

WELCOME TO THE 70TH ANNUAL
Kispiox Valley



Rodeo



CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF THE BIGGEST LITTLE RODEO IN THE WEST!

Cover Photo: First Annual Kispiox Rodeo, 1947 at Kispiox Village
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WELCOME TO GITXSAN TERRITORY

These rodeo grounds sit on the unceded territory of Wilps Ma-uus of the Gitxsan Nation. The Kispiox Valley Rodeo Club is honoured to feature Chief Ma-uus in opening the rodeo 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.



JOHN ALLEN - KISPIOX COWBOY

Sometimes, it's easy to think John Allen has been a member of the Kispiox Valley Rodeo Club long before he was born. John competed in the sport of rodeo all over the world. He owns some of the nicest All Around Cowboy Trophy saddles to commemorate his talents as a cowboy and in his generosity, he sponsored trophy saddles for others. In his later years, he became a rodeo judge and continued following the circuit all across BC. He is a tireless advocate for the sport of rodeo and endlessly donates his time, fuel and farming equipment each and every year to the rodeo club. John is also a beloved Kispiox Valley community member and has been known to constantly donate his time and snow plow throughout the winter keeping people's driveways open. Sometimes, during the big snowstorms, he would even plow the main road! He would also personally drop off your fresh farm eggs and beef - it was not uncommon to come home to a freezer full of food thanks to him.

John and his wife Carol, live in the Kispiox Valley on the Telegraph Trail Ranch where they raise some of the best beef in the valley. John & Carol are running the same ranch that his parents, Marty and Dorothy Allen ran. Earlier this year, John suffered a Spine infection which quickly worsened into septic arthritis - something he was told was incurable. He was also told that he would never farm again to which he informed the doctor, "You don't know me..." as well as some other colourful words and he has already exceeded the doctor's expectations of healing! He's coming back from an almost complete loss of motor function. He's been in the hospital since early February and misses home but is working hard at getting back on his feet with the support of his son Carson, who has been staying in Vancouver to help with his Dad's recovery. John is at a physical rehab centre in Vancouver and while still in a wheelchair, he is surely and slowly getting stronger and has recently made progress standing and walking - something the doctors didn't think would be possible.

The hardest part about celebrating the 70th annual rodeo, is not having John Allen here in person to be a part of it. The rodeo club just isn't the same without his good humour, tireless work ethic, his leadership, all his support but mostly, we just miss him and his friendship. We wish him a speedy recovery and want him to know that we love the hell right out of our Kispiox cowboy.



WELCOME TO THE BIGGEST LITTLE RODEO IN THE WEST!



I'll bet the founders of this rodeo in the 40's never dreamed we'd be celebrating this event 70 years later. It's an honour and a privilege to be able to carry on their dream. In the 40's, it was a group of community members working together to host the first rodeo. There's been a lot of changes in the area since then, but one thing that hasn't changed is the community spirit. People working together to make good things happen in our community.

Our rodeo club has been overwhelmed by the generosity from the Hazeltons and Smithers businesses and merchants. We hope you will support them every chance you get.

There are so many who are responsible for helping to make this event a success. The cowboys and cowgirls who travel so far to compete, the vendors who offer a great variety of

food and merchandise, the BCRA, the RCMP, our security team, maintenance, the Eveyln 4-H members for working our gates, the Old Timers Hockey club for all their hard work, the BBQ Beef crew, the Pancake Breakfast crew, the Kispiox Valley Drill Team, the workbee crews, the 132 volunteers who are working throughout the weekend, it's a huge contributed effort.

Hats off to all the members of the rodeo club! Your hard work and dedication is reflected in the continuing success of this rodeo.

There's no other rodeo like this one in the world! From Catalines' pack trains, trappers, gold seekers and explorers who walked through these grounds following the Grease Trails and the Telegraph Trail, to Simon Gunanoot being chased on a 13-year manhunt (Longest in Canadian history), this area is rich in cultural history. This rodeo will bring out the 'western' in all of you! Cooking over campfires, going to sleep at night beside the river with cattle and horses in the pens near you, dancing to great country and western music, wearing your favourite jeans, boots and a cowboy hat, and surrounded by the best cowboys and cowgirls in B.C. This rodeo helps us keep our traditions alive.

Please stay safe! Keep your kids away from the river, don't drink and drive and be considerate of your neighbours. This is a family oriented event and we aim to keep it that way.

Kispiox Valley Rodeo truly is the Biggest Little Rodeo in the West!!!

Joy Allen

KVRC 2017 EXECUTIVE TEAM

President: Joy Allen

Vice-President: Roy Henry Vickers

Treasurer: Brenda Nelson

Secretary: Mary Charlebois

Directors: Andrea Vickers, Marlis Zurbrugg
& Ron Fleming



Gene & Joy Allen roping together at the Kispiox Rodeo 1984



KISPIOX VALLEY RODEO CLUB

It takes 135+ volunteers to organize and run this rodeo. These people are the ones who make it happen. The 100's of hours that they put in to make this event the success it is, is a tribute to their dedication to the sport of rodeo. We think this is the best rodeo committee in Canada.

2017 RODEO CLUB MEMBERS

Gene & Joy Allen
 John Allen
 Wendy Bartlett
 Max & Scott Beertema
 Henny & Kia Beertema
 Amy & Robert Brandstetter
 Trey & Dytah Schmid
 Bruce & Rene Chandler
 Riley, Flynn & Ava Chandler
 Mary Charlebois
 James & Sam Combs
 Hank & Bella Combs
 Gerry & Sabrina Croft
 Anela & Jesse Croft

Ron Fleming & Brenda Nelson
 Silas Fleming & Julia Lattie
 Ethan & Tristan Lattie
 Anna & Kieran Frezell
 Jaylee Harris
 Jude & Zane Hobenshield
 Claire, Lily & Emma Hobenshield
 Nikki Kirton
 Carole, Grahame Larson
 Keifer Larson
 Kim Lee & Joel Flynn
 Dave, Lee & Laura Nash
 Barbara & Willie Schmid

Mikayla & Jordyn Bartlett
 Eryn, Jules & Fallon Stokes
 Francie & Lawrence Stokes
 Shannon & Sara McPhail
 Roy & Andrea Vickers
 Grace & Wakas Vickers
 Landon Vipond
 Alana Wadley & Jim Allen
 Aurora & Phinnigan Allen
 Kaleigh Allen & Martin Wehren
 Sandra Heuberger
 Ellie Bock
 John deBoer
 Brian Sterritt & Joanie Smith

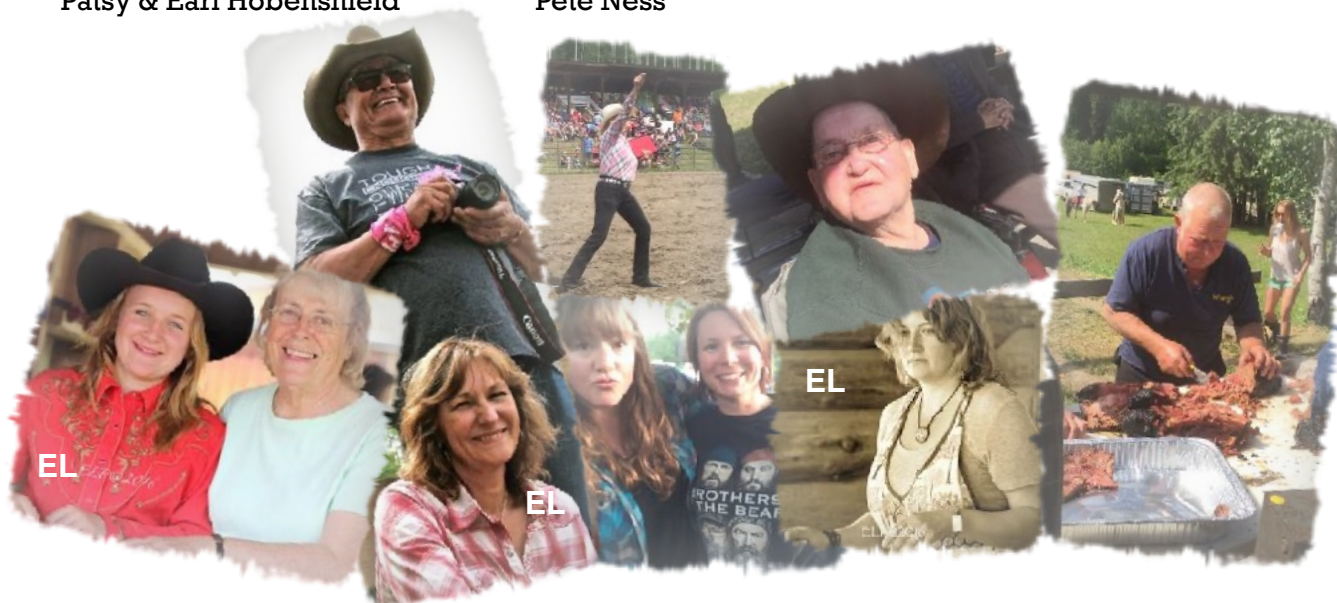
2017 HONOURARY MEMBERS

The ones who made it happen in the early years

Bernice & Dave Aspeslet
 Howard Ennis
 Betty Hagen
 Henry Hagen
 Pete Heit
 Peter Hinchcliffe
 Patsy & Earl Hobenshield

Glen & Linda Lavery
 Wilfred Lee
 Esther Love
 Ruth Mesich
 June Nash
 June Larson-Nash
 Pete Ness

Neil Sterritt
 Mel Stokes
 Allan & Dorothy Weston
 Les & Pat Witwer
 Glynn Wookey



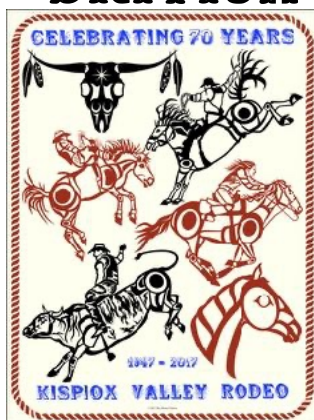
2017 WEEKEND SCHEDULE

<i>Friday</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>Rodeo Kickoff Event - BBQ's & Live Music New Hazelton at the Bulkley Valley Credit Union Rodeo Royalty & Clown visit local schools Riverside Camping Opens (Early camping Thursday 5-8pm) 10:00p.m. Dance – Main Hall (No Minors) OUTLAWZ FOREVER</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>8:00a.m. 10:00a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:30p.m.</i>	<i>Pancake Breakfast – Main Hall - With The 4 Fat Fryers Free Horse Drawn Wagon Rides with the Semeschuck's BCRA Sanctioned Rodeo, Grand Entry – Main Arena The Kispiox Mounted Drill Team BBQ Beef & Food Vendors Free Family Dance - Main Hall, OUTLAWZ FOREVER</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>8:00a.m. 10:00a.m. 1:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Pancake Breakfast - With the 4 Fat Fryers - Main Hall Free Horse Drawn Wagon Rides - Brian & Tanis Semeschuck BCRA Sanctioned Rodeo, Grand Entry – Main Arena The Kispiox Valley Mounted Drill Team BBQ Beef & Food Vendors Name your own bucking horse Auction</i>

Make sure you trot on over to the Rodeo T-Shirt booth and take a piece rodeo home with you. Roy Henry Vickers has customs designed some great art work including a 70 Years commemorative poster to help raise money to keep this rodeo bucking in the years to come. Art T-shirts, posters, limited edition buckles, and limited edition silk screen prints. Check out the booth and wear your rodeo pride!



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

ARE YOU TOUGH ENOUGH?

The Western Industry has joined together to raise awareness and funds for the fight against breast cancer. Over \$22 million dollars has been raised to support local cancer groups on behalf of the sport of rodeo.



Sarah Lazzarotto from New Hazelton, BC is into her 6th year organizing Tough Enough to Wear Pink - and she's now 21 years old. She is currently living in Kelowna, BC finishing her education and as part of her schooling, she works with children who have Autism.

She spearheaded the first local Tough Enough to Wear Pink Day fundraiser in 2012 during rodeo weekend after winning the title of Miss Kispiox Valley Rodeo Queen. It has been a great success ever since. Raising over \$10,000 with her team of volunteers, Sarah hopes to continue on this fundraising journey and give back to the cause that she knows affects us all.

She brought the Tough Enough fundraiser into the region to honour her sister, Lia, who was diagnosed with a type of cancer called Hodgkin's Lymphoma at a young age. She is quick to point out that while her sister is how she got inspired to do this, she wants her efforts to honour anybody and everybody who has been affected by cancer. The proceeds each year are donated to the **Community Cancer Care Clinic** in Smithers, BC because she wants to show her appreciation of how well they took care of her sister and how well they care for so many others in her community and surrounding area.

"I am so grateful for Jude, Liz Lazzarotto (my mommy) and all the volunteers who have helped make this fundraiser possible. It means the world to me to have an extreme amount of hometown support while I am so far away in Kelowna. I want to send my love out to Jude, the BV Credit Union, KVRC and Roy Vickers for carrying out my wishes for TETWP this year." - Sarah



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Sheradyn Coukell
Scott Swiednicki Tattoo
MacDonalds Store
Kim & Billy De Steiger
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Home Hardware

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CJFW & CFTK LIVE ON LOCATION



BellMedia presents the 70th annual Kispiox Valley rodeo. They are excited to be a part of a community event with such a rich heritage rooted in Kispiox & Kispiox Valley. The infamous, **Robert Pictou** of CFTK's *Open Connection* & **Mike Nagle** from CJFW's *Mike in the Morning Show* will be coming to you live from the rodeo grounds on Saturday & Sunday so listen for all your rodeo coverage on CJFW. 101.9 FM in Hazelton and Kispiox. CFTK TV will be shooting live on location as well, so put your belt buckle on, comb your hair and smile for the camera!!

LOCAL ARTIST & QUILT MAKER TEAM UP ON QUILT DESIGN FOR AUCTION

Roy Henry Vickers, our rodeo club vice-president and renown indigenous artist has teamed up with local quilt maker, Jude (Marshall) Hobenshield, to design and build a quilt to be auctioned off during Sunday's rodeo performance. Online bids have already started to pour in and the current bid is \$1000!!



"60 years ago I attended my first Kispiox Valley rodeo, one of my favourite events each year," says Vickers, "The Marshalls supported our family during those early years moving to Hazelton from Kitkatla. Jane Marshall and my mother, Grace Vickers, were so close that many thought they were sisters. Years later I was shocked at the death of Judy Marshall from breast cancer. This year it's my pleasure to work with Judy's niece - Jude Hobenshield, to make a beautiful quilt in order to raise funds for cancer research. I love the way rodeo brings people and families together. Thank you Sarah Lazzarotto for inspiring this one!"

"This quilt was by far the hardest for me to make, and will be the hardest to let go." says Jude Hobenshield, a Marshall family member and descendant of the settler/pioneer community, "The designs on this quilt were made by Roy Henry Vickers to represent my ancestors that he called family. This quilt represents my family, Roy and his family as well as our collaboration - it was even screen printed by my mother at K'san where Roy began his art career. Both of us feel that this quilt is a full circle moment and it means a tremendous amount to both of us! It was made with a ton of love!"



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.



Saddle Bronc in honour of Marty Allen

There are few historic farming or rodeo tales in the Kispiox Valley that don't include Marty Allen. He was a bronc rider who helped get the rodeo going and raised cattle in the Kispiox Valley. He was a great community person whose home was welcome to everyone regardless of race, political stripe or financial status. There was never a meal that didn't have several others eating at his table. He was a WWII veteran and fought for First Nation vets to have the same recognition and rights as any other veteran. He was quick to laugh and it was loud and contagious. He served as our representative to the Regional District for years and his kids and grandkids carry on the rodeo tradition.

Team Roping in honour of Gerrit Pelsma

He was a dedicated member of the of the KVRC throughout the years before his tragic death in a tree falling accident. He was always fond of horses and started racing them in his teens. He would ride from his parents' home South Hazelton to Benson's field in Two mile. His favourite breed was the Quarter horse and had his own breeding program. Over the years he traveled to many events across BC and he didn't win it big very often but he was in it for the love of the sport and for fun. He took part in many other events like, team roping, wild cow milking and cowhide races and always represented the cowboys in Hazelton's Pioneer Days Parade. He believed in keeping the old traditions alive and when it came to the Kispiox Rodeo, you would often hear him say, "You gotta volunteer and help keep it going!"



Bare Back in honour of Jack Lee

Jack Lee was a rodeo founder who married Francis Love, and together they helped start our community association and first rodeo. He was a guide outfitter, conservationist, logger and helped survey throughout the north. He even helped guide the US military into the remote upper Kispiox to recover a lost nuke back in 1950! Jack was a bronc rider and raised his own outfitting horses. His family, for four generations have been instrumental in helping out with community functions. His son, Wilfred Lee, is renowned for his community support and Jack's granddaughter, Kim, is in the drill team. His grandson Tom is a rodeo sponsor.

Cowhide Race in honour of Jimmy McCrae

James McCrae (better known as Jimmy) participated in the rodeo as far back as when it used to be held on Labour Day weekend with the Hagen boys and helped with the construction of the Kispiox Valley Rodeo grounds. Jimmy loved the rodeo and participated for years on the roundups, wild horse race, steer riding and was a pick-up man for years. Jimmy and Billy Gates were known as entertainers, one would be holding the head and one would be holding the tail riding backwards. Jimmy enjoyed the "fun" side of rodeo. He and John Allen won many cowhide races together. Jimmy's family continue to be rodeo supporters for many years.





Sportsmanship Cowboy in honour of Wally Love

Wally Love was born and raised in the Kispiox Valley and was known for his enduring kindness, willingness to help others, his great work ethic and was always very proud of his family. He was a logger, rancher, guide outfitter and operated a pole camp on the Skeena. Wally rode broncs and helped out in every community event, including the rodeo and milling the lumber for the community hall in the 40's. If you take a drive up the Valley, you can see his "Centennial Year" barn he built on his homestead. After he passed, his wife Marcella asked Leon Combs to hand carve the Sportsmanship Trophy for the rodeo.

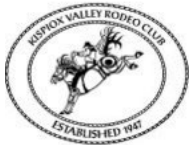
All Around Cowgirl in honour of Helen Campbell

Helen and her husband, Ted, were instrumental in starting the rodeo in the 40's and was the stuff legends are made of. Helen was the secretary of the Farmer's Institute for many years. She was a top notch cowgirl, tough as nails and was a 'pickup man' in all the rodeos, including the Pendleton Roundup. Helen was known to get down on a bronc or two and even rode a bronc at the Calgary Stampede! She loved the Kispiox Valley Rodeo.

All Around Cowboy in honour of John & Elsie Wookey

They moved to the Kispiox Valley in 1938. John broke horses and sold them as a source of income. The legacy of the Wookeys have lived on all these years and inspired the quote, "In the Kispiox, there's a Wookey behind every tree." Their son Drew was a top all-around cowboy, and his brother, Glynn, was (and still is) involved in all community events. This year, John & Elsie's grandson, John Wookey, spent many hours building bleachers, helping at the pancake breakfast and other events. John & Elsie's great-grandchildren sponsored this year's rodeo, a great community family.





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!



Joe Wesley heads up the security team and the **RCMP** regularly patrol the grounds to help Joe's team keep our families, children, animals and friends safe.

Chute Helpers - **Keifer Larson & Glen Paulin** are the guys you see pushing horses, bulls, steers, calves and other stock through the alleyways into the chutes. Headed up by long time local 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 - Your chefs are the **Schmidt family & Melissa Moure** who stay up ALL night continuously basting the giant hunks of beefs as they roast 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 - **Kim Lee & Emma Hobenshield** are the ones 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 & Scott Beertema** are old hands at it!

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, **Blayne Wendland** and his rodeo dog, **Carl**, will be entertaining fans & fighting bulls

Timed event strip chute is operated by **Eryn, Jules & Falon Stokes**. Descendants of long time rodeo club members **Francie & Lawrence Stokes**.

Rodeo entertainers, **Bruce & Wyatt Chandler** will be keeping kids happy during the rodeo with lots of fun activities and shenanigans.

Judge not lest ye be judged...unless you're at a rodeo! This year, we have none other than the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association president, **Terry Cooke** himself to judge this rodeo alongside **Bernie Rivet**. Both men are judges at the Calgary Stampeded and the Canadian Finals Rodeo.



CHRISTOPH MUIGG - THE AUSTRIAN COWBOY FROM KISPIOX

At 3 years of age, Christoph moved to Canada from Austria with his family in 1993. His parents both came from farming backgrounds and they settled in the Kispiox Valley to raise their four children. They logged, cleared land, turned soil and built up a cattle business. Modern day pioneers! They've homesteaded their farm, Hidden Acres, just over the hill from the rodeo grounds in the Kispiox Valley.

Growing up, Christoph spent a lot of time on the back of a horse and had a head full of cowboy dreams. He knew from the age of 8 years old that he wanted to ride bucking horses. His interest in rodeo began when he watched the Kispiox Valley rodeo and seeing the cowboys ride the wild horses. He was hooked from then on. He got on his first bareback horse when he was 18 and a year later competed on the BCRA circuit and won the rookie rough stock rider of-the-year buckle, twice. He took a year off to

do some logging in Europe and came back with a vengeance. He started competing in the saddle bronc event, along with bare back and it wasn't long before he was winning some of the biggest rodeos in B.C.

Christoph was the season leader in the saddle bronc and bareback events in 2016 on the BCRA circuit. He's taken out his pro cowboy membership card and has his sights set on qualifying for the Canadian Finals Rodeo. His career is documented through outstanding photos, some of the best ones taken by his mother Martha, who has made a name for herself with her rodeo photography and who's photography is featured in this supplement. The rodeo club is proud of our local cowboy and is looking forward to watching him compete in the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association.



ARENA DIRECTOR - KALEIGH ALLEN

One of the toughest jobs rodeo weekend is the arena director's job. This person is responsible for keeping the rodeo running smoothly. Our arena director, Kaleigh Allen is the youngest daughter of Gene and Joy, and took the job over from her older sister, Sue a few years ago. She is always three or four events ahead of everyone, making sure the chutes are loaded, the right stock is in the chutes, cattle are sorted, cowhides ready, barrels covered and loaded in the truck ready to place in the arena, clown act ready, sheep are sorted, informing the announcer who's ready to ride, dealing with emergencies in the arena, making sure contestants don't take too long in the chute, barrier is working, string for the breakaway, pickup men are ready, stock chasers on time and insuring that the crowd is treated to a first class production.



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Doug Donaldson, MLA
(Stikine)



May 17, 2017

Dear Rodeo Organizers and Visitors:

As the MLA for Stikine I would like to congratulate the Kispiox Valley Rodeo Club for the incredible amount of work they have done to make the 70th Kispiox Valley rodeo a wonderful, family-oriented event in the best rodeo setting in the entire province!

I have had a chance on numerous occasions to witness the energy and enthusiasm of volunteers and enthusiasts as they get ready for the Kispiox Valley Rodeo. Whether it is young or old, First Nation or non-First Nation, people from here, or people from away, the setting provides a place to celebrate and get to know one another a bit better in a positive atmosphere. Those are the ties that go beyond the rodeo and those are the ties that help us throughout the year in other aspects, as we work together to build stronger communities.

Besides the remarkable level of skill and competition in the rodeo events, we also know that the rodeo provides important economic opportunities as local businesses not only benefit from visitors to our area but are also supported in the supplies and materials purchased to put on the event. Without all of the people who work hard to make the rodeo a success, from the people who volunteer in the BBQ pit to the RCMP officers that do regular patrols to keep our families safe, this rodeo would not be the success it has been for 70 years.

Congratulations once again.

Yours truly,

Doug Donaldson
MLA Stikine



CROSSING THE GREAT DIVIDE



MARCELLA LOVE was a Hardisty gal who fell in love with a Kispiox boy named Wally. Marcella was known for her quick wit, kindness, patience, beauty and hospitality. She was a storyteller and her smile was infectious. Despite always looking like the perfect example of elegance, she had no qualms about getting down in the dirt with her kids and grandkids. She had a way of making everyone feel important, was adored by many and loved by all...she is greatly missed.

LILLIAN LOVE was 30 years old when she helped her soon-to-be husband, Bill Love, to organize the very first Kispiox Rodeo in 1947.

She moved the area as a nurse and even after many years of retirement, was often called on for advice. She held true to northern nature as a feisty, talented and caring person. Well known for her great cooking and famous for her doughnuts. Her great-grandkids (one of which will be singing our national anthem) loved her fresh from the oven buns with her homemade strawberry jam. She passed away a few months short of her 100th birthday.



It's hard to describe these women of the north who could skin a moose, mend/make clothing, cook the most delicious meal on a wood stove or

campfire, tend to sick animals and children and pack water for washing laundry & dishes.

From Left to Right:

Lil Love, Dorothy Allen & Marcella Love



\$10,000 OF KINDNESS

In the late 70's, a handsome cowboy competed at Kispiox when he was just a teenager. He'd entered the bareback riding, got bucked off, spent all his money at the dance that night, mostly on booze. When he woke up on Sunday it was pouring rain. He was cold, wet, hadn't eaten since Friday, no money, his buddies went home without him and he was just plain down and out.

He was walking through the grounds and an 'old guy' said to him, "Hey partner, it looks like you could use a hot cup of coffee." The young cowboy said 'the old guy' poured him coffee and warmed up some spuds, chicken and beans in the dutch ovens over the campfire. The old guy then built up the fire so he could get warm and found him a ride home. There isn't a day that goes by that the young cowboy didn't remember that kindness. It turns out that old guy was Grant Nash of the Kispiox Valley and founder of the 'Nash Camp' that still feeds rodeo competitors and volunteers every rodeo.

The young cowboy, now an 'old guy' himself, came back to our rodeo last year and felt he's done pretty good with his life and would like the chance to pay back the favour he was given so many years ago. He handed Joy Allen, KVRC President, a cheque for \$10,000 along with this story and told her to add it to the saddle bronc riding purse for the 70th annual rodeo!

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF THE BIGGEST LITTLE RODEO IN THE WEST

The humble beginnings of the Kispiox Valley Rodeo began in the Gitksan Village of Kispiox (Anspa yaxw) where the Kispiox and Skeena rivers meet. It all started in 1947, It was just a bunch of guys sitting around the fire chatting - wouldn't it be something to have a rodeo? So, on the grounds behind the old hall in Kispiox, a handful of incredible Gitksan volunteers including Gable Louis, Wilfred Gawa, Alfred Hillis, Ben McKenzie, Silas Johnson, Walter Skulsh, the Blackwaters, Smith and McCrae families, and more, teamed up with some of the pioneer/settler families including the Loves, Wookeys, Allens, Hagen, Hendersons, Campbells, Millers, etc. and got things started.



Even then, it was a big event that drew people from the entire Skeena Valley, mostly travelling by horse and wagon or on foot. After the rodeo finished, the grounds would be cleared of 'droppings' and families would play soccer, hockey and ringtoss games. The festivities and camaraderie would last through the night.

The location of the rodeo was changed to the Kispiox Valley community grounds and is now 10 kms north of

the village. Over the years, more and more people became involved. Communities came together to offer countless hours of labour and sweat, clearing land and building the infrastructure for an amazing rodeo - they built chutes, sort pens, bleachers, food booths, etc. farmers offered stock for events, cooking food, donating cow hides – everything that you see around you today. It was countless volunteer hours working together to create an annual tradition of epic proportions.



We remember and salute the many families and individuals who worked so hard to build this legacy.....

In the 40s and 50s, everyone would come out to the rodeo. It was a huge event that unified all nations, all communities, all households and attracted people from around the province and beyond. This hasn't changed.

Still today, viewers and participants come from far and wide: crazy people make the long trek to the remote Kispiox Valley, often with long haul trucks and trailers from all over North America. Spectators come from all over the world.

In all fairness, many rodeos offer these very same things.



What is it about the Kispiox Valley Rodeo that brings rodeo folk and non-rodeo folk together year after year, after 70 incredible years?

The Biggest Little Rodeo in the West is different. It's special. It's located in the true wilds of British Columbia, supported by rich cultural history of outlaws, horse-pack trains, First Nations heroes like Simon Gunnanoot, trappers, hunters, miners and ranchers. It's the heartbeat of generations that draws our communities together for the chance to compete, share, witness and connect with each other in that pure, time-honoured way that only land, dirt, blood, sweat and tears...and kids... and excitement can deliver.

The dream continues: There's a surge of interest with local youth to get involved with our rodeo. The Kispiox Drill Team is one of the largest drill teams in North America with over 20 riders who have ranged from ages 4 to 80! There have been mules, Quarter horses, Arabians, draft horses and some horses were used as both bronc and saddle horse in the same rodeo! There are no try-outs for this little, big team, and each rider is a part of it just because they love it. It is one of the most unique drill teams today participating in one of the most unique and genuine rodeos in Canada.

We are so proud that our rodeo royalty comes from the very roots of the Kispiox Valley Rodeo as our Queen and Princess are both Gitxsan and their ancestors helped get this 70 year tradition started.

Welcome to the 70th Annual Kispiox Valley Rodeo. Get ready to clench your fists, twist your brow, pump your adrenaline and connect your heart to the craziest bunch of local-yocals you'll ever meet.



JUST HOW LONG IS 70 YEARS?

Congratulations to **Earl & Patsy Hobenshield**, long time rodeo and community supporters, who are celebrating their **70th wedding anniversary**. Patsy rode in the drill team for many years and still makes the effort to come and cheer the team on at practices. They host rodeo announcer Keith Dinwoodie at their home every year for rodeo weekend.

Happy 70th birthday to **Francis Stokes** who has been an active member of the rodeo club for many years, along with her husband Lawrence.

2016 CHAMPIONS

Event	2016 Champion
Bareback	Jarrold Marshall
Saddle Bronc	Christoph Muigg
Team Roping	Ryan McNaughton & Dustin Shields
Bull Riding	No Qualified Rides
Tie Down Roping	Steven Lloyd
Steer Wrestling	Mike Gill
Breakaway Roping	Taylor Cherry
Jr Breakaway Roping	Derek Hadland
Jr Steer Riding	Cordell Pinchbeck
Ladies Barrel Racing	Taylor Cherry
Jr Barrel Racing	Brianna Billy
Pee Wee Barrel Racing	Taylan James
Novice Roughstock	Keifer Larson
Cowhide Race	Lareina Ketlo & Lance Muehlan
Musical Chairs	Megan Bartlett
Rescue Race	Megan Bartlett & Keifer Larson
Wild Cow Milking	Lance & Pat Muehlan, Ryley Olin and Megan Bartlett
Ride & Lead	Max Beertema
Sportsmanship Cowgirl	Lareina Ketlo
Sportsmanship Cowboy	Luke Muehlan
Sportsmanship Jr	Emma Hobenshield
Ladies All Around	Taylor Cherry
Men's All Around	Mike Gill
Jr All Around	Denton Spiers



RODEO VENDORS

Are your 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. Money raised supports our community association.

CINAWAY TRADING (MERCHANDISE)

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

SNOWIE SHAVED ICE

Snow cones & cotton candy & bottled water

ICE-CREAM BUCKET

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

BLUESTONE MINI-TREATS

Fries, perogies on a stick, bannock, smokies, deep fried pickles, drinks, poutine and gooey fries

DeJONG'S MINI-DONUTS

Mmmmm...mini-donuts, slushies and beverages

GRANNY'S OLD FASHIONED POPCORN

Sweet & salty kettle corn, goodie bags & beverages

SHISKA DAVE'S

Pork or Chicken kabobs, meat or veggie rolls, chow mein, cold drinks.

OH CANADA



Hank Combs is not only the great-grandson of KVRC founder, Bill Love, he's also a French Immersion student in Hazelton at the trilingual school of Majagaleehl Gali Aks which means

"Children/Flowers of the Rivers."

Every year, one of their students sings the Canadian anthem in all 3 languages, French, English and Gitksan to represent our amazing culture and community.

Hank is active in all kinds of sports and recently competed in a regional French speech competition known as *Concours* and won first prize!

SAY, CAN YOU SEE?

Carmen Witwer's beautiful, haunting voice will be singing the American anthem at our rodeo this year to honour our competitors from across the border.

Carmen is an employee of the BV Credit Union in New Hazelton, who not only sponsor the rodeo but host a 'Rodeo Day' on Friday. Her family has countless generations in the area, as her mother is Gitksan. Her grandparents, Les & Pat Witwer are honorary lifetime members in the rodeo club.



THE KISPIOX VALLEY DRILL TEAM



For 21 years, this remarkable team of riders and horses have been entertaining the crowds at the rodeo. Dressed in their patriotic Canadian colours, they perform intricate patterns to upbeat music. The youngest rider, performing for her 2nd year, is Aurora Allen at 7 years of age and she is riding Sparky who is 27 years of age. Sparky has performed in every drill team performance since it started. Emma Hobenshield, one of the drill leaders, won the Jr. Sportsmanship award last year at this rodeo on her good looking palomino. There are a few riders who are enjoying 'the Golden Years' riding with the team and between all the riders, they form the most unique drill team in Canada. On Sunday they will pay tribute to 'Tough Enough to Wear Pink'.

To watch the performance from the grand stands, their drills look easy. They are not! Performing 'the wheel' means that the pivot or inside rider is barely moving, while the outside rider has to maintain a fast pace. 20 horses have to get along, and tolerate being in pairs, fours, horses coming at you from all directions and riders keeping their horses under control and in the pattern every second. You will notice how some of the horses keep in time to the music, and both horses and riders alike are encouraged by your generous applause.

A huge thank you goes out to the Moms, Dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends who made sure the riders and horses made it to every practice and to others who jumped in and rode in the drill when a rider couldn't make it.

A special thank you to Dixie Webb, our drill choreographer and to Joy Allen, our coach.

Emma Hobenshield, Sandra Heuberger, Lily Hobenshield, Kia Beertema, Brenda Nelson, Cathy David, Marlis Zurbrugg, Sara McPhail, Anela Croft, Sabrina Croft, Dixie Webb, Aurora Allen, Bella Combs, Anna Frezell, Carole Larson, Taneal Cull, Max Beertema, Sammy Sage, Ellie Bock, Tanis Fuller, Kim Lee



NAME A BUCKING HORSE



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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 our rodeo facilities.

The Gerhardi Family won the auction last year and named the horse "Redheads Rule."



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Classic Cowboys

From Left to Right:

Andy Copeland, Gil Bowie, Terry Cooke, Gene Allen, Timber Peck, Dennis Fowler



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Dana Donker returns for the 70th annual rodeo all the way from the Netherlands!!

She attended the rodeo last year to live out the dream of performing with the Kispiox Valley Drill Team and it looks like it was just too much fun to stay away!! Welcome back Dana!

2017 EVENT SPONSORS

A BIG THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS

We hope you have a good read of these sponsors to really have a look at who supports community events. These are the people, families and business who give back to the community! We hope you will reward them with your business and your support. These are local folks and businesses who take pride in supporting local events and that's what helps us maintain our success as the BIGGEST LITTLE RODEO IN THE WEST!

Saddle Bronc
Bare Back
Team Roping
Bull Riding
Ladies Barrel Racing
Tie Down Roping
Jr. Barrel Racing
Jr. Steer Riding

Jr. Breakaway
Cowhide Race
Wild Horse Race
Steer Wrestling
Breakaway Roping
Wild Cow Milking
Pee Wee Barrels
Novice Roughstock
Rescue Race
Ride & Lead
Calf Scramble
Stickhorse Race
Musical Chairs
Kids Boot Race
Mutton Busting
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11-16 Footrace
17-49 Footrace
Over 50 Footrace
Mens Sportsmanship
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Jr. Sportsmanship
Best Dressed Cowgirl
All Around Jr.
All Around Cowgirl
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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.

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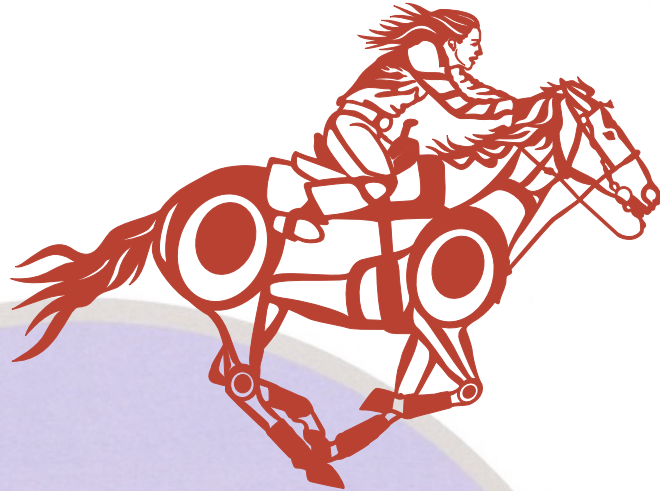
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April 4, 2017



Joy Allen, President
Kispiox Valley Rodeo Association
1974 Kispiox Valley Road
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Dear Ms. Allen:

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
Mayor



RODEO ROYALTY



The rodeo club would like to welcome our new rodeo royalty! Last week, contestants stood up in front of family, friends and club members and competed in horsemanship and speeches. Toastmaster members **Peggy Muir & Michael Nadeau** not only judged the speeches, but how contestants answered the many rodeo-related questions thrown at them. The second part of the competition was Horsemanship and contestants rode their horses in a set pattern in front of judges, Yvonne DeBoer and Sandra Heuberger.

Congratulations to our 2017 Kispiox Valley Rodeo Queen, **Marika Van Tunen!** Marika will be our Kispiox Valley Rodeo ambassador for 2017/2018. She will volunteer at community functions, parades, help out other local rodeos and set a positive example wherever

she is. We would also like to congratulate our 2017 Kispiox Valley Rodeo Princess, **Grace Vickers**, who will accompany our Queen or fill in when Marika is unable to attend functions. They will also have the opportunity, if they choose, to compete for Miss Rodeo Canada!

Special thanks to the judges **Peggy Muir, Michael Nadeau, Yvonne DeBoer** and **Sandra Heuberger**. The club would also like to thank **Carole Larson** for all her time and effort in coordinating this event, supporting the girls leading up to the competition and securing sponsorship. We are excited to have both a Rodeo Queen and Princess representing our communities.

A big thanks to the Queen contest sponsors:

Smithers Feed Store, Pat Hobenshield, LA Hair Hut, Red Apple, Mercedes Beans, Heartstrings, Gitanmaax Market



STAY OUTTA TROUBLE

A few years back, the KVRC partnered with the RCMP, the Kispiox Valley Music Festival and the Kispiox Valley Community Association to crack down on excessive partying. It's been a huge success with only a few rule-breakers earning themselves a permanent ban from the grounds. Please remember that this is a FAMILY event and excessive or underage drinking will not be tolerated. Our security team led by **Joe Wesley** will be doing a Sunday morning 'camp check'. If they find your camp a mess with broken bottles or 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 hosted here. Please make sure your camping spot is kept clean! Kids camp here too, so 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 your Gramma's house - don't do it here. RCMP will be doing regular patrols of the grounds Friday and Saturday evenings and if you're not camping over the weekend and you plan on drinking - **FIND A DESIGNATED DRIVER** (there will be regular check stops all weekend to help encourage you!)

GRACE VICKERS

Grace moved from Victoria to Kispiox Valley with her family in 2004 arriving just in time to celebrate her 1st Birthday. That same year her parents took her to the Kispiox Valley Rodeo. In the beginning, Grace was scared of horses and wouldn't go near them. But at an Easter celebration at the Allen Ranch, Grace met Joy Allen's horse, Sparky. By the end of the day there was a photo taken of Grace standing on top of Sparky with the reins in her mouth and hands out to her side - she had just turned three. From that moment Grace loved horses. She was 5 when she got her first horse, Mister. She loved going to the Rodeo and especially enjoyed watching the Drill Team. At the age of 8, Grace became a member of the Drill Team and went on to ride with them for 5 years.

Grace's other passion is sports - Volleyball, basketball and soccer. Her best friend is Marika and thinks it's pretty cool that they are the Kispiox Valley Rodeo Queen & Princess.

Grace has big dreams for her future, she would like to become a heart surgeon and travel. But for now Grace just wants to have fun, play sports and ride her horse.



MARIKA VAN TUNEN



Amtsin Algaxhl Gwidan is Marika's Gitksan name meaning 'horse whisperer'. She comes from the House of Nikadeen and lives in Glen Vowell, BC. She has been in love horses since the age of 6 and while her parents let her ride with her cousins, she didn't get her first horse until she was 9. *Beauty* was the perfect horse for Marika and her desire for riding exploded. She joined the BC Barrel Racing Association and competed in Gymkhana's & rodeos. In 2016, she got her next horse, French Fry and her rodeo career exploded again! Horses have changed Marika's life in an amazing way and she appreciates the time and effort her parents and grandparents have sacrificed for her.

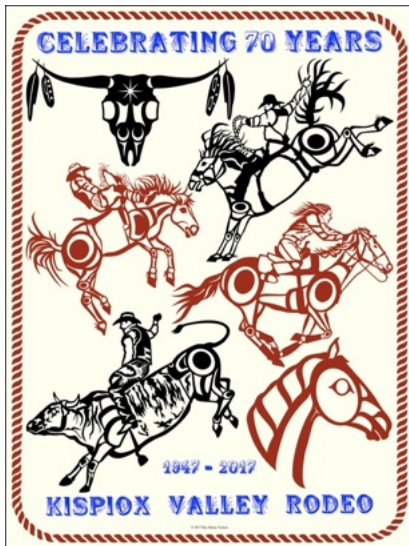
She is thrilled to work with her good friend and rodeo Princess, Grace, to represent our community as rodeo ambassadors.

"Whatever passion or dreams you have, you can fulfill your goals with willpower, determination, practice and support from your loved ones and community."~Marika

KEITH DINWOODIE - RODEO ANNOUNCER

Keith is a true cowboy in every way, riding the range, breaking and training horses, making beautiful cowboy gear and living the cowboy way of life. A man who 'rides for the brand' a high compliment in the cowboy world. Keith is a three time world champion auctioneer and top rodeo announcer. His auctioneering takes him to some of the biggest events in the world, as far away as Australia. The rodeo club would like to extend a warm western welcome to the 'Voice of the Kispiox Valley Rodeo'!





HOWARD ENNIS

The rodeo club would like to acknowledge a man who filmed the first ever Kispiox Rodeo, Howard Ennis. Howard filmed 'People of the Skeena' for the National Film Board. In this film, it shows the first rodeo in the Village of Kispiox, featuring top cowboys and cowgirls of the day - Ted & Helen Campbell, Drew Wookey, Art Hagen, George Hagen, Norman and Henry Hagen, Art Kusik, Gable Louie, Buster Henderson and many others. That was 70 years ago!! Howard tried his luck on a white bare back horse at that first rodeo. He said it was a short ride and the announcer, Alfred Hillis, said it was a nice try. That ride didn't inspire him to try it again. Howard now lives in Smithers, after spending many years on the old Love homestead here in the Kispiox Valley.

RON FLEMING & BRENDA NELSON

The 70th annual Kispiox Valley Rodeo would like to send out a huge **THANK YOU** and recognition to Ron and Brenda for their years of help and support of the rodeo. Ron first came to the Valley in 1972, when he became part of Love Bros. and Lee Outfitters. About 10 years

later Brenda made it to the Valley. She was a member of the Northwest Rodeo Association, competing in team roping, break away roping and steer undecorating.

They have been married for over 30 years. When they aren't busy with their guiding company, looking after grand children and traveling, you can find them volunteering for the community and rodeo.

Brenda has been a member of the Rodeo Club for over 30 years, serving as treasurer for most of that time. She is extremely organized and it would take about 10 people to replace her. She does countless details to make the rodeo run smooth. You will see her closing out the dances at the wee hours of the night and right back the next day ready to help with the days events. If that is not enough, she also rides in the drill team. She is an active member of the community also serving in the community association as a director.

Ron has always been a support person, often picking up the loose ends on what needs to be done. He does everything from running the pancake breakfast to organizing the work bees, to traveling for supplies and collecting sponsorship donations.

Hats off to Ron and Brenda for all the hours and effort they put in to make the Kispiox Rodeo the Biggest Little Rodeo in the West!



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April 18, 2017

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Ms. Joy Allen, President
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Dear Ms. Allen:

Re: Kispiox Valley Rodeo



On behalf of the Council of the Village of Hazelton, I am pleased to once again offer our best wishes to the Kispiox Valley Rodeo Club in hosting the Kispiox Valley Rodeo.

The Kispiox Valley Rodeo is a truly family event, with activities for all ages: competitions, performances, and social events – there is something for everyone. We look forward to meeting our friends at the Rodeo Grounds and to celebrating during Rodeo Week in the Hazeltons.

Council wishes you every success in hosting this important community event.

Yours truly,


Alice Maitland
Mayor



THE COWBOY'S PRAYER

"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 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 cowboy, your entry fees are paid. Amen



SHOOTING RODEOS

RIVER SAFETY

Heavy rains combined with hot sunshine has made our little Kispiox River surge! The water is icy cold, swift and full of debris and logs which make for a perfect storm of danger should you happen to fall in. Please keep away from the river's edge and make sure your children do too!

Respect the River!

The photos in this booklet are shot from the cameras belonging to **Wendy Perry (WP)**, **Elizabeth Larsen (EL)** & **Martha Muigg (MM)**. Each photo is branded with their initials just in case you would like to get a copy of that photo for yourself. We are grateful for their photos each and every year to make this program possible. Unbranded photos were supplied by the Kispiox Valley Rodeo Club. If you would like a copy of one of Wendy's photos you see in this magazine, please visit photographicoptions.com



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