



OKANOGAN COUNTY BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER MARCH 2010 ISSUE

Letter
From the
President

Dave Swanberg

With Spring nearly here and with this warm winter weather, we should be able to get an early start on clearing trails and commence our trail riding activities. Last year we had to cancel some of our early work activities due to the heavy snow, that should not be a problem this year, at least in the lower elevations. Our first trail clearing will be on the Sinlahekin trail system on March 26 & 27 followed by the Bannon Mtn. trail system on April 9 & 10. We have a huge schedule of work throughout the year so jump in now and get yourself in physical and mental shape for a busy year.

If you have reviewed our "Event Calendar" you have probably noticed that we have 17 trail rides and 12 work parties scheduled for 2010. There could be some impromptu rides and work parties announced from time to time during the summer months so watch your newsletter for any details.

We have applied for a grant to develop 2 trailheads for the newly acquired WDFW Wildlife areas, Carter Mt. off Hwy. 97, 8 miles South of Tonasket and the Horse Spring Coulee property 4 miles West of Tonasket off N. Pine Creek Rd. If the grant is approved, we should be able to start work on developing the trailheads later this summer. When finished, they will provide easily accessible early Spring and late Fall riding. Riding in those areas will be easy and will offer opportunities for conditioning horse and rider and also great for children and novice riders.

The latest on Whistler Canyon is that BLM is interested in purchasing the trailhead property from the County after the trailhead is developed. Work will start on the trailhead this fall after the apple season is over, approx. mid Sept. If we receive the BCHW grant funds for the trail improvement we will be working on that trail later this summer also. Looks like our cup is running over and if not that, surely our plate is full.

We finally found and purchased a 3 burner camp stove and BBQ grill and griddle that we can use at our various functions. We are all set for cooking almost anything now.

That's all for now, see you on the Trail.

Dave

If you find yourself in a HOLE

Stop DIGGIN

TRAIL BOSS REPORT MARCH

BY Tom Windsor

Activities scheduled for march include chainsaw certification,(indoor portion) at The Tonasket Dist.Ranger office on Sat. March 6. Class starts at 9:00 A.M. and Last until Noon. Instructor, Trygve Culp 486-2061

Friday and Saturday March 26 & 27 there Will be a work party to clear trails on WDFW

Land in the Sinlahekin Valley. We will meet At the Blue lake Campground, at the North End of the Blue Lake both mornings. Trails to be cleared/brushed include 5 miles of trail From the HQ building south to Blue Lake and Then from the north end of Blue Lake about 4 miles south to the Hunter Camp located near The main valley road. Chainsaws, loppers, Power pruner, and power brusher will be needed.

Sunday March 28, we will have a trail ride on Trails cleared on the 26 & 27th. Meet at the Campground at the north end of Blue Lake for the Trail ride.



Shown above is just a few of the improvements and just a few of the volunteers. Without all the Volunteers, their skills and abilities, we would not enjoy the liberties of riding where we do and enjoy all the amenities. THANKS AGAIN!!!!

THANKS
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HEAP

Stan Kvistad



Cowboy poet and mule skinner from Malott, Washington, Stan Kvistad brings his own brand of animated story telling to this year's Cowboy Gathering. Preferring to recite poems written by others, Stan still manages to make these rhymes his own. His exaggerated gestures and sense of timing carry the audience right along with him to the punch line. Covering a wide range of poems from Australia to our own Western U.S., Stan is able to adapt accent and attitude to fit the story. Recently married, several self penned poems feature wife Cathy and the somewhat primitive condition of their homestead. Although most of his stories are humorous in nature, some are more poignant. A strong sense of patriotism is borne out in his tribute to American troops deployed around the globe, including his own son recently returned from Iraq. Don't miss his performance Saturday, February 13 at 4:00 PM at the Kittitas Valley Event Center, as well as several appearances at the downtown venues on Friday and Saturday afternoon.

Stan Kvistad, a Cowboy Poet, a member in good standing with the Back Country Horseman for many years, just returned from the "Spirit of the West" Cowboy gathering Feb. 12-14 of this year. Stan was a Headliner for the event, performing along, with other poets and musicians, among them, Red Segall, R.W.Hampton and Belinda Gail. We are fortunate to have within our midst, his wonderful talent. He is fondly known in his own neighborhood, as "Stan the Mule Man", and to others as "Snuff". His talents, like his names are several. His performances are animated, funny and some will bring a tear or two. When you see the energy and hear the animation, you really appreciate his talent. Congratulations! Stan, Keep up the good work.



Stan and Cathy Kvistad at lunch break on the 2009 Chiliwist ride. Stan was the Trail Boss and we rode from the Rappe ranch cross country overlooking Smith Lake, and had views of the devastation the Fire that started on the Loup Loup Hwy that same summer.

LEAVE NO TRACE

Janet Logan

CHAPTER HOSTED LNT CLASS **Basic LNT Skills Class MAY 14,15, & 16**

WHERE: Blue Lake in the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area

This is the same class that is at Randle each year and you will receive a Certificate when completed.

Now you can bring your horse, or mule, and have actual experience of putting up hi-lines and other actual experiences of going into the mountains camping with your animals.

There will be time to do a trail ride or two and the class will incorporate safety information as well.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: April 30, 2010 Everyone must register, even those who come to help, the \$50.00 fee is for meals. There will be Chili for those who set up on Saturday evening . Breakfast, Sack lunch, and Dinner will be served Sunday and Monday, Breakfast and sack lunch on Tuesday

If you have not taken this class before, or are a new member of BCH , **CALL JANET LOGAN at 509-997-0020 or email**

MARCH 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Chainsaw Cert. USFS
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 FireArm Safety
14 LNT Sinlahekin	15 LNT Bpard meeting Windsor's	16 LNT Sinlahekin	17 BCH meeting	18	19 BCHw Ellensberg.	20 BCHW Ellensburg
21 BCHW Ellensburg	22	23	24	25	26 Sinlahekin Work	27 Sinlahekin Work party
28 Sinlahekin Trail Ride	29	30	31	For more detailed information always check your "Event Calendar" in the Year Book		

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SOMETHING IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER, SEND THEM TO
NORA RAPPE, P.O. BOX 453 MALOTT, WA. OR nrappe@wildblue.net**

Deadline for April publication

March 30, 2010

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 OKANOGAN VALLEY
 CHAPTER
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 BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN
 OF WASHINGTON

Come Join Us!

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

- **Chapter members**, turn application and payment in to your Chapter Treasurer. If paying by check, make it out to your chapter.
- **Independent members**, make check out to "BCHW", and mail application and payment to: BCHW, ATTN: MEMBERSHIP, 110 W. 6th Ave., PMB 393, Ellensburg, WA 98926.



Member Info

New Member Renewal – Membership number(s): _____
 Adult's name(s): _____
 Children's name(s): _____
 Address: _____
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 Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____
 Legislative district (if known): _____ County: _____
 Number of horses in your household? _____

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 Patron \$250.00
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Additional State Donation \$ _____
 Subtotal A \$ _____

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Chapter Name (or Independent):
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PO Box 812 Tonasket, WA 98855

Chapter Dues
 (determined by chapter) \$ 10.00

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LIABILITY RELEASE & NOTICES

All ADULT members MUST sign!

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 Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, Inc., 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: _____

The information on this membership application will be shared with BCH of America and, if so designated by the applicant, the appropriate local chapter of BCHW. Otherwise, the information will not be divulged to any other person or organization without the express permission of the applicant.

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

Gentlemen On Horseback

Ken Carmichael, Inland Empire Chapter BCHW

This is to invite any BCH members to a great ride for Gentlemen. The ride is not sponsored by BCH, however in 2009 there were about 10 members of BCH on the ride.

Since 1948 men from all over the Northwest and beyond have gathered to participate in the "Gentlemen on Horseback" ride. This is a rich tradition that we can be part of. The ride was started when a group of Spokane area horsemen decided to ride their horses from Spokane to the Okanogan Valley to participate in the Washington Cattlemen's annual convention. Nowadays, we drive our rigs to a designated camping area, set up a base camp and ride out for 5 days to different attractions in the area. The rides can range from 10-25 miles a day. Riders bring their own horse, camp, and hay. The ride is catered so all meals are included in the fee of \$200. per man. Riders can also come for fewer days at \$40. per day. This is the pre-registration price for those received before June 1, 2010.

This year the ride will be staged in the Calispell basin area near Chewelah, WA. From June 20 thru 25. This is a great camp with meadow, trees for high lining and a creek. Trails go in all directions. Besides the great food, this is an outstanding dime of riding and sharing the company of other horsemen.

We also have an annual banquet on Sunday, March 21 at 6: at the Timber Creek Grill Buffet, 9211 E, Montgomery Dr. (Argonne Village) in Spokane Valley.

We talk about last year and receive more information on this year's ride as well as a slide show, entertainment and lots of laughs.

Trail Boss is Scott

Wiggins 509-868-1641 or kdlye@peoplepc.com , Ken Carmichael at 509-466-2225, kcarmichael@hughes.net Information is also available on www.gentlemenonhorseback.com



INLAND EMPIRE BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN POKER RIDE

On Saturday, May 8, 2010 the Inland Empire Chapter will hold its 16th annual poker ride at Fish Trap Lake about 24 miles West of Spokane.

Ride with friends or join others and ride at your own speed. Riders may start the ride as early as 9: A.M., or be on site in time to ride no later than noon. The route is a figure 8 Riders may take a shortened version if they wish (the bottom half of the 8), and not miss any of the game stations. You can make this decision when you reach game station #4. The trail is well marked over relatively level but rocky ground and varies in difficulty. Some experience is required. There are gift certificate prizes for the two best hands and worst hand as well as numerous door prizes.



Like to see your Horse and rider in print?? Just send or email your pictures to Nora Rappe' at Box 453 Malott, Wa. 98829 or email nrappe@wildblue.net

This group was enjoying a cross country ride in the Chiliwist area in October 2009. Trail Boss Stan Kvistad and hosted by Nora/Elmer Rappe and Cathy Kvistad.

The ride was approx 5 hours round trip. We viewed the after effects of the Wildfire on Fox Mt. and had lunch break overlooking Smith Lake.

We need pictures for our pictorial history, Old and New.

NO HOST DINNER

The No Host dinner at the New Rancho Chico restaurant in Tonasket was Great!!

A party of 19 enjoyed great food, and conversations. The waitress did a terrific job
5 Guests were present, Dave and Sally Taylor brought Dave's brother, Tom, he has joined
the Republic chapter. Andrea Haberman brought Andy Bartromi, Brenna Wahl, and Cheryl

Clifford and Barb McKinney brought Joanne Thorndyke

According to **Gail Sunde**, who was chairperson for the event, the only criticism was the
acoustics, she said it was hard to hear some of the conversations.

Great Job by Gail Sunde

Thank you!!!

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**If anyone would like a complete copy of this letter, contact Sec. Cathy Kvistad, or Editor, Nora Rappe
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