

BUCKHORN RANGE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



February 2011

President's Notes

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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.

It can be difficult to think about trails in the dead of winter, with all the wet & mud & cold. I find myself forced to concentrate on indoor tasks while I recover from a neck injury, while avoiding things that aggravate the condition, like sitting at a computer, writing newsletter articles! Nevertheless, Judith & I did manage to get out on MLK Day to work at Gibbs Lake, clearing some blowdowns, draining some puddles, and trimming back branches, & we rode there yesterday between rain showers.

I am happy to announce that we have a new Newsletter Editor. The old one was no longer getting the job done, with no newsletter since May 2010 (slacker!). Juelie Dalzell, newly retired from public office, has agreed to do the job, after vanquishing her concerns about her computer skills. I know she will do a fabulous job, and this newsletter is her first effort. Please be sure to let her know what you think! In March, BCHW will hold its annual General Membership meeting and Leadership Training, and are bringing back a form of BCHW Rendezvous, with clinicians, demonstrations, speakers and vendors. There will be a mounted shooting demonstration! There are silent and live auctions, a photo contest, dinner (delicious) and dancing to a live band, "Standing Room Only" who have played the last 2 years and are very good! It will be held March 18-20th at the Kittitas County Event Center in Ellensburg, and I highly recommend it to our members, it's always a lot of fun!

I would like to thank Bethel & Bruce Moore and Chimacum Saddlery for letting us use the house there for our monthly Chapter meetings last year. We will probably hold 2 or 3 meetings there this summer, when we can use the arena for programs or demonstrations.

We are currently looking for a new meeting location, and should have that nailed down by the next meeting.

Chapter member Gretchen Wambagh has been generous enough to host the meetings in January & February at her home. We had an enjoyable informal conversation at the last meeting about what we would like to do as a Chapter in the coming year, and we will keep the meeting informal for February as well. The meeting will be Friday, February 11th, @ 7 P.M.

Our Chapter ride for February was to be held on the Toandos Peninsula, but due to logging operations there, we have moved it to Gibbs Lake. It will be Saturday, February 19th @ 10 A.M.

We hope to see you!

Bob Hoyle, President

Cowboy Caviar

Black Bean Salsa

INGREDIENTS

2 (15oz) cans black beans, rinsed

1 (17 oz) can whole kernel corn, drained

2 large tomatoes, chopped

1 large avocado, diced

1/2 red onion, chopped

1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro

Dressing

1 Tbsp red wine vinegar

3-4 Tbsp lime juice

2 Tbsp olive oil

1 tsp salt

1/2 tsp pepper

DIRECTIONS

1. Combine all ingredients. in bowl.

2. Cover and chill.

3. Garnish with avocado slices

or cilantro sprigs.

3. Serve with tortilla chips

Number of Servings: 24



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Buckhorn Range Chapter General Meeting Minutes

Location: Minutes Buckhorn Range - BCHW January 14, 2011

Called to order 7:05 PM by Bob Hoyle

The regular monthly meeting of BCHW held at Gretchen Wambagh's home.

All officers in attendance.

Program Discussion- the coming year. We agreed to hold another Tack Sale at Bethel's . A Prize Ride was discussed but dropped due to lack of good location. We plan to reserve 2 tables for the March Rendezvous for our members and friends. Dave will make our auction item. Juelie, Gerry and Judith will look for a permanent meeting place for our future meetings.

Treasurer's Report- we are solvent

Trail Boss Report- February ride will be at Toandos. March will be Sandy Shore.

Work Projects- MMSC (Motion made, seconded and carried unanimously) to use \$1100 to continue project at Anderson Lake. Next work party will be at Anderson Lake 1st weekend in February.

Director's Report- There is a trail classification that rates trails for use. It was suggested we contest some of the hiker trails so they can be rated for horse use.

Old Business- MMSC to spend up to \$400 for new projector and \$35 for JEA membership.

New Business-

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.



TRAIL BOSS REPORT

Submitted by Juelie Dalzell

In spite of low hanging clouds Saturday January 15, 2011 turned out to be a lovely day for a ride! Betsy drove in from Port Angeles and met Judith, Jeff, Linda and myself at the Cape George Trailhead. As we rode along Teren joined us with a check in her pocket to pay dues! The trail was not very busy so we did not have to deal with too many obstacles. At one check though, Aidan, the horse loving horse, decided he didn't like Tango and kicked. He missed Tango but we all heard a loud bang as he connected with Betsy's stirrup. No harm was done and once again I learned the lesson that horses are simply unpredictable. Betsy loaned me her crop and we had no further mishaps. Teren rode her lovely thoroughbred, Taksi and while riding in a group was a new experience for the mare she learned that she could survive the experience.

After crossing Discovery Road we hooked into to Snagsted so we could catch the railroad right of way. Once on the railroad right of way all walked calmly to the turn off to the lagoon. We took it easy going down the big hill since it was somewhat slippery. We had to cross a large log that crossed the trail at a steep angle. Aidan had to jump it but everyone else's horse politely walked over the fallen tree.

Upon arriving at the lagoon (across the way from the golf course) Judith spotted a big heron that flew off as we got to the water's edge. There were ducks and other water fowl gracing the lagoon largely framed by the Olympic Mountains, making this one of the prettiest spots in Jefferson County. We rested a while and rode on around the edge of the big hay field and then into the woods where we found trails leading us back to the railroad right of way which looped us back to the Larry Scott trail once again.

We rode beside a very pretty pond that was on our right. This area used to only be a marsh but it seems with the clearing trees for homes going in up above water is free to make its way down the hill to form a new body of water. We should ride this in late spring because my guess is frogs, and birds will be plentiful.

We had one pit stop on the way back where Aidan once again expressed his dislike of Tango but I had learned my lesson and was able to anticipate his desire to kick and we rode on in safety.

Two and one half hours after we started we dropped Judith and Betsy off at the trailhead and Linda, Jeff and I rode back meeting Summer Martell along the trail who had meant to ride with us but arrived nine minutes after we had departed.

I rode mostly in front of the pack on the trail and heard only cheerful, happy conversation between all the riders behind me. Given the fact that there was never a lull in the conversation and that laughter floated often on the air I would say it was a fun, successful ride.



CLASSIFIEDS



HORSE BOARDING IN SEQUIM

We have paddocks which are about an acre in size. Each paddock has a run in shed which also has storage for tack and 2 to 3 ton of hay. Included in the board is twice daily feeding of whatever the owner provides. Also included is use of our riding rink and round pen. Onsite storage of horse trailer is available. Contact: Tom Mix on 360-582-0460 or via email tom@cuttinggarden.com.

Thanks,
Tom

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.



Calendar

Feb. 5, Saturday, 10 a.m., Work Party, Anderson Lake State Park. Bring gloves!

Feb. 11, Friday, 7 p.m., Chapter meeting, at Gretchen Wambagh, 180 Black Bear Road: Program—**TBD**

Feb. 19th, Saturday, 10 a.m., Chapter Ride: Gibbs Lake 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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