

# British Columbia Rodeo Association

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## Athlete Highlight

2022 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient

Coleen Duggan

Savona, BC

Horse trainer, retired business owner, second generation cowgirl.

Coleen has been involved in rodeo since she was 8 years old. Pushing calves in the chutes and cleaning up before and after the Anahim Lake Stampede. She has had her BCRA card since 1999.

"I started competing at 11 at Anahim Lake, riding steers, barrel racing and pole bending to qualify for the all-around. I won my first buckle at Anahim in 1971 for all-around. Later I competed in team-roping, breakaway, barrel racing, goat tying and ladies undecorating. I rode the last cow in a jackpot competition when I was a mom of three and 27 years old! I won 3rd for \$25" and then understandably had to give that event up!

Coleen has had a lifelong love for horses. "I broke my first horse when I was 12 and took a barrel racing clinic with Dee Butterfield and a calf roping clinic with Bruce Watt" on a 4-year-old horse. "I enjoy rodeoing as a family ... watching them grow and compete and still enjoy watching the youth as they grow in the sport. I think the comradery is the best part of rodeoing and good sportsmanship."

"After I had three children Glenn bought me a rescue mare for \$900 that had been bucking some girls off." Her 7-year-old mare Rebe "became my all-around horse competing in all events and won many awards for me. Sandial was a 7-year-old rope horse I picked up a sale in Innisfail and started roping and undecorating on him. I bought two horses off the track in Omak. Sarge and Kip. When I started winning amateur rodeos, I got my BCRA card at 43. The year I became a grandma I got my pro card and qualified for Calgary on Sarge, running him, Kip and Rainy, who also came off the track, for three consecutive years. I trained a horse I got from Sandra Mulvahill as a weanling and he "Chum" qualified me for BCRA Finals for two years. My current horse "Cowgirl" I bought from Wildwood Ranches as a yearling qualified me to the 2022 BCRA Finals on her first rodeo years as an 8-year-old."

"I feel humbled and honored to receive such an award. At my age, every day I can still ride is a blessing. I'd like to thank all the committees and the BCRA for all the hard work keeping rodeos going.

Thank you to everyone who voted and considered me worthy of such an honor.

God Bless to all"

