

Happy New Year to our Back Country Horsemen of British Columbia Members

January Newsletter



And speaking of the new year, have you renewed your membership for 2024? Please go to our [Membership](#) page and sign up. Thank you for your continued support of BCHBC!

January President's report to BCHBC Membership

As we look forward to 2024 there are many exciting things coming for BCHBC.

In April, we have our Board of Directors meeting held in Sorrento B.C. It is the coming together of Representatives from around our great province. Not only will that very dedicated group of volunteers be dealing with all of the business to run this great organization, they will be discussing ways to expand our influence throughout the province and sharing ideas on how to:

- work together with recreational groups, government agencies and the general public to promote awareness and understanding for a cooperative wilderness experience.
- to build new trails, trailheads and other facilities for horsemen.
- to maintain and preserve existing trails - wilderness or urban.
- to promote educational programs in safety, courtesy and environmental awareness.
- to preserve access for Canadians to use horses and mules (equines) on public lands.

Then we have "**Back Country in the High Country**" RV 2024 in Beautiful Valemount BC, May 24-26, 2024.

Another great group putting this together, I hear Helicopter rides, River rafting along with beautiful horse trails will all be part of what is available this year. Stay tuned for more details. It will be too much fun!

BCHBC Website - We need your help. The Website committee is reviewing the website and looking for your thoughts. Help these dedicated Volunteers with your feedback. Here is a link to a quick 5 minute [survey](#). Thank you in advance.

<https://bchorsemen.org/2024-website-review-survey/>

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.

How often do you use the BCHBC website?

Very little - once or twice a year

I try - once in a while to see what's there

Often - at least once a month

Always - at least once a week

Limitless - like to check in everyday



Rendezvous 2024!

Excitement is starting to build up with our RV for this year. It will be held among the beautiful mountains of Valemount. Continue to check the website for updates. [RV 2024](#)

Tickets will go on sale starting February 15th!

Volunteers needed! April 26th, 27th, 28th 2024. The Valemount Rodeo Grounds have graciously donated the facility to us for our RV. In return we have offered a work bee in April. Please contact Richard if you can donate some time to help. Richard at rchristen51@gmail.com



Imagine your horse in one of these pens looking at the beautiful mountains.



Inside the big tent which includes a bar and a stage for our Saturday night dinner and dance!

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF BC

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



RV Shirts

Would you like to have a beautiful shirt to remember 2024 RV?
Back Country in the High Country 2024
Two options this year - long and short sleeve.
Can be order when you register.

BCHBC Grant Applications are OPEN for 2024!

The Education Committee and Trail committee are accepting applications **NOW** for the approximately \$23,000 available through the 2023 Raffle.

Maybe your chapter needs a Chainsaw Certification course OR you need to hire a contractor to build that new trail. Lot's of options here folks.

Head on over to the **bchorsemen.org** web page, sign in and go to the **Library** - Grant Programs to read the New Guidelines and get your applications.

Education Projects are to be submitted to **educationcommittee@bchorsemen.org**

Trail Projects are to be submitted to **trailcommittee@bchorsemen.org**

Application Intake Date:

January 1, 2024 to midnight March 15th, 2024



Spring BOD

This year the Board of Directors' meeting will be held in Sorrento at the Sorrento Center, April 12-14 2024.
Please email **secretary@bchorsemen.org** to RVSP.

A photo of last year's members that attended the Spring BOD.

Zoom call | 6550 Plested Road | Port Alberni, BC V9Y 8L6 CA

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