



2018 COMMUNITY COACH OF THE YEAR: RAEMA RACHER



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Raema Racher of La Crête, AB, has been awarded the title of 2018 Community Coach of the Year for her efforts ensuring that the Equestrian Canada (EC) Learn to Ride and Coaching programs are available to everyone, regardless of location or resources.

Racher is a third generation professional horse trainer who has been involved in the EC Coaching Program since 1996 and now holds the designation of Western Competition Coach Specialist in General Performance, Speed Events and Reining. Furthermore, she is a National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Coach Developer and has achieved Master Coach Developer status.

In the summer of 2015, Racher and her husband, Len moved to the remote northern Alberta town of La Crête in McKenzie County. She immediately became active in their equestrian community and introduced many to the Learn to Ride - Western program. Racher's dissemination of the program was so successful that in the fall of 2018, Ridgewood School of the Fort Vermillion School Division hired her to develop a riding program for select students to enhance their education. Racher presented them with Cheval Québec's P'tit Trot program for a three-year pilot project, which is successfully finishing its first year. She continues to embrace education programs and actively encourages others to do the same, leading to positive growth within her local equestrian community.