

Little Trapping Horse Camp

Horse Corral Installation Workbee April 30 2017 *by Juanita Gibney*



In the summer of 2016 Chapter member Arnie Rathe discovered 54 used steel panels for sale at a very reasonable cost and the chapter decided to buy them and assemble permanent corrals at the Little Trapping Horse Camp.

The Okanagan Chapter of BCHBC enjoyed nice spring weather for the workbee April 30 to install 11 horse corrals at the Little Trapping Horse Camp Rec Site. The camp is located at approximately 3km on the Trapping Creek FSR.

Club supporter Dr. Alex Wales got to the site first with his tractor and post pounder and used his bucket to clear away the dirt piled across the entrance to the camp area, making it easier for everyone to get their vehicles in. Alex and Scott Walker were our post pounding team - and the steel posts, used to anchor the panel assemblies were driven in smoothly and quickly.

Scott picked up the generator from Winn rentals that we would need for the welding and grinding and Juanita brought the steel pipe for posts. Sully Ragusa and Arnie Rathe each hauled a

load of the steel panels up to the site. We had enough panels to install 11 corrals in pods of 2 adjacent to each of the sites, plus one single pen. Putting the corrals in groups of two was a very popular idea.

Von MacNeil and Sully Ragusa did most of the welding to assemble the corrals permanently, while Jacquie Coombs, Brenda Bach and Juanita Gibney cut and ground the edges on the steel tabs which were welded to the panels in such a way that it would be very difficult to remove them.

Our Chainsaw pro - Gord Detta - dropped the few trees that had to be removed from the pens and bucked them up so Maureen Nichol and Arnie Rathe could remove them.

A light lunch of hotdogs and Chili buns and Maureen's fresh coffee was enjoyed by all the volunteers.

Overall the job went very smoothly and Little Trapping Horse Camp now boasts 11 good horse corrals ready for you when you visit the site. There is still room for hi-lining or setting up your own panels if needed.

