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Duncan Chamber News Sept 3, 2010



Duncan-Cowichan
Chamber of Commerce

Shopping in Downtown Duncan is fabulous. One of the great shops that keep travelers and locals visiting Downtown Duncan is **Wear in the World**. Arno and his staff bring the world to your door with colorful, unique fashions, jewelry, World Music CD's and much more! Stop in next time you are downtown, the store is on Craig St. Find them on [Facebook](#) or at <http://www.wearintheworld.ca/>



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(Monthly click-through sponsorship available for \$35/month. Call us for details 250 748 1111)

Hey everyone! It is almost fall...and I know you are back at work because if the decrease in vacation auto replies...it's time to kickstart your promotion plans. Send me a quick update about your business, or call to chat about other ways to keep your business busy. dwight@duncancc.bc.ca

Chamber News and Announcements

Your membership with the Duncan-Cowichan Chamber is due

This week, we used our highly sophisticated and futuristic database to send out autorenewals for membership for 2010/11. I know it seems impersonal, but with over 350 members, it is the only way we can manage. Chamber membership is from Sept 1 to Aug 31 each year. Please let us know if you did not receive your invoice, or if you encountered any other problems with the highly sophisticated system. You can even use the telephone, if you want. 250 748 1111

Next Chamber Lunch Thursday Sept 16th (at City Square Grill)

Presentations by Geoff Millar of Cowichan Economic Development and Paul Fletcher about the Return of the Swans festival. Cost is \$20 includes a fabulous lunch by Teo and the staff at City Square Grill. Please RSVP here chamber@duncancc.bc.ca More info and menu are [here](#).

Next Chamber Mixer at Holmesdale House B&B Sept 23 (New Date)

Cassandra and Chris at Holmesdale House B&B are your hosts for the next chamber Mixer. Thursday Sept 23 5:30 PM-7:30 PM. One thing that you can be sure of is there will be some

yummy food! RSVP to us here at the chamber@duncancc.bc.ca so we can make sure there is enough for everyone. More details to follow. <http://www.holmesdalehouse.ca/>

Chamber Benefit Reminder: Health Benefits..the best way to keep great staff (it is worth checking into..you deserve benefits!!)

If you have ever been pulling your hair out while trying to balance staff schedules and budgets and thought "there must be a better way!!!!"; you were right! Offering health benefits to your employees will attract the right staff to make your life easier. Employees with benefits (snicker snicker) could be the solution to your staff turnover and scheduling headaches. As a Chamber member, you have access to health benefits for you, your family and your staff. Bob Cringan is the local representative for The Chamber of Commerce Benefit Plan, contact him rcringan@shaw.ca to see if he can help you turn your business into the best place in the valley to work.

Gourmet Gala Oct 15, 2010 Great Wine, Great Food, Great Opportunity

The fifth Annual **Gourmet Gala**: a fun, delicious evening of food sampling and wine pairing, is October 15, 2010. The Gala showcases local products and talent...and is also a great way to showcase **your** business! Promotion of the Gala will start soon, and as a sponsor, your company will be widely recognized in several media. [Please click here for more information](#) on how you can participate, and gain exposure for your business. All funds raised at the Gala go towards building a new Visitor Centre for the region. www.gourmetgala.ca

We now have 5 Chefs (Quamichan Inn, City Square Grill, Satelite Bar and Grill, George Gates, Quw'utsun) and 7 Wineries (Cherry Point, Godfrey Brownell, Divino, 22 Oaks, Silverside, Deol) and also Makaria Farms, Saskatoon Berry Farm, Mayo Creek Gardens and Cowichan Bay Seafood

And from (or about) our members
(that's you, FYI)

Duncan Smoking Bylaw public meeting Sept 9 at the Phoenix

The Proposed Public Health Smoking Protection Bylaw will be going to third reading at the City of Duncan by September 20. The city is asking for public input by Sept 16th. Many of our members have expressed concern about the impacts of this bylaw on their business, and business in general within city limits. Members' concerns and comments were submitted to the City of Duncan by the Chamber in July. The Duncan Business Area Improvement Society is hosting a public meeting Sept. 9th, 5:30 PM at The Phoenix Motor Inn. [Click here for the invite](#), and [click here for the Complete Bylaw](#).

Island Savings: If there's one thing people want, it's better service. And money_(New)

Join Island Savings as a new member and you'll get up to \$150 just for signing up.* That's on top of our remarkable service and comprehensive products.

If you're already an Island Savings member, then you're no stranger to our remarkable service. When you refer a friend, they'll get the same great service and you'll get \$25. It's win-win! Ask us for details.** To learn more about these offers, or to learn more about our great products like the new cashable Stress Free GIC, contact a branch or visit www.iscu.com

* and ** means there are limitations; I don't want to put fine print in the newsletter, so contact Island Savings

Sockeye! Get your Sockeye! (New)

When it is all over the news: the size of the Sockeye run this year is getting major media attention. **Scott and Katie at Mad Dog Crabs and Seafood** have some arriving daily..get it while you can! They are on Canada Avenue..and if you haven't visited them, you really should! They know their fish: where it came from, who caught it, how to cook it..and the smoked products are out of this world!

Multi use offices for lease in Ladysmith (New)

This incredible property has only a few units left available. Beautiful skylights, a professional boardroom, stylish kitchenette and washroom complete with shower. Located in the vibrant area of Ladysmith this building is brand new. This is definitely worth a look!

Impress your clients and save money! Contact dan@kakune.com today for more information or to arrange a meeting.

Support Cowichan Sportplex and Showcase your business..Perfect!

Are you looking for a way to showcase your business in our community? The Presenting Sponsorship for the Cowichan Sportsplex Fall 4 Week Fitness Challenge is now available. This event runs for 4 weeks starting September 7 and offers huge visibility through posters, newspaper, radio, website and other print material, not to mention 16 nights of outdoor fun and fitness at the Cowichan Sportsplex. Contact Catherine at 250-746-5666 or ed@cowichansportsplex.com for more information.

Made in Cowichan? Check out this opportunity from Geoff at CVRD

This is a great initiative to clearly mark and identify products processed, made or manufactured in the Cowichan Region. The "Made in Cowichan" design labels incorporate a central style element from our Cowichan brand and provide a further association with our regional brand. EDC Cowichan will supply the first roll of 500 labels at no charge and further orders will be charged out at \$15.00 per roll of 500. [Click here](#) for more info about capitalizing on the Cowichan Brand. (editor's note: Thanks Geoff! This is a great opportunity! Well done)

Events and other fun happenings

Golf Fore the Cure Tournament for Breast Cancer Research Sept 7

Calling all ladies! This is your chance to do your part for Breast Cancer Research in BC. The first annual Golf Fore the Cure Tournament has been postponed until the 7 of September and changed to Cowichan Golf and Country Club. Enjoy an evening of fun, prizes, enter to win a Hawaiian Spa vacation. Get a team of 4 friends and **GO PINK! Golf 9 Holes with cart, Scramble, Shotgun 5:00pm, enjoy Appy's and have a blast.** \$30.00 Members, \$45.00 for Non Members. Space is limited you can register at the Pro Shop at Cowichan Golf Course, call Darcey or Cindy at Investors group 250-746-6734 or Online at www.rcgagolfforethecure.ca/participant_signup.aspx

Cowichan Wine and Culinary Festival Sept 18-19th

Check out <http://wines.cowichan.net/> for more info. This is a great opportunity to showcase Cowichan, and maybe your business, too!

Arbutus Ridge is hosting A Winemakers Dinner Sept 19th

Part of the Cowichan Wine and Culinary Festival: Enjoy a four course dinner featuring the menu of Chef Rick Davidson and wine pairings of Alderlea Vineyard. Winemaker Roger Dosman of Alderlea will be speaking about each pairing and will be available to answer questions. Cost \$70 per person <http://wines.cowichan.net/>

Hockey is Life! Event Sept 18th (with Gordie Howe!)

Norm at Duncan Christian Academy wants you to know about this event on Sept 18th. A weekend of Hockey celebrations: Gala, Street Hockey Tournament, Gordie Howe public Signing and Gordie Howe night with the Capitals. For real! Mr Hockey will be there!! <http://www.hockeyislife.ca/events.php>

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