



## **BCCHA NEWSLETTER**

DECEMBER 2016

Wishing a Merry  
Christmas to all the  
BCCHA members,  
friends and family.  
We hope you have a  
happy holiday season  
and look forward to  
seeing you all in the  
New Year. ]

**Congratulations to our BC women  
Melissa Birchard, Janice Eaton and  
Amanda Fill for competing at Fort  
Worth TX this year in the Futurity!**

**Just a reminder  
that the BCCHA  
now has a  
\$1000 am  
class!!!**

### **GREG SMITH 3 DAY CLINIC**

**June 2, 3 & 4th, 2017**

**Monical Ranch, 100 Mile House, B.C.**

We are very happy to announce [that BCCHA has scheduled a Clinic for June 2, 3 & 4th to be held](#) at Monical Ranch in 100 Mile House, B.C. Our clinician will be Greg Smith who is currently training in Texas. The price of the Clinic will be \$900 for 3 full days.

If you would like to reserve a spot please contact Cheri Smeeton at 250.573-2541 or email [csmeeton@shaw.ca](mailto:csmeeton@shaw.ca)

A \$200 deposit will be required upon reservation. Please make cheques payable to the BC Cutting Horse Association and send to 6501 Barnhartvale Road, Kamloops, B.C. V2C 6V7. Final payment will be required May 1st, 2017.

**Photos from the 2016 Awards Banquet;**







## MEMBER MEMORY SPOTLIGHT;

### Joan Gibson

1. Who is your favorite Cutting horse? *Dualin with a Twist.*
2. What is your favorite Cutting memory? *Travelling to and from cuttings with her late husband Steve.*
3. When did you start Cutting? *2005 in Australia, Joan won her first buckle in 2007 riding Dually Cool.*
4. Where did you have your most memorable run? *Condoblin, New South Wales.*
5. What is the best cutting advice you ever received? *Reading Barbra Schulte's book "One cut at a time".*

-Joan was first introduced to cutting in 2005 by her mentor Richard Webb from Australia

. Joan was the winner of High point rider and high point horse BCCHA 2016.



Photo;

Joan showing Roy's  
boy in Australia

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### **PRESIDENTS LETTER 2016/2017**

Thanks to everyone who came out to the AGM and banquet. Ken Hartley did a great job as our MC, no microphone required. Robin Hay donated a custom made bit he had made for Barb McNally to our silent auction. Doug vanderkerkhove had the winning bid and then generously donated it back to the club to be auctioned off again. Thanks to Doug "Barb's Bit" will be available for bidding again at the Maturity Auction. The proceeds from the sales of "Barb's Bit" will go toward the year end prizes for the \$2,000 Limit Rider class.

We have a great group of directors in place for 2017. Everyone is working hard to get the show schedule in place so members can make plans for the upcoming show year.

Sandy Robinson has organized a Greg Smith clinic which is going to be amazing.

We are excited about the new NCHA Challenger Series. New members will get a free NCHA membership, points or money earned go toward NCHA lifetime earnings (and all the great new NCHA achievement buckles).

I would like to encourage all BCCHA members to actively participate in our club. If you have an idea, please pass it along to a director. Fund raising is a huge job that we can use help with. Also, let's remember to thank our existing sponsors, they make our shows possible.

-Kathi Fisher