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President's Letter

Howdy everyone, Are you getting those early rides in? I hope so as being horseback is relaxing. First of all a grateful thank you to the Arnie Wilkens family for the generous donation of tack, tools and camping equipment. With these items from the Wilkens family, Julie Volpi, Russ Rantz, and Karen and Jim Kimball and crew put on a yard sale in one day. The chapter raised \$900 plus. Good job Julie and crew. Thank you Karen and Jim for hosting the yard sale.

In other news, Karen has been busy supplementing first aid kits.

The date for trail clearing has been set at Heyburn State Park. See website pbch.org. for details. Trail boss Julie Volpi.

April 26-27 Escure Ranch in Washington overnight camp, potluck and ride is fast approaching. Contact Joni Lueck for details.

Also Pizza party April 20 5:30 Dalton City Hall Park. This will be before the April 20 PBCH monthly meeting. Jeanene Pitts, Russ Rantz, and Julie Volpi will be demonstrating the use of the Dutch oven. They will cover the selection of the Dutch oven, care and cleaning techniques, and some of the history behind this unique way of preparing delicious meals. Meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m. Please try to attend this meeting as it's a pivotal meeting for the whole year. Discussion on what will be up and coming and important information you won't want to miss. Oh yeah and there will be Pizza!!!! No Zoom will be available.

A reminder to get your First Aid up to date and also your chainsaw certifications.

There were a few calendars left over and the state has sent them to us so grab some calendars and the drawing is not until September for the 12 months.

Member Les Erickson reported you can get to the Marie Creek trailhead. Have no reports on anybody riding it.

Looking forward to busy year always be safe out there. See you at the meeting or on the trail. Tom Knoll

Membership

Please go to www.pbch.org and print out the 2024 **membership form** and mail in. Please email Bea Christopherson, treasurer christobea@yahoo.com Mail to PBCH, P.O. Box 1903, Hayden, ID 83835. Pay your dues now. Encourage others to join.

**PBCH Calendar of Events:

PBCH monthly meeting, Saturday April 20. Dutch oven cooking demo starts at 5:30. Meeting at 7 p.m. Pizza will be served. 6360 4th St. Dalton Garden City Hall.

Fun ride April 26, 27, 28, 2024. Escure Ranch, WA. Come for the day ride or camp overnight. Good early season ride before the weather heats up. Share potluck, view the ranch, fun day rides. Area managed by BLM.

Communication for the event Joni Lueck at jklhorserider@gmail.com or 208-659-9066 and trail boss Russ Rantz email russmuleman@gmail.com A group will camp Friday night and do a short ride. Then a 6-mile Day ride Saturday beginning at 10:30. The ground is scabland so horses should be shod. Mostly level ground. Easy riding. If you want to drive up for the day it is expected 2 hours on the road from Coeur d'Alene.

Potluck Saturday night with BBQ set up to grill meat. Tell stories around the bonfire. Sunday early breakfast, short day ride to the falls with good photo opportunities there.

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Fun ride April 26, 27, 28 of 2024 continued -Lots of parking in open area on the west side of wood fence. Six corrals available. Ponderosa BCH and BLM built the three more corrals in 2021. Otherwise high line, electric fence or tie at your trailer. Fire rings and picnic tables at a few of the camping sites. Rough road driving into the area. See maps/directions on website www.pbch.org Need help with firewood, potluck set up, BBQ with propane, and parking. Come for the day and hike also. No permits needed to park, ride or camp here. Will need travel papers (Coggins and health certificate) to travel into Washington so obtain from your vet.

May 3-5 Heyburn State Park south side clearing. Annual event. Camp and ride and clear the trails in the park south of Coeur d'Alene. Julie Volpi, trail boss. Email charlieandjulie01@gmail.com Please RSVP with Julie so she knows who will be coming to work on these trails. Some steep trails to ride to the bottom from the camp area. Then ride back up. Horses should be in shape. No parks pass required as camping area not yet open to the public for the season. Will need to get Work Party sign to put in your vehicle from Julie. Saturday boots in saddle by 10 a.m. Potluck Saturday night. Scout Out Trail will be cleared Friday afternoon/evening.

May 25-27 Memorial Day Weekend Ride and Campout. Jim and Karen Kimball, trail bosses. This is Fordyce Trailhead up Asotin Creek out of Asotin, WA. Head to Lewiston on Hwy. 95 south. Potluck Saturday and Sunday and bring meat to grill. BBQ and camp stoves will be set up. Follow signs. Please RSVP to Karen at jkkimball01@gmail.com or 208-699-5268. See directions Page 8.

This is a nice trailhead with fire pit and several trails out of parking lot. Horses will have to be tied to trailers or high-lines. Trails will climb to a ridge top, good trails and gradual climb, but horses should be in shape and shoes are recommended. We will be riding 4 hours on Saturday and on Sunday. A Discover Pass (Washington parking pass) can be purchased from Fish and Game for \$35, good for a year. Or at Jiffy Stop in Asotin. One block south from Asotin Creek Rd.

PBCH meeting minutes 03/23/24

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm by President Tom Knoll

Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report was approved.

Anthony Benedetti from the Forest Service stopped by the meeting and explained his role in our relationship with him and his North Idaho Forest Service district.

The speaker giving a presentation was Brand Inspector Rich Kinzer. Rich talked about the origin of the brand inspector was created to determine ownership of livestock. He also shared some history and then fielded many questions and answers.

There were 16 members in attendance. 6 on zoom and 10 present. There were also 5 guests. Janna Ostler and her daughter, Jude. Heide and Andrew Brackenbush. And Nikki Brown.

Janna reported about the upcoming Priest River Valley Back Country Horsemen PRVBCH Trail Clearing Extravaganza May 17th, 18th and 19th. Also First Aid course is April 11th 8 am at Priest River Fire Dept.. And they are trying to plan a packing clinic for April 20th or May 4th. They are looking for help with the packing clinic.

Karen Kimball reported on FONIT: Ian submitted 3 grants for trail projects. They still need to get matching funds for the English Point project. Karen reported that we will need to check in with the Forest Service before clearing trail on Chilco Mountain due to the fire last year. North Idaho Trails will be clearing trail at English Point on May 4th, Lost Creek July 27th-28th. And Eagles Creek near Pritchard. Hikers only. Karen also reported on the State Convention. BCHA website has sheets to report Ebike usage on non-motorized trails and also sheets to report campers using equine camp sites without horses. Broom Tales is on the State website BCHI.org but if members are not receiving it they should let Bea Christopherson know. State Elections were held. They will be setting up a committee to work on the BCHI Rendezvous. Karen Kimball reported the Chapter ordered 175 Calendars for 2025.

Jim Kimball gave a Foundation Report: there is \$13,000.00 set aside for Projects and Education.

Yard Sale: Tom reported on yard sale. Dates to be determined but are looking at March 29th or April 5th or 12th. Arnie Wilkens family donated items from the estate to the PBCH for a fund raiser. Chapter members can also bring their own items to sell. Sale is weather subjective and will be held at Karen Kimball's house.

Joni Lueck reported on the upcoming Escure Camp out and Trail Ride April 26th-28th. The area has limited corrals and high line spots. Potluck will be held. Let Joni know if you are coming.

Julie Volpi made a motion to move the April PBCH meeting from Wednesday April 17 to Saturday April 20th in order to have a Dutch oven class and demonstration prior to the meeting. Motion 2nd by Tom Knoll and approved by the membership. Different menu items will be provided for members to cook. Anyone interested let Tom Knoll or Julie Volpi know. The class will start at 5:30 at Dalton City Hall Park.

Julie also reported on the Heyburn Clearing. The clearing will be held May 3rd-5th. Camping will be available.

Karen Kimball reported on camp out and Trail ride at Asotin over the Memorial weekend.

Minutes submitted by Julie Volpi, secretary.

Hats, magnetic signs and bumper stickers



PBCH hats are now in! Get yours today from salesman Tom Knoll. \$20. 208-651-4600.

Magnetic signs are available at \$7.50 each. These are great advertising for the chapter and can be put on your vehicle or horse trailer.

T-shirts will be coming on board soon.

Bumper stickers available at no cost. Stick one on your vehicle today!



Rides and Events

These are some past rides, work parties, campouts and other events for our chapter of PBCH. Plus a few new ideas. If you want to trail boss or help out on a ride or event please let us know!

*Early Season warm-up ride Farragut State Park

*Escure Ranch in Washington fun ride and campout. *April 26-28, 2024. Trail bosses Joni Lueck, Russ Rantz, Tom Knoll, Karen Kimball

*Obstacle Course Dalton Garden Arena Event open to the public.

*Marie Creek trail clearing. Limited parking, bathroom available.

***Marie Creek fun ride. Need trail boss.**

*Asotin ride and campout in Washington at Fordyce Trail. Memorial Day Weekend May 25-27 Karen Kimball 208-699-5268.

*Chilco Mt. trail clearing.

* **Farragut State Park Hot Dog fun ride open to the public. August 11, 2024, trail boss Julie Volpi.** Corrals, fire rings, bathroom.

*4th of July Pass fun ride. Bathroom available.

*Antoine Peak ride and potluck in Washington. Plenty of parking, water at trailhead.

***Blue Creek Bay Recreation Area fun ride.** Need to re-mark the trail. Bathroom and lots of parking.

*Squaw Valley near Priest Lake.

*Liberty Lake horse park in Washington fun ride. Bathroom available.

*Red Ives work party and campout in Idaho.

*McKenzie Conservation Area fun ride in Washington. Bathroom available.

*Pee Wee Creek fun ride and campout in Idaho.

*Heyburn State Park work party and fun ride. Corrals and bathroom available. Work party/campout May 3-5, 2024. Trail boss Julie Volpi.

***Bernard Peak fun ride. Need trail boss. Go in on Twete Rd. Limited parking. No bathroom.**

*Lakeshore Trail Priest Lake. Ride with Priest River Valley BCH.

*Stateline Trail near Superior, MT.

***Rustler's Gulch fun ride near Deer Park, WA. Bathroom and plenty of parking.**

If anyone wants to trail boss a ride or event please let any chapter officer know!

Seven members of PBCH attended the state BCHI convention last month in Moscow. State directors Jim and Karen Kimball, alternate director Tom Knoll, and members Russ Rantz, Bea Christopherson, Shari Bolander and Joni Lueck.

BCHI State Convention

BCH STATE CONVENTION MINUTES

1. Talked about checking with the college to see if they are interested in a packing demonstration.
2. On the BCHA Website you can get a sheet to report any E-Bikes on non-motorized trails. Also forms reporting people camping at trailheads designated Horse Camping Only.
3. The Broomtails is in the State Website. If members aren't receiving them contact Bea, our Treasurer.
4. For State elections, Aline Brinkmann was re-elected for Chairman, Dan Waugh resigned as Vice Chair and Chris Reed from Palouse chapter was elected for the position. Pat Bogar was re-elected for National Chairman and Gary Kalmbach was elected for the second National Chairman.
5. Wyoming had proposal to explore the possibility of raising dues to BCHA. This will be taken to National Convention as a no vote from Idaho BCH. (BCHA can't make that decision, it has to come from the chapters.)
6. Motion was made to explore the idea of a Rendezvous by forming a committee. Asking for volunteers from chapters to be on the committee by June 1. Contact Carl Gage from Boise Chapter.
7. Send State Dues in before the end of December.
8. Our chapter pledged 175 calendars for 2025.
9. To attract and keep new members interested it was suggested to have more programs at the meetings during the winter months.
10. Cache Peak will host the State Board of Directors meeting in September. The 2025 Convention will be hosted by Treasure Valley of Boise.
11. Carol Hennessey, FS Manager, spoke on Challenge Cost Share Agreements. We are covered by insurance if there is an accident providing all equipment for sawyers are on the person. Our contract isn't good if this isn't followed.
12. She also stated people carrying a weapon has to sign up with the Firearms Policy. They will do a background check. If you have a concealed weapons permit you don't have to do it again. **Submitted By Jim Kimball, PBCH Foundation Director**

Treasurer's Report March 2024

Income

Calendars	\$ 80.00
Dues	\$ 210.00
Signs	\$ 20.00
Hats	\$ 40.00
Calendar Rebate	\$ 300.00
Sponsor w/ad	\$ 30.00
Donations for Arnie	\$ 600.00
Interest	\$ 0.06
Total	\$1280.06

Expenses

Bear It web design	\$ 96.80
B. Wilkens signs	\$105.21
Calendars	\$3000.00
Bank Stmt	\$ 2.00
Total	\$3,204.01

Escure Ranch, Washington Driving Directions

Travel west on I-90 past Spokane to exit for Sprague, WA. and Highway 23. Travel south on Highway 23 for 12.2 miles and turn right onto Davis Road. At 4 miles, stay to the right at the "Y". Continue south for 3 more miles and turn left onto Jordan Knott Road. Travel 2.1 miles and turn right onto the BLM access road, marked with a BLM Rock Creek Management Area Sign. Travel 2 miles to the recreation site at the road's end. Big area for camping rigs and horse trailers on west side of wood fence. No fees to park or ride. Shared parking area for camping rigs. Several horse corrals and fire rings. Highline available. **Pictures of Escure Ranch. Springtime with lots of wildflowers and good run-off over the falls. Best time to ride horseback here is in the springtime.**



Fordyce Trailhead up Asotin Creek driving directions

Directions to trailhead: After going down the Lewiston grade, drive through Lewiston City Center and cross bridge into Clarkston. On the bridge stay in left lane. After crossing bridge take the diagonal street to Clarkston City Center and Asotin. At next stop light turn left following same signs. It will take you Approximately 2 to 2 1/2 hrs from CDA to get to Clarkston. From Clarkston continue on same road, Hwy 129, going south through town and then along Snake River Rd., 5 miles to Asotin. As you come into Asotin, turn before bridge, first road in Asotin, on (Beaumaster Drive) Asotin Creek Rd #110. When you come to a "Y" keep right and stay at creek level. Road will go back and forth from paved to gravel. After the third time it changes to paved and gravel, go right at the next "Y" intersection. In a few miles you will go past a couple barns on the right and a cattle guard. After the second barn, look for a sign along the left side of road (Fordyce Trail Head), a large grassy area with a parking lot. You are there. It is about 45 minutes from Asotin and the road is always in good condition.

We will potluck meals Saturday and Sunday. You can bring a meat to grill. We will have a couple BBQ's for your meat and will have camp stoves out to do your breakfast if you wish. If anyone can haul firewood let me know.

Jim and I will be going up early Friday morning and will put signs up. Please RSVP. Thanks, Karen



This picture was taken several years ago on the PBCH Fordyce Trail ride near Asotin, WA. The view is great once on top.

Portrait of the Month - Artwork by Cindy Knoll



Classified Ad Trailer for Sale

1995 three-horse slant goose neck. \$12,500. OBO

Contact Joni at jklhorserider@gmail.com



