

# M A R M O T

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## Play safe and enjoy your visit to Mt. Washington!

*Spring break at Mt. Washington had been a glorious holiday for the family. Sunshine washed the slopes every day and the snow was deep and rich. Six-year-old Lesley had just completed her second week of ski lessons and was eager to try a challenge...*

After all, she'd graduated from keeping her skis in pizza wedge formation to the all-important French-fries. Her turns were a series of slow, calculated curves as she traversed, in complete control, from one side of Linton's Loop to the other.

A few feet above her, Rick called out "Turn! That was great! Okay, Lesley, turn again!" in a voice that resounded over the crunch and swish of fellow skiers and snowboarders whisking happily by. Higher still, her mother and older brother were enjoying the leisurely pace set by the youngest member of the group. They shared giggles and laughter as mother and son stopped at the crest of the last lip to survey the slope below.

In his bright red and black jacket, Rick was easy to spot. At over six feet tall and weighing somewhat more than the average scarecrow, he was a big man. Lesley was just as visible in her brilliant turquoise and purple ski suit and the black helmet she'd kept on her head after her official lessons were done for the day.

"Turn!" Rick called and Lesley's mom and brother poked each other and bragged about what a great skier Lesley was becoming.



Newly completed Raven Lodge features spectacular post and beam construction.

***There was no ominous warning that the man was coming. There was no shout, no earsplitting scream, no sound at all. Just the gentle whoosh of his snowboard shooting right past the huge, fluorescent orange warning signs and over the snowy lip with a blinding flash of sun glinting off the razor-sharp edge of his board.***

Time froze for Lesley's mom and brother as they watched helplessly, unable to cry out fast enough to stop the disaster. Their world shifted into slow motion as the airborne snowboarder hurtled straight toward little Lesley.

A thunderclap rent the silence as the snowboard smashed into the back of her helmet and sent her tiny body flying in cartwheels through the air. In a moment it was over and Lesley lay unmoving, facedown in the snow.

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## World Class Raven Lodge opens for Winter 01/02

***Nordic skiing is taking the spotlight at Mt. Washington this year. And it has everything to do with the state-of-the-art Raven Lodge.***

"The building we've developed is world class," Mt. Washington General Manager Peter Gibson said. New nordic terrain has also been developed as part of a 600-acre expansion project.

The lodge opened in mid-December after two summers of building. The post-and-beam construction, soaring windows on the main floor and use of cultured stone on the exterior has created an ambience in the lodge that blends well with the natural surroundings, he said.

Some of the wood used in the finishing construction was milled on site, too. The upstairs features a huge stone fireplace with a seating area, a cafeteria, retail space and spectacular view of Strathcona Park.

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## Herb Bradley Honoured for a Lifetime of Community Service

**Herb Bradley folded his hands on his walking cane and bowed his head, resting it on his hands, as the room around him erupted in a standing ovation.**

The sold out crowd at the Florence Filberg Centre had come to honor the consummate volunteer: Bradley, the man who has made so much difference in so many lives, in so many ways.

The Herb Bradley dinner in November attracted a who's who of the Comox Valley history books, as Bradley's former students and fellow volunteers came from all over Vancouver Island to applaud him.

Since he arrived in the Comox Valley in 1947, Bradley has been instrumental in teaching kids how to swim and ski, and has helped bring the Vancouver Island Skiing for the Disabled Society a national reputation for the calibre of skiers it trains.

Amid all the stories that the packed house told at the "open mic", and the songs that Bradley — known for leading a ski class or two in song — led, everyone paused to hear the big news. The disabled skiing race traditionally held in February at Mt. Washington has now been renamed the Herb Bradley Coca-Cola Classic.

"This is one of the events that's near and dear to our hearts," said Peter Kupiak, Island manager for Coca-Cola, in announcing the name change for the popular VISD fund-raiser. The race



*To disabled skiers, Herb Bradley is the man who made it possible for many of them to have the opportunity to experience the excitement of skiing.*

pits teams of skiers, including disabled skiers, against each other in a fun race on the Green Chair run. The race habitually attracts some big-time names, like the B.C. Lions, who promote it by doing live appearances as well as participating in the race itself.

Bradley was born in Bonnie Doon, a suburb of Edmonton. He was one of seven boys and three girls, and at Rutherford school he was always one of the top athletic performers in all fields. "His activities were many and varied, but in all fields his tremendous natural ability and strength of character and sheer determination always

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## New Development Hinges on the Success of Holiday Season

everything goes according to plan, construction will proceed next summer on a new chairlift that will open up new terrain. The lift line was cleared in summer 2001, as was one new ski run.

"We're strongly leading towards a detachable six (seater)," he said. A lift company has been chosen, but Gibson wouldn't reveal who it was because the choice hadn't been run by the board, yet.

The new red chair will eliminate a major congestion area at the top of the red chair; it will unload where the Raven run comes off Westerly, and will be one lift longer than the Eagle Express, Gibson said.

"The new lift will cater to all levels of skiers and boarders," he said, with an emphasis on giving novice skiers some higher terrain to work with.


The west side project started last year with construction of Raven Lodge, a first-class Nordic skiing facility that opened in mid-December. Two parking lots have been cleared and set with gravel, to accommodate Raven Lodge visitors.

Construction of one of the parking lots meant moving the biathlon range that the Strathcona Nordics Cross-Country Ski Team had developed. A new range has been constructed about a kilometre farther up the road. Next year, a new trail head will be developed to welcome guests to Paradise Meadows. Gibson said the trail head location has yet to be determined, but it will give people access either through the lower parking lot or from the lower level of Raven Lodge.

**A solid Christmas season will spell the difference between new development or no development on the west side of Mt. Washington.**

If numbers are strong through the early part of the season, Mt. Washington Resort will continue developing 600 new acres on the west side with construction of another high-speed chairlift.

"Everything's subject to board approval and affordability. So we have to have a strong start to the year," Resort General Manager Peter Gibson said prior to the season opener. If




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one-day trail passes plus a coupon for 50% off your sixth visit. As an added bonus, Mt Washington has included one free Alpine Lift Ticket for each High Five package purchased!

Season passes can also be purchased for Cross Country skiing. An adult season's pass purchased prior to September 30 is a low \$145.00. Purchased after November 1st, the price rises to \$179.00. Family passes are also available with the first adult paying the regular season's pass price and the discounted rates applicable to the additional family members.

With Strathcona Park snuggled against the west side of the Alpine Ski resort, Mt Washington offers a Nordic adventure that is second to none. There are 55km of track set and skating trails on the mountain and in the park, some of which are lift serviced. There is something for all levels of fitness from easy to most difficult and everything in between. With so much snow and a scintillating variety of trails that range from gentle undulation all the way up to extreme challenges, Nordic Skiing is not to be confused with a stroll in the park but it can certainly feel like one.

The Red Chair accesses the Upper West Trail and the Discovery Platter will make your trip back to the Alpine Lodge a smooth glide. Most trails are groomed daily. It should be noted that after hours skiing is not permitted at Mt Washington.

In addition to Cross Country classic and skating skis, snow blades, snowshoes and children's sleds are all welcome on the Cross Country trails.

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## Introducing Mt. Washington's Three Marketeers (or Three Stooges?)

***It's 1:30 p.m. on a weekday in skiing's pre-season and laughter floats out of the marketing department, permeating the downstairs office at Mt. Washington's alpine lodge. If one were to listen more closely, one might think the room's occupants were practicing a Three Stooges skit.***

Mt. Washington marketing director Karen Bonell just shakes her head. "Those are my boys," she says. The "boys" are Van Eyke Olivier, Dave Hampshire and Chris Hounsell. Separately, they are events co-ordinator, public relations co-ordinator and retail sales representative, respectively. Together, however, they are the laugh-a-minute trio responsible for the marketing of Mt. Washington.

"They're definitely outgoing," Bonell says, laughing. "And loud." Hounsell is the "veteran" of the bunch, having started work on the mountain three years ago. However, he only moved into his sales position in June 2001. Olivier started work on the mountain in December 2000 and moved into his current role in February. Hampshire started on July 3.

When Olivier first came to the valley from South Africa he worked below sea level, with a scuba diving operation. "It's not really a big enough industry to make a living. I had to look around," he said. In South Africa he worked full-time for a scuba dive char-



*The 3 Marketeers are Chris Hounsell, Van Eyke Olivier & Dave Hampshire  
All for one and one for all!*

ter company, and worked part-time organizing events.

Olivier started work at the mountain with the ski and snowboard watchdog program, with the intention of moving into the marketing department. When public relations and events were split into two jobs in February, he got his chance. "Having had event experience in South Africa, it was a perfect fit," he said. He was also a stand-up comic, having participated in eight international comedy shows and worked the pubs and clubs in South Africa for two years - also a perfect fit for working in the marketing department.

Hampshire is a familiar face to the Comox Valley. *Continued on page 22*

### Crown Isle

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Also housed within the Resort Centre are a number of meeting and conference rooms, fitness centre with whirlpool and steam rooms, golf shop, cigar room and classic car museum featuring classic automobiles from the '50's to the '70's.

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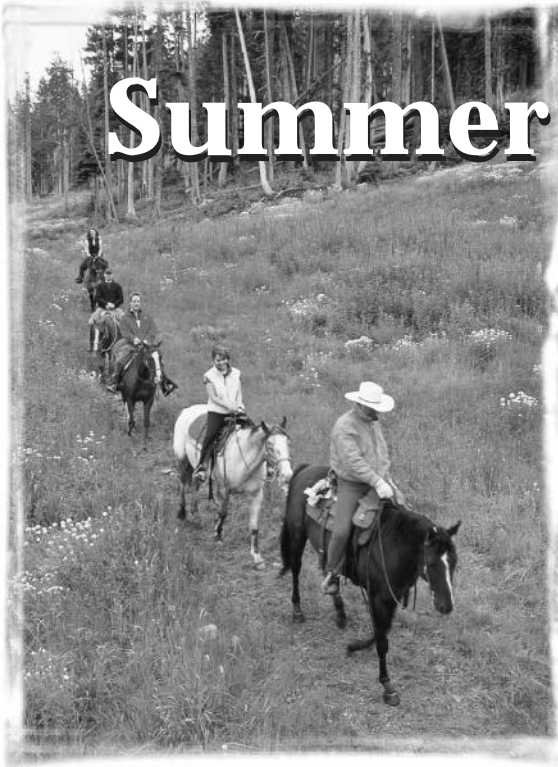


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*Horseback rides more than quadrupled their business and mountain bike activity grew by 50% over last year.*

were up here," Bonell added. "They bought more souvenirs, they tried our disc golf. The horseback rides more than quadrupled their business over last year."

The weather in August was overcast and wet much of the time - there were only a couple of weekend days that were good weather. However, the mountain more than made up for it with a balmy September.

Mt. Washington saw a 50-per-cent increase in the number of mountain bikes on the slopes, Bonell said. "We're putting some time and effort into the trails and expanding them, and it's paying off." Even when rain held off the summer tourists, the mountain bike diehards were pedaling around the slopes, she said. "They waterproof you in a way. They don't care what it's like (outside), they're going to go anyway."

Mt. Washington had more events than last year and they were successful, too. The Mountain Luau in July was a huge draw, as was the family day. The Mountain Musicfest may be scrapped next year due to a lower than expected turnout at the event.

**Thirty thousand people thought Mt. Washington was a great place to be last summer!**

Summer visits stayed steady through another year as about 17,000 people rode the Eagle Express to the summit, to catch the breath-taking views of Strathcona Provincial Park, Discovery Passage and the Comox Valley.

"We were up a little bit in terms of our summer visitors," marketing director Karen Bonell said. The numbers weren't huge, but they were sufficient to continue carving out Mt. Washington's reputation as a four-season destination. "What was significant was that people bought while they

## Mt. Washington Local Area Plan Passes Unanimously

A significant step toward the future development of Mt. Washington was achieved in October, when the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona unanimously passed the Mt. Washington Local Area Plan.

The plan, will allow the mountain to develop 2,200 units with many design and expansion conditions. The previous development ceiling was 750 units, and Mt. Washington was already at 550 units, Resort General Manager Peter Gibson said.

"What the Local Area Plan does is address all the issues," like water, sewer, buffers between the resort and Strathcona Provincial Park, etc., Gibson said. "It's a very strong planning document and I think it's got a strong 'green' message to it."

The planning process began twelve years ago and underwent several transformations before City Spaces signed on in the summer of 2000 to help. Regional director Kel Kelly became involved with a planning team, with an eye on environmental concerns, as did the resort owners advisory committee - making sure property owners also had a say in the process.

Jay Oddleifson, Mt. Washington Director of Finance and planning, has devoted the last two years of his life to the Local Area Plan, trying to ensure that Mt. Washington remains one of the most environmentally sensitive family resorts in Canada.

"The resort development here will be market-driven," Oddleifson explained. Expansion will only happen

so long as the mountain resort has the business. "The LAP and other planning allows us to have a pretty good idea as to how we want to see (development) happen, where we want it to happen and how we want it to happen," Oddleifson said.

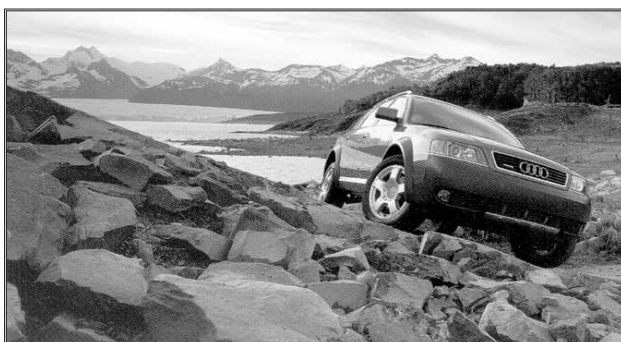
Design guidelines have been put into place to achieve a high standard of design - both architecturally and with landscape in mind, he said. The plan is proactive with developers and investors, not reactive - "It gives us a lot more control over the quality of resort we're going to achieve."

The plan dictates that the resort will develop detailed secondary plans to establish a clear definition of land use and expansion. It also allows for a uniform set of environmental and design standards that will create a desired ambience, he said.

As part of the detailed planning a resort-wide analysis was conducted, covering such areas as drainage, sewage, streamside protection, vegetation and disturbed areas, greenways, wildlife and infrastructure.

Now that the LAP has passed fourth reading at the regional district, the next step is to complete this secondary planning and make presentations to regional district directors. Oddleifson hoped to have that process finished before Christmas.

"The valley and surrounding communities should all be proud of this," Oddleifson says. "We're going to do something up here everyone's going to be proud of."



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**What is a Guest House?** A Guest House is exactly what the name implies. It is a house for guests. You will be provided with a bed to sleep in, a place to store

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Since this is not a hostel, the international hostelling card is not required. Just you're reservation, then come and play!

**Where is it located?** 1203 Fosters Place. This is a drive-to, cul-de-sac that is conveniently situated on an Alpine access slope. The Alpine Lodge is a short 10-minute walk away. Additionally, it is close to Nordic Skiing, Snow shoeing and the new Raven Lodge.

**What facilities do you have?** A spacious hot tub is available to the guests nightly from 5pm to 7pm. Games, books, puzzles and coin-operated laundry are also provided. However, it should be noted that the Guest House does not have a television.

**Why no TV?** As Sue says, "I'm trying to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere that encourages communal camaraderie between guests. You really have to experience this type of accommodation to fully understand how lovely it is."

**How do I check-in?** There is an office located right inside the front door of the Guest House. The hours are 8:30am to 11am and 4:00pm to 9pm daily.

**Where do I get my key?** There are no

keys other than those for your private padlocks. All doors are operated by way of a security-encoded lockbox. The code is frequently changed for security reasons.

**What about late checkout?** If you need to check out late there is secured storage available for your belongings. Naturally you will be expected to vacate your room and you can pick up your belongings during business hours later in the day.

**How many bedrooms are there?** There are six bedrooms and four bathrooms arranged in various configurations to accommodate singles, couples, families and larger groups.

**Could I rent the whole house for my large group?** Yes you can. For groups of up to 30 people but keep in mind that the hosts live in the property so it will not be the same as renting a private chalet.

**What are the prices?** As with all rental properties on the mountain there is high season and low season pricing. You can book per bed or per family room. Prices start at \$17.00 per head and go up from there.

**How can I pay?** Visa, Cash, Travellers cheques are all accepted. In addition it should be noted that you will be expected to provide photo identification at the time of check-in, so make sure you have your driver's license, passport or country identity cards handy.

**Do I need to bring my own sheets and towels?** Sheets are provided and towels can be rented. It's best to bring your own towels. Sleeping bags are not permitted. Should you need extra blankets they are available upon request.

**What about cooking?** The kitchen is open until 11pm every night and you are welcome to use the dishes, pots and pans that are provided there. However, you are expected to clean up after yourself. After 11pm the kitchen is closed.

**Where do I store my skis and snowboards?** There is storage available on the

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**Is smoking allowed?** No

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**Do you recycle?** There are recycling bins just off the kitchen where you can place items such as clean cans, newspapers etc. The bins are all marked and are emptied by your hosts on a regular basis. "We encourage all our guests to recycle." Says Sue.

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- Dec 11 **Merrill Lynch Women's Day Escape** - Lift, Lesson & Lunch Package, from \$58
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- Dec 16 **Atlas Snowshoe Romp** Check out snowshoeing
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- Dec 22 **Christmas Tree Trimming Party** Tinsel, garland and more...
- Dec 23 **Photos with Santa** What do you want under the tree?
- Dec 25 **Santa's on the slope**
- Dec 26 **Coca Cola Torchlight Parade with Fireworks**
- Dec 31 **New Years Eve Party** Get your tickets early!

**January**

- Jan 1-4 **Kids Winter Break Camp** For children 7-12
- Jan 5 **VIAC Youth Race**
- Jan 6-10 **Disabled Society Winter Festival**
- Jan 6 **VIAC - Race #1**



- Jan 7-12 **Cross Country Classic Ski Week**
- Jan 12 **Strathcona Nordics Classic Race**
- Jan 12 **Helly Hansen Showtime** Challenge Big Air, Big Tricks!
- Jan 13 **Steve Marshall Ford 4x4 Snow Driving Challenge**

- Jan 14-18 **Kokanee Winter Festival** 1/2 Price Midweek Tickets
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- Jan 19 Winter Festival Costume Party  
 Jan 21-26 Rossignol National  
 Ski/Board Week  
 1/2 Price Midweek Rentals  
 Jan 26 Free Rossignol Alpine  
 Race Clinic  
 Jan 27 VIAC - Race #2

### February

- Feb 2 Fat Teddy's Beach Party  
 Feb 3 Coca-Cola Classic Race  
 Fundraiser for Disabled Skiing  
 Feb 9 Slopestyle Competition  
 Work your technique!  
 Feb 14 Sweetheart Dinner  
 in Fireweed's Restaurant  
 Feb 14 Valentine's Match n' Win  
 Feb 16 Wood Cup Race & Banquet  
 & Forestry Industry Day  
 Feb 17 VIAC - Race #3  
 Feb 23 Powerade Skier Cross

### March

- Mar 2 Pipers After Dark Invitational &  
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 Mar 2 Sprite Super Cross  
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 Mar 4-8 Women's Week Girls week out!

- Mar 8 Ladies Only Live Entertainment  
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 Family Fun!  
 Mar 16 Vancouver Island Loppet Race  
 Skate Ski Racing  
 Mar 17 St. Patrick's Green Zone Poker  
 Run Remember to wear green!  
 Mar 18-22 Kids Spring Break Camps  
 For children 7-12  
 Mar 22 Barq's Snowtubing Festival  
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 Mar 23 Cross Country Spandex Race  
 What colour's your spandex?  
 Mar 23 Big Stupid Big Race  
 Mountain biking defined!  
 Mar 23 Halfpipe Competition  
 Mar 24 VIAC - Race #4 Final race!  
 Mar 31 Easter Egg Hunt Goodies for  
 children of all ages.

### April

- Apr 6 Overwaitea Dummy Downhill  
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Due to the excessive snowfall Mt Washington can experience it would be wise to move your car or dig it out after a heavy snowfall to ensure it is not damaged by the snowplow.

**When Hunger Hits Hard...** The Alpine Lodge offers the choice of laid-back dining at Fireweeds, pub-style fare at Fat Teddy's, Chinese take-out or eat-in at The Mountain Wok and cafeteria service at The Alpine Café.

Alternatively, you may want to check out The Sunset Café located at the base of the Red Chair or see what new secrets await you at the new Raven Lodge.

**Provisions...** In case you forgot an essential item such a toilet paper you can equip yourself with emergency supplies from the General Store located on Strathcona Parkway directly below the original Alpine Village. A limited selection of videos are available for rent and it is a BC Licensed Liquor outlet.



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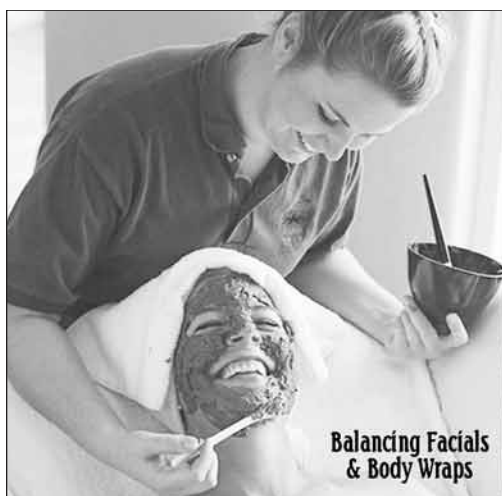


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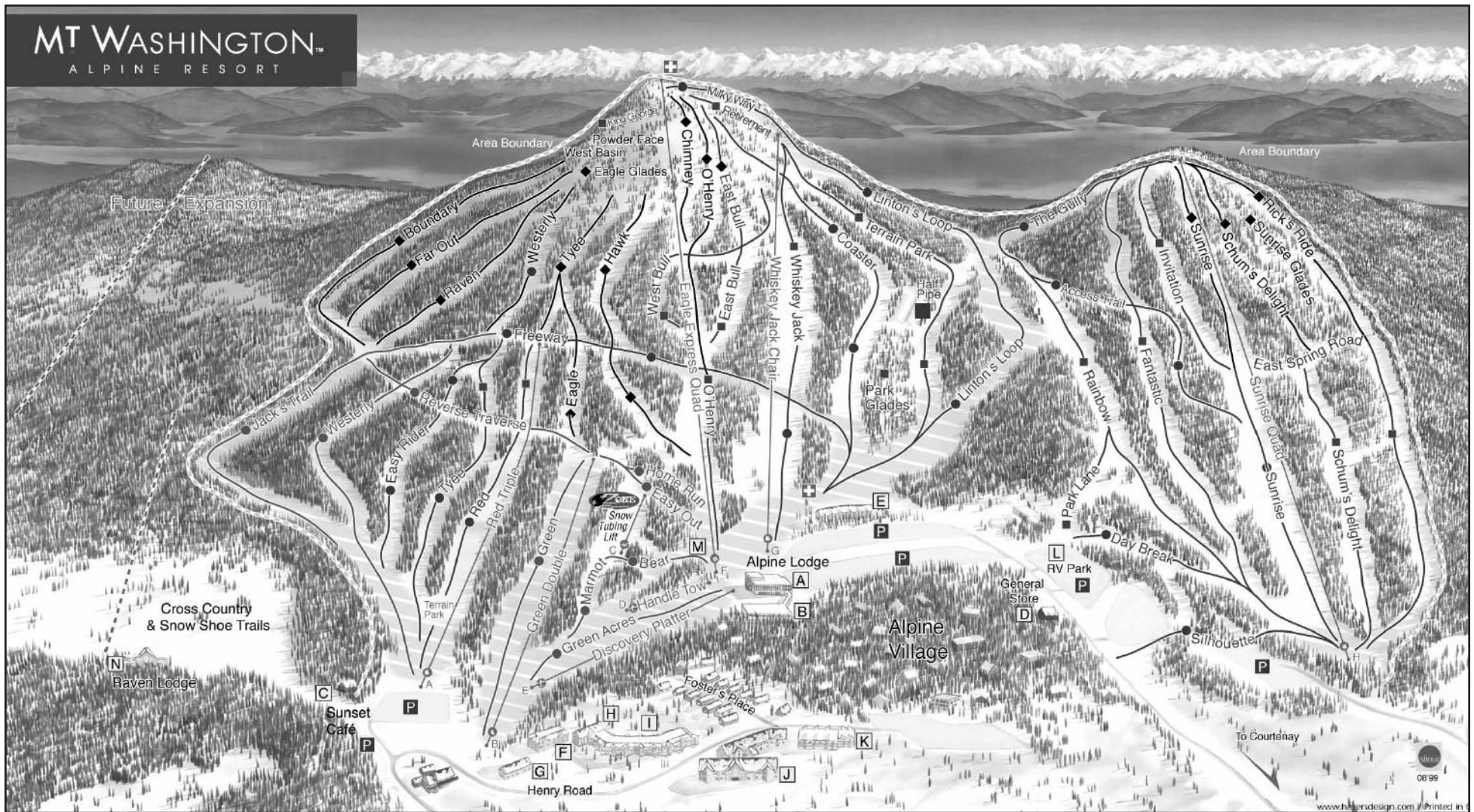


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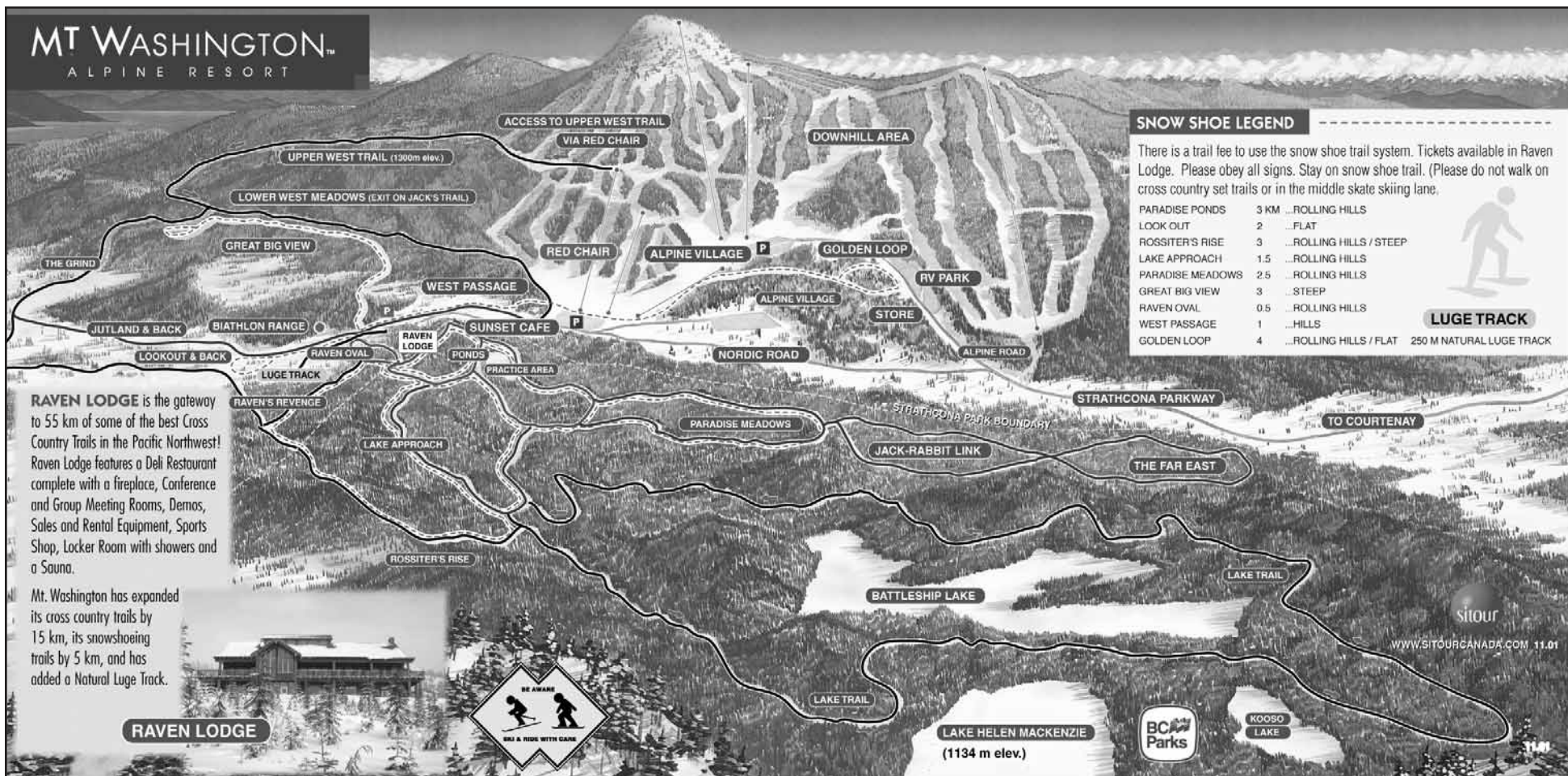


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## The Road May Be Paved From Top To Bottom... But don't Let A Lack of Road Safety Common Sense Ruin Your Ski Getaway

**Okay, so you have everything ready for your holiday. You've got warm clothing, the correct equipment (including that all important helmet), food and all your friends packed into the car. You're ready to zoom up the mountain for a weekend of fun and frolic, right? Maybe not...**

That early December evening in Courtenay had been unseasonably warm. Constant drizzle slapped against the window as the family made their way back up the mountain after enjoying a quick trip to town. They were enjoying the journey by singing along with the Disney CD that was always handy in the Blazer. There was nothing like Jungle Book's, "The Elephant March" to entertain the kids.

Half way to the top the rain changed into slushy snow and the truck slowed in cautious response to the slick road surface. The Elephant March gave way to silence. It was important to concentrate on the road.

In another few miles the slush turned to thick snow that clung to the

wipers and trailed along behind every swipe. The glass in front of the driver was a coagulation of melting snow framed by a thick, white arch.

### Time to switch to four-wheel-drive.

At the dip before Ramparts Creek, a lone vehicle sat nestled in the parallel, uphill grooves of snow. The small pickup's engine was running and the headlights were on, but it wasn't moving. Inside, a young woman sat alone, frustrated and afraid. Too far from the mountain village to walk up for help, too far from town to head down and unable to turn around in the deep, slippery ruts she couldn't have telephoned for help even if she'd had a portable phone, because cellular coverage at Ramparts Creek is non-existent.

"Are you okay?" The family called from their Blazer as they pulled up beside her.

"Yes!" Came her clipped, response. She was frustrated. But something didn't seem right, "Are you sure?" They persisted. The woman nodded and then sighed, "No," her voice was a plea, "I need help. I'm stuck."

The mother hopped out of the passenger side of the Blazer and into the driver's seat of the young woman's

truck. With perseverance, skill and an hour worth of words not worth printing, she managed to maneuver the truck up the steep hill to the mouth of the Sunrise Quad parking lot. There she parked it safely and left it. Then the family transported the young woman to her destination.

You might ask what that young woman was doing on a mountain road, in the dark of night, in a small pickup truck with no ballast in the back and half bald tires? Well, her boyfriend had asked her to bring his truck up the mountain. He was snowboarding with his buddies and she planned to meet him. If it hadn't been for the family that chanced upon her, she might not have arrived alive at her destination.

**The moral of this story is that it is wise to check your vehicle for winter readiness before you leave home. Here are some simple tips that could make all the difference:**

**1) If your car needs a tune-up or will be due for one soon, get it done now!** The last thing you want to hear is, Clink, clunk, hisssss as the engine dies

in the middle of a single-lane, mountain road while 47 cars filled with oversized and overeager snowboarders are lined up behind you.

**2) Make sure your battery and charging system are up to snuff.** Otherwise your CD player won't work if you get stuck. Of course, your car might not start at all after your excellent ski weekend and you'd be forced to stay an extra day or two while waiting for the new battery to be delivered.

**3) Check your cooling system.** If there are any leaks, get them fixed now. That little shot of steam you saw in town could turn into a dangerous icy, jousting spike by the time you hit the snow-zone. Also, the mountain does not keep spare radiators in stock for those that split due to lack of proper coolant. Come to think of it, it could take a few days for a new one to be delivered. A few more gloriously, sunny, excellent ski days...

**4) Make sure your windshield wipers are in good shape.** You could always forgo this one if you don't mind hanging out the side window in order to see while you drive. It's great fun in the rain! There is nothing so attractive as a face, pock marked by stinging hail.

**5) Keep your gas tank close to full.** Unless you plan to invent a new sport called "Coasting All The Way Down the Mountain on Fumes". *Cont. on page 17*

**Auto Safety**



## First trip to Mt. Washington?

*Here are things you should know.*

**Getting There...** Mt. Washington is located on Vancouver Island in British Columbia, 25 km west of the Comox Valley (approximately a 25 minute drive), 100km north of Nanaimo (approximately a 90 minute drive).

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## Completed Inland Island Highway shortens trip to Mt. Washington

Four lanes of blacktop now lead to Mt. Washington. The days of the old "goat trail" that wound its gravelly way, seemingly around every tree, from the base of the road 18 kilometres upwards to the lodge were but a memory last September, when the last section of the Inland Island Highway - linking the Comox Valley to Campbell River - officially opened.

The new Inland Island Highway now rolls four lanes of freeway right to the base of Mt. Washington. Those arriving by vehicle from all points of the Island will find their journey to be not only quicker but also less of a hassle.

"The day it opened, I was out there with a stopwatch," Mt. Washington general manager Peter Gibson said. "It's six minutes from Cumberland to the bottom of the hill, 16 minutes from the bottom of the hill to the Campbell River Airport. That's a big, big improvement."

**Nanaimo visitors will be on the slopes in 90 minutes, while Victoria skiers are only an hour further down the highway.**

The paving continues all the way up the mountain on the Strathcona Parkway, ending in a brand new paved entrance way and revitalized parking lot.

Departure is eased by a new, circular turnaround in front of the Alpine Lodge. Also new this year is Mt. Washington's own bus company, which will be operating a shuttle service from downtown Courtenay.

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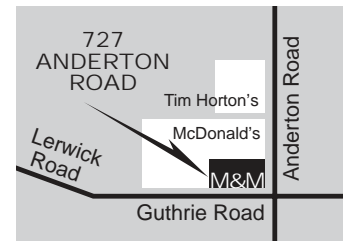
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**Gina Rozon**

The FOR SALE sign on my neighbour's lawn is incomplete.

Sure, it gives the name of the realtor, as if just anyone can call her and arrange to buy the thing. That sign should say, "Apply next door."

According to the real estate agent, anybody who can write a big enough cheque is allowed to buy the house. She doesn't understand that there are certain criteria for moving into that house. Prerequisites.

I grew up in a neighbourhood where the only people who moved were the Klemencics. They moved all the time. First, they moved all the way from across the alley to next door. When the Klemencic family grew too large for the house next door, they bought the house across the street. Their eldest son kept the house they'd just moved out of. Oh, and the old man who lived in the house they bought? He moved in with his son, Stan.

It was that kind of neighbourhood. Everybody knew everybody. Stan and Bea were the neighbourhood grandparents. They would give me chocolate and let me play with their dogs. Occasionally I would even visit Stan's dad, the old man who was living in their basement. Every kid on the block knew they could climb the cherry trees at the Stanley house. I ran away from home when I was five years old.

I went straight across the alley to the Lee's house and sat on their back step until 2 a.m. Then my bag of food ran out and Mrs. Lee sent me home.

When I grew up, I married a man who moved me all over the country. I was never able to really get to know my neighbours because we moved so often.

When we came to La Ronge, I decided it was time to put down roots. I wanted my kids to have a taste of what I had: growing up in one place, growing up with their friends. I wanted to live in that kind of neighbourhood.

I was thrilled to discover that the lady next door was the kind of woman who builds that kind of neighbourhood. You know the type. They seem to know who everyone is? My neighbour shared the vegetables in her garden when all I grew was weeds. She arranged neighbourhood Thanksgiving dinners. She's borrowed eggs, leant sugar, traded recipes and shared cakes. She even gave my writing dreams a boost to new levels. She introduced me to the local writing group, and then to CBC Radio.

We've shared. Laughter. Tears. Hugs. Our children drift between the back yards, share books, play games, and show up as the extra children at meal times. They grew memories alongside us.

My friend and neighbour isn't like the Klemencics. She isn't moving across the street. She's moving across the country. So, you can understand why I'm a little fussy about who they sell that house to. I had the neighbourhood I wanted because of her. Not just anybody can buy that house. Apply next door.

## A new style of skiing is about to hit Mt. Washington... *Freestyle Skiing.*

**With new gear like twin tips, fat and shaped skis; with terrain parks and the influence of snowboarders, young people are flocking back to skiing.**

From moguls to big air and tricks in the halfpipe, free-ride skiers are everywhere. Timed to fit with the 2002 Olympics, the Mt. Washington Freestyle Club is planning to ride the wave of excitement over progressive, freestyle skiing.

"We want to provide an all-round skiing experience for the skiers," says head coach Jon Standing, the Western Canadian freestyle runner-up in 1994-95. The program will feature plenty of exposure to moguls, jumps, halfpipe and trees.

"We want to provide an all-round skiing experience for skiers," says Standing. "We'll coach them in bumps and big air as well as take them to the steep and deep where they can build their confidence and become all-terrain skiers.

"There is more to a mountain than groomed runs," he adds. Club technical director Stan Hanson, a former Canadian ski team member, plans to make sure the skiers know the basics of skiing before they try the latest airtime ski grab.

"Like they say, anyone can get airborne, but it's the landing that hurts,"

he says. "I want to see our skiers stable and balanced no matter what the terrain. We teach safety first."

Club members are from all over the island. The club is the newest member of the BC Freestyle Ski Association, which hosts sanctioned competitions all over the province. Organizers are hoping to operate every weekend from Dec. 22 to April 6, with two-day and one-day programs.

*The Freestyle Club is open to skiers aged 12 to 18. For more information, contact Ann at 339-4249, Heather at (250) 758-3665, Diane at (250) 752-7419 or John at (250) 727-8164.*

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**6) Make sure your windshield wiper reservoir is full.** Snow is not like rain, it does not act like a car wash. Muck from the road collects in snow and can build up on your windshield like the Great Wall of China. Unless you're Superman and have X-ray vision, you'll have to rely on good old-fashioned window-wash in order to see.

**7) If your vehicle has rear wheel drive, carry ballast.** Sandbags, bricks, logs, kitty litter, rolled up carpets, mother-in-law, daughter's nasty boyfriend, (they'd have to be inside the rolled up carpet), anything that adds weight to your rear end is food, I mean, good.

**8) Make sure your rear window defroster works.** Unless you don't care who might be pulling out to pass you. If you're very unlucky, it will be the snowplow and you'll be buried until spring!

**9) Know your car.** Not just its first name. Get to know what sounds right when it's working well and what little noises are new and suspicious. Like most women, cars make funny noises when something is amiss.

**10) Make sure you have basic supplies in your truck in case you get stuck.** Blankets, candles, crackers, brie, anything that will turn a disaster into a cozy romantic interlude.

**11) Always carry kitty litter.** It acts as

ballast and scattered in front of your tires, works well for traction. Obviously I am not referring to the clumping kind.

**12) Make sure your cellular phone is fully charged.** Your friends in town might appreciate being apprised of blizzard conditions so they can postpone their departure for a few hours. Not to mention how happy you will be to connect with BCAA when you need a tow out of a snow bank.

**13) Keep chains for your tires in your trunk.** Not whips, chains. Trust me, there's a big difference.

**14) If your car is covered with snow, clean off the ENTIRE vehicle before driving.** A little peephole in the windshield is not good enough. Have you ever driven behind some yahoo who didn't clean off his car and been blasted with the mini blizzard that whips off his roof? That's an accident waiting for a place to happen.

**15) If you are going to be parked for a few days, mark your vehicle with something tall that you will be able to locate after an eight-foot dump of snow.** There is nothing quite so heart-warming as spending three hours digging out your vehicle only to discover that you've dug out the wrong car!

**16) When driving in the snow, do everything slowly.** That includes swearing at the guy in front of you who just might be going slow enough to save your life.

## 2010 Olympics at Mt. Washington?

**Hosting the 2010 Winter Olympics in Whistler would generate \$2.8 billion in economic activity for B.C., according to Premier Gordon Campbell. And Mt. Washington wants a piece of the action.**

"I think there's some excitement to generate over this whole Whistler buzz," says Mt. Washington General Manager Peter Gibson. "It's time for the rest of the province to figure out ways to capitalize."

The province estimates the Games would generate \$700 million in tax revenues for provincial, federal and municipal governments, Campbell said. The Games would potentially create 67,000 jobs and would generate billions of dollars in global publicity. There were 3.7 billion people who watched the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney, Australia on television. And when Calgary hosted the 1988 Winter Games, organizers discovered 53% of the spectators were from abroad.

With the opening of the new Raven Lodge nordic skiing facility in mid-December, Mt. Washington has gone world class, Gibson said. He predicted the Island mountain would be an ideal training facility for cross-country ski and biathlon teams. "The terrain here is first class," he said; and what with recent improvements to the Comox Municipal Airport, Mt. Washington would be the closest and most viable snow venue to the proposed Olympic facilities.

Mt. Washington's views are being heard in some very important places. Glenn Rupertus of Courtenay is on the bid committee for the sport of biathlon, and sits on the Whistler bid's athlete advisory board. He is also a coach with the Strathcona Nordics cross-country and biathlon programs, which are run at Mt. Washington. "With their new facilities, (Mt. Washington) would most definitely be the premiere nordic facility in North America, from the facilities I've seen," Rupertus says.

Rupertus knows what he's talking about: "I have three Olympics under my belt as an athlete (Calgary in '88, Albertville in '92 and Lillehammer in '94) and I helped coach at a number of world championships. I spent 17 years on the national team," he said.

This summer Rupertus has been busy overseeing a move for the Mt. Washington biathlon range, a result of construction around Raven Lodge's new parking lots. The biathlon range

has been re-located about a kilometre further down the road from the previous range. It is located in a forested area that affords better security, and it will allow for trail expansion so competitors will have new one-kilometre, 2.5 km and 5 km loops for races.

Rupertus is ecstatic about the change - at half the size of an Olympic range, it's possible the Nordics will be able to use the new site to host international competitors in the near future. Maybe even in time for pre-Olympic event training. "It's meeting the needs of the club right now. I feel in the next three years it will be ready for pre-Olympic competition and training for other international teams," he said.

Aside from physical work on the range, the Nordics will have to increase both exposure and funding if they want to get the biathlon facility up to international standards. "Our hopes as a club are to get the range working at full capacity so we could host Western Canadian championships or even national championships. "Once you can host national championships, you can pretty much host a World Cup."

Both the Canadian national and junior national cross-country ski teams have already discovered the benefits of practicing at Mt. Washington. They first came to the mountain for spring training in 1998, and returned last May.

Rick Morson, vice-president of marketing for the Strathcona Nordics (and marketing director for Cross-Country Canada), says the teams come to Mt. Washington because of the large snow pack the alpine resort enjoys in the spring. "We have really excellent conditions in May. In fact last year Alain Parent (national junior team coach) said it was the best skiing he'd had all winter in terms of conditions," Morson said.

The snow is also the same as that found at Callaghan Valley, where the Whistler bid committee would like to establish facilities for cross-country skiing, ski jumping and biathlon facilities, and a bobsled-luge track. "Until all teams have access to the site, the Canadian team won't have access to (Callaghan Valley)," Morrison said. "So other teams may practice here."

The construction of Raven Lodge only adds to Mt. Washington's attraction, he said. The mountain already hosted an internationally sanctioned race here in March 1998 with the Continental Cup Nor-Am race, which is one step below a World Cup event. "We have the ability to hold international races here."

**Mt. Washington is banking on that.**

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## Mt. Washington Nominated for Environmental Award

### **Mt. Washington has been nominated for a Starfish Award for environmentally responsible tourism.**

The B.C. Council of Tourism sponsors the award, says Jay Oddleifson, Director of Finance and Planning for Mt. Washington Resort. In the past two years the resort has solidified its commitment to the environment through careful planning and practice as well as the education of its staff and visiting public, he says.

Resort management has committed \$300,000 in the past year to address concerns ranging from recycling depots to environmentally sensitive landscaping, to studies on water waste.

In the spring of 2000, Mt. Washington adopted environmental principles to provide a framework for sustainable landscape design. Some of these principles, which have led to the Starfish Award nomination, include: understanding the historic and regional landscape characteristics, respecting the natural landforms, and enhancing the environment for residents by using landscaping techniques that require little or no water.

"Many objectives and policies are aimed at protecting the physical environment," he said. Plans were put into action in the summer of 2001; for example, a water and trail feature, which includes catch basins that better deal with melt off and silt problems, was created at the Gold Trail (the entrance to the parking lot).

The key to the environmental principles was the adoption of the Local Area Plan in November. This plan calls for stringent environmental planning and practices for

the future, Oddleifson said - plans like a buffer between the resort and Strathcona Provincial Park, policies on ecological greenways, water management and acid rock drainage.

Resort management has tried to involve all its staff members in its environmental initiatives. Last year a staff committee was formed to look at ways the resort could lessen its environmental impact. The committee has been successful in a number of projects, including setting up more recycling depots for bottles, plastic and glass, and implementing a staff coffee card program to encourage staff members to use thermal mugs instead of disposable cups. That last initiative, says Oddleifson, saw a reduction of 1,600 paper cups and a savings of \$500 in a one-month trial near the end of last ski season.

***Mt. Washington works closely with BC Parks, donating \$10,000 annually for park projects and initiatives associated with Strathcona Park. The resort also prides itself on being deeply involved with the Marmot Recovery Foundation and has donated a section of land, valued at \$250,000, to assist the foundation in building the Vancouver Island Marmot Captive Breeding Facility.***

The first seven marmots were moved in for the winter in October, and biologists are hoping there will be new pups next year.

Mt. Washington's commitment to the environment doesn't stop there. In the next year the resort will explore a number of different initiatives in an ongoing effort to preserve a symbiotic relationship with its natural surroundings.

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**The Marmot Recovery Program has taken a major step forward in saving the Vancouver Island marmot from extinction.**

And biologist Andrew Bryant is giving full credit to the Mt. Washington Marmot Breeding Centre. In late October, the recovery program moved seven male and female marmots into the newly constructed "halfway house" located near the Mt. Washington Alpine resort.

After a couple of days of checking out their new digs, the marmots got down to the business of hibernating. They will slumber for approximately 210 days - about 80 more days than their lower elevation counterparts at breeding centres in the Calgary and Toronto zoos.

"They're pretty much down," said Dr. Andrew Bryant, the Nanaimo biologist who heads up the Marmot Recovery Foundation. "Virtually all the animals went down within a few short days ... which was encouraging."

"In a very real sense, we've made the first steps in bringing this guy back," Bryant said.

The Vancouver Island marmot has been on the endangered species list for about a decade. That's how long Bryant and the rest of the Marmot Recovery Foundation team has been working to bring the species back. There are only 77 known Vancouver Island marmots left, 47 of those in captivity.

The Mt. Washington Breeding Centre was completed in the summer of 2001 under a tight deadline: the recovery program needs more mar-



**Marmot Recovery Centre A Success!**

mots before they can start releasing them into the wild. The 6,000-square-foot, \$1.2-million facility is designed to acclimatize captive-bred marmots before they are released back into the wild.

The hope is that the captive-bred animals will then re-populate existing marmot colonies, or create their own. The facility is a cross between a dog kennel and a state-of-the-art veterinary clinic. The interior was designed in wings - the third wing has yet to be built - that can keep animals separated in case of disease.

There's a quarantine area and a surgery where the marmots are tagged with radio equipment before being released into the wild; a feed storage area; staff area with a kitchen and hide-a-bed. There are two rooms with monitoring equipment and all the pens are equipped with closed circuit television cameras.

The marmots are housed in concrete and steel mesh pens, eight feet by 10 feet, that run both indoors and outdoors, with "animal doors" between

the two. The pens are connected by runways, and by changing a door here or there, marmots can be introduced to one another for breeding purposes.

The whole facility can accommodate 80 to 140 marmots, Bryant said. "The idea is to allow the marmots to choose their own environment that makes them the happiest at the time," he said. In the spring, field workers hope

to convert the outside pens to mimic the marmots' natural habitat. Soil will be brought in so marmots can dig, rocks will be added for perches, and lupin will be planted so they can forage for their own food (although their diet is supplemented with dry pellets - a scientific brand of Purina rodent chow supplemented with vegetables).

Bryant said the facility is "fabulous. We built it so it's hard to be critical of your own baby, but so far there's not been a single glitch ... personally, I'm delighted."



The best part of the breeding program, he says, is the pups that were born last year are now ready to breed. They are also looking at releasing some of the two-year-olds, because that's the age at which they usually form their own colonies. "We may even be able to release a couple of animals in the spring," he said.

Although the breeding centre is not open to the public, people will soon be getting an intimate glimpse into the marmots' lives. In about three months

Bryant is hoping to set up a live television feed from the centre to an interpretive area that Mt. Washington has generously donated in its main lodge.

The interpretive centre will be set up, appropriately enough,

in the Marmot Den, on the lower floor of the alpine lodge. Displays explaining all about marmots, their habitat, the Mt. Washington Breeding Centre and the Marmot Recovery Program will line the walls.

Bryant said he will also assemble compilation tapes for the public, because the marmots are most active in the early morning and late evening. Mt. Washington general manager Peter Gibson is excited about the "Marmot TV" project for a couple of reasons. "I think next spring is going to be exciting when the young are born," he said.

The other benefit to having the television feed will be to keep the curious away from the breeding centre itself. "People are going to want to see them, but (the centre) will be closed to the public," he said.

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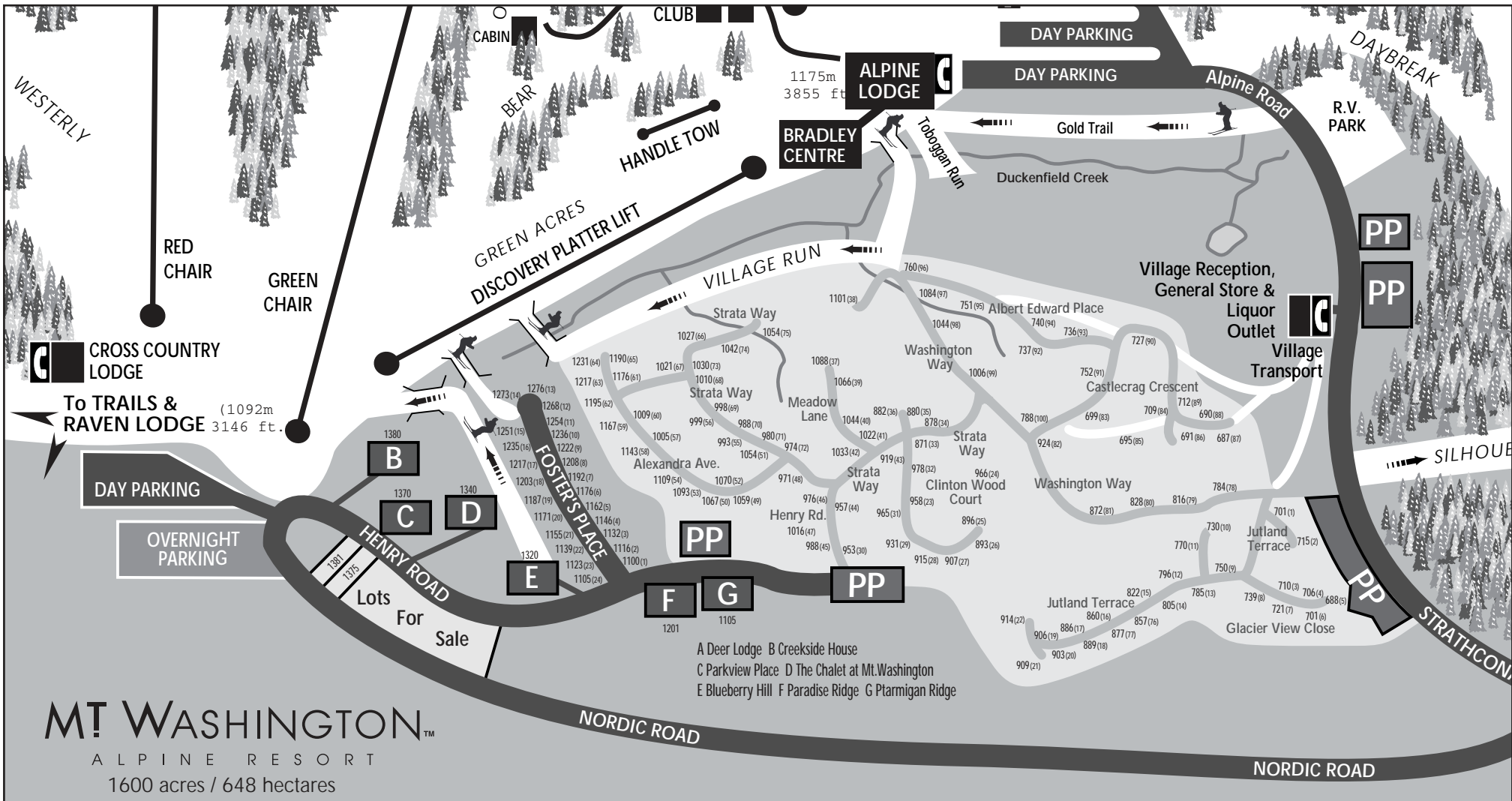
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## Play Safe

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Propelled by the urgent need to get to her daughter, Lesley's mom skied frantically and cleared the lip in time to see the errant snowboarder scramble upright onto his board. She was stunned to realize that the miscreant was not the careless youth she had expected but was instead, an older man, with graying hair, clad in a baby blue, one-piece snowsuit.

His scathing comments echoed around the shocked silence of the small, caring group who had quickly gathered around the scene.

"You should keep better control of you f\*\*\*\*\*g kids! What the hell is the matter with you? That kid shouldn't even be on this slope!" And with that, he slithered away without the smallest gesture of concern for Lesley who still lay motionless on the snow.

They never saw the man again. Thankfully, Lesley survived with nothing more than a gash in the back of her helmet that was five inches long and scored right into the thick styrofoam interior. If not for the helmet, she would be dead. She has skied wearing a helmet ever since.

***Lesley is one of the lucky ones. Every year, thousands of skiers and snowboarders are injured or killed due to carelessness, lack of safety equipment and lack of consideration for others.***

Snowplay is all about Respect. Respect for yourself, for others and for the mountain. Anything less than total respect is a recipe for disaster.

### ***Here are some stats on ski and snowboarding related injuries:***

- There are 3 to 4 injuries per 1000 skiers, reported each skier day
- Less than 40% of injuries are reported
- Most injuries are minor
- Most ski injuries involve the ankle and thumb
- Most snowboarding injuries involve the wrist
- Skier hurt more knees, Snowboarders hurt more ankles
- Approximately 10% of all injuries involve the head and neck
- Approximately 40% - 50% of all injuries involve a stationary object such as a tree or lift tower.
- Most ski and snowboarding injuries can be attributed to personal error – NOT equipment failure
- Most skiers do not use helmets. More snowboarders do.
- While alcohol does not appear to be a major factor in ski and snow

boarding injuries I could not find any statistics regarding the affect of drug use on the frequency or severity of injuries.

- Expert skiers and snowboarders have just as many injuries as the beginners.

### ***How can these injuries be prevented?***

Start by following "The Alpine Responsibility Code":

- 1) Always stay in control. You must be able to stop, or avoid other people or objects.
- 2) People ahead of you have the right of way. It is your responsibility to avoid them.
- 3) Do not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.
- 4) Before starting downhill or merging onto a trail, look uphill and yield to others.
- 5) If you are involved in or witness a collision or accident, you must remain at the scene and identify yourself to the Ski Patrol.
- 6) Always use proper devices to help prevent runaway equipment.
- 7) Observe and obey all posted signs and warnings
- 8) Keep off closed trails and closed areas
- 9) You must not use lifts or terrain if your ability is impaired through use of alcohol or drugs.
- 10) You must have sufficient physical dexterity, ability and knowledge to safely load, ride and unload lifts. If in doubt, ask the lift attendant.

### ***In addition, here are a few more rules that are also important.***

- A) **Get in shape early.** A pulled groin muscle is such an inconvenience.
- B) **Obtain proper equipment and be sure to have your ski or snowboard bindings adjusted properly by someone qualified to do the job.** A screwdriver wielded by Uncle Bob in his basement workshop might not be your first choice. It's the cobwebs on the tools that will be your first hint.
- C) **Snowplay clothing should be water and wind resistant.** Snap-off pants have a nasty habit of doing just that when you are airborne, upside-down and making the perfect jump in front of your girlfriend. And of course, you're wearing a helmet, right?
- D) **Dress in layers.** You are not Frosty the Snowman and you'll be very happy for the opportunity to remove a few layers when the sun comes out.



*Air is allowed... but only in designated areas.*

E) **Be prepared for sudden weather changes.** It is not uncommon for a day of skiing weather to follow this pattern, Sunny, Foggy, Rainy, Blizzard, Sunny. When in doubt, bring at least half your wardrobe from home. That should just about cover it.

F) **Warm up before your first run.** I'm referring to stretches, not hot rum.

G) **Take lessons.** There is nothing quite so frightening as losing control, especially when you don't know how to stop. And if you think it's scary for you, try being the guy you sideswiped and sent head-first into the trees. Screaming will not part the crowd to make way for you.

H) **Know the rules about food and drink.** If you want to eat on the chairlift please do not throw your wrappers on the ground. That's littering and we know your mother taught you better than that. If you must drink, make it fruit juice or water. Police ski the mountain so don't be stupid enough to land yourself in jail. That would ruin your vacation.

I) **Wear sunscreen!** Keep in mind that UV rays are very strong when reflected off the snow. While spring skiing in a bikini is a great way to show off your figure, the resulting Skin Cancer could kill you.

J) **Always wear eye protection.** In addition to protecting your eyes from snow-blindness, goggles provide great protection from small, skewering branches when you accidentally wind up in the trees.

K) **Never start with the hardest run unless you are the coolest guy on the mountain.** Of course nobody stays cool for long, eventually we all need to go inside to warm up. Most of us choose the lodge, but if you really like warming up in the ambulance on the way down the mountain, go for it!

L) **Don't be afraid to say "no".** If your

buddies want to be stupid by boarding down a cliff and you can't stop them, you don't have to be a penguin and follow their lead. Everyone knows what happens to the penguins who blindly follow their buddies off the ice. They wind-up as Walrus dinner.

M) **When you are tired don't take that last run of the day.** That last leisurely swoosh down the hill could truly be your last. Listen to your body. It will speak to you. When it says, "I'm tired, let's go home." It isn't kidding.

N) **Do not ski out of bounds unless you have enough money to pay the enormous bill you'll receive from the rescuers.** Additionally, you might want to make sure you have a GPS device, enough food to get you through to spring, tools enough to build lodgings and an industrial first aid ticket. Oh, an avalanche dog might be good too.

O) **Get familiar with the mountain before starting out for the day. Unless of course, you plan to ski all the way back to Courtenay.** Ever had one of those moments when you get off the chairlift and are faced with two choices: take your life in your hands by skiing down the cliff or taking off your skis and hiking uphill for the next two hours in order to find a run you can actually navigate.

P) **Concentrate on what you are doing.** Airheads were cute in high school but they are deadly on the mountain. Unless you want to be crowned Airhead of the Slopes from your hospital bed we suggest you pay attention.

Q) **Always wear a helmet but remember it won't save you from your own stupidity.**

As Albert Einstein said:  
***The difference between Stupidity and Genius is that Genius has it's limits!***





## Raven Lodge

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Downstairs, the rental area features wheeled racks for ease of use, drying racks, lockers, bathrooms and shower stalls, and even a laundry. Gibson felt it was important to point out the whole lodge is equipped with a sprinkler system, in light of the devastating fire Sun Peaks Resort suffered when one of its hotels went up in flames before construction was completed.

Two parking lots have been cleared and packed with gravel; the trailhead into Strathcona Provincial Park will eventually be moved near Raven Lodge, although Gibson said an exact location has yet to be determined.

The upper parking lot has uprooted the biathlon range, forcing the Strathcona Nordics Ski Club to move its facility a kilometre further along the road. Mt. Washington cleared a space for the new range, which is now forested at one end - for better security.

Biathlon coach Glenn Rupertus is ecstatic about the move. "It's in a great new location because of the trees," he says. The site is less than half the size of an Olympic range, but there is room to expand. There are four targets set up for this winter, but next year that should increase to eight or 10 targets. And Rupertus hopes the range will be improved enough in the next three years that the club can host international events.

"It's a work in progress," he says. There are approximately 320 members of the Strathcona Nordics, which concentrates on cross-country and biathlon skiing training and events. To a one, they are excited about what Raven Lodge will mean to their sport.

"I expect to have quite an increase in biathlon with the new facilities," he says.

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## Three Marketeers

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He grew up in the valley from grades three to 12 - his parents still live in Courtenay. "I came back to work at the Eagle FM 97.3. I was there for a couple of years," he said. "I really enjoyed it."

Hampshire was at Mt. Washington for opening day in December 1979. "I use to hitchhike up here in the back of pick-ups," he says, when the access road "was a one-lane goat track. As 14-year-olds we had no problems getting rides. We used to be frozen by the time we got up here."

Hampshire left the valley to join the army for a few years, before getting into radio broadcasting. He ran the Eagle's Snow Team while at the fledgling radio station, and reacquainted himself with the hill. When he moved to Q-FM in Victoria last year, he ran that Snow Team as well. He met Olivier during a Dummy Downhill and Slush Cup event weekend.

Hounsell has the deepest ski background of the trio. He worked at a ski shop part-time and was a professional ski patroller at Marble Mountain in Newfoundland for 10 years. He's been skiing since he was four years old. He came to the valley originally to visit his brother in Campbell River.

"I'm still visiting. That was three years ago," he says. At Mt. Washington, he was group co-ordinator for the rental department and was also a rental technician. The jump to sales rep was not so crazy for Hounsell, who has a business diploma and wanted to use it within the ski industry. He now takes care of multiple group sales and deals with large and small group numbers. "This is my life's blood," he says.

Hounsell adds.

**The trio spent the fall season "bonding" at ski shows, preparing for the busy winter. "We sell fun," says Hampshire. "And adventure," Hounsell adds.**

Each has his specific role: Olivier plans, executes and wraps up the special events along with a special events commit-

tee. Hampshire's role is to increase the resort's exposure while at the same time deal with corporate sponsors, handle all media requests and give Olivier a hand. He is also running the Snow Host program - managing the volunteers who greet guests to the resort.

"We all have strengths that complement each other," Hampshire said. "It's usually okay when Dave has three cups of coffee before 12 o'clock," Olivier quips. "We're always asking each other questions," Hounsell says.

"The three of us are here because we have a vested interest in the outdoor life," Hampshire said. "There's a strong passion between the four of us (including Bonell)."

Bonell says she's happy to have all three of "her boys" on board. "They bring excitement and enthusiasm to the marketing of Mt. Washington. They each bring unique talents that complement the rest of the team," she says. "If somebody's strong in this and somebody else isn't, they're able to pick it up."

**"We're pretty lucky guys," Hampshire says in all seriousness. "Big time. To have that support from the rest of the resort is beyond belief."**



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## Herb Bradley Honoured

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ended with the rest of the pack looking his way for leadership, even in the earlier days," George Hobson wrote in 1960. Once out of school Bradley worked in a sash and door factory as well as a mill, about 100 miles outside of Edmonton.

After taking a swimming instructors' course at the YMCA one year, he became a lifeguard and, under the watchful eye of one of Canada's finest swimming coaches, he blossomed into a leading swimmer.

When the war came, Bradley enlisted in the navy, went to Halifax for basic training and was shipped off to sea. After switching to physical training, he met his future wife, Blanche, who was to play an important - albeit silent — role in Bradley's life of volunteerism.

When the war ended Bradley started working for the Edmonton board of education. He left that job in early 1947 and moved to the Comox Valley after George Hobson hired him as the Courtenay Recreational Association's first full-time recreational director — a post he held for 27 years.

"He put emphasis on the individual achievement and taught (kids) to persevere to reach their goal," said Don Dunne, president of the Vancouver Island Skiing for the Disabled Society. "His broad interest and personal involvement in sports, such as canoeing, hiking, swimming and gymnastics were brought to the CRA. He also brought arts groups and seniors' groups into the fold."

In 1969 Bradley's title changed to Parks and Recreation superintendent. Later he assumed duties of area manager for the Mt. Becher Ski Development Society. He was also the first chairperson for the Comox Valley Winter Carnival in 1964.

"It's true Herb has been around for a long time but, someone once said, 'the measure of a life, after all, is not its duration but its donation.' Using that criteria, Herb Bradley is a very big man indeed," Dunne said.

"Rumor also has it that Herb was a fair skier," he added, to a room full of laughter. "Because of a large number of skiers taught by ski clubs and the Herb Bradley Ski School, Mt. Washington had a ready clientele when it opened on Dec. 15, 1979."

Many staff members from Mt. Washington were present at Bradley's dinner, including general manager Peter Gibson, who was a member of the Fanny Dunker Ski Club — which Bradley led. Gibson hearkened back to the sounds, smells, tastes and sights of



*Herb Bradley has made so much difference in so many lives, in so many ways.*

the mountains when he was skiing with Bradley, and his memories brought many laughs to those in the crowd who remembered things like the bone shaker (the truck that Bradley drove, with kids in back, to Forbidden Plateau for lessons), the Kandahar run, cooking wet gloves on a wood stove and more.

The dinner was also to honor Blanche, who died suddenly on Sept. 29. Blanche Bradley worked with the Courtenay Recreational Association as a volunteer for 15 years before taking on a paid job as secretary for a few years. She worked alongside Herb at Forbidden Plateau, running rentals and selling lift tickets.

"A lot of our members were not aware of the large amount of work Blanche did for our society," Dunne said.

"She worked in the background... she was Herb's greatest supporter, plus she kept him on track." Blanche also kept meticulous records and maintained numerous scrapbooks, some of which were laid out on tables around the Filberg Centre for people to browse. Herb Bradley thanked Dunne for acknowledging Blanche, who he says he still misses "dearly, and I think I will for years to come."

"I'm just really overwhelmed," he said of the dinner. "I don't know anything I can say to thank everybody ... I'll remember this for a long, long time."

Although Bradley has retired from skiing for the VISD — he cracked a few ribs and a couple of vertebrae in an accident three years ago — he says he's looking forward to coming back in some capacity next year.

## The Greening of Mt. Washington

**There's an awful lot of green at Mt. Washington these days - environmentally sensitive green, that is.**

Visitors to the resort last summer saw a marked difference in aesthetics around the main lodge, as flowers were planted, areas were seeded and topsoil was cleaned up.

The primary environmental project was the completion of the Gold Trail, at the entrance to the main parking lot, Resort General Manager Peter Gibson said. A water and trail feature was created, and catch basins were built to change the flow of water and associated melt off. That in turn reduces the amount of silt that comes off the parking lot. "That was one of the concerns that was expressed when we had a big snowfall three years ago," he said.

The entrance to the parking lot was also reconfigured and an access road paved to address silting issues. The back of the main lodge has been terraced, and the lupin gardens have become an established attraction. Flower gardens were planted with hardy, native plants that require little or no watering, and Gibson is confident they will provide a pleasing ground cover once the snow disappears. A gravel trail was built from the

courtyard between the two lodges, too.

The resort did a lot of seeding along the side of the road, from the Sunrise Quad chairlift to the main lodge. The banks at Village Transport were tidied up and planted with hardy natives, too - "anything we could do to clean it up." (The resort's efforts have led to a nomination for the B.C. Council of Tourism's Starfish Award.)

Even the new Raven Lodge nordic facility has gone green, Gibson said. The toilets and urinals use recycled gray water; the rubber flooring in the basement is made of recycled car tires; and some of the wood used to finish the lodge was cleared from the area and milled on site. There are also water-conserving plumbing fixtures, like ultra low flush toilets and low flow taps.

When constructing the two new parking areas, topsoil was scraped off and stored to use in future reclamation projects. "Everywhere you see dirt, they've tried to clean it up - even at the sewage treatment plant," Gibson said.

In the next year the resort will explore self-composting toilets, reducing hydro consumption, installation of drinking fountains and many other ideas that will continue to support its environmental initiatives. And the beautification on the outside will continue, as well.

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Raven Lodge is the brand new 10,000 square foot post and beam Nordic lodge. It can be reached by turning left off Strathcona Parkway onto Nordic Road and heading west. You can't miss it on your left hand side. Inside are dining facilities, rental area, sports shop, waxing area and a locker room with showers and a sauna.

Dressing for Cross Country skiing can be a challenge if you are not familiar with the climate and terrain. Since Mt Washington can experience a variety of weather conditions in a single day it is wise to dress in removable layers. Frostbite and hypothermia are both risk factors that need to be remembered when dressing for your day. Temperatures need not be extremely low for injuries of this type to occur. Factors such as wind-chill, age, physical problems and the use of medications also contribute to risk. Wet clothes are especially dangerous and are as much as twenty times colder than dry clothing. Depending on the length of time you intend to spend outside, carrying a change of clothes in your backpack is advisable. Keep in mind that children get colder faster

than adults and should be dressed with this in mind.

Taking a backpack along is a smart idea. Since lack of fluids and low blood sugar are an important cause of cold related injuries, keeping a drink and a snack handy is a wise choice. Other items to keep in your backpack are: Small first aid kit, Cell phone or gps device, Walkie Talkies to connect you with your group or buddy, dry socks, gloves, underwear and sunglasses.

Skiing alone is just plain foolish. Not only does wildlife slink through the forest throughout all seasons but if for some strange reason you get lost it's much easier for a buddy who is travelling the trails close by to locate you. A buddy can also alert you to cold induced problems that you may not even be aware of such as excessive moisture accumulation on your nose, cheeks and ears that can quickly turn to frostbite.

Despite the false sense of security created by the vast expanses of gently sloping terrain Nordic skiers also hurt themselves once in a while. The most common injuries are sprains/twists (43%), fractures (25%) and bruises (18%). These most often occur in the knees (26%), arms/hands (13%), and ankles (12%).

Among recreational skiers the reasons for these injuries include: poor condition of ski tracks (deep tracks, ruts, iciness, sharp bends etc), unsuitable or inferior equipment (slippery glass fibre skis, wrong type of wax, boot not matched to the skiing style, etc); poor balance and inadequate mastery of the cross-country skiing technique. More experienced skiers often suffer injuries associated with overuse. Skate skiing increases the fre-

quency of overuse injuries. This includes problems with the Achilles tendon and lower back. Proper training with stretching and strengthening exercises will help prevent some injuries.

Attention to equipment is important for prevention of traumatic and overuse injuries. Boots, poles, and skis should be properly fitted to the skier and skiing style to help minimize the potential for falls and overuse injuries. Properly waxed skis can prevent repeated backward slipping on icy, hard tracks, which can overstress muscle-tendon units.

The best way to avoid injury is to take lessons. There are programs available for everyone from beginners to more experienced skiers. You can choose from Discover Cross Country, Semi-Private or Private Lessons at costs

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The Strathcona Nordics are the local cross country club. A visit to their excellent web site is well worth the time. It is informative and easy to navigate. Their web address is: [www.strathconanordics.com](http://www.strathconanordics.com)

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Two bedroom corner condominium centrally located just above the General Store. Priced well below other comparables, this is the best deal around. South West facing for warmth and sunshine. Come enjoy your own piece of paradise!

**\$79,900**



**Close to Green Chair**

Call now for information about the exciting second phase of Parkview Place. These townhouses are located less than 200 feet from the loading area of the Green Chair. Ideally suited for families wanting to explore all that Mt. Washington offers in all four seasons.



**Ground Floor Delight**

in this great maintained building in the Mt. Washington Village. This apartment offers two bedrooms, sauna, and a covered deck. The building has wide hallways. Lots of storage and has a live in caretaker.

**\$89,900**



**Suite Deal Available**

in this great building. The apartment is immaculate with great views and exposure. The suite offers two bedrooms and west coast spacious design. Fully furnished and ready to go this home is awaiting your inspection!

**\$99,900**



**Close to Lodge**

Five minute stroll from the Alpine Lodge and virtually ski-in and ski-out! Three bedroom townhome with western exposure. New roof in 1998 and new carpeting, some new flooring. This property offers a phenomenal location at an unbeatable price!

**\$94,900**



**Sunset & Slope Views**

Top floor 2 bedroom corner suite with sunset views and views of the slopes! Located in the village with easy ski-out access and close to parking. Suite is clean & tidy and shows well. Building is well maintained with brand new siding. Nice open floor plan and very quiet.

**\$109,000**



**Close To Day Lodge**

Three bedroom townhouse, very private corner unit with well thought out plan. Living room, kitchen, dining on the main floor with bedrooms up. Two bathrooms and a sauna. Furnished, ready to go. Basement can be developed.

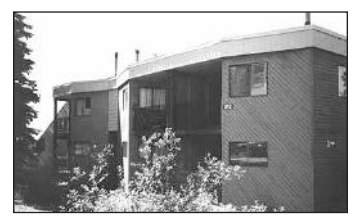
**\$119,900**



**Corner Unit in Great Location!**

Corner unit with loads of natural light. Features include Jacuzzi tub plus a woodstove and ample storage. Watch the sunsets and enjoy easy access to the slopes. Enjoy the hot tub on the outside deck. Great property at a great price!

**\$109,900**



**Townhouse Style Condo**

In Mt. Washington Village. This popular design offers a family a lot of space at an affordable price. Close to the Alpine Lodge for easy access.

**\$125,000**



**The Chalet at Mt. Washington**

A snowballs throw from the Green Chair! Two bedroom condos with underground parking. Lock off one of the bedrooms to make a separate rental suite while you stay in the rest. Common area includes sauna, hot tub, ski tak room and locked storage. This is a GREAT price and not a misprint!

**\$102,500 - \$134,900**





**Heart of the Village**

This 2nd floor corner suite is located in the heart of the village. Easy access in and ski down to the lifts. Comes furnished with all necessities. **\$95,000**



**Overlooking Strathcona Park**

One bedroom condo with partial basement! Executive style condo on Mt. Washington with easy access to Alpine and Nordic skiing. Loads of windows for natural light. Large sundrenched deck, 1 bedroom, private entrance and partial basement (other bedrooms?). This is a price opportunity to not miss! **\$134,900**



**Vaulted Ceilings**

Modern townhome with vaulted ceilings and very spacious floor plan. 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Crawl space is large enough to develop into another full level. Check out this bright townhome! You will be glad you did! **\$169,900**



**Charming A-Frame Style Chalet**

Located near the store and parking for easy access. Well cared for with recent renovations. Open concept layout makes for warm cozy quarters with a woodstove and covered decks. Smaller chalets are a rarity on Mt. Washington so don't miss out on this opportunity! **\$174,900**



**Top Floor Penthouse**

2 bedroom lock off unit in Deer Lodge. This top floor penthouse condo has all you've dreamed of. Overlooking the ski runs, this is a dream come true. Deer Lodge offers great rental income, underground parking, hot tub & more. Ski right into the front door & drive out the back. **\$189,900**



**Features Include:**

- Elevator Access • Spectacular Views of Strathcona Park and the Ski Runs • Drive To Access with Above & Underground Parking • Propane Fireplaces • Convenient Location to all amenities • Units are furnished & ready to go • Ski Storage Room off the Lobby with separate lockers for renters

#209, 3 bedroom on the 2nd floor, facing Strathcona Park. **\$174,000**

#114, 2 bedroom on the 2nd floor, fully furnished, facing Strathcona Park. **\$182,500**

#213, 2 bedroom on the 2nd floor, facing Mt. Washington. **\$184,900**

#305, 2 bedroom on the top floor, facing Strathcona Park. **\$187,500**

#303, 2 bedroom on the top floor, facing Strathcona Park. **\$187,500**

#211, 3 bedroom on the 2nd floor, facing Mt. Washington. **\$189,900**

#309, 3 bedroom on the third floor, facing Mt. Washington. **\$205,000**

#210, 3 bedroom on the 2nd floor, facing Strathcona Park. **\$209,000**

#118, 2 bedroom plus spa on the 2nd floor, views of Strathcona Park and Mt. Washington. **\$235,000**



**Snowbird**

Affordable, spacious, with easy access to village parking lot, Sunrise Quad and general store. Popular townhouse floor plan with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, sauna and open kitchen/living/dining area. These units are completely furnished. Ideal floor plans for families. **\$124,900~\$138,900**



**Cute & Cozy**

Over 1600 sq. ft. in the Alpine Village of Mt. Washington. 4 bedrooms on 2 levels, this cute and cozy 4 unit building is located just above the General Store. Apartment is equipped with everything you need and has views of mountains, glacier and ocean. Building is very well maintained. **\$174,900**



**Slope Side Access**

Deer Lodge on Mt. Washington offers the best slope side access in the area! This penthouse condo offers 2 bedrooms & deluxe furnishings! One of the bedrooms is a lock off so you can stay in one and rent out the other. **\$179,900**



**Perched on a Ridge**

to view the sunsets, park and the stars! 4 bedroom chalet in the Alpine Village. Chalet has been rarely rented and pride of ownership is evident. Lower floor could easily be remodelled to accommodate an in-law suite. Sit in the hottub and enjoy the views of the mountains, glacier and sunsets. **\$199,900**



**Old Village Charm**

Large semi-detached home centrally located in the Alpine Village of Mt. Washington. Ski-in & out from this super property. Set up on 3 levels it is ideal for families or large groups. Very pristine private setting gives you the impression that you're tucked in a wooded glen yet located in the heart of the village with easy access. **\$169,900**



**DEER LODGE Features Include:**

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**Alpine Village Serenity**

Nestled in the serene Alpine Village, this beautifully decorated & spotlessly clean townhome features a black & brass faced propane fireplace; bright white wide open kitchen and a spacious finished attic. Surrounded by mature trees with a Wonderful Mountain View, plus ski in & out access; it is excellent value. **\$189,900**



**Mountain & Park Views!**

Well maintained semi-detached home in the Alpine Village of Mt. Washington. 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and lots of living area! Wonderful mountain and park views from the living areas and deck. Extras include a hot tub, 2 decks and newer appliances. Easy access to parking and to skiing. **\$198,000**



**Home Away From Home**

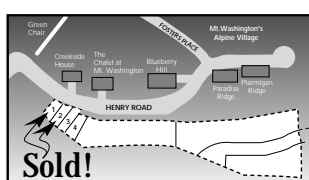
Luxuriously appointed, large spacious plan awaits you in this ski-in and out townhome on Washington Way. Easy access, just a 5 minute stroll to the Alpine Lodge. Ideal for families or rental with ample room. Loads of storage, hot tub, sauna & more! **\$219,900**



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**Creekside House!**

Located right across from the Green Chair and adjacent to Strathcona Park, this 3 bedroom luxury condo is what you have been waiting for. Under building parking, ample storage and well maintained & managed building. **\$224,900**



**View of the Slopes**

Great location in Mt. Washington's alpine village. Over 2000 sq. ft. of space with view of the ski runs. Easy ski-out access, located close to parking. Separate owners suite on the top floor. Main area offers open floor plan. **\$239,900**



**Recreational Home, Make An Offer!**

on Foster's Place. Drive in and ski out from this cozy retreat, with proven design. Hardwood floors and many upgrades, insulated floors and basement finished with an extra kitchen and bathroom. This home is owner built with many thoughtful features. Come and explore this cute and cozy chalet, you won't be disappointed. **\$249,900**



**Quiet Location**

Located a few minutes walk from parking, this chalet has had many happy family years of use. Easy access to the slopes and a quiet location. Cathedral ceilings and an open floor plan. Large outside deck to enjoy the sunsets that the area offers. Property has been well looked after and is ready for a new family to start and enjoy it! **\$259,900**



**This One's A Keeper!**

Located in a very private area of the Alpine Village with easy access in and to the slopes in this 3-4 bedroom immaculate chalet. Extras include a gourmet kitchen, wood-burning fireplace with wood, elevator, hot tub, decks, and a security system. Owner's have never rented this property and pride of ownership is evident. **\$259,900**



**Immaculate Chalet**

4 level immaculate chalet in a prime location on Mt. Washington. 6 plus bedrooms and many spacious open areas. Hardwood floors, heat recovery system, great storage areas, spectacular views, easy access, hot tub, 3 bathrooms, and the list goes on! This 14 year old mountain home is well loved and was designed and built for skiers by skiers. **\$274,900**



**#7 Fosters Place**

Drive In and Ski Out from this 3 year old chalet on Fosters Place. Designed with 3 levels, the basement is undeveloped, waiting for your imagination. Open living area features superb views. **\$294,900**



**Incredible Views**

Designed by Dave MacSween Design & Construction of Comox much thought has gone into this 3 bedroom unit. Located on the edge of Strathcona Provincial Park with the ski lifts across the street. **\$249,900**



**Spotlessly Clean**

Pride of ownership is evident in this truly ski-in, ski-out chalet located in the Alpine Village. Close to everything, yet nestled in the woods. Separate owner's suite down. New hardy plank siding outside! Bright, spacious floor plan This is a MUST SEE on your list! **\$289,900**



**Side By Side Duplex**

Once in a while a unique property comes available. Each side has 2 bedrooms and spacious plans. There is also a common area which includes a large family room, sauna, kitchen, bathroom & bedroom. Ideal for 2 or more families, spectacular views. **\$299,900**



This warm and cozy 4 bedroom solid log chalet is the epitome of an apres ski retreat. Perched on a ridge amid mature evergreens with stunning views of Strathcona Park. Special touches include cathedral ceilings, stained glass, wood burning fireplace, pellet stove and hand carved mantle. Down is an owners suite with a separate entry. Loads of windows for lots of light. **\$299,900**



**All the Extras are Here!**

From insulated concrete walls to the superb finishing, you will discover everything is here for the discriminating buyer. 2 large (12x28) decks and a smaller deck upstairs. Spacious kitchen & living areas. 5+ bedrooms and 4 bathrooms. **\$389,900**



**Overlooking the Ocean**

Perched overlooking the ocean and the mountains, this special property awaits your inspection. Lovingly cared for by its original owners and builders, this one of a kind property has it all. The home has two distinct living areas, a self contained bright 2 bedroom suite with spacious deck and hot tub on the lower floor and a 4 bedroom 2 level home above. Common area includes storage and sauna. Also, 4 bathrooms and loads of storage. This mountain retreat is ideal for two families or an incredible rental property with a solid excellent rental history. **\$349,900**



**Executive Styled Chalet**

Drive in and ski out from this executive styled chalet on Fosters Place. This spectacular chalet is on the high side of the cul-de-sac with great exposure, huge vaulted ceilings and sleeps a bunch. Ski out the door and be back for lunch. **\$399,900**

**Deluxe Log Chalet**



**Fantastic Foster's Place**

Over 4000 sq. ft. of living space in this spectacular recreation property. This spectacted into 2 living areas with the main area having vaulted ceilings, sweeping views and down is a bright, open owner's suite. Below is a garage and workshop. Located on Foster's Place with easy drive in access and ski from your door to the slopes. **\$434,000**



**Over 3000 sq. ft. of luxury**

in this 3 level log home located at the end of the cul-de-sac. The lifts are approx. 200 feet away making ski access a breeze! Dream gourmet kitchen, cathedral ceiling in living, dining area and on and on. Lower floor could easily be converted to additional accommodation and large outside deck is ideal for the sunsets. If you have seen the rest, come and see the best! **\$450,000**

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