

Back Country Horsemen of British Columbia

April Newsletter

"The Power of the Back Country Horsemen Connection"

Volunteers maintain our horse camping sites and trails,

Members build community

Working together creates synergies,

Getting involved creates **change**



Our **Online Adventure Auction** went extremely well. Thank you to all our wonderful donators and to the people that bid on the events. We hope that everyone has a wonderful experience, makes new friends and finds new places to ride! If you need any assistance please contact Claudia hillsidedream6@gmail.com or Karen karenbridgerealtor@gmail.com

Spring BCHBC Board of Directors meeting will be held in person or via Zoom link, at the Sorrento Center on April 11-13, 2025.

Contact Rose milkmaidrose@gmail.com

Rendezvous 2025

Wonderful things are happening and many chapters are supporting RV.

Poetry Competition Ernie Buckle, buckle is sponsored by the Alberni Valley Chapter

Encampment Challenge buckles (2) are being sponsored by the East Kootenay Chapter

Silent auction items from business' are being collected by the Aldergrove Chapter

Everything Pets in Princeton has donated all the bedding for the stalls

BCHBC Annual General Meeting will be held on May 18, 2025 at 9:00 am at the Princeton Fairgrounds, 315 Laurie Curry Way in Princeton BC.

TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to the Bylaws of The Back Country Horsemen Society of B.C., the Annual General Meeting of the Membership will take place on Sunday the 18th day of May at 9:00 a.m. to transact the following business

Annual General Meeting

Financials

Reports

Elections of the Provincial executive

Positions open for nomination are

Position of President is up for election to a 2- year term

Position of Treasure is up for election to a 2-year term

Position Secretary is up for election to a 2-year term

Position of 1 Vice President is up for election to a 2- year term

Please send nominations to president@bchorsemen.org cc: secretary@bchorsemen.org

It's **PLAY** Time

AT RENDEZVOUS 2025

MULE BINGO

Pic a square and see if the Mule will deposit in that square! Win a Prize.

Mountain Trail Course

Practice on your own or get some pointers from professionals Ron Stolp or Kelly Allen navigating obstacles.

Find the Missing Herd

Find the most missing ponies. Win a Prize!



LEARN Something New!

AT RENDEZVOUS 2025

Learn to Pack

Guide Outfitter Wes Phillips will teach you some highlining, hobbling, knots, hitches and how to saddle and pack.

Ride in Mongolia!

Relive the Mongolia experience with Amelie Zunk!

Horses & History

Brenda Fleming will reflect on how the use of horses have influenced how our world works today.



Things to ENJOY!

AT RENDEZVOUS 2025

VENDORS

Check out what our Vendors have to offer. Many hand-crafted!



POETRY

Take in a workshop or enjoy the competition as members read or recite poems.



WAGON RIDES

Enjoy a Wagon ride around camp the historical way with Joyce Marchant and her team of Belgian horses.



WANTED

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

PURCHASED DONATIONS

HANDMADE GOODS

GIFT BASKETS

NEW OR CLEAN GENTLY USED TACK

LOCAL BUSINESS SWAG

RENDEZVOUS

Silent Auction

May 17 & 18, 2025

PLEASE ROUND UP SOME DONATIONS TO BRING TO RV FOR THE SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER!

IF IN QUESTION, SEND DESCRIPTION & PHOTO TO JANET.KINGQUAD@SHAW.CA

Did you know?

That in 1992, BCHBC sponsored 9 horses on a ride from Dawson Creek to Fairbanks Alaska. It was open to anyone that wanted to ride along.

Regular ticket sales start 12am March 15

On-line ticket sales end May 1st

You can still bring a horse to RV when stalls and pens are sold, but you have to bring your own pens or hi-lines.

Same with meals... Once they are sold out, ticket price will be reduced... and you can still come to RV.

RV 2025 May 17-19

History and Horses

Things to Play:

- Chapter encampment challenge
- Encampment buckles (2) sponsored by East Kootenay Chapter
- Ernie Buckle poetry competition
- Poetry buckle sponsored by Alberni Valley Chapter
- Find the missing herd
- Mountain trail course
- Packing competition
- One minute club
- Bannock bake off
- Mule bingo
- Silent auction
- Live auction
- AGM & much more

FOR MORE INFO:

<https://bchorsemen.org>

<https://bchorsemen.org/rendezvous-2025/>

ENCAMPMENT CHALLENGE AT RV2025

to celebrate BCHBC History and Horses



Do you Love Camping with Your Horse and Friends in the Back Country?

Do it! at the annual Rendezvous in Princeton BC on May 17-19
By joining in the **Encampment Challenge**

What is an Encampment Challenge?

A specific area has been set aside at RV2025 for teams of 2 people set up a camp on the grounds as a representative as if they were on a pack trip in the mountains. Things to be included are things that would ensure a successful and safe trip.

Judging will be on the following

1. picking suitable location for camp set up and stock containment, following LNT guidelines
2. participants to show their emergency First aid gear for horse and human and a form of communication with the outside world.
3. an appy bribe is prepared and served to judges as if you were at the trailhead. Dutch Oven preferred but not absolutely necessary.
4. participants to show knowledge of at least 3 knots that are useful
5. participants to show how to set up a highline and describe the hobbles they use
6. some form of entertainment and/or bribery is anticipated in some form!
7. participants to show how to saddle and pack one pack animal and then....
8. 1 rider and one pack animal to ride an obstacle course with awareness of trail safety, etiquette and expertise
9. tack is judged as to good repair and suitability
10. team is judged on their ability to work together as a team

1st Place Prize

All participants to receive free passes to a BCHBC Pack clinic
in Tulameen at Rabbitt Mountain Lodge, June 7&8, 2025.

To register or for questions: Contact Jim McCrae for more info: text only 604-309-mule (6853)

Note – participants do not have to stay nor keep their stock at the camp for the whole weekend but have it set up complete with stock for judging Sunday.

NO HORSE, NO PROBLEM

We have so much to See and Participate in at Rendezvous 2025!

BCHBC Annual General Meeting - Sunday @ 9 am

Wagon Rides – with Joyce Marchant and her team of Belgian horses. Learn about old trails or just go for a wagon ride around camp the historical way.

Poetry Workshop & Competition – with Bruce Rolph. 2-hour workshop on Saturday. Learn how to create and recite your own or other's poetry.

Packing Practice – with Guide/Outfitter Wes Phillips. Learn some knots, hitches, how to saddle and pack.

Bannock Bake Off – using any cooking tools, bake and serve the best Bannock ever!

One Minute Club – throw a double diamond in under 1 minute and qualify for a *1 Minute club t-shirt!

Marion Weisskopf – 2 presentations on horsemanship skills to make your riding safer.

Stephanie Antonick – Biomechanics, common challenges faced by horse owners and how to address them. 3 free presentations.

Saddle Fitting – with Dana Johnsen. Learn about the importance of a well-fitting saddle and a new electronic technique to check saddle fit.

SAR presentation – Learn about Princeton Ground Search and Rescue. One of the only SAR teams to use horses to search.

Ride in Mongollia presentation – Relive the experience with member Amelle Zunk. Its incredible!

Historic Trails in the Princeton Area – Info booth with local Kelley Cook. Be amazed!

Horse Leg dissection – with member/farrier Mikayla Peters. See for yourself what the inside of a horse's leg looks like and how it operates.

Chapter Boasting Barn – learn about a special trail project that a chapter has completed.

History of Injuries – open mic where individuals talk about an injury related to horses! Has a fun twist to it. Be ready to laugh and learn. Audience chooses the best story!

Find the Missing Herd – find the most missing ponies and win a prize!

Mule Bingo – pick a square and see if the mule will deposit in your square! Win a prize.

Vendors – come see what locals have to offer.

Silent Auction – Enjoy viewing and bidding on new and gently used items.

Live Auction – 4 outstanding items to bid live on. Always a ton of fun and exciting!

Horse Shoe Games – Challenge your friends to a game!

50/50 draw – Saturday and Sunday. Win half of the days take in \$.

BCHBC Education and Trail grants are available for 2025. Check out our webpage
<https://bchorsemen.org/bchbc-library/>
Scroll down to #6 Grants Programs.



PLEASE READ BEFORE YOU ORDER:

Catalogue ONLY available until April 13, 2025.

Size charts are included in this catalogue. Prices shown do not include applicable taxes.

All products are subject to availability. No backorders.

You will be contacted if we are unable to fulfill your order.

There will be no individual shipping. Orders will be available for pick up at Rendezvous 2025 in Princeton. Not attending RV? Please arrange for an attending chapter member to pick up your order.

Online Catalogue now available and all orders must be received by April 13, 2025.

TO PLACE YOUR ORDER: SELECT YOUR ITEMS/SIZES FROM THIS CATALOGUE AND THEN VISIT:
<https://interiorinkworks.company.site/Back-Country-Horsemen-of-BC-c177893883>

BCHBC Branded Catalogue
Items in the catalogue are open until April 13.

Reminder: that anyone purchasing an item is responsible to have it picked up somehow at RV 2025 in Princeton.

There will be **NO** individual mailouts.

<https://interiorinkworks.company.site/Back-Country-Horsemen-of-BC-c177893883>

S & S ACTIVEWEAR BALL CAP
BC120 acrylic wool. Structured, flat panel, mid-profile. Permaflex® visor. Snapback closure. Colours: black, heather, navy. \$79/60 \$28

TOUGH DUCK MENS DUCK VEST
Brain-ripper front closure, 2 upper chest pockets, 2 lower wing pockets plus inside media pocket. Rib-knit collar and side panels. Drop back. Colours: black or brown. Specify logo position - front and back or front only (WUSA). Size S-XL front emb \$100 front/back emb \$125

TOUGH DUCK LIGHT SHERPA LINED WOMENS DUCK VEST
Water & Wind Resistant 100% cotton 12 oz premium duck with durable water repellent finish. Full zip front closure. Media pocket on inside. Colour: Olive with black contrast. WUSA front logo only. Size S-XL \$85

CANADIAN SPORTSWEAR UNISEX KNIT TOQUE
Available in black, maroon, charcoal, heather, forest green. One size. HORIZON \$20 page 2

Beat the Dust! NECK GAITER/TUBE
All-over BC120 logo print. 4-way stretch, moisture wicking fabric. 9"x18" Lightweight and double-stitched. Olive or a face covering, headband, neckwarmer, hood. One size \$25

ARCTIC QUILTED DOWN PACKABLE JACKET
Ladies S-XXL \$140
Mens S-XXL \$140
Water repellent finish. Insulates 215 lb person. 90% down, 10% feather. Ultra lightweight. Warm and highly compressible down insulation. Integrated packable pouch. Outer pockets with zipper. Drop tail hem. Front left embroidery. Colours: red, blue or black. See page 6 for sizing.

WOMEN'S STORMTECH BLUEBRIDGE DENIM SHIRT
Cotton. Button closures. Denim blue. Front left embroidery. Limited stock. \$52.95 S-XXL \$65

MEN'S DAKOTA SNAPBUTTON DENIM SHIRT
Cotton. Medium blue as shown. Choose logo location. MW #1557. Size S-XXL \$75 page 3

MUSKOKA TRAIL FULL-ZIP HOODED SWEATSHIRT
80% cotton, 20% recycled polyester fleece. 3 ply fleece. Double layer hood lined with jersey. Contrast shoulder tape at neck seam. Adjustable contrast belt draw cord. Double layer ribbed cuff and hem with quarter 100% metal center front zipper. Embroidered logo. 100% shirt. L00670 Mens XS - XXL \$70 L00671 Ladies XS - XXL \$70

MUSKOKA TRAIL FULL-ZIP SHERPA-FLEECE LINED HOODED SWEATSHIRT
11.5 oz. 100% cotton, 20% recycled polyester fleece. 4 ply sherpa jersey bonded to 100% recycled polyester sherpa fleece. Hood, body and sleeves with sherpa lining. Adjustable drawcord at neck. 100% metal center front zipper. Available in 3 colours as shown. See page 6 for sizing. L00785 Mens XS - XXL \$85 L00786 Ladies XS - XXL \$85

BCHBC DRINK WARE
YETI Rambler 20 oz. insulated travel mug \$60
with MagSlider lid. Double wall vacuum insulated 18% stainless steel. Cupholder compatible, splash-resistant, dishwasher safe. Laser etched for permanency. <https://intertribenetworks.com.au/Bach-Country-Houseman-of-BC-17788881> page 4

CANADA SPORTSWEAR SOFTSHELL Spring and Fall JACKET
MEN'S, WOMEN'S and YOUTH Sizes
100% polyester mechanical stretch softshell bonded to 100% recycled polyester mesh fleece 8000 mm waterproof rating, 8000 gsm breathability rating, wind and water resistant. 100% front and pocket zipper closures. Adjustable tab closure on cuffs. Colours as shown. See page 6 for sizing.

L07260 Ladies S-XXL \$80
L07261 Mens S-XXL \$80
7260Y Youth S-XL \$70

ATC EVERYDAY AUTHENTIC LADIES V-NECK TSHIRT
Ring spun cotton blend. Modern fit, longer length. Available in 4 colours: heather teal, heather charcoal, heather cardinal, black. ATC1000% SIZE S-XXL \$28

ATC EVERYDAY MENS/ADULT T-SHIRT
Cotton jersey blend. Colours: maroon, coyote brown, heather royal, heather navy. ATC1000 SIZE S-XXL \$25

ATC1000Y YOUTH SIZES
cotton jersey blend. Colours: maroon (dark pink), navy aquatic blue, heather navy, heather royal. See page 6 for sizing. XS(2-4), S(6-8), M(10-12), L(14-16), XL(18-20) \$20 page 5

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	SIZE	PRICE	STATUS
L00670	Mens XS - XXL \$70	XS	\$70	Available
L00670	Mens XS - XXL \$70	S	\$70	Available
L00670	Mens XS - XXL \$70	M	\$70	Available
L00670	Mens XS - XXL \$70	L	\$70	Available
L00670	Mens XS - XXL \$70	XL	\$70	Available
L00670	Mens XS - XXL \$70	XXL	\$70	Available
L00671	Ladies XS - XXL \$70	XS	\$70	Available
L00671	Ladies XS - XXL \$70	S	\$70	Available
L00671	Ladies XS - XXL \$70	M	\$70	Available
L00671	Ladies XS - XXL \$70	L	\$70	Available
L00671	Ladies XS - XXL \$70	XL	\$70	Available
L00671	Ladies XS - XXL \$70	XXL	\$70	Available

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