



Purposes of Back Country Horsemen

TO PERPETUATE The common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness areas.

TO WORK To ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.

TO ASSIST the various governments, state, and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.

TO EDUCATE, encourage and solicit active participation in the use of the backcountry resource by stock users and the general public commensurate with our heritage.

TO FOSTER and encourage the formation of new state organizations and BCHA.

February 2020 Newsletter

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www.bchng.org

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February Board Meeting – **Feb. 25, 2020**

March Board Meeting – **Mar. 24 2020**

Location : Fannin County Senior Center 440 W. First St. Blue Ridge GA. 30513 Time; 06:30 pm

GENERAL MEETING

(1st Quarter)

FEB. 18th

(2nd Quarter)

May 12th 2020

Location : Fannin County Senior Center 6:30pm 440 W. First St. Blue Ridge GA. 30513



PRESIDENTS CORNER

Well, here it is, February. I am suffering from, as I'm sure we all are, Cabin Fever. Each time the wind blows, and the rain comes in like a lion, my mind wanders to the Forests and the amount of possible damage caused by same. I've cleaned my saddles, repaired my tack and thought –the next warm day I'm in the woods. Sadly, when the next warm day comes there's wood to cut, stalls to clean and a multitude of outside chores that need doing. I'm retired! What in the world am I thinking? Just this week one of our Recon riders posted a ride date for a ride. The answer was sorry, I have to work. The thing about this is that most of our members aren't retired and work in the trades or sales. My answer to the conundrum is simply this: Ride when you can, never mind the weather, the chores? Well, they'll still be there for another day. I know I'm going to make more of an effort to hit the trails. My horse and I both need the exercise.

NOTES FROM THE STATE BOARD MEETING JAN 29, 2020



CONFERENCE CALL 2020 BCHGA State Officers

State Chairman – Randy Brown
BCHMSGA

Vice Chairman – Kathy Keller
BCHNEGA

Secretary – Kathleen Corcoran
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Treasurer – Martha Fillingham
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The 2020 National Board Meeting

will be held Sunday, April
19-Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at the
Embassy Suites Hotel Kansas City
International Airport, Kansas City,
Missouri.

Registration deadline: March 27,
2020. **Click here** to register.

Registration - Non board member
registration is \$40 per lunch and \$65
for the banquet.

BCHNW will be the host for the **2020
BCHGA Rendezvous Oct. 23rd-25th**

McIntosh Reserve Park on the
Chattahoochee River, Whitesburg, Ga

DUES

Dues are due, please Remit to: Linda Richards (Treasure) Application/ Renewal form can be found online at bchng.org. No matter the method of payment, this form must be filled out, signed and sent to the address on the form or turned in to treasure.

NOTE Use Pay Pal for donations only until we work out electronic signature details



bchnginfo@gmail.com

TRAIL ALERTS

BCHNG has Trail Crews staged out of Blue Ridge and Chatsworth. Please contact Robert Wagner –either call or text, 618-638-4416. The appropriate trail crew will be notified by him. Information needed: Trail name ,day of report, GPS coordinates of problem area if possible, pictures are always good, Approximate distance from trail head or intersection. .

FIRST AID / CPR CLASSES



SAYWERS CLASS

February 22nd, Chatsworth Fire Hall Training Center Time 08:00 **This class is full.**

CAMPGROUND WORK DAYS

Work days will begin April 4th 2020 watch the Newsletter

and events calendar on the website -www.bchng.org for details.

Trash –JRF

Hanley / Kathleen	3-Feb
Robert /Melinda	10-Feb
Dewey /Molly	17-Feb
Lakota /Kelly	24-Feb

SCHEDULED TRAIL WORKDAYS

Events calendar on the web site.

RECON RIDES –JEREMY KIRBY, JUSTIN PATTERSON, CHUCK PANTER ,BILLY LONG,HENRY WYATTII, MARTHA FILLINGHAM

Accepting :

MAR. - APR INFO NOW.

Please submit ride information to horsepacker47@yahoo.com

NEW LOCAL SERVICE TEAM

LEADER:

CONGRATULATIONS Melinda Wagner has assumed responsibilities for both BCHNG Campgrounds: **Jacks River Field Campground** **Cottonwood Patch Campground** Responsible for Campground workdays, reports directly to **TRAIL**

WORKDAY COORDINATOR.

Responsibilities include, but not limited to: Setting workdays, acquiring approval for CHAPTER funded cookout in conjunction with workday, insuring all participants hours are reported to **Work Day Coordinator**. Ensuring all receipts for authorized expenditures are sent to **Treasurer** for reimbursement and workday announcement is reported as early as possible to Website Coordinator for posting.

Thank you to **Angelia Patterson** for stepping up in 2019. We all know that our personal lives come first and at times Volunteerism must be put aside. If you live in the Chatsworth Area are willing to spend a couple hours a month on your computer, have organizational skills, we need you. Please contact Melinda Wagner 706-455-2921 for information

CLASSIFIEDS



We will run adds for members for free in the newsletter, but for others (non-members) there will be a fee. Please submit you're add /payment to:

Robert W. Wagner
horsepacker47@yahoo.com
prior to the 1st of the month.

Full Page \$20/issue or \$200/year
Half Page \$10/issue or \$100/year
Quarter Page or less \$5/issue or \$50/year

FOR SALE:

Youth Barrel Saddle
Like New, used approximately 6 times
14" Seat,
Rough out fenders and seat.
Tooled Cheyenne roll and Skirt
Leather Latigo, Rawhide covered
Stirrups

\$300.00 706 455 2921



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LEAVE NO TRACE
PRINCIPLE #4



*LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND
(One of the most difficult
Principles not only to follow
but teach as well)*

Winter weather is finally here. Hunting season has ended; torrential rains are being followed closely by cold temperatures and gusty winds. Besides the obvious effect of driving

us all a little closer to the campfire, our favorite trails and mountains are changing appearance and lying quiet (for the most part). As you all know the surrounding mountains that we ride and hike are full of history and artifacts from our ancestors and Native Americans. Those torrential rains are doing more than just knocking the dust off the roads and giving pastures much needed moisture.

A lot of those artifacts are being uncovered and becoming more obvious to forest visitors. So now comes spring, along with that, comes the greater numbers of users looking to experience the great outdoors. Stay with me folks ... I'm going somewhere with this ☺ .

My facts are a bit “outdated” but indicate the direction we are traveling. In the mid 60’s, the number of visitors to our national parks nationwide was approximately 230 million. In the late 1990s that same number had risen to 970million. Our national forests fared no better, rising from 70 million to 700 million in that same time frame. As this number increased, the impact of the nations “love for the outdoors” increased exponentially.

As those numbers continue to spiral upwards, National Parks, over a billion now, the best avenue to mitigating the impact continues to be education. Yes enforcement works, and the money that we use for enforcement could possibly be better

used for trail construction and repairs. So what's all this have to do with "LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND"?

Obviously we know the difference between trash and those things we find in the forests that belong there. Equestrians, backpackers, ATV users all have the responsibility to educate our groups. Leave what you find pertains to wild flowers, rocks, sheds or artifacts. Did you know that anything that is found in a National Park that can be dated to be 25 yrs. old is considered to be an artifact and is illegal to remove? Sheds (also illegal to remove – Shed hunting permit required - from national forests and subject to fines) are a food / salt source for a lot of our forest rodents. Doesn't sound like being of great importance until you consider that for the ecosystem to maintain balance every biological found in the forest serves a purpose? When a food source is removed the ecosystem as a whole suffers.

This is a very important issue that gets very little conscious thought. As forest users, it is our responsibility to educate our youth and to stress the importance of taking only pictures and leaving only footprints.



*Ethics – 1. Motivation based on ideas of right and wrong
2. The rules of moral conduct governing an individual or a group*

Merriam-Webster's Student Dictionary

COOKS CORNER

Submit your favorite Trail Snack recipe: horsepacker47@yahoo.com



EASY COW CAMP CHILI CON CARNE

2lbs. ground beef or (Roast prepared
beforehand)

2 c. chopped onion

1½ c. chopped green pepper, or
chilies – red or green or

Poblano pepper (ancho)

2 - 1lb. cans tomatoes, (4 cups) diced

2 - 1lb. cans dark red kidney beans (4
cups) drained (optional)

2 - 8oz. cans tomato sauce

2 tsp. salt

2-4 tsp. chili powder

2 bay leaves

In a 12” Dutch oven cook meat,
onion, and green pepper till meat is
lightly browned and vegetables are
tender. Stir in remaining ingredients,
cover and simmer for one hour.

Remove bay leaves. Makes about 8
servings, simmer slowly over a camp
fire on tripod, Charcoal only - 10 on
bottom, 15 on top – careful when you
lift the lid to stir.

Hope to see you soon out on the trail!

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