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## In Profile: Dean Prentice

Dean Prentice has big skis to fill at Mount Washington Alpine Resort for the 2018-19 season. Prentice replaced Peter Gibson as the Resort's General Manager, when Gibson retired last spring after 41 years.

While Gibson has left a large legacy, Prentice comes with an impressive resume: he was most recently General Manager of Painter's Lodge and April Point Resort & Spa in Campbell River and on Quadra Island. He previously served as Chief Operating Officer of Fairmont Hot Springs Resort in B.C.'s Interior.

Prentice is not without ski resort experience: Fairmont is a year-round resort with golf, skiing, natural hot springs and active children's programs. He also has five years' experience with Panorama Mountain Resort, which was part of Intrawest, an international ski resort company.

"I feel incredibly fortunate to be the new GM at Mount Washington," Prentice said. More than 50 people from across Canada and the United States applied for the position.

"The candidate pool was exception-

ally strong, which is a reflection of the reputation Mount Washington has in the industry," said Vern Greco, CEO of Pacific Group Resorts, which acquired Mount Washington in 2015.

"It was a nice coincidence the top candidate was from right here on Vancouver Island. Ultimately, we felt Dean's combination of ski resort and tourism experience provided the right blend of technical and analytical skills to go with his leadership qualities," Greco added.

"Peter left some large shoes to fill, but we are excited about the prospects for Mount Washington with the team we have in place and Dean at the helm."

Prentice said he jumped at the chance to get back into the ski business. "I think the ski environment is a fun and challenging business.

"I look back on my five years at



Dean Prentice  
**NEW MAN  
AT THE TOP**  
of Mount Washington

Panorama as the best time of my career," he said. "It was most enjoyable. The people you work with will always make the difference."

Panorama was his first foray into the ski industry, but he is no stranger to the industry here on Vancouver Island. "Mount Washington is an exceptional place, and I have enjoyed skiing here as a guest with my family," Prentice said.

He skis downhill and a little cross-country. He happily leaves the snowboard for others. "I tried but I hurt myself," he admits.

As Prentice embarks on his first winter season with Mount Washington Alpine Resort, he reflected on one of his favourite moments at the Resort.

"Last year when they had that 110cm dump and the next weekend they got another 30cm I came up that weekend with my son and had one of my more memorable times skiing with him; lots of fresh powder, lots of snow, a bluebird day.

"Those are the days you remember and enjoy the most."



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# Exciting Times Ahead for Mount Washington

Mount Washington Alpine Resort is perched on the precipice of success, and its new General Manager, Dean Prentice, says it's a privilege to be leading the Resort as it moves forward.

"For me, this is an exciting time to come in - to see these discussions come to life from my perspective is exciting." Prentice has spent his first few months studying the processes that are already in place, looking for efficiencies.

"A lot of it is some learning curve, seeing how things operate here compared to other places I've been. Learning the ins and outs of people's abilities, their roles."

**The major project for the upcoming winter season is the introduction of Radio Frequency Identification, or RFID technology to season passes and lift tickets.**

Photo courtesy Mount Washington



Skiers and snowboarders won't have to take their RFID Media Card card out of their pocket each time they ride the lift - just keep it in a pocket on their left side.

"RFID... is chip-enabled technology embedded into all our lift passes," explains Michael Hleck, IT Manager at Mount Washington Alpine Resort.

"What that means to our guests is they no longer have to search around to get their ticket or pass out; our gates instantly read the chip and the lifts automatically open - getting everyone on the snow faster."

RFID technology is relatively new to Canada, however, has been in use for decades in Europe, Prentice said. "The main goals there are hopefully to reduce lift lines. The real benefit from the guest perspective is the media... having the media (card) in their hand from a reloadable factor and ease of purchasing online."

"They can purchase seasons' passes online and it will be on their card. People can reload as they're driving up the hill - it reloads instantly."

Skiers and snowboarders will have to purchase the cards, which are covered by a five-year warranty. They won't have to take the card out of their pocket each time they ride the lift - just keep it in a pocket on their left side - so there won't be as much wear and tear on the card, he said.

Having the RFID technology in place will also allow the Resort to track visits more effectively. "Everyone will need to go through the gates. It will provide us more accurate information," Prentice explained.

"If someone's gone missing we'll be able to accurately track what time and what



## Zip Tour Mount Washington Summer 2019

Zip Rider shown on Stowe Mountain Resort, Vermont, this is the same system that will be installed on Mount Washington.

gate they went through."

One change skiers will see with the conversion to RFID passes is the elimination of "one-ups" at the Sunrise Quad and Hawk Chair. There will still be ticket kiosks for a transition period, but after that "everyone has to have a ticket to get through the gantries."

**While the RFID passes are this winter's major project, snowmaking is on the list for development in the near future.**

"It's a multi-year plan," says Prentice. We've done some snowmaking in our beginner area; we have a new snow gun this winter to test. We're looking to have one run top to bottom covered, the terrain park and the night skiing area for next year, possibly."

A multi-million-dollar plan has been developed, and Prentice is hopeful implementation starts with infrastructure next year. "That's exciting for us too. It's been on the list for many years and it has to have the green light."

Those are the big-ticket items. Smaller winter investments will also have an impact, such as the purchase of two new Snow Cats at \$450,000 apiece.

Last year the Resort bought two new buses with another arriving in December. These buses transport staff and customers from pickup points in Courtenay as well as the bottom of the mountain road (Strathcona Parkway) to the Resort.

"The challenge has been an old fleet of buses. Having three new buses is good news."

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## Living on Mount Washington A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE

**Bonnie Orel was working at a busy restaurant in Courtenay and seeking a quiet place to live, away from the bustle of city life. She had narrowed down her choices to two: Bowser, or Mount Washington.**

"I was looking for something remote," says Orel. "I have lived in big cities most of my life; I grew up in a small town and I guess my roots started showing through. "Sirens and cars, I was done with."

She had grown up in the hot, humid climates of Texas and Louisiana, about as far away from snow as a person could get.

Mount Washington won out though, thanks to the enthusiasm from Orel's landlords, Paul and Penny Vroom. "I fell in love with it instantly."

Orel has a condo in Ptarmigan Ridge on Henry Road, just outside of the Alpine Village, and has lived there full time since April 2014.

"I'd never lived anywhere near a mountain, or skied or snowboarded or anything before. The outdoor life like that, it was just camping. So it was a bit

of a stretch," she said.

"But it was affordable. It ended up growing on me. I found my soul up here, so I stayed."

She also left the restaurant and now works as the seasons pass and groups office supervisor. "I learned how to snowboard the first year I was up here and it's become my life. It's who I am now."

With her job in the seasons' pass office, Orel hasn't been able to pursue her passion of snowboarding in the morning; she would take a ride break on Thursdays, and from then until Sunday she would take advantage of night skiing.

"I try and get out as much as I can, especially when the kids are up here (her partner has children and they all spend most of the winter at Mount Washington with her).

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## Fire Fighting Agreement

**Mount Washington Alpine Resort's first firefighters have been busy practicing with the Oyster River Volunteer Fire Department. They've even had their first fire incident at the Resort.**

After a year of study and negotiation, the Comox Valley Regional District signed a fire service agreement with Oyster River Volunteer Fire Department to take Mount Washington Alpine Resort within their boundaries. They also had proposals from Courtenay and Cumberland fire departments.

"For us, it's the right thing to do," said Oyster River VFD Chief Bruce Green. "We already had members that were up there, so we're supporting our members."

Fiscally, the CVRD is running the service and Oyster River VFD is within the CVRD so it made sense.

"At the end of the day, all we want to do is help out to the best of our ability. That's why we're there," Green said.

In the past, Mount Washington was not contained in any fire department's jurisdiction: Courtenay Fire Dept. would

respond until they knew human life was not a threat, then any building would be left to the fire's mercy.

Having an agreement with Oyster River VFD means they will be dispatched from their hall in Oyster River to respond to a fire call for Mount Washington, and they will stay until the fire is out.

"Our members will respond to the fire hall and bring one of our resources, and use equipment up there to fight whatever fire," Green explained.

Response time is about 35 minutes. "The one fire we had it was 35 minutes. In winter that's going to change," he said.

Four Mount Washington residents are training with the Oyster River VFD: two of them were already members who owned chalets up the mountain, and another one joined as soon as they knew that Oyster River had the fire service agreement at the Resort. "We just took on a new one," Green said.

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*Above: Fire hydrants at Mount Washington get 'snorkels' installed so they can be used in the deep snow of winter.*

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## Mountain Biking Is Here To Stay... and Grow.

**When Mount Washington Alpine Resort decided to kickstart its Bike Park again three years ago, they could not have predicted the whirlwind of popularity it would create in such a short time.**

"We've had a bigger response to the Bike Park than we thought we would when we re-opened three years ago," says Mike Manara, Director of Sports, Retail and Guest Services.

The Bike Park crew continues to move forward, having spent the summer of 2018 working aggressively on trail work.

The Bike Park has had shared groups using the trails and they decided they wanted to separate them into three or four distinct lines that come to the lodge, then four lines going off the top of the mountain.

The separation is designed to give users a better experience and to give some variety. "Really it's to separate the ability levels," Manara said. It will also mean they can open the Park earlier.

The Monster Mile reopened for summer 2018, and was accessed off the Eagle Chair. "Monster Mile is a Double Black Trail," Manara said. "Its style reflects the origins of the Mount Washington Bike Park and early downhill mountain biking."

"The Monster Mile is a steep and challenging Trail. It is known throughout the industry and was selected last year as the course for the B.C Provincial Cup Finals."

"It has been exciting to witness the improvements in the trail system including the completion of a new Black Diamond flow trail, Lower Time Warp, and an overhaul to both the Monster-to-Hawk connector trail and our beginner trail, Greenline," Trails Supervisor Paula Moore said.

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## New Faces... on Mount Washington

**Craig Newman is Mount Washington Alpine Resort's new Food and Beverage Manager.**

Newman comes to Mount Washington from the west coast surfing community of Tofino, where he ran the Ice House Oyster Bar. However, his heart has been in ski resorts for the past two decades.

"I've lived in most ski resorts in Western Canada," says Newman: Banff, Golden, Lake Louise and Whistler, among them.

He is no stranger to Mount Washington, though. "I love the Island - the whole thing. From Tofino I used to come down (to Mount Washington) on weekends, starting the day skiing and finishing mountain biking in Cumberland. "I live in Cumberland now."

Newman will be overseeing food and beverage options resort wide. "I'm not a chef, I'm more of a front-of-house guy," he explains. "I have formal wine training as a sommelier."

Newman envisions a few changes starting with the winter season. "I feel like it's an exciting time here," he says. "There's going to be a few changes. I hope to bring a little bit of refinement to a few of our outlets."

With his wine training he will be making some changes to the wine list and adding more selection. People visiting resorts these days expect high-quality, casual fine dining, so his focus will be on visitors' desires.

One change that is not in the cards: Chef James Clark remains in charge of the menu, and both he and Newman are working together on some new ideas.

"We're looking to update the fondue dinner and make it a little more interesting



*Craig Newman, Mount Washington Alpine Resort's new Food and Beverage Manager, is looking forward to skiing the mountain with his daughter.*

along with wines. The Eagle View Bistro is an area of concentration - the evening dinners. Those are two areas that will see a bit of change."

When Newman is not thinking about food or wine, he surfs, rides off-road motorcycles and loves to play in the snow at Mount Washington. "Definitely I'm a skier. I've lived in ski resorts most of my adult life, except for my time in Tofino. That's 20 years of ski resorts," he says.

His 12-year-old daughter is also looking forward to her father's change of venue. "She'll be up here skiing a lot."

**Over at the bike park, Director of Sports, Retail and Guest Services Mike Manara says there have been a couple of exciting staff changes.**

"The big one for us is we have a new supervisor in our trail crew in Paula Moore. She's somebody who's been with the trail crew for quite a few years. She did a great job for us."

Moore also manages the Terrain Parks for the Resort in the wintertime, "so it's a nice fit for her." *Continued on page 16*

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## A Trend in Good Taste

The Comox Valley is becoming known as a mecca for foodies looking for unique dining experiences, from quick treats, farm to table products and fine restaurant dining.

### Blue Spruce Ice Cream

Jonathan Frazier and Kirsten Wood of Blue Spruce Ice Cream have been involved in the foodie trend in a variety of ways. Frazier is formerly the chef for Atlas Café on Sixth Street, but he hung up his chef whites earlier this year in order to play with ice cream.

“It’s a natural next step and an incredibly fun way to play with flavours and seasonal ingredients, and make people happy,” says Frazier.

“I’m able to enjoy my days more instead of cooking all day, meet people, help out at the salad bar at Huband Elementary School, run ‘Young Cooks’ programs, run my ‘Edible Valley’ podcast and am still inspired and able to cook food!”

Both Frazier and Wood are passionate about using local food, and proud of the ingredients and flavours they find in the Comox Valley. “We have exceptional, hard working farmers here, so naturally we experiment and like to use whatever we can that comes out of here,” says Wood.

**What ingredients are available at a given moment tend to drive their ice cream flavours, which change on an almost daily basis.**

“Having an ice cream shop allows us to be very creative, seasonal and experimental,” she says.

Wood often writes down flavour combinations and shows up with random ingredients for Frazier to experiment with in the kitchen.

Frazier held a “farm to fork” dinner in late summer of 2017 and he and his cooking team came up with a Sitka spruce tip sorbet. “That was our first spark for opening up our shop,” she says.

“We knew that Sitka spruce had to be on our menu when we opened so we scoured the woods here and picked a few in preparation. We ran out quickly and bought a lot more from Clever Crow Farm and they’ve managed to sustain us so far.”

With their signature Blue Spruce ice cream, Frazier and Wood have created a fundraiser for the Kus Kus Sum Park Site, located beside the Courtenay River.

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“The Kus Kus Sum site is literally in our backyard, and we owe a lot to the estuary, the river and our woods. It was a no brainer to donate to that cause,” they said.

Wood, who is from Saddle Lake Cree First Nation, and Kus Kus Sum being on traditional Ko'mok's First Nation land, is an even bigger incentive for them to lend their support.

Blue Spruce Ice Cream is open late, and their products can also be found at Dark Side Chocolates in Cumberland.

“We like serving our small batches of ice cream, soups, cookies and baked goods from our shop the most, though. Then we get to see people smile when they try a flavour for the first time.”

### Bigfoot Donuts

Bigfoot Donuts opened on Fifth Street in downtown Courtenay a couple of years ago, when Lyndsey Bell and her husband, Jay Valeri, left their corporate jobs to do something they loved.

Bell grew up in the Comox Valley and Valeri moved there when he was five years old, so they have memories of visiting the old Courtenay Bakery.

“We wanted to bring quality, handcrafted, made from scratch doughnuts to the Comox Valley,” the couple says.

They offer three types of doughnuts; brioche-style, yeast raised doughnuts, cake-style doughnuts and crullers - and offer monthly flavours. Their café is a welcoming, outdoors-inspired space that smells heavenly throughout the day.

**The bakery had some silver screen exposure last summer when the crew filming the new Sonic the Hedgehog movie on Vancouver Island requested that Bigfoot provide goods for the week they were filming in the Comox Valley area.**



Bigfoot Donuts



Taqueria Guerrilla

Bell created a special Sonic the Hedgehog doughnut for the occasion. “Jay and I are big movie buffs, so naturally we were stoked,” Bell said on the bakery’s Facebook page.

The couple is always asked why they named their bakery Bigfoot Donuts. “Bigfoot is one of those images that truly captures the spirit of the Pacific Northwest, the place we love and call home,” they say.

“Not only this, but that classic footprint shaped doughnut dipped in chocolate is basically a doughnut icon, right?”

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Encompassing people, places and happenings at Mount Washington



## DEAN PRENTICE SERVES ON TAVI BOARD FOR 2019

Dean Prentice, Mount Washington's new General Manager, will fulfill the second of his two-year term on Tourism Vancouver Island. Prentice was reaffirmed to the Board during TAVI's 55th Annual Conference and AGM, held in September in Port Hardy.



## NEW HOME FOR THE FREESTYLE CLUB

The former Nordic building hasn't been used for cross-country skiing since Raven Lodge was built, but the building lives on. The Mount Washington Freestyle Club will be using the old "Sushi Mon" Restaurant part of the building for their Clubhouse for the 2018-19 season.

The three-storey building had a worldwide reputation when the Nordic Café was in the nondescript gray wooden lodge. People came from around the world to cross-country ski or snowshoe, and the cinnamon buns served in the Café became world famous.

Mount Washington still serves the decadent sticky buns in the Eagle View Bistro.

Raven Lodge was eventually built a kilometre further along the road, next to the new Trailhead into Paradise Meadows, and the Nordic Lodge was replaced. It has had a variety of uses over the years. The building was used as a pizzeria as well as Sushi Mon for a few seasons.

The building is situated beside the parking lot at the Hawk Chairlift. This means that instead of starting the day downstairs in the Alpine Lodge, club members will

have their own space to meet in the mornings and have lunch midday.

Club members held a work bee in early October to freshen up the building, which hasn't been used since the Podium of Life Ski Academy moved away from Mount Washington.

The Freestyle Club will be using a portion of the top floor of the Lodge. Dale Logan, the Risk Assessment Manager for Mount Washington, takes up the middle floor for his office.



## SNOW SCHOOL WANTS YOU.. TO LEARN TO SKI OR SNOWBOARD!

The Snow School at Mount Washington has a single goal this year: to help more people experience the magic of moving on snow.

"We have one big goal, and that's to encourage more people to participate in snow skiing and snowboarding," says Mike Manara, Director of Sports, Retail and Guest Services.

"We'll be looking to build off the success of our Learn to Ski Free Program and the Learn to Turn Program last year." They have had some really strong support for Programs, like the Free Ride Programs and the Drop-In Camps, he added.



Jean-Guy Moreau, a founding member of the Mount Washington Volunteer Ski Patrol Association, is pictured at an awards ceremony with a special button-shaped award in 2017.

## FAREWELL JEAN-GUY MOREAU

The Mount Washington Volunteer Ski Patrol is mourning the loss of one of its founders this season.

Jean-Guy Moreau helped start the volunteer organization in 1979, and remained active on the Patrol for more than 35 years. He gained notoriety at Mount Washington for his "winning

personality" selling ski patrol buttons (people would fondly refer to him as "the Button Man").

In 2018 Moreau was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma; he died on Aug. 24.

"Jean-Guy was always a positive presence and a great ambassador for the Ski Patrol through his fundraising button sales," the Mount Washington Ski Patrol Association posted on their Facebook page.



John Bindernagel compares two sasquatch footprint moulds in the backyard of his Courtenay home in the fall of 2016. Bindernagel died of cancer in January 2018.

Susan Quinn Photo

## REMEMBERING JOHN BINDERNAGEL

The Marmot Newspaper has been running articles on sasquatch activity around Mount Washington for more than a decade. Oftentimes, we would turn to biologist and sasquatch expert John Bindernagel for statements and explanations.

Bindernagel had discovered a large footprint on a school hiking trip - he and his wife were chaperoning - in Paradise Meadows, and for the next 40 years, he was captivated by the creature and sought more information.

We were saddened to learn that Bindernagel died of cancer on Jan. 18, 2018.

While he was known in his later years for his sasquatch research (he wrote two biology-based books and was a popular guest speaker with citizen scientists at sasquatch conferences around the Pacific Northwest), Bindernagel had a vast history with non-profit work.

He studied science at the University of Guelph and completed graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin. He spent time in several foreign countries under contract with the United Nations Food & Agriculture Organization.

He and his wife Joan moved to Courtenay in the 1970s with their two children, and Bindernagel retired there.

## HONOURING RUTH MASTERS

On Nov. 3, 2018, a small group of volunteers from the Strathcona Wilderness Institute and their Chairperson, Judy Norbury, christened the lower floor meeting area of the Wilderness Centre as the Ruth Masters Nature Hall. It was almost a year to the day since Ruth Masters, a renowned Comox Valley environmentalist, passed away at 97.



## WHEN YOU GOTTA GO...

Hikers and walkers who visited the Paradise Meadows Trailhead beside Raven Lodge in the fall will have noticed some new construction: brand new outdoor toilets.



## RAISING MONEY FOR PARALYMPIANS

Did you know that Paralympic athletes are required to raise a lot of the money to pay for their competitive season? Tyler Luscombe does.

Luscombe's younger brother Braydon, who learned to ski at Mount Washington Alpine Resort, has been a member of the Canadian Paralympic Ski Team for the past seven years; he has competed at numerous World Championships as well as two Winter Olympic Games.

Tyler lives in Penticton, B.C. and works with the B.C. Wildfire Service. He and three of his friends embarked on a 10-day, 432-kilometre fundraising run to Victoria to help out his younger brother.

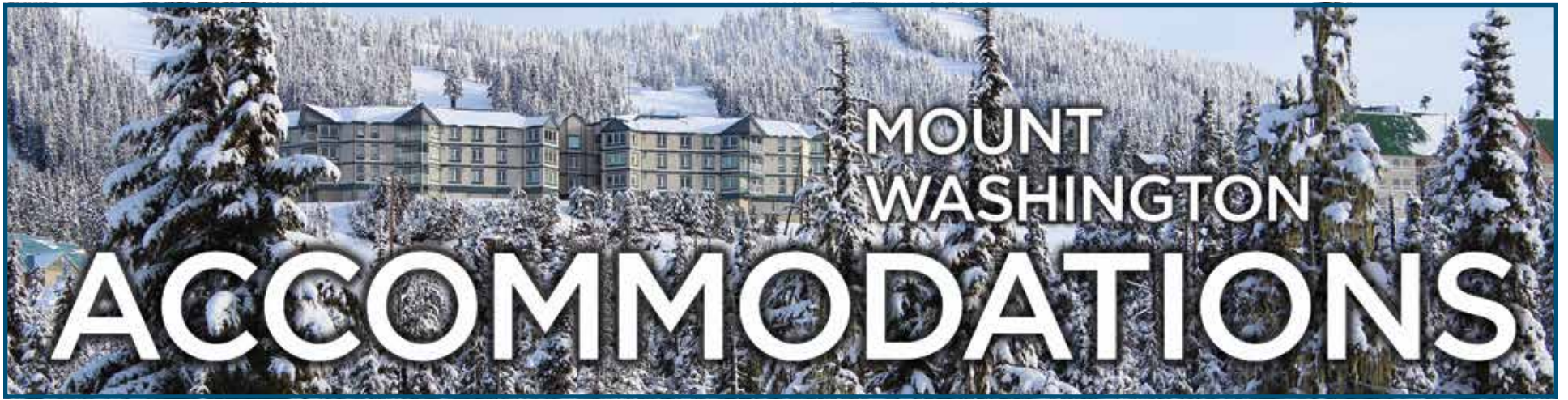
"Braydon's never been one to ask for help," Tyler told the Penticton Western News.

The foursome took turns running in front of their small motorhome, collecting donations and sharing awareness for Paralympic athletes.

Braydon Luscombe started para skiing at Mount Washington Alpine Resort when he was six. He lost his right leg at age 5 to necrotizing fasciitis (flesh-eating disease).

He began racing at age 11. Luscombe competed in the Paralympics in Sochi in 2014 as well as Paralympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, and he won a World Cup Bronze Medal in 2016.

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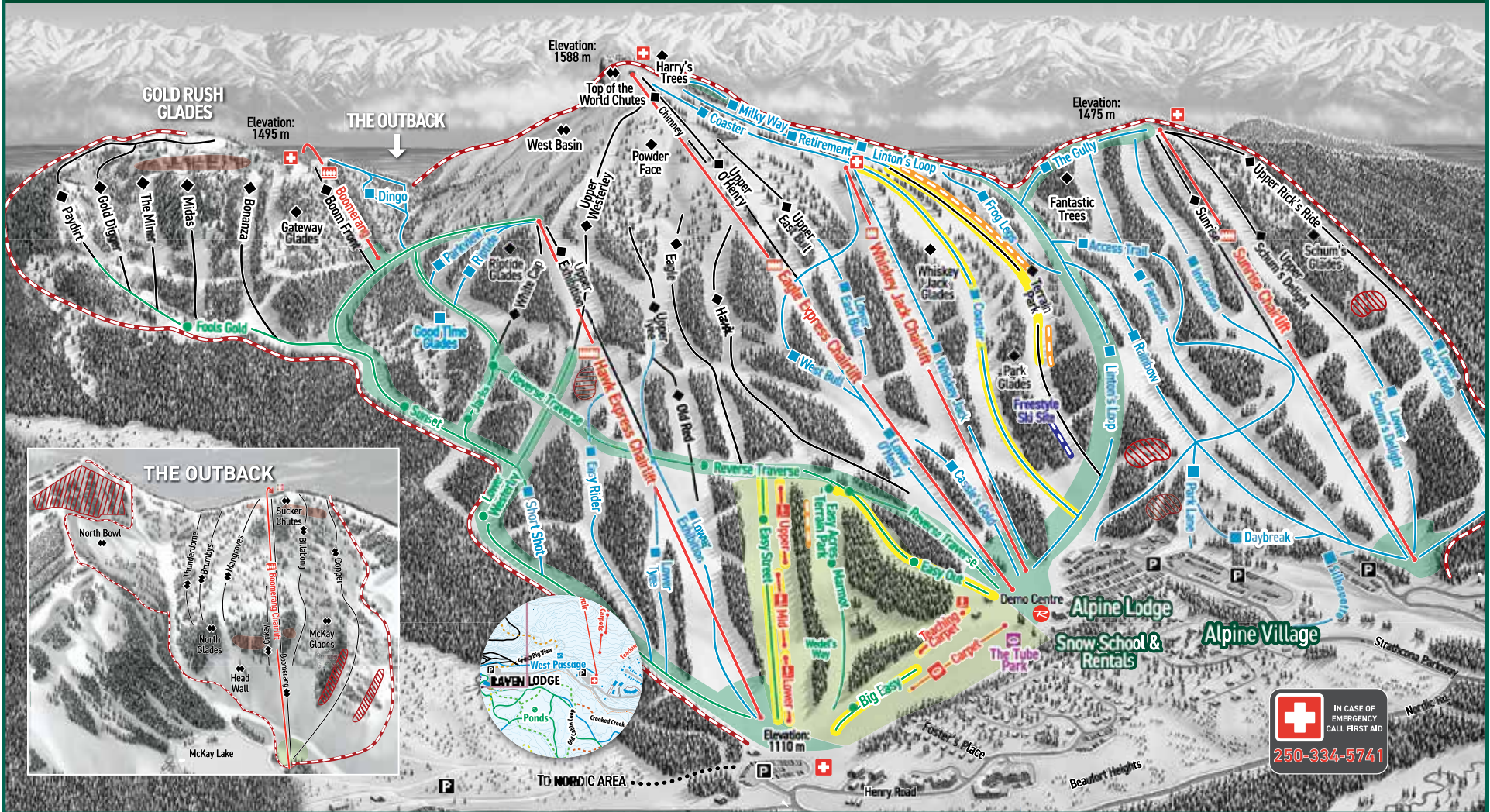
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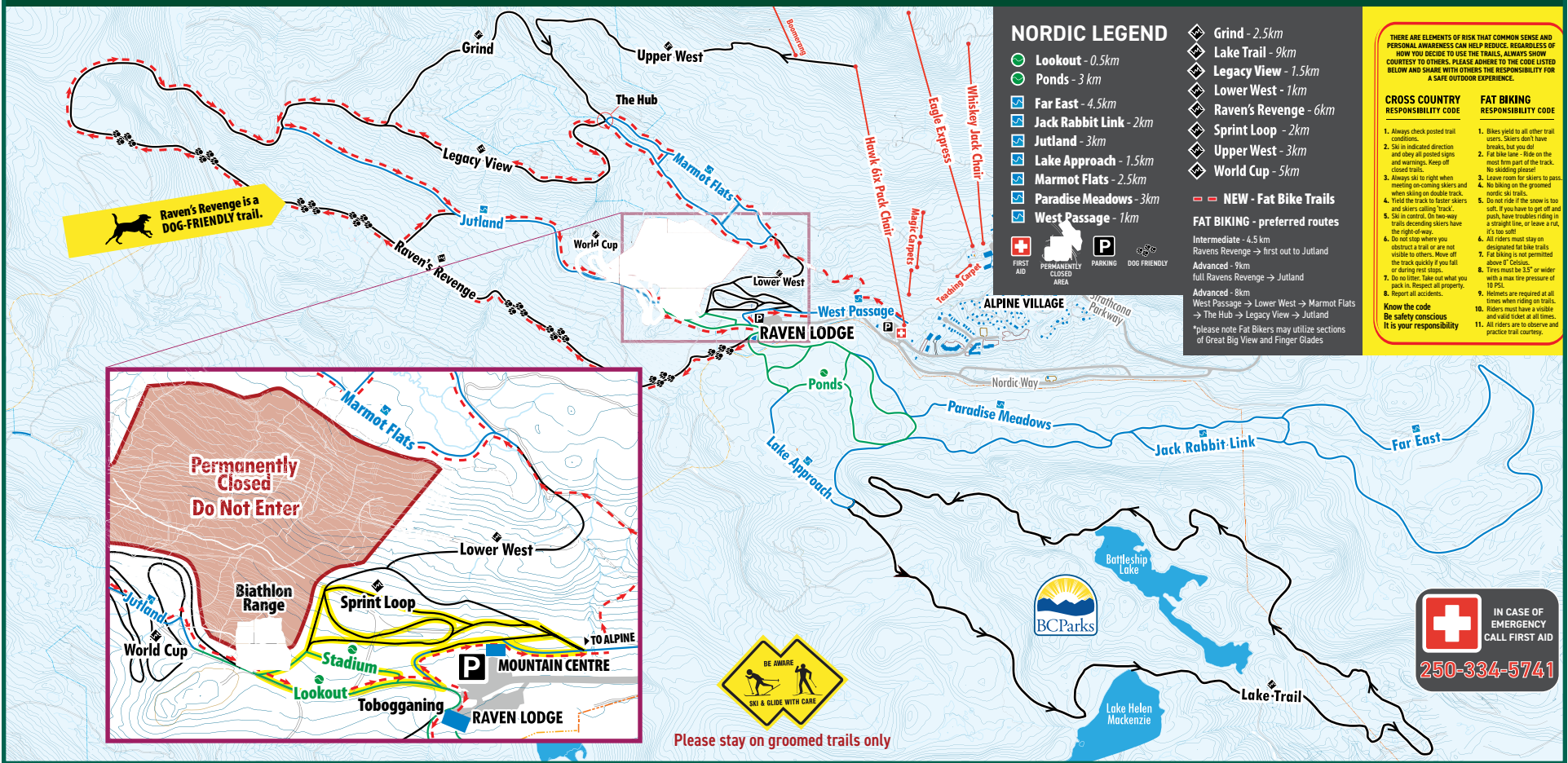
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## BC Ale Trail

**The BC Ale Trail has launched a new Vancouver Island Ale Trail, featuring 14 craft breweries from Duncan to Courtenay - including three from the Comox Valley, a short drive from Mount Washington Alpine Resort.**

Vancouver Island was already represented with the Victoria Ale Trail. Now with the new Vancouver Island trail, craft beer fans can visit up to 24 small breweries between Victoria and the Comox Valley.

The Vancouver Island Ale Trail is broken up into two itineraries: the first part takes thirsty participants through the Cowichan Valley to Nanaimo, with eight breweries stretching from farm to sea.

Part two, which BC Ale Trail.ca calls “the Central Island Beer Belt” starts in Nanaimo and extends to the Comox Valley. This part starts in Parksville with **Mount Arrow-smith Brewing**, then to Qualicum Beach and nanobrewery **LoveShack Libations**.

If you're heading to the west coast for a little post-ski surfing session in Tofino, stop first in Port Alberni and explore **Twin City Brewing**. Opened in 2017 by a Port Alberni couple with a penchant for creative and unusual beer styles, Twin City Brewing just won Best BC Beer of 2018 with its Late Bloomer fruit beer.

**The Comox Valley has three stops on the new Vancouver Island Ale Trail: Forbidden Brewing and Gladstone Brewing in Courtenay, and Cumberland Brewing, nestled in the shadow of Mount Washington.**

**Forbidden Brewing**, based in the Westerly Hotel in Courtenay, is named for the Forbidden Plateau region of Vancouver Island. This nano-brewery's tasting room focuses on ultra-local organic beers. You won't find their unique taste sold anywhere but their tasting room.

**Gladstone Brewing**, located in the heart of downtown Courtenay on Fourth Street at Cliffs Avenue, has created a vibe of its own. Based in a one-time car mechanic's shop, Gladstone embraces its heritage with a tasting room decorated with old car parts and automobile memorabilia.

Gladstone is located next to a taqueria, providing a unique food and brew pairing.

When it opened in 2015 Gladstone produced just enough beer for its own tasting room and patio as well as a few local eateries. After a recent renovation that doubled its space, Gladstone now provides its core lineup and some seasonals across Vancouver Island in four-packs of tall cans.

Gladstone Brewing won a silver medal for best North American Porter and Stout at the 2018 BC Beer Awards in Vancouver last October. More than 100 breweries submitted 1,085 beers for judging in 30 categories in the annual event

**Cumberland Brewing** opened in 2014 in a small storefront on the Main Street in Cumberland. Since then it's become a destination brewery.

Its cosy tasting room and sun-drenched patio are draws to residents and tourists alike - a perfect place to end your day of mountain biking at Mount Washington Alpine Resort, or share experiences from the new zip tours that will be opening in summer 2019 at the Resort.

The BC Ale Trail was launched two years ago and already promotes more than 150 craft breweries in 17 Ale Trail itineraries.

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#### MOUNT WASHINGTON NOW A SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT

If you were thinking of lighting up at Mount Washington Alpine Resort this winter, you should know that the Resort went smoke-free as of June 1.

“In survey after survey, our guests inform us one of their top reasons for visiting Mount Washington is the fresh air and pristine alpine environment,” Mount Washington spokesperson Sheila Rivers said.

“Evolving to a smoke-free Resort will ensure that all of our guests experience the 100 percent natural environment they expect when visiting one of Canada's most beautiful destinations.”

Smoking is banned in lift lines, on chair-lifts, and within three metres of building entrances and intakes. The new policy will extend to all Resort property, including parking lots, ski runs bike, hiking and Nordic trails and public spaces within the Resort area boundary.

The policy covers all smoking, including vaporizers and marijuana.

With the hot, dry summers B.C. has been experiencing, the smoke-free policy goes beyond personal health. “There are several benefits to the smoke-free policy including the safety of the Resort and Strathcona Provincial Park,” said Jesse Percival, Ski Patrol Director.

“Removing the smoking hazard will greatly reduce the risk of human-triggered fires, allowing everyone to breathe easier this summer.”

The policy applies to both guests and Resort staff. Mount Washington will be providing employees with the tools and support needed to transition into the smoke-free environment, Director of Human Resources Tina Pringle said.



#### New Faces Mount Washington

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**Beth Novak is another person with a new role at the Bike Park, but someone who has been with the Resort for nine years.** Novak has been hired as Summer Programs Manager for the Bike Park, with the goal to grow events and the Mountain Bike School.

Novak was working as Sales Manager for the Snow School and Rental Area. “She was involved with the initial startup in the Bike Park three years ago.”

She will manage the Nordic Centre in the winter, then shift gears to manage summer programs at the Bike Park, work on events and also work with the new ZipTours.

“She's got a pretty diverse background and we're pretty happy to have her rejoin us in a full-time capacity.”

Novak has worked as a guide with a zipline company in the past so she is familiar with operations, and will work in the business and operations end of Mount Washington's new ZipTour when it opens in the summer of 2019.

There is a new Retail Manager for the winter, as longtime Manager Chris Dennis has retired. Kris Uytterhagen has taken over Dennis' duties.





## Living on Mount Washington

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"This year I'm changing my schedule so I can do the ride into work." From Ptarmigan Ridge she can walk to the beginning of Foster's Place and take the ski cut beside Blueberry Hill to the Hawk Chair. She will take the chair to the top and rides back down to work - sometimes twice, if she can.

"I have a favourite, it's the Sunset," she said. If she has time for a second run she'll go back up the Hawk and take Reverse Traverse back down to the Alpine Lodge.

That first year was a challenge for Orel to learn to live in the snow. "I didn't realize before the mountain opens no one clears the parking lots. I would be out there with my shovel. It wasn't enough for me to give up. Now, it's old hat."

Scheduling trips to town - "budgeting my time" - was another lesson learned. There are full-time residents who go down the hill to town every day, but Orel prefers to go once a week.

"Once it starts snowing I tend to stock up for a month; I won't leave here," she said.

"If you choose to live up here you need to learn to budget your time and stock

levels."

The Resort is open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the shoulder seasons, but the General Store is only open during winter and summer, so one can't simply run to the Lodge if they've forgotten something.

"I appreciate it a little better because that's what taught me to slow down."

She's glad she took the chance to live at Mount Washington even though she was still working down the hill in town. "This is one of the most beautiful places you can be," she said.

**"I would suggest if people are looking for a place to re-invent themselves...they should look at the mountain, definitely. It's peaceful; it's good for the soul. 't's good for children as well."**

Although Orel appreciates the solitude at Mount Washington, she said there are enough families living on the mountain full time that a small community has really developed.

"A lot of us come up here for the same reason - to be around the quiet and nature, and like-minded people," she said. "I finally realized I'm an extroverted introvert: I can be social even though I like to be alone."

"The community up here is very solid. We have our own Mount Washington residents Facebook page. A lot of the people in the village have get-together nights.

"It's not like you're alone up here. There is a lovely community; everybody likes everybody else. It's a village sense of feel.

"There are a few families that live up here full time and it's nice that those kids get to play together. It's a nice little community up here, for sure."



## Fire Fighting Agreement

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Firefighters have had a year - including one full snow season - to learn the ropes. The only fire they responded to was on a man lift. "Bystanders basically had the fire out before we got up there," Green said.

That particular fire happened during the summer, when the weather was hot and sunny, and it was small.

"Firefighting in winter is different," said Green. "For us it's knowing the area and learning how to fight fires in the snow. For example in summer you would put up a ladder and go on the roof to fight a fire.

"How can you place a ladder when there is eight feet of snow? Those are the challenges we're learning as we go."

Although regular Wednesday night practices are usually at the fire hall, the crew has practiced at Mount Washington at least twice a month. They've learned

to use the hydrants while they have "snorkels" attached to the top, so they can find and use them in deep snow.

The Mount Washington crew has a utility vehicle with a wagon attached that has fire fighting equipment to hook up to the hydrants.

They have secure storage for their equipment. In the summertime the Resort's fire engine is stored in the maintenance yard.

For now, Mount Washington's firefighters will continue to be part of Oyster River VFD. They are always looking for more volunteers.

The long-range goal is to have people who live on the mountain train on the mountain so they don't have to come down to the fire hall all the time.

"We're always looking for volunteers because for this service to be what the residents want and desire we need people to step up and volunteer," Green said.

"Having this equipment is nice but it doesn't mean anything if you have no one to run it."

"The only thing the fire department is expecting from people is their time. All other expenses are covered."

Anyone wishing to volunteer with the Oyster River VFD can e-mail Green at [chief@oysterriverfire.ca](mailto:chief@oysterriverfire.ca) or phone the fire hall at 250-337-8121.



## Mountain Biking Is Back

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The Bike Park made a couple of key hires this year that worked out well, Manara said. Moore is the new Trails Supervisor, who also manages the Resort's Terrain Parks in the winter.

Beth Novak has also joined the Bike Park team as Summer Programs Manager with the intent of growing events and the Mountain Bike School.

"We'd like to add women's camps and kids' camps, and continue to evolve the events portion of the summer," Manara said.

"We recognize the value of events and they're value-added for our guests. It's great to have specific stuff like the B.C. Cup but with our Guides School...you could make an event like a women's weekend."

While Bike Park crews concentrated on the Park's advanced runs and preparing the Park for an early opening, they

haven't forgotten intermediate and beginner riders. They are trying to bring up a new generation of mountain bike riders at Mount Washington.

**"One of our focuses is developing our Guide School and making the mountain a place you can come and learn to ride a mountain bike with a guide," Manara explained.**

The ownership group has committed to expanding the mountain bike product at the Resort. Mount Washington is considered a "small" Park but it's busy. "We are a small Park but...we're getting in the 6,000 range in visits. We need to spread people out (on the trails)," Manara said.

**The mountain bike crew will also feature this winter as they introduce fat biking at Raven Lodge.**

"It's a niche product we feel it's something that will grow," Manara said. They will have five fat bikes available - they're hardy mountain bikes with fat tires that are ideal for traversing snow. There are almost 20 kilometres of trails that fat bike riders can use on mountain property.

"It's going to be a cross-country focused product," he says. "I'm pretty excited for it. It's an evolution of our winter activity offerings."

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Photo: Mike Lester

# Meet the Marmot Neighbours!



Nicola

## The Vancouver Island Marmot is among the most endangered mammals in the world, and only around 200 live in the wild, all on Vancouver Island.

Since 1997, conservationists have been working to recover the species, whose numbers had once dipped even lower. “At its lowest point, there were less than 30 marmots left in the wild,” says Adam Taylor, Executive Director of the Marmot Recovery Foundation. The Foundation’s mission is to recover the wild population

of this uniquely Canadian species, and as Taylor notes, the epicenter of those recovery efforts has been at Mount Washington.

“There were just a handful of colonies left when we restarted reintroducing marmots in 2004, including the one here at Mount Washington.” In fact, the Mount Washington colony was the largest wild colony

left, a claim that the mountain continues to hold. “There are so many marmots here compared to the rest of the Island,” laughs Taylor, “they are like their own little community on the Mountain.”

Like any small town, there are some characters among the marmots at Mount Washington. “Our team spends enough

time at the colony each year that we think we know all the marmots by name, though we definitely know some of them better than others,” says Mike Lester, Field Coordinator for the Foundation. Which marmot stands out for the team responsible for caring them?

### Nicola: The Marmot Matriarch

At 12, Nicola is the oldest wild Vancouver Island Marmot known, and impressively, she continues to produce pups. Nicola is nearly blind, and is easily identified by her milky white left eye. In her younger years, Nicola was known for adventuring, sometimes ending up in the Village before being relocated to her home on the Hill.

### “Van Isle” Violet: The Island’s own Weather Prognosticator.

Violet has successfully hibernated straight through every one of her four Groundhog Days to date. Lester says they have chosen to interpret this as a sign of early spring, something which Vancouver Island is known for.

### Hollis: Our top Mountain Mama

While Hollis still lives on Mount Washington, many of her pups have been relocated into Strathcona Provincial Park, where they have played an important in re-introducing this species to some of the wilderness space that it historically inhabited. “Hollis has been a fantastic mom, and I always hope to see her with pups in the summer,” notes Lester.

Photo: Mike Lester

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Marmot pups don't get names until they turn a year old.

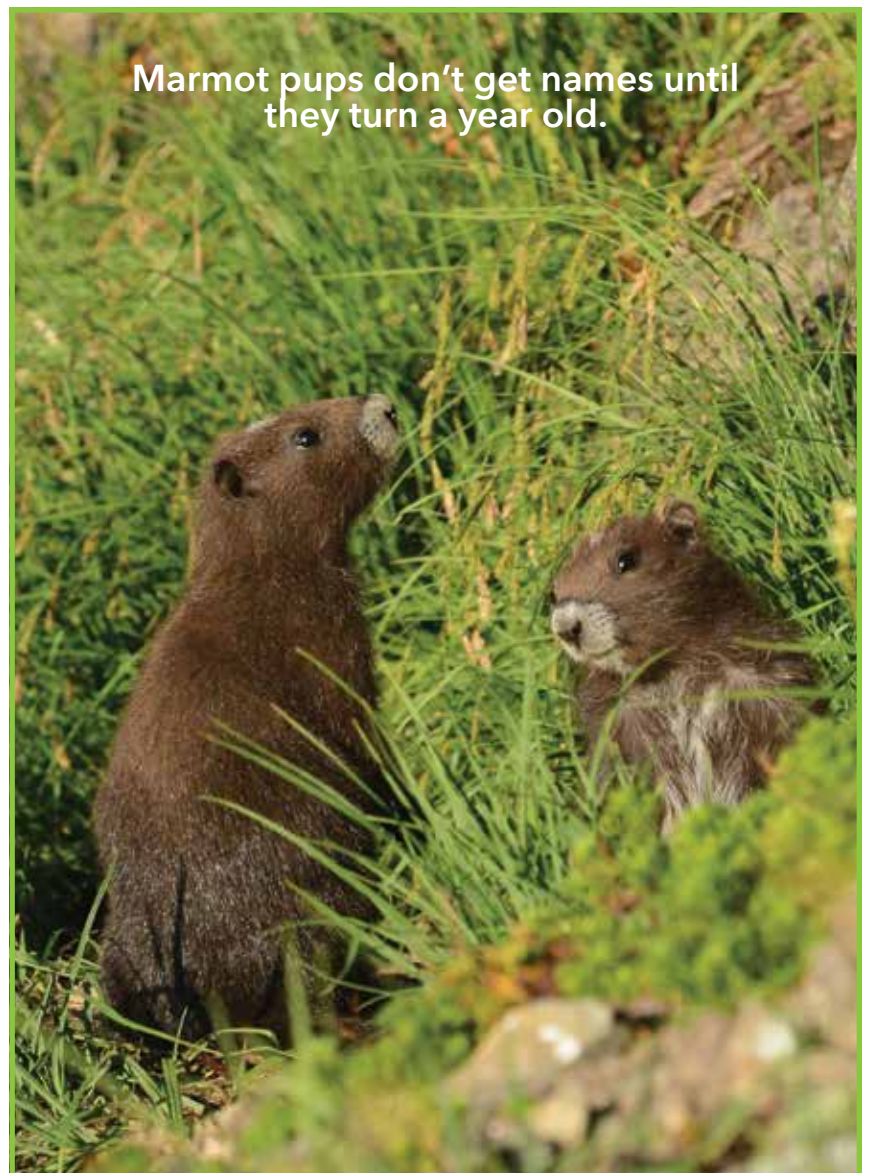




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Hollis

### Macallan: The Journeyman

Clearly, Macallan belongs at Mount Washington. At a year old, he was relocated to the Albert Edward colony in Strathcona, but shortly after he disappeared. While Foundation staff feared he had perished, it turns out he had been making a long journey back home. "It's a pretty incredible journey he made," says Taylor, "the region is a wilderness of peaks, valleys, lakes, and forest. He clearly wants to be here, and we won't try moving him again."

### Arwen:

Born at the Calgary Zoo, Arwen was released to Mount Washington in 2017. Since then, she has become a fixture of the Hill's slopes, often hanging about on rocks and berms a safe distance from observers.

"Arwen is one of the more regular marmots we see," explains Lester, "she likes to keep an eye on us I think; to make sure we're not up to anything too shifty."

These are just a few of the approximately 40 marmots that live at Mount Washington Alpine Resort. While adorable and chock full of personality, they are also playing a critical role in recovery of their species.

"Marmots thrive at Mount Washington. The partnership we have with the Resort and the people that live and work here continues to be hugely important to this species' recovery. For instance, the marmot friendly plants the slopes have been seeded with have helped ensure there is plenty of food for the marmots.

"Similarly, people coming to recreate at the Resort during the summer are actually helping the marmots by scaring away predators that might otherwise predate on them," says Taylor.

So long as visitors are respectful of the marmots, people and marmots can be a good fit. "Obviously there are places that we don't want marmots. Anywhere near roads, the Village, or Lodges for instance, where cars and dogs might pose hazards. If you see a marmot, please let us know as soon as possible."

You are not likely to see a marmot during the winter however. From November to May, the marmots are in hibernation, dug down in burrows dug two meters or more into the soil and insulated by snow. But during the summer, visitors can see marmots on the ski slopes. Look for the house cat sized animals on rocks, logs, and stumps - anywhere they can get a good view of their surroundings.

If do you see a marmot, please do not get too close. If the marmot stands up, it is alert to perceived danger, and it is best to take a few steps back. If the marmot does run into a burrow, just leave the area quietly so it can resume feeding as soon as possible.

Regardless, the Marmot Recovery Foundation is always interested in hearing reports of marmots, and pictures are encouraged.

Send your sightings to [info@marmots.org](mailto:info@marmots.org) or call 250 390-0006.

Photo: Mike Lester



Hollis' Pups

## The Vancouver Island Marmot

(*Marmota vancouverensis*) is one of the largest members of the squirrel family (about the size of a large house cat). Other members of the Sciuridae family include chipmunks, squirrels and woodchucks.

Vancouver Island marmots are easy to recognize by their rich chocolate brown fur with contrasting white patches on their nose, chin, forehead and chest.

**HABITAT** Vancouver Island marmots live neither in the forest nor on the rocky mountaintops. They live in small patches of south and west-facing sub-alpine and alpine meadows (usually above 1000 meters), where occasional winter avalanches and snow creep prevent trees from taking root. These meadows are the first to become clear of snow and produce the early grasses and sedges the marmots rely upon when they emerge from hibernation.

There they find the forage they need, deep soil for digging (hibernation burrows need to be deep enough to reach below the frost line) and large boulders to provide convenient lookout spots to watch for predators. Boulders also help marmots regulate their internal body temperature; you will often see them stretched out on them in the early mornings and evenings, and are a predictable and necessary feature



Photo: Jared Hobbs

of marmot habitat.

Underground burrows provide shelter from the elements and protection from predators. Typically 30-45 cms across, burrows range in size and purpose. Small, simple burrows may be used for a quick escape from a predator and larger more complex burrows are used for hibernation and birthing and may have numerous passages and exits. One excavated hibernation burrow measured five meters in length with the sleeping chamber located one meter underground.

## ADOPT A MARMOT!

When you join the **Adopt-a-Marmot Club**, you help protect the endangered Vancouver Island marmot every day of the year. Pre-arranged monthly gifts are a convenient way to help save this beautiful and special creature from extinction. Your gift supports the field research and captive-breeding that's so critical to marmot survival. For instance, your contribution will help fund ear-tagging of wild marmots, which is the only way in which we can identify and track individual marmots and the success of recovery efforts in future years.

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Photo courtesy Mount Washington



Mount Washington added two new Snow Cats to the fleet for this winter.

## Exciting Times for Mount Washington

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Summer will be equally as exciting in 2019. Prentice has experience with all-season resorts with the Fairmont and Mount Washington will definitely be upping its game with its summer season, he said.

**The Resort announced in October that it is spending \$3.5 million to build a multi-stage ZipTour that will open for summer 2019.**

This is the largest single capital investment into summer operations in the Resort's history.

The longest on Vancouver Island, the 2.3 kilometre, four-part attraction will add the thrill of a 415-metre vertical descent. Guests will be able to explore the mountain from top to bottom in less than two hours.

"It's been very well received. People are excited," Prentice said. "We walked the line the other day visualizing where each line will go. It's going to be pretty incredible."

"We are advancing towards our goal of becoming a true year-round destination Resort," Prentice said. "The re-emergence of the Bike Park in 2016 was the first step in that regard," Prentice said of the move toward an all-season Resort. "Being able to grow that product, the scenic chair rides and hiking...this will put us on the map."

**"From a summer perspective we're expecting 6,000 to 10,000 additional visitors to the Resort."**

While there are numerous places for these people to stay, feeding them can be a challenge - especially for the people wanting the Mile High chairlift experience.

There are no food services at the top of the mountain, not even a kiosk to

purchase a bottle of water. Prentice acknowledges that the Resort needs to think of an alternative for providing food and beverage service up there.

"There's no water, sewer, power up there so there's a lot of challenges. We're going to look at different ways we can maybe provide services up there."

Since the zipline will start at the top of the Eagle Chair, they will look at options for that location. "We've just started talking about it."

**"Ultimately our goal from an ownership perspective is to get some sort of food and beverage established at the top of the mountain."**

The zip tours will be a large part of summer expansion, but there were already other smaller changes afoot.

The courtyard in front of the Alpine Lodge was set up as a patio-slash-food and beverage courtyard in the summer, complete with a large tent, barbecue and an area where mountain bikers could watch their gear as they have a beer. Ted's Bar and Grill was closed but the Eagle View Bistro was open.

Every weekend featured different live entertainment, and the Resort hopes to continue with three nights a week for winter après ski.

Prentice is hoping for a fire pit this winter and chairs gathered around for late afternoon relaxation. And one day, it's still a goal to be able to expand the deck off the west side of the building.

The hospitality business overall is similar no matter if it's at the ocean's edge or in the alpine beauty of Mount Washington: it has the same challenges and achievements, just on different scales, he said.

For example, Mount Washington has more than 800 employees through the winter season, many who are part-time or casual. It's a lot of staff to try and find.

Challenges include snow school and the kitchen - cook staff can be difficult to find. "These things aren't unique to us. What is unique is the volume of people we are hiring. We do this without any staff accommodation. That's one of the real differences between my past at Fairmont and Panorama. Here it's a real challenge," Prentice said.

"Lack of employee housing is one of our greater challenges when it comes to hiring people. It's something I'm focused on. Long term, it's one of those necessary evils—places like Go2HR.ca are telling us it's getting harder and harder."

**With more people up here, new product, new owners and more traffic, Prentice said it's the most exciting time to join Mount Washington Alpine Resort.**

"Being able to come in and enhance and

continue to develop what they've already started...the people that you work with really make or break your enjoyment in what you do and I couldn't feel more welcomed and made a part of the team in such a short period of time. I've really enjoyed it.

**"Collectively, I believe we have the ability to take Mount Washington to the next level in its evolution as a premier B.C. Resort Destination."**

Footings were installed for the Zip Tours in the summer of 2018 in preparation for opening in the summer of 2019.

The Bike Park has had shared groups using the trails, Mount Washington has now separated them into three or four distinct lines that come to the lodge, then four lines going off the top of the mountain.

Photo: Neil Havers



## Is Sasquatch Real?

**A British Columbia tracker and documentarian took the Provincial Government to court to prove that it is.**



Todd Standing took the B.C. Provincial Government to court last summer because he said the Province damaged his credibility in not acknowledging that sasquatch is real.

He said the province has failed to protect the sasquatch, and infringed on his Charter rights by not acknowledging his claims that he has seen the hominoid.



Photo: Cade Stewart

Standing wanted a provincial biologist to accompany him on one of his sasquatch expeditions. Biologists have long denied the science that colleagues such as the late John Bindernagel have collected in the past few decades that sasquatch exists.

Standing said he has seen sasquatch. He leads week-long sasquatch expeditions, accepting only 12 participants a year, and charges US\$4,800 each.

Justice Kenneth Ball took 17 days to deliver his ruling - which essentially said a court is not the right place to decide "alleged scientific facts which are not universally accepted as true."

Ball also stated there was no infringement on Standing's rights, so there was no claim.

**Standing told CTV that he plans to file similar lawsuits in Alberta and Washington State, where he says sasquatch has also been spotted.**

If there is one good thing to come out of the court case it is this: it got a legitimate court of law to seriously consider whether sasquatch is, in fact, real.



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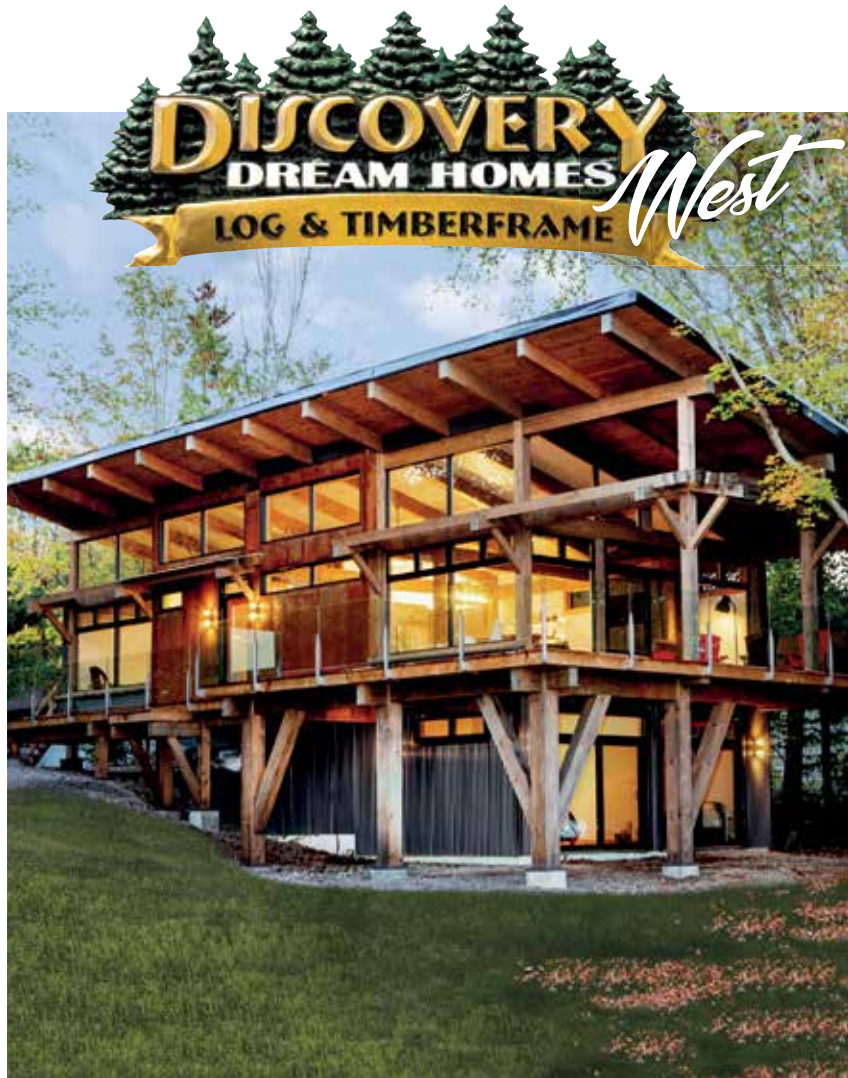
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### Park Place Palace!

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### One Owner Charmer!

Tucked in the trees with SW exposure, come home to this 5 bedroom freehold mountain home. Less than 50 meters from parking and ski in and out means the best of both worlds! The charm of the original Alpine Village makes this location second to none. This one owner home is lovingly maintained and was architecturally designed when built in 1983. The living areas have vaulted ceilings and the focus of the living room is an expansive river rock fireplace. Open gourmet kitchen with ample counter space for all to assist the chef. Down-



stairs is a wood room, laundry, workshop and two bedrooms. The other three bedrooms are on the main and upper floors. Two entry areas, one on the main floor and one on the lower floor. **\$594,900**



### Perched on a Knoll!

This Alpine Village chalet is perfectly set up for a large family or those wanting a great rental property. Easy access to parking, ski in and out. Three distinct living areas; a lower 2 bedroom sunny owner's suite, main floor 5 bedroom suite with huge entertainment friendly kitchen and living area and an upper bachelor suite. Meticulously maintained with new hardiplank siding on the exterior. Loads of storage, well thought out design. Wood fireplace in the upper main suite and electric fireplace in the owners suite. **\$649,900**

### Call 'The Roost' Home!

Primary residence with excellent rental possibilities. The chalet is built of concrete blocks from ground to roof, with brick columns and fireplace/chimney, and extensive use of cedar on interior and exterior walls. The Roost looks south over the village towards Strathcona Park. Looking north you have views of the ski runs. This is the spot for glorious sunsets, either snug in the front of a blazing fire, or on the balcony in the summer. The top floor has an extremely well equipped kitchen, including its own laundry. There are two queen bedrooms and a loft with two twin beds. The main floor has two queen bedrooms and a hide-a-bed in the



living room. Has excellent views and added luxury of a sauna, particularly welcoming after a hard day on the slopes! The washer and dryer are down the stairs on the ground floor as well as firewood for the fireplace. The ground level studio has a bunk bed and a new double futon. Sale includes domain name theroot.ca. Net rental income 2017: \$26,000 **\$649,900**



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