

Back Country Horsemen of BC

February Newsletter



February President's report to BCHBC Membership

Spring is just around the corner and trips to the Back country will begin!

Last year BCHBC finished the year with 1054 members. It would be great if we could break the 1100 level of members in 2024. The web site survey indicates that most members learned about BCHBC through a friend. Why not invite a friend to join us and see what a great club we have.

Camp Sites and Trails

Did you know BCHBC support and maintain over 21 horse camps and trail systems around BC. Want to know where you can camp with horse? Go to <https://hcbc.online/Trails>

Do you know an area that needs a horse camp? Let us know and maybe we can start working on getting one built.

Does your Chapter have a Camp or Trail project coming up this year?

Why not share the ideas with all of the membership, send a small report to the president@bchorsemen.org.

We will share it through the newsletter.

2024 Memberships.... still need to renew yours or know a friend who wants to join? the link is right below.

<https://bchorsemen.org/join-now/>

BCH of Alberta

There is a group of like minded people in Alberta working on forming a provincial BCHA society. If you know anyone in Alberta invite them to the Back Country Horsemen of Alberta - Provincial Start-up Facebook page and help get a new group going. It will increase horse riders' voice with all Governments.

BCHBC Website

There has been a great response to our survey but we are still looking for more. If you haven't had your say regarding the Website, please follow the link below and let us know what you think. Thank you in advance.

<https://bchorsemen.org/?p=21925>

“Back Country in the High Country” RV 2024

Beautiful Valemount BC, May 24-26, 2024.

Tickets go on sale Feb. 15, 2024 get in early and order your RV shirt.

One of the great benefits of membership is access to the Back Country Horsemen Society of British Columbia Provincial Emergency Contact List. Contact your Chapter chair to get a copy of

the list.

If you have any questions or suggestions,
Email me at president@bchorsemen.org
Brian Harder



Back Country Horsemen of BC
Aldergrove Chapter
is hosting a

USED TACK SALE

MARCH 16
from 10 to 3:00

at: FAST TIMES FARM
arena graciously donated
6622 248th St. Aldergrove

**GREAT DEALS
FOR EVERYONE**
Lots of great stuff
to choose from
free parking and entry

Sellers should register
early to reserve their
spot for \$10.00

Email Linda at
lala50@shaw.ca

Three small images showing various pieces of horse tack, including saddles and bridles. The images are arranged in a vertical column on the right side of the poster.

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NEW AND USED HORSE AND BARN SALE
MARCH 16
10 AM - 3 PM
at: FAST TIMES EQUESTRIAN CENTER...
6622 248th St. Aldergrove
Free parking available.
Buyers are Free.
Sellers will be charged \$10 per site.
Contact Linda at lala50@shaw.ca
Best locations if registered before
March 1st.
GREAT DEALS FOR EVERYONE..!

RV tickets go live February 15th. Click here [Tickets](#)

You will be able to book your weekend pass that includes your camping spot, Saturday night's dinner/dance, Sunday's breakfast and all the activities are included. Horse accommodations can be booked as well.

RV silent auction - to help make the silent auction a fun and successful event we are asking each chapter to donate an item. New or very lightly used items will be greatly appreciated. Baskets with multiple small items, a donation from your local tack store, something a member makes like halters or metal work are some ideas.

Calling All Chapters!

The Annual BCHBC Rendezvous

SILENT AUCTION

We are asking all chapters & members to please consider donating new or gently used items. All proceeds are used to support BCHBC initiatives

Needs Your Help!

For information and to donate contact:
DEBRA RALSTON
email: daralston57@gmail.com
or
CAROLYN SCOTT
email: cdscott8@shaw.ca

 *Thank You!*

SILENT AUCTION FRIDAY WILL BE FROM 1PM-6PM AND SATURDAY FROM 10AM TO 2PM

BCHBC RENDEZVOUS 2024
Back Country in the High Country



RENDEZVOUS 2024

DINE & DANCE



SATURDAY EVENING CATERED DINNER AT 6 PM
Enjoy roast beef, salmon, vegetarian lasagne, mashed potatoes and gravy with variety of salads and dessert followed by
LIVE AUCTION AND THE GREAT SOUNDS OF ROADSIDE SPLINTER

Attention Chapters! Decorate your own tables for Saturday Dinner. Tables judged top 3 will get to eat First, Second & Third.
Advance tickets only. No tickets available at the door.

BCHBC RENDEZVOUS 2024

A POKER RIDE

Saturday, May 25 at 10:00 am

\$20 entry, \$5 per additional poker hand. Cards are chosen before leaving and upon returning, so even if you're not riding, you can join in and participate anyway! (Ride length is up to you.) 50% of cash collected will be divided between the best three poker hands.

For information contact Richard
email: rchristen51@gmail.com

 *Back Country in the High Country*

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BCHBC RENDEZVOUS 24



May 24-25-26, 2024
Valemount Rodeo Grounds

The Mountains are calling...
Get Ready for a weekend of riding & events in a Natural and Rustic setting nestled in the Majestic Rocky Mountains.

Plans are well underway for 3 great days!
• Cowboy Challenge Course
• On-the-trail Packing Training
• Poker Ride • Country Dance
• Scavenger Hunt
• Cowboy Poetry and more.

Tickets available online February 15

 **RENDEZVOUS 2024 Shirts!**

ORDER & PREPAY WHEN YOU REGISTER ONLINE
Shirts need to be pre-purchased and will not be available for sale at RV.

2024 RV shirts are available in LONG or SHORT sleeve in dark chocolate brown. Shirts are quality Gildan Ultracotton in Unisex sizing. S/M/L/XL/XXL

Ladies order a size smaller than you usually wear. ie. if you wear a Ladies size L, order size M.

Note: Every computer renders colours differently. Illustration is an approximation of actual colours.

Members who are not attending but would like a shirt can order online and have it picked up by a friend or member who will be attending RV.

Short Sleeve \$20
Long Sleeve \$25



Are you planning on attending the Valemount RV in May?

Yes

No

Not sure yet

Education and Trail Grant Opportunities for 2024!

Is your Chapter Ready...?

Look at combining the BCHBC Grant with any of these funding opportunities.

HCBC Trail Grant

HCBC Equestrian Trail Fund will be available around April. This is a great opportunity to have your application ready as this is first come first serve until funding is used up. There may be more intakes throughout the year.

Link: <https://hcbc.ca/membership/funding-for-hcbc-members>

HCBC Education Grant

This grant is designed to support educational initiatives that are in-demand within your community and thus the scope of the projects considered is quite wide. The learning format could include classroom, demonstration, or mounted opportunities and can be open to all members of the community (not just HCBC members).

An approved grant can cover up to 50% of expenses to a maximum of \$500.00.

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Outdoor Recreation Council (ORC) Grant Funding

BCHBC is a member of ORC. Approximately \$300,000 will be available in grants of various sizes. Stay tuned for announcements! The first grant application intake is expected around April 2024.

Link: <https://www.orcbc.ca/grants-for-outdoor-recreation>

BCHBC Education and Trail Grants

Get your BCHBC applications in before midnight March 15, 2024.

Sign in and go directly to the Library - Grant Programs.

Link: <https://bchorsemen.org/bchbc-library/>

Reminder that in order to apply and use grant money from a different organization you must have a Letter of Delegation from our BCHBC president.

BCHBC available funding for both Education and Trails is \$23,000.

Applying for a small amount of the BCHBC Grant Funding adds strength to these other funding opportunities. Please consider the HCBC Equestrian Trails fund and/or the Outdoor Recreation Council Grant for your projects when you are looking for more \$\$\$.



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