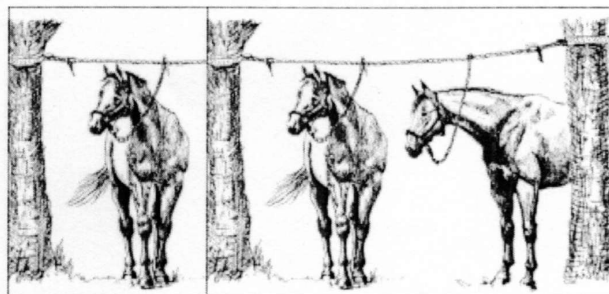


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MEMBERSHIP MEETING INFORMATION

Membership Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council Building.

**Inland Empire Wildlife Council Building
6116 N. Market St, Spokane**

See you there!

Social 6:30 PM Meeting 7:00 PM

**JANUARY MEETING
Tuesday, January 24, 2012**

See Program information on page 2

20-25 years

See page 2 to read about those who have been with IEBCH since the beginning!

POKER RIDE

The date is set!

See page 3 to read about how to get involved in 2012.

January Membership Meeting Program

By Ken Carmichael

The January meeting is always special because this is when we recognize all the great people who have contributed their time and energy to accomplishing our mission. **Shirley Carroll** (chapter volunteer coordinator) will be awarding Certificates of Appreciation to many chapter members. These are people that have worked on the poker ride, been on work parties, attended public meetings and workshops, helped with LNT education and done many of the other jobs that keep the chapter operating.

Also, **Ken Elliott** will show pictures, and provide other information, about the many work parties the chapter has had. This should give everyone a good idea of what we do out on the ground and the great success we have had in the past. Ken has been Trail Boss in the past and has made great contributions to many work projects. His description of our chapter's history will be informative and entertaining.

Please join us on Tuesday, January 24th for an entertaining evening. ★

IS THIS YOUR LAST?

This is your **LAST NEWSLETTER *IF*** you have **NOT** paid your dues!
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Happy New Year!

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the *Inland Empire Chapter of the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington* is to preserve and enhance the right to use horses and mules for recreation on public lands.

VISION STATEMENT

Develop and keep trails open for responsible recreational use.

Objectives to Achieve Our Goals

- ★ To unite equestrians to achieve the mission and goals of Backcountry Horsemen.
- ★ To encourage citizen involvement in political and governmental laws affecting public lands.
- ★ To be proactive in interpretation and implementation by local land managers of regulatory policies regarding equine use on public lands.
- ★ To educate and inform land users and managers about the etiquette, impact and historical use of recreational lands.
- ★ To recruit, introduce and educate interested horsemen to the use, safety and enjoyment of trails and the backcountry.
- ★ To be a proactive volunteer in building and maintaining trails.
- ★ To provide social activities for equestrians.
- ★ To support BCHW and BCHA.

An IEBCH 25th Anniversary!

By *Barbee Scheibner*

25 years ago, in June, 1986, a group of horsemen got together to form a chapter of the Back Country Horsemen. In March, 1987, the group was inaugurated as a Charter member of the Back Country Horsemen of Washington. Today there are 13 intrepid members who have stayed with IEBCH for 20-25 years.

Sherri Elliott – 1992 (work parties, trail rides, poker ride).

Ken Elliott – 1992 (Vice President, Alternate Director, Trail Boss, poker ride, other).

Lora Krauss – 1990 (stores, Packing Clinics, poker ride).

Ted Krauss - 1990 (Packing Clinics, Education and LNT Chair, poker ride, other).

Craig Volosing – 1989 (President).

Gayle Hennings – 1989 (Board, distribution of maps and flyers, poker ride)

Mel Pederson – 1989 (Board, Trail Boss, poker ride, work parties)

Jill Swannack – 1988 (trail rides, work parties).

Art Swannack – 1988 (Secretary, trail rides, work parties)

Ellen Selby – 1987 (meetings – raffle, guest book, name tags; poker ride)

Ken Carmichael – 1987 (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, State Director, poker ride, other)

Shirley Carroll – 1986 (Publicity, Secretary, Membership, Volunteer Hours, poker ride, other)

Barbee Scheibner – 1986 (President, Secretary, poker ride)

Some of these people have also worked on Ride the West, 4H Tack Swaps, Big Horn Shows, and all have done trail rides and work parties.

It's been hard work at times but a lot of fun and teamwork.

I might add that Shirley, Ellen, and I have also done endurance rides together, and have completed the Chief Joseph Appaloosa Trail Ride which starts in Enterprise, OR. This entails riding about 100 miles every year for 13 years to complete the entire 1300 miles of the trail ride. Chief Joseph led the Nez Perce people over this trail to avoid being put onto a reservation.

Happy Trails to you All! ★



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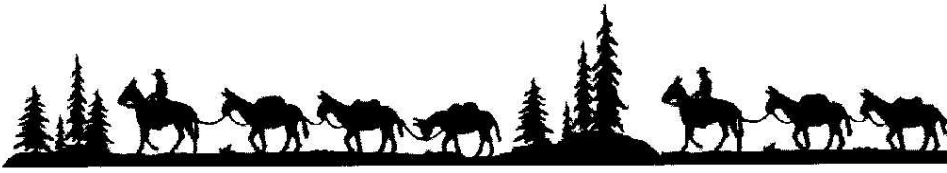
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President's Saddlebags

By Aline Cook

Best Happy New Years greetings to my Back Country Horsemen mates! Thank you, thank you Christmas Party Committee for the lighthearted and enjoyable dinner and auction. **Isla Durham, Larry Durham, Carol Lynch, Teresa Bailey, Shirley Dyer and Don Dyer** put on an evening with well set tables, efficient meal service, and a lively auction (both silent and live auction bidding). The food was awesome, tasty, filling and so abundant that people were able to take home "leftovers."

Barbee Scheibner's astuteness alerted us to acknowledging members who have been with IEBCH since we began in 1986, and we presented those present with a 25 year pin and a box of chocolates. The Swannack family attended en force to receive this recognition, hopefully they'll be active with us when the teens set aside their basketballs and pick up the reins again.

Ken Elliott presented awards recognizing **Isla and Larry Durham** as **Member of the Year** for service to IEBCH, and announced a tie for the "**hard luck**" award by **Bill Clark and Joel Crosby**.

In the auction we had numerous beautifully crafted items that made bidding well worthwhile, two of which were metal and weathered wood creations by **Jerry Shilling**. It's always a treat for Don to egg on the bidding as well as a treat for the highest bidder to take home. This year we had a steer hide embellished toilet seat donated and it too spurred lively bidding. As the dust settled on our evening it seemed folks were reluctant to leave, wanting to extend their conversations just a bit longer. In fact the next day **Joel Crosby** hosted the first annual popsicle ride at Riverside State Park followed by a chili feed and a John Wayne movie at his home theater.

This early holiday launch was a grand bow on the gift of 2011's Inland Empire Back Country Horsemen service, activities, rides and programs.

Read more about the awards on page 5.

Happy Trails ★

Poker Ride

By Ken Carmichael

The wheels are once again in motion to prepare for the **EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL BCH POKER RIDE**. This year it will be held on **Saturday, May 12th** and again on the BLM land at Fish trap Lake. The pre-ride will be Saturday, May 5th so mark your calendars.

The ride is important to our chapter because of the funds it provides to accomplish the chapter goals.

The poker ride is a big project for our chapter and will require at least 50 people on the day of the event so it goes without saying that there is a place for everyone to help. We will need help parking trucks, holding horses, registering riders and monitoring the trail.

Before the event the big job is publicity, getting the word out. Our Publicity Chair, **Sam Moeller**, is working on this. If you have ideas, or can help him, please contact Sam.

Please watch for further information about the poker ride. ★

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	PLACE	DESCRIPTION	OPEN TO...	CONTACT
January 7	Sam Moeller's	IEBCH Planning Meeting	<i>Members Only</i>	Aline Cook: 939-8162
January 17	Longhorn Barbeque 7611 W Sunset Highway	Board Meeting	<i>Members Only</i>	Aline Cook: 939-8162
January 24	Wildlife Council Building 6116 N. Market St, Spokane	Membership Meeting	<i>Guests welcome</i>	Aline Cook: 939-8162
March 16-18	Ellensburg	BCHW Rendezvous	<i>Guests welcome</i>	Ken Carmichael: 466-2225
May 5	Fish Trap Lake	Pre-ride for Poker Ride	<i>Open to Poker Ride Volunteers</i>	Ken Carmichael: 466-2225
May 12	Fish Trap Lake	POKER RIDE	<i>Open to public</i>	Ken Carmichael: 466-2225
June 24	Riverside State Park	Riverside State Park Open House	<i>Open to public</i>	Ken Carmichael: 466-2225

Ten Ways To Get In Shape To Own A Horse

Provided by Gayle Hennings (author unknown)

1. Drop a heavy steel object on your foot. Don't pick it up right away. Shout "Get off, stupid! Get off!"
2. Leap out of a moving vehicle and practice "Relaxing into the fall". Roll lithely into a ball, and spring to your feet!
3. Learn to grab your checkbook out of your purse/pocket and write out a \$200. check without even looking down.
4. Jog long distances carrying a halter and holding out a carrot. Go ahead and tell the neighbors what you're doing. They might as well know now.
5. Affix a pair of reins to a moving freight train and practice pulling it to a halt. And smile as if you are really having fun.
6. Hone your fibbing skills. "See hon, moving hay bales is fun!" and " I'm glad your lucky performance and multi-million dollar horse won you first place - I'm just thankful that my hard work and actual ability won me second place".
7. Practice dialing your chiropractors number with both arms paralyzed to the shoulder, and one foot anchoring the lead rope of a frisky horse.
8. Borrow the US Army slogan; "Be all that you can be'...(add bitten, thrown, kicked, slimed, trampled."
9. Lie face down in the mud in your most expensive riding clothes and repeat to yourself: "This is a learning experience, this is a learning experience,..."
10. Marry Money! ★

What are you doing this winter?

By Ken Carmichael

It is after Christmas and while we are having a real open winter the riding has slowed down. However, there are other activities that we can do during the winter. as I write this there is very little snow on the ground. I go out and handle the horses, just

There are two things that I am doing in January to be ready for that first spring ride. First, I am going to oil the saddles. These are big investments for me and if I take care of them they will last a life time. But the main reason is that this is when I really give them the once over to be sure everything is in top shape. Two things that I do NOT want to happen. One is to realize they need repair in the spring when I want to ride and second I do not want an equipment failure next year that will cause injury to me or the horses. Even if you do not oil the equipment please take a good hard look at it to insure that it is in good shape for 2012.

The second thing I am doing is going through my first aid/ survival equipment. I have brought my saddlebags and "box" in from the barn and trailer. I go through them partly to remind myself what I have and also to check that everything is okay and up to date. In 2011 I think the only thing I used from this equipment was some roll-aides and a band-aide but I sure feel better knowing that I have them with me.

On the bright side, the days are getting longer. ★

Chapter Awards

By Ken Carmichael

Each year at the Christmas party we recognize people that have contributed to the success of BCH and also had some hard luck.

The **Chapter Member of the Year Award** is voted on by the membership at the October meeting. It reflects the activities of the member during the current year. The award recognizes those individuals that participate in BCH, practice good horsemanship, are helpful to other member, practice LNT ethics and promote BCH. This year the award went to the couple of **Larry and Isla Durheim**. Larry and Isla have become active members by participating in chapter events, helping to manage the chapter store and chairing the Christmas party. They were also significant help in the design of chapter vests that will be used at events such as the poker ride. Isla and Larry receive a rotating plaque with their name inscribed on it, plus their own plaque. We appreciate the contribution Larry and Isla make to BCH.

The **Outstanding New Member Award** is presented to a member that first joined the chapter in 2011. The winner is selected by the Awards Committee. To be eligible the person must not have been a member prior to the current membership year which goes from October of the previous year to the time of the awards. This award also recognizes individuals that participate in BCH, practice good horsemanship, are helpful to other members, practice LNT ethic and promote BCH. For 2011 the award was presented to **Aline Cook**. Aline was elected vice president and then when president Bob Spickard passed away Aline took on the challenging job of president. As the year progressed she has had to learn how the chapter operates, meet many new people and be the cheer leader to many as we encourage participation in BCH. Aline receives a plaque with her name inscribed on it. We appreciate the contribution Aline has made as a new member.

It was not difficult to select the winners, if you want to call it that, of the **Hard Luck Award**. These are people that have faced more adversity than anyone should in their endeavors to work with horses. Our two "winners" are **Bill Clark and Joel Crosby**. I have heard their stories in long and detailed conversations and they are tales of pain and mishap. Bill had a "difficult" time with a new horse that laid him up for awhile, which he fortunately no longer owns, while Joel had the unfortunate experience of taking an inexperienced, borrowed horse into the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area. You could say he got bounced around a little. The good news is that they are both walking around now. I am sure if you are in the mood for a sad story each would be glad to tell you their story. We recognize these two gentlemen for their fortitude and wish them the best in the future. No one likes to win this award a second time. ★

BCHW Rendezvous for 2012

By Ken Carmichael

The name of this event is misleading as it entails much more than a rendezvous. On **March 17 and 18th** members of BCHW from across the state will meet in Ellensburg for a General Membership meeting, Leadership Training, Auction, Dinner, Dance, a Variety of Vendors and Clinics and Generally for a Good Time.

It is a great time to learn more about BCH and participate. There is an opportunity to enter a photo contest and a contest on the best table decoration. Several of us from IEBCH will be going and there will be an opportunity to car pool. We have reserved a table at the dinner for our chapter.

More information about the event, camping and motel accommodations and reservations for the dinner is available in the January/February Trailhead News on page 12.

If you have other questions please contact me (466-2225). ★

PBS Special on legendary packer and LNT mentor Smoke Elser

By Ken Carmichael

Some may have heard about this PBS Special playing in Montana earlier, but I recently found out that the episode was available for viewing online. The video runs about one hour, but is an excellent production and worth sharing with all. Here is the link:

<http://watch.montanapbs.org/video/2176749351>

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The January 31 Renewal Deadline Looms Just Ahead

By Larry Kiser

So you are feeling you are behind already, and the new year just began. You have not yet paid your IEBCH membership dues for 2012, and 2012 is already underway. Less than a month remains until the January 31 membership renewal deadline arrives. If you have not renewed by January 31st you will no longer receive the newsletter, and other membership benefits. Also, it is true, if you have not yet paid your 2012 dues, it is too late to claim a deduction on your 2011 tax returns, but you are not too late for other great savings that could easily amount to much more than the tax break.

Consider the potential savings on certain **John Deere equipment** for American Horse Council members.

If you are a member of IEBCH, you are automatically a member of AHC. The AHC savings depend on your particular purchases. To claim these savings, call Meganne M. Hoffman who is the West Coast Representative for NTRA Advantage. She will discuss details of the John Deere discount program with you. Her cell phone is 317.752.8377. Her office phone is 866.678.4289.

Consider, also, the savings on **Sherwin Williams** paints and painting supplies for AHC members. If you are a 2012 IEBCH member, you can access your Sherwin-Williams discount by clicking on <http://www.sherwin-williams.com/npc/americanhorsecouncil> Print out the card shown on the web site, present it in a Sherwin-Williams store for price savings of up to 40% on paint, brushes/rollers, and floor and wall coverings.

There is more! Consider the **Office Max** discount. You will need an AHC discount card to obtain this discount while shopping in-store at Office Max, and you can obtain a facsimile of the discount card from Larry to use for savings on office products, technology, furniture, cleaning products, and printing. You can also shop online by clicking on <http://www.officemaxsolutions.com/>, where you will need login codes, which you can obtain from Larry. Office Max also offers special pricing that is customized to the special needs of business owners.

Remember, too, the **UPS** shipping discounts and pharmacy discounts that IEBCH members can access. For online information, click on NTRAadvantage.com.

We are not done yet! There are special savings to IEBCH members for horse products at **Aslin-Finch** and **Big R**. These alone, over the year, can cover the cost of your IEBCH membership.

Renew your membership or join now, while you are thinking of it and not miss the next Highline newsletter and other benefits. The January 31 renewal deadline looms just ahead. Complete the application form that is available on the back page of this newsletter and send it, with your check, to IEBCH, P.O. Box 30891, Spokane WA 99223. You may also give your completed form and money to Larry or any other Board member at the January IEBCH meeting. ★



Skin in the Game

By Ken Carmichael

Before I begin I want to make it perfectly clear that what I am going to say is strictly my opinion.

What set me off on this article is that I am participating in a Mt. Spokane Mountain Bike Planning taskforce. That is correct, mountain bike. Now you may ask why I spend my time on this and how do I get involved. It's because I have been asked to by State Parks and I believe that we, as horsemen, have skin in this game.

I have just read a 165 page survey done for the taskforce. It asks several questions including what is the problem and how can we fix it. The answers are all over the board, some of which I think make lots of sense and some that are off the wall.

My point to you is that some are not very favorable to equestrians.

Now this may not concern some of you, that being if you never leave your pasture or only ride on county roads. The rest of us I believe have skin in this game and we better be out there getting our voices heard or we will all be riding in our pastures and on county roads. Bottom line is that we have to be at the table every time or we loose. That means being at meetings, writing letters, testifying at commission meetings and making sure that the results are carried out.

Back Country Horsemen is the voice of equestrians when it comes to preserving the right to use horses and mules on public land. We are primarily a Service Organization, not a social group. Right now our chapter does not have a Legislative Chair or a Lands Chair. Why is that?

If you want to help call or email. If you want to complain about what I have said, do the same. I am easy to reach. 466-2225 or kcarmichael2225@gmail.com.

In the mean time have a good ride, and I hope it is on public land that we have helped to preserve for equestrians. ★

How would YOU like to VOLUNTEER in 2012?

Weed Control

By Ken Carmichael

The following information is part of an email that I received as State Director. The author is Sasha Shaw, Noxious Weed Education Specialist King County Noxious Weed Program. It seemed like some good advice to pass along. Most of the article discussed weeds in King County. Part of the article also discussed a study looking at how horses move weeds in the wilderness areas. This is a very controversial subject. However, the author stated "It makes me even more relieved to know that the backcountry horsemen in this area are careful about what they feed their horses when they take them into our wild lands in King County." That is the type of press we need. Let's be careful so that we do not contribute to the weed problem.

Weed Tips for December and January

Plan, plan, plan. Winter is a great time to reflect on the last weed season and make plans for the next. Where were the weeds last year? When did they show up? What worked and what didn't work? If you found yourself racing to control plants before they went to seed, plan to go to the same places earlier this year to avoid that stress. If you know you need to spray to control any weeds, do the research now to find out what to use, when to use it, and if there are any restrictions or regulations you need to consider. Learn more about the weeds you have by checking out websites on weeds, asking neighbors what they do, or contacting the noxious weed program. Or maybe get a nice hot cup of cocoa and a comfortable chair, and read through all that weed literature you've picked up over the years!

Meet the neighbors. If you share weed infestations with neighbors, go meet them now (take them a fruit cake!) and talk about how to tackle the problem together. Can you offer to help them do the work to encourage them to get started? Is there a way to cut down on costs by working together? If the weeds share a river or shoreline, consider holding a meeting with all the neighbors to talk about how to tackle the whole infestation. If you need outside advice or help, consider calling the noxious weed program or other agencies now so there will be enough time to get help in place before the weeds pop up again. ★

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