



2016 COMMUNITY COACH OF THE YEAR: GABRIELE KLOTZ



The recipient of the 2016 Community Coach of the Year Award is Gabriele Klotz of Cochrane, AB.

Gabriele is an active EC/NCCP certified Western Competition Coach, Western Rider Evaluator, Levels 1-5, and a Western Intermediate Rider Basic Training Evaluator with the Alberta Equestrian Federation (AEF). She currently coaches recreational students, as well as competitive riders in a variety of disciplines, including reining, extreme cowboy challenge, and AQHA classes.

She is known for being an excellent role model who holds herself to the highest quality of horsemanship and showmanship, and helps her students to do the same. Gabriele's students benefit from her experience, knowledge and confidence and credit her with allowing them to improve their overall skill level in a positive and safe atmosphere.

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Within the past few years, many of Gabriele's students have worked their way up the Learn to Ride Certification levels, achieving level 3 and 4, and working toward the Intermediate Rider level. She has also helped students in competitive settings, with a number of students participating in championship events in many national competitions.

From the novice rider to the Non-Pro competitor, Gabriele brings out the best, not only in her students, but also in their horses, and is adept at helping both horses and humans become mentally and physically prepared to be successful at their current level, and how to take it to the next level.

Gabriele's students credit her with being positive, professional and supportive, and respect her dedication to professional development through her regular attendance at seminars, workshops and clinics, as she strives to continually increase and improve her knowledge – making her an ideal instructor, coach and mentor.