

2009 Bobbie Steen Award of Excellence Recipients

2009 Career Achievement Award: Sherri Thomson

Sherri was drawn to the grace and power of horses early in her life. Over the course of her extensive career as an athlete, coach and trainer, Sherri has become a magnet for young female riders and loves to share her knowledge and passion for the sport of Reining with these young competitors. Sherri's phenomenal work ethic makes her an amazing role model who has had a profound impact on the lives of her young proteges. This is evidenced by the love and dedication of her students to Reining, and by the fact that they spend most of their free time working with Sherri and the horses.

2009 Development Award: Amber Zirnhelt

Amber has been running Girl Power programs for adolescent females since 2002. She has delivered Girl Power workshops in Vancouver and Williams Lake, BC as well as in Edinburgh, Scotland where she studied community planning and recreational management in 2005. The development award will support Amber's goal to create a culturally relevant model of her program for aboriginal women in BC. Once the pilot program is complete Amber will work with and train young women from the Tseshah First Nation as Girl Power facilitators. With Amber's support, these women will then be able to deliver the program in their own community.

Congratulations Sherri & Amber!