BREAKING NEWS

Kispiox Valley Rodeo

Kispiox Valley | May 30-June 1, 2025

78TH ANNUAL

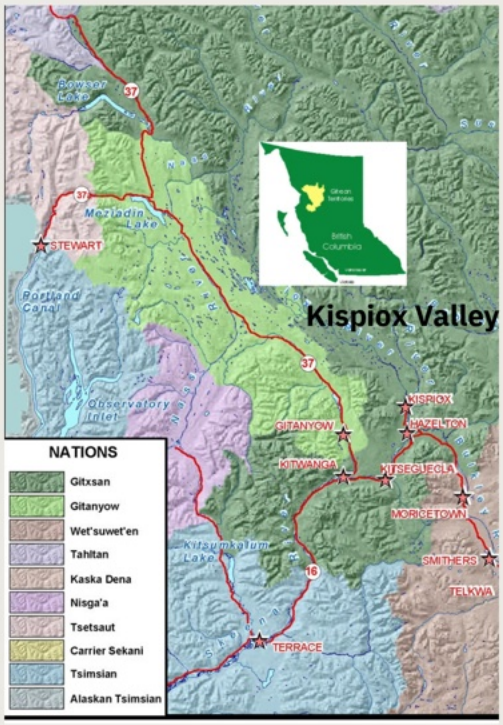
"HEROES BEHIND THE SCENES"

BIGGEST LITTLE RODEO

IN THE WEST

WELCOME TO GITXSAN TERRITORY

The Kispiox Valley Rodeo Club would like to thank Wilp Ma-uus, a House Group of the Gitxsan First Nation, for the ongoing use of the rodeo grounds and the honour of allowing us to hold our rodeo on your unceded territory. Settlers and Indigenous communities here on Gitxsan territories are linked by friendships, marriage, business, the spirit of reciprocity and RODEO! We have been honoured to share the tradition of this rodeo since its establishment in 1947, founded by Anspayaxw, Gitxsan community members and old Kispiox Valley Cowboys.



A LIL' RODEO HISTORY

The rodeo was first held in the community of Kispiox originally called Anspayaxw; its traditional name. The Kispiox Valley Rodeo was initiated by Hap Leary and a few other Valley guys. They got approval from the Village of Kispiox to build an arena there and the turnout of riders and spectators was overwhelming. After a few years, the Rodeo was moved to its current location where we all still enjoy it today. The people who were part of the success of the roots of this rodeo are: Art Kusik, Don Adams, Wilfred Gawa, Al Beach, Earl Buck, Toby Millard, Pete Bland, Chris Harris, Al and Gloria Benson, Smokey and Lavada Neighbor, Jimmy Danes, Gordie McNolty, Bernie Pellisier, Lloyd Morrison, John and Joe Steiner, Richard Morrison, Rusty and Billy Gates, Gable Louis, Ray Vemier, Ben McKenzie Jr., Matt Hanley, Jimmy McCrae, Ollie, Dave and Oscar Aspeslet, Neil Sterritt, Ben McKenzie Sr, Ray Atwood, Frank and Helen Luxton, Buster and Betty Henderson, Ron, Jessie and Dale Dundas, Ken and Kate Miller, John, Elsie, Drew, Colby, Clayton, Dal and Glyn Wookey, Marty and Dorothy Allen, Wally and Marcella Love, Walter Skulsh, Bill and Lil Love, Jack, Francis and Bernice Lee, Esther and Ruth Love, Ted, Helen, Bruce, Jimmy, Glen and Teddy Campbell, Lee Adler, Hap Leary, George, Henry, Norman and Art Hagen, Della and Jean Neighbors, Mel and Gordon Chapman, Bill Holland, Jack McNeil and Alfred Hillis. For 78 years the rodeo has brought communities together to share in the competition and camaraderie of rodeo. The rodeo club started as a subsidiary of the Kispiox Valley Community Association and became a registered society in the 1990's. We are grateful to them for the use of these beautiful community grounds and buildings.

RULES OF RODEO WEEKEND

The KVRC is partnered with the RCMP, the Kispiox Valley Music Festival, and the Kispiox Valley Community Association to host family-friendly events in our area. Please remember that this is a FAMILY EVENT. Excessive or underage drinking will not be tolerated.

- 18 & UNDER - Must be with a parent or guardian to enter and stay at the grounds.
- No glass on the grounds - to keep animals, fish and humans safe from broken glass
- Generators are okay from 6am- 10pm and must be off between 10pm, and 6am
- Dogs must be on leash at all times. No dogs in the bleachers, pens, or concession area
- Do not tie horses to young trees or areas they can damage
- All horse pens must be located directly behind rigs. Pens that do not meet the measurement requirements or are not behind rigs will be taken down.
- Please be respectful of the community grounds and the people on them
- HAVE FUN!!!!!!!

The Cowboy's Prayer

Creator/Heavenly Father, we pause at this time, mindful of the many blessings you have bestowed upon us. We ask 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 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, "**our entry fees are paid.**"
Amen/Ha m ii'ya

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

From the far side of sweet grass, to the snow washed mountains of the coast; a fist full of fury, fast times, and clean runs are all on their minds as cowboys and cowgirls travel down rodeo roads, all ready to do it again on the banks of the Kispiox.

Welcome, everyone, to the 78th Annual Kispiox Valley Rodeo. It is my privilege to welcome you, once again, to the "Biggest Little Rodeo in the West".
This year we are kicking things off Friday with the *New* Kispiox Ranch Hand Competition (which tests horse 'n rider on a variety of horsemanship skills) and the Showdown in K-Town Barrel Race Jackpot before our Friday night dance and two days of BCRA rodeo action.
As you can see, a lot of upgrades have been made. Most importantly, we have replaced our old grandstands; and, we cannot thank enough, all the folks involved in seeing this huge job to completion. These bleachers should see many future generations taking in the rodeo for years to come.

Christoph Muigg
President - Kispiox Valley Rodeo Club

This year, through our wonderful sponsors (please have a look through all of them in the supplement), we have continued with our outstanding prize money, trophy buckles, and have been able to feature this year's bull riding with a purse of $10,000 sure to attract some of the best talent both sides of the Rockies. We've got great stock from Big O, out of Alberta, supplying the four legged athletes; Bryan Poffenroth to supply the best timed event cattle in BC; and, arguably one of the best rodeo announcers the good Lord set on Earth, Keith Dinwoodie.
Along with the action, we've got great food vendors, cowboy cookouts, beef BBQ (slow-cooked all night over the fire), beer gardens, and a whole host of valley hospitality sure to make you wanting to come back.

A lot of work goes into putting on this event. From directors putting in extensive hours behind the scenes, to members and volunteers helping out at work bees and wherever needed; it is due to the help of these people and our generous sponsors that this rodeo takes place year after year.

I've rodeoed on both sides of the border and I can say, without hesitation, we've got the greatest hospitality and warmest fans. So, enjoy yourselves, eat some great food, have a beer or two, and catch the action that happens only once a year as competitors from near n' far compete for one of the richest paydays in BC Rodeo.
Cheers and long live the Cowboy way!!!

KISPIOX VALLEY RODEO CLUB

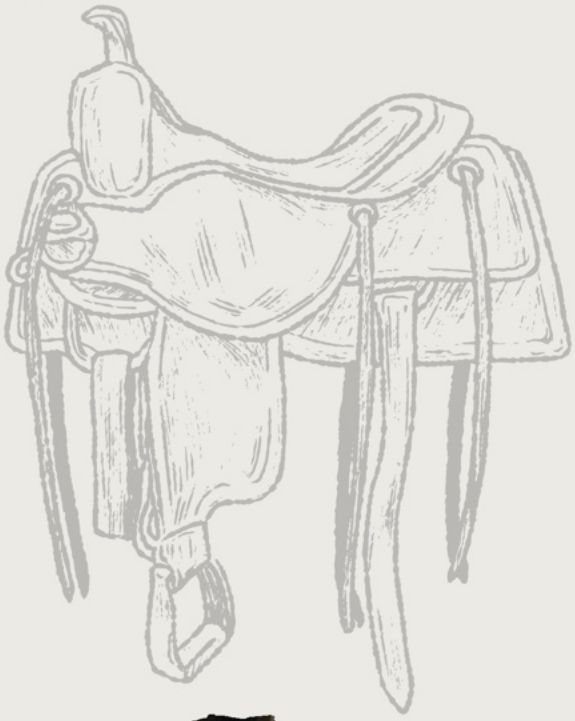
This photo is but a small sample of our club!

2025 Rodeo Club Members

Gene & Joy Allen
Alana Wadley, Jim, Aurora & Phinnigan Allen
John Allen
Kaleigh Allen & Martin Wehren
Melanie Barnett
Kia & Henny Beertema
Scott Beertema
Debbie & Terry Bexson
Sammy Sage & Ben, Eila & Sairsha Carew
Brenda Nelson & Ron Fleming
John, Claire & Weston Forsyth
Anna Frezell & Keiran Frezell-Hayden
Echo Gutfrucht & Rylee-Rae Rosger
Brandi Nash & Aaron, Layla & Aidan Henderson
Amanda Henwood
Sandra Heuberger, Callie-Lou Forsyth, Skye & Lars Jones
Frank & Alvin Paulin & Monique Jones
Martina Graf & Adrian, Jaro & Zora Jordi
Keifer Larson & Brittany Shopshire
Kassie, James, Bentley, Alli & Julie Loring
Jennifer Loring-Zyp, Araya, Leeara Betts & Jevon & Emmylou Zyp
Brian Larson
Carole and Grahame Larson
Nicholas Zoirous
Willi & Ava Schmid
Kurt, Esther, Trapper, Skye, Jimmy & Summer McGhie
Kris, Didi, Olivia, Rhonan & Oonagh McGhie
Melissa McCreery & Tom Lee
Willa Lee
Enan Lee
Shannon, Steve & Sara McPhail
Grant McPhail
Christoph, Carmen, Sascha & Roman Muigg
Dave & Lee Nash
Desiree & Naida Olson
Andrew & Christine Peterson
Fioanna Riddell
Courtland Ryan
Sindee Serle
Eryn, & Falon Stokes
Jules Stokes
Francie & Lawrence Stokes
Hud Stokes
Michael Sullivan
Annette Thomson & Holly Mayor
Roy & Andrea Vickers
Wakas Vickers
Grace Vickers
Landon & Jay Lee Vipond
Anissa Watson

HONORARY CLUB MEMBERS

Patsy & Earl Hobenshield
John Pelsma
Mary Charlebois
Kelly Kranz & Deb Jackson
Roy Vickers
Linda Allen
Gene & Joy Allen
Wilfred Lee
Les Witwer
Willi Schmid
Brenda Nelson & Ron Fleming
Steven Leary
John & Marney Wookey
Francie & Lawrence Stokes
John Allen
Glen & Linda Lavery
Pete Ness
Allan & Dorothy Weston
Dave & Lee Nash



2025 KVRC Directors

President - Christoph Muigg
Vice President - Debbie Bexson
Treasurer - Brenda Nelson
Secretary - Joy Allen
Directors - Andrea Vickers, Lee Nash, Carole Larson, Keifer Larson, Brandi Nash, John Forsyth, Melissa McCreery

CROSSING THE GREAT DIVIDE

Since the last Kispiox Valley Rodeo, we've experienced the loss of many cherished friends and family members within our communities. The individuals listed below have played a significant role in our rodeo history, leaving behind a legacy and countless fond memories and stories. These are the legends whose impact will not be forgotten. The rodeo club extends heartfelt condolences to the families of those who have crossed over to where the grass is lush, green, and stirrup-high.

The Riderless Horse is a ceremony to honor those who have gone before us. This ceremony dates back to the days of honouring fallen soldiers when armies relied on four-legged power rather than motorized transportation. In this case, it's to take a moment to grieve those we have lost and to remember, to live a good life for those who remain. We ask that you rise, remove your hat and respect the moment of silence and remember those who have gone before us as the horse enters the arena.

SPENCER OLIVER

Spencer was a community-minded guy who volunteered at the Mercedes Beans booth during the rodeo, engaging warmly with everyone he met. He crafted two unique coffee blends for the event, the Triple Barrel Roast and the Bucking Bronco. Dedicated to improving the lives of young people in the Hazelton area, Spencer was a certified snowboard instructor who organized trips to Hudson Bay Mountain to teach local kids how to snowboard. His spirit of hospitality fit perfectly with the Valley's history, and he is greatly missed.

KOERT & RITA BEERTEMA

Koert(93) and Rita(90) passed away in 2024. They left the Netherlands in 1966 with their two sons by their side in sight of a better life in Hazelton. In 1968 they started the "Beertema's" business growing from furniture & appliances to clothing & a movie theatre very quickly. Koert and Rita semi retired in the 1990's after becoming pillars in the community. They were proud supporters of the Kispiox Valley Rodeo for many years, and will be deeply missed by family & friends.

NITA CAMERON

Nita has been a beloved attendee at the Kispiox Valley Rodeo for over forty years, hailing from Quesnel. Known for her warm presence, she served as a BCRA timer in the announcer's booth. The accompanying photo captures a special moment of Nita and her husband Gus as they present the All Around Cowboy buckle to Steve Hohman. In a heartfelt gesture, Nita's family gifted her rodeo stopwatch to BCRA rodeo secretary Patti Gerhardi, who brings it to every rodeo. This weekend, Nita's watch proudly resides in the announcer's booth. It's difficult to reflect on Nita without mentioning Gus, a past recipient of the 'Sportsmanship Cowboy' award at this rodeo. Both are deeply missed.

THERESA JACK

Theresa was a pillar not just in the community of Kispiox but amongst the Gitxsan people as a whole. She was an amazing women known to some as "Mother Theresa" for her constant care of many children both as an educator and a caring women who would take in anyone who was in need of mothering. Her loss was one that greatly impacted the community as she was a huge loss to the preservation of Gitxsan culture and language.

Alice Maitlind

Alice was the Mayor of Hazelton for over 40 years, the longest serving Mayor in Canadian history, and what a legacy she has left, not only to her family, but to our entire community. Alice stood up for what was right, she advocated, supported and fought for what she believed in. Alice supported this rodeo in so many ways, from the Rodeo BBQ in Hazelton, riding on the horse drawn wagon in the grand entry or cheering on her grandson, Jared Marshall, BCRA and Kispiox Valley Rodeo Bare Back champion. Her kindness and sense of fair play will always be remembered.

Wayne Spiers

Wayne Spiers competed at this rodeo for many, many years in the team roping. The 'Spiers' name is all over the Gerrit Pelsma Memorial team roping trophy. Wayne comes from a family of some of the top ropers in Canada and his sons Dustin and Denton have inherited those incredible family genetics. The Kispiox Valley Rodeo Club honours the memory of Wayne Spiers and welcomes his family who still competes here.

A MEMORIAL RODEO

Memorial Events

Marty Allen Saddle Bronc
Jack Lee Bare Back
Jimmy Mcrae Cowhide Race
Wally Love Sportsmanship Cowboy
Helen Campbell All Around Cowgirl
John & Elsie Wookey Wookey All Around Cowboy

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 choose to sponsor these events every year to commemorate such special people.

Akylis McRae presenting the Jimmy McRae Cowhide Race trophy last year. Akylis is a grand daughter of Jimmy and the daughter of a champion cowhide racer, Archie McRae. Akylis was one of two students chosen to represent Canada in Greece at the UNESCO World Heritage Youth Symposium. This trophy was hand carved by Vernon Stephens and donated 51 years ago to the rodeo club to commemorate Jimmy. Every year since then the McRae family sponsors the prize money to keep this prestigious event at the Kispiox Valley Rodeo

2025 WEEKEND SCHEDULE

KISPIOX VALLEY RODEO

THURSDAY -5pm-8pm Early Bird Camping - Gate Entry $100 for Early Bird Campers

FRIDAY- GATES OPEN 9AM
Rodeo Admission - $30/Day or $55 Weekend. Seniors/Students (With Card) $25/Day or $45 Weekend. 5 and under - free, Camping $75/Unit Weekend (No reservations)
1PM Ranch Hand Competition
4PM The Showdown in KTown co-sanctioned this year by the BCBRA
10pm Dance – Main Hall (No Minors) featuring "The Moondogs"
Tickets $30 + Gate Admission

SATURDAY
8am-11am Pancake Breakfast - Main Hall
10am Free Horse Drawn Wagon Rides with the B&T Wagon Rides
1pm. BCRA, CCA & BRC Sanctioned Rodeo, Grand Entry – Main Arena
Beer Gardens by Smithers Brewing Co - No Minors
BBQ Beef & Food Vendors
Open Dance Saturday night for rodeo spectators – Kids dance 7:30 to 9pm, Open dance 9:30 to 1am – NO ALCOHOL!

SUNDAY
8am-11am Pancake Breakfast - Main Hall
10am Free Horse Drawn Wagon Rides with the B&T Wagon Rides
1pm BCRA, CCA & BRC Sanctioned Rodeo, Grand Entry – Main Arena
Beer Gardens by Smithers Brewing Co- No Minors
BBQ Beef & Food Vendors

WEEKEND EVENTS

Added Purse BCRA Events
$10,000 Bull Riding
$5,000 Saddle Bronc, Bare Back
$3,000 Team Roping, Barrel Racing, Steer Wrestling, Tie Down & Breakaway Roping
$1,000 Jr Breakaway, Jr Steer Riding, Jr Barrels
$500 Pee Wee Barrels, Novice Rough Stock

Local Events
$2,000 Wild Horse Race
$500 Open Pole Bending & Men's Barrel Racing
$400 Cowhide Race
$100 Rescue Race, Ride and Lead, Musical Chairs, Calf Scramble, Goat Tail Tying
$50 Foot Races – 10 and under, 11 to 16yrs, 17 to 49yrs, 50 to 65yrs, over 65 (time permitting)
Medals & Trophies: Stick horse Race, Mutton Bustin'
Treats: Kids Boot Race

Olsen Silver Trophy Buckles in all main events
Keith Dinwoodie – Announcer
Beer Garden – Pancake Breakfast – Beef BBQ
Rodeo T Shirts designed by Roy Henry Vickers
Best Western Cowboy/Cowgirl contest – Men's, Ladies, Kids
Mens, Ladies and Junior Sportsmanship Awards
All Around Cowboy, Cowgirl and Junior Awards
Bid on the right to name a bucking horse at the Sunday Auction as well as the chance to bid on the coveted Hobenshield quilt this year honoring the memory of Marshall Skulsh.

2024 Best Western Dressed

"The Biggest Little Rodeo in The West"

NATIONAL ANTHEM SINGERS

SATURDAY

Eva is a 9 year old Tahltan girl from Telkwa B.C. She's in grade four and is already making a name for herself. She is from the Iskut First Nations Band and her great grand parents are Loveman and Sarah Nole. Her love of horses comes from her dad who is a mountain hunting guide and she hopes to own her own horse one day. Eva is in the choir every year and plans on joining band in grade six. Eva sang the national anthem at the U18 rep Tier 3 BC Hockey Provincials held in Smithers earlier this year. The rodeo club is proud to have Eva perform the anthem here!

Aurora Allen is the great grand-daughter of Marty & Dorothy Allen, Grant & June Nash and Margaret Clay, and granddaughter to Gene & Joy Allen. Aurora is a grade ten student of Hazelton Secondary. She is an active member of the rodeo club and is currently being mentored to take over major rodeo jobs in the future. Aurora loves singing and performed at the Kispiox Valley Music Festival last year. There are very few people in the world that can sing the Canadian Anthem in English, Gitxsan and French. She is also one of two students chosen to represent Canada in Athens, Greece at the UNESCO World Heritage Youth Symposium. Aurora will be singing both Saturday and Sunday.

SUNDAY

Carmen Muigg, has been singing the American Anthem at this rodeo for many years. Her hauntingly beautiful and husky voice makes her a fan favorite. Carmen has been an active rodeo club member for years and is married to our club president and rough stock rider, Christoph Muigg. She's a busy mom to two handsome boys and yet still finds the time to help out whenever needed such as taking in this years local entries.

CANADIAN COWBOYS ASSOCIATION

The Association Of Choice

The Canadian Cowboys Association (CCA) was founded in 1963, and as it was stated in its first newsletter, strives to "make a winner out of every cowboy. Its purpose is to see that he gets a fair shake –the winning will have to be done by his ability and his luck." Now in its 2nd year as a Kispiox Valley Rodeo Co-Sanction we are glad to be connected to such a great Association supporting cowboys and cowgirls across our great country.

2025 RODEO SPONSORS

Huge thanks to these incredible sponsors that help our rodeo function - by paying for or donating purses, services, food, expertise or equipment. Because of them, the Kispiox Valley Rodeo has the largest purses in the BCRA, the most buckles & awards and is a favorite of competitors and spectators alike. Make sure you give them a tip of your cowboy hat and please support them as they support their communities. We couldn't put on the rodeo without every, single one.

Diamond $5000
Vista Radio / CJFW Radio
Black Press / Interior News

Platinum $2000+
Bulkley Browser
Bulkley Valley Credit Union, Hazelton
Canadian Tire, (S&A Westgate Hldg) Smithers
Dr. Mariette de Bruin
Dr. Jaco Fourie
Gitxsan Safety Services
Meek Contracting
Newmont Mining

Gold $1500+
Larry Bijou
Bulkley Valley Hive & Honey
Bulkley Valley Home Centre
Gracelane Contracting
Iron Spur Farrier & Equine Services
Jade First Aid
Jepson Petroleum Northwest Division
New Hazelton Chevron Town Pantry
Red's Towing & Recovery
Vandergaag Construction

Silver $1000+
Canoe Creek Logging
Glacier Toyota
Hoskins Ford Sales
Huber Farms Equipment
KBL Electric
Larson Ranch
Northern Metals Fabricating & Machining
Smithers Feed Store
Veronica Walker

Copper $500+
Bear Claw Lodge
Blue Water Sushi Ltd
Buck Ridge Contracting Ltd
Bulkley Valley Wholesale
CarewFields Expediting
Coast Mountain Chevrolet Buick GMC
Do Your Part Recycling Corp
Firesteel Contracting
Four Rivers Co-op Feeds
Frontier Chrysler
Geraco Enterprises
Jude Hobenshield
Kispiox Fishing Company
Kispiox Gas Bar Anspayaxw Dev
Love Bros & Lee Ltd
McDonald's Store
Mount 'n View Tire
Northwest Truck Rentals
Red Rose Ventures
Sausage Factory
Skeena Heliskiing
Smokescreen Graphics
Steele Ridge Contracting
Subway New Hazelton
Tahltan Outfitters
Tri-Town Feed & Lumber

2025 SPONSORS CONTINUED

Bronze Sponsors $ 250+
Gene & Joy Allen
Aqua North Plumbing
All West Glass Northern Industries
Beertema's Furniture & Electronics
Daybreak Eggs
Gitanmaax Food & Fuel
Gitanmaax Market
Leland Jasper
Tom Lee
McRae Family
Northwest Guide Outfitters Assoc
Olson Silver & Leather
Royal B Contracting
Salmon River Mechanical
Smithers Home Hardware
Smithers Lumber Yard
Upper Skeena Development Centre
Walkat Holdings
Martin Wehren
Wesco New Hazelton

Other Donations
All Seasons Automotive Ltd
Dawson Road Maintenance
Faith Heart & Home-Stead, Yuen Family
Hidden Acres, Muigg Family
Jerry's No Frills
Steve Leary
McPhail Family
Mercedes Beans & Model Teas
RCMP
Safeway
Smithers Brewing Co
Tricon Truss & Millwork
Allan & Dorothy Weston

Special Recognition to member Businesses
John Allen Logging
Carew Fields Expediting
John Forsyth Enterprises
Larson Ranch
Salmon River Mechanical

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

BCBRA

BC Barrel Racer's Association, the leading organization promoting the sport of barrel racing to all levels of riders and horses in British Columbia, Canada. The KVRC is proud to partner with the BCBRA for Showdown in KTown on Friday Night!

RODEO VENDORS

Are you hungry? Thirsty? Need some horse tack or clothing? Check out the tasty treats, satisfying snacks and megaliscious meals in our vendor area near the bleacher entrance

Beyond Burgers

Burgers and fries
Rick & Michelle Williams

Riverbend Rolling Ice cream

Ice cream and Cotton Candy
Ruth Banks

Cinaway Trading

Clothing
Lex Rosner

Heather and Alex Harris

Clothing
Heather Harris

The Palisades Café

Coffee and cakes
Liz Watson

Tony's Takeaway

Deep fried
Anthony Naziel

Lemon Heaven

Juice drinks
Kelsey

Poutine Shack

Poutines
Zachari Pare & Daphne Rose-Lavallee

Mane Attraction Feed and Ranch Supply

Mayerthorpe AB

UNSUNG HEROES

The Kispiox Valley rodeo represents family, hard work, dedication and integrity. with many individuals working behind the scenes to orchestrate its annual performance. Their humble contributions often go unnoticed, we would like to take some time to shine a light on their persevering commitment to a time old tradition. Although this is only a small representation of the many people who give so much, we want to thank everyone who puts their heart and soul into making this rodeo what it is. Roy Vickers could not have said it any better in his design this year about the "Many Hands" it takes to put on an event such as the Kispiox Valley Rodeo.

GRAHAME LARSON & JOHN ALLEN

Be it setting up or taking down, Grahame and John are always there with a tractor and a smile, ready to lend a hand. Grahame and John have not missed a rodeo as long as they have been around. From back in the days when Gene Allen used to put Grahame's name in for bronc riding and getting on those buckaroos to the tearing down and rebuilding of our new bleachers, or the yearly cleanup post-rodeo, Grahame has played an integral role in the behind-the-scenes work of the Kispiox Valley Rodeo. John Allen has dedicated countless hours and miles! John has worked tirelessly year after year, recruiting sponsors, collecting supplies, and doing whatever needs to be done to ensure the rodeo is a success, including making sure we always have a tractor handy. Not to mention his years as a rodeo champion himself, John competed and took home many buckles and the Kispiox Valley Rodeo All Around Cowboy trophy saddle .

SCOTT, SAM, GLEN, & BEN

Some of the toughest jobs rodeo weekend are sorting cattle and working the chutes. This crew of faithful fellas cowboy up every year and jump in to man the chutes and pen them. Each animal has a tag number, and the numbers are put in a hat and drawn by the judges. Each animal has to be sorted and ready for the contestant who drew that animal. This is where guys like Glen Paulin, Scott Beertema, Sam Larson, Olivier Simard and Ben Carew come in. No matter the conditions in the pens and alley, the animals are sorted, penned, put in the chute, or rigging is removed. These guys are good at their jobs; athletic, fit, strong, and always show up. These cowboys deserve the utmost admiration from contestants, the rodeo club, and spectators!

BEN CAREW & SAMMY SAGE

Along with raising two of the cutest cowgirls around, Ben and Sammy give a lot to the club. Sammy, who was once the club secretary and is now assisting with our special events, gives a lot of herself. If there is a job to be done, these two don't hesitate to step up. When we we're short chaperones at the dance, these two stayed up to help shut it down.

Jules Stokes

Following closely in her grandfather's footprints, young Jules' commitment to community and the rodeo is unmatched. This hardworking young lady not only is making huge strides in the women's hockey world as the University of Regina Rookie of the Year AND Canada West Rookie of the Year. She still manages to make time year after year to volunteer at our rodeo. Congratulations, Jules!

Fioanna Riddell

From Prince Rupert has been a rodeo club member for many years. You won't see her roping cattle in the arena. She's a behind-the-scenes worker. She distributes food to the personnel who can't leave their jobs; judges, timers, announcers, chute help, etc. She works at the dances and she pitches in wherever needed. She's a cowgirl at heart, and so very much appreciated!

UNSUNG HEROES

BRITTANY SHOPSHIRE

When she is not on the road rodeoing she is home at the KBL Ranch working cattle and coming up with ways to make our biggest little rodeo an even bigger event. Brittany is the brains behind the Showdown in KTown barrel racing event which helps to kick off our annual rodeo. Thanks to all of Brittany's hard work this year, the showdown is now a BCBRA co-sanctioned event. Brittany pours her whole heart into this western way of life and into our club.

TERRY BEXSON

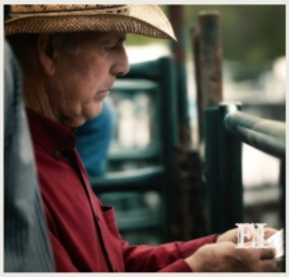
This Alberta boy, who made his home in the valley 10 years ago, is no stranger to the world of rodeo. He comes from a long line of horse breeders and traders, his family is renowned for breeding and raising some of the best heavy horses in Canada. His father, at 95, is still breaking horses and has judged horse flesh all around the country. Terry not only has great horse sense he is a jack of all trades, if something breaks, he can fix it, if something needs welding, he will drag a welder out, if a truck breaks down – he will get it going. He will go above and beyond for anyone who asks. You will see him wandering around the rodeo with his white Akubra on his head and a smile on his face.

RON FLEMING

Although he would never let you know it, Ron truly is part of the heart of the Kispiox Valley Rodeo. The countless hours, blood sweat and tears that he dedicates to the rodeo cannot be matched. Ron dedicates so much more to the club than anyone realizes. From organizing and cooking the pancake breakfast each year to the many miles he puts on doing a good amount of running around. He trucks alongside John Allen to secure countless donations which ensures that we are able to host our rodeo. Ron is also a recent recipient of the President's Award from the Guide Outfitters Association of BC, truly an honour to be celebrated .

PANCAKE BREAKFAST CREW

It is like a watering hole in Africa at first light, everyone is there to fill their bellies and swap tales on the events of yesterday, catch up with old friends they havent seen since the year before and ready themselves for the day ahead. It is a rodeo specialty, a team of cooks from the Valley, prepare a hearty breakfast for all. These gentleman cooks are "Valley Boys"- Ron Fleming, Alf Brady, John Wookey, Henny Beertema, Brian Larson, David Solmonson and Andy DeBoer all take their turn at preparing your breakfast- Leave them a tip they deserve it. Prior to them we had the 'Four Fat Fryers' - Fred Roisum, Charlie Wilson, Glynn Wookey and Peter Hinchcliffe. Thanks to all of these guys, 'The Pancake Breakfast' has become a true Kispiox Valley Rodeo tradition.



LAWRENCE & FRANCIE STOKES

In 1955, at this rodeo, a young 11 year old cowboy was asked to help out in the arena. He'd take the judges' scores and run them to the announcer. He helped out wherever he could. Today, 70 years later, that same boy is still in the club, still helping out and still making a difference. Definitely an 'Unsung Hero!' A tip of the Resistol to Lawrence Stokes!! And a happy 60 years to him and his partner in love and life, Francie whose as hard a worker and asset to the club as Lawrence. Here's to many more.

RUNNING A 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! It takes 135+ volunteers to organize and run this rodeo. The 100's of hours that members and volunteers put in to make this event the success it is, is a tribute to their dedication to the sport of rodeo, the western way of life, and local community.

The **RCMP** regularly patrol the grounds to help our security team keep our families, children, animals and possessions safe.
Calf Chute Gate Opener -At the exact moment a competitor nods their head, **Jevon Zyp** will push the lever forward, while perched atop the chute, to release the calf or steer.
Timed Event Chute Boss - This person heads up the crew, including **Scott Stevens & Kris McGhie.** These are the guys you see pushing the steers, calves and other stock through the alley into the chutes. Every animal is drawn for prior to the rodeo and it's up to these hard working cowboys to ensure the competitors are matched with the right animal athlete.
Pick-Up Men - **Wade McNolty & Cash Isnardy** are two of the best pickup men in Canada. These guys can read stock like most people read a newspaper. Their job is to ensure the rider gets set safely on the ground after the ride. They escort the bulls and bucking horses out of the arena and both are deadly with their lariats.
Stock-Chasers - **Stella Giguere & Charlie Paulson** are who you'll see helping chase timed event livestock out of the arena to keep the rodeo running faster.
Strip-Chute - A tough job well handled by **Scott Beertema, Sam Larson, Olivier Simard, & Ben Carew.** After the ride, the four legged athlete enters the the strip chute where the saddle, bareback rigging or bull rope is removed from the animal.
Arena Director - **Kaleigh Allen** & her sidekick **Sara McPhail** have one of the toughest jobs rodeo weekend keeping all aspects of the rodeo running smoothly & safely.
Chute Boss - **Jim Allen** 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 competitors.
Bullfighters - **Cordell Pinchbeck & Zack Siegelis** are the ones in charge of keeping bull riders safe once the chute is cracked. They help lure the bull away from a potentially injured rider or get in there when a rider is hung up!
Timed Event Strip Chute is operated by three generations of the **Stokes** clan: **Lawrence, Falon, Hud, Jules & Eryn** along with **Michael Sullivan** who take off ropes and re-direct the stock to the right pens. It's a great way to get your hands crushed if you don't know what you're doing.
Rodeo Secretaries - **Selina Stoeppler & Patti Gerhardi** - These ladies make sure scores are recorded, results are calculated and posted for the contestants.
Grand Entry - **Carole Larson & Sammy Sage** organize the flags, carriers and pattern of the grand entry.
Rodeo Judges this year are **Carl Hyde & Ray Jasper.** These two are certified to score both animal and human athletes and ensure every competitor has a fair shot of winning the rodeo.
Announcer - **Keith Dinwoodie**, one of the best in the world, let's everyone know who the contestants are, when they're up, times and scores and keeps everyone entertained.
Rodeo Timers **Candace Beier & Nita Walker** are the two folks in the booth with the announcer that start and stop their stopwatches to clock how fast a steer is roped, barrels turned or the 8 seconds of a bull ride. They stay focused and can't get distracted when the difference between first and second place is 1/100th of a second!
Paramedics - 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, extremely knowledgeable and we are lucky to have their services year after year.

RODEO BUILDS EM' STRONG

RODEO ROYALTY

Becoming a Rodeo Queen is a prestigious tradition where young women are given the opportunity to become the distinguished face of the rodeo. This esteemed role allows participants to hone their skills in horsemanship, communication, sportsmanship, and companionship. Established in the US in 1910, this tradition has evolved into a valuable pathway for scholarships and numerous opportunities within the western community. The Queen Contest became a part of Canadian Rodeo in 1948. We are delighted to offer local youth competitors the chance to embark on this rewarding journey. Our reigning Queen, Layla Henderson-Nash, and our esteemed Princess, Callie Lou Forsyth, are exemplary representatives of the western way of life and dedicated community advocates. Layla traveled to different events in the West this year to represent the club and is a great-grand daughter of one of the rodeo founders, Buster Henderson. Callie Lou is an avid hockey player and the great-grand daughter of Grant Nash, the founder of Nash Camp. These wonderful young ladies will represent our club for another year due to a lack of contestants for this year's contest.

YOUNG GUNS

TimothyJohnson

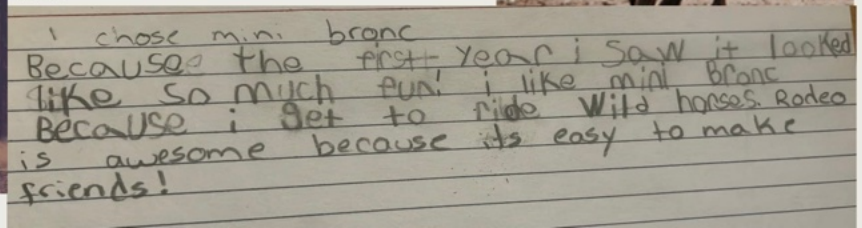
2024 mini bronc riding winner and the reigning champion of the Mini Broncs is Timothy Johnson from Kispiox! At 7 years old he outrode the best mini bronc riders in the Province to win the championship buckle. Timothy is a great, great, great, great grandson of Alfred Hillis who was one of the original rodeo founders in 1947! His Mom, Montana Hillis, says he's in grade three, plays soccer and he's getting into basketball. Our hats off to this amazing cowboy!! Other local mini bareback riders also dominated this event. Sam Yuen won second and Josiah Dundas was third. The rodeo club is SO proud of these young superstars and hope to see them performing and winning in this arena in the future.

Sara McPhail

Sara first rode in the Kispiox Valley Rodeo at age 3 as a mutton buster and drill team rider. Now, at age 16, she has acquired two national gold medals for U17 wrestling and placed 4th in the country for U19.

Sammy Yuen 2nd Place Mini Broncs

He may be small but he is mighty and this little cowpoke is determined to take the rodeo world by storm, last years mini broncs this years mutton busting and avid 4H'er Sam is a cowboy to keep an eye out for.



i chose mini bronc
Because the first year i saw it looked
like so much fun, i like mini bronc
Because i get to ride wild horses. Rodeo
is awesome because its easy to make
friends!

RODEO FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

VERONICA WALKER

Veronica Walker was raised in the scenic mountain town of Terrace, BC, she developed a deep appreciation for the natural world early on, drawing inspiration from the rugged landscapes. A move to the Kispiox Valley for a forestry position marked a creative turning point, sparking a passion for painting. Working primarily with light, shadow, and vibrant color, her work captures the dynamic essence of northern British Columbia's wilderness, celebrating both the subtle and dramatic moods of the natural environment. Veronica has donated a framed painting to the rodeo club that will be auctioned off on Sunday by three-time world champion auctioneer, Keith Dinwoodie.

JUDE HOBENSHIELD

New Hazelton resident, Jude Hobenshield, puts her whole heart into making exquisite quilts each year for the club to auction off in support of cancer research. Over the past several years Jude has raised close to $70,000 by putting on the Tough Enough To Wear Pink Campaign at our rodeo. 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 $43 million for breast cancer charities, much of which stays right in the community. "My favorite quilt that I've made to be auctioned off is the one that I collaborated on with Roy Vickers. The Marshall family and the Vickers family have been intertwined for decades, way before I was born. Roy came up with a design to honor my grandmother Jane, who helped raise him, and my aunty Judy who was like a sister to him. Both lost their lives to breast cancer. Roy's designs were screen printed on quilt squares by my mom, and I designed a quilt around them. Although I wanted to keep it, I knew the money raised by the auction would help others battling cancer. Roy felt just as connected to that quilt, and had the winning bid so he could take the special quilt home with him". Although Jude will no longer be doing TETWP at the rodeo she will continue to make her quilts for auction and donation to other charities of the clubs choosing. Thank you Jude for all of your dedication and hard work over the years.

ROY HENRY VICKERS

"Each year many people come together and volunteer their time to make the rodeo a success. There are those you see in and around the arena and there are many more helping hands who are never seen, they work in the background to make our little rodeo a success. When I stop to notice those who work quietly in the back ground I am struck with the realization that the hard working hands come from all around the world. I am proud and honoured to be a part of the beautiful people who make the Kispiox Valley Rodeo an ongoing success. Many Hands complete a beautiful circle in the Kispiox Valley Rodeo." Each year Roy Vickers Famous Artist designs the T-shirt and emblem for the rodeo. We are grateful to his dedication.

CONTRACTED SERVICES

Our club is so fortunate to have these groups providing essential services during rodeo weekend. A big thank you to:

The Gatekeepers Quick 4H
Security Gitxsan Security Services
Roto-vating Ernst Muigg
Beer Garden Smithers Brewing Company - Blaine Estby & Adin Bennett
Maintenance Nancy Hamilton & Jerry Nedelec
Wagon Rides B & T Wagon Rides

SHOOTING RODEOS

This entire program is filled with photos from local photographers, both professional and amateur, showcasing the heart of the rodeo. Each photo is from the previous rodeo, capturing the incredible moments that unfold in just one year!

Elizabeth Larsen of Eliza Rose Photography from the Hazelton area and this years sole expert photographer excels at capturing those unforgettable moments. She takes shots that tell stories about the true spirit of the rodeo: community, camaraderie, hard work, love, grit, friendships, family, culture, tears, and triumph.

We were also lucky enough to have a second professional photographer to cover last years rodeo Sweet Memories Photography out of Prince George and are grateful to her also for her stunning work and wonderful contribution to our supplement.

Every photo in this booklet is watermarked. The unmarked photos were either provided by the individuals in the photos or by members of the Kispiox Valley Rodeo Club. If there's a photo you just have to have, please email KVRCsecretary@gmail.com, and we'll either find it for you or connect you with the person who has it.

ANNOUNCER: KEITH DINWOODIE

A HUGE welcome back to the 'Voice of the Kispiox Valley Rodeo'!!! We're so excited he's the man behind the mic again. Keith went through a medical crisis where he was very blessed to not be where the 'grass grows lush, deep and stirrup high'. His incredible will to live, family, faith and friends pulled him through and he's back living the life he loves.
This three time World Champion Auctioneer not only supports our rodeo, but he flies up to help out our community for the Heart of the Valley Auction every two years. Keith has a special gift when he announces, to make every single contestant feel like they can win the rodeo and be a champion. His sense of humour, compassion, quick wit and knowledge of the sport of rodeo is endless. He's a horse trainer, cowboy, saddle maker and a huge supporter of the western way of life. When Keith announces, he'll make you feel like you're attending the greatest rodeo on earth, that you're a special part of it and he appreciates your applause and support for the stock and competitors. Keith Dinwoodie, you are SO appreciated in the Kispiox Valley!!!

FOOT RACING - OPEN TO EVERYONE

Listen to our announcer, Keith Dinwoodie, when he calls for the foot races. Hop the fence and get in there! The races are divided into five age categories. (Don't worry -the arena will be clear of all the livestock!)
2024 results:
10 & under Emily Tubbs, 11-16 - Liam Walker, 17-49 Caleb Giesbrecht, 50-65 Mervin Skulsh, Over 65 Arnie Ray

C+ RODEO

After more than 30 years of bucking some of the best bucking horses and bulls in the country, and seeing many of their animal athletes making trips to some of the biggest rodeos (including the Canadian Finals and Calgary Stampede), C+ Rodeos have hung up their flank straps. Both brothers enjoyed successful careers riding stock in their younger years, with Earl winning several BC Bull Riding titles and later establishing himself as a top-hand pickup man that the cowboys count on. Roy has been instrumental in helping grow the sport of rodeo, hosting clinics and educating folks on animal well-being in the ranching and rodeo world.

The brothers announced through the 2024 season that they were selling the company to Orrin Wade from Alberta, who has a passion for rodeo and a strong interest in continuing to keep the quality of stock growing in BC. We cannot say enough good things about the Call brothers who have dedicated so much of their time to the sport of rodeo, and we wish them and their families the best in their future endeavors. A tip of the hat and happy trails—until we meet at another roundup, cowboys.

STOCK CONTRACTOR

Big O Rodeo Company is proudly based in Eckville, Alberta, where passion and tradition come together. Founded in 2024 following the acquisition of stock from C+ Rodeos at 150 Mile House, BC, Big O Rodeo is built on a strong foundation of rodeo heritage. Owner Orrin Wade, a former steer wrestler and team roper is the driving force behind the operation. His passion for the sport is shared by his children, who continue to carry the family's rodeo legacy by providing top-quality stock for events ranging from amateur competitions to the professional level of the CPRA. At Big O Rodeo, the tradition runs deep, and it's just getting started.

BIG O RODEO CO.

REIGNING CHAMPIONS

2024 Event Champions

Bareback Christoph Muigg, South Hazelton

Saddle Bronc Ryan Reid, Savona

Team Roping Jason Beier & Riley Olin, Vanderhoof

Bull Riding No qualified ride

Novice Bullring Derrek Passey, Prince George

Tie Down Roping Bryce Garcia, Cache Creek

Wild Horse Race Ryan Dillman, Wyatt DeJong, Mitchel Allen

Steer Wrestling Wyatt Reid, Savona

Breakaway Roping Kristen Bell, Cache Creek

Jr Breakaway Roping Kyder Lloyd, Quesnel

Jr Steer Riding Rowdy McNolty, 150 Mile House

Ladies Barrel Racing Laura James, Cache Creek

Jr Barrel Racing Chloe Gautron, Peachland

Pee Wee Barrel Racing Kamijah Neufeld, Quesnel

Cowhide Race Riley Olin & Tell Holmquist, Vanderhoof

Musical Chairs Leeara Betts-Zyp, New Hazelton

Rescue Race Brittany Shopshire & Keifer Larson, Smithers

Ride & Lead Araya Betts-Zyp, New Hazelton

Open Pole Bending Tori Long, Houston

Sportsmanship Cowgirl Ella-Mae Stevenson, Prince George

Sportsmanship Cowboy Wyatt Reid, Savona

Sportsmanship Jr Kyder Lloyd, Quesnel

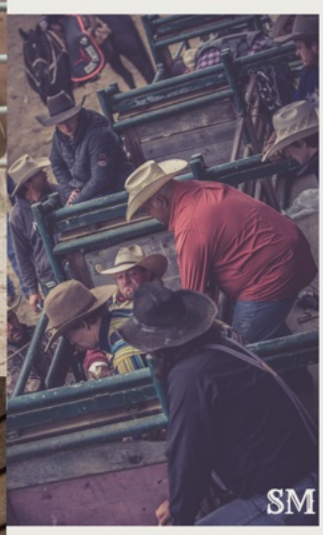
Ladies All Around Brady McNolty, 150 Mile House

Men's All Around Logan Hodson, Hudsons Hope

Jr All Around Paisley McNolty, 150 Mile House

Mini Bronc Riding- Timothy Johnson, Kispiox

Calf Scramble Sam Yuen, New Hazelton, & Tell Lytton, 100 Mile House



2025 COWBOY HALL OF FAME

<u>Gene Allen</u>

A name well known in the western and rodeo world for his exceptional bucking stock and legendary cowboying. It is with great pride that we are able to recognize his prestigious lifetime achievement of being inducted into the 2025 Cowboy Hall of Fame. Congratulations Gene it is an honor to have had you in the club for so many years.

April 20th at the Williams Lake Indoor Rodeo, Gene Allen was inducted into the BC Cowboy Hall of Fame. Lorne Doerksen, the MLA for the Cariboo/Chilcotin riding along with the Williams Lake Mayor, Surinderpal Rathor and Patti Gerhardi, the chairman of the BC Hall of Fame, were in attendance to congratulate the cowboy from the Kispiox on his induction.

Gene Allen - Builder of Western Culture Inductee, BC Cowboy Hall of Fame 2025: Saddle bronc rider, steer wrestler, rodeo organizer, BCRA president and ultimately rodeo stock contractor are just some of the titles Gene Allen has held over the years. Gene was instrumental in restarting the Kispiox Rodeo back in the '60s and the rodeo has been going strong ever since. Gene competed in the IRA, NRA, YRCA, the BCRA and in the NARC world finals. His love for good bucking horses led him to begin his own bucking horse breeding program in the Mid 70s which became GJ Rodeo Stock Contractors.

Their quality horses performed in some of the world's largest rodeos, including Houston, TX, the National Finals in Las Vegas, Calgary Stampede, Ponoka and Williams Lake

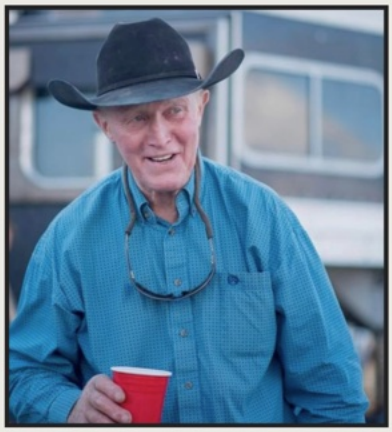
over 45 years, winning many championships along the way.

Allen and his wife Joy raised "cowboy friendly" horses that were genetically bred to buck. Along with raising these great horses, they ran many rough stock rodeo schools throughout the province and took many cowboys under their wings, housing and feeding them to get them started on their rodeo careers.

He served on several rodeo boards, including the BCRA, as a director and president. He was presented with both the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Rodeo Person of the Year award within the BCRA. In 2022 at the Canadian Finals Rodeo he was presented with the Bucking Horse Legacy Award for his contributions to the bucking horse industry.

Gene was inducted alongside Darryl Mills, Canadian and world champion bull rider, and Merv Churchill, whose family runs the Falkland Stampede for the past 105 years and still going.

The Kispiox Valley Rodeo would not be what it is today without this great cowboy.



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DISTRICT of NEW HAZELTON

May 6, 2025

Kispiox Valley Rodeo Association

Dear Members:

On behalf of the District of New Hazelton Council it is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the Kispiox Valley Rodeo Association. This incredible rodeo is a staple event for the Hazeltons and brings people from far and wide. The experience not only highlights traditional rodeo events, but also several unique local events such as the Cowhide Race, Kids Stick Horse Race, Mutton Bustin' and new this year the Kispiox Ranch Hand Event!

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 communities. The tireless volunteers and members, along with the enthusiastic fans, make this the best 'Biggest Little Rodeo in the West'. This event gives us all a great opportunity to visit friends from near and far and enjoy a day in the scenic Kispiox Valley.

The District of New Hazelton council and staff would like to thank all the members and volunteers for their dedication and hard work in bringing this great event to fruition year after year and extend a warm welcome to this year's spectators and competitors to our community. Wishing you all a safe and fun-filled weekend.

Sincerely,

Gail Lowry

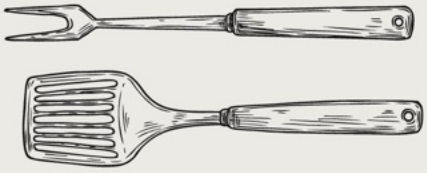
Gail Lowry
Mayor

BBQ BEEF

Imagine a delicious beef roast cooking on a rotisserie over some beautiful campfire coals low and slow all night long in the boiler from an old stern wheeler. Well - you don't have to imagine because you can head over to the BBQ Beef Booth and taste the delicious history for yourself! Don't forget to give a tip of the Stetson to Frank Paulin and Nathan Dieleman for sitting up ALL night Friday and again on Saturday to keep the fire stoked and the beef basted with their secret, mouthwatering recipe of herbs and spices! This year we have a new addition to the cookout crew - Andrew Petersen.

NASH CAMP

2025 marks 61 years of this camp being a part of a longstanding rodeo tradition. Nash camp will look a little different going forward after the removal of the cottonwoods; "Dad always had a camp where cowboys were welcome to eat." Dutch oven chicken, potatoes, lima beans, and 'sinkers' (fried bread). Because of this tradition, a few years back a cowboy gave the club $10,000. He said 40 years ago he was broke, cold, and his buddies deserted him. Dad fed him and gave him $20 to get home. Bernie Toth said he always wanted to 'give back.' This story was featured in the Canadian Cowboy magazine. The tradition is a cowboy favorite. The Nash family chips in to pay for the grub, and now the 4th generation is helping to cook. Every year, Nash Camp feeds well over 100 cowboys and their families. Traditions like this keep the "cowboy way of life" alive.



The Old Dutch Oven
by Arthur Chapman

Some sigh for cooks of boyhood days, but none of them for me; One roundup cook was best of all twas with the XBar-T. And when we heard the grub-pile call at morning, noon, and night, The old Dutch oven never failed to cook the things just right. T'was covered o'er with red-hot coals, and when we fetched her out, The biscuits there were of the sort no epicure would flout. I ain't so strong for boyhood grub, 'cause, summer, spring, or fall,
The old Dutch oven baked the stuff that tasted best of all. Perhaps 't was 'cause our appetites were always mighty sharp The men who ride the cattle range ain't apt to kick or carp; But, anyway, I find myself a-dreaming of that bread The old Dutch oven baked for us beneath those coals so red.

OUR OLD BLEACHERS

This year marks the 6th version of the Kispiox Valley Rodeo bleachers, built to provide the audience with a great viewing experience. Each set of bleachers reflects the dedication of our community, including guests, hard-working volunteers, and the courageous cowboys and cowgirls who uphold our cherished traditions. The previous bleachers deteriorated due to time and weather, prompting the club to proactively address the issue. Thanks to diligent fundraising by past and present rodeo members, we could undertake this significant project, which has resulted in a more spacious and comfortable seating arrangement.

We extend special thanks to builders Matt and Terry Bennett, along with Olivier Simard and apprentices Enan Lee, Louis Larson, and welder, Grant McPhail. Their expertise and hard work have ensured that our new bleachers stand strong and impressive. It's worth noting the touching family legacy—Grant McPhail, Enan Lee, and Louis Larson are connected back to the original bleacher builders, as their great-grandfathers helped construct the first set. This continuity of craftsmanship and dedication links the past to the present, reinforcing the community spirit that holds our event together. Their efforts have ensured a larger and better seating arrangement for our event, allowing everyone to enjoy the rodeo in comfort and style.

We would like to express our gratitude to the community, members and dedicated volunteers for their support over the years, even if some can't attend events. Thank you to the guests who endure various weather conditions to support us; your presence motivates us. Special thanks to Firyal Mohamed for her assistance with the grant application, which helped fund these new bleachers. We acknowledge that our rodeo takes place on the unceded lands of the Gitxsan Nation, honouring the tradition started in 1947. We hope you all feel connected to this land and its history. Together, we achieve success in hosting

"The Biggest Little Rodeo in the West."

The Kispiox Valley Rodeo is a labor of love put on by countless volunteers. Without these remarkable people and you, our loyal fans, we would not be able to put on such a wonderful event. Thank you to all who make it possible for the
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