



BCHBC June Constant Contact

Presidents Message June 2026

As the summer riding season is upon us, I encourage people to make safe plans and to always let someone know where you are going. Make sure your trailer tires are in good shape. Don't want to be changing a tire on the highway.

Wow what a great RV in Forest Grove "Pack in to the Future".

A big Thank you goes out to the three co-chairs,

Joy Kessels, Mikayla Peter and Barbara Charalambides.

They coordinated a great event that was enjoyed by all that attended. Horse Power ranch proved to be a great venue and the Band was amazing along with the social circle.

The 2026 AGM was held as usual during RV. A record 94 members attended the AGM! Thank you all for taking the time to attend. Involvement from the members is one of the many things that make our society so great. Congratulations to Karen Bridge and Claudia Zamprogno on being elected Vice Presidents for a two year term.

The Society is in good financial position. There is a little over \$2,000.00 available on a first come basis for education or trail grants this year.

Membership

Our membership is growing, we are ahead of last year. Most people say they joined because a friend invited them. Do you know someone you could invite.

Need a waiver?

Here is the link for waivers <https://bchorsemen.org/bchbc-acera-waiver-documents/>

Having problems with anything else reach out to our membership committee, they are great. membership@bchorsemen.org

Enjoy the ride and the year!

Brian Harder

President BCHBC

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At the AGM 3 bylaw resolutions were passed.

Special Resolution #1

8.1 "The first term of office of the executive extends to the second year of the date that the chapter was formed. After that, the term of office is two (2) years starting

January 1st in the next year from the chapters' November meeting at which the executive was elected."

Note* bylaw 8.1 (d) covers a gap if the chapter was formed before a November meeting date.

8.1(d) – if for any reason a vacancy occurs in the officers or any of them resign or otherwise cease to hold office, the remaining directors may appoint a member of the society to fill the vacancy until the next chapter elections.

Special Resolution #2

8.1 Allow Chapters to elect "one or more vice-chair(s)".

Special Resolution #3

2.1 (d) "A person may also apply to be a "multiple" member of one or more regional chapters."

Note* the procedures on how to do this will be outlined and described in policy 101 Membership Administration.

Membership Pins

During RV a member from your Chapter was given the membership pins for your members. The new 5 year pin was distributed to anyone between 5-9 years of membership. After that it goes 10, 15, 20 and then Lifetime.

Congratulations to the following members that have received a Lifetime Membership Pin.

Jim McCrae

Linda-lee Rasmussen - Aldergrove

Lori Schulkowsky - Powell River

Michael Schulkowsky - Powell River

Elaine Thoma - Powell River

Mona Abbott - Powell River

Sue Maitland - Powell River

Gord Mackenzie - Kamloops

Nina Christmas - NVI

Linda Buchanan - Shuswap

Teresa Matthews - Shuswap

Rose Schroeder - Shuswap

Gayle Campbell - Okanagan

Ray Campbell - Okanagan

Janette Daly - Northwest

Lorie Owens - Yarrow

Val Owens - Yarrow

Janet Schmidt - Yarrow

Did not receive your pin? Please contact Karen - karen@gelderman.ca

Did your chapter organize a BC Trail's Day event?

Yes

No

Are you interested in getting help to do one next year?



Shuswap Chapter BC Trail's Day at the Skimikin Equestrian Recreation Site.

BC Trails Day Giveaways

Thank you to **Shapeshifter Tool Co** for providing one BC Trails Day event host with a trail building tool. Congratulations to Linda from Backcountry Horseman of BC Shuswap Chapter for winning the **Shapeshifter Tool** giveaway.

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CARIBOO, CHILCOTIN, CENTRAL & NORTHEAST BC BELL MOUNTAIN TRAILS & MACINTOSH EQUESTRIAN CAMP – LOCATED NEAR MCBRIDE

In 2021, the Robson Valley Chapter secured \$246,009 in funding through the Government of BC Destination Development Program and Horse Council BC—the largest grant of its kind for the organization. In partnership with Recreation Sites and Trails BC and the community of McBride, they developed a rustic equine campground at MacIntosh Falls on Bell Mountain. Robson Valley Chapter also maintains over 42 kms of trails surrounding the camp.

Learn more through the HCBC Trails Database by following this link:

<https://hcbc.online/Trails?State=ZoneTrail&TrailAlias=340>

Discussion: Trails Committee – Linda Buchanan

- BCHBC work bee reports recorded 850 kms of trails maintained in 2026
- BCHBC chapters have 14 Partnership agreements with either BCParks or RSTBC (Recreation Sites and Trails BC), as well as 7 other agreements for land use.



Ever want to see the Island well now is your chance. Aug 21 to 23 is "Island Jamboree" hosted by the Central Vancouver Island Chapter and Silver Spurs Riding Club in beautiful Coombs BC. If you can make it from the Mainland there is lots of beautiful riding on the island on beaches and at Spruston Horse camp or up at the Salmon Brewster Camp and trail system to make you trip really worthwhile. For more information contact **2026 Island Jamboree** – Barbara Smith
 - hosted by the Central Vancouver Island Chapter and Silver Spurs Riding Club
 - August 21-23, 2026 at the Coombs fairgrounds.



Here is an updated [Emergency List](#). Members throughout the province have placed their name on this list for other members to call in case of an emergency. Keep this handy!

HCBC Board Director

BCHBC member, Teresa Carosella, is running for a board director position with Horse Council BC. Members Sharon Picthorne and Rose Schroeder are currently serving as directors with Horse Council.

Voting will happen at the online Zoom AGM on June 22 at 7pm. Click here to [Register](#). People would have received the information and registration link in their last HCBC email.

For those who don't know Teresa, her short bio is that she has 45 years of horse experience, is a Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) English and Western Instructor, had taught lessons for 7 years, ran horse day camps for kids, was a barn manager for Timberline Ranch and is currently the BC representative for CHA as well as being an executive with Backcountry Horsemen of BC's Yarrow chapter.

Teresa is passionate about making sure people have access to safe experiences with horses and preserving the horse industry for future generations, for the sake of kids, horses and all people who love them.



Facebook Picture Contest

Are you planning a great ride this summer? Hoping to explore new trails. Is your chapter planning a workable? Well, at each destination that you go to, take a picture that includes the BCHBC sticker in it. The picture that receives the most likes by September 15, 2026 will win \$50 towards a Branded order.

[Facebook Page](#)

Here is a picture of a combined workbee with BCHBC and Friends of Manning Park.



Rendezvous 2026

What a weekend Rendezvous 2026 was! 100 Mile Horsepower Ranch was a beautiful venue to gather at for the "Pack to the Future" event, with lots of space, great trails, and gracious hosts! The Friday social tent circle appy hour was a hit, it was great to see the chapters represented and all the members mingling. Some event highlights were the Ernie Buckle Cowboy Poetry competition, which had 10 participants and a wonderful audience, Joy Kessels won the buckle. The well run Custom Pack Rigging sponsored pack race on Saturday was great entertainment with 5 teams racing, Charlie Fisher and his Chicas won. Outstanding Project was NVI's Salomon Brewster Trail Rehabilitation Project and Volunteer of Year was Diana Von Ratenberg of SVI.

A well-enjoyed kid's activity station, a barn dance, and the silent & live auction that drew exciting bids! A massive thank you to all the sponsors, hosts, and RV committee for making the event what it was! Rumour has it, 2027 will be in the Kamloops area on the last weekend in May- pencil it in and watch for updates!



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