

BUCKHORN RANGE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



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OUR MISSION

To work toward the perpetuation of the legal and moral claim by the American people to use horses and mules for recreation on public lands.

OUR GOALS

- **To unite equestrians to achieve the goals and objectives of Backcountry Horsemen.**
- **To encourage citizen involvement in political and governmental actions affecting public lands.**
- **To maintain engagement in regulatory issues and actions regarding use of equines on public lands.**
- **To introduce interested horsemen to the use and enjoyment of trails and the backcountry.**

OUR VISION

Develop and keep trails open for responsible equine recreational use.

As the weather gets colder and the days get shorter I realize that I didn't get to spend nearly enough time in the saddle this year! I have spent a lot of time on projects related to horses. Unfortunately, due to scheduling, poor weather, and bad timing I haven't gotten to ride very much this year. The truth is, it's very easy to let time slip away without thinking about it, and it takes a real effort to impact the way life tends to drift, to disrupt that and make a change in habits and practices. Sometimes some hard choices have to be made, and usually it requires stepping out of my comfort zone to do it.

Speaking of changes, our annual General Membership meeting is next week, Friday, November 11th, 7 p.m. at the Tri-Area Community Center. Elections for Officers will be held. All positions are open and need to be filled. Due to a lack of oversight on my part, no nominating committee exists at this time. If someone would like to step up and take that task on, it would be great contribution to the Chapter. We need someone to call all the members between now and next Friday and see if they would either stand for a position, or would like to nominate someone. Current Officers may wish to continue in their roles, or it may be time for a change. After 2 years as President, I will be stepping aside to let someone else assume that leadership position. It has been a great honor to serve all of you as President, and I thank you all for the opportunity to do so. Thanks to everyone who have held office in our organization; your efforts are much appreciated.

Please consider stepping out of your comfort zone and taking on a leadership role in the Chapter. It takes a little effort, but it's worth it. I am looking forward to whatever is next in the coming year.

I am also looking forward to the annual Donut Ride this month at Gerry Magnuson's on the 19th - hopefully the weather will be as nice as it was today!

See you next Friday at the meeting!

Bob Hoyle, Chapter President



TRAIL BOSS REPORT

The October ride was changed several times due to it coinciding with Opening Day of hunting season. We ended up riding the Larry Scott Trail on a nice crisp fall day. Judith & I were joined by Linda Mattos, Teren & Norm MacLeod & their guests. After a tiny rodeo on the horse trail over the hill, we enjoyed a nice ride out to the pond by Discovery Bay & back.

Join us this month for the annual Donut Ride on Chimacum Ridge, Saturday, November 19th, at 10 a.m. at Gerry & Kayla Magnuson's. Refreshments after the ride including hot coffee & cider, donuts & fruit. We hope to see you then!

Bob Hoyle, Trail Boss



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ALSP Work Party

We will have a work party (short) on Saturday Nov 5th at Connie and Bill Craighead's house next to Anderson Lake. This is a preparation work party to get our materials together for starting turnpike and hardening work on the Olympic Trail on the west side of Anderson Lake State Park. We have received permission from State Parks to access this area from the Craigheads. Gravel purchased with our current grant has already been stockpiled on the back of Connie and Bill's property.

We will be tying together donated geoplastic grids into panels to be used for structure for holding in gravel using plastic ties. Also stockpiling some curb logs for the most difficult section that will be shored up with a turnpike. The work site is on Shika Road on the west side of Anderson Lake State Park. We will start at 10am. Call me if you need more info at 385-6364
Jeff

ADVERTISING

The Buckhorn Range Chapter is accepting business advertising in this newsletter. Cost is \$40 for a business card size ad for one year. Backcountry Horsemen members can also advertise (preferably horsey) sale items or want items for free. Non-members pay \$5 per ad.

Contact the editor for info.

Buckhorn Range Chapter Meeting**Minutes for October 14, 2011.**

Present: Bob H., Judith H. Jeanne G., Dave P. and Juelie D. making a quorum.

President Hoyle called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

The previous meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Chapter is solvent. Judith made the case for switching our banking business to Kitsap Bank from Bank of America. Judith stopped by Kitsap Bank (across the street from our current B of A branch) and found they have a truly free business checking account, won't charge the Chapter for anything under 100 transactions a month (as IF). And if we open in the next month, free checks and a free endorsement stamp - which together would save us about \$45 in the cost to switch banks (also no debit card fee - altho we don't currently use, but do have, a chapter debit card). Juelie made a motion to move our Buckhorn account to Kitsap Bank. The motion was seconded by Bob and unanimously approved.

Trail Boss's Report: The last Chapter ride was held at Sleepy Hollow. Bob, Judith and two Peninsula Chapter members rode out on a grey day but the rain didn't start until their return. They rode to the washout and back and had a great time. Tomorrow's ride will be on the Larry Scott Trail. Teren confirmed that she would be there.

Bob suggested we have only four rides a year due to low turnout on Chapter rides. The rides that have good turn out are the joint rides with Peninsula and the Donut ride. There was no consensus on the issue so we can talk about this again following next months elections. We encourage others to become involved as trail boss. A discussion ensued about the Donut Ride. The 'Goat Trail' is overgrown again with blackberries and will need cutting. Juelie suggested lots of power tools since last year it was she and Gerry who cleared the trail and with one power tool and one hand tool it took about six hours. Gerry has agreed to check with the owner of the piece of property we will need to cross to make sure we may ride through.

Jeff Chapman asked that the By Laws be approved and signed tonight. There was only one minor change and that was to change the word 'Backcountry' to the new name of 'Back Country' so as to conform to the State's new name. A motion was made to elect Juelie as Secretary pro tem for the evening so the By Laws could be approved. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Juelie and Bob approved the change to the By Laws following a motion to amend the by laws to reflect the necessary change which was unanimously approved as well.

Director's Report: Juelie presented a director's report for Jeff. We discussed the proposed recreation plan submitted to the Dungeness Watershed folks. Bob pointed out that there was no camping proposal for the little gravel pit area.

Old Business: Annual Election will be held at next month's meeting. Please submit nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Trail Boss, LNT/Education person, Director, Alt. Director, and Treasurer. We need a newsletter editor too. Please come to the meeting and vote.

The Forest Festival was a success thanks to Judith and her partner Regina from the Olympic Chapter. Regina had put up a wonderful display for LNT and the brazier was a huge draw. Unfortunately the booth was with other non profit groups in the back and hard for the public to see.

Juelie is to send a sample of the memorandum of Friends of Anderson Lake to the membership to ensure that everyone understands the relationship between the Friends group to State Parks and of our Chapter to that organization.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Juelie Dalzell, Secretary ProTem

Something to Think About When Choosing a Farrier

By:

Sydney Lynn Ouano-Faias



When picking a farrier, make sure he has time to spend with you, as well as your horse, because he can help you understand that there is more than just shoeing to keep you steady moving smoothly. The farrier can demonstrate how to shoe a horse and how to correct over reaching. He must first remove the old shoe. He then trims the hoof so that the growth is eliminated and when the new shoe is put on it will be placed bath further on the foot.. He shaped the new shoe with a hammer, cleaned it than nailed it on. He finished up by rasping or filing down the edges of the hoof. When walked to her stall, the horse showed no signs of over reaching or clicking, which is the first clue of a horse over extending

Aging horses that were once very athletic and are no longer ridden as much show signs of muscle deterioration. A good farrier better know the physiology of a horse so that he can diagnose a problem or prevent a problem from developing. His understanding can help an owner avoid lameness. For example, he might show how to massage or strengthen muscles that contribute to fluid movement. As with humans, an older horse must be cared for and exercised differently than a young horse. The farrier can be a big help to a horse owner is keeping a older, but healthy, horse fit. When choosing a farrier make sure he / she know more than just about shoes, but also understands the physiology.

Understanding how a horse distributes its weight is needed when understanding the wear patterns of the horse shoe. The majority of the weight and therefore, the locomotion, is on the back hind quarters. That is the reason hind shoes show far greater wear than front shoes! It is amazing to know that 85% of the horse's weight is from the withers back, leaving on 25% for the head and front legs! It makes sense that a horse will more likely get arthritis or an injury on its back legs since the majority of the weight action comes action from the rear end.

Past Donut Rides





Calendar

November 5th, Saturday, 10 a.m., Anderson Lake State Park Work Party, Bill & Connie Craighead's, 200 Shika Rd. Call Jeff for info.

November 11th, Friday, 7 p.m., Annual Chapter Membership meeting, Tri-Area Community Center, Chimacum. Election of Officers.

November 19th, Saturday, 10 a.m., Chapter Ride: Donut Ride on Chimacum Ridge. call for directions. 360-531-2337

Check the website in the coming weeks for information on upcoming events, at <http://www.olympus.net/community/buckhorn-bchw/> .



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