



October Newsletter

Fall President's report to BCHBC Membership

As we look back at a great summer riding season, we can look at some of the great things the various chapters have accomplished.

Projects to improve horse camps and trails were organized and funds raised by various chapters: Woodlands Horse Camp (Aldergrove), Salmon Brewster Horse Trail (North Vancouver Island), Tunkwa/Leighton corral repairs (Kamloops), Coalmine horse camp (North West), Fish Trap horse camp (Barrier), Headwaters horse camp fencing (Manning Park) and Dewdney Trail clearing and Tulameen Horse camp (Manning Park). **A big thank you to all the Volunteers who made these projects happen.**

Your Board of Directors meet about 6 or 7 times a year to make BCHBC a success. We encourage all chapters to send a representative.

"Back to the Back Country" RV 2025 in Beautiful Princeton BC is starting to take shape. This year our founder Jim McCrea will be leading the committee to put on another great event. Stay tuned and if you are interested in helping out please let me know (brianharder73@shaw.ca) and I will connect you with Jim.

2025 Memberships.... Membership renewals start November 1st. According to our survey last year most members joined because a friend suggested it to them. Ask a friend if they want to join?

All memberships need to be purchased online through our website.
<https://bchorsemen.org/join-now/>

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable fall and winter of riding in our great Province.

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

Does your chapter have plans for a project in 2025?

Yes - a trail/campsite project

Yes - an education event

Not planned yet but might be

No, not for 2025

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

WIN \$25,000 CASH!

Only 3200 tickets available!

**Tickets \$50 each
or 3 tickets for \$100**

RAFFLE 2024

All proceeds from this raffle are returned to communities across the province for education and for building/maintaining trails for recreational use by all user groups.

2ND PRIZE
MILWAUKEE CORDLESS CHAINSAW
c/w charger, extra battery & leaf blower. Supplied by Bulkley Valley Home Center.
Value \$1200

3RD PRIZE
Selection of MOHAIR PRODUCTS supplied by Backroad Weaving. Value \$800

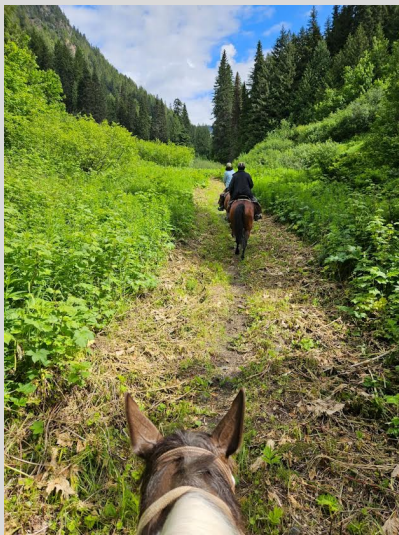
PLUS! 3 BONUS PRIZES OF BCHBC & HCBC 2025 MEMBERSHIPS

Tickets can be purchased online
www.bchorsemen.org
or use this QR code:

Draw date: Nov. 29, 2024, 1:30 pm at the Horse Council of BC office, 27336 Fraser Hwy, Aldergrove, BC. You do not have to be present to win this raffle! Winners will be notified. Odds are 1 in 2550. Gaming licence #150471

Know your limits
Play responsibly

Just over a month left for our raffle. Please share with friends and family.



Dewdney trail leading up to Paradise valley in Manning Park.



New corrals built in Tunkwa and Leighton lakes horse campsites.

Please send in photos of your chapter's projects for the newsletter.



BCHBC Branded (provincial marketing) has ordered some promotional items. These items will be made available to chapters soon. There are stickers, notepads, bookmarks and blank cards.

As well, this committee is looking into having a new system for members to order swag and other items in the new year.

Adventure Auction 2025

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.

<https://bchorsemen.org/2025-adventures-and-experiences-online-auction/>

Save the Date

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

A few important items that your committees are working on.
The trails committee is working on a new work bee form.
The financial committee is working on the 2025 budget.

Volunteers – Part of the Ripple effect!

BCHBC is made up entirely of volunteers, there are no paid staff. The Provincial Executive Committee would like to give credit to our long list of volunteers at the provincial level. There are numerous at the Chapter level as well.

You may not be aware of how many dedicated volunteers it takes to keep a strong society functioning. Here is a short look at our active committees that keeps BCHBC going:

Provincial Executive – has 7 volunteer members: president, treasurer, secretary and 4 vice presidents

Provincial Board of Directors – 26 volunteer members: the chair of each chapter or the alternate and the provincial executive

Provincial Finance Committee – 4 member volunteers advising the Provincial treasurer

Website Management – 2 volunteer members

Provincial Membership – 3 volunteer members

Mailman lists and email alias – 1 volunteer

Constant Contact Provincial Newsletter – 1 volunteer

Provincial Face Book – 1 volunteer member

Saddle Up Magazine Coordinator – 1 volunteer member

Provincial Marketing/Stores (called BCHBC Branded) – 3 volunteer members

Provincial Education Committee – 2 volunteers

Provincial Trails Committee – 6 volunteer members

Provincial RV Committee – not set yet for 2025 but normally has 5-8 volunteers coordinating

Insurance Committee – 1 volunteer representative

Provincial Recognition Committee – 2 volunteer members

This list proves that we can always accomplish more as a group than we can on our own.

The ripple effect starts here. So, in the next few Constant Contact issues your provincial executive would like to say thank you and introduce you to these amazing, talented people and what they do for BCHBC.

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