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# A Gala Evening for Tour de Rock

On Sept 26, after a few hundred kilometres of cycling and a few nights spent on gym floors, the 2007 Canadian Cancer Society's Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock riders and support team happily settled in to Crown Isle luxury.

As a sponsor of this year's tour, Crown Isle hosted the 40-member team as they toured through various fundraising events in the Comox Valley.

The resort was also honoured to host this year's Red Serge gala diner and auction, in support of the ride. At press time, this fundraiser had raised about \$18,000, helping bring the Comox Valley total to \$75,000 and climbing.

This was the first year Crown Isle has hosted the Red Serge dinner.

"Several people came to me at the dinner and commented that by holding it at Crown Isle, we had really 'moved it up.' I couldn't agree more," said Laurie Hawrishok, chair of the dinner committee.

"The venue is absolutely perfect, and I can't say enough good things about the Chef and the catering staff. In fact, our committee was impressed by how wholeheartedly the staff

at Crown Isle has embraced the whole Tour de Rock concept. We are already looking forward to next year's event."

The sell-out event attracted 160 guests, who generously bid on the approximately 150 prizes donated by local businesses. A live auction, 50-50 draw and balloon raffle helped raise the total.

Dinner guests were also moved by speakers who bravely described their experiences with battling cancer.

The Canadian Cancer Society's Tour de Rock raises funds to support pediatric cancer research and fund Camp Goodtimes, a camp for children battling cancer. This year's 1,000 km ride from Port Hardy to Victoria, marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tour de Rock.

After months of training, the team of riders from Vancouver Island police detachments started the tour on Sept. 22, and will finish up on Oct. 6 in Victoria.

Crown Isle would like to thank the Red Serge dinner organizing committee for all of their hard work, the local business community for supporting the event and the Tour de Rock, and Chris Backus, the RCMP member representing the Comox Valley on this year's Tour de Rock, for his enormous effort.





With notes from Wine.com and Globalchefs.com

# Wine Tasting - The Basics

**1** Start with a clear wine glass. The rim of the glass should bend inwards to help funnel aromas, and allow you to swirl without spilling.

**2** Now pour a little wine into your glass - enough for three sips. If you will be tasting several wines, begin with the lightest (sparkling wines, roses, then light whites followed by full-bodied whites) and progress to the heaviest (light reds to more full-bodied reds followed by dessert wines). This keeps your taste buds more sensitive allowing you to better appreciate each wine.

**3** Notice the color of the wine. It often helps to hold the glass up to light or against a white background. Wine colours vary depending on the grape variety used, the style in which it's produced, the region in where it's grown and the age of the wine. White wines gain colour with age, red wines get lighter. The wine should always be clear and bright, never cloudy or hazy.

**4** Swirl the wine a couple of times by moving the glass in a circular motion. Holding the glass by its stem, instead of the bowl, allows you to swirl more easily. Swirling is done to aerate the wine and release vapors for you to smell.

**5** Put your nose right over the rim of the wine glass and breathe in. Seventy-five per cent of taste is smell making this sense the most important when evaluating a wine. Put your nose to the glass and sniff, swirl again and sniff more deeply a second time. Take note of the wine's aromas and bouquet.

**6** Take a sip, letting the wine spread across the tongue from front to back and side to side. Notice the flavors and acidity of the wine. How silky or rough does the wine feel? Flow the wine evenly around in your mouth, and take in a small amount of oxygen, this will certainly intensify your experience.

**7** Swallow a small amount if you wish to note any lingering "finish". The finish on your palate is important. You should be left with a lasting, pleasant and memorable feeling. The bottom line is that a good wine should always give pleasure. It should smell good, taste even better, and be smooth and satisfying by itself or with whatever you're eating.



## WINE FEST

Saturday, November 3rd

Net proceeds to the Comox Valley SPCA

WINE TASTING 7 PM ~ 10 PM  
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT - THE WIRE CHOIR

TICKET PRICE \$50<sup>00</sup> + tax  
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## *A Note From The Superintendent*

# Keeping Winter Green

**MIKE KEARNS**

**Golf Course Superintendent**

Although the summer of 2007 will not be remembered for great weather, it has certainly been a very busy and productive summer for the maintenance department. Over the last few months we have been working on a number of projects on the course and around the resort. Although the never-ending list of projects continues to grow, completed projects to-date include tree planting throughout the course, sprinkler head replacement on fairways, bunker sand top ups, and the much anticipated completion of washrooms on holes 4 and 13.

With cooler fall weather upon us, the focus for the next few weeks will be on completing a number of important cultural practices that will help carry the golf course through the winter and give us a strong start next spring. This is a great time of year to get these tasks completed. Watch for greens, tees, fairways and rough aeration, as well as rough overseeding to be completed through October.

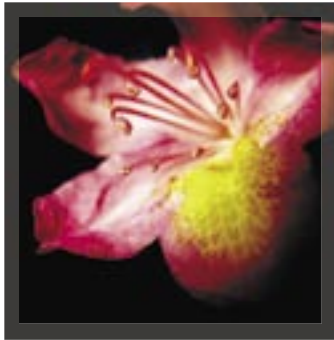
Planned fall and winter projects include continued drainage work on fairways and bunkers, as well as further garden improvements and tree plantings throughout the resort.

The cooler and wet weather in the forecast means that we are getting to the time of year when frost delays and wet conditions impact the preparation and presentation of the course each day. Please be patient on

those mornings that we have the course under a frost delay. These delays are in place to protect the turf and allow us to provide you with quality putting conditions all season long. Also, during wet weather, please obey the cart rules that are in place. Heavy cart traffic through wet areas leads to compaction and thin areas, and the effects of the damage incurred through the winter will impact conditions next spring and summer.

## Rhododendrons

The Rhododendron is a very popular plant on the west coast. Many may outgrow their original location and need to be transplanted to a larger area. Early fall is the best time to transplant Rhodos, especially after a full moon. As the moon is waning the gravitational pull is high creating moisture in the soil, and all of the plants energy is put into the roots. Dig around your Rhodo making a circle close to the drip line. Keep inching in until you can tell that the root ball is becoming very dense. Once you have dug down the length of your spade the shrub should just pop out. Most importantly plant in a



well drained area and always mulch. Acidic Oak leaves work well because they help keep the soil ph low (5.5 is optimal), as well as providing organic matter that Rhodos depend on. Fertilize in November and again in March. Use a granular fertilizer 10-6-4, or make up your own organic version.

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## Exciting Season Winds Down



**Ramsay Poucher**  
*Men's Club Captain*

A new format for Tuesday men's night was established to provide members with a fun evening of golf, dinner, and games. Thursday and Saturday men's play remained popular, especially with the early risers. The men's club Match Play Tournament began May 7 and the final rounds are being played as of this writing.

The Horserace and Calcutta tournament was held July 6 and 7 with exciting finishes in both segments. Winners in the Horserace were Herb Linhart and Allan McMurray, while the winners of the Calcutta were Byron Doyle and Lawson Davies.

The Harold and Pam Stevens Cup (also

known as the Club Mixed Championship) was held on July 29; Stu and Anne Sands were the winners.

The senior men's Club Championship was held Aug. 8 and 9. The low-gross winner was Ramsay Poucher and the low-net winner was Gary Coleman.

The men's Club Championship was held Aug. 18 and 19. The low-gross champion was Riley Wheeldon and the low-net champion was Bob Stuve. Other winners were: John Neufeld (first flight low gross), Kerry Ketter (first flight low net), Graeme Rickson (second flight low gross), Ken Smith (second flight low net), Lorne Seitz (third flight low gross), and Ted Hodkin (third flight low net). The low gross champion for the super senior's flight was Basil Yelland.

The Captain's Cup was held Aug. 25. This year, the winning team was Doug Forbes-King, Terry Cox and Dave Erskine.

## Highlights of Ladies' Golf

The Crown Isle ladies' club finished a fun-filled season on Sept. 25 with a scramble and final luncheon. Despite a few weather challenges, we completed our 27-game season without cancellations.

Some highlights of our final months were the Three Queens and a Jack Tournament Aug. 7, with the men's club joining the ladies' club for a fun round of golf and luncheon and our men's and ladies' Club Championship on Aug. 18 and 19, which produced two great champions - ladies' club champion Dee Horie, and super seniors champion Maggie MacLean. Congratulations to both. In September we competed in the Ace of Aces Championship

and the Beat the Pro Challenge, which saw Rosemary Smith finish the season with a flurry taking both titles.

The ladies' club will hold their Annual General Meeting on Oct. 10 with elections for the coming season, dinner and an awards ceremony. All Crown Isle lady members are welcome to attend.

Our annual Christmas luncheon will take place on Dec. 6. Come join the celebrations.



**Sandy Linhart**  
*Ladies' Club Captain*



# BCPGA Pros Impressed with CI's Course, Facilities, Service

**JASON ANDREW**  
**Director of Golf**

Over the alleged summer months we were able to host a number of successful golf events that contributed to making the 2007 season another memorable year. Again this season we hosted the Volkswagen Shoot Out throughout August, with daily prizes to those individuals closest to the pin on the days the event was being run.

I think everyone who participated enjoyed the competition and saw that just being able to land the ball on #4 green is an accomplishment, let alone trying to be closest to the pin.

July saw us play host to the 2007 BCPGA Pro / Assistant Championship. All the Professionals that attended the event were very impressed with our superb course conditions, clubhouse facilities and the level of service throughout the Resort.

Thanks to all the staff here at Crown Isle who contributed to making this one of the most successful BCPGA events this season.

Thank you to those members that took advantage of their annual instruction time and are enjoying the improvements we've made to their game. Remember, knowing what you should be doing in the golf swing is much easier than actually doing it... learn, practice, play and enjoy. Stay with it, you will improve!

I'm sure those of you who have been into our Golf Shop have noticed all the new clothing lines that Donna has brought in this season.

Men's apparel from Greg Norman and Nike has added new colour and styles to complement the Cotton Reel and Tommy Bahama displayed around the Shop. Ladies looking for the latest styles and colours are sure to find the fall Mexx and E.P. Pro lines very exciting.

Looking for that special Christmas gift? Come into the Golf Shop and see the new Zero Restriction and Sun Ice fleeces which you can co ordinate with an Ashworth or Cotton Reel Sweater and complete your ensemble with footwear from Foot Joy and Adidas.

Also, remember that a good craftsman is only as good as his tools, so consider having a personal club fitting for Ping or Taylor Made golf clubs and see what a difference a club can make.

Enjoy the remainder of the season and let's look forward to more sunny days.

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## *Golf Quote*

"The older you get, the stronger the wind gets."

- Jack Nicklaus -

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## *Holes in One*

Justin Howard	July 23/07	Hole #12
Peter McCluskie	July 26/07	Hole #7
Tony Farr	August 7/07	Hole #7
Karrie Beaudry	August 8/07	Hole #7





## *Around Crown Isle*

# Charities, Events and Celebrations Highlight the Summer Season

### **Crown Isle in the Community**

Crown Isle supports numerous local events and charities. Recently Crown Isle provided donations to the Comox Valley Newcomers' Club, Pacific Salmon Foundation, Victoria Hospitals Foundation, Comox Valley Hospice Society, and YANA. Donations to these and other groups have helped raise funds to support the important charitable work being done in our community and across Western Canada.

### **Comox Valley Tourism**

Crown Isle is the recipient of Comox Valley Tourism's 2006 Cooperative Marketing Award. Together with Horne Lake Caves, Crown Isle offers an accommodation and adventure package dubbed "Scotch on the Rocks." Horne Lake has the rocks, in the

form of a guided cave tour, while Crown Isle offers the scotch - the guest's choice of three ounces from our extensive scotch list. The Scotch, the rocks, and a night in Crown Isle's 4 1/2 star villas is available through October, starting from \$149 per person.

### **Summer Staff Party**

On Sunday, Aug 12, Crown Isle employees celebrated the summer with a staff and family barbeque. While the party was moved indoors, the inclement weather didn't dampen spirits. A delicious lunch, children's activities and prizes highlighted the afternoon. Special thanks to the generous businesses who provided the amazing prizes for Crown Isle staff, and to the hard working staff who cooked and served lunch, while their co-workers celebrated.

SMILING FACES AT CROWN ISLE'S SUMMER STAFF PARTY



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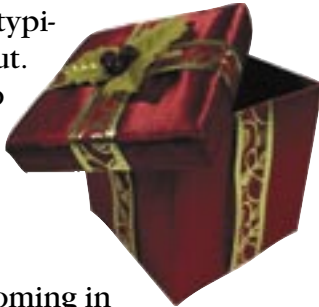


## Christmas at Crown Isle

Crown Isle offers a multitude of ways to celebrate the season.

Available dates for Office Christmas parties are filling up fast - call our catering department quickly to secure a date.

Christmas dinner is typically an early sell-out. Look for menus to be out soon, and reserve a spot at the table for your family.



Friends and family coming in from out of town? Don't crowd everyone onto pull-out couches, when discounted rates for our 4 ½ star villas are available to Crown Isle residents.

The golf shop is stocked with beautiful attire and equipment for the fashionista or golfer on your list. And for the hard to buy for, Crown Isle gift certificates never expire and can be used for anything at the resort.

## Yard Waste

Crown Isle's composting facility will be open for residents on the following Saturdays: Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Nov. 3 for dumping of yard waste only. The facility will be closed during the winter.

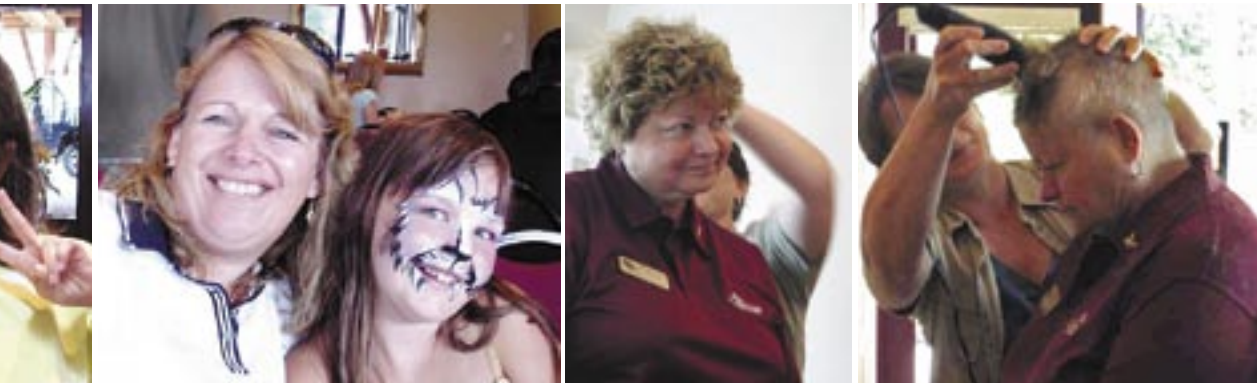
## A Reminder from Crown Isle

For safety reasons, residents and guests are reminded not to walk along the cart paths. Dogs are also not allowed on the course. The paths and golf course are restricted to golfers. The utility road around the course provides a safe alternative.

## Head Shaving Season

Executive Housekeeper Christine Beech has raised more than \$1,700 for the Canadian Cancer Society's Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock this summer. Christine had her head shaved at the summer staff barbeque, and raised funds through pledges, selling coffee mugs, and by collection box at the Resort's front desk. Eager to encourage others to support the Tour de Rock, Christine reminds everyone "it's never too late to donate."

### CHRISTINE BEECH GETS A HAIRCUT





## Crown Isle's Lindsay Gibson Gives Thanks to Supporters

Crown Isle's very own Valley Idol has had a busy summer. Lindsay Gibson, one of our friendly cart girls, has also been performing all over town after winning the People's Choice Award at last spring's Valley Idol competition. You may have heard her at May Days in Cumberland, Canada Day at Lewis Park and Nautical Days in Comox.

Through her success in Valley Idol, Lindsay also earned a scholarship to CYMC's musical theatre program.

"Within the first week I had landed the role of Lucy, a street girl with a passion to do more in her life," Lindsay said. "Unfortunately within that week of hard work and tons of singing, I got sick. "I could barely speak words, let alone sing. We as a team made an executive decision and

I continued the play without my role as Lucy. As hard as it was, I prevailed and had a great time. We had three weeks to put on an amazing show, and we succeeded."



Lindsay said the support she has received from Crown Isle and its members has been phenomenal.

"Thank you to everyone who has come out to support me, especially Art Meyers and Brian Dyke and family," Lindsay said. "And to the Wolfpack for their continued support."

And if you haven't had a chance to see her perform, Lindsay promises many more opportunities.

"I plan to sing forever," she

said. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my adventures and plan on continuing. I hope one day you will all come to my concerts."

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