

CAPITOL
RIDERS



OLYMPIA, WA.

HOOFBEATS

JANUARY 2018



General meeting January 16th 7:00pm
Coffee-Connie Patterson, Treats-Sue Koch

Capitol Riders Chapter, BCHW Officers for 2018

Laura Shillam -	President
Sue Davis -	Vice President
Sue Koch -	Treasurer
Chris Enrico -	Secretary
Deb Hall -	Director
Karen Johnson -	Alt. Director
Deb Hall -	Vol Hours
Chris Enrico -	Newsletter
Chris Enrico -	Web
Chris Enrico -	Legislative
Chris Enrico -	Membership
Chris Enrico -	Communications
All -	Rides
Sue Davis -	Work Parties
Mickie Hattrup	Social
Peggy Tucker -	Hoofprints

Capitol Riders Chapter, BCHW

Mission :

1. To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
2. To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
3. To assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
4. 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.
5. To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters in the state organization.

Capitol Riders Chapter, BCHW

www.capitolriders.org (with a link to our Facebook page)

Meet monthly at the Littlerock firehall, 10828 Littlerock Road SW (larger of the two meeting rooms). Please verify the meeting by either going to the chapter web site and the Events page, or call 360-459-4759.

General meeting Tuesday January 16th at 7:00 pm. Speaker (Doctor Michael Clark, South Sound Equine) with the meeting start about 7:45. Dr. Clark will talk about equine emergency first aid on the trail. Dr. Clark's Facebook page is at <https://www.facebook.com/SouthSoundEquinePractice/> (no hyphen! and all one word!)

Sorry for the lateness of this newsletter.

I can be the world champion procrastinator at times. It is now Monday, Martin Luther King day, January 15th and I am only now beginning to work on it.

I continue my plea for your biographies and articles. Thank you Sue Davis for yet another article for this month!

I've learned via an email from Peggy that Tack Room Too no longer has gift certificates for the Hoofprints program. It will be interesting to see what Peggy has come up with as an alternative.

Nothing from either Laura or Deb this time around. Sent both a calendar request so am hoping it'll help them to remember to get me something each month.



I've been known to send emails but did not do that this month (procrastination again)

For the rest of you I need newsletter items no later than a week before the meeting. Later than that and I can't promise your stuff will make that month's newsletter.

BCHW leadership training is on the 20th (next Saturday!) in Ellensburg. All are welcome to attend but it's a good idea to rsvp for a head count (probably too late this year).

On February 18th we will be hosting a discussion on Membership Development. This will be about a four hour discussion with Ken Carmichael, the BCHW chair. Ken is coming from Spokane for this. All

are welcome to attend.

We will be meeting at the Littlerock firehall starting at noon. Oakland Bay, Lewis County and Willapa Hills chapters will also be present. Length is said to be about four hours.

Lori Ewing is our new Membership Development person and as I said, all are welcome to attend. Chapter Membership Development, Director and President are requested to be present.

BCHW Legislative Day is February

19th this year. No big tent this year so you can attend and stay warm and dry inside, All are welcome to come participate.

The fun begins at 9 am in the Senate Conference Room next to the Lieutenant Governor's office on the 2nd floor of the Legislative Building.

We get a pep talk or two, obtain calendars to hand out to legislators and then go visit legislators. This YOUR chance to set up BEFOREHAND meetings with your legislators to talk about what is important to you (and BCHW).

If you decide to come, wear your cowboy hat but it's probably a good idea to leave the spurs at home. You might think the legislature deserves to be "spurred" into action but it'll more than likely simply make them dig in their heels more.

The chapter needs to come up with a list of rides and campouts for this year. On the agenda are more speakers and other events as well. Hopefully this will help boost meeting attendance. So come and help put a list of events together.

With Rendezvous approaching, the chapter also needs to decide yet again as to what if anything to donate to the auction. We've had fairly decent success with the trail saw although last year was a personal disappointment. The supplier had some problems getting the scabbard stamped and what I received was missing the W as in BCHW so the high bid was not what I personally had hoped for.

Currently Scheduled Events - partial

January

16 - General meeting Littlerock firehall, 7:45 with speaker at 7:00 pm

20 - BCHW Leadership training - Ellensburg

February

18 - BCHW Membership Development meeting - Littlerock firehall, noon to 4:00

20 - BCHW Legislative Day, Legislative Building 9 am

I will be working with Peggy Wolf to build up the prize ride list for yet another year. Keep watch at http://capitolriders.org/prize_rides/prize_rides.htm

Capitol Riders of BCHW General Meeting Littlerock Firehall, 10828 Littlerock Road SW, Olympia, WA 98512 November 21, 2017

Meeting called to order by President Laura Shillam at 7:05 pm

Eleven members present with one guest, our BCHW Executive Director Nicole Sedgwick.

Meeting agenda approved.

October 2017 meeting minutes approved.

Treasurers Report – Dean Hartman

Dean is in Idaho but sent word that the credit union account balance is the same as the previous month.

Newsletter – Chris Enrico

Chris told those present he needs articles and photos! If you are posting images to Facebook, then please share with him as well, you can email them to him.

Web Site – Chris Enrico

Chris said that there is nothing new with the web site. The prize ride list is done for the year.

Legislative – Chris Enrico

Chris told those present that as the National Park Service comment period for the fee increase has been extended to December 22nd, 11:59 pm Pacific time..

Director - Karen Johnson

Neither Laura or Chris had anything from Karen to report.

Work Parties - Peggy Tucker

Peggy said this is the slow time of year. Sue Davis will be taking over the position. There was a discussion of the new climbing trail construction.

Hoofprints - Peggy Tucker

Peggy told the group that the program has closed for the year and she needs members miles.

Volunteer Hours - Deb Hall

Deb told the group that the state report has come out and that Sue Davis had turned in hours that don't seem to be counted.

Rides – all

It was suggested that the chapter begin working up a list of rides and campouts for the coming year.

Connie Patterson said that Doctor Michael Clark with South Sound Equine will be our January speaker, talking about equine first aid on the trail. and in March we'll have Doctor Vanzwol come and talk about teeth.

Old Business

The chapter Christmas party is December 17th at 6 pm. The question was asked about decorating the room. Laura said she will have Carrie Russell contact Rob.

If anyone desires more calendars we need to contact Sally Laib.

New Business - All

Speakers are being lined up for the January and March meetings.

Elections -

President - Laura Shillam, Vice President - Sue Davis, Treasurer - Sue Koch, Secretary - Chris Enrico, Director - Deb Hall, Alternate Director - Karen Johnson.

Mickie Hatrup - Hospitality and Lori Ewing - Membership Development.

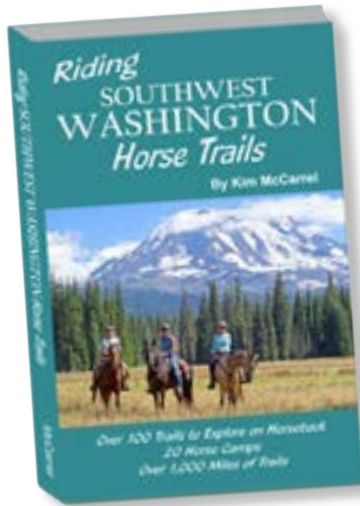
Membership Development

Chris said he has been trying to get both Lewis County and Willapa Hills to attend and is looking at possibly December 19th here at the firehall.

Good of the Chapter

New! Southwest Washington Trail Book

By Kim McCarrel



From Olympia to
the Oregon Border

From the Coast to
the East Slope of
the Cascades

- Over 100 Trails
- 20 Horse Camps
- Over 1,000 Miles of Trails

www.nwhorsetrails.com

Deb Hall asked what we should do for meetings where we don't have a speaker. It was suggested that we have more social time.

It was also suggested we announce topics beforehand.

Possible topics for February could be: road insurance, boots, getting your horse back in shape or physical therapists. Sue Koch mentioned epsom salt poultices which are available at Kiperts or Tack Room Too. They work well on abscesses.

Sue Davis said she can do something on the Capitol Forest Watch program.

Treats - Sue Koch will provide treats at the January meeting.

Laura adjourned the meeting at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted.

Chris Enrico, secretary

Capitol Riders Chapter BCHW for 2017

Simco saddle for sale: 17 inch #8250.. \$600 call Diana Gundersen at 360 943 3121 In great shape!



Horse boarding available for one horse in the Mason Lake area. Now offering in a private, exclusive and secure barn full care boarding for your mare or gelding. \$350 monthly includes 2 feedings daily of superior grass hay and/or pasture grazing. Any grain and/or supplements you wish your horse to be fed must be provided by you. Facility features: video monitoring of barn and stalls; large 12 x12 matted stalls with large paddocks; heated tack room; hot wash/grooming area; round pen and outdoor regulation size dressage arena. Situated on 16 acres, we have designed our own park with trails for warming up or cooling down your horse. Direct access to miles of riding on wonderful trails right off our property! To arrange a visit, and receive an application to board your horse at our unique facility, call 360-427-0969. Serious inquiries only.



Wildlife-Friendly Fencing

Horses and fences go hand-in-hand. We use fences to keep our livestock safely confined on our property. I've built and repaired fence on our place, and never really thought about how that fence was affecting the wildlife living nearby. But I've watched in horror as fawns, unable to jump our field fence and follow their moms, crashed heartbreakingly into it over and over again. I've found wire stretched and broken where some large animal (probably a bear), unable to see the fence, got caught up and struggled until it broke free. I even found a rabbit that tried to squeeze through the no-climb fence, but got hung up half way through and died. I figured that there had to be a better way to keep my horses safe and still allow critters safe passage, so I did a little research. Here's what I found.

Some Facts

Researchers at Utah State University completed a study of wildlife mortality along more than 600 miles of fences in the rangelands of northeastern Utah and northwestern Colorado (Harrington 2005, Harrington and Conover 2006). By repeatedly driving and walking fence lines over two seasons, they tallied the number of mule deer, pronghorn and elk carcasses they found caught in fences and lying next to fences. They also studied which fence types caused the most problems.

Here are their key findings:

- On average, one ungulate per year was found tangled for every 2.5 miles of fence.
- Most animals (69% of juveniles and 77% of adults) died by getting caught in the top two wires while trying to jump a fence.
- Juveniles are eight times more likely to die in fences than adults.
- Mortalities peaked during August, when fawns are weaned.
- Woven-wire fence topped with a single strand of barbed-wire was the most lethal fence type; ungulate's legs are easily snared and tangled between the barbed-wire and rigid woven-wire.
- 70% of all mortalities were on fences higher than 40".
- On average, one ungulate was found dead next to, but not in fences, every 1.2 miles of fence; most were found next to woven-wire fence.
- 90% of carcasses found near fences were fawns—separated from their mothers and unable to cross.

(Source: Colorado Division of Wildlife, "Fencing with Wildlife in Mind", 2009)



The **bad** news is ---
fences can be deadly.
The **good** news is ---
they don't have to
be!



Figure 14: Ladder/stile crossing structure
Photo by Kurt C. VerCautern, USDA

- Install deer “crossing” sections (*see ex. above*)
- Maintain tight fences to minimize tangling hazard.

Search “wildlife friendly fencing” on the internet for more information. Here is a link to a brochure by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks fwp.mt.gov/fwpDoc.html?id=34461

References:

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, “A Landowner’s Guide to Wildlife Friendly Fences: How to Build Fence with Wildlife in Mind”, 2012.

Colorado Division of Wildlife, “Fencing with Wildlife in Mind”, 2009.

Arizona Game and Fish Department, “Wildlife Compatible Fencing”.

Safe fences are ones that are visible, and allow wildlife to crawl under or jump over without getting snagged.

Here are a few ways to make a fence safer:

- Use fewer strands of wire. 3 is good.
- Install top wire no higher than 42”, bottom wire at least 18” above ground level, and at least 12” between strands.
- Slide pvc pipe on top wire or tie on flagging to make fence visible. (*see below*)



Written by Sue Davis

2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Come Join Us!

To join BCHW, complete this application, sign the liability release (all members **18 and over**), and enclose payment:

- Please print legibly
- **Chapter members**, turn application and payment in to your Chapter treasurer. Make checks out to Capitol Riders BCHW
- **Mail** application and payment to: Capitol Riders, Attn: Chris Enrico, 4809 24th Ave SE, Lacey WA 98503-3252



Member-Info

New Member Renewal – Membership number(s): _____

Adult's name(s): _____

Children's name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

Legislative district (if known): _____ County: _____

Check to **opt out** of mailed (hardcopy) newsletter: BCHW (Trailhead News) Chapter

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.

Chapter Name (or Independent): _____

If joining a secondary Chapter, provide the Chapter name where BCHW dues have been paid for 2018:
Capitol Riders (\$10 single, \$15 family)

Chapter Dues	\$	_____
Additional Chapter Donation	\$	_____
Chapter Subtotal	\$	_____
Grand Total (State+Chapter)	\$	_____

Liability Release and 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 Back Country Horsemen of Washington, 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: _____

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.

Sponsors



With winter riding rules now in effect for Capitol Forest use the topographic map on the following page to find your way!

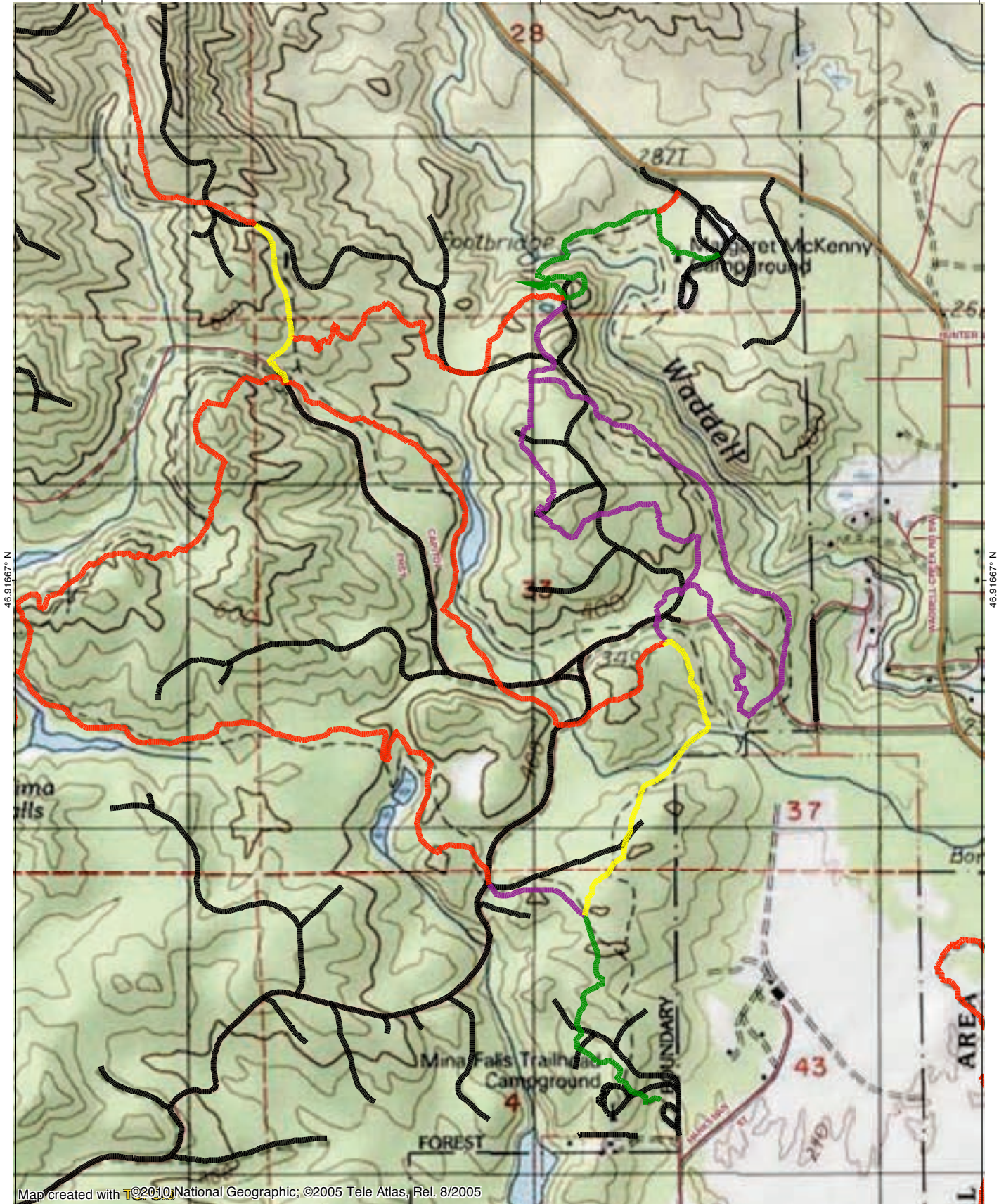
Red lines are CLOSED trails. Black lines are roads. The other colored lines are trails OPEN to winter riding.

ENJOY!

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46.91667° N

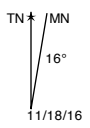
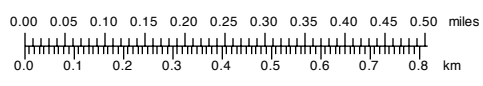
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