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Next edition of the Fernie Chamber News E-Bulletin: Thursday, March 11, 2010

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Email plain text copy to: office@ferniechamber.com

FEATURE STORY

WE DON'T MEAN TO BRAG BUT...

In 2009 the Fernie Chamber of Commerce saw 35 new members join the Chamber. Already in 2010 been 8 new members have joined the Chamber.

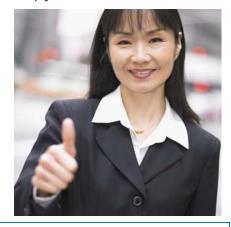
New Members in 2009:

- Bisaro Woodworking
- East Kootenay Stoneworks
- McDonald Ranch & Lumber Ltd
- Cincott Farms Organic Market
- Mercier Excavating
- Two Owls Collect Design
- Mountain Shores Development Corp
- •The Healing Collective
- Pacific Coastal Airlines
- Agri-Green Biodiesel
- Eco Dogs Grooming
- AK Maintenance Services
- Tourism Kimberley
- Fernie Physiotherapy (new Owners)
- Backhoe King Services
- Purely Maintenance
- · Easy Cruiser Inc
- Bluerock Engineering Ltd
- Evinco Holdings Ltd
- · Hospitality Associates USA
- Books Anew
- Dano's Septic Services/ Recreational Services
- · Livery Home
- 6:8 Photography

- Old Nurses Residence B&B
- Homeopathica
- Fernie Childcare Society
- Loaf Bakery
- Living Truth Yoga & Traditional Thai Massage
- Cinnamon Bear Lodge B&B
- Sears
- Movement Matters Rehabilitation
- Dr. A.M. Kahane
- Trico Developments Corp
- Cathy Smith Clark

New Members in 2010:

- Snow Valley Guiding Ltd
- Beavertail Lodge B&B
- Kootenay Sales and Marketing
- Wolfe Builders
- Fernie Real Estate (New Owner)
- Lodgecraft Home Furnishings
- Bunches
- Simply Bamboo



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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Group Health Insurance

Contact: Wayne Haddad 828 Baker Street, Cranbrook BC V1C 1A2

Phone: 250-426-4221 ext 2208 Fax: 250-426-8516 www.bcbenefitplan.com

VersaPay Merchant Services

TEL: 604-678-3230 or 1-866-999-8729 www.versapay.com/partners/bcchamber

TD Merchant Service

TEL: 1-800-363-1163 or 1-888-879-4044 ext 3367 or chamber@firstdata.com

Grand & Toy

Contact: Kathy Ryan

TEL: 1-604-323-7524 or ryank@grandtoy.com

Payworks

TEL: 1-888-479-8101

or angela.peskett@payworks.ca

Primus Long Distance

TEL: 1-800-806-32⁷3 for residential 1-888-502-8380 for business Primus Telecommunications Canada 5343 Dundas Street, W, Suite 400 Etobicoke Ontario M9B 6K5

Esso Imperial Oil

Contact: Dennis Guevin Imperial Oil 3172 Qu'appelle St, Victoria BC V9A 1V4 TEL: 888-817-0590

Husky- Mohawk

707 8th Avenue SW, Box 6525 Stn D Calgary AB T2P 3G7 TEL: 403-298-6111

Petro Canada

Contact: Paul Fox 1-800-668-0220 ext 2176

ADVERTISING & PROMOTION

Bi-weekly Chamber News E-Bulletin Monthly Chamber Business Meetings Business Info at the Visitor Centre Business info on the Chamber Website

NETWORKING

Business Workshops and Seminars Business Breakfasts/Luncheons

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT/EDUCATION

Business Resource Centre Business Workshops and Seminars

MEETING ROOMS AND OFFICE RENTALS

EQUIPMENT RENTALS

PHOTOCOPYING/FAX/INTERNET

For more info call the Fernie Chamber 250-423-6868

Are you taking full advantage of your Chamber Membership Investment? Got questions? We can help. Call the Fernie Chamber at 250-423-6868



~ Upcoming Courses ...

Confined Space

Fee: \$199 Date: Feb 27 (Sat.) Time: 8:00am – 5:00pm

AST 1 (Avalanche Skills Training)

Fee: \$125

Date: Mar 1,2,4 (Mon.,Tue.,Thu.) Time: 7:00pm – 10:00pm Date: Mar 6 (Sat) Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm

Outlook - Time Management

Fee: \$85

Date: Mar 1 & 3 (Mon. & Wed.) Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Sports Massage

Fee: 80 + GST

Date: Mar 1 - 22 (Mon.) Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Intro to Trades Info Session

Fee: FREE
Date: Mar 2 (Tue.)
Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Class 4 Driver Training

Fee: \$199 Date: Mar 4 (Thu.) Time: 6:30pm – 10:00pm

Hoisting and Rigging

Fee: \$199 Date: Mar 6 (Sat.) Time: 8:00am – 5:00pm

Recreational Reflexology

Fee: \$100 & GST

Date: Mar 6 & 7 (Sat. & Sun.) Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Canadian Firearms Safety

Fee: \$99 + GST + \$25 exam fee Date: Mar 13 & 14 (Sat. & Sun.) Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm

OFA 1

Fee: \$125 Date: Mar 19 (Fri.) Time: 8:00am – 5:00pm

H2S Alive

Fee: \$249 Date: Mar 20 (Sat.) Time: 8:00am – 5:00pm

Reiki Level 1

Fee: \$165

Date: Mar 20 & 21 (Sat. & Sun.) Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm

Reiki Level 2

Fee: \$550

Date: Mar 20 & 21 (Sat. & Sun.) Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm

The Wonders of the Web

Fee: \$49

Date: Mar 22 - 24 (Mon. & Wed.) Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Intro to Excel

Fee: \$99

Date: Mar 22 - 29 (Mon. & Wed.) Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

St. John Standard First Aid

Fee: \$249

Date: Mar 25 & 26 (Thu. & Fri.) Time: 8:00am – 5:00pm

For more information on these and other courses, please call the College of the Rockies at 423-4691 or visit our website at www.cotr.bc.ca.

Speaker Series Luncheon "Passion for the Community"

Parker Knox

Respected and Recognized Canadian Speaker



Friday, March 12 12.30pm: Registration 1pm: Luncheon Fernie Golf & Country Club

Pre-registration required by March 4 FABDA members, Chamber members, COTR full-time students: \$25 Non-members: \$45

Pre-payment or payment at the door only

recognized internationally as a champion for the voice of the customer, employee effectiveness and organizational change. Parker has worked extensively with the Royal Bank of Canada, Microsoft, Starbucks Corporation and the Vancouver Stock

With an enthusiastic and infectious attitude, Parker will inspire you to realize your potential and to focus on the power of positivity and the power of human performance. This event is open to the public and all business sectors to educate our community and help Fernie grow.





Register by email: info@fabda.ca

www.fabda.ca



Art Opening at the **Art Station Gallery**

Capturing life...as it happens

Recent Photography of Michael Tenszen

Opening Thursday, February 25 at 7 pm

A Show of un-posed, candid portrait, or an unconventional scene try to capture the essence of a person in that moment or the essence of the feeling of a place, rather than the superficially beautiful. I believe there's an unfilled niche for capturing people doing what they love to do, whether it's skiing, motorcycling or playing rugby...lifestyle photography.

My mother gave me my first camera when I was about 11. I still remember racing down to the local developer with those rolls of 35mm film and painfully waiting weeks to see what images I created. I'm happy to see the technology changing since those early days and I've willing embraced the new ways.

A lot, if not all, of my inspiration comes from Fernie and most of the pictures in this exhibition were chosen because they represent what I see and love about Fernie. It's such an incredible little slice of our world. No matter what the season, there is beauty. The things most of us take for granted...those damn power lines obstructing an otherwise perfect mountain view, the shovels used to dig us out every winter, the train tracks, all form a part of what is my Fernie.



For more information: Call Oz Parsons at The Arts Station info@theartsstation.com

250-423-4842



WHAT'S HAPPENING @ FERNIE ALPINE RESORT

Please check our website for regular updates - www.skifernie.com

RAGING ELK DUMMY DOWNHILL - SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH

A highlight of Fernie's winter Griz Days festival, the Dummy Downhill will enter into it's 27th year! Strictly for fun, this competition features imaginative & hilarious "dummies" on skis launching themselves off a gigantic jump beside the Timber Chair. Dummies can be made from a variety of materials and creativity is stressed! Dummies are judged based on their construction, creativity, distance they fly off the jump and the carnage factor when they land!! Spectators and families LOVE this event and it is one not to miss!!

For more information or to register your "dummy", please contact Guest Services at 250-423-4655 or email guestservices@skifernie.com.

COCA-COLA ULTIMATE ROCKIES ROCKBAND CONTEST SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH

Get ready for "Rockstar" treatment at Fernie Alpine Resort with musical festivities & lots of fun for everyone. Rock it out in the "Front Row" Plaza and on the "Backstage" Deck listening to music and enjoying fun rocker antics all day and night. Come enjoy a live DJ spinning while fun games and contests such as "Best Rocker Hair" & "Best Rock Star Holla" challenges take place during the day in the plaza.

And in traditional rock star style, the party will continue in the famous Griz Bar where the Coca Cola Ultimate Rockies' Rock Band contest will take place followed by rocking the night out with live music. Take the challenge and bring your Rock Band team and battle it out for the Ultimate Rockies' Rock Band title! Win great prizes and have a rockin' time at Fernie's Ultimate Rockies' Rock Band event. FREE team entry to the Ultimate Rockies' Rock Band Contest Registration details to follow on our website at www.skifernie.com.

SPORTS ALPINE RETAIL SHOP

Sports Alpine has a great selection of clothing, accessories, hardgoods, and souvenir items at competitive prices. Come check us out!

HUGE SALE on now!
40% OFF All Outerwear
40% OFF All Olympic Logo Wear
30% OFF All Base and Mid Layers (except t-shirts)
30% OFF Selected Goggles & Helmets

SPRING INTO SPRING WITH A GROUP LESSON PACKAGE!

Spring is coming - a great time to enjoy a lesson with your friends or colleagues! We can create a customized lesson package for your group – just contact us and let us help you organize your day on the mountain! Contact the Winter Sports School Sales Desk at 250-423-2406 or email snowschool@skifernie.com.

CANADIAN SKI INSTRUCTORS ALLIANCE COURSE - MARCH 28-31

Qualify as a ski instructor! Our last course this season runs from March 28-31. For more information contact the Winter Sports School Sales Desk at 250-423-2406 or email snowschool@skifernie.com.

FERNIE HERITAGE LIBRARY

Hours of Operation

Monday – Closed Tuesday – 11:00 am – 6:00 pm Wednesday – 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Thursday – 11:00 am – 8:00 pm Friday – 11:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday – 1:00 – 5:00 pm Sunday – Closed

New Releases Adult Non Fiction

Slow Death by Rubber Duck by Rick Smith

Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell

Bonk by Mary Roach

On the Art of Being Canadian by Sherrill Grace

House of Cards by William D. Cohan

Hope for Animals and Their World by Jane Goodall

The Evolution of God by Robert Wright



Dr. Mike Rumpel, B.Sc., DC presents Immunity Strategy!

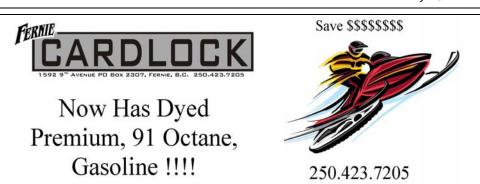
Sick of being sick? Learn how to give your immune system the boost it needs.

Power Hour Monday, March 8, 2010 6:30 p.m. No charge. Call to register space is limited 250-423-3003

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- Mark Twain





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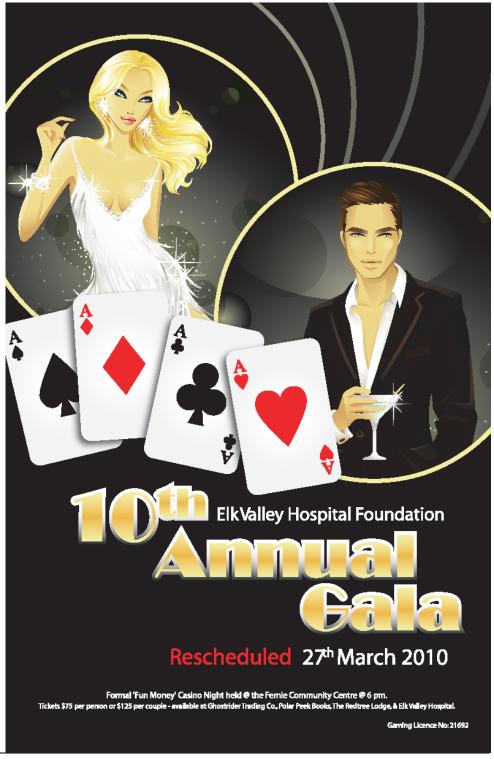
We also offer one free week trial at both locations.

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Fernie: 1561 10th Avenue

250-423-3105

Sparwood: 112 Centennial Square 250-425-6412







Winter Festival March 5, 6, 7, 2010

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

At the Community Centre:

8 am Pancake Breakfast

10 am Craft Fair - Admission: Griz Pin

2 pm Baby Griz Race

Around Town:

\$1:30 am Celebity Spymobile Race Stanford Inn \$nowmobile Drag Races Canceled

Noon Street Hockey Tournament, Park Place Lodge

1 pm 3-Ball Pool Tournament, Fernie Hotel

2 pm Arm Wrestling Competition, Fernie Hotel

6 pm Griz Days Ukrainian Feast, Fernie Family Centre

7 pm The Amazing Curling Tournament, Central Hotel

7 pm Extreme Griz 'Survivor' Awards Ceremony,

7:30pm Play: "Waiting for the Parade", Arts Station

At the Aquatic Centre:

10 am Extreme Griz 'Survivor' Competition Challenges:

- Fire starting, timed event
- Boiling snow, timed event
- Snowshoe race,
- Grizzly Bear dip, slush pool

11 am Public Swimming

Noon Snow Sculpture Challenge

3-5 pm Griz Olympics Pool Party

At Fernie Alpine Resort:

2 pm Extreme Griz 'Survivor' Competition

- Obstacle Course, Rock Band Competition

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

Downtown Fernie Activities:

NOON "Most Wanted" Griz Sheriff Arrests 6:30 pm Griz Days Parade

7 pm Griz Green Drinks, The Central Hotel 7:30 pm Play: "Waiting for the Parade", Arts Station

EXTREME GRIZ SURVIVOR

WINTER SURVIVAL SKILLS CHALLENGE

SATURDAY, MARCH 6 10 am At the Aquatic Centre 2 pm Fernie Alpine Resort

WIN CASH & PRIZES!

Open to men/women 19+

For more info or to register call 250-423-6868

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

At the Aquatic Centre:

2 pm Public swimming

At Fernie Alpine Resort:

Noon Dummy Downhill Race

Around Town:

1:30 pm Euchre Tournament, Fernie Hotel

For more information visit the Fernie Griz Days Festival website at: www.grizdays.com



















Extreme Griz Survivor Challenge

Saturday, March 6

Fernie Aquatic Centre 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Fernie Alpine Resort - 3 p.m. Awards Ceremony at Park Place Pub - 7 p.m.

Winter Survival Skills Competition

Open to Men and Women 19+
Events organized the College of the Rockies MAST Program Students

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