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# Lucky Golfer Wins Twice at Charity Golf Tournament

In the movie *Caddy Shack*, golfer Ty Webb, played by Chevy Chase, tells us “There’s a force in the universe that makes things happen; all you have to do is get in touch with it, stop thinking, let things happen and be the ball.”

And that force was working in the favour of one lucky golfer at Crown Isle July 6, when at a *Caddy Shack*-themed charity golf tournament, he shot a very lucky hole-in-one.

“Lightning struck at Crown Isle that weekend when Richie Wardroper made a hole-in-one from 182 yards on the seventh hole to win a Bentley,” said Jason Andrew, Crown Isle’s Director of Golf. “A \$240,000 Bentley.”

Wardroper aced Crown Isle’s par 3 seventh hole with a 7-iron to win the Bentley at Lower Mainland Steel’s annual charity tournament to benefit the Canuck Place Children’s Hospice. “I hit it solid,” Wardroper, 34, told the *Province* newspaper, “and looked up, saw it bounce, spin a little left then disappear. It was magical.”

After ordering some Dom Perignon champagne, Wardroper was ready to celebrate. But the hole-in-one was just the start of his lucky streak. “Lightning actually struck twice,” Andrew explained, “when later that night Wardroper won the reverse draw to take home a reconditioned ’76 Rolls Royce.” Wardroper said, “I probably wouldn’t have bought that ticket, but it was for a good cause and I figured I was already up a couple of bucks.”

Wardroper has said he intends to sell the Bentley, but he and his wife “are going to enjoy the Rolls-Royce for a little while.”

The weekend event was more than just another golf tournament at Crown Isle. While Wardroper went home with hundreds of thousands of dollars in prizes, critically ill children will also benefit.

The event, put on by Lower Mainland Steel, is an annual golf tournament and auction, which this year raised more than \$100,000 for the Canuck Place Children’s Hospice in Vancouver. With their annual golf tournament, played for the first time at Crown Isle, Lower Mainland Steel has raised more than \$600,000 for Canuck Place over the past eight years.



**Richard Wardroper** and his wife Christina are given the keys to a \$240,000 Bentley by MCL Motor Cars’ Herb Mills.

*photo by: John Murray – The Province Newspaper*

INSIDE



# Crown Isle Welcomes Chef Norman Müller

Crown Isle Resort and Golf Community welcomed new executive Chef Norman Müller on July 6. He takes over the very busy kitchen, which serves the Silverado Steakhouse, Timber Room Pub and catering.

German-born and educated, Norman Müller apprenticed in Lüneburg, Germany some 18 years ago. From there his career took him to Paris, France where he worked for four years as a young chef for the Hilton Suffren, catering for socialites such as Catherine Deneuve, François Mitterrand as well as for colorful figures like billionaire Adnan Kashoggi. Later, he worked for the Sofitel La Defense under Marc Marchand, one of France's great Ouvriers.

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 visiting artists such as David Bowie, Duran Duran,

## Tour de Rock

Crown Isle Resort is once again honoured to host the Canadian Cancers Society's Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock Red Serge Dinner and Auction. This year's event takes place Wednesday, Sept. 24 starting at 5:30 p.m.

Last year's sold out event raised approximately \$18,000 to help support children living with cancer, and cancer research.

Tickets are now on sale at the RCMP detachment on Ryan Road, for \$60 each or \$55 for tables of 8 or more.

Red Hot Chili Peppers and Melissa Etheridge to name just a few.

From there he moved around the world working in Australia, Ireland and for ultra luxury cruise lines such as Crystal and Silver Sea sailing the seven seas. Leaving the ships with fond memories he worked for the Fairmont Hotel Whistler running the Wild Flower restaurant for one season. He spent the last year on beautiful Grouse Mountain in North Vancouver as Executive Sous Chef for the McLaughlins before coming to Crown Isle.

## Jason Andrew Moves to Real Estate

After nine years of dedicated service in his capacity as Golf Director at Crown Isle, Jason Andrew will be changing his role to include management of the Real Estate operations for the community.

Jason will continue to manage the overall vision for golf at the resort while Donna Brown and Ron Waugh will be looking after the day-to-day operations for both the golf course and the golf shop.

His main focus with real estate will be to create and manage current and future real estate opportunities in and around the community.

Contact Jason at:

Clubhouse Office:	250-703-5022
Real Estate Sales Centre:	250-703-5057
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ENJOY



## *A Note From The Superintendent*

# Spring and Summer Projects

**MIKE KEARNS**

**Golf Course Superintendent**

It's been a busy spring and summer for the Golf Course Maintenance department and the results are certainly showing now on the course and in the community.

A spring project that has proven popular was the expansion of the driving range tee decks. The removal of two bunkers and the expansion of our driving range tee space to 34,000 sq. ft. was completed this spring.

The additional space has seen a lot of use this summer. Greens and fairway aeration was completed in April.

Cool temperatures following the aeration slowed the greens recovery slightly, but we did manage to have them in great shape for the Future Links Tournament. This minor disruption to our playing surfaces is an important cultural practice that provides a number of benefits to the turf/soil; relieves compaction, reduces thatch, improves drainage, improves water infiltration, and encourages a healthier turfgrass plant.

Fall aeration is scheduled to start Sept. 28. Other important cultural practices that were completed in the spring have allowed the course conditions to be as good as they are, despite the dry summer.

These practices are all relatively non-disruptive, are very beneficial to the turf, and help us provide great playing conditions. They include rough slicing and over-seeding,



tee deck aeration, greens verticutting and light topdressing.

The landscaping crews have been kept busy as the community continues to grow.

The maintenance department oversaw the installation of nearly 200 trees throughout the residential development last winter. They have an additional 100 trees to plant this fall as new homes are constructed.

This year the gardening crew has planted over 10,000 annuals throughout the clubhouse gardens and the golf course. Prior to planting, more than 17,000 bulbs were removed for summer storage.

Also this year, the crews are watering more than 320 hanging baskets throughout our clubhouse and residential streets, making Crown Isle's one of the largest basket programs around.

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## Crown Isle Juniors at David Court Tournament

Junior members from Crown Isle played very well during the Annual David Court annual golf tournament on July 14 and 15. Other junior players attended from various

other clubs and played during the hot weather. Congratulations to our Crown Isle Junior Members.

## Golfers Beat the Odds at Crown Isle

Popular wisdom has the odds of making a hole in one during a game of golf at 12,000 to 1. Well, what are the odds of two guys in the same group, each making a hole in one during their round.

Harold Stevens and Reg Wesley, members at Crown Isle, each recorded a hole in one during their round on Friday, July 25 at Crown Isle. Harold aced hole #7 and Reg matched him on hole #16. Unfortunately a third hole in one for the group wasn't in their cards, as Mel Gellner, the other player in the group was only able to witness the two shots, and then take part in the after round celebration.

However, shortly after these gentlemen completed their round, a third hole in one, and then a fourth hole in one, was reported to the Golf Shop. One on hole #7 by a guest playing at the resort and the 4th on hole #12 by another Crown Isle member, Sandra Tufnail. Four hole in ones during one day at Crown Isle...what are the odds?

## Upcoming Events

Men's Ironman	September 3
Fall Classic	September 27
Men's Club Season Wind-up	September 30

### Final placings:

1st	Chris Appleyard, Crown Isle	140
2nd	Graham Osborne Glacier Greens	141
3rd	Mackenzie Osborne Glacier Greens,	142
4th	Tyler VanAnrooy, Crown Isle	143
5th	John Neufeld, Crown Isle Adam Haddad, Pheasant Glen	145
12th	Nick Meade, Crown Isle	151

## Holes in One

May 9	Joe Haugan	#7
May 14	Jim Roberts	#4
May 22	Lorne Beauchamp	#4
June 5	Ted Hodkin	#7
June 8	Wayne Fontaine	#7
June 16	Ed Preus	#12
June 22	Joan Compton	#12
June 30	Rick Glanville	#12
July 1	Helen Kitchen	#12
July 5	Lindsay Sparkes	#12
July 23	Bob MacDonald	#4
July 25	Harold Stevens	#7
July 25	Reg Wesley	#16
July 25	Don Jarrett	#7
July 25	Sandra Tufnail	#12
July 26	Richie Wardroper	#7



## Impressive Season for Young Golfers

Crown Isle's up and coming young golfers have had an impressive season to date, coming out on top against the best young players in the country - and the world.

Riley Wheeldon started off the season with a playoff win in the CN FutureLinks Pacific Championships here on his home course in early May. The tournament drew top junior golfers from across the country.

From there, Wheeldon and John Neufeld went on to earn spots on the BC Junior Team for the Canadian Junior Boys' Championships by finishing third and fourth respectively, at the BC Boys' Championship held July 8-11 in Kamloops.

A busy July then saw Wheeldon off to the Callaway Golf Junior World Golf Championships at Torrey Pines in San Diego, California. Riley finished the prestigious tournament at +8, tied for 5<sup>th</sup> with players from the United States, Thailand, Argentina and Korea.



**Junior camp:** Golf academy instructors have been busy this summer teaching young golfers the ropes with fun and games at golf camp.



**RILEY WHEELDON**



**JOHN NEUFELD**

Following that, it was back to BC for the BC Men's Amateur Championship, where again it was juniors at and near the top of the leaderboard. This tournament, held July 22-25 at the Marine Drive Golf Course in Vancouver, saw Wheeldon take 8th spot at +6.

Neufeld and Wheeldon then joined up with Swan-E-Set's Justin Shin and Charlie Hughes of Mission to earn a second place standing for Team BC at the Junior Nationals in Edmonton in August.

Riley finished tied for 21st and John Neufeld tied at 69th.

Crown Isle's Chris Appleyard, winner of this year's David Court Memorial Junior tournament, was selected to compete at the BC Summer Games in Kelowna.

Appleyard was part of the Vancouver Island golfing team, who together brought home the bronze medal.

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### *Golf Quote*

"His driving is unbelievable. I don't go that far on my holidays."

*Ian Baker-Finch, on John Daly*



## Crown Isle wins West Jet Value Award

Crown Isle Golf Resort was honoured this summer by readers of West Jet's Up Magazine as the top golf course serving the Comox Airport (YQQ) area. Readers selected top sites at all West Jet destinations to determine the winners of the inaugural West Jet Value Awards.

## Golf Digest Magazine Names Crown Isle on List of Best Places To Play

Golf Digest magazine, a division of ESPN, has included Crown Isle Resort and Golf Community on its list of Best Places to Play. The magazine reviewed more than 6,000 courses in North America with the help of some 20,000 readers.

## Spring Fashion Show

On Sunday, May 4, more than 85 ladies enjoyed a wonderful fashion show and brunch at Crown Isle. The event started off with a glass of champagne and orange juice, sponsored by Heidi Sherman from CIBC Wood Gundy. Guest speakers were Vanessa Salmons from Mint Green apparel and Lynda Drury from Floating Stone Silks.

The clothing was modeled by our new Golf Professionals, who are also instructors at the Golf Academy. Joining them on the runway were Sandy Linhart, Cheryl Davies and Sky-Hanna Niskasari. Thank you to our door prize sponsors, Vuarnet, Puma, Tigh-namara, Maida's Boutique, Daily Ladies, Roots The Salon, Floating Stone, Westcoast, Sugoi, Ryder, Glacier Greens, BeautiControl, Robert A's and Bobbies, and Crown Isle.

## *Crown Isle in Our Community*

## Fundraising Events

Crown Isle Resort is thrilled to sponsor many local charities and events.

This spring the **St. Joe's Charity Golf Tournament** returned to Crown Isle. One of the largest charity tournaments held at the resort raises critical funds to support St. Joseph's Hospital. The 18th annual tournament on June 17th raised funds to help the emergency department.

Crown Isle was once again proud to support a phenomenal year at **Vancouver Island MusicFest**, as a silver sponsor, and the **Comox Valley Youth Music Centre** as a gold sponsor. We were honoured to be the presenting sponsor of a full scholarship to one talented student for the 2009 Pacific Jazz Workshop.

This September when the **Canadian Cancer Society's Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock** rolls through town, Crown Isle is again proud to support the cause. Tired riders will enjoy a night of luxury at Crown Isle, while the public is encouraged to come out and attend the Red Serge gala dinner on Wednesday, Sept. 24.

Now is also the time to book your spot in the **9th Ducks Unlimited Fundraising Golf Tournament** coming on Sept. 7. The \$125 entry fee includes a round of golf at Crown Isle, with power cart, and the dinner banquet. FMI Contact Gayle at 250-339-0571.



## Annual Golf-A-Thon for ALS

Friday, May 30 saw the kick off for the Third Annual PGA of BC Golf-A-Thon for ALS at Crown Isle.

Head Golf Pros Jason Andrew from Crown Isle and Bill Kelly from Glacier Greens were joined by Scott Fraser and Dave Yanick in a full day of golf. They started at first light and golfed 9 rounds - averaging about 1.5 hours per round.

After beginning at Crown Isle in the morning, the foursome moved over to Glacier Greens in the afternoon. People are encouraged to pledge support to the Golf-A-Thon and can do so in the pro shops at either course or on-line at [www.golfathonforals.com](http://www.golfathonforals.com).

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, is a rapidly progressive neuromuscular degenerative

disease. ALS takes everything... your mobility, your speech, your money and ultimately your life. There is no cure for ALS, but there is help through the ALS Society of BC. The objectives of the society are to find the cause of, and cure for ALS. In the meantime, while research is underway, the society provides direct support to patients, their families and caregivers.

In 2007, through a partnership between the PGA of BC and the ALS Society of BC Golf-A-Thons were played at 29 courses throughout the province, where 58 Golf Pros participated. They raised over \$110,000 for ALS patient services. Over 8,600 holes were played! This year 64 pros at 34 golf courses are signed on, including seven courses on Vancouver Island.

## Crown Isle and CPGA Raising Funds for Prostate Cancer

The Canadian PGA is excited to announce their new partnership with the Prostate Cancer Research Foundation of Canada (PCRFC) to raise awareness of prostate cancer—the most common cancer in men. To promote awareness of the disease, the Canadian PGA ran a national campaign in partnership with the Prostate Cancer Research Foundation Canada on Father's Day - June 15th, 2008.

Crown Isle Resort donated \$5 from every green fee and guest fee on Father's Day

to the PCRFC fund. Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men, with over 24,000 Canadian males being diagnosed in this year alone. Currently, one in seven men are expected to be diagnosed in their lifetime and one in 27 will die from the disease.

Thank you to everyone who came out to help the CPGA reverse this tragic trend while at the same time honouring dads, and enjoying Father's Day on the course at Crown Isle.

PLAY



## Randy Rai Joins Crown Isle Team



at Crown Isle. He has a passion for hospitality and outstanding customer service and will stand by the resort's mission statement:

“We will create memorable experiences and develop lasting relationships by exceeding customer and employee expectations for today, tomorrow and into the future.”

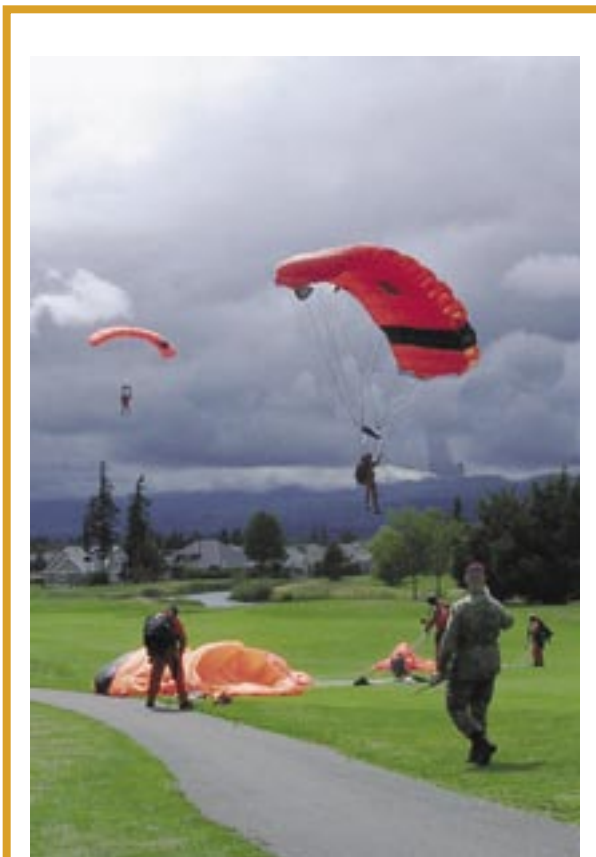
Randy has arrived for a tee time and is going to stay for a lifetime.

Randy Rai has joined Crown Isle Resort and Golf Community as the new Manager of Accommodations. Randy began his career in tourism after completing the Hotel Restaurant Management program at Malaspina College in 1987. He has since worked in a wonderful array of hotels in BC, in a variety of jobs ranging from housekeeping to Director of Sales.

Most recently, Randy was the Director of Sales of the Magnolia Hotel and Spa in Victoria. The Magnolia has been named one of the top hotels in Canada and earned a spot on Conde Naste's Gold List.

“The Magnolia Hotel and Spa gained a wonderful reputation for outstanding services and customer satisfaction,” says Randy. “It has been awarded Four Diamond status by the American Automobile Association 10 years in a row.”

Randy is Island-born and raised and is excited about his move to the Comox Valley to work



**SAR Techs:** 11 SAR Techs from 442 Squadron landed on the 18th Fairway on August 1, in honour of the retirement of Sgt. Rob Beauchamp