Big stores with lots of customers traffic—think farm supply, grocery, Target-type, & sporting good stores.

To get 'er done: Team up with another member to sell; look the part (yee-haw); set up table, chairs, and a picture display (be creative); bring water for yourself and a dish of candy for public. Engage people and be a good listener; after 10 minutes, they'll buy.

Use your chapter's Facebook page to let the public know about the BCHI raffle: If your chapter has a Facebook page, use it to sell tickets. Temporarily replace your profile picture with a picture depicting this year's calendar or other picture mentioning the raffle—something to inspire people to buy. Create a post with the raffle details using lots of great trail-clearing pictures...Remember to add a disclaimer to the post: Must be 18 yrs. or older to purchase a raffle ticket.



Speaking of Facebook—Does your chapter have a Facebook "button" on the BCHI website in your chapter information?

The button is a quick way to access your Facebook page by visitors. Contact Jill Nebeker, BCHI Website Coordinator, to have a button added to your chapter listing. You'll find Jill's email on page 2 of this newsletter.