



BCHBC December Newsletter

Merry Christmas! We would like to wish all of our amazing members a wonderful holiday and a safe winter filled with beautiful rides! And **thank you** for your support in 2024. Our chapters made amazing progress to support our purpose.

We are looking forward to what our chapter projects in 2025 will bring!

Christmas President's report to BCHBC Membership

Merry Christmas to all and I wish you all a Happy Safe New Year of Riding!

Looking back we had another successful year for BCHBC. Over the last year across the Province our chapters raised over \$570,000.00 in grants to improve trails and camps through out BC. The largest was \$495,000.00 for the North Vancouver Island Chapter which will be spent to improve the Salmon – Brewster trail. Most of that money will be used in 2025 -2026. Great work.

Regardless of the size of the grant, some great trails and camps were improved and maintained by BCHBC members across the province. One was the Skimikin trail that has basically been completed by the Shuswap Chapter after more than ten years of planning, lobbying and fund raising. Dedicated BCHBC volunteers working with Government and other user groups made this happen. Congratulations.

Another project to mention is the Woodlands Horse camp in Golden Ears Provincial Park. After more than 15 years of lobbying and trail clearing, BC Parks agreed to allow BCHBC to install 3 sets of horse pens at the Woodlands Group camp. The project was completed this year but the work to make it a reality was started years ago and carried on by multiple chapter executives and finally into realization in 2024.

For more info on the camp amenities visit: [HCBBC trails](#)

To book the camp visit: [BC Parks camping](#)

There are so many other great projects that chapters have done as well.

Thank you to all of the Volunteers who have made it happen. If your chapter has a project, they wish to promote, forward the story to brianharder73@shaw.ca or post it on the Provincial web page.

One of the great benefits of membership is access to the Back Country Horsemen Society of British Columbia Provincial Emergency Contact List. Just use the QR code on our website to get a copy of the list.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable winter of riding in our great Province.
If you have any questions or suggestions, Email me at president@bchorsemen.org

2025 memberships are now due.

Please check your emails for your renewal notice. Our wonderful membership volunteer Verna has given out her personal information as the alias email is not always working. If you are needing assistance please contact her directly at 250 960-8338 or email desertrider2020@gmail.com. Thank you Verna and the membership team. Also, please go to our website to the library and renew your waiver for 2025. [Waivers](#)



What did the horse ask his owner?
Did you ask me equestrian?

What did the fallen horse say?
I've fallen and can't giddy-up.

A message from the webpage committee.

A reminder to chapters to post their events to the website calendar. This helps the general public see what our members do which could encourage more membership and hopefully new people showing up at events/meetings.

Outdoor Recreation Fund of BC Upcoming Intake

ORCBC anticipates launching the second annual intake for the Outdoor Recreation Fund of BC granting program at the end of January. They have organized a [webpage](#) to help your recreation organization stay on top of opportunities to access funding for your recreation initiatives.

Adventure Auction 2025

The Adventure Auction is coming together!

Auction advertisement will begin January 15. Look to see what's happening on FB, our newsletter and Givergy the auction platform.
Donations should be in by February 1st but we will take a donation up to March 1st.

Auction begins March 2nd at 8:00 AM and ends Sunday, March 9th at 8:00PM

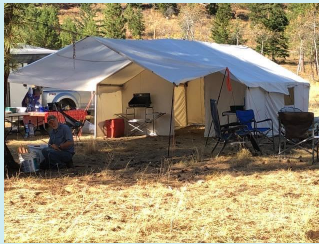
We have 9 donations so far,
Hidden Gait Ranch
Coffee and camping in PG
Fraser Valley Hounds year membership
Great Wall Tent
Robson Valley
Reflection Creek Ranch - Princeton
Canoa Farms
Chilcotin Holidays
Explore the Shuswap

Do you have an amazing place to share with other BCHBC members. Please consider donating an adventure auction for people to bid on and come visit your area. A great way to meet other members and show off your beautiful area.

Or, do you know of a business that would be willing to donate a weekend getaway or a day adventure. Is there a place that would donate a fishing weekend, golf weekend or a cabin for a few days?

Please go to our BCHBC page and fill out an application form providing the details of the adventure.

Application Form



Wall tent experience



Hidden Gait Ranch



Fraser Valley Hounds



Rendezvous 2025

A group of amazing volunteers have started organizing our next RV which will be in Princeton, May 17-19.

Save the Date

The Spring BOD is set for April 11-13 in Sorrento.

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