

HCBC Sherman Olson Lifetime Achievement Award 2018 – Rick Fillmore

Rick Fillmore has a huge impact on his West Kootenay horse community, he stands out as a great horseman, friend to all horses and their owners and a natural born leader. His Park Siding Ranch has been a haven for boarding horses for 35 years, with a Quarter Horse breeding program and a place for horseman to gather for clinics, rides and bonfire parties.

Rick has made significant, observable accomplishments in the horse industry by being a member and president of the West Kootenay Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen and past president of the Trail Horsemen Society. He has been involved with the Fort Shepherd Wild Life Conservatory Executive with the Trail Wildlife Association. He was honored with the Exceptional Volunteer Award for his work over several decades to conserve and enhance wildlife habitat. Rick has also donated tons of hay to the Fort McMurray Wildfire victims, helped rescue horses find homes and donated cash to horse rescue organizations. Rick is always studying, learning and trying to become a better horseman. He has trained under some great clinicians involving all natural horsemanship and even better he came back and shared his knowledge with everyone wanting to learn. Rick was also a driving force behind the new mountain trail course at the Horseman's grounds and helped raise over \$20,000 in donations.

His impact is far and wide in his community, the amount of people he has schooled about horses, his lifelong passion for horses and ability to bring people together over horses are all reasons he is receiving the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award.