

BCQHA

BRITISH COLUMBIA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

The British Columbia Quarter Horse Association (BCQHA) is a provincial affiliate member of the America Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), which is the only registry in the world for quarter horses. This association was formed in the early 1950's with the purpose of promoting and encouraging the development and improvement of the Quarter Horse Breed.

Quarter horses are one of the most versatile breeds in the world. Registered quarter horses can be found in jumping, dressage, trail riding, pony club, 4-H as well as the traditional western disciplines of reining, cattle penning, cutting and ranch work.

BCQHA promotes the Quarter Horse in British Columbia (BC) in a wide variety of ways. Quarter owners are being supported and encouraged to show their horses at AQHA approved shows throughout BC. These shows include classes such as Western Pleasure, Halter, Showmanship, Trail, Ranch Riding, English Hunter Under Saddle, Barrel Racing and Pole bending. Exhibitors earn points towards BCQHA year-end awards, AQHA incentive fund awards and a long list of AQHA championship awards.

BCQHA supports the recreational rider by promoting AQHA trail rides, organizing informational/horsemanship clinics and by awarding riders with the BC Ride/Drive program.

BCQHA was also very pleased to be a part of the second Horse Day at the PNE. Displays by our versatile quarter horses were well received. The volunteers manning the information booth had a great time interacting with the many visitors.

In 2016, the association was very proud to support two BC youth, which were part of the Canadian Youth World Cup team. The team travelled to Tamworth, New South Wales, Australia to compete in the traditional show performance classes. The Canadian team was fourth out of thirteen countries from around the world.

Over the years, one of the highlights of the year has been the Lower Mainland Horseman's Bazaar that provided variety of educational clinics, shopping, stallion exhibitions and a time in the early spring to get together before the start of the summer season.

The association has embarked on a program to document and preserve the BC history of the Quarter horse and their owners. This includes many breeders who raised foals in small and large numbers. Names such as Irwin, Farris, Reimer, and many others were recognized for raising a foal every year for at least 25 and up to 50 years. We also continue to recognize such Remuda's

such as the Douglas Lake Cattle Company who had the AQHA Hall of Fame stallion, Peppy San and NCHA Hall of Fame rider, Dave Batty.

The association also recognizes the importance of accurate and timely information is a need that the modern quarter horse owner requires in order to function in our busy lives today. To communicate more effectively we have a website, Facebook sites and now a monthly Newsletter that is available to any horse enthusiast. Our sites provide information on featured members, current horse disease/health issues, upcoming events, BCQHA minutes, policies and program details.

For more information regarding the BCQHA please go to the website www.BCQHA.com

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