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## **Grand Opening of CTRA's New Outdoor Arena - Saturday June 20 2015**

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The Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association is proud to announce the grand opening of their latest facility upgrade – the new outdoor riding arena.

Thanks to the generosity of many community members, the new outdoor arena was completed this May. This expanded facility provides an important space to improve the quality of services offered by the program and enables the association to welcome even more clients with special needs to the program.

Anne Muir, Executive Director for the Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association says that “this arena is crucial to meet the needs of CTRA’s growing program. It is also a big improvement in the quality of the services that we can offer. Not only will the new larger arena provide a better training venue for our riders working towards para-equestrian competition goals, the fresh air and myriad advantages of working outdoors provide benefits to all of CTRA’s participants.”

On Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>, CTRA will be holding a grand opening ceremony for the new arena as part of their annual celebration picnic. This event is open to the public and will feature food (including a chili cook off) and games (including beach volleyball in the new arena) in addition to awards and other entertainment. The picnic will run from 2 – 4pm with a small ribbon cutting ceremony at 2:30. The event will be held at the CTRA facility on Providence Farm (1843 Tzouhalem Road, Duncan, BC).

To learn more about this event please contact:

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*Rider Christian Lawson tries out the new ring (with – left to right: volunteers Deena Longacre, Angus Young, and Raymond Roy and coach Lisa Pink)  
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