



# CAPITOL RIDERS HOOFBEATS

APRIL 2019

General meeting April 16, 2019, 2019 at 7 pm

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## Capitol Riders Chapter, BCHW Mission:

- To perpetuate the common-sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country 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.

## Capitol Riders Chapter, BCHW

WWW.capitolriders.org (with a link to our Facebook page) Meet monthly at the Littlerock fire hall, 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 360-561-4611.

## General meeting Tuesday, April 16th

at 7:00 pm. 10828 Littlerock Road SW, Olympia. (Littlerock Fire Hall).

*When it is dark look for the bright red reader board!*

## From Your President

The trail work for Kennedy Creek Prize ride is moving along and I am happy to say we usually have 3-4 people Capitol Riders at each work party. Still need a few more people to show for the next few work parties. They have been only a couple of hours each time so not bad in terms of energy and we have been done by 1 most times. Next work party is Sunday the 14th on horses. They will cancel if raining. I will send out an email to confirm if cancelled. The ride is May 18th so block that day to sign up to help.

Don't forget as the weather gets better to start using the group page to announce when you are riding somewhere that you want to invite other to join.

Those that are camping can share where and when they are going at the next meeting. Let's make it a great riding year.!!!

Don't forget to take pics so we can update the web page and Facebook group.

Laura

## Director Report

Karen represented our chapter at the Board Meeting that took place at Rendezvous on March 15th. I will summarize her notes for our group:

\* Jeff Chapman, our state legislative chair, shared information about the US Forest Service (USFS). This agency is severely underfunded.

They are asking for help from states to maintain and increase facilities. They are asking for help from the states, calling this "Good Neighbor Policy." They are asking for more volunteers and would like to double the current numbers by 2021. The BCHW statewide work party on 7/31 - 8/4 will be in the Umatilla NF. There might be a second BCHW work party in the Pasayten this year.

\* Training - There will be a "Train the Trainer" class on Leave No Trace at the Middle Fork of the Teanaway on 5/2-5/5. Let Deb know if you want to check out the details.

\* Membership - The total BCHW membership numbers are down significantly from last year with a total of 1242 members. The chapters are requested to speak to our old members who have not renewed.

\* The Methow Valley Chapter is offering to host 2 riders from every chapter that has donated to the new Loup Loup horse camp. That includes Capitol Riders. If you would be interested in this ride, please contact Deb or Laura and we will find out more details.

\* The Back Country Horsemen of America is building a legacy fund  
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## Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) Sawyer Certification Program

In accordance with the USDA Forest Service, BCHW is authorized to instruct, evaluate and certify BCHW members (and qualifying friends) in the safe use of cross cut and chain saws to **buck** downed trees. We do not issue **felling** credentials.

### FAQ'S

BCHW sawyer certifications are recognized on all US public lands.

BCHW may instruct and certify qualified "Friends of BCHW" such as sawyers from other groups and associations who are operating under an individual or group land manager volunteer agreement.

In order to receive certification from BCHW, each sawyer's technical proficiency with a crosscut saw and/or chainsaw must be evaluated by BCHW Instructor/Evaluator (I/E) and assigned a sawyer proficiency level.

At the start of every work party the group leader conducts a tailgate safety briefing where the Job Hazard Analyses are reviewed. Sawyers are encouraged to "walk away" from any situation that they feel is beyond their ability to safely address.

Sawyer levels:

- Individual sawyers certified at the "A" or "Apprentice" level must recertify every year. An A level sawyer must saw under the immediate supervision of a level B or C sawyer
- Individual sawyers certified as "B" or "Sawyer" level must recertify every two years.
- Individual sawyers certified as "C" or "Journeyman" level sawyers must recertify every three years. C level - sawyers with good communication skills are encouraged to become Instructor/Evaluator.
- BCHW I/E's are required to participate in a **Safe Saw Operations** workshop every year.

If you are interested in becoming a certified sawyer, ask your chapter president, director or trail boss for the contact information of your chapter's I/E who will know about upcoming classes.

For first time sawyer certification – the sawyer must attend a classroom session and demonstrate proficiency during a field evaluation. Once certified, a sawyer's recertification may occur during a work party or some other field event; the classroom session need not be repeated.

In order to retain certification Sawyers must

1. Wear proper Protective Personal Equipment (PPE)
2. Work with at least one partner
3. Have current certifications for First Aid, CPR

The BCHW saw program is administered by our Saw Program Coordinators who report to the USFS Region 6 Saw Program Coordinator.

Our two coordinators hold the USFS's highest level of sawyer certification – that of C Sawyer Evaluator.

- Tom Mix (360) 582-0460 [backcountrypacker.mix@gmail.com](mailto:backcountrypacker.mix@gmail.com)
- Tony Karniss (360)-748-8640 [tkarniss@gmail.com](mailto:tkarniss@gmail.com)

Visit the BCHW Sawyer web page <http://bchw.org/Tech%20tips/SawCertification/BCHW%20Saw%20Cert.htm> for complete program documentation and other interesting publications along with a list of current Saw Instructors/Evaluators.

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for nationwide use. They have collected \$20,000 of the \$50,000 goal so far. We should consider a donation. The Olympic Chapter has made a \$1000 donation in honor of Jim Murphy, who is unwell.

\* A new educational program called the 3 S (Stop, Stand, Speak) was presented by Linda Marin of the Peninsula Chapter. All chapters are encouraged to consider presenting this program to groups of folks with whom we share our trails. I will have more info at our meeting.

\* We were encouraged to have all members of our chapter complete a survey expressing interests and requests for future chapter activities. We can discuss at the meeting.

\* We got this from the Grays Harbor Chapter:

“Hi Neighboring BCHW Chapters! The Grays Harbor Chapter is offering a Sawyer Certification class on Saturday, June 1, at the Rendezvous Camp at the West

Fork of the Humptulips river and trail. We will have 2 certifiers available so they can do C certs too. Attached is a doc with the FAQ's (see page 2 of this newsletter) about the BCHW Sawyer Program.

This is also our annual National Trails Day weekend and you are welcome to come camp, ride, hike and if you want, to work with us too. Come for the day or the weekend, this will be fun! Potluck Saturday night around 6 or when the workers get in. Lori Lennox”

Deb Hall



## March Meeting Minutes

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**Called to Order Tues., March 19, 2019** In attendance: Sue Davis, Laura Shillam, Connie Patterson, April Bryan, Karen Daniels, Nancy Lovrien, Jerre Redecker, Kurt & Laura Sielback, Diana Gundersen.

**AGENDA:** Approved

Introduction of new members: Lee Ann Johnson, 2nd meeting for Kurt & Laura Sielback.

Kennedy Creek business: copies of work schedule for trail clean up

- Sat. Mar 23 with horses to trim higher branches (gravel haul also happening in Capital Forest)
- Sun. Mar 31 Drive in 11 am. Bring equipment.
- Sat. Apr 13 Trail work with horses (some Wed. evenings as well)

Membership committee: met and reported

**REMINDERS:** Volunteer hours to be reported to Debbie Hall...very important.

**FACEBOOK:** BCHW Capitol Riders group -watch for picture of foxgloves. Have to be a “friend” of a member. Jerre will invite all on roster to join the Facebook group.

- Social media: is official business page (“page” vs “group” explained)

- Website - individuals create their own password
- Board members met: Sue created new member letter. Ideas discussed about stickers & other idea generated (whether individual or club name)

Agreed to vote online after all information disclosed.

**RENDEZVOUS:** Karen & Sue attended and reported a great experience & encouraged attendance next year. Our contribution of a propane fire pit and \$ for the Cowboy church went well (see card on Page 5).

**CAMPGROUND TRAIL:** Not able to ride it yet. Will check with D&R for permission to ride and clear.

**USER GROUP MEETING:** Meets every other month for all trail users. Jerre is attending. Includes hikers, bikers, stock. Important to check their website.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Gundersen

## Currently Scheduled Events

<b>April</b>	<b>16</b>	General Meeting	Littlerock Fire Hall – 7 pm
	<b>26-28</b>	Methow Valley BCH Annual Spring Ride	Beaver Creek Campground, Twisp, WA
<b>May</b>	<b>11</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Scavenger Hunt/Prize Trail Ride/Chili Feed @	WA State Horse Park, Cle Elum, WA
	<b>16-6/6</b>	Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail Ride	JohnWayneTrailRide.com or Tom 206-714-1163
	<b>18</b>	Kennedy Creek Fun Ride	Kennedy Creek
	<b>21</b>	General Meeting	Littlerock Fire Hall – 7 pm
	<b>30</b>	BC Morgan and Open Horse Show	NW WA Fairgrounds Gate 7, Lynden, WA
<b>June</b>	<b>1-2</b>	10th Annual Tack Sale & Raffle @ Sedro Wooley Rodeo Grounds - Sat/8 am - 4, Sun 10 am - 2	
	<b>15</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr BCHW Board of Directors mtg.	Kittitas Valley Event Center Ellensburg, WA
	<b>15</b>	SW WA Appaloosa Club Prize Ride	Evergreen Sportsmen's Club, Littlerock, WA
	<b>22</b>	Grays Harbor BCHW Trail Fund Ride	Matlock, WA – Barb Paris 360-482-4197
	<b>29</b>	NE Chapter BCHW Defibrillator Fundraiser Prize Ride –	Bingville, WA – Sue 509-590-8750
<b>July</b>	<b>1-4</b>	State wide work party	Umatilla National Forest - Jason Ridlon
	<b>19-21</b>	Western Dream Ride	Flying Horseshoe Guest Ranch, Cle Elum, WA
<b>Sept</b>	<b>7</b>	Tahoma BCHW 29 <sup>th</sup> Annual Prize Ride	Ravensdale, WA ranae52@comcast.net
	<b>14</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr BCHW Board of Directors meeting	Kittitas Valley Event Center – Ellensburg
<b>Oct</b>	<b>26-27</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> Annual Winery Ride/Halloween Costume Prize Ride –	Zillah, WA
<b>Dec</b>	<b>7</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr. BCHW Board of Directors meeting	Kittitas Valley Event Center – Ellensburg

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Thank You Card to Capitol Riders from Karen Johnson



3/19/19

Dear Capital Riders,

It was a chilly but sunny weekend for Rencogoon this year. Thank goodness a lot of the snow melted!

There were some very good talks & demos that I attended and several more that I wish I could have seen!

Your campfire grill was a popular item and sold for \$200 at the auction!

Cowboy Church was enjoyed by a large group (60-80) who turned out to sing with Andy Bales (guitar) and Bart Bly (violin) and listen to a message given by Jack Skilleter.

A B/C Thank you to Capital Riders for your donation to support Cowboy Church!

Sending hugs to you all!

Karen Johnson



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 MEMBERSHIP  
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## Come Join Us!

Go to BCHW.org to join online its easier and faster! If this is not an option then print, fill out and sign the liability release (all members 18 and over), and enclose your cash or check:

- **Chapter members:** If paying by check, make it out to **Capitol Riders BCHW**, fill out an application and turn in to Sue Koch, Treasurer. **BE SURE TO SIGN THE LIABILITY RELEASE**
- Mail application and payment to: **Capitol Riders, Attn: Sue Koch, 10214 Gate Rd. SW, Olympia, WA 98512**



## 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 if you DON'T want a MAILED newsletter:  BCHW (Trailhead News)  Chapter Newsletter

### STATE MEMBERSHIP

**Basic Memberships**

Single \$41.00  
 Family \$54.00

Levels below include Single or Family

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):  
**Capitol Riders (\$10 Single, \$15 Family)**

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

## 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 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.

By signing this application I agree to receive notices from BCHW by electronic transmission at the above email address.

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.

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