



BCHBC Summer Newsletter Happy Summer Riding Everyone!

Summer 2025
President's Report

Hello all,
Hopefully everyone is out riding and enjoying our beautiful Province, with all of it's great riding territory.
I feel we are very blessed; I had the opportunity to go up to the North West Chapter's Coal Mine camp and see what a great facility the Chapter had built over the years. Thank you, Joy, Eric and the whole Chapter, for the great hospitality.
Their membership is growing mostly by word of mouth, and asking other horse people to join and support all the great work BCHBC does across the province.
Do you know someone you might invite to join us?

RV 2025 History and Horses was a great success! Thank you to Jim McCrae and Rose Schroeder for leading such a great committee. Your RV committee was made up of members from across the province. A big thank you to the following members for coordinating all of the great events:

Kim Hensens, Karen Falloon, Linda Buchanan, Verna Houghtaling, Gena Rome, Janet Schmidt, Kelly Hawes, Karen Bridge, Claudia Zamprogno, Sheila Sowerby, Matt Hunt, Eileen McDonald, Bobby Lloyd, Rita Morency, Susan Shumey, Joy Kessels, Lorraine Stubbins, Terry Reynolds, Teresa Carosella and Scott Walker.

By all accounts, RV was great all around, food was great, personally I loved the pot luck. The events and demos were great to watch. Both the live and silent auction were a great success thanks to all the people who donated and to all the bidders. Lots of great socializing and the Band kept us entertained both nights. The horse rides were great and by all reports the scenery was exceptional. The week end was so inspiring we already have a group of young members planning RV 2026 in a location around 100 Mile house. I understand it is a group of about 7 members all under 40 who will be leading next years events. Stay tuned to see where you might be able to help out. On a more serious note, I do want to mention that we did have a small fire on the Monday after many people had left. It was in the forested area near the high lining but the fire fighters were there quickly and got it under control really fast. They stated that they believed our encampment challenge was **not** the source of the fire as it was further away. It was a serious reminder of how a forest fire can quickly happen. Please, be fire safe this summer!

Thank you from the bottom of our trail lovin' hearts, to all our valuable Chapters, members and volunteers that have donated both time, efforts and items, there are too many to list.

Business Sponsors for RV2025

Alisha Anderson – Pacific Equine Bodyworks
Backroad Weaving and Leather
Bosley's – Maple Ridge
Bruce's Feed – Mission BC
Bruce Rolph – Cowboy Poetry
Buckerfields – Abbotsford
Bucking Beads – Milner BC
Cavallo – pair of hoof boots and saddle pad
Cascade Vet Clinic – on call services
Everything Pets – Princeton
Diane Bergen – Abbotsford BC
Dr. D Berg – Orchard Plaza Dental – Kelowna
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Drystride - Trish Pitzel from Drystride

Equeffusion – Dana Johnsen
Faye's Art Studio
Firewurx
Gbags Canada
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McFlies – Whonnock BC
Merritt Veterinary Hospital
Mountain Equipment Co-op - Langley
Out West Laser
Princeton Ground Search and Rescue
Princeton Visitor Center
Reflection Creek Ranch – Princeton
Save-on-Foods – Maple Ridge
Spectrum Signworks – Salmon Arm
Spotted Horse Studio – Merritt
Stampede Tack – Cloverdale
Stephanie Antonick – clinician
Stephanie Tottenham – Hammond BC
Stud Muffins horse treats
Summers Creek Ranch
Sussex Insurance – donation to Silent Auction
Tony Z Real Estate – Langley

AGM - The 2025 Annual General Meeting was held over the weekend and the results of the elections are below:

A big thank you to all of the individuals who let their name stand for a position on the Provincial Executive.

President – Brian Harder

Treasurer – Ken Matthews

Secretary – Rose Schroeder

VP1 – Eric Becker

VP4 – Juanita Gibney

Ever thought about getting involved at the Provincial Level drop me an email at Brianharder73@shaw.ca We encourage guests to sit in on most regular provincial executive meetings to see and learn what goes on.

The Web site is still under review; we have a great committee who are looking into the options. We will have Provincial Email and record keeping being moved to Microsoft office-based system, Chapters will have the opportunity later this year to get involved after some planning and testing. Our first run of BCHBC Branded was very successful and you can look forward to the fall for more opportunities to get your BCHBC Branded wear.

Over all, the Provincial society is moving in a positive direction and the various chapters continue to do such great work around the province. 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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At RV2025, two very notable awards were presented:

Congratulations! - winner of the the John Gardner Volunteer of the Year award went to Verna Houghtaling.



Congratulations! - winner of the Outstanding Project went to the Robson Valley Chapter and the McIntosh Equestrian Camp and the Bell Mountain trail network.

The Spring BCHBC catalogue was well received and your BRANDED volunteer committee are hard at work planning for the upcoming fall catalogue. It will be available through your chapter executive, the BCHBC website, and featured on the BCHBC webpage.

The fall catalogue will launch in September, and orders will be shipped in October.

To avoid high individual mailing costs, orders will be bundled by chapter and shipped to your chapter delegate, bringing down shipping costs to each member.

Lots of new items coming and the Fall merchandise will feature the 35th anniversary version of the BCHBC logo, in anticipation of the 2026 milestone anniversary of BCHBC.

Get ready to get your Christmas shopping done early!

From the Membership committee...

Have you set up your website password?

Simply click "Member Login", then follow these steps.

- 1) Choose Chapter
- 2) Enter your email address (that's always your user name)
- 3) Enter your password (If you haven't set one up OR you forgot, just click "Forgot Password" and a new link will be sent to your email. Use something easily remembered (8 characters or more).

Once you're logged in, you will see 3 options:

1. Chapter Member Directory

- click here to view profiles of other chapter members. You can contact them by clicking the envelope beside their name. You can add details you might like to share with other members. Phone numbers and addresses are NOT visible unless you add them yourself.

2. Your Profile

- here you can add a photo, add a phone number or emergency contact, edit your address, view & pay invoices.

3. Calendar

- click here to view your Chapter calendar. You can add Chapter events to the calendar at any time. Your events will show on the main Provincial calendar as well, which can be accessed by anyone via the Home Page (Latest News)

Questions or problems? Please contact us at membership@bchorsemen.org

Thanks - Verna

What topic interests you the most?

How to pack a horse or mule?

Horse first aid for the back country?

How to organize a work bee?

What activities are you planning this summer?

Horse camping

Clinics

Shows/competitions

Trail riding

Training

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