

2009 BCRPA Symposium

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Symposium 2009 is about building strength through the unification of the various aspects of community. The focus of the educational program will be on the many interconnected dimensions of community and on the impact of cultural shifts on recreation programs, services and facilities, and on organizational culture, physical culture, arts and culture. It will explore innovative approaches to programming in an environment of changing cultures, focusing on underlying principles and building blocks.



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Keynote Speakers

Wednesday, May 27th 5:30pm



MAX WYMAN

Levelling the playing-field: The role of Recreation, Parks and Culture in a creative economy

Have Recreation, Parks and Culture been given short shrift in the ongoing debates around the increasingly important role of culture in modern Canada? This presentation will redress the balance, putting the grass into grassroots culture and linking parks and recreation to sustainability, creativity and social cohesion – central factors in the construction of the new imagination society.

Max Wyman, O.C., D.Litt (hon), is one of Canada's leading cultural commentators. He has written several books on the arts, taught critical writing and dance history in Canada and Europe, and lectures and consults on public arts policy across North America. He served on the board of the Canada Council for the Arts for six years and was President of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO (CCU) for four years. In 2001 Max was made an Officer of the Order of Canada for his services to the arts. In 2003 Simon Fraser University made him an honorary Doctor of Letters. He recently completed a three-year term as Mayor of Lions Bay and chaired the inaugural Metro Vancouver Regional Culture Committee. Max is also a founding member of the steering committee of the Canadian Arts and Learning Action Coalition.

Friday, May 29th 9am

DAVID STILLMAN

Four Generations of Customers and Clients



How can organizations communicate to one generation without alienating another? How do you teach an old product new tricks? Each generation has different needs and characteristics, and each demands a unique approach geared especially to them. This lively and topical presentation demystifies generational differences, offers hands-on advice for people who want to think in new ways about reaching the generations,

gives strategies to capitalize on each generation's attitudes and preferences, and shows how generational insights can transform communications efforts.

David Stillman is a generations expert, speaker and writer. He is the co-founder of BridgeWorks, a company dedicated to enlightening organizations on who the generations are in today's workplace and what makes them click, clash and collide. David has been interviewed on the subject by TIME, Parents magazine, CNN, CNBC and the Today Show. His research and creative output on the events and issues that have shaped generations have earned him numerous accolades including medals at the NY Film Festival, the Houston Film Festival, and the much-coveted CLIO Award. David was recently named to The Business Journal's prestigious list of "Forty Under 40" movers and shakers.

At-a-glance

Tuesday, May 26

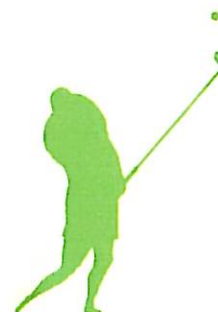
8:00am - 5:00 pm
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Pre-Symposium Sessions
Guided Tour of Richmond Oval

Wednesday, May 27

8:00 - 11:00am
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Pre-Symposium Sessions
BCRPA Golf Game
Regional District Parks Meeting
First Timers Orientation
Registration
Regional Meetings
Educational Sessions



- A1 Accessibility & Inclusion: You Are Welcome – Removing Barriers
- A2 Leadership Renewal: Who Will Be the New Leaders?
- A3 Individual & Community Well Being: Community Leader Part 1
- A4 Sustainability: What?! You Need More Resources?
- A5 Partnership Development & Collaboration: Bridging the Gap – New Partnerships with Community Sport
- A6 Infrastructure Renewal: Building for Tomorrow – Infrastructure Renewal in BC
- A7 Trends & Research: The Future of Outdoor Recreation – Connecting the Dots

2:30 - 3:00pm
3:15 - 4:45pm

Nutrition Break
Educational Sessions

- B1 Accessibility & Inclusion: From Playgrounds to Trails – Designing Parks that Include All Users
- B2 Leadership Renewal: Leading Dialogue
- B3 Individual & Community Well Being: Community Leader Part 2
- B4 Sustainability: Growing Your Own Community Garden
- B5 Partnership Development & Collaboration: School Recreation Connections
- B6 Infrastructure Renewal: Greening Our Infrastructure – Policy to Practice/Beyond the Energy Audit
- B7 Trends & Research: Changes on the Landscape – Council's Decision or the Court's?

5:00 - 6:30pm
6:30 - 10:00pm
After Hours

Opening Keynote – Max Wyman
Trade Show Opening & Social
Options described in Delegate Packages



Thursday, May 28

8:00am - 6:00pm
7:00 - 8:45am
9:00 - 10:30am

Registration
Trade Show & Exhibitors Breakfast
Educational Sessions

- C1 *Accessibility & Inclusion: Red Fox – Fostering Health & Leadership in Aboriginal Youth & Families*
- C2 *Leadership Renewal: Yes They Can*
- C3 *Individual & Community Well Being: Putting the Innovation Back into Programming – Forward Thinking & Returning to Basics*
- C4 *Sustainability: Global Warming – Should Recreation & Parks Professionals Care?*
- C5 *Partnership Development & Collaboration: The Relationship between Culture & Recreation – Moving to Collaboration*
- C6 *Infrastructure & Renewal: Richmond Oval – A Centre of Excellence for Sports & Wellness*
- C7 *Trends & Research: Forecast – Trends Affecting Recreation Services*

10:30 - 11:00am

Nutrition Break

11:15am - 12:45pm

Educational Sessions

- D1 *Accessibility & Inclusion: Happy Trails to You!*
- D2 *Leadership Renewal: Taking Creative Risks – 6 Mistakes to Avoid when Implementing New Ideas at Work*
- D3 *Individual & Community Well Being: MOVE WELL – Rocking the Foundation*
- D4 *Sustainability: Integrating Sustainability & Recreation Agendas*
- D5 *Partnership Development & Collaboration: Actively Engaging Older Adults*
- D6 *Infrastructure Renewal: Active Transportation Community Successes*
- D7 *Trends & Research: Using the Web to Promote and Market more Effectively*
- D8 *Trends & Research: BCRPA Strategic & Business Plans*



1:00 - 2:30pm

Lunch & BCRPA Annual General Meeting

2:30 - 5:30pm

Plenary Session: Whistler Olympic Venue Tours

5:30 - 7:00pm

Free Time

7:00 - 8:00pm

Pre-Banquet Reception

8:00 - 11:00pm

Banquet

After Hours

Options described in Delegate Packages

Friday, May 29

8:00am - 12:00pm

Registration

9:00 - 10:15am

Keynote – David Stillman

10:30 - 11:00am

Nutrition Break

11:00am - 12:30pm

Educational Sessions

- E1 *Accessibility & Inclusion: Working Together to Leave No Child Inside*
- E2 *Leadership Renewal: Recruitment & Retention*
- E3 *Individual & Community Well Being: Late & Unique Night Time Alternatives (LUNA)*
- E4 *Sustainability: Municipal Capital Asset Management – The Knowledge Management Model*
- E5 *Partnership Development & Collaboration: Advancing Your Active Living Program through Partnerships – Workplace Wellness*
- E6 *Infrastructure Renewal: How a Design Charrette Can Be a Catalyst for Your New Recreation Centre*
- E7 *Trends & Research: The Role of Arts & Culture in Our Communities*



12:30 - 2:00pm

Awards/Lunch/Closing Ceremonies

Pre-Symposium Sessions

held at the Telus Conference Centre in Whistler

1. Pool Safe Course

Tuesday, May 26 9:00am – 5:00pm

BCRPA Members \$75, Non-Members \$85

This one-day course provides important information and procedures to help aquatics workers and management take the necessary steps in accident prevention. Participants will enhance their knowledge and skills needed to recognize, evaluate and control hazards in a pool setting. Topics include: rights and responsibilities of employers and workers, hazards, chemical safety and emergency preparation and response. The focus is on pool worker safety rather than pool operation. Lunch included.

This workshop is approved for 7 BCRPA Fitness Registration professional development credits.

2. Walk BC

Tuesday, May 26 1:00 - 5:00pm

BCRPA Members & Non-Members – Complimentary

Walking is an easy form of physical activity for most people and regular walking can lead to long-term lifestyle changes and health benefits. BCRPA's Walk BC initiative encourages individual and group walking to increase overall health in communities. It has a range of programs that promote walking, including Walk BC training. Walk BC training is ideal for walk organizers, programmers, leaders, volunteers and anyone interested in increasing opportunities for walking their community. Training will provide participants with the skills, tools and resources needed to create, implement and lead successful walking programs.

Walk BC is a joint initiative between the Heart & Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon and the BCRPA. Funding is provided by the BC Healthy Living Alliance, with support from ActNow BC.

This workshop is approved for 4 BCRPA Fitness Registration professional development credits.

3. Everybody Active Recreation Access Workshops

Part I: Tuesday, May 26 1:00 - 5:00pm;

Part II: Wednesday, May 27 8:00 - 11:00am

BCRPA Members & Non-Members – Complimentary

Recreation plays a key role in helping community members enhance their social and physical health. However, many individuals do not access recreation opportunities because of affordability and other related barriers. The following workshops will help you learn how to remove barriers and increase access to your recreation programs and services. They are provided courtesy of BCRPA's Everybody Active Initiative. The initiative facilitates change by encouraging community mobilization and policy development to help

address the social determinants of health. Everybody Active is a joint initiative of the BCRPA and the Heart & Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon. Funding is provided by the BC Healthy Living Alliance, with support from ActNow BC.

a) Making the Case for Access

Tuesday, May 26 1:00 - 2:30pm

Access to recreation and physical activity is key to improving health in your community. This is a hands-on workshop to learn how to use materials in the "Making the Case for Access" kit to build the case for investment in access to recreation and physical activity.

b) Promising Practices in Recreation Access

Tuesday, May 26 3:00 - 4:30pm

Recreation plays a critical role in ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to experience the health benefits of physical activity. Learn about promising practices in recreation access and how your community can ensure that socio-economic status does not determine the health of residents.

c) How to Engage the "Hard to Reach"

Wednesday, May 27 8:30 - 10:00am

In every community, there are pockets of residents who are hard to reach and likely the ones who would benefit most from recreation opportunities. This interactive workshop will provide techniques to help you engage the "hard to reach" in your community to help ensure recreation opportunities are accessible to all.

d) A Taste of Everybody gets to play™

Wednesday, May 27 10:30 - 11:00am

Everybody gets to play™ (EGTP) is a community mobilization toolkit designed to help recreation professionals remove barriers to recreation for low-income children and families. In this 30-minute information session, you will learn how the toolkit and workshop can help your community ensure that everybody really does get to play.

Workshops a, b & c are approved for 1.5 BCRPA Fitness Registration professional development credits each.

4. QUEST 1

Tuesday, May 26 1:00 - 4:00pm

BCRPA Members & Non-Members \$25 (limited time Sportsfunder discounted price)

Are you a Director or Manager of a program area that delivers recreation and sport programs to children? Adopting a child-centred approach to service delivery goes hand-in-hand with successful operations and focus on risk management. By making every child's recreation and sport experience positive, organizations establish a reputation for quality and expertise that results in increased program participation, facility use, and revenue. This session assists organizations in

assessing the extent to which their organization's policies and procedures support healthy child development. Participants will explore how to incorporate a commitment to children within your policies and procedures, learn how to use the QUEST 1 and learn how to identify gaps within your own policies and procedures.

This workshop is approved for 3 BCRPA Fitness Registration professional development credits.

5. QUEST 2

Part I: Tuesday, May 26 1:00 - 5:00pm;

Part II: Wednesday, May 27 8:00 - 11:00am

BCRPA Members & Non-Members \$35 (limited time Sportsfunder discounted price)

Do you have a role overseeing and supervising services/ programs delivered to children? This session will provide you with practical training on the use of quality assurance tools for children's sport and recreation and programs. Participants can expect to gain an understanding of HIGH FIVE® and the Principles of Healthy Child Development, gain qualifications in the use of QUEST 2 and 3 quality measurement tools for observing children's experiences in programs and practice observation of programs and policy review from the perspective of healthy child development. This 7-hour workshop includes hands-on experience, resources and certification.

This workshop is approved for 7 BCRPA Fitness Registration professional development credits.

6. Playground Safety Awareness

Part I: Tuesday, May 26 1:00 - 5:00pm;

Part II: Wednesday, May 27 8:00 - 11:00am

BCRPA Members \$120, Non-Members \$145

This 7-hour course is intended to provide essential information to grounds maintenance staff, supervisory or management personnel, as well as owners of playgrounds and child care personnel. Participants will gain a clearer understanding of how their local playgrounds measure up and how others are approaching inspection, upgrades, new equipment and retrofitting.

This workshop is approved for 7 BCRPA Fitness Registration professional development credits.

7. A Taste of HIGH FIVE®

Wednesday, May 27 10:00 - 11:00am

BCRPA Members & Non-Members – Complimentary

The information session is designed to provide an overview of HIGH FIVE®. The presentation focuses on why HIGH FIVE® is important, who should be involved, the impact on the organization.

Guided Tour of Richmond Oval

Tuesday, May 26 1:30- 3:30pm

Complimentary

The Richmond Oval is a legacy, not just for that city, but for all of BC. The 32,000 square metre facility far exceeds the standard requirements for an Olympic speed skating venue and the retrofit scheduled for after the Games will allow people to enjoy a variety of quality recreational experiences for years to come. Join us in Richmond for a tour of this remarkable facility.

Regional Meetings

Wednesday, May 27 11:00am - 12:00pm

Gather with other delegates from your region of the province to exchange ideas, identify regional training needs and discuss other issues. Sessions will be facilitated by the Regional Liaisons.

Plenary Session: Whistler Olympic Venue Tours

Thursday, May 28 2:30 - 5:30pm

All Symposium delegates will take part in this exciting guided tour of some of Whistler's venues for the 2010 Winter Olympics.

The tour will begin at the Whistler Sliding Centre, located in the beautiful Fitzsimmons Valley on the southeast slope of Blackcomb Mountain. The Centre is the site of the bobsleigh, luge and skeleton competitions for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games. This high-performance, world-class sliding sports venue includes a 1,450 metre long competition track, as well as support buildings. The Centre is one of only 15 competition sliding tracks in the world and will be delivering unique opportunities and sliding programs to BC communities before, during and after the 2010 Games.

Located in the beautiful Callaghan Valley, 20 km south of Whistler, Whistler Olympic Park is the first Olympic Nordic venue to include all three traditional Nordic sport stadiums in one site: cross-country, ski jumping and biathlon. The Park will host the 2010 Olympic Games competitions in ski jumping, Nordic combined, cross-country skiing and biathlon, as well as the 2010 Paralympic Games cross-country skiing and biathlon competitions. The venue will also serve as a legacy for the enjoyment of local residents, visitors and athletes, with over 55 kilometres of recreational trails and a spectacular 11,000 square-foot day lodge.

Educational Sessions



STREAMS

» Accessibility & Inclusion

Exploring ways to ensure everyone in your community has access to programs and services to support them in leading active, healthy lifestyles.

» Leadership Renewal

Discussing how you can cultivate current and new practitioners and volunteers into the next generation of quality leaders for our sector and our communities.

» Individual & Community Well Being

Incorporating topics on different ways to foster social engagement and healthy living practices.

» Sustainability

Highlighting ways to keep your programs, facilities and community environmentally and economically sustainable.

» Partnership Development & Collaboration

Providing opportunities to learn about different types of partnerships to enhance your programs and community.

» Infrastructure Renewal

Examining the latest developments in adapting infrastructure to changing needs and to become more environmentally friendly and sustainable.

» Trends & Research

Delving into the latest trends and research that can help your programs and services remain engaging and relevant.

Wednesday, May 27th

1:00 - 2:30pm

» Accessibility & Inclusion

A1 You Are Welcome – Removing Barriers

This session will assist communities in becoming more inclusive and accessible for everybody. It will introduce ideas on how to ensure accessibility is happening right from the starting point, how to ensure staff training is ongoing, and sharing creative funding ideas to enhance accessibility.

Presenters:

Emese Szűcs is the Manager of Accessibility Projects and the Parking Permit Program for people with disabilities at SPARC BC. Emese has a Bachelor of Education with expertise in community accessibility and diversity and is well-versed in developing support systems for people with visible and other disabilities.

Karen Lai is the Project Coordinator for Accessibility and Inclusion Issues at SPARC BC. Karen has an MA in Human Kinetics with expertise in recreation for people with disabilities. She is passionate about breaking down the barriers faced by people with disabilities and enhancing the community inclusiveness.

Glenda Watson Hyatt is a prolific writer who focuses on disability-related issues. In her autobiography *I'll Do It Myself*, she shares her story of living with cerebral palsy with the aim of helping others learn that the disease is a life sentence rather than a death sentence. She blogs at the Do It Myself Blog (www.doitmyselfblog.com) and Disaboom (http://www.disaboom.com/Blogs/Left_Thumb_Blogger/Default.aspx), using only her left thumb to type.

» Leadership & Renewal

A2 Who Will Be the New Leaders?

The eventual loss of the Baby Boomers from the workforce, along with their knowledge, experience and commensurate wisdom will impact the ability of local governments to sustain effectiveness. As a result of the changing workforce, organizations are working with the most diverse group of employees in history. The wide range of

differences requires a leadership approach that recognizes four generations, distinct personal dimensions, gender, ethnicity and many other challenges. This session will focus on six key leadership behaviours that connect daily work to the strategic needs of your organization. You will learn how to influence others to work in new ways while remaining grounded in shared work values in the pursuit of a common vision. The session will challenge you to think practically about leadership, your values and visions, and the difference between leading people and managing things.

Presenter:

Doug Irwin graduated from the University of Alberta and spent 33 years with Strathcona County, serving as the Recreation and Parks Manager and as an executive officer for 14 years. Doug graduated from the Banff Centre Management Program, the University of Alberta Public Administration Program and the University of Calgary Executive Leadership Program. He is an honorary life member of ARPA.

» Individual & Community Well Being

A3 Community Leader Part 1

Community leaders play an essential role in the health of the places they live, as well as their families and other individuals. One of the many ways they do this is through their ability to represent the community's diverse voices in policy development, strategic planning, community mobilization, service delivery, and decision-making. This session will support your effectiveness as a community leader by:

- re-affirming the critical role you play;
- reviewing the tools that support you in carrying out your responsibilities;
- grounding you in trends that are impacting communities, commissions, community associations and organizations, and service providers
- sharing proven solutions which are leading to healthy outcomes.

The specific areas of focus for Part 1 and Part 2 of this session will be customized to you, the participants. They will be highly interactive and will harness the expertise of those who attend. The discussion will be complemented by the latest research

and augmented by an experienced facilitator.

Presenter:

Jennifer Wilson is the principal of Jennifer Wilson Consultants Ltd, a firm which focuses on fostering vibrant communities, strong families, and healthy individuals. She is well known for her engaging style and facilitation skills. Her unique blend of experience is founded on 20 years of professional and consulting work in community planning, policy development, community engagement, and strategy development across variety of sectors (including planning, health, education, parks, recreation and culture). Complementing her community-based experience is her leading edge work related to data, indicators, and outcome evaluation.

» **Sustainability**

A4 What?! You Need More Resources?

Have you ever had to defend an existing service or advocate for additional services? Are you able to clearly describe the social, economic, cultural and the environmental value of your services to your basic no space bullet funders (taxpayers, decision-makers, city council)? Developing systems to measure performance is a way for organizations to monitor progress towards established goals and to attribute costs to the intended results. While the majority of parks, recreation and culture departments have some form of performance measurement in place, meaningful, effective systems are much less widespread. This session will explore types of performance measurement, as well as the challenges and benefits of establishing these systems. Participants will be presented with "how to's" for establishing systems that link resources to results.

Presenter:

Joanne Edey-Nicoll is the Assistant Director of New Westminster Parks & Recreation (supervising the managers of nine facilities/service areas) and a part-time faculty member at the Langara College Recreation Leadership Diploma Program. Joanne is a graduate of Royal Roads University, MA – Leadership. Her thesis was recently published into a book called *Measuring Performances – A Link between Resources and Results*.



» **Partnership Development & Collaboration**

A5 Bridging the Gap – New Partnerships with Community Sport

A recent survey commissioned by True Sport indicates 92% of Canadians believe community-based sport can have a positive influence in the lives of youth, but only 1 in 5 believe it is fulfilling its potential. Sport's challenges include dwindling volunteer support, limited facility access, increasing fees, and growing regulatory pressure from government and sport governing bodies. The result of these challenges is that BC has recorded a 10% drop in sport participation from 1998 to 2005. How to bridge the gap between the sport we have and the sport we want? By working together to strengthen the municipal recreation-community sport partnership through the formation of community sport councils (CSC's). This session will explore the growth of CSC's in Canada, new initiatives in BC, the do's and don't of CSC formation, and how municipal recreation and sport organizations can take their traditional partnership to the next level to strengthen community sport and safeguard physical activity in our communities.

Presenter:

Paul Jurbala is a leading proponent of CSC's and principal of his own sport and recreation consulting business, communityactive, specializing in capacity-building with national, provincial and community organizations. As Director of Sport Development at the Sport Alliance of Ontario, Paul led a project resulting in the creation of over 20 CSC's between 2001 and 2004. He is also Past-Chair of the Markham Sport Council and a founding Board member of Community Sport Councils Ontario.

» **Infrastructure Renewal**

A6 Building for Tomorrow – Infrastructure Renewal in BC

Recreation facilities, programs and active infrastructure (parks, trails and bikeways) are critical to creating and supporting healthy, active communities and are central to binding them together through sport participation and social interaction. These facilities are also vital to the economic development of communities. Despite this integral role, virtually every community

throughout BC faces the challenges of aging facilities. This session will launch the BCRPA Community Recreation Facilities Assessment Analysis report. Findings of the study will be highlighted and delegates will be encouraged to discuss implications such as: the development of a comprehensive renewal strategy, the challenges and opportunities of regional planning, best practices for financing facility upgrades, advocacy tools to inform and influence local government officials, and the challenges faced by smaller communities.

Presenters:

Darryl Condon is a principal at Hughes Condon Marler: Architects, a Vancouver-based firm specializing in the design of community recreation facilities. Since 2003, Darryl has been working with the BCRPA on its British Columbia Community Recreation Facilities Assessment Study, which included the compilation and analysis of a comprehensive recreation facility database.

Kevin Pike is recently retired from the position of Director of Parks and Community Services for West Vancouver. Kevin is a past president of the BCRPA (1986-87) and continues to work on its committees. He currently serves with and has had positions in a number of other esteemed organizations.

Don Hunter, PhD is a private consultant who has continuously studied and written about trends in our field. Don is currently on the Boards of Active Healthy Kids Canada and the Lifestyle Information Network and is the recipient of the Citation of Outstanding Achievement from both the CPRA and BCRPA, and the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal (2002).

Gary Houg is the Manager of Maintenance & Engineering Services at the North Vancouver Recreation Commission. Gary has a background in consulting engineering but has spent the past several years in project and facilities management in BC's public and private sectors.

» **Trends & Research**

A7 The Future of Outdoor Recreation

What are the challenges we all face in outdoor recreation? How can we develop successful partnerships with other recreation departments, private sector contractors and outdoor venues? How do we ensure the future of affordable outdoor recreation? Be a part of this roundtable discussion and contribute your wisdom as we share and create resources that coordinators everywhere can use. We'll cover issues

such as risk management policies, finances for hard and soft costs, sponsorship for equipment, viewing outdoor recreation a tourism/economic avenue, and more.

Presenters:

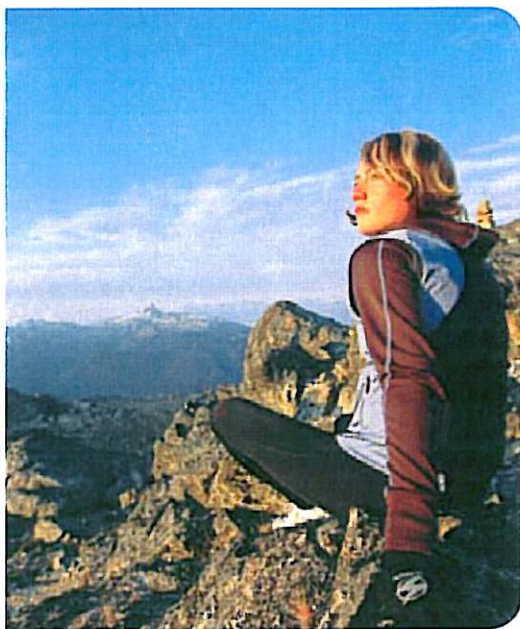
Mike Aho is the Recreation Manager for the City of Spokane. He started the city's outdoor program in 1990 and built it into one of the largest municipal outdoor programs in the US.

Carl Prince has coordinated the Whatcom County Outdoor Program for 14 years and has developed it into the second-largest outdoor program in Washington State. In all Carl has spent more than 30 years as a parks and recreation professional, working for agencies such as the US National Park Service, the US Forest Service and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

Lauren Woodmansse is Skagit County's Recreation Coordinator for Community Enrichment. Lauren has also been a member of the Washington Recreation and Park Association Board and in 2005 received the Mickey Corso Award.

Bob Pope is the Active Living Recreation Coordinator for the City of Penticton. Bob has been coordinating and co-producing outdoor programs with Washington State and other Okanagan recreation departments, such as the Cathedral Lakes Lodge Get-away, sea kayak adventures in the San Juan Islands, and the Broken Islands kayak tour and the Gulf Islands Tall Ship experience.

Greig Gjerdalen is the Convenor of the Outdoor Recreation Management program at Capilano University, in North Vancouver, teaching leadership, and community and environmental stewardship. He's also been the coach of a boys' soccer team for 10 years. Greig started in the recreation field as an adventure guide for river rafting, ocean kayaking, hiking and skiing.



Wednesday, May 27th
3:15 - 4:45pm

» **Accessibility & Inclusion**

B1 From Playgrounds to Trails – Designing Parks that Include All Users

Good design in public parks and play areas inherently includes all users. Understanding the needs of users helps to clarify a program and design approach for each site. With a little imagination and common sense, existing sites can be made more useable to more people, creating more diverse and interesting parks. You'll learn how professionals in our sector can improve access in existing park sites and apply universal design principles to new parks and play areas.

Presenter:

Shira Golden is a landscape architect specializing in universally-accessible park and playspace design. As a wheelchair user, Shira's approach to playground design incorporates thoughtful and unusual features which are inherently accessible, creating seamless and creative environments for children and caregivers. She has been working with a variety of organizations in BC to promote universal access in parks. Shira has also, as a park designer with the City of Burnaby, worked on developing accessible parks and trails.

» **Leadership Renewal**

B2 Leading Dialogue

You may recognize the need for more dialogue within your organization or between yourself and the community you serve, but how do you get people talking with each other and keep momentum? This workshop will involve you in an experiential process for deepening your understanding of dialogue and enhancing your capacity to create the climate for creative and collaborative learning that informs action. You will explore the essence of deep listening, approaches to "unpack" assumptions, and identify strategies for recognizing and removing common roadblocks to dialogue. Resources for planning and convening dialogue will be shared, along with case studies and examples from a range of settings.

Presenter:

Dr. Joanna Ashworth is the Director of Dialogue Programs at Simon Fraser University's Wosk Centre for Dialogue. Dr. Ashworth is an experienced practitioner and facilitator of dialogue methods and concepts, having worked in community, organizational, government and United Nations settings prior to joining SFU six years ago.

» **Individual & Community Well Being**

B3 Community Leader Part 2

The continuation of the morning session focussing on the essential role of community leaders (see A3 for full description).

Presenter:

Jennifer Wilson (see A3 for bio)

» **Sustainability**

B4 Growing Your Own Community Garden

Rising prices and food security concerns are leading more people to try the most local food of all – fruits, vegetables and herbs they've grown themselves. As a result, interest in community gardening has never been higher. Some benefits of this activity are evident (healthy recreation, nutritious food), but a more careful look reveals others such as community development and engaged stewardship. Even less understood are the challenges involved in starting a community garden and keeping it thriving. This seminar is fertile ground for ideas exploring the opportunities and roadblocks involved in community gardening. It introduces different models for shared growing projects to explain what works and what doesn't. It also includes a look into what potential gardeners want – a valuable resource for land-use officials wondering whether to get involved and how to do so.

Presenter:

David Tracey is an environmental designer and writer with a Masters degree in Landscape Architecture and a focus on urban ecology. David coordinates the Vancouver Community Agriculture Network for low income and other groups starting community gardens, and is Executive Director of Tree City, a non-profit organization helping residents care for the urban forest. He also sits on the Vancouver Food Policy Council.

» Partnership Development & Collaboration

B5 School Recreation Connections

What is the role of recreation in supporting daily physical activity in the school setting? Join industry experts, Action Schools! BC, the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) and representatives from the BCRPA Daily Physical Activity Pilot to learn more about opportunities, challenges, what works and what doesn't.

Presenters:

Bryna Kopelow is a member of JW Sporta: Health, Physical Activity and Sport Education Consultants (the creators of the Premier's Sport Awards Program, a physical education resource designed to help teachers and instructors teach basic sport skills to children). Bryna is involved with numerous endeavours promoting physical activity and sport at a grassroots level including being a key player in the national On the Move program.

Jennifer Fenton is a member of JW Sporta and with CAAWS delivers workshops on increasing the participation of inactive girls and women in physical activity and sport. Jennifer has served with a number of organizations and is currently a member of the Active North Shore Committee.

Sue Clark is a Program Officer for Local Government Program Services at the UBCM, and is responsible for a number of provincially-funded grants intended to address shared provincial/local government priorities. In this role, Sue is responsible for the administration of the School Community Connections Program on behalf of the UBCM, BC School Trustees Association, and the Ministry of Education, and is involved in the process to provide the local government perspective on the program.

Kara Leier is the Parks and Recreation Manager at BCRPA and oversees the Daily Physical Activity Community Recreation Connection Project.

» Infrastructure Renewal

B6 Greening Our Infrastructure – Policy to Practice/Beyond the Energy Audit

Drawing from industry and municipal experience, this session will help participants learn first hand how communities are addressing green building challenges and opportunities at a project level (including geothermal and water issues). You'll walk away with resources and tools to help you manage LEED projects more effectively, along with best practices on greening your infrastructure and saving energy.

Presenter:

Ted Battison is the Manager of Sustainability Initiatives for the Municipality of Whistler. Ted and his team produced and managed the award-winning Whistler2020 sustainability plan, and facilitated the associated community action planning process for the last five years. He is currently working with the provincial government, the UBCM and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities on local government responses to the challenges of climate change generally, and to greenhouse gas inventories in particular.

» Trends & Research

B7 Changes on the Landscape – Council's Decision or the Court's?

In October 2008, Judge Ross struck down the City of Victoria Parks Bylaw pertaining to erecting temporary structures for shelter. This session will look at the parameters and effect of that decision. An expert panel will examine various aspects of park usage, community use of public assets to address social issues, and a long-term look at park maintenance practices developed in response to delinquent behavior.

Facilitator:

Kate Friars is the Director of Parks Recreation and Community Development for the City of Victoria. Kate is also a Past President of both BCRPA and CPRA and has more than 25 years of experience with municipal parks, recreation and culture.

Thursday, May 28th

9:00 - 10:30am

» Accessibility & Inclusion

C1 Red Fox – Fostering Health & Leadership in Aboriginal Youth & Families

Red Fox is an Active Communities Vancouver initiative fostering leadership and healthy, active living in the Aboriginal community in inner city neighbourhoods. This session will provide an overview of the Red Fox program and will analyze the strategies that worked in engaging Aboriginal participants and agencies in Vancouver to collaborate to build sustainable,

effective programs and projects. A demonstration of the group's activities will be facilitated by Aboriginal Red Fox leaders at the session.

Presenter:

Emma Sutherland is a consultant coordinating Active Outreach, the branch of Active Communities Vancouver that reaches out and delivers programming (such as Red Fox) to groups that have been identified as needing more support to be active. Emma has been working in the social services and recreation fields in Vancouver's inner city since 1992. She holds a bachelor's degree in Women's Studies from Simon Fraser University and is working on her Fundraising Management Certificate from B.C.I.T.

» Leadership Renewal

C2 Yes They Can

US President Barack Obama's surge to the White House engaged more new voters in that country than ever before. He did it by appealing to younger Americans and by using technology to empower those who felt they had no voice. The result was rekindled citizen participation in the nation's business. What lessons does his world-changing victory have for citizen engagement in Canada and, in particular, British Columbia? This session examines the key lessons from the American election campaign, explores how demographics shape engagement techniques and illustrates how technology can be used to bring people into the "civics" circle.

Presenter:

David Roach is founder of *back of a napkin*, a Pacific Coast consultancy offering ideas,



strategies and inspiration to organizations facing the challenges and opportunities of change. A strategist, facilitator and coach, David's specialty is helping people and organizations learn to think and work better together. For more than three decades, he has worked to develop and apply innovative approaches to getting citizens engaged and participating in community and world affairs. David is a member of the BCRPA Board of Directors.

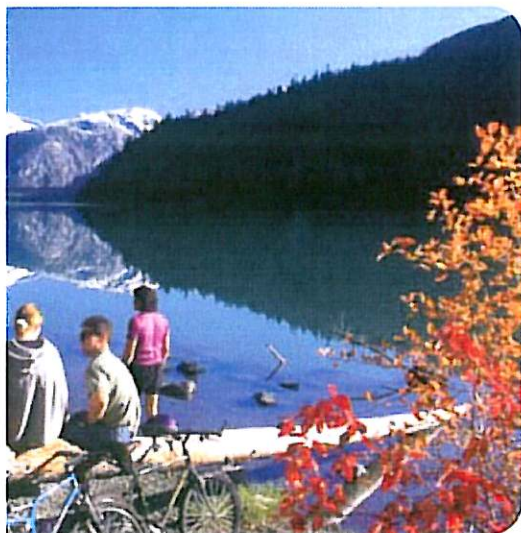
» Individual & Community Well Being

C3 Putting the Innovation Back into Programming – Forward Thinking & Returning to Basics

Putting the spark back into programming will kick-start everyone's creativity and interest level and will also elevate the "fun factors" and learning outcomes in your recreation service. Creating and reassessing your community-based and recreational programs is a constant art of balancing budgets, meeting client needs/wants/expectations and keeping staff fresh on the job. This interactive workshop is for those who want to walk away with some new ideas, games, resources, perspectives and activities that can help raise the bar in your programs.

Presenter:

Jeff Willis is the Executive Director and co-founder of Creative Toolbox, a company supporting a number of B.C. community centres and recreational associations with developing experiential and innovative programs aimed at engaging and inspiring children, youth and adults with unique community-building opportunities.



» Sustainability

C4 Global Warming – Should Recreation & Parks Professionals Care?

Does global warming mean that recreation and parks practitioners and volunteers will be organizing surfing lessons on Whistler in the future? Probably not. But what will be the impact of climate change on the way we plan and deliver recreational opportunities? Join this exploration of the effects of climate change and its potential impact on our sector's delivery systems.

Presenter:

Michael Haynes is the Director of TransActive Solutions, a company dedicated to improving the walkability and bikeability of Canadian communities. He's also a certified facilitator for Al Gore's renowned "An Inconvenient Truth" presentation, having delivered its message to audiences such as UNDP staff in Baku, Azerbaijan, and a Webinar for the University of Ottawa's Community Health Network. Previously, he was the Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Trails Federation and the National Active Transportation and TrailsCanada Coordinator of Go for Green.

» Partnership Development & Collaboration

C5 The Relationship between Culture & Recreation – Moving to Collaboration

This lively, interactive panel discussion will examine the roles and responsibilities of community development departments concerned with culture and recreation. Participants will be challenged to consider the differences and similarities between the two fields of practice. You'll be encouraged to try to find opportunities for closer collaboration between culture and recreation in leisure services (especially important with many local governments that are looking to become as efficient as possible) while respecting the uniqueness of what each has to offer.

Presenters:

Elizabeth Keurvorst is the Executive Director for the Creative City Network of Canada. She has also worked as Director of Communications & Cultural Services for the City of Port Moody and as a social-cultural program developer in Matara, Sri Lanka in the wake of the tsunami.

Allison Markin is the Arts and Cultural Officer for the City of Penticton. Allison has a strong communications background, having worked with the British Columbia Institute of Technology and the Greater Vancouver Alliance for Arts and Culture, and having served as a consultant with government agencies, charities, and business.

Joanne Edey-Nicoll (see A4 for bio)

Jane Fernyhough is the Manager of Culture & Heritage Services for the City of Richmond. Jane is also a founding Board member of the Creative City Network of Canada and currently holds the position of Past President.

» Infrastructure & Renewal

C6 Richmond Oval – A Centre of Excellence for Sports & Wellness

When the 2010 Winter Olympics are over, The Richmond Oval (the speed skating venue for the Games) will take on its "legacy" configuration, becoming a multi-purpose centre of excellence for sports and wellness. The facility will offer a wide range of sport, recreational, health, cultural and community programs for youth in the City of Richmond. This session will demonstrate how the Oval responds to community programs.

Presenter:

Marion LaRue is a Principal at Cannon Design involved in programming, planning and design services for the Richmond Oval. Marion has also been involved in the design of recreational, sports and student life architecture in BC and throughout the US.

Gregg Scott, P.Eng is the Director of Major Projects for the City of Richmond. Gregg's many years of experience have focussed on project management for municipal infrastructure such as land development, delivery of sustainable facilities, sewage collection, and transportation and storm water collection and management.



» Trends & Research

C7 Forecast – Trends Affecting Recreation Services

In April 2008, BCRPA members approved *The Way Forward*, a new strategic plan for the future of the parks, recreation and culture sector in British Columbia. In addition to the path we set for ourselves, there are a number of trends that will influence how the future unfolds for individual recreation and parks operations, and for the sector as a whole. This session will examine these trends and their potential implications on how we plan, develop and manage our services. Our ability to recognize and cope with the changes they bring will be vital in our continuing efforts to enhance our field's role in creating a high quality of life in our communities.

Presenter:

Don Hunter (see A6 for bio)

Thursday, May 28th
11:15am - 12:45pm

» Accessibility & Inclusion

D1 Happy Trails to You!

Come join us in this progressive table format to learn more about how you can make BC's beautiful trails a part of your programming and more accessible to people in your community. You'll hear about the Provincial Trails Strategy and where it's going. You'll also explore how to become involved in the Accessible Trails and Parks Assessment. And you'll hear about innovative work on trails being done by First Nations in Canim Lake.

Presenters:

Mike Prescott is the Manager of Accessible Tourism at 2010 Legacies Now, responsible for designing, developing and managing a strategy for promoting BC as a premier accessible travel destination. Mike has a background in knowledge management and social network analysis, as well as a BSc in Kinesiology and an MBA, and more than 20 years of personal, professional and volunteer experience working with people with disabilities.

Tish Diamond is the Recreation Coordinator for the Canim Lake Band, a BCRPA-Certified Personal Trainer, a CSEP-Certified Fitness Consultant and a Twist-Certified Strength and Balance Specialist. Tish has successfully secured funding for various community projects, including a multi-use trail, and has trained young athletes for the North American Indigenous Games in Denver (2006) and Cowichan (2008).

John Hawkings is the Provincial Trails Manager for the Recreation, Sites and Trails Branch of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts. John's previous experience includes forest-based recreation planning and implementation throughout the Sea-to-Sky Corridor, and implementing environmental sustainability programs in the US.

» Leadership Renewal

D2 Taking Creative Risks – 6 Mistakes to Avoid when Implementing New Ideas at Work

Are you afraid of the people who roll their eyes or slam every new idea? If your workplace is "change challenged" it can be tricky to get new ideas off the ground. This interactive, energizing and fun session will help you discover tips for preventing these roadblocks from arising, ensuring the good ideas get a chance to make a difference in your organization.

Presenter:

Carla Rieger is the Director of The Artistry of Change in Vancouver and the author of four books that help people use creativity to stay in high performance states, especially during change. Carla has also spoken to over 1,500 groups internationally. She has 15 years experience in the performing arts and has toured in her own one-woman show.

» Individual & Community Well Being

D3 MOVE WELL – Rocking the Foundation

Leisure centres are the active playgrounds of a healthy and vibrant community. Yet many could improve how they meet the demands of an ever growing population by changing focus. There needs to be a move away from fitness-based programs and services to a new mind, body, and spirit approach centered on wellness. As demographics continue to evolve, so too has the need to create spaces that are inviting to the majority of exercisers. Working out, if

planned properly, now becomes an ancillary reason for going to the gym, replaced by the desire to learn, interact socially with peers, and feel part of a spiritually-uplifting environment.

Presenters:

Donna Hutchinson is the owner of *On The Edge Fitness Educators*, as well as an accomplished fitness course conductor, personal trainer and international speaker. Donna is also the President and founder of the International Fitness Network Association (IFNA). As a BCRPA course conductor, she has educated thousands of new Fitness Leaders and aided in the implementation of new training protocols.

Eric Kristiansen is founder and president of Advanced Athletics Inc. and is recognized as one of North America's lead authorities in the planning, equipping, program design, and educational support of large scale, municipal multiplex wellness centres. His goal is to drive up recreation centre participation rates among people who exercise regularly as well as non-traditional exercise enthusiasts, or the "wellness market." Eric and his Zen Masterz teammates are also currently the reigning World Masters champions in over 40 men's basketball.

» Sustainability

D4 Integrating Sustainability & Recreation Agendas

Strategic positioning and decision-making should acknowledge the profound integration of our sustainability objectives and our key recreation policies. This session will explore various opportunities to help you succeed in making this vital connection and strengthen it into the future.

Presenter:

Ted Battiston (see B6 for bio).



» Partnership Development & Collaboration

D5 Actively Engaging Older Adults

Join our group of experts for a discussion about current practices and new developments in how our sector engages older adults. Find out more about the Seniors' Healthy Living Framework, the ActNow BC Seniors Community Parks and other ways to support older adults in your community in remaining active. Hear about some of the exciting projects taking place in Williams Lake like the "Senior Sampler Physical Activity Initiative", or programs for the Canoe Creek Elders. And explore the Boomer Friendly Boot Camp concept and other resources and initiatives. When you take part in this session, you'll learn how you can integrate these new initiatives and others into your programming and facilities to enhance how you engage older adults in your community.

Presenters:

Doni Eve is the Manager of the Active Aging, BC Healthy Living Secretariat. She has worked on various health promotion initiatives for the BC government since 1998 and on seniors' health for the past six years.

Jeff Doyle is the BCRPA's Fitness Program Manager, responsible for maintaining industry standards as well as educating and training future Fitness Leaders. Jeff holds a bachelor's degree in Human Kinetics and has over 10 years of experience in the fitness industry as a Personal Trainer, educator, administrator and entrepreneur.

Denise Skarra is the Recreation Coordinator with the City of Williams Lake and has also planned recreation activities for the Canoe Creek Indian Band. Denise has coordinated exciting seniors programs for the Band and the City and has made the focus of her work addressing changing lifestyles and community development projects.

» Infrastructure Renewal

D6 Active Transportation Community Successes

In the past decade, increasing numbers of Canadian communities have concerned themselves with making their streets friendlier for pedestrians and cyclists. Even so, the national numbers of commuters practising Active Transportation has continued to decline. Have there been any successes, or is the motorized tide still rolling over everything in its path? This session

will provide numerous examples, from metropolitan centres to rural areas, of Canadian communities that have made a commitment to Active Transportation – and are achieving results.

Presenters:

Cara Fisher is BCRPA's BEAT (Built Environment & Active Transportation) Initiative Coordinator. Cara is also a self-professed bike geek who has spent the last four years dedicated to active transportation education and advocacy.

Michael Haynes (see C4 for bio)

» Trends & Research

D7 Using the Web to Promote and Market more Effectively

This learning session will showcase how Twitter, Facebook and Online Video can be used to market and promote your programs with little to no cost.

Presenter:

Stephen Jagger is a serial entrepreneur who has been starting businesses since high school. He is currently involved in two companies. Combustion Labs Media Inc, operating as Ubortor.com, is a software company providing websites and online marketing tools to thousands of real estate agents across North America. His other business, Reachd.com, is a training company focusing on marketing professionals and businesses interested in learning more about search engine optimization, blogging, online video, Google Adwords and social media.

» Trends & Research

D8 BCRPA Strategic & Business Plans

This session is an opportunity to discuss with the Board of Directors the direction & priorities of the Association and the future of the national association.

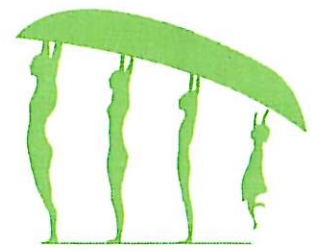
Friday, May 29th

11:00am – 12:30pm

» Accessibility & Inclusion

E1 Working Together to Leave No Child Inside

Learn how community-based strategies can connect children with the outdoors. The session will begin with a history of the Leave No Child Inside Movement. It will then focus on the current



actions being taken by the public and private sectors in North America and internationally to give every child a special place in nature. Participants will receive information on empowering their local communities, strategies to influence policymakers, and tips on building non-traditional partnerships to ensure every child has an opportunity to experience nature.

Presenter:

Martin LeBlanc is the Chair of the No Child Left Inside Committee in Washington State, as well as Vice-President of the Children and Nature Network. Martin is also National Youth Director for the Sierra Club, where he oversees the organization's youth programs and advocacy efforts relating to children and nature. And he is a member of the North American Association for Environmental Education's Advocacy Committee.

» Leadership & Renewal

E2 Recruitment & Retention

This session is your chance to follow-up with David Stillman on his keynote speech. Ask David about what your organization can do to safely navigate the generation gaps and stay relevant to people of all ages.

Presenter:

David Stillman (see keynotes for bio)

» Individual & Community Well Being

E3 Late & Unique Night Time Alternatives (LUNA)

LUNA is a community-level, crime prevention strategy offering late-night, alcohol-free recreation and leisure programming in Whistler as a healthy nightlife alternative. The program features an event training component, innovative partnerships with community groups, and large and small-scale events. Most importantly, it's successful. The RCMP has noted a 20% decrease in alcohol-related calls to the detachment on the nights LUNA

events are offered. Since its beginning in 2003, LUNA has quadrupled its amount of programming. A panel of diverse community representatives will describe the history, nature, structure, and success of the program, and how it can be implemented in your community.

Presenters:

Kiran Pal-Pross is the Coordinator of the LUNA program, with her work involving sustainability planning, grant writing, event production, marketing, PR, the supervision of up to 100 casual volunteers and the training & development of up to 12 young adults annually. Her social sustainability work began with Whistler Community Services prior to working with the Resort Municipality of Whistler.

Sandra Smith is the Bylaw Supervisor for the Resort Municipality of Whistler. As part of the Late Night Noise Task Force in 2002, Sandra was the driving force behind the creation and pilot activities of the LUNA program, and continues to help fund and guide the program today.

Inspector Norm McPhail is the Officer In Charge of Sea to Sky Regional Police Services for the RCMP, managing four full-service police detachments, two tribal police services, three community police offices, with 80 sworn peace officers and 56 support staff. Inspector McPhail was key in helping to create the LUNA program in Whistler.

Roger Weetman is the Manager of Recreation Services with the Resort Municipality of Whistler. Roger ensures that Whistler's recreation services are in line with the Resort's Community Sustainability Plan.

Reggie Tika is the Founder of Teeks Techniques, a West Coast Canadian-based events producer and promoter of public music entertainment. Reggie began as a young adult volunteer for the LUNA program, then became a Community Event Coordination graduate, and was hired as the Events Facilitator prior to starting his own events business.

» Sustainability

E4 Municipal Capital Asset Management – The Knowledge Management Model

The goal of Municipal Capital Asset Management is to meet a required level of service, in the most cost effective manner, through the management of assets for the present and future. Municipal managers need the ability to reach information they can trust, when they need it, in the format they require for strategic decision making. With local governments now having to comply with the Public Sector Accounting



Board to present information about the complete stock of their tangible capital assets, the opportunity and necessity to implement a Municipal Capital Asset Management strategy is now. This session will cover a number of best practices, including: developing cost effective management strategies for the long term; managing risks associated with failures; and sustainable use of physical resources.

Presenters:

Steve Cripps is the Managing Principal of FAME Asset Management Solutions. Steve has 35 years experience in the management profession and is an expert in developing transformational business and asset management plans.

David Molinaro, P.Eng is the Vice President of Business Development for FAME Asset Management Solutions. David has spent more than 12 years dedicated to providing asset management solutions to the public sector.

» Partnership Development & Collaboration

E5 Advancing Your Active Living Program through Partnerships – Workplace Wellness

Learn how to enhance your existing program by developing partnerships within the workplace and the community. Topics will include: knowing your program and the needs of your audience, knowing what is in your community, building partnerships and relationships.

Presenters:

Megan Olson is a Wellness and Learning Centre Coordinator for Teck. Megan has also facilitated Active Community and Active Workplace Workshops in the Kootenays and has a degree in Kinesiology.

Gord Menelaws has worked for The United Steel Workers at Teck as a Health and Safety Coordinator for 9 years. Gord also sits on many of the company's employee engagement committees and has participated in a wellness program as a representative of Local 480.

» Infrastructure Renewal

E6 How a Design Charrette Can Be a Catalyst for Your New Recreation Centre

This session will provide participants with an overview of how a design charrette can be a catalyst for and integral part of a recreation centre building design. Because many of BC's recreation facilities are outdated, recreation professionals are anxious to play a key role in the design of their new or improved buildings. The charrette process creates a unique opportunity for recreation providers and key stakeholders to play an integral and hands-on role designing their building with their architect. This inclusive and transparent process helps to facilitate consensus-based solutions.

Presenters:

Mark Hentze is a partner at CEI Architecture Planning Interiors, leading the firm's Recreation, Culture, and Community sector. With a background in high-level sports, Mark has a passion for recreation and an intuitive understanding of what makes facilities special from a user perspective.

Brian Storrier is a principal at Storrier Consulting Group, representing clients for infrastructure projects. Over more than 30 years, Brian has held a number of positions in our sector, including leading recreation operations and programming for Canadian Armed Forces members stationed in Germany while he was in the Navy, and serving as both Treasurer and President of the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association.

Richard Bolus is a senior partner at CEI Architecture. Richard is a leader in CEI's sustainable design initiatives, as well as a trained public facilitator who focuses on helping to build consensus-based design solutions for a variety of projects.

» Trends & Research

E7 The Role of Arts & Culture in Our Communities

Get a fascinating overview of cultural planning and mapping in Canadian communities. You'll be introduced to the concepts of integrating community cultural planning into the larger context of leisure services. And you'll take part in exercises designed to help you think about the creative side of your community and how to improve its services.

Presenter:

Elizabeth Keurvorst (see C5 for bio)

Social Activities

Wednesday May 27, 2009

Golf Game

8:00am - 12:00pm

Tee-off your Symposium experience by joining us at the renowned Whistler Golf Club for a few holes. Whistler Golf Club is not a course that one merely plays - it is an enriching adventure to be savoured. Considered one of the most beautifully landscaped playgrounds in the province, Whistler Golf Club delivers an unforgettable experience with its spectacular view, signature design and friendly staff. This par 71, 18-hole golf course designed by Arnold Palmer offers panoramic views and first-rate facilities.

BCRPA Golf Game Details:

- 6:30 - 7:30am – deluxe buffet breakfast
- 8:00am – Shotgun start
- Cost: \$125 per person (includes green fees, breakfast, golf cart, and sleeve of top-elite balls)
- Appropriate golf attire required (layers are recommended for the sub-alpine climate)
- Shared Power Cart
- Bag valet upon arrival
- Personalized bag tags for each player
- "Closest to the Pin" and "Longest Drive" prizes
- *Registration deadline is April 27, 2009 or until sold out. No cancellations.*

First Timers' Orientation

9:30 - 10:00am

Are you new to the profession or the province? Is this your first Symposium? We're looking forward to welcoming you at this fun get-together where we'll make sure you have all the information you need to experience Symposium to the fullest.

Tradeshow Opening & Social

6:30 - 10:00pm

Get Symposium off to a great start with food, entertainment and fun at the Tradeshow Opening and Social. Win

prizes, link-up with friends from across the province and meet some of the exhibitors to learn about products and services that can take your programs and facilities to the next level. You won't want to miss this fantastic event!

After Hours

WATERING HOLES:

Dance the night away: Buffalo Bill's*, Tommy Africa's*, Garfinkel's*

Fun Pubs: Longhorn, Garibaldi Lift Company Black's Pub

Social atmospheres: Cinnamon Bear Bar, Mallard Bar, Brew House,

Meet the locals: Tapley's Pub, Citta's

**Cover charges apply. Prices range from \$8 – \$20, depending on day, time and band. Each establishment is responsible for setting their own coverage charge.*

Thursday, May 28, 2009

Exhibitor Breakfast

7:00 - 8:45am

BCRPA AGM & Delegates' Lunch

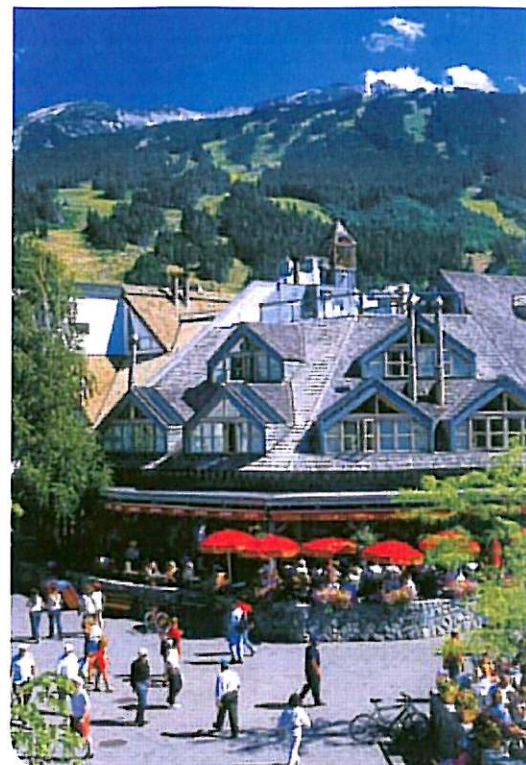
1:00 - 2:30pm

Visit the Symposium Information Fair and learn more about our partner organizations and the important contributions they make to enhance quality of life in British Columbia. Watch for more details on the BCRPA website and in the upcoming Symposium On-Site Guide.

Free Time

5:30 - 7:00pm

The slogan for Whistler's Community Life Department is "Whistler IS Recreation", guaranteeing lots of fun activities for people of all interests and abilities. The community offers everything from casual activities for the social participant, to options for a little bit of sweat and a whole lot of fun, to



experiences to get the heart pumping in any athlete. Let Whistler show you its *Strength in CommUNITY.*

Pre-Banquet Reception

7:00 - 8:00pm

(no host bar)

Banquet

8:00 - 11:00pm

After Hours

(see Wednesday's information for list of spots for after hours fun)

Friday, May 29, 2009

BCRPA Provincial Awards, Delegates' Lunch & Closing Ceremonies

12:30 - 2:00pm

Trade Show

Discover more tools to help you add strength to your community in the exhibit area. The displays will feature dozens of new and innovative commercial and educational products and services to assist your organization.

BCRPA Annual General Meeting

Thursday, May 28 1:00 - 2:30pm

The Annual General Meeting is an opportunity to learn about and discuss developments in your Association and to guide future priorities and actions.

Accommodations

It is our privilege to offer you a choice of two beautiful hotels during your stay at Symposium in Whistler: the Delta Whistler Village Suites; and the Westin Resort & Spa Whistler.

BOOK YOUR RESERVATION:

Delta Whistler Village Suites

Book by phone: 1-888-299-3987

Book by email: reservations-dwvs@deltahotels.com

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Westin Resort & Spa Whistler

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Book online: www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/BCRPA2009

Note: Reservations received after May 26, 2009 will be accepted on a space available basis, at the best available sell rate.





Registration Form

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PRE-SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS:

Please indicate and include payment for your selected sessions:

1. Pool Safe Course

Tuesday, May 26 9:00am - 5:00pm

☐ BCRPA Member \$75.00 ☐ Non-Member \$85.00

2. Walk BC

Tuesday, May 26 1:00 - 5:00pm

☐ Complimentary for BCRPA Members & Non-Members

3. Everybody Active Recreation Access Workshops

PART I: Tuesday, May 26

- ☐ a. Making the Case for Access 1:00 - 2:30pm
- ☐ b. Promising Practices in Recreation Access 3:00 - 4:30pm

PART II: Wednesday, May 27 8:00 - 11:00am

- ☐ c. How to Engage the "Hard to Reach" 8:30 - 10:00am
- ☐ d. A Taste of Everybody gets to play™ 10:30 - 11:00am

Complimentary for BCRPA Members & Non-Members

4. QUEST 1

Tuesday, May 26 1:00 - 4:00pm

☐ BCRPA Members & Non-Members \$25
(limited time Sportsfunder discounted price)

5. Quest 2

Part I: Tuesday, May 26 1:00 - 5:00pm; Part II:

Wednesday, May 27 8:00 - 11:00am

☐ BCRPA Members & Non-Members \$35
(limited time Sportsfunder discounted price)

6. Playground Safety Awareness

PART I: Tuesday, May 26 1:00 - 5:00pm;

PART II: Wednesday, May 27 8:00 - 11:00am

☐ BCRPA Members \$120 ☐ Non-Members \$145

7. A Taste of HIGH FIVE®

Wednesday, May 27 10:00 - 11:00am

☐ Complimentary for BCRPA Members & Non-Members

Guided Tour of Richmond Oval

Tuesday, May 26 1:30 - 3:30pm

☐ Complimentary for BCRPA Members & Non-Members

Regional District Parks Meeting

☐ Wednesday, May 27 9:00am - 12:00pm

Regional Meetings

Wednesday, May 27 11:00am - 12:00pm

- ☐ Vancouver Island/Coast
- ☐ Vancouver/Lower Mainland
- ☐ Thompson/Okanagan
- ☐ Kootenays ☐ Cariboo
- ☐ Peace River/Liard ☐ North Coast Nechako

SESSION CHOICES:

To assist us in room assignment, please indicate your preferred interest with a check beside your first choice (please note this does not commit you to or guarantee space in any of these sessions):

Wednesday, May 27, 2009

1:00 - 2:30pm

- ☐ A1 You Are Welcome - Removing Barriers
- ☐ A2 Who Will Be the New Leaders?
- ☐ A3 Community Leader Part 1
- ☐ A4 What? You Need More Resources?
- ☐ A5 Bridging the Gap - New Partnerships with Community Sport
- ☐ A6 Building for Tomorrow - Infrastructure Renewal in BC
- ☐ A7 The Future of Outdoor Recreation - Connecting the Dots

3:15 - 4:45pm

- ☐ B1 From Playgrounds to Trails - Designing Parks that Include All Users
- ☐ B2 Leading Dialogue
- ☐ B3 Community Leader Part 2
- ☐ B4 Growing Your Own Community Garden
- ☐ B5 School Recreation Connections
- ☐ B6 Greening Our Infrastructure - Policy to Practice/Beyond the Energy Audit
- ☐ B7 Changes on the Landscape - Council's Decision or the Court's?

Thursday, May 28, 2009

9:00 - 10:30am

- ☐ C1 Red Fox - Fostering Health & Leadership in Aboriginal Youth & Families
- ☐ C2 Yes They Can
- ☐ C3 Putting the Innovation Back into Programming - Forward Thinking & Returning to Basics
- ☐ C4 Global Warming - Should Recreation & Parks Professionals Care?
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11:15am - 12:45pm

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- ☐ D3 MOVE WELL - Rocking the Foundation
- ☐ D4 Integrating Sustainability & Recreation Agendas
- ☐ D5 Actively Engaging Older Adults
- ☐ D6 Active Transportation Community Successes
- ☐ D7 Using the Web to Promote and Market more Effectively
- ☐ D8 BCRPA Strategic & Business Plans

2:30 - 5:30pm

Whistler Olympic Venue Tours - Plenary session for all delegates

Friday, May 29, 2009

11:00am - 12:30pm

- ☐ E1 Working Together to Leave No Child Inside
- ☐ E2 Recruitment & Retention
- ☐ E3 Late & Unique Night Time Alternatives (LUNA)
- ☐ E4 Municipal Capital Asset Management - The Knowledge Management Model
- ☐ E5 Advancing Your Active Living Program through Partnerships - Workplace Wellness
- ☐ E6 How a Design Charrette Can Be a Catalyst for Your New Recreation Centre
- ☐ E7 The Role of Arts & Culture in Our Communities

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Special Requirements (dietary, accessibility, other):

Is this your first Symposium? ☐ yes ☐ no
Are you a BCRPA member? ☐ yes ☐ no
Are you a Community Leader (commissioner, councilor, committee or board member of a recreation society)? ☐ yes ☐ no

Delegate Fees:
Early Registration Deadline is April 27, 2009

Registration Category	Registration Fee – Until April 27, 2009	Registration Fee – After April 27, 2009
BCRPA Member	\$399.00	\$479.00
Non-Member	\$505.00	\$581.00
Daily	\$185.00	\$185.00
BCRPA Student Member	\$239.00	\$239.00
Non-Member Student	\$270.00	\$270.00

Note: Registration as a member applies to anyone holding a current 2009 BCRPA membership. Please visit www.bcrpa.bc.ca for further information on BCRPA Membership.

Note: Daily registration includes keynotes, educational sessions and breakfast and lunch meals.

OPTIONAL – BCRPA GOLF GAME

Wednesday, May 27 8:00am - 12:00pm
\$125.00 per person

Please pair me with the following golfers*:

Golfer 1: _____

Email: _____

Golfer 2: _____

Email: _____

Golfer 3: _____

Email: _____

**BCRPA will make every effort to accommodate your requests. Please note if you are an individual golfer and we will place you on a team.*

☐ Check here if you would like rental clubs

(an additional charge of \$50 + taxes will be charged to your credit card in advance to the Whistler Golf Club)

☐ Male ☐ Female
☐ Right-handed ☐ Left-handed

Extra Event Tickets

Event	Fee	No. of Tickets
Thursday Exhibitors Social	\$40.00	
Friday Breakfast	\$20.00	
Friday Lunch	\$30.00	
Friday Banquet	\$50.00	
Saturday Lunch	\$40.00	

TOTAL FEES TO BE PAID = \$

Method of payment: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard
☐ Cheque made payable to "BCRPA"

Name of cardholder _____

Card Number _____

Expiry date _____

Signature of cardholder _____

Note: Payment must accompany this form, invoices will not be issued.

Cancellations and Refunds: A full refund less a \$50 cancellation fee will be given for cancellation received in writing on or before April 27, 2009. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after April 27, 2009.

For details, visit http://www.bcrpa.bc.ca/training_symposium/symposium/2009.htm

Directions

GETTING TO WHISTLER VILLAGE

From: Vancouver International Airport & Vancouver

- Exit parking lot & continue straight
- Proceed over Arthur Lang Bridge
- Continue straight along Granville Street
- Proceed over the Granville Street Bridge
- Via RIGHT onto the Pacific Boulevard Exit
- Follow signs marked to: Whistler
- Proceed along Pacific Street, which turns into Beach Street
- Via RIGHT onto Denman Street
- Turn LEFT onto Georgia Street
- Proceed over the Lions Gate Bridge to the Upper Levels Highway
- Take the Squamish/Whistler Exit (#2) at Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal
- Travel north on Highway #99 (also known as the Sea to Sky Highway)
- Turn RIGHT onto Whistler Way

From: the Lower Mainland

- Drive over the Second Narrows Bridge
- Take the Squamish/Whistler Exit (#2) at Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal
- Travel north on Highway #99 (also known as the Sea to Sky Highway)
- Turn RIGHT onto Whistler Way

From: Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal

- Take the Squamish/Whistler express lane
- Turn LEFT onto Highway #99 (also know as the Sea to Sky Highway)
- Turn RIGHT onto Whistler Way

From: the North

- Take Highway #99 South to Whistler
- Turn LEFT at the traffic light onto Village Gate Boulevard,
- Turn RIGHT onto Whistler Way

Symposium will be held at the Telus Whistler Conference Centre

- 4010 Whistler Way
- Located centrally in the Whistler Village
- NOTE: limited 3-hour underground parking spaces available

Travel opportunities:

- Whistler Mountaineer, train service, www.whistlermountaineer.com, 1.800.913.9207
- BC Ferries, www.bcferries.bc.ca, 1.888.223.3779
- Air Canada, www.aircanada.com, 1.888.247.2262
- West Jet, www.westjet.com, 1.888.937.8538
- Perimeter Airport Bus Service to/from the Vancouver International Airport, www.perimeterbus.com, 1.877.317.7788 (please note: reservations are recommended and must be made 24 hours in advance).
- Greyhound Bus Lines, www.greyhound.com, 1.800.231.2222

Road Updates:

- For up-to-date road conditions and closures, www.drivebc.ca, Route: Highway 99, 1.800.550.4997

Day Parking, Skier Parking Lots, 1 - 3 Whistler Village

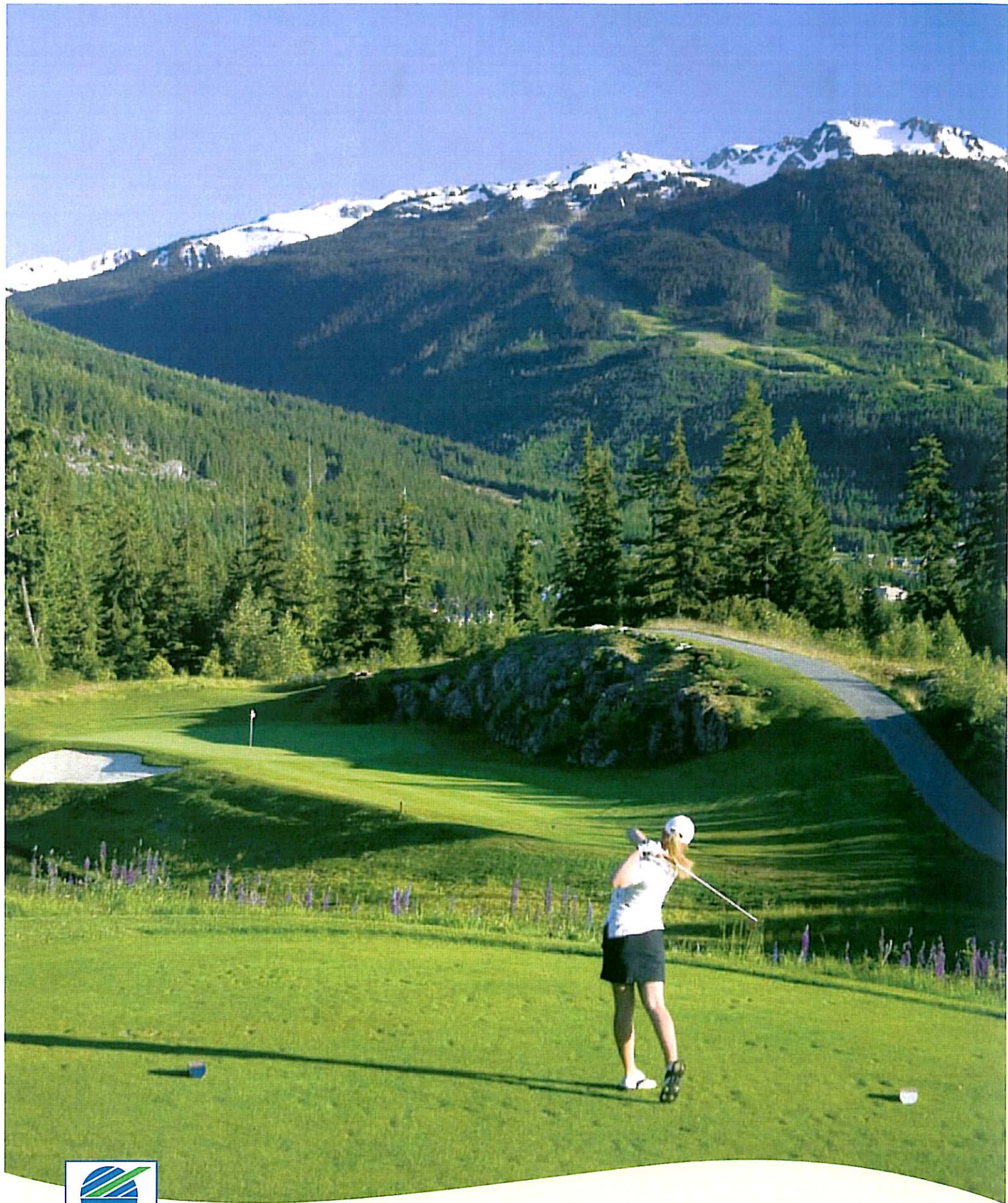
- Limited day parking is available on Blackcomb Way. Cost: FREE. Hours: 6am-2am. (please note: these parking lots will be under construction during the Symposium)
- Approximately a 5 - 10 minute walk from parking lots to the Telus Whistler Conference Centre.



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