



# 2023 USER GROUPS REPORTS

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# BIKE COCHRANE

A huge thank you from Bike Cochrane to the board of CDAS. Bike Cochrane saw another year of growing membership and growing projects. We consider 2023 to be a year of trying to find 'sustainable growth' as we've expanded our volunteer leadership training, along with expanded and broadened our funding sources. We continue to thrive with our Buffalo Bean trails as our 'headquarters' and continue to use it as our venue of choice for recreational riding, youth racing, group riding, and family events.

With the changes to the CDAS lands, we look optimistically to the future where we can work together to develop our trailhead vision together.

Please see some of the stories told through photos in our slides and annual yearbook.

Thanks for your support of Bike Cochrane!





# COCHRANE BMX



## 2023 Year in Review

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP** 114 Registered Members



**RACING, CAMPS & EVENTS**

24 District Races 1 Friday Night Lights Race 5 Club Camps



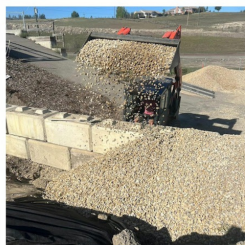
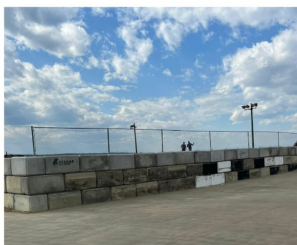
**RACE SEASON**

The 2023 season had us on the track May 8th and ended with our Halloween Fun Race October 11th. Riders enjoyed participating in the Alberta BMX Provincial Series in Edmonton, Red Deer, Airdrie and Calgary, with the final Grands in Medicine Hat. We brought home 26 "AB" provincial plates! We had 12 riders from our club (ages 12-15) qualify to represent our Zone (Big Country) at the Alberta Summer Games in Okotoks. Another handfull of riders travelled to Drummondville, Quebec to compete in Cycling Canada's National Championships, with 5 coveted "N" plates earned. Our club continues to be the home track to many elite riders who travel through BC and the USA to compete in BMX Canada and BMX USA's Nationals Series. In October, our very own club Coach, [Taylor Otterson](#), earned the title of [BMX Canada's 2023 ProAm Champion](#) at Grands in Chilliwack, BC.



## THE WORK & THE PEOPLE

We love our people and the time they give to our track and sport. From the flaggers, staggers and finishline refs, to the worker-bees and concession folks, and of course, our dedicated Board of Directors - we are truly blessed with our BMX community and supporters. YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED...with the help of many hands, we were able to knockout our highly anticipated Corner 2 rebuild and expansion in September. This is just the beginning of necessary upgrades to our track. Wishing we could skip winter and launch our 2024 season!





# COCHRANE HORSE TRIALS

The 2023 competition was held on June 24-25 th 2023. We had 118 horses compete over 7 divisions. The sun was with us for the weekend. For dressage, the indoor arena and the large ring up top were utilized and were great.

Show Jumping was up in the grass jump ring once again only the west section was used. We are working with CDAS to find a way to improve the overall footing in this ring as it is becoming harder. XC grounds were beautifully mowed and courses were great.

We received great support from local businesses: Crowfoot Dodge, SurePrint, Super 8 Cochrane, Branch Out Nursery, Canadian Tire Cochrane, Greenhawk, Mountain Toys and Burwash Equine just to name a few.

We are always very thankful for the CDAS team for their quick assistance with everything that comes up during the weekend!

Our volunteers are this competition, over 80 volunteers working over 1,000 hours were involved from the planning to its execution. We are so thankful for their hard work and their smiles!!

We look forward to the 2024 event which is scheduled for June 22-23 2024. Come join us!!



# COCHRANE PONY CLUB

Cochrane Pony Club is a branch of the Canadian Pony Club in the Alberta South Region. We are a Not-for-Profit organization focusing on teaching youth ages 5 through 25 horsemanship and equestrian skills for life. This year, the Cochrane Pony Club celebrated 62 years of providing equestrian education, and has ridden on the CDAS grounds for 41 years. We have 20 members.

We began our stable management program in January and our riding program in May. We rode every Wednesday evening until the end of August, and every Saturday until mid October. We had great attendance every week and our members were active in many regional events including the Cochrane Horse Trials.

Cochrane Pony Club hosted our annual summer camp in July. We had 16 members join us for great instruction from two extremely knowledgeable coaches. We hosted a combined training show, consisting of dressage and show jumping, and provided the opportunity to seven of our members to test to a higher level. All were successful in testing and had fun competing in both disciplines.

We had one member compete at National Quiz in Vancouver, a pony club activity that tests your horsemanship and stable management knowledge. The Canadian Pony Club members who earn the right to attend are incredibly knowledgeable on many different topics relating to horses such as vet and first aid, feeding, and conformation. We also had a member attend the Pony Club International Alliance Dressage Competition. This competition had competitors from all over the world in a large class.

I want to take this opportunity to thank CDAS for their continued support. We are very lucky to have the opportunity to ride on such an amazing location. We look forward to 2024 and another great year!!





# COCHRANE ROPING CLUB

The Cochrane Roping Club has been an Integral part of the community since 1985. The club continues to promote the western way of life by hosting team roping jackpots, practice nights as well as a youth program. We run our primary season from May till September with the youth program running during July and August. All accomplished by the partnership of the Cochrane & District Agricultural Society board members and volunteers who help make it all possible.

We pride ourselves on being a not-for-profit volunteer run group. Which allows our western community to come together to continue to share a deep-rooted love for the western way of life. We are a fun, team roping oriented club located in Cochrane, Alberta. It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or a seasoned roper, the Cochrane Roping Club accommodates all skill levels and has something to offer everyone.

This summer we have recently re-launched our ranch roping program and that was a big success this season. Our plan is to continue that this coming summer as well and fill a need for a safe learning environment and a place to practice real life ranch skills and livestock husbandry.

Our weekly youth program during July and August provides professional instruction from our coach CFR qualifier Jeff Quam who provides instruction to any youth interested in roping. Participants learn roping, horsemanship and arena etiquette in an environment that focuses on safety, learning and fun.

This season we had 91 members, with 24 of those being youth members who participated in our youth program. Several of our youth who have completed or continue in the program compete at High School Rodeo province wide as well as complete and Junior rodeos. We have ages all the way from 4 to 79!

We have recently added by-weekly indoor Heel-o-Matic roping during the cold winter months. This provides a safe place for our new members, youth, beginners, and young horses with an opportunity to try something new.

On behalf of the Cochrane Roping Club board and members, I would like to express our gratitude to the CDAS Board of Directors as well as their employees and volunteers who all donate their time and resources for our organization to call home. Our success is your success with our long-standing partnership. Thank you for helping us keep the western traditions alive and strong in our community of Cochrane.

Happy Trails,  
Tiffany Nolan, Cochrane Roping Club President 2023

# COCHRANE ROPING CLUB

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# COCHRANE SEARCH & RESCUE

2023 was another amazing year for Cochrane Search and Rescue (CSAR). Our members contributed over 11,353 hours of volunteering towards training, fundraising events and active call-outs over the course of the year so far. Overall, our number of responses increased and we responded to 30 incidents.

Looking forward to the New Year, we will be onboarding some new Members-in-Training, who will continue to add their skills and passion to our group of dedicated volunteers.

Ongoing work with the local RCMP detachment and Calgary Police will have us responding to active, and pre-planned searches over the course of 2024.

As always, we want to express our gratitude for having the Ag. Society as a home for our vehicles, and a location to train. We love the reception from the other groups we interact with on the property and look forward to our years to come.



# EXTREME COWBOY ASSOCIATION

Once again ECA would like to thank the Cochrane and District Agricultural Society for working closely with our Board to host events and for the use of their facilities. In 2023 ECA hosted 9 races and 9 playdays at the CDAS facility. One race and one playday was rained out. 2 clinics were also hosted using local Clinicians providing training on both horsemanship and obstacles.

As about 50% of our membership comes from outside of the Cochrane area many stalls are rented for each of our events as well.

Ranchlands Horse Park was in very nice shape as the grass has started to fill in nicely on the small course and we are looking forward to getting back on the hill course since all pipeline construction now seems to be complete.

ECA had a very good year of competition locally, horses and riders continue to improve their skills every year. We had record amounts of runs at most of the races. At the EXCA World finals held in Glen Rose, Texas competitors from our club were awarded 4 World Champion Buckles, 2 High point go round buckles and numerous competitors from ECA finished in the top ten in most classes.

2024 will be busy again for ECA and we look forward to working with CDAS to host more world class events.

In closing I would also like to thank our Members, Sponsors, Volunteers and Board of Directors for all they do to grow the sport we love.

Sincerely,  
Rick Wickland, Chairman Extreme Cowboy Alberta

