

MARILYN GREGORY



Sarah Bradley, Marilyn Gregory

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Marilyn's love affair with horses began around Grade 6 when she moved to Burnaby and got her first horse. Her sister Carol reports that she loved to sleep in the barn and read to the horses. One time she even raced her horse up Willingdon Avenue.

Later she raised 4 kids and when the youngest was 6, the family bought a farm in Langley. Every weekend the whole gang would trek out to the barn to take care of the cows, pigs and of course the horses. The girls started in Pony Club and soon Marilyn was starting her career as a volunteer. Marilyn also went back to riding herself and formed the famous "Out to Lunch" lesson group. On Wednesdays the women would all take a lesson with Pam Arthur then regroup for a lengthy lunch which sometimes included entertainment.

Marilyn wore many hats as a volunteer. For the Canadian Pony Club she was the DC, Secretary, plus every other position for Langley Pony club, National Director, Regional then National Education Chairman and of course sandwich maker, lesson and camp organizer as well as entry secretary many times. Today she volunteers for her granddaughters Pony Club as Treasurer. For Horse Trials BC she was a BC Director and then a National Director, Newsletter Editor and continues to run the Membership. Marilyn has done more than her fair share of jump judging, organizing, dressage scribing and volunteer lunch making for the event world. For Horse Council BC itself she was the Pony Club and Horse Trials Representative as well as Treasurer.

Marilyn is also a key player for Campbell Valley Equestrian Society, where she has been Treasurer and Director as well as Entry Secretary to their successful Horse Trials and many other events. She's run the Newsletter and Membership for Mission Carriage Club and is always willing to sew up a quilt or other masterpiece whenever any of these groups is running a silent auction.

Marilyn has spent many a night at Dr. Moats clinic in Langley doing foal patrol to ensure that these precocious new babies were carefully monitored during their risky starts.

Marilyn is known for encouraging all kids to love and appreciate animals through her own horsemanship but more obviously as a volunteer dedicated to the various horse sports previously mentioned. Her love for horses has taken her across the world where she has traveled to such destinations as Mexico, Ireland, Badminton England and Arizona just to ride or watch Horse Sports.