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Crown Isle Clubhouse Celebrates 10 Years



From its humble beginnings as a trailer, to a stunning resort center.

Ten years ago this spring the doors swung open for the very first time, and a 48,000 square foot Resort Centre replaced the trailer that had served as pro shop, restaurant and starting point for a new golf course. Today, the stunning Resort Centre is the hub of our resort for residents, members and guests alike. Over the years Crown Isle has had the privilege of hosting hundreds of weddings, fundraisers and banquets. The restaurants have served countless meals, while golfers have recounted their shots over pints of Crown Ale.

It is all of these people, and all of their memories that make the resort what it is.

Ed Brugger reminisces when asked about his Clubhouse memories. "Every March, for the past three years, we have been coming to Crown Isle for a romantic get-a-way and two days of golf with another couple. The wonderful accommodations, the spectacular golf (in any weather) and the great dinners in the Silverado bring us back every year."

Others have been visiting from the very beginning. "Our first several visits to

Crown Isle were when a trailer served as the pro-shop", Russ Baker said. "When the Clubhouse opened, it was our anniversary. We couldn't believe the grandeur and attention to detail. It reminded us of some of the upscale clubhouses in Palm Desert. We enjoyed a cozy dinner and an after-dinner cognac and a cigar overlooking the car museum, it was a perfect end to our first day."

"Holy Hanna, as they say in Alberta," said Phil Bolin, who also first visited Crown Isle when the trailer was open. "I transferred to Alberta in the mid-90s and I missed the coast a lot. Long winters, short golf season. I sought every opportunity to get out west as often as possible. I booked a room for us to stay in the Villas for a couple nights. We were all very impressed, and I could not believe the change from the trailer to the totally classy resort!"

This summer, Crown Isle will host a very special celebration in honour of the resort centre's 10th anniversary. In the meantime we invite you to stop in and create another memory of your own.



Signature Easter Brunch

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

Seatings at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Ages 12 + \$35 per person
Ages 6 - 12 \$15 per person
Ages 0 - 5 \$1 per year of age

Call 703-5050 to reserve.

Starters

Dim Sum Station
(Assorted Steamed and Fried Dim Sum and Pot Stickers)

Breakfast

Breakfast Baking
Waffles Drizzled with Fresh Strawberries and Vanilla Whipped Cream
Continental Station
Crushed Breakfast Potatoes with Chives and Sour Cream
Traditional Eggs Benedict
Maple Sausage and Peppered Bacon
Omelette Station

Salads

Assorted Mixed Greens
Traditional Caesar Salad
Pasta Salad
Chilled Coastal Seafood Mirror
Crudités and Pickle Platter

Hot Entrees and Accompaniments

Carved Baron of Beef
Carved Maple Glazed Ham
Cedar Planked Salmon
Seasonal Farm Crafted Vegetables
Yukon Crushed Potato
Barley and Rice Pilaf

Dessert

Angel Food Cakes, Strawberry Shortcakes, Citrus Orange Bavaries, Gateau Saint-Honore, Tiramisu, Seasonal Cheese Cake, Fresh Fruit Flan, Milk Chocolate Mousse Cakes
Hot Berry Strudels with Vanilla Bean Anglase

For the Kids

Chicken Fingers Veggies N Dip
Mini Burgers Freshly Baked Cookies
Mini Pizza Chocolate Eggs



ENJOY



A Note From The Superintendent

Deer Resistant Plants

MIKE KEARNS
Golf Superintendent

One of the unique aspects of life in the Comox Valley and on Vancouver Island, is the fact that we live in very close proximity to a large population of deer. Interacting so closely with this wildlife provides many benefits, as well as a few challenges. For those that have an interest in horticulture and gardening, one of the biggest questions is “what can I plant in my garden that the deer will not eat?”

Fortunately, there are a number of lists that will help you determine which plants are deer resistant. Unfortunately, the deer of the Comox Valley have not read any of these lists, which can make selecting plants for your landscape a challenge! You may find that what is thought to be a resistant plant may occasionally receive damage due to the fact that while deer generally have preferences for certain plants, they will often test plants as they move about. Deer may also target resistant plants as their preferred plants become unavailable.

In addition to feeding on foliage, young bucks can also cause considerable damage by rubbing their antlers up against some of the small trees in your landscape. Although these trees may be considered resistant due to the fact that the deer do not feed on them, the damage caused is just as destructive.

Options to help control deer damage:

- Temporary fences to protect young plants until they have had a chance to establish. Deer may eat certain varieties of plants when they are younger, and avoid these

same plants as they establish and take on their tougher mature form.

- Keeping small trees pruned so that the branches and leaves are at least five to six feet above ground can help minimize the damage caused by feeding. Keep in mind that deer will often get up on their hind legs to reach the foliage.
- Using deer repellent sprays on plant foliage. These sprays work by giving the plant leaves an undesirable taste to the deer. We have had some success with this on the golf course, but remember that sprays must be re-applied at intervals during the season.
- Wire, or other protective barrier, around the trunks of young trees during the mating season can help protect the tree from antler damage.

The following list is some of the plants that we have had success with planting here at Crown Isle:

Shrubs

Barberry, Boxwood, Summer Heather, California Lilac, Winter Heather, Holly, Oregon Grape, Heavenly Bamboo, Ferns, Viburnum

Annuals

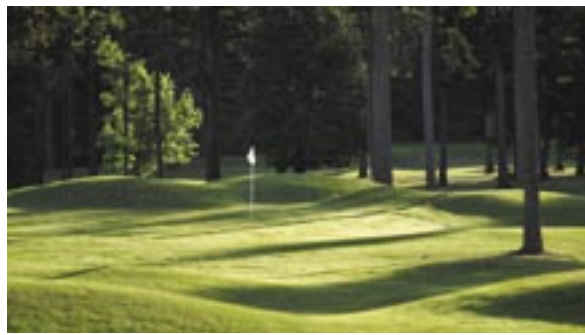
Dusty Miller, Alyssum, Verbena, Marigolds, Ageratum, Cosmos, Salvia

Perennials

Lavender, Ornamental Grasses, Euphorbia, Coreopsis, and most Herbs

We have found the following plants to be favourite targets of the deer: Pansies, Petunias, Geraniums, Asters

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Men's Club Gears Up For Spring

We're all looking forward to the end of the cold, wet winter — storing away our Wellingtons, cleaning our clubs, and preparing for a new golf season in March.

Tuesday Night Men's Night will start in April. Book a group to play Tuesday afternoon and enter into the 9-hole competition, which will include low gross, low net, KP, and hidden hole prizes. Thursday and Saturday Men's Play will also begin in April. Thursday's play will begin from the white tees and Saturday's play will alternate between blue and green tees.

Men's Club Match Play will begin in May. There will be three events — singles, doubles, and seniors' singles. The regular singles and doubles matches will be played from the blue tees while the seniors' singles will be played from the white tees. The Captain's Cup is scheduled for June. The Horserace and Calcutta tournament will be played in

July. Look for some format changes that will make this event even more fun!

The Men's and Senior Men's Club Championships will take place over two days in August. Plus, other golf and social events such as the home-&-away matches with other clubs, the Spring and Fall Classic, the Senior Men's Wind-up and many more will fill your calendar for the 2008 golf season.

Details of these and other events will be posted in the Men's Club Newsletter. To receive an email copy of the newsletter, please contact us at cimcexec@crownsle.com



Ramsay Poucher
Men's Club Captain

Exciting Events for Ladies' Golf



Sandy Linhart
Ladies' Club Captain

Crown Isle's Ladies' Club looks forward to another fun-filled year on the course. We have a number of exciting events on the roster for this year, including a Ladies' Field Day in July. We welcome all new lady members to come join us in our organized Tuesday games, which begin April 1. The official Opening Day Scramble and lunch will be April 8. Sign up for these events on the bulletin board in the ladies' locker room, where you will find a list of the Tuesday games. Ladies' Club tee times

are also available Thursdays and Saturdays. And don't forget to come out and join us on Wednesdays Ladies' Night.

2008 Ladies' Events

Opening Scramble	April 8
Ladies' Field Day	July 8
Three Queens & A Jack	August 5
Club Championship	August 16/17
Season Wind-up	September 30

Mixed Events

Spring Classic	May 17
Mixed Social	June 29
Pam & Harold Stevens	
Couples' Tournament	July 20
Fall Classic	September 27

Couples tee times are available each Sunday.



Passion For The Game

JASON ANDREW

Director Of Golf Operations

When I first became a golf professional 20-odd years ago I remember the passion I had for the game itself. Somewhere along the endless trails of educational seminars, committee meetings and budget reports, I lost some of that passion. However, over the past few months of working on new programs with our golf professionals and team members alike, I have had that passion rekindled.

This season will see us start at the beginning to help rebuild the base for golf in years to come. The “talk” was always Junior Golf; the future of the game. It is now time to “walk the walk”.

Crown Isle Resort and the Golf Academy professionals will be implementing a series of bold developmental programs both here at the resort and throughout the community.

The programs aim to showcase the game of golf to children of all ages through energetic and fun learning experiences. Through months of research and study, our Golf Academy instructors have developed the following programs.

Newly re-designed three-tier Crown Isle junior membership:

Tier One - Active Start

Tier Two - Learn to Play

Tier Three - Full Play Membership

Junior members lesson program:

8-week learning program followed by 12-week junior league play.

Junior member certification program:

First of its kind in Canada (Following principles laid out in Canada’s long term player development guide: www.RCGA.org)

Junior summer camps:

Learning Based on the FUNdamentals

Introductory Elementary School Program

By taking on such a bold program at Crown Isle, we are building a valuable vehicle for the future of the game. Our number one priority as golf professionals must return to growing the game, its understanding and its enjoyment for all. The 2008 season may be looked back upon as the beginning of something special here at the Resort and for golf in the Comox Valley. Passion! It’s in the eyes of the juniors. It’s in remembering that golf is still and always will be, just a game. And it’s remembering that it’s in all of you.

Talk about passion... If he is not practicing on the range, playing across the Island, the country, or for that matter, internationally, he can most likely be found in the gym working on his fitness program. He is our two-time defending Men’s Club Champion and recently appointed member of the RCGA Canadian Boys National Team, Riley Wheeldon. So don’t feel so bad gentleman when he schools you on the course, you may have had the opportunity to play with Canada’s future Mike Weir. And who knows, maybe some of that passion just might rub off.



Riley Wheeldon

Keep the ball rolling...

GOLF



Around Crown Isle

Fashion Show and Brunch

Spring is just around the corner and with it comes a new golf season, which of course means new golf clothes. The Crown Isle golf shop will host a fashion show brunch on Sunday, May 4, highlighting many of the new lines and styles coming into the shop this season.

For only \$25, enjoy a fabulous signature brunch, hear guest speakers, and view spring and summer styles from brands including Nike, Puma, Adidas, and Daily Ladies. Round out the morning with a chance to win fabulous prizes, and you have the makings of a perfect Sunday morning.

Treat your mother to an early Mother's Day gift, May 4 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Limited tickets are available, starting March 1, at the golf shop or at the front desk at Crown Isle.

Supporting Local Charities

Crown Isle's WineFest, held last November, raised more than \$1,600 for the Comox Valley SPCA. Proceeds from the sold out event support the work of our local SPCA, and this year Crown Isle was able to donate \$1,660.37. In addition the coat check staff donated their tips: \$108 to the cause.

In addition, the Homeowners Christmas Party, held on Dec. 11, 2007, raised \$168, which was donated to YANA.

Showcase Theatre Festival

Crown Isle is proud to be a major sponsor of the 2008 season of the Showcase Theatre Festival. This summer, Showcase will present the world premiere of Dancing in the Coal Dust, an original work telling the story of

Cumberland's Ginger Goodwin. In addition the festival will present Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" and "Hello Dolly" at their new festival stage in Cumberland. For more information visit www.showcasefestival.org.

Non-Golfers On The Course

As the sun comes out again and the urge to get outside strikes, golf course maintenance reminds you to stay off the golf course and cart paths (unless of course you are playing). "There are obvious safety concerns with walking the course while golfers are hitting balls," said superintendent Mike Kearns. "People walking up the 10th fairway towards the clubhouse can't see golfers teeing off, I've seen some pretty close calls."

In addition, while the course is closed on frosty mornings to protect the delicate greens from foot traffic, non-golfers have been busy leaving frosty footprints.

Animal owners are also asked to keep their pets off the fairways, both to keep the course protected and your animals safe.

Electronic Newsletters

Crown Isle is now sending out regular e-newsletters. If you have not received any to date, and would like to be included in these mail outs, and added to our database, please email mheitland@crownisle.com.

Golf Quote

"Forget your opponent; always play against par."

-Sam Snead-

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Better Thinking to Better Golf

ROBERT RATCLIFFE

RCGA Assistant National Coach

One of the few complaints about taking golf lessons is that you seem to get worse before you get better. The main reason for this lies within our heads, and not necessarily our golf swing.

When you take a golf lesson, most professional instructors cover the physical aspects of the golf swing, and tend to ignore the other 90 per cent of the game - the mental game.

In the world of sports psychology, we have two very distinctive minds: the conscious mind, and the sub-conscious mind. The conscious mind organizes thought and calculates answers, and the sub-conscious mind stores the learned skills we have acquired.

Learning the golf swing is very similar to learning how to tie a shoelace. At first, the movements are very awkward and deliberate, as you try to work out the loops from the knots. As time goes on, with practice the skill becomes learned and becomes a sub-conscious effort, to the point where you now tie your shoelace without even thinking about it.

The problem this presents in learning golf is that we never seem to get to the point where the shoelace is tied and done with. At all levels of the game, we are all trying to improve, and we tend to think about our swing quite a lot. The world of sports psychology has stated that at any one time we can only convert one conscious thought into a physical reality. As soon as we start trying to think about four or five things in our swing, a fuse is blown and the connection between mind and body is lost, resulting in poor shots.



After you've just finished your golf lesson, you typically have four or five things in your head, and as a result think too much and end up playing worse than before your lesson. The way to get around this little problem is quite easy — separate your practice time (conscious thought) from your play time (sub-conscious). That is, when you're at the driving range and are working on what your instructor told you, think as much as you want about the swing. However, when you get out to the first tee on the golf course, let those thoughts go and just play golf. Be sure to ask your instructor for some techniques to overcome thinking too much.

Holes in One

September 11/07	Tom Lewis	#4
November 5/07	Justin Howard	#16
November 8/07	Allan Sinclair	#16

PLAY



Benco Ventures, Monterra Developments Show Homes Are Now Open for Viewing

Ben Christianson of Benco Ventures has built over 140 homes in previous phases of construction within the Crown Isle Community during the past six years.

Benco's new, fully-furnished show home is now open and it is located at the corner of Crown Isle Drive and Sussex Drive. This luxurious display home will also serve as the sales and design centre; it is a place to meet clients and to showcase the latest in new home innovation and distinctive designs of Benco Homes. The Display Home and Sales Office is open from 1:00 to 4:00 Monday to Friday, and Saturday and Sunday by appointment. For more information, call 250.338.9521. Website: www.bencohomes.com

Monterra Developments builds approximately 10 to 15 homes a year in the Comox Valley. Previously, Garry Renkema of Monterra operated a company in Alberta and completed projects including custom single-family homes, multi-family homes and commercial developments.

Monterra is the recipient of the Customer Choice Award, which was recently presented at the annual Georgie Awards Event, hosted by the Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA) of BC. Entrants and finalists continue to exemplify the high caliber of expertise and hard work that is associated with CHBA BC member companies. Monterra Developments show home is open and it is located at 1575 Crown Isle Drive. Phone: 250.338.2414. Website: homesbymonterra.com

Both Benco Ventures and Monterra Developments are pleased to announce that



Benco Ventures Show Home

they will continue to build homes within the Crown Isle community, along the extension of Idiens Way and Suffolk Drive. Thirty-seven new lots will be built on both sides of Idiens Way and these lots are expected to be completed in the summer. Benco and Monterra plan to begin construction in the fall on the new phase.



Monterra Developments Show Home

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