

## ELLEN SMAILES

The Lifetime Achievement Award is HCBC's premier award, given in recognition of exemplary contributions and dedicated service to BC's equestrian community. Ellen stands out as a horseperson and educator extraordinaire and is a respected member of the equine community. She tirelessly guides and educates horsemen of all ages, ranks, and disciplines.

She has patiently taught many about horsemanship, showmanship, rules, ethics, and patience- and always with a smile. Her influence is tremendously far reaching throughout the province with her involvement in the way of educating, speaking, and supporting dreams and ambitions.

Ellen has made a career of educating horse people her entire life. A recognized steward for more than 40 years in BC, a coach, and judge, Ellen's first love is the grass roots of equestrian. She has been involved with 4-H, all types of Breed shows, Pony Club, and discipline specific shows and generously gives her time and knowledge to clubs, organizations, and individuals. It is HCBC's pleasure to name Ellen Smails as the lifetime Achievement Award winner.