



PACK TALK

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Mission Statement

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.

Monthly Meetings

3rd Monday of Each Month

Next Meeting:

June 19, 2017 at 6:30PM

Upper Elwha Community Ctr,
90 Old State Rd,
Port Angeles, WA

Directions: 101 near the Elwha River bridge, turn South onto Herrick Rd, turn first right is Old State Rd. Second building on right, (note it's an old School House right on the road.)

Come Early for Social Time
5:30pm to 6:30pm

Our Website

MtOlympusChapterBCHW.org

Our Facebook Group

Mt Olympus Chapter of BCHW



My Place in the String

By Larry Baysinger President

I would like to thank everyone for their efforts in making our monthly chapter meetings successful, educational and social. These efforts will definitely keep our members inspired and looking forward to participating in the growth of Mt Olympus Chapter. Our social hour before the meetings, with the great food provided by members and sharing our common interests is a good thing. Our programs/guest speakers have been very applicable in furthering our horse education.

Our general meetings are focused and to the point. We are still looking for people to fill some Board position and as new members become more acquainted with the structure of Back Country Horsemen and the responsibilities required for the Chair positions these positions will likely be filled.

April ended with a lot of effort put into getting the Littleton Trail system opened. The horse camp looked great for Memorial Day weekend thanks to Mike Perry doing the mowing in the horse camp. May started out with Sherry and I being in the Methow Valley for the WOGA wagon ride that WOGA puts on annually for a fund raiser. As the Olympic Discovery Trail continues to head west past Lake Crescent toward Forks, it is my hope and dream that we could have a wagon ride on the paved portion of the ODT. Not for a fundraiser, but just something we can look forward to down the road. I have envisioned a ride involving BCH members with wagons, buggies and horses on our trails for many years and I can see the

Important Links

BCHW <http://www.bchw.org>

BCHA <http://bcha.org>

Leave No Trace <http://lnt.org>



Meet the Board

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possibility of this in the near future.

Our Share the Trail event was outstanding. The efforts by all Chapter members involved in setting up and taking down, and especially the effort of Meghan Adamire, the event chairperson was over the top. We had representation of DNR, ONP, Jeff Doane, with his horseshoeing display, Boon Jones, displaying ONP tools and pack boxes, the bicycle people. Our eight-year old granddaughter Rylie leading our mustang, Scout down the road on her bicycle is an impressive scene demonstrating the possibilities for all of us to have safe bike/horse encounters and bring our trail community together. Many people stopped in to have their kids sit on the pony and stayed for lunch. Thanks to John Searles for his providing barbecuing expertise. Karen Meuir did an excellent job serving and collecting money for our chili-hot dogs and Sherry's Dutch oven brownies with whipping cream were the best.

The past few days some Mt Olympus Chapter members have been working on the existing Bogachiel Trail for the USFS. This will help us to assist WTA by packing in their tools for their work in the Olympic National Park. This will be our Chapter's first opportunity to pack for another agency. The USFS road leading into the trailhead is terrible, to say the least. That could be another USFS partnership project...Gravel in chuckholes.

We plan to be on the upper portion of the Littleton/Mt Muller trail doing brushing and tread work soon. According to the hikers, there is still snow on top, but that will likely be gone soon with this warmer weather.

Thanks again everyone for your efforts in making this Chapter what we all had envisioned. Oh and by the way Sherry and I just turned 70 this month, so we are anxiously waiting for those of you who are riding fresh horses to step right up, pass us by and lead us into the next opportunity.

Larry

Lines of communication are always open to us by phone 360 327-3611 and/or via email at

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"We're riding fresh horses!!" Larry

Calendar 2017

June

• **17 BCHW State Board Meeting in Ellensburg**

• **19 Mt Olympus Meeting. Elwha Hall**



Mount Olympus Chapter Membership Meeting Minutes Upper Elwha Community Center



6:30 Welcome - Introduction of Guests/New Members: Larry Lack

Members Present: Larry & Sherry Baysinger, Dave & Becky Seibel, Jeff and Penny Doane, Curtis Wright, Meghan Adamire, Chuck & Holly Court, Bill & John Searles, Boone Jones

Introduction of Program Speaker Cathy Lucero Noxious Weeds Meghan Adamire introduced Cathy.

These are random notes by the secretary on Cathy's presentation (not at all complete).

Most horses/animals will not eat poisonous plants. However, if they have nothing else in the pasture or they are bored, they may eat a poisonous plant.

Tansy Ragwort: Causes irreversible liver damage - bioaccumulates. Affects horses, pigs, cattle; goats and sheep are more resistant. Biennial 13 yellow petals, ruffly leaf.

Common Groundsel: Annual, abundant in early spring - clustered, yellow tipped buds that open to silky, white-haired seeds; 6-24" tall. More toxic than tansy - Irreversible liver damage.

Poison Hemlock: Extremely toxic. Mowing makes it bigger. Toxic dry or damp-cannot burn it, smoke toxic. Looks like wild carrot and causes. Crooked calf disease - paralyzes and bones keep growing, crippling calves Lupines - will kill cows & horses if it's in hay Bur chervil - small hairs on stalk, also wild carrot.

Wild chervil - long purple lines - looks like poison hemlock - but is not poison, but big problem in Jefferson County in hay because it inhibits hay from drying.

Western Waterhemlock - the most poison in N America - Cathy has never seen it in Clallam or Jefferson County. One mouthful - will kill you right away. St Johnswort - Makes you super sensitive to sunlight. Will cause skin to fall off of animals faces when they eat it.

Buttercup, creeping buttercup - Poison - went it's in hay it is not toxic. When its green it's an irritant - causes depression, blindness and blood stained urine. May ulcerate lips.

Foxglove - Not native - Extremely toxic, incredibly toxic - cause colic, bloody feces, poor appetite, pain frequent urination.

Vetches - Toxic when large quantities are consumed.

Native plants can be poisonous too:

Bitter Cherry, rhododendron, bracken fern, horse tails (silica)

Know your hay

Herb Robert - stomp it. Inhibits all other small plants and very invasive.

Knapweed - kills grass and will take over.

Scotchbroom - Very invasive and makes it hard on other plants to grow

Yellow archangel - ornamental and is extremely invasive.

Cathy handed out booklets on noxious weeds in Washington and bee-butterfly friendly wild flower seed packets. Meghan will hold a class May 31 - 6-7:30 at DNR building in Forks on Pasture Management

1. President: Larry Baysinger

Larry said we all need to use our Roberts Rules so that decisions we make and events we plan have the entire membership's discussion and vote. We just got in last night from the Ride to Rendezvous in Winthrop. Larry asked if everyone got the new newsletter. He mentioned that not everyone can show up for every meeting and that our group has a lot of good energy and interest, but we still need more chair people. We really need to have a full Board and start breaking things into committees. Overall we are going good.

2.State Director: Larry explained how Dave Seibel was going to be the Mt Olympus as well as the Peninsula Chapter's Director. Darrell Wallace told Larry that Dave was only allowed one vote, so then Larry stepped up as the Director so we would have our own vote. Now Dave has separated from Peninsula Chapter and and is now able to serve as the Mt Olympus Director. Holly made motion and Meghan seconded and all voted yes, so that Dave Seibel is our new Director. Becky Seibel will be the alternate director.

3.Secretary: Sherry Baysinger

No report. Minutes are in the newsletter.

4.Treasurer: Becky Seibel

Becky presented the membership with a budget. There was some discussion. Meghan moved to accept the budget as revised and Jeff Doane seconded it.

The following is our budget:

Events - \$400

Website - \$216

Office Supply - \$300

Directors - (.54 per mi) \$300 Dave takes the camper so no need for lodging

Checks - \$75

Slush fund - \$75

Our Chapter is now solvent.

5.Immediate Past-President

7:30 Appointed Chair Positions:

1. Vice President: Jan Whitlow - (absent)

2. Alternate Director: Becky Seibel No Report

3. Trail Boss 1 (Trail Maintenance Chair): Larry Baysinger

Larry hopes to have a couple trail bosses under him. Jeff and Chuck should be ready to go and both

have all their certifications. Bill is available to bring his mules to pack.

Trail Boss 2 (Events Chair): Use of Standing Rule - Consider changing this bylaw to Events Chair rather than Trail Boss 2 If an individual can choose to host a certain event, by proposing a motion. If the idea is approved then that person will ask for committee members to assist along with the Publicity Chair and communicate with the Vice President regarding progress on that event. This is a duty of the VP according to our bylaws. This pertains to Leave No Trace Workshop, VIP Rides, etc. (all events) Larry would like to have a bylaw

committee and the bylaws hammered down before our elections in November. He clarified that the event chair will not be the same person but whoever volunteers to take on an event.

4. Membership Chair:

Becky said that we have 50 members now, including kids.

5. Newsletter Chair: Becky Seibel

Please get your articles for the newsletter between the 25th and the 1st of the month so that newsletters can be sent out the first part of the month each month.

6. Publicity Chair: Claudia Clark

Facebook Management Becky Seibel

Becky is putting our newsletter and the "Share the Trail Event" flyers on Facebook.

Website Design/management Becky Seibel

Becky said it is up and working, but she is in the process of completing it. She is planning to do a trail page and put the newsletters in the website. Website: MtolymposchapterBCHW.org
Program Event Planner & Publicity Claudia Clark - Absent
Boone Jones Becky Seibel Last Saturday event went well but was mostly a packing clinic. She sent out a survey to ask people what they would like to have Boone's help with next time.

Becky made a motion that we have another event on June Sat. June 10th. Members will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Whiskey Bend trailhead. Meghan seconded. All were in favor. Chapter members will ride in and assist Bonne in rebuilding the hitch rail near the Lillian River Bridge.

Share the Trail Event Meghan Adamire

Meghan passed around new flyers. We will meet Friday to do set up of tents and high lines. Larry will have the wall tent be a walk-through area and we also have a large canopy if it's raining. We have a number of sponsors who will be there with their booths. Larry Lack said that ONP will bring a pop-up tent for their display. All the food will be \$1 each item and we will try to at least break even on the food. Larry will bring a mule and horse to use with the llamas. Show of hands for those who can help set up. Need two parking people - Dave and Chuck volunteered. Karen, Penney and Sherry will cook. Holly, Becky and Meghan will put something together for kids. Sherry said she would bring her bomb proof pony for little kids to brush and possibly paint the pony. Meghan has

sent out press coverage to all the newspapers and radios. Meghan has cones and survey tape for parking.

7. Education/Leave No Trace Sherry Baysinger (temporary)

Sherry mentioned that Leave No Trace is not just about the seven ethics, but is all about safety, including conditioning of your horse for

the trail. We talked about horses being in condition and saddle fit. Talked about horses tying up and fistules, especially old horses who have more fragile skin.

8. Legislative Juelie Dalzell

9. Ways & Means: No Chairperson

10. Volunteer Hours Chair: Meghan Adamire

Meghan asked that members please turn in their hours. She said that time for education (such as our keynote speaker time) count as education. Our time sheets help the agencies to see what we are getting done.

Bring your hours to Meghan on Saturday. Our first quarter hours need to be in to the State this month.

OLD BUSINESS

We still have vacant chair positions

NEW BUSINESS:

Larry put in for a grant with BCH of A and they sent out a check to Larry and Peninsula Chapter. Peg Grieve called and asked Larry if he wanted the check to come to Mt Olympus Chapter. She said that the BCHW Board will not issue a check to Independent members. Larry has a call in to Darrell Wallace asking if this is discriminating against Independent members not being able to apply for and receive grant money. After we talk to Darrell and get the \$750 sent to Mt Olympus Chapter we will discuss how this will go into our trails program.

Next meeting June 19

For the good of the order:

Penney Doane got shanghaied into being the Membership Chairperson. Becky made a motion, it was seconded. There was a discussion about what a great salesperson Penney is in her job at Cowboy Country. Larry asked Penney if she was ok with being shanghaied and she said yes. The membership voted and we filled another Board position!

Adjournment 8:45 pm Respectfully Submitted:

Sherry Baysinger



FOR SALE

16" TOOLED LEATHER WESTERN SADDLE \$75
18" SUEDE SEAT TOOLED LEATHER WESTERN SADDLE \$150
MAKE AN OFFER! 360-928-3734 BETH OAKES

Bogachiel Trail Pack & Work



On a few dates in May members of Mt Olympus Chapter went out to the Bogachiel Trail Head to open it up for a WTA work crew. This was a prefect time to get ourselves and our horses out on trail, doing some packing and trail work. Larry Baysinger lead the way and a lot got done. This trail has not been open to horses in years, it is now. Thanks to Larry, Sherry, Mike, Jeff, Becky, Dave & the WTA crew.

On National Trails Day we packed the tools out for WTA Crew of 12 ladies, they got a lot done too. This trails is so beautiful. To see more photos go to Mt Olympus Chapter on facebook.



Spring Tune-up With Boone Jones by Becky Seibel

Boone Jones helped with some problem areas that a few members were having with their horses plus did some awesome packing demos and helpful hints... Plus A couple of us got some trail miles in: where we worked on log, mud & water crossings... It was a fun day and everyone got what they came for... So training with Boone Jones...



Share The Trail Event Photos



Be Considerate of Other Visitors (Leave No Trace)

- Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.
- Be courteous. Yield to other users on the trail.
- Step to the downhill side of the trail when encountering pack stock.
- Take breaks and camp away from trails and other visitors.
- Let nature's sounds prevail. Avoid loud voices and noises.





Mt Muller/ Littleton Horse Camp

"The Littleton Horse Camp looks better than it has in years--thanks to Mt Olympus Chapter members care! A special thanks to Mt Olympus member Mike Perry who went up there and mowed the entire horse camp. The trail is open to the Rock House, but hikers say you need snow shoes on top!" Sherry Baysinger

Please take note Littleton Horse Camp at Mt Muller is a weed free feed national forest, that means you need to feed your stock weed free feed while camping there plus if you are going to camp with stock, you need to get there before 6 pm otherwise tourists can take the horse spots!



For your Donations!

Pierce County Chapter \$500

Jan Whitlow \$201

Betsy Wyatt \$50

Anonymous \$111

Events \$295

Leitz Farms items for raffle

Cowboy Country items for raffle

Browns Outdoor items for raffle



Members Corner

*We all have our favorite recipes while camping! Lets see them. Sharing is so fun!
Email me Becky Seibel at spirithorseranch7@gmail.com and I'll put it in the next newsletter.*



Becky's Beck Beer Bread

Get your briquettes/pine cones/wood going good before preparing your bread. 'Remember to have Foil handy to wrap if it is windy out.' Plus using a fire blanket or foil under the briquettes helps to keep them hotter and keep clean up in backcountry easier and safer.

Dutch ovens are one of the most versatile cooking devices. I use one to make my favorite beer bread recipe. It's so easy!

3 cups self-rising flour

2 tbsp sugar (plus any spices you like in bread)

1 11- or 12-ounce can or bottle of BECK's beer (or any kind)

Combine all of the dry ingredients in a mixing bowl and add the beer. Mix together for a bit. If you still have a few white flour streaks left, no biggie. Just don't mix too much.

If your Dutch oven isn't well-seasoned, wipe shortening/lard/coconut oil onto its surfaces, or you can line it with parchment paper or foil.

Toss the dough into a Dutch Oven with legs, Cook for about 45 minutes check with knife if it comes out clean it's done.

(if cooking in oven; First, preheat your oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit, second use a dutch oven without legs, third put on the middle rack, fourth bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes)

Judging the right temperature

There are a few important things to remember about a Dutch Oven. The 2/3 rds rule is one of them and applies to every size.

Baking: When using the Dutch Oven to bake in, the heat must be distributed on the top and bottom to maintain the proper temperature. Usually a 350 to 375 temp. Is sufficient to bake most any dish. If you rein the wind it will take away some of your heat, but the following chart should help. You can raise or lower the temp by adding 1 briquette for every 18 to 20 degrees you wish to add to the cooking temperature.

Oven size	8"	10"	12"	14"	16"	22"
Top Coals	11	13	15	17	19	25
(Oven size +3 for top coals)						
Bottom Coals	6	8	10	12	14	20
(Oven size -2 for bottom coals)						

Arranging the briquettes so that the heat remains even is also very important. Place your coals in a circle underneath and on top. Never coals in the middle underneath. Baking can be a lot of fun in a Dutch Oven but proper heat and the 2/3rds rule are important factors. The smell will tell you when it's done. But you can time it if you wish. Briquettes are a great storage fuel, they don't evaporate or gel up.

Tools to Make it Easier

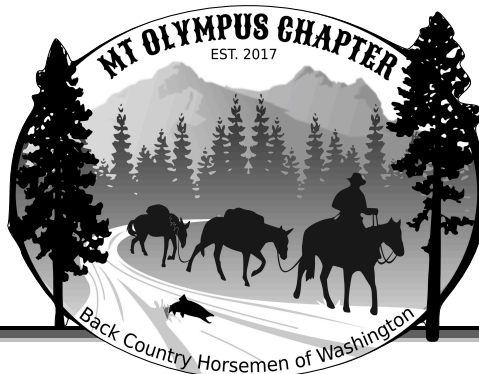
Lid Holder; Fry Pan Holder; Pot Holder; Handy ring; Seasoned Dutch Oven; Tongs; Lid Lifter;



Come Join Us!

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

*Mt Olympus Chapter Members turn in or send your application to your Treasurer Becky Seibel 207 Mountain Valley Ln, Port Angeles WA 98363; Phone # 360-670-1550. If paying by check, make it out to Mt Olympus Chapter.



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.

Mt Olympus Chapter

Chapter dues

Family \$11 ☐
 Single \$9 ☐

Chapter Dues \$ _____

Additional Chapter Donation \$ _____

Chapter Subtotal \$ _____

Grand Total (State+Chapter) \$ _____

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, 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: _____

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