

*Presenting the 67th Annual*  
**Kispiox Valley**



# Rodeo

*Welcome to the Valley of Horses*

# Welcome to Wilps Ma-uus



These rodeo grounds sit on the traditional Gitksan territory of Wilps Ma-uus. The Kispiox Valley Rodeo Club is honoured to recognize and feature Chief Ma-uus in the Grand Entry ceremony on Saturday. Thank-you to the House members and Chief Ma-uus for making our rodeo a true blend of cowboy and First Nations culture.

We appreciate their welcome and collaboration for our rodeo each and every year. Please treat this traditional territory and the Kispiox River with respect.



## From the Vice President

It is with pleasure that I extend to you a country invitation to our 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Kispiox Valley Rodeo, the Biggest Little Rodeo in the West!! Each year we draw some of the best rodeo contestants in the country!

This weekend event is an excellent opportunity for you to enjoy a western experience with family and friends.

Uniquely located on the edge of the pristine Kispiox River, the Kispiox Rodeo grounds provides the setting for thrills and spills, camaraderie and a long for the flavor of beef on a bun!

Words do not seem adequate to describe all of the amazing people behind the rodeo scene:

- )} In terms of setting the tone, an easy listening voice, solid knowledge of rodeo and a professional approach to his craft, our announcer, Keith Dinwoodee, has all of the elements that set the tone for a quality presentation that makes our rodeo the success that it is.
- )} Thank you to our sponsors, businesses and contractors who continually support this event, your generosity is paramount to the production of a successful rodeo.
- )} Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers; you know who you are... you're awesome!!
- )} To the participants, the cowboys, cowgirls, the queen contestants and the Kispiox Valley Drill Team, hats off to you for your dedication to the sport and the very best of luck!



A special shout out, 'yes to you, our rodeo fans' it is a wonderful feeling to receive the love, adoration and support that you all exude. Looking forward to seeing you all back again this year.

On behalf of our president, Joy Allen, the Rodeo Committee and all of our Volunteers, I look forward to seeing you all at the rodeo, at what promises to be another memorable experience for all who participate.

Happy Trails,

*Deb Jackson*

Vice President - Kispiox Valley Rodeo Club

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# The Kispiox Valley Rodeo Club

*What a GREAT crew of people!!! Enthusiastic, hard working, community minded, committed, full of great ideas and dedicated to ensuring that this rodeo will be around for more generations to enjoy. This is the crew that organizes the entire rodeo from building and maintaining the arena and bleachers to making sure you have firewood for your campfires. They also look after the local entries, provide security, mow all the grass, hire the rodeo announcer & stock contractor, look after all the advertising, find a band for the dances, supply feed for all the stock, find vendors to feed all y'all, find sponsors for all the events, order custom made buckles & prizes, and when it's all over, they clean up the entire grounds!*



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## 2014 Rodeo Club Members

Gene & Joy Allen, John Allen, Kia-Henny-Max-Scott Beertema, Bruce-Rene-Wyatt Chandler, Mary Charlebois, John de Boer, Ron Fleming, Silas Fleming, Brenda Nelson, John-Sandra-Callie Lou Forsyth, Anna Frezell, Deb Jackson, Chuck Hayden, Yet Klare, Kelly Krantz, Carole-Graham-Keifer Larson, Brooke Larson, Sarah & Liz Lazzarotto, Cohen-Geraldine-Megan-Keith Marshall, Ashley Marshall, John Pelsma, Sheryl & Cassie Penfold, Rena Ponath, Barbara-Jordan-Willi-Mikayla-Megan-Kaitlyn-Bartless-Trey Schmid, Paul & Cathy Sims, Wayne-Tanika, Chante-Roche-Pansy Wright Simms, Abby Stevens, Francie & Lawrence Stokes, Phil Trombley, Janelle-Peter-Marika-Janaya Van Tunen, Andrea-Roy-Wakas-Gracie Vickers, Rick-Landon-Kassie Vipond, Marlise & Levi Turner

## 2014 Honourary Members

Pete Heit, Lil Love, Marcella Love, Ruth Messich, Esther Love, June Nash, Pete Ness, Dave & Bernice Aspeslet, Wilfred Lee, Glynn Wookey, Gil & Mary Wilson, Pat & Les Witwer, Howard Ennis, Neil Sterrit, Peter Hinchliffe, Patsy & Earl Hobenshield, Betty Hagen, Henry Hagen, June Larson Nash, Al & Dodie Weston, Art Hagen, Wilfred Gawa, Glen & Linda Lavery and Pat Wookey.



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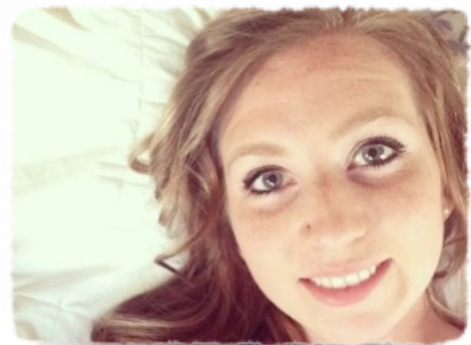
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The Western Industry has joined together to raise awareness and funds for the fight against breast cancer. The color pink is not something you would associate with the tough sport of rodeo, however, breast cancer has toughed the lives of many rodeo and western lifestyle families and the Tough Enough To Wear Pink partners want to put this important health issue top-of-mind at rodeos and extreme sporting events across America and Canada. Rodeo committees, western event producers and western manufacturers have gotten behind this campaign and the momentum continues to build. Over \$17 million dollars has been raised to support local cancer groups in behalf of the western industry.

### **2014 Proceeds to be donated to the Smithers Cancer Care Clinic in the Bulkley Valley District Hospital.**

Growing up, my sister was diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma. When she had regained her health and fought cancer, my family and I started raising money at the relay for life in Smithers BC. When I won the title of miss Kispiox valley rodeo queen in 2011, I knew it would be too hard to manage relay for life and to reign as queen the following year. This is when I decided to spearhead the Tough Enough to Wear Pink Day at the Kispiox Valley Rodeo in 2012. I had been to several Tough Enough to wear pink days during my travels around bc as rodeo queen. With the help of my mother, Liz Lazzarotto and family friend, Jude Hobenshield, I was able to continue raising money for a cause that is important to me and many others, as well as remain around the rodeo environment. In 2012 we raised a total of \$1700, and in 2013 we raised a total of \$3000. The proceeds each year are donated to the Smithers Cancer Care Clinic at the Bulkley Valley District hospital in Smithers, BC.



*Sarah Lazzarotto*

Tough enough to wear pink day would not be possible without all the support of the community and sponsors, so thank you all! Enjoy the 10th anniversary of Tough Enough to Wear Pink!

## **Are YOU tough enough?**



**Tough Enough to Wear Pink Sponsors:**  
 McBike Sport  
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 Dan's Source for Sports  
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 Kitchen Works  
 Hoskins Ford  
 Frontier Chrysler  
 Smithers Feed Store  
 Daddio's Restaurant  
 Harley Davidson Smithers  
 McCarthy GM  
 Fabricland Terrace

Salt Boutique  
 Alpenhorn Bistro  
 Coast Mountain GM  
 Hawkair  
 Sedaz Lingerie  
 Bulkley Brower  
 Bulkley Valley Credit Union

# Weekend Schedule

|          |           |   |
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| Friday   | Noon      | <i>Riverside Camping Opens</i>                                |
|          |           | <i>Judging for "Best Western Business in the Hazeltons"</i>   |
|          | 3:00pm    | <i>Rodeo BBQ at the Riverboat - Hazelton</i>                  |
|          | 10:00p.m. | <i>Dance – Main Hall (No Minors) MUSTANG HEART</i>            |
| Saturday | 8:00a.m.  | <i>Pancake Breakfast – Main Hall - With The 4 Fat Fryers</i>  |
|          | 10:00a.m. | <i>Horse Drawn Wagon Rides With the Semeschucks</i>           |
|          | 1:00 p.m. | <i>BCRA Sanctioned Rodeo, Grand Entry – Main Arena</i>        |
|          |           | <i>The Kispiox Mounted Drill Team</i>                         |
|          |           | <i>Official Welcome from House of Ma-uus</i>                  |
|          | 9:00p.m.  | <i>Family Dance - Main Hall, MUSTANG HEART</i>                |
| Sunday   | 8:00a.m.  | <i>Pancake Breakfast - With the 4 Fat Fyers - Main Hall</i>   |
|          | 9:00a.m.  | <i>Cowboy Christian Service - Outdoor Music Stage</i>         |
|          | 10:00a.m. | <i>Horse Drawn Wagon Rides - Brian &amp; Tanis Semeschuck</i> |
|          | 1:00 p.m. | <i>BCRA Sanctioned Rodeo, Grand Entry – Main Arena</i>        |
|          |           | <i>The Kispiox Valley Mounted Drill Team</i>                  |

*Make sure you slip on over to the Rodeo T-Shirt booth and take home some rodeo memorabilia with you. Roy Vickers has contributed some great art work to help raise money to keep this rodeo alive. Rodeo t-shirts, posters, limited edition buckles, and limited edition silk screen prints. Check out the booth and show your support of rodeo!*



## British Columbia Rodeo Association



The Kispiox Valley Rodeo is sanctioned by the British Columbia Rodeo Association. The BCRA ensures that the rodeo is run on a professional level providing top quality judges, timers, secretaries, announcers, pickup men, photographers, bullfighters, stock contractors and rodeo entertainers. Each rodeo is attended by elected directors who monitor the stock, contestants, arena conditions, facilities and help committees to produce a great rodeo. They keep track of contestants winnings and determine who qualifies for the BCRA rodeo finals. Many of their contestants have gone on to compete and win in the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association, (the CPRA) and many of you will recognize their names as they've competed many times at Kispiox. You can always check out [www.rodeobc.com](http://www.rodeobc.com)

# Stock Contractor



C+ Rodeos of Williams Lake B.C. Is supplying the stock for the 2013 Kispiox Valley Rodeo. Roy and Earl Call are the only Professional Stock Contractors in B.C. Among the many rodeos they contract is the world famous Williams Lake Stampede. They also supply stock for High School, Little Britches, and amateur rodeos. They supply bulls for the Canadian Bull Riding Association and Pro Bullriders Rodeo (PBR). Their horses Simon's Bear and Medevil Kneival have won Saddle Bronc of the round at the Canadian Finals. In 2012 the CPRA chose several of the C+ bucking horses to attend the Canadian Finals Rodeo. The Call boys supply all their own stock for rodeos, pickup horses, cattle, bulls and broncs. These rodeo athletes love the applause of the crowd for their performances, so don't hold back your appreciation!! The Kispiox Valley Rodeo is proud to have C+!



## CJFW & CFTK Live on Location

Bell Media presents the 67<sup>th</sup> annual Kispiox Valley rodeo. They are excited to be a part of a community event with such a rich heritage rooted in the Kispiox Valley. CJFW will be live on location covering all the rodeo excitement. **Mike in the Morning** will be coming to you live from the rodeo grounds on Saturday, May 31st from 11am- 3pm so listen for all your rodeo coverage on CJFW. 101.9 FM in Hazelton and Kispiox if you've got good reception. CFTK TV will be shooting live on location, so put your lipstick on, comb your hair and smile for the camera!!



# Rodeo Royalty - Queen Contest



**THANKS** to Miss Cassie Penfold & Kassie Vipond for a wonderful two years of representing the Kispiox Valley Rodeo as our very own ambassadors throughout the province.

*We have 3 amazing ladies competing for the title of Miss Kispiox Valley Rodeo 2014-2015. They will be competing throughout the weekend to demonstrate their horsemanship, knowledge of the sport of rodeo, public speaking, congeniality and many other skills. Please meet the contestants.*

## **Jordyn Bartlett**

My horse Nutmeg and I are such a great team together. I first got her last fall when she was 9 and I love her more than anything. Nutmeg and I might have hard times but we work well together, we love to barrel race and have lots of fun goofing around in the field and arena. This year is Nutmegs first time competing in a rodeo and I'm excited to experience this with her. My sponsor is the Smithers Feed Store and I picked them as a sponsor because I have gotten a lot of supplies from them and their very friendly community business and always make everyone feel welcome.

Smithers Feed Store Ltd

*"Your country loving store"*



## **Kyla Jackson**

Molly is a 7 year old quarter horse and I Kyla Hillary Jackson am her rider. We are new to equestrian world but willing to learn and gain new knowledge. We have joined the Kispiox Valley Drill Team and entered the queen contest. I'm excited to meet new people and learn more about rodeo and how it works. I'm very outgoing and enthusiastic to make the most out of this experience and hopefully be able to travel and represent Kispiox around our beautiful province. My sponsor is the Gitanmaax Band Office, I went to them for my sponsorship because I feel like it's a great way to get my culture out and be able to be proud to show it off.



## **Abby Stevens**

My name is Abigail Stevens. I am 14 years old and have a good friend named Freckles who is 19 years old. He is my go to everything horse. He loves doing barrels and poles. We try to go to all the gymkhanas and rodeos we possibly can go to. My sponsor is Bernie Vallis who owns the company Blue Sapphire contracting LTD. He lives beside my grandparents' place where I practice and has watched me dozens of times. Not only he is my sponsor, he is also my friend.



**SPONSORED BY:** Bulkley Valley Credit Union, Skeena Bakery, Twelveoakes Enterprises & Andi Houlden

# We are a Memorial Rodeo

The Kispiox Valley rodeo has several memorial events to help us remember and honour some of the fine cowboys and cowgirls that came before us - the people that loved this rodeo and helped make it what it is today. These aren't just names on a trophy, each individual has in some way touched our lives and those around us. The rodeo club is very honoured that the families chose this event to commemorate such special people.

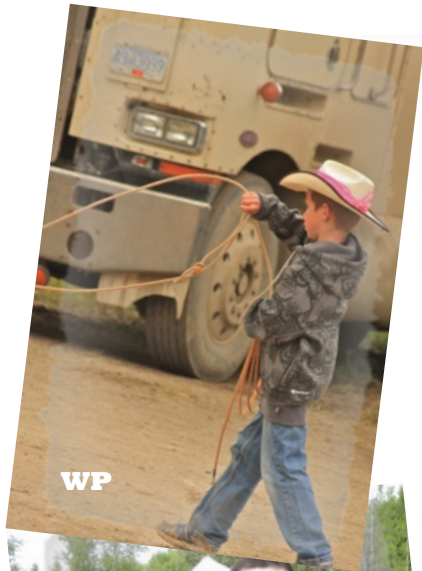
The trophy on the right is the Wally Love Memorial Sportsmanship Cowboy trophy awarded in 2013 to Ian Wardrop of Houston, BC. Our Kispiox Valley Rodeo Queen, Cassie Penfold makes the presentation for the photo. This award is sponsored each and every year by Wally's widow, Marcella Love. The winner of this award doesn't get to take the trophy home but does get his name engraved on a plaque that is mounted on the trophy. The winner will also get a custom-made belt buckle to keep. This particular trophy was hand carved by Kispiox Valley resident, Leon Combs and some of these trophies date back to the early seventies. Honouring our past and our heritage is a very important part of the Kispiox Valley Rodeo.



## Other Memorial Events

- Marty Allen Memorial Saddle Bronc*
- Jack Lee Memorial Bare Back*
- Gerrit Pelsma Memorial Team Roping*
- John & Elsie Wookey Memorial All Around Cowboy*
- Jimmy McCrae Memorial Cowhide Race*
- Wally Love Memorial Sportsmanship Cowboy*
- Chris Leary Memorial Sportsmanship Junior*
- Helen Campbell Memorial All Around Cowgirl*





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Doug Donaldson, MLA  
(Stikine)

Dear organizers, participants and attendees:

As the MLA for Stikine I welcome all those attending and participating in the 67<sup>th</sup> annual Kispiox Valley Rodeo. Congratulations to the organizers for again putting on a wonderful, family-oriented event in the best rodeo setting in the entire province!

When I think about the Kispiox Valley Rodeo, I reflect on the deep relationships that have been built up over the years around the event, the ones that get renewed every year, and the opportunity 'hanging out' at the community grounds provides to make new acquaintances. It's this basic connection between ourselves, linked to animals and the land and rivers, that reminds us of the strong bond we all share, especially when faced with outside pressures on more controversial topics that can divide us.

The rodeo also makes me think about the important agricultural roots we have in our communities and the fact that the land, if properly taken care of, provides for us year after year after year. The good food we can grow and produce and gather here is something that we cherish. Others in the world, facing drought, depleted soils and urban sprawl, marvel at the abundant clean water and fertile land we still have. The rodeo is a great time to remember that farmland in Stikine and across BC is something that we need to protect – as one person said to me lately, "food is the new oil, and land is the new gold."

Good luck to all the participants in all the events. And once again, congratulations to the organizers of the 67<sup>th</sup> annual Kispiox Valley Rodeo. Thank you for all your hard work in putting on the rodeo and for the opportunities it provides for a relaxing and fun weekend for those attending.

See you at the rodeo!

Doug Donaldson  
MLA Stikine



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May 30, 2014

Kispiox Valley Rodeo Association

Dear Members:

On behalf of the District of New Hazelton Council it is a pleasure to write a letter of support for the Kispiox Valley Rodeo Association. Your rodeo has become a staple of the Hazeltons and brings people from far and wide. The event not only highlights traditional rodeo events such as steer wrestling, bull riding, barrel racing and junior events, but a number of unique local events like the Tug of War, Calf Scramble and Kids Stick Horse Race. The precision riding of the Drill Team during the grand entry is a tribute to all of the riders.

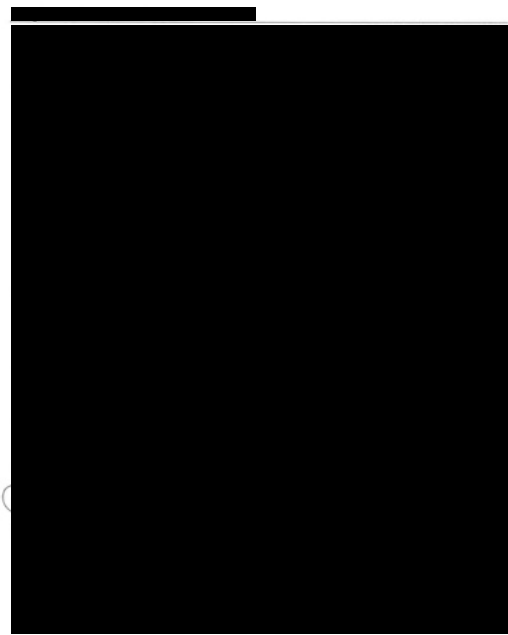
The Kispiox Valley Rodeo always serves as a pick-me-up for the Hazeltons and reminds us of our pioneer spirit and the perseverance of our community. The tireless volunteers and members, along with the enthusiastic fans make this the best "Biggest Little Rodeo in the West". The camping, dancing and rodeo events give us all a great opportunity to visit with friends from near and far and enjoy a day, or weekend, in the scenic Kispiox Valley.

The District of New Hazelton council would like to thank all the members and volunteers for all their dedication and hard work which makes this a great event year after year and welcome this year's spectators and competitors to our community.

Sincerely,

*Gail Lowry*  
Gail Lowry  
Mayor

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# The Valley of Horses

The Kispiox Valley and the Hazeltons have seen an explosion in horse owners recently and has earned this region the title of the "Valley of Horses" and it's a name we bear proudly. You will be hard pressed to pass a field without seeing a few horses grazing. Folks are getting horses for kids as owning a caring for a horse is not only a big responsibility, it's an activity to teaches many important life lessons as well as giving youth a

distraction from the age of video games, cell phones and the internet. The Telegraph Trail Saddle Club has been an active group in the Kispiox for many years as well as the 27 members of the Kispiox Valley Drill Team. Combine that with those who have horses for pleasure riding, horse logging, draft horses, rodeo horses, trail ride businesses and you've got a valley full of horses and horse lovers.

Horses are a big part of our local economy and if we consider the Kispiox Valley Drill Team alone, here's a small glimpse into horses economics 101 using some average prices:

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|---|-------------------------|
| Fuel to pull trailer for practices: \$150 | Saddle: \$600           |
| Winter feed bill: \$400                   | Bridle & Tack: \$250    |
| Worm medicine & supplements: \$80         | Riding gear: \$200      |
| Grain and treats: \$200                   | Vet services: \$300     |
| Insurance: \$35                           | Ferrier services: \$400 |

**Average annual cost of owning a horse: \$1565**

**Average capital costs (not including the horse or horse trailer): \$1050**



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## 2013 Champions

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| <i>Bareback</i>              | <i>Jared Marshall, Prince George (Hazelton)</i>      |
| <i>Saddle Bronc</i>          | <i>Steve Hohman - Quesnel</i>                        |
| <i>Ladies Barrels</i>        | <i>Laura James, Kamloops</i>                         |
| <i>Team Roping</i>           | <i>Ryan McNaughton &amp; Rod Spiers</i>              |
| <i>Bull Riding</i>           | <i>Lane Cork, Quesnel</i>                            |
| <i>Tie Down Roping</i>       | <i>Kyle Bell, Houston</i>                            |
| <i>Steer Wrestling</i>       | <i>Grant Fosbery, Merrit</i>                         |
| <i>Breakaway Roping</i>      | <i>Charlie Soffel, Vanderhoof</i>                    |
| <i>Jr. Steer Riding</i>      | <i>Kyle Bell, Houston</i>                            |
| <i>Jr. Breakaway Roping</i>  | <i>McKenzie Willis, Quesnel</i>                      |
| <i>Jr. Barrel Racing</i>     | <i>Callie Hume</i>                                   |
| <i>Pee Wee Barrel Racing</i> | <i>Elly Farmer, Kamloops</i>                         |
| <i>Open Pole Bending</i>     | <i>Lane Willis, Quesnel</i>                          |
| <i>Cowhide Race</i>          | <i>No Qualified Run</i>                              |
| <i>Rescue Race</i>           | <i>Megan Marshall &amp; Keifer Larson - LOCALS</i>   |
| <i>Ride &amp; Lead</i>       | <i>Landon Vipond - LOCAL</i>                         |
| <i>Musical Chairs</i>        | <i>Megan Glawe, Terrace</i>                          |
| <i>Wild Cow Milking</i>      | <i>Martin Wehren, Wade Jensen &amp; Wade McNolty</i> |

### Sportsmanship

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|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>Mens</i>    | <i>Ian Wardrop, Houston</i>          |
| <i>Ladies</i>  | <i>Jamie McDonald, Williams Lk</i>   |
| <i>Juniors</i> | <i>Ricki Laviolette, Williams Lk</i> |

### All Arounds - Cowboy/Cowgirl

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| <i>Mens</i>   | <i>Steve Hohman, Quesnel</i>                             |
| <i>Ladies</i> | <i>Kirsten Bell, Houston</i>                             |
| <i>Junior</i> | <i>Kyle Bell, Houston &amp; McKenzie Willis, Quesnel</i> |

# Choose Your Salmon Future

## SKEENA ESTUARY-PRESENT DAY



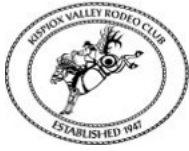
### What LNG Terminals Look Like

This is the one place that every single salmon and steelhead, from every single river & creek in the Skeena will go...TWICE! It's also the place where 2 tracked gas (LNG) terminals are proposed. They want to dig up 7 million cubic meters of the ocean floor to make the estuary deep enough for their massive tankers. That's enough of the ocean floor to fill up 61,600 train cars.

Um....How's about NO LNG terminals in the SKEENA ESTUARY?

[skeenawatershed.com](http://skeenawatershed.com)





# Kispiox Valley Rodeo



Hard damn work! That's what it takes to put a rodeo on. Without all the services of the people and organizations below, our rodeo just wouldn't be the same. Thanks so very much to all of you!

**RCMP** - Regularly patrol the grounds to help our security team keep our families, children, animals and friends safe. Constable Spencer Van Dem Ham from the New Hazelton detachment will be featured in the Grand Entry on Red Serge duty.

Chute Helpers - **Keifer Larson, Colten Murrel & Levi Turner** are the guys you see pushing horses, bulls, steers, calves and other stock through the alley-ways into the chutes. Headed up by long time cowboy, **John Pelsma**, they sort all the stock into pens to make sure the right calf or horse is in the right chute for the right cowboy!

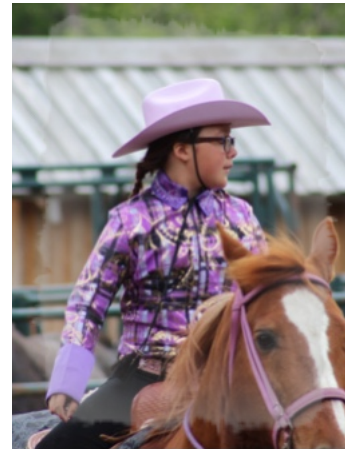


BBQ Beef Cooker/Sellers - The chef, **Willie Schmidt & family** stay up ALL night continuously basting the giant hunks of beefs as it roasts slowly in an old boiler from a stern-wheeler ship!

Pick-Up Men - **Wade McNolty & Earl Call** are the two good-looking rugged cowboys that ride their well-trained horses alongside the broncs to give the bronc-rider an "easy-off" instead of a "buck-off."

Stock-Chaser - **Abby Stevens** is the one you see helping chase calves out of the arena to keep the rodeo running faster.

Strip-Chute - When the horse or the bull is done bucking, it runs into the strip chute where the rigging, saddle or bull rope is taken off and returned to the competitor. This is a tough job as the horse or bull is still excited from bucking in the arena but **Sam & Conrad Larson and Scott Beertema** are old hands at it!



Arena Director - **Kaleigh Allen** - She keeps the entire rodeo running smoothly by always working 2 events ahead of the rodeo and helping coordinate all the other behind-the-scenes people.

Chute Boss - **Gene Allen** - This guy generally yells a lot! He keeps all the rough stock in order and works with the chute help to keep them bringing the right animal athletes to match up with their cowboy competitor.

Rodeo Clown - The painted up goofy guy otherwise known as **Bruce Chandler** that keeps the crowd and kids entertained during event changes.

## Shootin' Rodeos

*The photos in this booklet are shot from the cameras belonging to **Wendy Perry (WP) & Yet Klare**. We are grateful for their photos each and every year to make this program possible. If you would like a copy of one of the photos, please contact Shannon (250)842-2499 or [shannon@skeenawatershed.com](mailto:shannon@skeenawatershed.com) and I will hook you up with the right photographer!*

# Kispiox Valley Drill Team 2014

What do you get when you put 26 riders, of all different ages and riding abilities, and 26 horses, of all different temperaments and training levels, together in one arena? The answer is confusion, chaos, challenge and sometimes disaster! We have been rained out, dusted out, stepped on, drug and sometimes run over. However, we never give up! Some say we should be on a reality show.

In only one month, an amazing transformation takes place. We see riding skills improve and horses settle down. We witness a group of riders and horses supporting each other for a common goal. It takes tremendous effort from every rider to every horse to every parent and family member to build a successful team.

The Kispiox Valley Drill Team is the most unique drill team in the country. We have riders as young as 5. The only team with more riders is the Royal Canadian Mountain Police.

Our drill team was started 17 years ago as a special performance for the 50<sup>th</sup> annual Kispiox Valley Rodeo. It continues to evolve with the allegiance and mastermind of the Telegraph Trail Saddle Club members. Our motto is "Every horse and rider are of the same importance." We are like pieces of a puzzle, we must have every single one to be complete.

We would like to thank you for your support and encouragement over the years.

The Valley of the horses invites you to sit back with the river and the mountains and enjoy our production.

**Written by - Carole Larson**

**Coach - Joy Allen**

**Assistant Coaches & Performance Leaders - Dixie Webb, Carole Larson, Brenda Nelson & Deb Jackson**

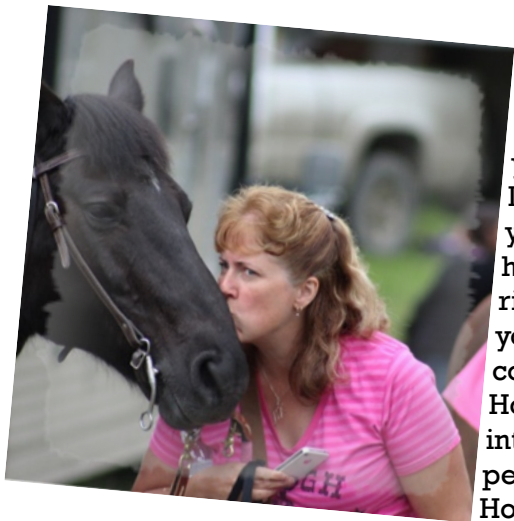


## **2014 Riders & Horses**

Abby Stevens, Picaku  
Anna Frezell, Scout  
Brenda Nelson, Rocky  
Carole Larson, Gator  
Cathy David, Tuffie  
Charlotte Pole, Rusty  
David Larson, Flirt  
Deb Jackson, Faro

Destiny Webb, Birdie  
Dixie Webb, Bonnie  
Grace Vickers, Breeze  
Jolene McCormick, Casey  
Jordyn Bartlett, Nutmeg  
Kaitlyn Bartlett, Joke  
Keith Marshall, Fred  
Kimberly Lee, Princess  
Kyla Jackson, Molly

Maddison Wilson, Thunder  
Marika Van Tunen, Beauty  
Marlis Zurbrugg, Partner  
Meagan Marshall, Tip Toe  
Megan Bartlett, Autumn  
Roy Vickers, Copper  
Sara McPhail, Sparky  
Tanika Simms, Montana  
Yet Klare, Oteero



# Equine Athletes

In the sport of rodeo, horses aren't just a work animal, they are your teammates and are equally responsible for your success. In every event that a horse is needed, it's the horse can help put you in the money or take you out. In the rough stock events, how well the horse bucks is half of your score and how well you ride that horse is the other half. In the timed events, how fast your horse runs and how much time you have spent training and conditioning determines whether or not you earn a winning spot. Horses are athletes and like human athletes, they must train, get into good physical shape, warm up and stretch before performances, cool down after and maintain a healthy diet. Horses have personalities and the mental training is as important

as the physical. They can have "off" days just like a person. The sport of rodeo is not just about knowing your events, it's about working with your teammate to make sure the two of you put together the best ride possible. The Kispiox Valley Rodeo Club and the British Columbia Rodeo Association are very serious when it comes to their animal athletes. If anyone is seen demonstrating poor horsemanship (ie jerking on the reins too hard, hitting a horse, poor animal health from neglect, etc) they are fined and sometimes blacklisted from the rodeo association.

Horses are also family members and like family members, there are no two alike. They work their way into our hearts and become a part of everyday life. Getting your first horse is a momentous occasion and one you will never forget. They are also a great responsibility. They must be fed the right kind of feed, given vitamins and supplements, have regular vet checks, and be kept in shape. They need shelter from the elements even if it's just a grove of trees for shade or to keep out of the rain. They must be sent to school or given proper training in order to learn the skills necessary to be a good teammate to their rider.

This year, the Kispiox Valley Rodeo is celebrating our horses.

## Don't Mess With the West!

*Our professional security team headed up by the great-great-great nephew of rodeo founder Gable Louis is **Mark Louis**. Please remember that this is a FAMILY event and excessive or underage drinking will not be tolerated.*

*Mark & his team will be doing a Sunday morning 'camp check'. If they find your camp a mess, with broken bottles and garbage, you could be in **BIG TROUBLE!!!** Your license plate will be noted, and the names of people in the camp. If the camp is not cleaned up by noon on Sunday, you and the people in your camp will not be welcome on the community grounds for a minimum of two years,*

*for ANY event. Please make sure your camping spot is kept clean! With the snow melting off our beautiful mountains, the Kispiox River is high, muddy, cold and **WILL** cause hypothermia. Please take extra care not only with yourself but with your children.*

*Kids camp here too, so please remember to keep the cuss words out of your vocabulary, the drinking within a responsible limit and the late nights quiet....or else! We could even add in a "MOM SAID!" to be sure you get the message but essentially, if you wouldn't do it in Gramma's house - don't do it here.*



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# RODEO VENDORS

Are you hungry? Thirsty?

Check out the tasty treats, satisfying snacks and megalicious meals in our vendor area near the bleacher entrance



## FOUR FAT FRYERS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Pancakes, bacon, eggs, juice & coffee. A solid breakfast to start your day, served from 8:00 - 11:00 each morning in the hall. A long-standing rodeo tradition!

## KISPIOX VALLEY RODEO BBQ BEEF BOOTH

Barbequed beef on a bun. Our roast beef is flame roasted "low and slow" all night long in a giant boiler from an old stern wheeler ship that came up the Skeena River. Another long-standing rodeo tradition!

## KISPIOX VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LOG CABIN CONCESSION

Hamburgers, chips, freezies, hot dogs, chocolate bars, hot & cold drinks.

## SHISH-KA-DAVE'S

Pork or chicken kabobs, meat or vegetable rolls, chow mein, Phillipino food, and cold drinks

## CINAWAY TRADING (MERCHANDISE)

T-shirts, bags, jewellery, clothing, hats, shawls, bandanas, scarves and other accessories

## SNOWIE SHAVED ICE

Snow cones & cotton candy

## ICE-CREAM BUCKET

Ice-cream, cold drinks, floats (YEAH BABY!), milkshakes, hot dogs & corn dogs (Friday & Saturday evening), and ice-cream novelties

## BLUESTONE MINI-TREATS

Fries, perigees on a stick, deep fried pickles, smoothies, drinks and gooey fries

## DeJONG'S MINI-DONUTS

Mmmmmmmmm...mini-donuts, and beverages

## GRANNY'S OLD FASHIONED POPCORN

Sweet & salty kettle corn

## SKEENA WATERSHED CONSERVATION COALITION

Kids handmade leather chaps, Skeena Deputy buttons, t-shirts, stickers and some kick-ass conservation



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You make  
this rodeo  
possible!

# Would you like to name a bucking horse?

If you had the chance to name a bucking horse, what would you call it? Wouldn't it be cool to have a horse named after a loved one, your business or maybe your mother in law? Heck, you can even name it after yourself! If you're looking for innovative ways to advertise your business - name a bucking horse! This bronc will travel all around western Canada and the USA and be watched by thousands of folks.



So when hear our 3-time world champion auctioneer and rodeo announcer, Keith Dinwoodie do what he does best, get ready to bid! He will be auctioning off the right to name a bucking horse. The proceeds from the auction go towards improving the rodeo facilities. Last year's lucky auction winner was Jude Marshall and she chose the name "Izzy, The Pope's Assistant" after her Grandmother Isabelle. When you asked Isabelle to do something, she would reply, "What do I look like? The Pope's assistant?!"



## Facebook

Did you know the Kispiox Valley Rodeo is on Facebook? It's not a trick question, we are! You can find out all sorts of cool things on there. Lots of people posting photos, Roy Vickers giving Facebookers a sneak peek at the latest T-shirt designs, the new KVRC logo and info on how to get involved with lots of cool rodeo things that happen throughout the year. So get on there, give us a "like" and join us online!



## Stick Horse Race

Definitely a Kispiox Valley Rodeo highlight. Not everyone can have a horse and compete in the rodeo so the rodeo club created events that all kids could participate in. Whether kids come with their very own stick horse or use a plain ol' stick supplied by the rodeo club, all kids can compete in their very own Kispiox Valley Rodeo event. When you hear announcer Keith Dinwoodie tell you to get ready, GET READY because the stick horse race is about to start! The competitors will race around a barrel and back to receive their very own stick horse race medal.

# 2014 Rodeo Sponsors

## A BIG THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS

Especially those of you who support this rodeo year after year! YOU help us to make this event the BIGGEST LITTLE RODEO IN THE WEST!

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**Jr. Steer Riding**  
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**Pee Wee Barrels**  
**Cowhide Race**  
**Novice Roughstock**  
**Open Pole Bending**  
**Rescue Race**  
**Ride & Lead**  
**Calf Scramble**  
**Stickhorse Race**  
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***If you would like to see your name on a chute gate next year, help out as a volunteer, join the rodeo club or participate as a sponsor, please contact our committee at 250-842-6287. Your support helps ensure that this event will continue.***

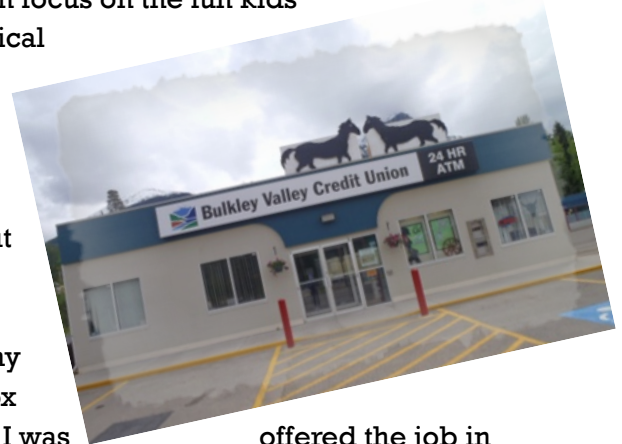
# Bulkley Valley Credit Union



Some people may think working in an office day in and day out would be boring, but not at the Bulkley Valley Credit Union! If there is an office that puts its whole heart and soul into the community, BVCU is #1. Each year our Kispiox Valley Rodeo promoting and decorating gets larger and more exciting and we are always changing it up. From the first years of decorating with a few cowboy hats and bandanas to a full day of live country music, bar-b-cue's and even pony rides! My 2 most memorable years were when I dismantled a cookie jar lid with a sound box inside. I mounted the box to the front door of the branch. When the door opened there was a loud "MOOOOOO"! The second was definitely the year we put the horses on the roof! How could anyone thing working at BVCU was boring? But let's go on...

BVCU has been a proud supporter of the Kispiox Valley Rodeo every year and have sponsored many events, with our main focus on the fun kids

events like mutton busting and the stick horse race to musical chairs, rescue race and ride and lead. This year BVCU is proud to sponsor chute gate #5. Because of BVCU's proud support of the Kispiox Valley Rodeo, I was motivated to start working as a volunteer at the rodeo by helping with various jobs. I gladly helped where ever I was needed, but my heart was in the rodeo office. After a few years, the opportunity came up to take the position of local entries secretary and work in the rodeo office. This year will be my 4<sup>th</sup> year in the rodeo office and my second year as a Kispiox Valley Rodeo Association Member. I sometimes think that I was the rodeo office to be close by to accept the Best Dressed Business Award! All joking aside, I can honestly say that it is an honour to work with such a dedicated committee and Bulkley Valley Credit Union is proud to support Kispiox Valley Rodeo. Here is to a successful, fun family weekend.



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*Cathy Sims*



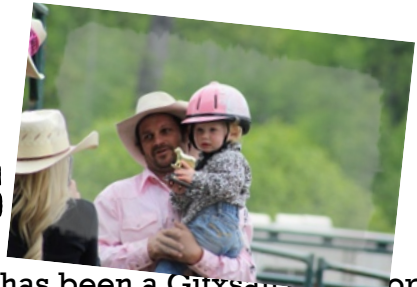
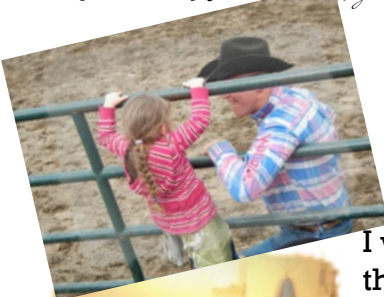


# The Cowboy's Prayer

*Dedicated to the family and friends of Barry Ness.*

*"Our Heavenly Father, we pause at this time, mindful of the many blessings you have bestowed upon us. We ask, Lord, that you will be with us in the arena of life. We as cowboys do not ask for special favours. We don't ask to draw around the chute fighting horse, the steer that won't lay, or to never break the barrier. We don't even ask for all daylight runs. We do ask Lord, that you will help us live our*

*lives here on earth as cowboys, in such a manner, that when we make that last inevitable ride, to the country up there, where the grass grows lush, green, and stirrup high, and the water runs cool, clear, and deep, that you'll take us by the hand and say, Welcome to Heaven and say, your entry fees are paid. Amen*



# National Anthems

I was born and raised in the Hazelton's and I currently work at the Bulkley Valley Credit Union in New Hazelton. My family has always been a little musical, so naturally I love to sing and play guitar. I thank you for choosing me once more to sing the Star Spangled Banner; I am truly honored.

*Carmen Witwer*

Gwen Simms has been a Gitksan educator for years and teaches at the trilingual school of Majagaleehl Gali Aks which means "Children/Flowers of the Rivers and was formerly called John Field Elem. Every year, Gwen finds some great students to sing the Canadian anthem in all 3 languages, French, English and Gitksanimx. Hazelton has the only trilingual school in BC!







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