

Central Vancouver Island

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Association



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NEWSLETTER

Thanks again to our members for generously supporting this year's Supplier's Night and Auction. Fellow member, Hadi Abassi was again our outstanding auctioneer along with BC Lions Angus Reid and Sherko Raji-Hasouli (as seen below).



After expenses, this year's Auction raised almost **\$32,000!!!**

We had a number of very active bidders this year but the all expense paid trip with Hadi for a sports weekend extravaganza for being the night's 'biggest spender' goes to... Chris Cross!!! Congratulations Chris, have a fabulous time and start saving up for next year's Auction!

We have a couple of terrific speakers joining us for our next Members Meeting. Be sure to reserve your seats early as the HST is a hot topic and we're receiving a lot of interest to attend. The deadline for you to book your dinner seats is next Friday the 7th, so confirm with us today!

CHBA-CVI GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Thursday, May 13th
Meet & Mix: 5:30 pm
Dinner: 6:00 pm
Meeting Start: 7:00 pm
Place: Coast Bastion Inn

Dinner by Reservation only-Contact 250.755.1366

Guest Speakers for the May General Members Meeting are:

- Chris Blignaut – Hardie Plank
- Bill Scott of Meyers Norris Penny - HST

Upcoming Info & Events

- **May 2nd- 8th is NAOSH Safety and Health Week** and a great opportunity for you to plan a safety and health activity for your company. Use the attached year-round guide to develop a project can be submitted for an award by June 18, 2010. Winning submissions will be recognized at the awards luncheon on October 21, 2010 and will be forwarded to the National NAOSH Week Committee for submission in their national awards competition. More info can be found here:
http://www.worksafebc.com/news_room/campaigns/naosh_week/default.asp
- **May 4th - Accessibility/ Visitability Home Tour** will begin at 10 a.m. The City of Nanaimo will fund the bus to transport participants from one accessible/visitable home to another in the city. The purpose is to give builders, architects, City staff and others a visual of incorporating accessibility and visitability into private residences. A luncheon and debriefing will follow the tour at **noon** at the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre. There may be a few seats left but you'll need to pre-register today. Leave a message at (250) 755-7706 or accesschallenges@accessnanaimo.ca
- **Membership Renewal time is quickly approaching.** Membership renewal packages and RenoMark renewals will be emailed to you within the next few weeks. To beat the HST, qualify for any of the Awards Programs or participate in the upcoming CHBA Home & Renovation Show - your renewal package must be fully completed and received by our office with payment by June 30th.

- Gather your friends and family and join us to support the “**Blair McKinnon Celebrity Football Game**”, **Saturday, May 29th at the Caledonia Sports Field**. Let’s help Blair finish his dream to restore Nanaimo’s E&N Train Station., The goal... to raise \$85,000. I’ll be sure to send you more information on the event as we receive it.
- **Friday, June 11th is the CHBA-CVI’s Annual Golf Tournament!** It sells out every year, so book your team or yourself or spot today! We have 18 Hole Sponsorships available at \$150each, taxi rides home and a *hole* lot of fun planned for the day! If you’re interested in sponsoring a hole or golfing this year, please email the office your name, company, and T-shirt size. Look for the detailed reminder and registration form in the next few weeks!
- **Speakers for upcoming Members Meetings** - As a member of the Association you are welcome to book a 15minute opportunity to present at an upcoming Monthly Membership Meeting. We currently have one more space available for 2010, so if you’re interested please let me know soon.

Education & Training Seminars

- There are subsidies available for members and their employees to upgrade their skills and training with the CHBA right now!
- **BC Building Code Course** – *registration deadline is May 14th*
Saturday, June 19th from 8:30am - 4:30pm at Nanaimo Golf Club
Pre-registration is required. Register on-line at www.chbabc.org
- Our Education & Training contact at the CHBA Provincial office can give you the details you’ll need to apply as well as register for future courses. Please contact Michelle Ripoli directly at 1-877-568-9778 or michelle@chbabc.org

2010 CARE Awards - Deadline for Entries is Friday, June 25, 12:00 noon.

- *The 2010 CARE Awards criteria and online entry forms are now available at www.chbavictoria.com*
- The CARE Awards Gala is Friday, Sept 24 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel.
- Take advantage of the best awards and marketing program available for professional residential builders, renovators, designers and suppliers.
- The Times Colonist, Western Living and “A” British Columbia provide outstanding profile for our CARE Awards Finalists, Gold winners and Sponsors. And once again, the People’s Choice Award Finalists will be on display in busy malls during August/September, as well as at our CARE Awards website, www.careawards.com

- Get started now with your entries. Remember, a single entry fee enables you to enter multiple categories for your project.
- If you are a supplier, contact the Victoria CHBA office to enquire about the CARE Awards sponsorship program attached. Take full advantage of all of the promotional opportunities highlighting your business with the top professional builders, renovators and designers on Vancouver Island.
- For additional information please contact the CHBA-Victoria office at 250.383.5044 or info@chbavictoria.com Good luck to all entrants!

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who contributed to the Bowen Road Give Back Project. The Nanaimo Affordable Housing Society is extremely grateful to our generous Members for donating over \$50,000 towards the success of this project. Thank you!



Sherko, Chris `Biggest Spender' Cross, and Angus Reid at the Auction!

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