

# BCHBC Fall 2025 Newsletter



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## Presidents Report

Hello all,

Hope everyone had a great summer riding and that you are out enjoying the fall colors. We look to be ending the year with 972 members. With your help next year, we can break 1000. Most existing members tell us they joined because a friend invited them.

Have you invited a friend? The more members we have the more work BCHBC can accomplish around the province. Renewals for 2026 begin on the first of November.

Looking back over the year, lots of trails and camps were improved and maintained. Some of them where as follows;

Salmon Brewster Trails and Memekay Horse camp on the North Island. In Powel River, the chapter is well through the process of establishing a new horse camp, the paper work is almost complete and next year the build begins. The historic Dewdney trail both in Manning Park and the West Kootenay area were cleared and maintained by the chapters. Regular maintenance on our other camps like Fish trap, Spruston, Bell Mountain, Coal Mine, Skimikin Lake, Trapping creek, Tunkwa Lake and Headwaters - were all carried out by the chapters.

The volunteers from BCHBC did an amazing job for all equestrian users.

Ever thought about getting involved at the Provincial Level drop me an email

Brian\_harder@BCHBC.CA we allow guests to sit in on most regular provincial exec meetings to see and learn what goes on.

As BCHBC moves forward we are still working on the following issues and are always looking for help and expertise in finding solutions we can afford both in money and volunteer time.

- The Web site is still under review

- Provincial Email and record keeping is in the process of being moved to Microsoft office-based system, Provincial is in discussions with Horse Council BC about how we can work closer together. (ORC) Outdoor Recreation council has grants available for recreation projects if you have an idea let your chapter know and if you need help reachout to our trails committee at [trailcommittee@bchorsemen.org](mailto:trailcommittee@bchorsemen.org) and they can help.

Thank you to all of the great volunteers that help this organization be successful.

If you think we are missing something or want to move another idea forward, please let me know.

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Would you consider listening to a provincial executive meeting once? We meet via Zoom.

Yes

No thanks

Yes, if you promise not to ask me to do anything!



## BCHBC TRAIL GRANTS

Project #1: North Vancouver Island Chapter - Beadel Island Loop Trail - Denman Island Provincial Park. NVI has a Partnership Agreement with BC Parks for Denman Island Provincial Park.

Project Description: The Beadnell Island loop trail is the newest addition to the Denman Island Park system. It is surrounded on three sides by wetlands and is within the Checker spot reserve area. The project set out to redefine and clarify trail boundaries as a result of clear cut logging and no reforestation. To hire a professional landscaping company to do the major work of trimming, tree removal, logs and limbs from the trail area, while preserving the rural nature of area. Volunteer time went towards installing signage.

Where funding came from:

Horse Council BC Equestrian Trails

Grant: \$2000 BCHBC Trails Grant: \$2000

Volunteer time: \$1000

Results: The multi-use trail is now very clearly defined and neatly trimmed for pedestrians horses and cyclists. There are multiple signs for directions around this 1 km loop.



Project #2: North West Chapter - Coalmine Camp Corral Improvement Project. Telkwa, BC  
 Project Description: The Coalmine Camp is an equestrian facility built by volunteers of the North West Chapter. North West Chapter has an ongoing agreement for the use of the land with Telkwa Mining Limited. The project is to improve the layout, sturdiness, and size of the 6+ corrals in the northeast section of the camp and replace gate hardware surrounding the camp.

Where funding came from:

BCHBC Trails Grant: \$1981 North West

Chapter funds: \$1500 Volunteer Labour: \$640

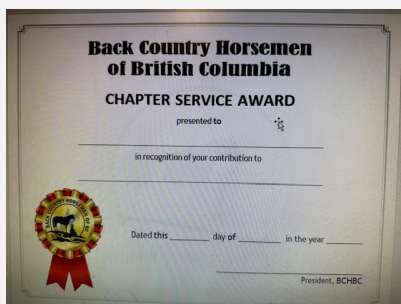
Results: The project was successfully completed by the end of July 2025. This project came under budget and remaining funds will be returned to Provincial. Horses are safe, happy campers!

## A Note from the Branded team

The postal strike will not interfere with your merchandise being delivered! The amazing BCHBC members, neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor hail will stop them from delivering your goods. Please contact your chair to find out how to get your merchandise.

## RV 2025

It's official, RV 2025 Pack to the Future will be held at the Horsepower Ranch in 100 Mile May 29-31. Mark your calendars!



## Time to think about the BCHBC Chapter Service Awards!

This is to recognize an amazing effort by a chapter member that has upheld the BCHBC missions. Please contact [president@bchorsemen.org](mailto:president@bchorsemen.org) to request a signed certificate. [cc:milkmaidrose@gmail.com](mailto:cc:milkmaidrose@gmail.com)

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