

# TWIN RIVERS BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN TRAILS AND TALES NEWSLETTER

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**Meeting: Tuesday, March 10th, 7:00 pm.** Idaho Fish & Game Building 3316 16<sup>th</sup> St. Lewiston, ID

## Comin' round the Mountain

### **Umatilla National Forest Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness Project**

March 20-22 **Important: You must call Trail Boss Bob Hough (509-256-3338)** and let him know what days you can attend, so meals can be purchased and he can contact you with any last minute details. We will be removing barbwire fencing and posts, so bring your fencing tools and a couple pair of good leather gloves. Work will start at 10:00 AM on the 20<sup>th</sup> to allow time to set up camp and take care of any stock that members may bring. Everyone come for as many days as possible, even if only for one day. You do not need stock, but can bring some if you want. It is a steep hill to walk back to the top of the hill after working all day. There is a stock trail that follows the first fence line we will be working on. Camping will be on Washington Dept of Fish & Wildlife Land. Stock water is available; bring your own drinking water. There is plenty of room for camp trailers, tents, etc. and an outhouse. If you bring stock, bring a portable fence or a highline. There are trees in the area to highline to. Weed seed free feed is required. Dinner and Breakfast will be provided at camp. Breakfast will be at 7:30 AM on Saturday and Sunday. Workers will need to bring their own lunches.

**Directions:** Hwy 129 south from Clarkston to the Grande Ronde River, about 40 miles, turn right before the bridge on the road to Troy Or. Turn right in Troy on the 1<sup>st</sup> road and head to the top of the hill to Grouse Flats. At the "Y" intersection turn left, look for the BCH sign. Camp area is about one mile.

### **2009 Back Country & Outdoor Show**

Well we are less than a month away and getting the finishing touches on the Show. The main support from the Chapters Members prior to the show is to Contact Betty Barnes (208-743-0364) for Dinner Tickets to sell. The dinner is only \$15 for Chuckwagon Prime Rib Dinner. They should be easy to sell to family, friends, and Co-Workers. I do hope the Chapter Member themselves will make a good showing for dinner. Posters will be available at Bruce Wyatt State Farm Insurance (502 Thain Rd.), go get some and put them up everywhere you can think of. The Television and Radio Advertising will start in the next week or so. We will passing the sign up sheet again at the meeting for help during the Show. Set-up will start at 9am Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup>, for Rod's set-up people, and 11am for Karen's office crew. For latest information see the website or call Mark, Karen, or Rod. Check out the website for updates on the Back County & Outdoor Show for the dutch oven competition, photo contest rules, RV camping registration, etc. [www.bchi.org](http://www.bchi.org)

### **Calendar Photo's**

Each chapter is requested to submit at least five photos to be used for the 2009 BCHI Calendars. Any photos need to be put on a disk, as emailed photos lose there quality for the calendar. Everyone please go through your photos and pick some good ones and list the location the photo was taken, if you know.

## **Photo Contest**

For Details see: [www.bchi.org](http://www.bchi.org)

Categories are: "Wintertime with your Horses/Mules" "On the Trail - In Camp" "Working the Trails" "Nature": Includes wildlife/plants/landscapes

## **Chapter Display**

We need volunteers to update our chapter display for the Outdoor Show. We have won the \$500 prize and plaque for the last two years, so we have a reputation to keep!!

## **BCHI State Directors Meeting**

Lewiston, ID Friday March 27, 2009. This will be held in the Red Barn during the Back Country & Outdoor Show. Members are welcome to attend the meeting, they just can not vote on issues, as only the directors can vote.

We will not have a State Convention this Year at the Outdoor show. The State Convention will be hosted in November by Treasure Valley BCH.

## **TRBCH Website**

The chapter voted to hire the BCHI Webmaster to take over TRBCH website. This will take a while to get done, but the hope is to have our website kept up to date in the future. We are progressing on getting the website updated. If you have any stock, camping, first aid, etc material to add under education on the website, please send to Rod Parks [rp053101@cpcinternet.com](mailto:rp053101@cpcinternet.com)

## **Poker Ride**

This year's ride will be May 9<sup>th</sup>. We will return to the Fordyce Trail, Asotin Creek Drainage, for this years ride. Registration starts at 8:30 AM, First riders out at 9:00 AM, Last Riders out at 11:30 AM. \$10 first hand, \$5 each additional hand. Youths under 18 are \$5 for all hands. Food and Beverages available at the trailhead. Crews manning stations need to be gone by 8:30 AM so they can be set up and ready. For information or help, call Betty Barnes (208-743-0364) A pre-ride date will be set to clear and mark the route after the gates are opened April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Idaho Fish & Game Billy Creek Project**

May 23-29: Billy Creek Ranch is an old homestead owned by Idaho Fish & Game. In exchange for volunteer work, our members can stay at the ranch house. We will be installing two hitchrails and build a new corral to replace the one that was lost to the new pole building. The work will be done on May 24-25. We will go for day rides every day, including the work days, clearing trails as needed. Weed Seed Free Grass Hay is available for \$6.50/bale and people food will be \$7.00/day.

Personal gear will be hauled across the Snake River by boat Members can ride there stock to the ranch. It is about a four hour ride on an old road bed that is rocky. Riders will leave the Waha Lake Boat Ramp Parking Lot at 9:30 AM on May 23rd. Contact Betty Barnes (208-743-0364) for directions and to make arrangements to have your personal gear hauled across the river. There are some corrals, but bring a portable electric fence if your animals are used to electric fences. You can stay as few or as many days as you would like. Karen Parks (509-243-4686) is the contact to reserve yourself a bed and the days you will be participating.

## **Parade Committee**

Lisa Swanson (208-746-6741) has agreed to be chairman. If you are interested in riding in the Asotin County Fair Parade, April 25 give her a call. We need a commitment from at least a dozen riders to have a good showing.

## **Clearwater NF**

### **Feather Creek Trail Clearing Project.**

Dates to be set for a weekend in May. This trail is a five mile loop that can be cleared with chainsaws. This will be the third year our chapter has cleared this trail. Bob Shelton (208-877-1125) is trail boss

**Upper Basin-Morris Creek Trail Clearing Project.** Bob Henriksen (208-835-6722) has agreed to be trail boss. We will need to pick dates for these projects very soon and get on the calendar.

## Nez Perce NF

Bill Corral will present the proposed projects to the chapter again this month, as we now have an idea where we stand on the Wenaha Tucannon Fence Project and can schedule the rest of our summer. The projects he feels would work in best for our chapter are: #1) Camping at the Corral Creek Trailhead, then work on opening and marking trails to make a loop riding opportunity on exiting trails. Mill Cr. Trail #318, to # 319, to Marble Mt. Trail # 328, to Sawyer Ridge Trail # 431, then trail # 315 back to the trailhead. #2) Rebuilding the loading ramp at the bottom of the Fog Mountain Rd. along the Selway River. Maybe some fine fishing after the work is completed. No stock would be necessary, but many riding opportunities in the area. He has a few others to present for consideration also.

## Over the Hill

### Chili Ride

As near as I can figure we had 21 (?) riders, February 21, for the annual "Chili Ride". Rod, Trail Boss, took them on a scenic tour of the north east side of the Hansen Estate. Reports say they traversed hill & dale at a pretty good clip, leaving the parking area at 9:30 and returning a bit past 1 p.m. The weather broke into sunshine & blue sky; making for an enjoyable day. In the meantime, back at the ranch, Karen & Laurel prepped the chili & amenities out in the shop. Nine "nonriders" came

and enjoyed the chili and company at lunch time. It was hard to make them wait for the riders!

Jerry Reese gets the recognition for coming the farthest and he also brought along a potential new member, Chris Reed. Lisa & Lorilee brought two potential new members, as did Colleen, who is working on her brother & friend to join! Other riders were: Marianna, Joy, Christine, Kathy Brooks, Rod, M/M McKnight, Betty & Tom Barnes, Tom & Virginia F., Colleen, Steve, Mike, Jerry, Chris, Lisa, Lorelei, Nita and ??? Nonriders: Doug Head, Dr.Dave & Rob Rustebakke, Mike Rosgen, Becky Paul, Bill Correll, Laurel & Bob and Karen Parks!

p.s. It was also a dog-day (8) and they all got along wonderfully and enjoyed playing together!

This year goes on record as the best weather ever for the Chili Ride! Believe it or not, we did not have any Pizza riders. Has been several years since this has happened, maybe we are getting to be better riders!

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## Calendar of Events

TRBCH Meeting	Mar. 10th	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
Wenaha Tucannon Project	Mar. 20-22	10:00 AM	Umatilla NF/ near Troy OR
BCHI State Director's Meeting	Mar. 27		Nez Perce County Fairgrounds Lewiston, ID
Back Country & Outdoor Show	Mar 27-29 2009		Nez Perce County Fairgrounds Lewiston, ID
TRBCH Meeting	April 14	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
Asotin County Fair Parade	April 25		Asotin, WA
Poker Ride	May 9th		Fordyce Trail, Asotin Creek Drainage
Feather Creek Project	May ??		Clearwater NF/ Palouse District
Billy Creek Work/Play Week	May 23-29	9:30 AM	May 23- Riders depart parking area
National Trails Day	June 6th		Project to be decided
Kid's Kamp	July 8-12		Pony Club, Deary, ID