

HORSE COUNCIL BRITISH COLUMBIA



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Events in December

Nothing Scheduled
Go Riding :)

Looking for local competitions in your area? [Check out our online listing here!](#)

HCBC Office Holiday Closures

The HCBC office will be closed from Wednesday, December 23, 2015 until January 3, 2016.

We will be reopening Monday, January 4, 2016.

Renew Your Membership for 2016

Purchase your 2016 Horse Council BC Membership [online!](#)

Zone Territory Changes

HCBC News

Thank You Outgoing HCBC Executive Committee Members & Welcome New Members!



Thank you to our outgoing members of the HCBC Executive Committee for your time and dedication to Horse Council BC and the BC horse industry! We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the newest members of the HCBC Executive Committee.

Orville Smith - Outgoing Past President
Carol Cody - Outgoing HCBC Secretary
Lisa Mander - Newly elected HCBC Secretary

Gord Mackenzie - Outgoing VP Industry & Agriculture
Lynda Atkinson - Newly elected VP Industry & Agriculture

Chris Pack - Outgoing VP Membership & Marketing
Allison Warren - Newly elected VP Membership & Marketing

Rose Schroeder - Outgoing VP Recreation & Trails
Terre O'Brennan - Newly elected VP Recreation & Trails

There have been changes to zones 3, 4, and 5! [Checkout the new zones and all the new cities and districts included in each.](#)

Equine Canada News

Get all your EC updates and athlete news [here!](#)



Champion Horse Blankets

"Champion blankets are the best blankets that I have used."
— LESLIE REID
Canadian Olympian, Pan American Games team & individual gold medalist

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2015 Media Partners

New BC Societies Act

Is your organization ready?

We are pleased to offer webinar support to representatives of BC Societies (both charities and non-profit organizations) who wish to have more information about the new legislation (passed into law in May 2015); and to understand how to actively migrate to the new [BC Societies Act](#). ([read more](#))



Award Nominations Deadline December 11th!

Nominations for the 2015 HCBC Annual Awards are now open!

Have an overachieving horse person, coach, vet, farrier or horse in mind? Nominate them in one of six categories to receive an award!

You can check out the [criteria online](#) and download the application form on our website!

You can also start sending in nominations for the 2015 Sherman Olson Lifetime Achievement Award!



Recreation & Trails

Share The Trails Workshop 2016

Save the Date!

Horse Council BC together with the Outdoor Recreation Council BC are excited to host our upcoming **Share the Trails Workshop on May 6, 2016 in the Salmon Arm area**. Details are coming soon so stay tuned!

Industry & Agriculture

A Pony For Christmas!

BC Emergency responders have a new piece of training equipment to help BC horses!



Thanks to a generous donation from the Equine Foundation of Canada, HCBC has purchased from Resquip in the UK a life sized



equine mannequin! This is the first one in BC that is available for rescue training.

We can now offer hands on training in the... ([read more](#))

Coaching & Education

HCBC Forums

Check out some of the top posts and latest posted articles in the HCBC Forums!



- [When Do Horses Need Vitamin E?](#)
- [Does Your Horse Need Rest? Give Him More Bedding?](#)
- [Researchers Pinpoint Influential Factors for Horse Welfare](#)
- [Don't Flake Out: Feed Horse Hay by Weight, Not by Flake](#)
- [How Does Nose Twitching Affect A Horse?](#)

Transition Info For All Equine Canada Certified Coaches

Coaching has built a new page on the HCBC website with all the forms and information regarding the upcoming transition.

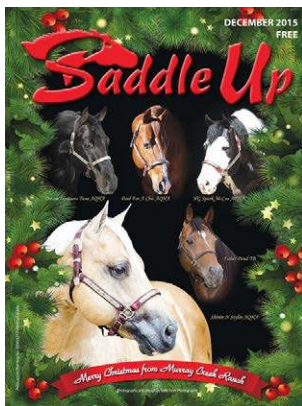
Access it here: [Transfer of Qualification Information](#)

For Coach 2's transitioning to Competition Coach Specialist, I have a limited number of the NCCP Manual "*Designing an Equestrian Sport Program*" for \$34.00, shipping is \$5.00 per manual plus GST (Grand total per book is \$39.05). This book is a great resource for developing a **Yearly Training Plan**. Email coaching@hcbc.ca if you would like to order a copy.

The Transition Update Workshop information has not been completed by Equine Canada yet. We will be letting everyone know when the webinars will be presented as soon as possible.

If you are not interested in transitioning please fill out the declaration form indicating you do not want to transition and you are aware that if you do not transition by December 31, 2017 your certification will no longer be recognized. The declaration form is available [here](#). Please email your declaration form to coaching@hcbc.ca or fax to 604-856-4302.

Competition



Have You Declared for the 2016 BC Summer Games?



Get all the information about how to participate in the BC Summer Games in Abbotsford [here!](#)

Congratulations to BC Youth Riders!



Huge congratulations to Kassidy Keith of Duncan, BC who claimed victory at the CET Medal Finals! Arora Peters of Aldergrove, BC, finished in second place, Briana Ballard of St. Lazare, QC, took third, and Megan Champoux of Aldergrove, BC, rounded out the top four.

Monthly Features

Trail of the Month

December's Trail of the Month is the Akamina Kishinena Provincial Park in the East Kootenay region.



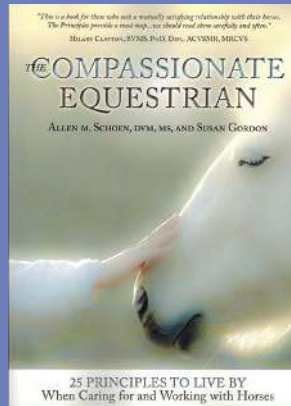
This wilderness area along with Waterton Lakes National Park and US Glacier National Park, preserves the Crown of the Continent UNESCO World Heritage site at the narrowest point of the Rocky Mountains. High spacious alpine ridges, deep secluded valleys and windswept passes provide habitat and connectivity to the last self-sustaining grizzly bear population in the United States. Exposed alpine ridges, southern latitude and southern exposure provide

winter range for goats and big horn sheep. The trails and passes of the Akamina-Kishinena used today to cross the axis of the continent, were established and used for many years by the early peoples and wildlife travelling between the Flathead Basin and the abundant Great Plains.

[Additional information.](#)

Do you have pictures you'd like to include on the listing, or updated information about this area? If so, please email recreation@hcbc.ca.

Book of the Month



The Compassionate Equestrian

Author: Allen M. Schoen, DVM and Susan Gordon

The Compassionate Equestrian is both ahead of its time yet remarkably ancient in its wisdom and fundamental teachings. Based in art and proven modern science, the 25 Principles are a priceless collection of universal values, methods, and techniques that will greatly improve the mind and body of both horse and rider. This impactful book is loaded with valuable lifelong lessons that place compassion and empathy at their core. It will enable readers to develop and sustain meaningful, respectful, and successful partnerships with their horses.

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