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European Culinary Experience

This spring, enjoy a European Culinary Tour without ever leaving home. Join Executive Chef Norman Müller on a European Culinary Experience in the Silverado Steakhouse.



To follow up on Crown Isle's hugely successful \$29 three-course menu, the restaurant is introducing a

four-week European-themed three-course menu derived from our Chef's international resume. The first week (April 7-9) features Italy; the second week (April 12-16): France;



third week (April 21-23): Greece; and to finish our feature (April 28-30): Chef's homeland, Germany.

Executive Chef Müller was born and educated in Germany where he apprenticed

in Lüneburg. From there his career has taken him to Paris, where he worked four years as young chef for the Hilton Suffren. Returning to Germany he studied Hotel Management



for two years while working for an upscale party service, which catered for Hamburg's music industry and artists.

Chef Müller has since then moved around the world working in Australia and Ireland, as well as for luxury cruise ships such as Crystal Cruises and Silver Seas.

Reservations are highly recommended.



To book your European Culinary Experience please contact our Reservations Department at 250-703-5050.



INSIDE



Spring Fashion Show

Crown Isle Resort and Golf Community will be hosting a Spring Fashion Show and Brunch, on May 3, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Assistant Golf Director Donna Brown has created an exciting event to showcase the summer's newest golf fashions from Adidas, Nike, Daily Ladies', Greg Norman Ladies' and Ashworth. A new line of fashion jewelry will also be featured.

To compliment the show, Executive Chef Norman Müller has created a feast for the taste buds with his signature buffet brunch. Tickets are \$30 each and available at the Crown Isle Resort Golf Pro Shop. Call 250-703-5031 for more information.

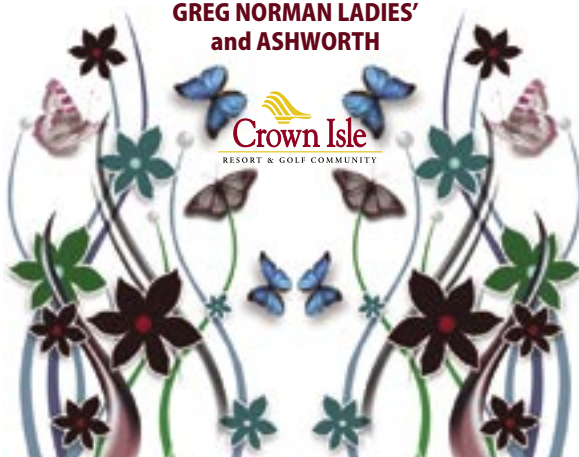
Spring Fashion Show and Brunch

**At Crown Isle Resort
Sunday May 3, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Tickets are \$30

Includes a signature buffet brunch, door prizes & a sneak peek at summer's newest golf fashions from

**ADIDAS, NIKE, DAILY LADIES',
GREG NORMAN LADIES'
and ASHWORTH**



**Tickets on sale now in the Crown Isle Golf Shop.
Call 250-703-5031 for more information.**

Spring fashions now in stock!



Easter Brunch April 12

Crown Isle Resort has once again created a Signature Easter Brunch to tantalize your taste buds. The first seating is at 10 a.m. with a second seating at 12:30 pm.

The buffet will feature hot dishes, a seafood station, carving station, waffle station, omelet station, cheese and fruit, cold cuts and salad station, and of course the dessert station. The menu will also feature special choices for the kids.

Easter Brunch prices are \$35 for adults, \$15 for ages 6-12, and \$1 per year for children under 5 years of age. To reserve, please contact our Reservations Department at 250-703-5050.

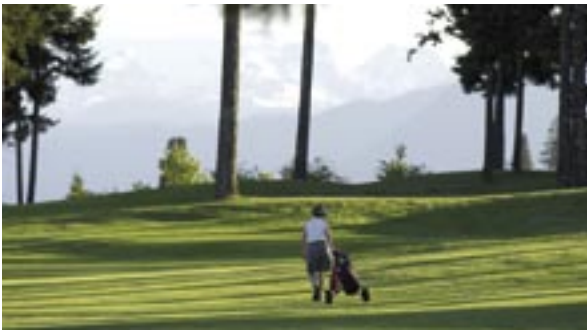
If you have family or friends visiting you over the long weekend, and you need to book a guest room, please ask our Reservations Department for the Best Available Rate. We would be more than happy to accommodate your guests!

Mother's Day Brunch May 12

One of the best ways to celebrate Mother's Day is to give Mom the day off! Let her take it easy and relax while Executive Chef Müller and his team do all the cooking. Mother's Day Brunch includes a seafood station, antipasti mirror, waffles, an omelet station, carving station, the decadent dessert station and more.

Mother's Day Brunch prices are \$35 for adults, \$16 for ages 6-12, and \$1 per year for children under 5 years of age. To reserve, please contact our Reservations Department at 250-703-5050.

ENJOY



2009 Crown Isle Junior Golf Program

The 2009 Crown Isle Junior program aims to showcase the game of golf to children through energetic and fun learning experiences conducted by talented and experienced CPGA certified instructors from the Crown Isle Golf Academy.

Following on from the success of the 2008 Crown Isle Junior Program, the Crown Isle Golf Academy is pleased to offer a revised 2009 Junior Program. This year's program has been streamlined to allow more one-on-one time with instructors, by promising an 8:1 student: instructor ratio.

There are eight levels within the Crown Isle Junior Development Program (a full copy can be obtained by request). To pass from one level to another requires successful completion of the developmental programs. All of our junior programs feature education in the following areas: technical skills; fitness and health; golf knowledge; playing and competition; mind matters; values and parents' role.



Juniors will be broken up into groups according to the Level of Program they are undertaking.

Level 1 -Active Start and Level 2 -FUNdamentals Programs start Wednesday, April 15 (choose between 4 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. start)

Level 3 - Learn To Play Program and Level 4 - Train To Play Program start Thursday April 16 at 4 p.m.

Junior Play Nights - Four Weeks

Junior Nights begin the week after the Lesson Program. The first night is on Wednesday May 27 at 5 p.m. Junior Nights continue on a weekly basis with the last session being held Wednesday June 17.

Registration

All participants must complete a registration form and return with payment to the Crown Isle Golf Shop. More details are available at www.thegolfacademy.ca.



GOLF



Audubon and the 4 B's... Bees,

JUDY STOUTENBURG
Head Gardener

Bees

Did you know that bee populations are in serious decline? That may delight those of you who are allergic to bee stings or just plain phobic about bees or bugs in general. But it actually has serious implications for food production and the general health of the planet.

Mason bees are valuable pollinators. You can encourage these gentle little garden heroes by providing a nesting block, some mud (to plug nest holes), and some flowering plants. The mason bees will return your efforts by pollinating early bloomers like fruit trees.

Plant selection impacts mason bees and other bees as well. Many gardeners favour highly bred double flowers, but single flowers are often a richer source of pollen and nectar. Bumblebees love Icelandic poppies (*Papaver nudicaule*). They roll around in them like a cat on catnip. They also like snapdragons, foxglove and penstemon. It's fun watching these big fat bees' struggle their way into snapdragons. Diversify with your plantings so that your bees don't get hungry when one favourite is finished for the year.

Bats

For those of you within 400 meters of a pond, lake or river, bats could use our help. First we ask you to help increase the bee population and now the BAT population! Well, you might not believe it, but bats are our friends too. They can consume 30-100 per cent of their body weight in insects every night.

Birds

Birds can use our help too. We humans don't generally like to leave decaying trees in our small city yards. Unfortunately, removing our dead trees removes a source of shelter for birds that nest in cavities. You might notice that we leave these trees around the golf course as long as they are not a safety hazard. Because our yard is bigger than yours, we have room for a few natural "eyesores."

In addition to leaving dead trees standing, Crown Isle now has a nest box program. Nest boxes can be a good alternative for cavity nesters when dead trees are not available. Some of the birds we would like to encourage to nest are chickadees and barn swallows. You can find nest box instructions at our Audubon display in the Pro Shop. Keep in mind that the box varies with the bird you want to attract.

You can encourage birds in other ways, like growing food sources such as nectar-bearing flowering plants, seed-bearers, and berries, and by using bird feeders and birdbaths. Trees and shrubs are valuable for food, shelter, breeding, and roosting.

Pesticides can have a detrimental impact on all our wildlife, our pets, our children or grandchildren, and us. Please think about whether you really need to use them on a case-by-case basis. Make sure you pick your fights carefully, with all the implications firmly in mind. Thank you for your time and your support of our Audubon Certification efforts!



Bats, Birds and Butterflies

Butterflies

Just like all the other Bs, our butterflies are in trouble too. Butterflies can have very specific food requirements in their larval stage, followed by different food needs as adults. To support butterflies, we must provide a place to lay eggs, food for the larvae, food for the adult, and sunlight, water and shelter.

Keep in mind:

- BTK (*Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki*) targets almost any butterfly at the larval stage. If you choose to use it, be aware of that. It doesn't have the residual impact on the environment that a chemical might have, but it has the potential to

impact many species beyond the one you wish to eradicate. This includes rare species.

- Native plants are likely to attract native butterflies. That's if you provide food for the larvae and the adult.
- Butterflies need water, shelter, and sun.
- Bug zappers kill insects indiscriminately, including some of our large moths.

If you are going to build a nest block or nest box, start now. If you really get enthused about this project, feel free to make extra nest blocks/boxes for your friends - or even for the golf course!

Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses

MIKE KEARNS
Golf Superintendent

At Crown Isle, we are working towards achieving certification in an exciting environmental improvement program. The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program (ACSP) provides information, guidance, and support to help golf courses conduct proactive environmental projects that benefit the golf course and our surrounding environment. While we already have many solid environmental practices in place, our involvement with the Audubon program will help us expand on these existing environmental improvement efforts.

We're proud to say that we have completed and submitted our Site Assessment and Environmental Plan, which lets the Audubon International staff know about Crown Isle and the types of projects we want to pursue. Once we have implemented a variety of projects in each area, we can apply to become a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. This exemplary distinction is an international recognition of environmental excellence bestowed on organizations that are taking a leadership role in conservation projects. There are currently seven golf courses in BC that have achieved certification. We want to make sure that Crown Isle is the eighth!!

ENJOY



Special Packages at Crown Isle

Romantic Nights

Getaway from the everyday with a romantic escape to Crown Isle Resort.

Crown Isle adds that extra sizzle to the romantic getaway by offering 4.5 star Jacuzzi Villas to enjoy. Relax in front of the gas fireplace or in the lavish jetted tub for two; enjoy the bathrobes, a king sized bed dressed in deluxe duvets, luxurious linens, and feather pillows; a \$25 dining credit for the Silverado Steakhouse or the Timber Room Pub.

On your arrival you will find chilled sparkling wine and chocolates to enjoy.

Valid until April 30, 2009 the Romance Package is available for only \$199 per night (based on double occupancy and does not include applicable taxes).

Signature Dining Package

Enjoy the good life with an evening of fine dining and a luxurious Jacuzzi Villa.

Executive Chef Müller has recently recreated the Silverado Steakhouse menu (which can be viewed on the website at <http://www.crownisle.com/pdf/09silverado.pdf>).

Chef Müller has enhanced the menu by putting his spin on the popular classics and creating his own unique dishes such as the herb-crusted rack of lamb or the Filo-wrapped halibut medallion.

Food and Beverage Manager Nicki Hockley has created a wonderful wine cellar to compliment the menu and the serving staff of the Silverado Steakhouse would be very happy to suggest a pairing.

After dinner take a leisurely stroll to your Jacuzzi Villa. Relax in front of the fireplace or in the lavish jetted tub for two; enjoy

bathrobes and a king (or queen) bed, dressed in deluxe duvets, luxurious linens, and feather pillows.

The Signature Dining Package is available for \$219 until April 30, 2009 and includes a \$75 dining credit. This package is based on single or double occupancy and does include applicable taxes or gratuities.

Golf Packages For All Seasons

Know someone in need of a golf getaway? Invite them to play around at Crown Isle and take advantage of our golf packages. With a night in a luxurious Jacuzzi Villa over-looking the first fairway, a round of golf with a shared power cart and a \$25 dining credit, a golf package includes everything your friends need in a getaway.

The Warm Up to Winter package is \$129 per person per night (based on double occupancy) and includes Jacuzzi Villa accommodation, 18 holes of golf, shared power cart and a \$25 dining credit. This package is valid until April 30, 2009.

Starting May 1, the Warm Up to Winter becomes the Summer Sizzler - our most popular package. This package price is \$229 per person, based on double occupancy.

Please contact our Reservations Department for more details. To book any of our packages, call 250-703-5050.

Golf Quote

“Never try to keep more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your swing.”

Henry Beard Mulligan

RELAX



Crown Isle Golf Club Garage Sale

The Inaugural Crown Isle Members' Garage Sale, held March 6, raised more than \$3,000 for two local charities.

The men's club executive would like to thank and congratulate Judy and Andy Frost for the success of the sale, while the Frost's would like to thank all of the members for their outstanding support in staging the event.

The event had five main objectives, and can easily be called a success, having met all of those goals.

The first objective was to ensure that the funds raised would remain in the community and support organizations that didn't have sophisticated fund raising capability.

This was achieved, as the total cash raised at the sale was \$1,530. The tax receipt(s) generated by the garage sale is being auctioned off, which should add another \$400-\$500 to the total cash raised. The Boys and Girls Club also retained a Limited Edition, Robert Bateman Print, which they will use to raise additional funds. The second goal was to increase the profile of the charity/non-profit recipients in the community - thanks to local media support and the number of people who came through the sale, the organizers were able to achieve this goal.

The organizers also wanted to ensure that as much as possible, the donations would be repurposed or recycled rather than ending up in the land fill. To that end, the Boys and Girls Club received five office chairs and a few other badly needed items which saved them over \$500 from their operating budget.

Other items left over at the end of the sale were donated to the Transition Society's thrift store. Shauna Drayson-Hayward, the

manager of Too Good to be Threw and her staff estimated the value of the goods delivered to them would be equivalent to at least \$500 for their programs.

For the event to be successful organizers also wanted to minimize any impact of the event on the membership and the staff at Crown Isle. This was achieved, as everything was back to normal around the resort by 3 p.m.

The final goal was to create a little team spirit among club members. With the huge amount of support we received - more than 1,000 items were donated and a great team of volunteers ran the event.

In total your support helped us to raise over \$3,000 for the two primary charities.

“Hanging Flower Basket” Program

Businesses have been impacted by the unprecedented global economic events of the past year. We have had to make cutbacks where necessary to meet ongoing challenges and we have to make some very difficult decisions.

Please be advised that Crown Isle Management will not be hanging flower baskets throughout the residential areas of Crown Isle in 2009.

However, we will continue to place a strong focus on maintaining a top-notch golf course as we re-align our efforts to the mutual benefit of all who use our facilities and resort surroundings. Thank you for your understanding.

PLAY



Spring has arrived and with it come exceptional Real Estate opportunities within the Cambridge Estates phase on Crown Isle Drive. Lots off the course start at \$160,000 and on the fairway from \$298,500. Crown Isle has partnered with two trusted local builders, Ben Christensen, Benco Ventures and Gary Rekema, Monterra Developments. Each of the builders have beautiful show homes at the corner of Crown Isle and Sussex Drive.



Incredible deals can be negotiated on existing lots paired with one of our builders custom homes. Also coming soon, Crown Isle will begin marketing it's Crown Mansion project in Qualicum. Watch for exciting details on this exciting project. Come see us in the Real Estate office on Crown Isle Drive, or call Jason Andrew, Crown Isle Realty Ltd. at 250.703.5056, email:realestate@crownisle.com

Stanley Cup at Crown Isle



Director of Golf & Real Estate Jason Andrew, along with his two sons, and Executive Assistant Wendy Ostapovich along with her husband Bill were lucky enough to get up close and personal with the Stanley Cup as it stopped in for a visit at Crown Isle.