

Welcome to the 71st Annual

KISPIOX VALLEY



RODDEO

Nod and ride - it's the cowboy way

YOU'RE ON GITXSAN TERRITORY

These rodeo grounds sit on the unceded territory of Wilp (House) Ma-uus of the Gitksan Nation. The Kispiox Valley Rodeo Club is honoured to feature Sim'oogit (Chief) Ma-uus in opening the rodeo on Saturday. Thank-you to the Wilp members and Sim'oogit Ma-uus for making our rodeo a true blend of cowboy and indigenous culture. We appreciate their welcome and collaboration for our rodeo each and every year. Please treat this traditional territory and the Ansp'ayaxw (Kispiox) River with respect.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 71st Annual Kispiox Valley Rodeo!!!

Our incredibly hard working rodeo club has put together another fabulous weekend of rodeo entertainment for you. From foot stomping dances, wild bull riding, the amazing Kispiox Valley Drill Team, to foot racers, barrel racers, bronc riders and pee wee barrel racers, it's going to be a jam packed fun weekend.

I can't thank our generous sponsors enough. \$11,000 prize money in the saddle bronc riding! This rodeo has the highest prize money in the British Columbia Rodeo

Association. There are buckles in every event, all around awards, sportsmanship awards and many other awards, all thanks to our sponsors. Bronc riders from around the world have entered, and most of them are entered in at least two other rodeos this weekend. For an economically depressed area, the businesses and merchants in the Hazelton and Bulkley Valley are incredibly amazing supporters of their communities.

'Behind the Scene' volunteers, Ron Fleming, Jude Hobenshield, Andrea & Roy Vickers, Brenda Nelson, Brian Sterrit, Lee Nash, Carole Larson and John Allen go way above and beyond to make this event happen. Though there are countless volunteers, this group of amazing people have put in 100's of hours of their time to make this weekend a success.

Thanks to the BCRA for continuing to sanction good rodeos in B.C. Kispiox Valley is just one of many rodeos for contestants to qualify for the BCRA Finals Rodeo. They work hand in hand with the SPCA, veterinarians and a team of knowledgeable directors to insure the safety of all animals, competitors' horses, cattle, bucking horses and bulls.

Thank you to all you contestants, who travel countless miles to compete here.

To our rodeo founders, we hope you are proud of this incredible tradition that you started here 71 years ago. You created a legacy of western heritage in the Kispiox Valley that we hope continues for many years. We know you're here with us in Spirit, in the arena, behind the chutes, at the dutch oven cookout, cheering from the bleachers and two stepping around the dance floor.

And to you, our Kispiox Valley Rodeo Fans, an overwhelming THANK YOU!! Your continuing appreciation is what makes us strive to put on a good show for you. You are the best rodeo fans in the world!!

Please stay safe, keep your kids away from the river and don't drink and drive. Above all, put on your cowboy hat, kick up your heels and get western!! You are what makes this the "BIGGEST LITTLE RODEO IN THE WEST"!!

Joy Allen

President - Kispiox Valley Rodeo Club

Cover Photo: Andy Copeland, 2017 KVRC All Around Cowboy
Photo by Camus Photography

THE 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. Best rodeo committee in Canada!

2018 RODEO CLUB MEMBERS

Gene & Joy Allen, John Allen, Kaleigh Allen & Martin Wehren, Megan & Kaitlyn Bartlett, Wendy Bartlett, Henny & Kia Beertema, Max & Scott Beertema, Ellie Bock, Amy & Robert Brandstetter, Trey & Dytah Schmid-Brandstetter, Terry Bexson, Ben Carew & Sammy Sage, Bruce & Rene Chandler, Riley, Flynn & Ava Chandler, Wyatt Chandler, Mary Charlebois & John deBoer, James & Sam Combs, Hank & Bella Combs, Gerry & Sabrina Croft, Anela & Jesse Croft, Ron Fleming & Brenda Nelson, Anna & Kieran Frezell, Sandra Heuberger, Jude & Zane Hobenshield, Claire, Lily & Emma Hobenshield, Nikki Kirton, Carole & Grahame Larson, Keifer Larson, Kim Lee & Joel Flynn, Debbie McGhie, Shannon & Steve McPhail, Grant & Sara McPhail, Christoph Muigg, Brandi & Layla Nash, Brian Sterritt & Joanie Smith, Dave & Lee Nash, Barbara & Willi Schmid, Mikayla, Megan, & Kaitlyn Bartlett, Richard & Angelle & Talia Sterritt, Eryn & Hud Stokes, Jules & Fallon Stokes, Francie & Lawrence Stokes, Noreen O'Hara & Tim Sullivan, Eavan & Fiona Sullivan, Roy & Andrea Vickers, Grace & Wakas Vickers, Landon Vipond & Jay-Lee Harris, Alana Wadley & Jim Allen Aurora & Phinnigan Allen, David Wagner, Cory Whitford, Marlise Zurbrugg

HONOURARY CLUB 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

2018 KVRC EXECUTIVE

President - Joy Allen
Vice President - Roy Henry Vickers
Treasurer - Brenda Nelson
Secretary - Sammy Sage
Directors - Andrea Vickers, John Allen
& Ron Fleming





2018 WEEKEND SCHEDULE



Thursday	5pm-8pm	<i>Early Bird Camping - gate entry</i>
Friday	All Day	<i>Rodeo Kickoff Event - BBQ's & Live Music in v New Hazelton at the Bulkley Valley Credit Union</i>
		<i>Riverside Camping Opens</i>
	10:00p.m.	<i>Dance – Main Hall (No Minors) MALFUNCTION JUNCTION</i>
Saturday	8:00a.m.	<i>Pancake Breakfast - Main Hall - With The 4 Fat & Handsome Fryers</i>
	10:00a.m.	<i>Free Horse Drawn Wagon Rides with the Semeschuck's</i>
	1:00 p.m.	<i>BCRA Sanctioned Rodeo, Grand Entry – Main Arena</i>
		<i>The Kispiox Mounted Drill Team & Rodeo Events</i>
		<i>BBQ Beef & Food Vendors</i>
	9:00p.m.	<i>Free Family Dance - Main Hall, MALFUNCTION JUNCTION</i>
Sunday		<i>TOUGH ENOUGH TO WEAR PINK DAY - WEAR PINK TO THE RODEO</i>
	8:00a.m.	<i>Pancake Breakfast - Main Hall - With the 4 Fat & Handsome Fryers</i>
	10:00a.m.	<i>Free Horse Drawn Wagon Rides - Brian & Tanis Semeschuck</i>
	1:00 p.m.	<i>BCRA Sanctioned Rodeo, Grand Entry – Main Arena</i>
		<i>The Kispiox Valley Mounted Drill Team & Rodeo Events</i>
		<i>BBQ Beef & Food Vendors</i>
		<i>Auction - Name a bucking horse</i>

Make sure you trot on over to the Rodeo T-Shirt booth and take a piece of rodeo home with you. Rodeo club vice-president, Roy Henry Vickers has custom designed some great art work to help raise money to keep this rodeo bucking in the years to come. 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

TOUGH ENOUGH TO WEAR PINK



Since its inception in 2004, TETWP has empowered rodeos and western events in the U.S. and Canada to focus attention on the need for a cure. To date, the campaign has raised over \$26 million dollars for breast cancer charities, much of which stays right in the community. The grassroots movement has inspired other sports communities to mount their own TETWP campaigns, spreading a message of hope and support that reaches beyond the rodeo arena to competitors, families and fans across America and Canada.

2018 Proceeds to be donated to the Smithers Cancer Care Clinic in the Bulkley Valley District Hospital.

7 years ago, the reigning Kispiox Valley Rodeo Queen, Sarah Lazzarotto brought this campaign to the valley for the first time. Over the years, she has continued to put in countless volunteer hours to keep this event successful, even though she no longer lived in the area. This past year Sarah decided to take a step back from organizing this campaign, as she can't fully put her heart and soul into it as she would really like to but her busy life is telling her otherwise. We would like to say a huge thank you for everything that Sarah has done to bring this event home, as well as to help raise over \$15,000 to help locals who receive cancer treatment at the Community Cancer Care Clinic in Smithers! We're sure this is not the last we will see of or hear from this girl with the heart of gold!



This year Jude Hobenshield took on the role of organizing the TETWP event at the Kispiox Valley Rodeo. For the past 7 years she's been Sarah's side kick at the event, so knows the ins and outs of what happens.

Jude comes from a family where breast cancer runs rampant in both her mother and fathers sides of the family. She lost both her paternal grandmother, Jane Marshall, and her paternal aunt (who's she's named after) Judy Wale, to this terrible disease. She also has two aunts on each side, Alice Maitland and Bonnie Koning who are breast cancer survivors, which gives Jude a drive to find a cure so that when her 3 daughters reach adulthood breast cancer will be a thing of the past.

Over the last 13 years, Jude has helped raise over \$50,000 for cancer research. She organizes the Candles by the River cancer luminary event at Pioneer day in August, where luminary bags are placed along the boardwalk by the river. She also put together a team of females to participate in the Workout to Conquer Cancer event in Vancouver for 5 years, which is an 8hr day of fitness to raise money for the BC Cancer Foundation. You will also see chocolate bar sales, quilt raffles, and basket raffles throughout the year just to add to the fundraising.



Sponsors:

Roy Henry Vickers
Zelda's Travel Mug Café
Country Herbs Health Food
District of New Hazelton
SWCC
BV Credit Union N.Hazelton

Briela Logging
Twelve Oaks Gift Shop
Smithers Sausage Factory
Hoskins Ford
Smithers Home Hardware
Geraco Industrial Supplies
Historical K'san Village
Coast Mountain GM

Nature's Pantry
Scott Swiednicki Tattoo
Speedee Mills Interior
Stationary
McBike & Sport
Smithers Lordco
Heartstrings Home Decor

QUILT AUCTION FOR BREAST CANCER

Every year we auction a quilt off to help raise some funds for the cancer unit. The quilts that Jude Hobenshield makes are filled with lots love and meaning. This year's quilt represents a family legacy of quilting! The quilt top was sewn by Jude's mother-in-law, Anne Karey and her sister-in-law, Elizabeth Harris. It was then quilted together, top, batting and back, by Jude herself. The edge to bind it all together was then hand stitched on by Jude's daughter and 2018 Kispiox Valley Rodeo Queen, Emma Hobenshield. The love of one family will be passed to the lucky winner of this beautiful quilt. Last year's quilt winner was Roy Henry Vickers who won the bidding at \$2000!



CJFW ON THE GROUNDS

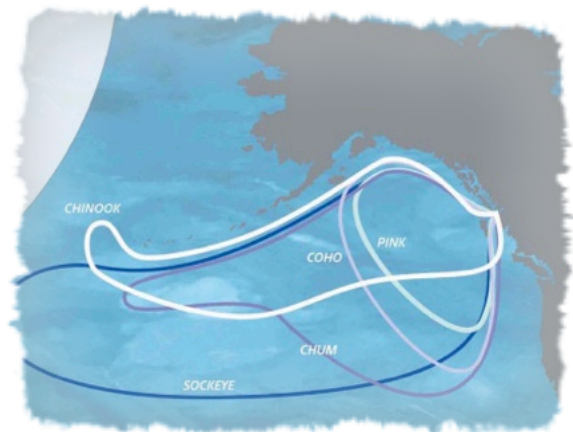


Bell Media presents the 71st annual Kispiox Valley rodeo. They are excited to be a part of a community event with such a rich heritage rooted in the Kispiox Valley. **Mike Nagle**, aka **Mike in the Morning** will be on location covering all the rodeo excitement, so listen for all your rodeo coverage on CJFW. 101.9 FM in Hazelton and Kispiox.

MIND THE RIVER

These community grounds site right beside the beautiful Kispiox River. This river is home to all 5 species of pacific wild salmon and the largest strain of wild steelhead in the world - so please treat it with respect. Please don't throw garbage or waste of any kind into the water. As the snow melts, the river rises and gets REALLY cold! It's NOT a safe place to play or swim.

The Kispiox River is a small tributary to the mighty Skeena. It joins the Skeena River at Kispiox Village and then heads on out to the ocean near Prince Rupert. At this very moment, there are literally hundreds of millions of baby salmon swimming down the muddy, swirling waters on their journey to the Pacific. Out in the ocean, they will swim all the way to the Bering Strait and into International waters near Japan! Check out their migration path!



KEITH DINWOODIE

VOICE OF THE VALLEY

The voice of the Kispiox Valley Rodeo! Nowhere on earth is Keith Dinwoodie more appreciated than right here in the Valley. Keith has a special talent for making every contestant who enters the arena believing they can win the rodeo. From the littlest pee wee barrel racer to a first time bull rider, Keith builds them up and makes them believe they really can be a super star.

This three time world champion auctioneer travels extensively throughout the year, as far away as Australia. His quick sense of humour, his ability to excite the crowd, to help a hung up cowboy keep his wits about him, to urge a rider to sit back and spur or a barrel racer to hustle, Keith is a true rodeo advocate in every sense of the word.



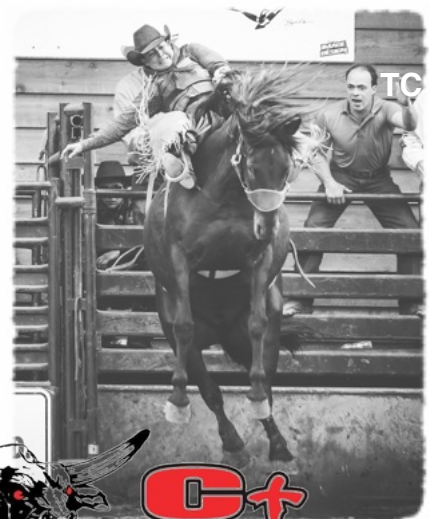
STOCK CONTRACTOR

The Kispiox Valley Rodeo Club is proud to have C+ Rodeos supply the stock for their 71st Annual Rodeo. They are the largest and leading Stock Contractor for rodeos and bull riding events in British Columbia. Their stock has been winning awards for over 20 years. They provide stock for the PBR, CPRA, BCRA and the BCPB.

Roy & Earl Call of C+ Rodeo Company come from a multigenerational cowboy family. Their Dad, Basil was a champion team roper, and Mom Carol was a horse trainer and top barrel racer. This rodeo tradition is continuing through to Roy & Earl's kids, who help out at the rodeos with their Dads.

The Call boys have produced some of the top bucking bulls and horses in Canada. Roy conducts seminars at rodeos to help educate rodeo fans about the welfare of the stock. He's a true ambassador for the sport of rodeo. Roy also was a good bull rider, and was selected many times to fight bulls for the BCRA and NRA finals.

Earl is one of the top all around cowboys in the history of rodeo in B.C. He's been the champion bull rider of B.C. four times and has won many All Around Cowboy awards. Earl is a pickup man at their rodeos, and has saved many a cowboy from disaster with his quick thinking and his uncanny ability of knowing what the horse or bull is going to do.





Kispiox Valley Rodeo



Hard 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!

The **RCMP** regularly patrol the grounds to help our security team keep our families, children, animals and friends safe.

Chute Helpers - **Keifer Larson, David Wernli & Glen Paulin** 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 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 - The chef, **Willie Schmidt & family** 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** 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, David Blackburn & 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.

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

Rodeo Secretaries - **Mary Charlebois & Patti Gerhardi** - These two make sure everyone has paid their entry fees, signed a waiver and gets their prize money and buckle!

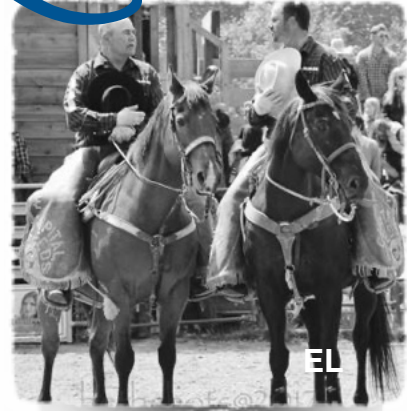


Some of the most important people the entire weekend are the ones who are looking out for your safety, and literally saving lives. **Jade First Aid** are professional, dedicated and extremely knowledgeable. They know what they're doing, and they do it better than anyone else. With many years of experience, they stay calm, cool and effective under extreme conditions. Their services throughout the weekend are much appreciated, especially by the contestants! **THANKS JADE FIRST AID!!!**



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.



Memorial Events

Marty Allen Saddle Bronc

Jack Lee Bare Back

Gerrit Pelsma Team Roping

Jimmy McCrae Cowhide Race

Wally Love Sportsmanship Cowboy

Chris Leary Sportsmanship Junior

Helen Campbell All Around Cowgirl

John & Elsie Wookey All Around Cowboy

RODEO FANS, KIDS & COMPETITORS

The KVRC makes sure there is plenty for the kids and audience to participate in from footraces to calf scrambles to stick horse races. Our fans are what MAKES our rodeo the only one like it in the world so we work hard to do whatever we can to ensure we deliver! We want YOU, our fans to become competitors. Just like Marika Van Tunen, Emma Hobenshield and Grace Vickers.

Those three loved watching the rodeo so much that they convinced their parents to support them to get into horses - they signed up for drill team and are now competitors at various levels and Kispiox Valley Rodeo's reigning royalty. Please email shannon@skeenawatershed.com if you have suggestions for future fan events!



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British Columbia
Legislative Assembly**



Doug Donaldson, MLA
(Stikine)



May 3, 2018

Dear Rodeo Organizers and Visitors:

As the MLA for Stikine I would like to congratulate the organizing committee for the incredible amount of work they have done to make the 71st Kispiox Valley Rodeo another successful weekend.

For those returning to the rodeo, or attending for the first time, you are in for a great show. I have enjoyed the Rodeo for many years and have attended as the MLA for Stikine for the last 9 years. Every year, I am so impressed with the beautiful setting, the high-performance of stock, the skill of the competitors, and the family atmosphere that continue to make this an exceptional event. And this year I am especially honored to attend because range and agriculture-related topics are an important part of my new role as the Minister of Forest, Lands, Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development.

The Rodeo provides important economic spin-offs for local businesses for our small communities and what really impresses me is that the Rodeo is a place where the relationships that keep our communities strong can be renewed, re-established and built. This Rodeo would not have 71 years continued success without the hard work and commitment of many members of our community, from the people who volunteer in the BBQ pit, to the RCMP officers that do regular patrols to keep our families safe, and to everyone who contributes to such a great weekend.

Congratulations once again. See you at the rodeo!

Yours truly,

Doug Donaldson
MLA Stikine

Doug

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2017 CHAMPIONS

Event	2017 Champion
Bareback	Logan Hodson
Saddle Bronc	Dustin Flundra
Team Roping	Dustin Spiers & Kyle McNaughton
Bull Riding	No Qualified Rides
Tie Down Roping	Cody Brett
Wild Horse Race	Kyle Harstand Team
Steer Wrestling	Cody Brett
Breakaway Roping	Sarah Newman
Jr Breakaway Roping	Cole Harris
Jr Steer Riding	Cole Harris
Ladies Barrel Racing	Perrilynn Leneve
Jr Barrel Racing	Brianna Billy
Pee Wee Barrel Racing	Kira Stowell
Novice Roughstock	Cole Harris
Cowhide Race	Kyle Bell & Scott Ziegler
Musical Chairs	Marika Van Tunen
Rescue Race	Travis Bjorgan & Katie Watts
Ride & Lead	Emma Hobenshield
Wild Cow Milking	Kyle Bell, Scott Ziegler & Troy Gerard
Sportsmanship Cowgirl	Launi Stowell
Sportsmanship Cowboy	Kyle Bell
Sportsmanship Jr	Tiesha Pierre
Ladies All Around	Bailey Fuller, Brady McNolty & Denise Swampy
Men's All Around	Andy Copeland
Jr All Around	Brianna Billy, Cole Harris
Saturday 50/50	Shanda Prevost \$773.50
Sunday 50/50	Shelly Campbell \$800 (donated \$200 to KVRC)



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.

MULLIVAN'S BARBER SHOP
Mobile barber shop!

CINAWAY TRADING (MERCHANDISE)
T-shirts, bags, jewellery, clothing, hats, shawls, bandanas, scarves and other accessories

BLUESTONE MINI-TREATS
Fries, poutine, deep-fried pickles, deep-fried perogies, bannock smokies & fried bread.

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

DeJONG'S MINI-DONUTS
Mmmmm...mini-donuts, bubble tea and beverages

SHISH-KA-DAVE'S
Pork or chicken kabobs, chow mein, veggie or meat rolls.



KISPIOX VALLEY DRILL TEAM



This is the 22nd anniversary of the Kispiox Valley Drill Team! 16 disciplined riders, performing to upbeat music, riding through precision drills. This year we have a new coach who is a seasoned drill team member, incredible and accomplished horsewoman. Carole Larson has been assistant coaching the drill team for a number of years and this year will be her first performance as head coach! We also have a new drill this year was designed by Dixie Webb and though challenging, the members have mastered it and are proud to perform for you this weekend. The youngest rider to ever perform with the drill team was 4 years old and she still performs with the drill team today at age 9! The riders and horses love your applause throughout their performance, so please be generous. Veteran horsemen/women in the crowd will recognize the difficult maneuvers performed by the team like *The Weave*. 16 horses have to get along, are constantly meeting up with new partners, are in tight situations and they deserve your appreciation. Thanks to the parents, grandparents and friends who help all the riders and their horses get to every practice. We also give thanks to Joy Allen, founder and coach of the drill team from 1997 - 2017. Joy touched many lives while coaching the drill team. She has an incredible knack of making things fun, for that reason the team is still going strong. Joy has stepped down as coach but continues to bring a trailer full of horses to practice. She is a strong supporter for her grand daughters and other youth riders that she gives an opportunity to fulfill their dreams. We hope she enjoys her retirement!

2018 Riders & Horses

Sara McPhail/Lacey
Bella Combs/Copper
Anela Croft/Roo
Grace Vickers/Jack
Sammy Sage/Reign
Emma Hobensheid/Sonny

Lee Ann Croft/Tia
Aurora Allen/Sparky
Fiona Sullivan/Scout
Kia Beertema/Echo
Marlise Zurbrugg/Shadow
Kimmi Fuller/Bonnie

Lily Hobensheid/Peppy
Melissa VanderBaaren/Dancer
Brenda Nelson/Stryker
Cathy David/Bounce



CROSSING THE GREAT DIVIDE



Long time Valley resident Vicky Lee passed away a short time ago. Vicky helped organize the rodeo for many years, and was a master dutch oven cook. She loved horses and she owned some good ones, including Ginger and Miss Pretty Fine. She

barrel raced, went on many pack trips, raced horses, collected antiques and above all, adored her grand children. Vicky was an active community member who helped out at many functions. Two of her three children still live in the Valley, and both continue to carry on her tradition of helping out friends, family and their community. Our condolences go out to her family.



WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO CELEBRATE WITH US
HER EXTRAORDINARY LIFE

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018

NASH CAMP COOKOUT 1:00 PM AT THE KISPIOX VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUNDS
KISPIOX VALLEY STYLE - BRING FOOD DISH OF YOUR CHOICE

PLEASE BRING YOUR STORIES, INSTRUMENTS, SINGING VOICES, BASEBALL GLOVES,
FOOTBALL, HORSES AND MOST OF ALL YOU'RE SMILING FACES.

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



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 you 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.

OLD HOCKEY JOCKS & WATERING HOLES

If you just happen to wander down to the 'watering hole' at the south end of the arena, you're in for a treat and we don't just mean beer. The **Old Timers**, who were once a formidable hockey team in their day, have been running that end of the arena for many, many years. They're known around these parts as the greatest bunch of guys ever as they all do more than their share of community service. They make the "southside" of the arena a fun place to be and the rodeo club appreciates them immensely! They do a first class job so make sure you give them a high 5 and tell them just how much you appreciate them when you're visiting down that way. They're not only legends in their own minds, they're legends in ours too.



RODEO ROMANCE

Jay-Lee Harris had no idea what to expect when she was called into the middle of the rodeo arena during last year's rodeo performance.



Landon Vipond, her boyfriend, had just finished his bareback ride and was still in his chaps and riggin when he came out to her, got down on his knee and asked for her hand in marriage. In front of thousands of rodeo fans, their families and their community, Landon & Jay-Lee committed themselves to each other and are getting hitched in August 2018!





nathan cullen

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT / SKEENA-BULKLEY VALLEY



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May 9th 2018,



To whom it may concern,

The Kispiox Valley Rodeo is a major highlight in our riding during the busy summer. The 'Biggest Little Rodeo in the West' enters its 71st year this June 1-3 and rodeo enthusiasts from all over BC and Canada will come to the valley to enjoy this longstanding event.

Building upon last year's success, this will be another amazing rodeo experience which will showcase the historic pride of Kispiox Valley. The success of this rodeo means the club can continue to make improvements to their community centre in Hazelton and other projects around the village.

I wholeheartedly support the Kispiox Valley Rodeo and the volunteers that make it possible and know that it will be another outstanding event for the riding this year.

Sincerely,

Nathan Cullen

MP Skeena- Bulkley Valley

UFCW 232

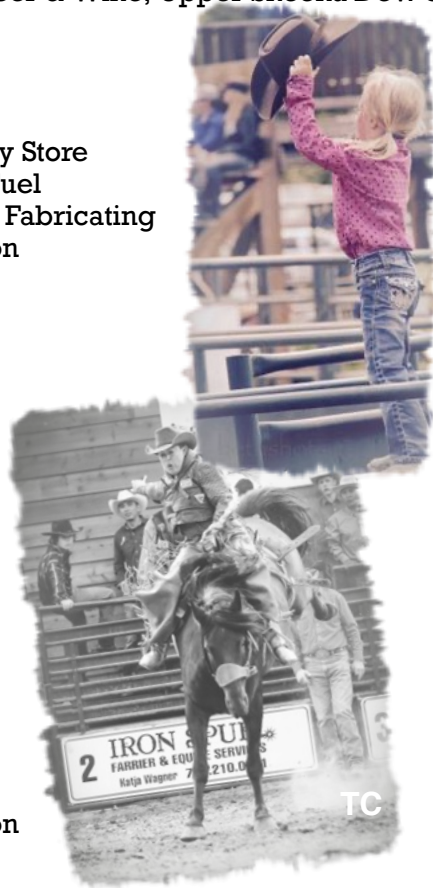


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Kids Boot Race	Shannon & Steve McPhail Family
Under 10 Foot Race	Bar T5 Trailers
11-16 Footrace	Mount'n View Tire
17-49 Footrace	Tri-Con Truss & Millwork
Over 50 Footrace	Gene Allen
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All Around Cowgirl	Leland Jasper
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Announcer	Slipwrench Services, Poplar Meadows Angus, Janitor's Warehouse, Shelley Campbell, Smokescreen Graphics
Chute Gates	Pete Vandergaag, Iron Spur Farrier, Northwest Fuels, Sedaz Lingerie Bulkley Valley Credit Union - New Hazelton Branch



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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OH CANADA, SAY CAN YOU SEE?

Hank Combs & Eavan Sullivan are students in Hazelton at the trilingual school, Majagaleehl Gali Aks which means "Children/Flowers of the Rivers." Every year, their students sing the Canadian anthem in all 3 languages, French, English and Gitksan to represent our amazing culture and community. Carmen Witwer, engaged to Kispiox champion cowboy, Christoph Muigg, will be singing Star Spangled Banner to honour our competitors from across the borders.



BEHAVE OR BE GONE!

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 very 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 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 hosted here. Please make sure your camping spot is kept clean! 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. RCMP will be doing regular patrols of the grounds Friday and Saturday evenings as well as road checks to help keep people safe.



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RODEO JUDGES DO IT IN THE DIRT

The Kispiox Valley Rodeo is bringing you the best of the best when it comes to professional Judges.

Terry Cook started judging 40 years ago at Don Morrison's in Ground Birch, BC. and went on to judge in the NRA. He served as the NRA president for 6 years and went on to judge Canadian Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA) and Profession Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) rodeos. He's judged the Canadian Finals Rodeo 15 times and the Calgary Stampede 20 times. He ran the Dawson Creek Stampede for over 20 years and was the committee representative for them on the CPRA board for 4 years. He is the current President of the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association with his first lady, Kimeal at his side.

Bernie Rivet might not be the president of the CPRA but he's handsome and one of the top rodeo judges in Canada. He hails from Williams Lake, BC and is a retired bull rider after 20 years of bull riding champions. He's served as a director in the BC Rodeo Association (BCRA) for 17 years. In 2014 he won the BCRA Lifetime Achievement Award. He started judging rodeos for the BCRA in 1988 and in the CPRA in 2006. He's judged the Cloverdale Pro Rodeo 11 times running, 6 times at the Canadian Finals Rodeo and Calgary Stampede 6. Incredible record for a guy at such a young age. Hands off though ladies, Bernie is married to one of the top cowgirls in Canada - Denise Swampy, and their son Tryan are still rocking the rodeo circuit.



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WHAT JUDGES LOOK FOR:

Is the cowboy in control?
Placement of feet (over point of neck)
Watch free hand, it can't touch animal
How well/often cowboy spurs

50% of score comes from how well the horse or bull bucks

50% of score comes from how well cowboy handles horse or bull

Luck of the draw: The animal a cowboy rides or ropes is chosen by a lottery system and a lot like a box of chocolates - You never know what you're gonna get.

SHOOTING RODEOS



This entire program is made up of photos from local photographers both professional and amateur. Thomas Camus from Smithers, BC has been taking incredible photos of local events all over the Bulkley Valley and has been a regular at the Kispiox Valley Rodeo. He's got an eye for the perfect action shot. Elizabeth Larsen from the Hazeltons, is amazing at capturing those precious moments. She takes the shots

that tell stories about the true essence of rodeo - community, support, hard work, love, dirt, relationships, family, culture, tears and triumph. Each of their photos in this booklet are marked with their initials. Both Thomas and Elizabeth make their photos available for purchase. If you like what you see or want to see more, check out their work online. The unmarked photos were either supplied by the person in the photo or by Kispiox Valley Rodeo Club members. If there is an unmarked photo you just need to have, please email shannon@skeenawatershed.com for a copy.



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RODEO

FAREWELL TO A FINE QUEEN

The reigning Kispiox Valley Rodeo Queen is **Marika Van Tunen**. She has done an outstanding job representing this rodeo throughout the province of B.C. Marika is from Sik-e-Dahk (Glen Vowell) BC, a small Village between Kispiox and Hazelton.

She is a member of Wilp Nikate'en of the Lax Seel (frog) clan in the Gitksan Nation. Her Gitksan name is Amtsin Algaxhl Gwidan (horse whisperer), given to her by her Sim'oogit and family members.

Marika's love for horses started a young age, going to local fall fairs and riding her cousin, Bill Van Tunen's horses in Witset (Morisetown) from the age of 5. She was determined to have her very own horse and saved her money from birthdays, chores and asking her family for sponsorship...mostly from her Papa Tony Sampare. Her determination paid off and her father, Peter Van Tunen, found a horse for her when she was 9 years old. She started out in the Kispiox Valley Drill Team and from there started barrel racing. At 13, she had the good fortune to purchase 'Frenchy' and that's when her career started to kick into high gear. In 2017, Marika not only qualified in the BC Barrel Racing Association (BCBRA) and BC Rodeo Association finals, she ended up 3rd in the BCRA and 9th out of 246 barrel racers in the open average in the BCBRA.

This is almost unheard of! Most junior barrel racers come from a family who is involved in the sport of rodeo or barrel racing, or who is helped by friends who are. Not Marika. She was backed by a family that supported her dream, though foreign to them, and by friends and community. Everywhere she raced, she had a cheering squad in the bleachers who travelled the many miles to support her. This amazing little Gitksan girl is the first of her Nation to achieve this kind of success in the sport of rodeo.

Marika is very proud to have represented her community throughout the year. She is very thankful for the support from her parents and grandparents. She is determined to make the finals in the BCRA and BCBRA this year, and will work hard to improve every race.

The Kispiox Valley Rodeo Club would like to thank Marika for a fantastic job during her reign and wishes her the best of luck in her rodeo career.



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ROYALTY

MEET YOUR 2018 KISPIOX RODEO QUEEN

Emma Hobenshield has grown up watching many of her family members participate in activities in the rodeo. She watched and cheered on her uncle Jared Marshall, as he became a bareback champ, but fell in love with the sport of rodeo while watching her cousins Megan Marshall and Jessie DeBoer in the drill team and Barrel race. She knew when she got old enough she would one day ride in that team! This year is 4th year as a member the Kispiox Valley Drill team, where you will see her as one of the leaders that keeps the others in the right place at the right time.



Emma is known for her outgoing, sunny personality! She is a natural leader and inspires others to do their best. She loves volleyball, and as captain of the Hazelton Spartans team, has helped lead her team 2 years in a row to the final game. She's brought home the banner as well as the tournament MVP.



This girl has a heart of gold!

She always has a smile on her face and a helping hand for those that need it. She volunteers to serve at the senior dinner at Christmas, has done candy striping at the hospital, and helps her mom, Jude Hobenshield with the many cancer fundraising events she does.

...AND THE 2018 RODEO PRINCESS

The Vickers Family moved from Victoria, BC to Kispiox Valley in 2004 arriving just in time to celebrate **Grace Vickers** first Birthday. That same year her parents took her and her brother 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 on, Grace loved horses. She was five years old when she got her first horse, Mister. She loved going to the Kispiox Valley 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 6 years. Last year Grace was crowned Kispiox Valley Rodeo Princess and attended local community events and a rodeo with her best friend and the 2017 Kispiox Valley Rodeo Queen, Marika Van Tunen.

Grace's other passion is sports. She loves playing volleyball, basketball, soccer and recently started playing rugby. When she is not playing sports or riding she loves spending time with her girlfriends listening to music and hanging out together.

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.

