



JANUARY 2024 NEWS

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Meeting Time: Saturday, January 20, 2024

6:00pm Potluck, 7:00pm meeting

Mission Statement - The purpose of Back Country Horsemen of Washington is to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's backcountry and wilderness. To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use. To assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage. To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters in the state organization.

NORTHEAST BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON (EVENTS 2024)

NEBCHW Board meetings: 1st Tuesday of the month (tentative, prn)

NEBCHW GENERAL MEETINGS: 3rd Sat. of month Oct. – April, 3rd Tues. of the month May – Sept.

WORK PARTIES

Sawyer training class: April 6 (Contact Darrell Wallace if interested or ?s)

Meeting Speakers: January: DNR on Firewise and Defensive Spaces
February: Trailmeister Robert Eversole
March: Veterans Community Response

2024

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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**(Northeast Back Country Chapter of
Washington)**

Hi everyone,

Don't forget our chapter meeting this Saturday January 20th at the Clayton Grange!

Doors open by 5:45pm, potluck at 6:00, meeting at 7:00. We will have a speaker from DNR on Firewise and Defensive Spaces, then move on to approval of our 2024 budget, scheduling our monthly meetings, and talk about chapter activities this year.

By the way, in February we will hear from Trailmeister Robert Eversole, and in March we will hear from Veterans Community Response about their experiences with disasters and trail work in the Pasayten.

If you have any questions or input about our Northeast Chapter this year, contact me at a chapter meeting, or [dlwallace700@gmail.com](mailto:dwallace700@gmail.com) or 360-918-3016. I hope to see you Saturday!

Darrell Wallace
NEBCHW President

DECEMBER 16, 2023 NEBCHW CHRISTMAS PARTY

Few snap shots...more to come next month. Looks like everyone had a good time!



These are our new future cowboys & cowgirl! Aren't they the cutest things ever?



Looking over the silent auction items...



Closeups of items...



Lots of people... beautiful centerpieces



Who's the model? Our post president, of course... nice western leather jacket!



General Meeting, Clayton Grange
November 18, 2023

Minutes by Sheila Blakely

NEBCHW Chapter CORRECTED General Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2023

President Lynn H called the meeting to order at 7:00. A few calendars left for sale, \$15.00.

Addition to previous minutes: Gerry Ashby stated that he was willing to dig holes for dead horses. Unsure as to what charge. Darrell moved to accept the minutes with the addition. It was seconded and passed.

Membership forms are available now from Lynn or you can re-up on-line. Turn completed forms into Marty.

Rendezvous will be March 16-17. We can reserve a table now for the chapter and one after Jan. 1. Marty will do that. Doug will be in charge of reservations from NE Chapter. Let him know if you are attending the dinner. Each Chapter will bring a dessert for the Dessert Dash after dinner.

Daro Palmer of DFW said that they are doing a land transfer that will add about 40 acres to Rustler's Gulch. Also, it is hunting season until the end of the year, remember to wear your orange!

Gary and Darrell are planning a Cold Ride Nov 25 at Missile Site. Bring a side dish, coffee mug, chair-dress warm! Ride is from 1-3, with barbeque after. RSVP please.

Christmas Party will be at Mt. Lamm, members free, guests \$27.00. Party is from 4pm to 7:30 pm.

Marty is looking for nice auction items and passed out a letter to use for merchants asking for donations. This is our Chapter's major fundraiser. Marty also asked if anyone was interested in ordering any T-shirts. Marion mentioned that we have a scammer trying to sell T-shirts on our Facebook page.

Lynn welcomed Cynthia McDonald as a new guest. Nancy Harshman has a friend selling a 3 horse Ebby gooseneck stock trailer. Contact her if interested.

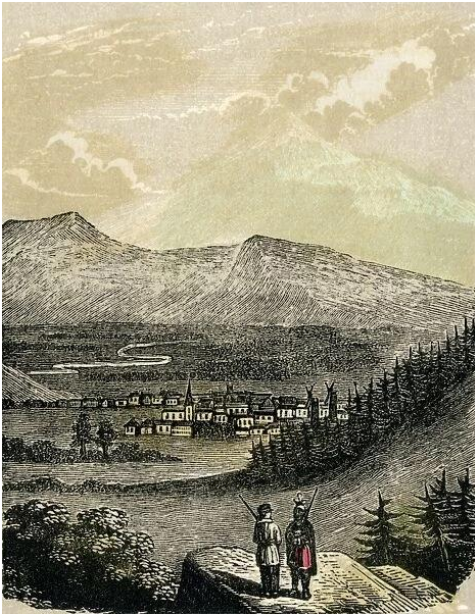
Marion reported we did \$79,845 worth of volunteer hours. Hours totaled 1770.

Darrell Wallace stated that there is a Saw Certification interest form to fill out on the BCHW.org site if you are interested in a class. There will be a class April 6th. You must already have a current First Aid card (good for 24 months). Darrell will also coordinate a first aid class with Roy Varney as needed.

He also reported on the Wine Ride and that there may be problems having one next year.

Elections were conducted and the new officers are: President Darrell Wallace, VP – Thad Chodakauskas and Bud Blakely (sharing the position), Treasurer Mary Hilton, Secretary Sheila Blakely, Ride Coordinator Marian Carson, Director Doug Stewart, Trail Boss (write in) Karl Crotty (he declined the position)

Marty motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:04, motion was seconded and passed.



(Okonogan, an Astor fur-trading establishment in Oregon Territory (now Washington State), 1850s. Printed color woodcut of a 19th-century illustration), Media ID 5886379 © North Wind Picture Archives)

TRADING POST

D-W Ranch ad will be re-posted in Spring '24 for layovers, boarding, etc.

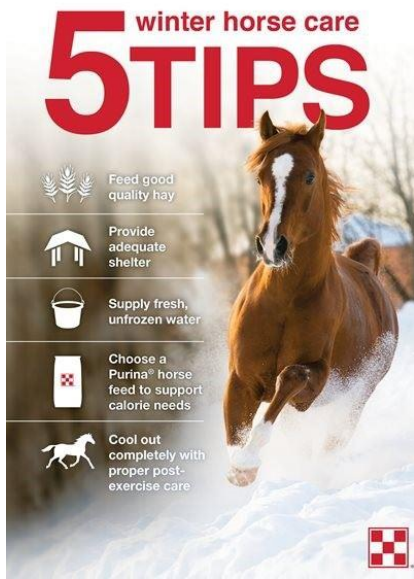
Quarter horse, 28 YO. Used to be rideable but hasn't been ridden for several years. His blue eye may have had poor vision. It was damaged (in a skirmish?) and removed. He hasn't been ridden since. Still appears very strong but doesn't like carrying much weight. He recently lost his pasture companion and is lonely.

My mom is 75 and doesn't want to get him another companion.

The neighbor, Holly Weiler (Washington Trails Association), suggested I reach out to you and the Ponderosa chapter. I'm trying to get a line on someone who needs a pasture buddy for another old guy (horse). I think he would do okay following/packing; I'm not sure about riding. He lives in the foothills between Spokane Valley and Mt. Spokane.

If interested or know someone who may be interested, please contact Tim Cannon at (509) 981-5299 for any additional information.





A healthy layer of fat under the skin provides insulation against the cold. The horse's [body condition score](#) should be between 5 and 6, or moderate to moderately fleshy. Horses in this range require less dietary energy for maintenance in cold weather than thin horses. Cold temperatures generally increase the number of calories horses need to maintain body weight and function.

It's a common misconception that horse diets should include more corn to stay warm. Corn and cereal grains do not cause the horse to become warmer. Instead, provide [high-quality hay](#) as fermentation of fiber releases more heat than starch from grain for horses to maintain body heat. A horse needs at least 1% of their body weight per day in roughage to maintain a healthy digestive system. However, 2% or more may be appropriate during cold weather, especially if your horses live outdoors.

Horses can also be less feed-efficient when temperatures drop below their comfort zone. In general, feeding an additional one-quarter pound of grain per 100 pounds of body weight daily to non-working horses can provide adequate calories during cold, windy and wet weather. Working horses may require up to an additional one-half pound per 100 pounds of body weight per day, depending on workload, to maintain weight during cold weather.

Feeds such as [Purina® Ultium®](#), [Purina® Strategy®](#), or [Purina® Omolene® 200](#) can be especially helpful in these situations since the added fat provides more calories per pound of feed. [Senior horses](#) may have additional challenges in the winter due to decreased ability to chew or digest hay. [Purina® Equine Senior®](#) horse feed can help with digestion, absorption of nutrients and meet elevated fiber and calorie requirements without depending on forage.

Watering horses in winter

Fresh, clean and unfrozen water should always be available to your horse. Snow is not a sufficient substitute for water, as the horse cannot physically eat enough snow to meet its water requirement. Ideally, the water temperature should be between 45- and 65-degrees Fahrenheit. Drinking colder water will increase energy requirements because more calories are required to warm the water to body temperature inside the digestive tract.

If the water is too cold, the horse may drink less, which can decrease feed intake. Without enough water intake, there is also an increased risk of impaction colic because their gut is not adequately lubricated.

NON-MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Come Join Us!

Go to BCHW.org and join or renew online. If online is not an option, please fill out this paper application and sign, (all members **18 and over must sign**) enclose your cash or check made out to BCHW.

Mail to:

BCHW Membership Chair
11404 210th Ave Ct E
Bonney Lake, WA 98391



Northeast

Member Info

Check One: New Member Renewal Secondary Chapter Application Only

Adult's name(s): _____

Children's name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

ST: _____

Zip: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

Legislative district (if known): _____

County: _____

BCHW Newsletters: Two Trailhead Newsletters will be mailed out per year, the other 4 are digital.

All 6 newsletters are viewable online at BCHW.org Our Turnpike emailed newsletters go out 6 times a year.

STATE MEMBERSHIP

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Basic Memberships

- Single \$41.00
- Family \$54.00

Levels below include Single and Family

- Contributing \$75.00
- Sustaining \$125.00
- Patron \$250.00
- Benefactor \$500.00
- Lifetime (Single) \$1200.00
- Lifetime (Family of 2) \$2000.00

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.

Chapter Name:

Northeast

If joining a secondary Chapter, provide the Chapter name where BCHW State dues were paid:

Chapter Dues \$10.00

Please consider making a State donation: \$ _____

State Subtotal \$ _____

Please consider making a Chapter donation: \$ _____

Chapter Subtotal \$ _____

Grand Total (State+Chapter) \$ _____

NOTICES

By signing this membership application, you will agree to the terms of our Liability Release. You can read it on our website at bchw.org, under the Join tab. You also agree to receive notices from BCHW/BCHA by electronic transmission at the above email address.

Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) is a public charity as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (3). Accordingly, membership dues paid to BCHW may be treated as deductions characterized as "charitable contributions" when computing federal and state income tax obligations.

Signature: _____

Date _____

Signature: _____

Date _____

Signature: _____

Date _____

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9/13/2023



BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON EVENT LIABILITY RELEASE

Name of Event:	_____
Date of Event:	_____
Location of Event:	_____
Name of Property Owner/Managers:	_____
BCHW Representative/Title:	_____

Read this document carefully before signing! It affects your legal rights. It must be signed by participants in this Back-Country Horsemen activity.

Hazards and Risks: By signing below, I acknowledge that using horses, mules, equipment and tools may expose myself and/or my child, if I am signing for a minor child, to hazard. Horses or mules can misbehave or flee. Riding in open country could result in injury caused by dangerous or unstable riding surfaces, trail obstructions of various kinds, water crossings, wild animals, poisonous plants, extreme weather conditions, and other hazards. Other risks include errors of judgement by BCHW representatives assisting with this activity, or the misuse or failure of equipment and tools provided, if any. These hazards could result in property damage, serious physical injury, or death.

Additional Provisions: I authorize BCHW to provide or obtain for me medical care as is considered necessary or appropriate and I agree to pay all costs associated with such care and related transportation. I understand I may have to pay all costs and legal fees incurred by BCHW in defending a claim or suit brought by me or on my behalf, or on behalf of the minor for whom I sign.

Acknowledgements, Assumptions of Risk and Compensation: I understand the nature of the activities I will be participating in, and their risks. I accept full responsibility for determining my own medical and physical ability to participate in the activities, and that of my mount. I take full responsibility for any injury or loss, including death, which I may suffer, arising out of these activities, whether or not described above, including the loss, injury or death of my animals. **I hereby release BCHW, its members and the landowners from any liability for any such injury or loss to me and/or my minor child, if I am signing for a minor child, whether stated above or not.**

When Applicable: I affirm that I attended or will attend the **BCHW Tailgate Safety Briefing** and that the Job Hazard analysis and safety issues were discussed and understood.

Signature: _____ Printed: _____
Participant # 1 Date

Signature: _____ Printed: _____
Participant # 2 Date

Emergency contact Name: _____ Telephone number _____

Names of minor children: _____

If under 18, and not accompanied by a parent or guardian, must have a "Permission to Treat Statement".

Rev. June 12, 2023