

1. Name and Present Position at BCCTRA

Myrna Thompson, Director of Okanagan / Director at Large

2. Occupation if you want to share that

Interior Health, Support Services

3. How long have you been involved in CTR and horse sports?



Since 6 years old, first horse at 13, but horse crazy since 9, as girlfriend next door had 28 appaloosas that were showed, bred, and boarded. Girlfriend and her family competed in the '70's at CTR's in Alberta, as CTR was all the rage in Alberta at that time. (Her mother was the President of the Alberta Appaloosa club, a genuine horse nut, who was the first to introduce the Appaloosa to Germany in the '70's, as the breed had not been imported.) Needless to say, she made good money selling to German folks. Rode my first CTR as a level 2, in 1993, in Okanagan Falls-Shuttleworth CTR..

4. Family details you might want to share

Husband is strictly the horse hauler, hay loader, fence and irrigation maintenance man. Not a rider, yet... never had a good horse for a green rider... Daughter has ridden a bit, but still green, and son thinks horses are crazy, and not interested in riding.

5. Horses that you ride or have ridden or that you are presently preparing to compete

Mainly owned one horse at a time, then two, then three, whoah... back to two, which are enough! My second horse, poor wind broke appendix mare, was a great teacher, and steady as could be. Rode her when I was a teen, tons of miles, and shoes worn down paper thin in the summer, yes paper thin, farrier could not believe those shoes did not break in half! I got four weeks maximum out of a set of shoes. (must have had to do with all the road riding on pavement?) We used to have trotting contests down the middle of the road. Those were the days.

6. Any accomplishments you want to share riding or otherwise

After being super competitive for many years, I have now realized that it is important at all times to just have fun. That's a big accomplishment for me!

7. Other clubs that you have or have not been on the board of making you qualified for your present position at BCCTRA

Member of ERABC for many years. Started volunteering at endurance rides, when kids were young, and proceeded to ride 25's and fun rides. Didn't have the right horse to really compete, or time to condition, in order to excel, but had fun all the same.

8. MOST IMPORTANT of ALL

What makes you enthused about or even, Love this particular sport?

I've always been a keen competitor-running, soccer, volleyball, baseball, and horses. I have been around many endurance rides, and been exposed to medical treatment of tired horses, who may have been pushed beyond their limit, as better conditioned horses/riders may make a less conditioned horse/rider exceed their physical limit on race day. Many factors are involved when partaking in a, 'first-over-the finish line' type of ride, importantly conditioning for 25 miles and farther. Thus, I like the format and distances of CTR, riding in pairs, competing in weight divisions, and the feeling of accomplishment.