

I am nominating Carol McDonald for Volunteer of the Year Award, 2016. **(Note from HCBC: Carol's nomination was moved into the Lifetime Achievement category to recognize her lifetime of dedication to the equestrian community)**

Carol has been a tireless volunteer since I first knew her 29 years ago (about 1989). She will never say no, she does anything required willingly and competently. Nothing is too much and she exemplifies the saying, "ask a busy person if you want something done". All this is accompanied by her trademark laugh. She is especially good with interpersonal skills and everything runs smoothly when Carol is on the job.

She was first involved with Campbell Valley Pony Club where they had up to four children as members and she was part of everything available - Quiz, Rally, PPG, Tetrathalon, etc. She was at various times, the Branch Stable Management organizer, Treasurer, Director-at-Large and Branch Test Rep.

She went on to Regional Test Chair for ten years and was very active in the National Testing Committee. She had a part in overhauling how things were done.

She was National Director for BC Lower Mainland for three years and served on the National Management Committee during that time.

She has been the Regional Membership Co-ordinator since 2008.

Carol's granddaughter is in her fourth year of Pony Club and she is the horse hauler so she is somewhat involved in Branch activities again as a grandma.

She has recently joined Hazelmere Pony Club and is back taking lessons as a Horsemaster, so it all goes full circle!

Carol has been President of Campbell Valley Equestrian Society for 5 or 6 years and is fully involved with putting on the CVES Event every year, including doing the complex job of doing the registration for 200 competitors at the Horse Trials and the smaller 2-Phase in September.

She works tirelessly to maintain the equestrian facilities at the Park. She applies for grants to fund this and maintains the excellent relationship with Metro Vancouver Parks.

She is the CVES Representative at Horse Trials BC.

As if keeping all these balls in the air is not enough she can be found weeding the Horse Garden in CV Park, or packing materials in her truck out to the course when everybody else has gone home.

Carol showed the initiative to put my own daughter's name in the Canadian Pony Club hall of Fame.

She has bred WelshCob/TB crosses who have reached the top levels of eventing and there are many more coming up the ranks. If a horse has BC as a suffix to its name, it is one of Carol's homebreds.

I nominate Carol because of her sheer longevity, her constant involvement and cheerfulness. She can bring people around her to volunteer willingly and work together as a team.

She has been given other awards but Horse Council recognition would be prestigious for someone so humble and who never looks for accolades, or expects anything in return.