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VAN-FRASER NEWS

Van-Fraser Heritage Club



In memorium

Jim Bain, 76, passed away on April 22, 2024. Jim was editor of the Van-Fraser News, historian, archivist, communications director and true friend of Van-Fraser Heritage Club.

We will miss him.

SPRING LUNCHEON AT CASCADES CASINO BUFFET

Members were excited to visit the newly opened Casino Hotel Resort in Delta in March. Thanks to Rene Brissette for making the arrangements for our group of 80 to have lunch together. The hotel is easy to access from Hwy 99 and 17 and provides lots of complimentary parking. The buffet had a great variety of cold and hot foods and was regularly replenished offering seconds and thirds. We had a private section and there many opportunities to mingle and socialize. Pat Plue was excited about the accessibility of transit. She reported she took the number 640 Bus from the Scott Road sky train station and got off at 60th when the bus driver announced the stop for the casino and showed her and others who were on the bus the quick access to the facility, just a few minutes walk. Congratulations to the winners of the many door prizes and as usual to those members who donate prizes. Following lunch, many used the casino play coupons they received with lunch. General consensus was that people would be happy to return here again and consequently we arranged to come back here on June 20/24 for our summer luncheon.





Mark your calendar



May 25-26 and June 1-2/24 Day out with Thomas at the West Coast Railway Park in Squamish. Thomas the Tank Engine is rolling into the station and he's bringing a bubble bonanza! Day Out With Thomas Bubble Tour is coming and there's loads of bubble themed games and activities for everyone! Join Thomas the Tank Engine and Sir Topham Hatt for a day full of adventures! and he's bringing a bubble bonanza! Bring your family and kids to the park for a day of fun and of course call Rene Brissette at the Heritage Club Office if you can volunteer a few hours to help the kids write and mail a letter to Thomas and friends or help answer letters from home.

June 20/24 12 noon Summer Luncheon at Cascades Casino Buffet in Delta. Complete registration form and send with your cheque \$30.00 to the Heritage Club. Offer to drive others. Enjoy the casino after lunch.

September 8-13/24 Yakima Udrive trip. Call the Wyndham, Bayside Hotel in Yakima, -1 509 457 4444 and tell them you are with the Heritage Club group to reserve a room starting at \$89.00 per night plus tax. Call Ken Cornish or leave a message at the Heritage club office to let them know you are booked and to receive more information about the trip.

September 26/24 Annual Gala Banquet at the Continental Seafood Restaurant in Richmond. Arrange a table for ten of your colleagues, friends and family. Registration form will be in the Next newsletter. Call the office if you need contact numbers for former colleagues.

November 8/24 Honouring our Own ceremony at the Richmond plant. Plan to attend the ceremony to remember our fallen posties and if you like participate in reading one of their names. Reception following.

November 16-20/24 4 night bus trip to Oregon and Washington, staying 2 nights in Clackamas and two nights at the Tulalip Casino Resort. Tax free shopping in Oregon mall across road from our hotel and duty free shopping at the Premium outlets in Tulalip. Optional trips to the Oregon Coast and Squalhomie Falls in Washington. Complete registration form and send with your cheque to the Heritage Club office.

November 27/24 Annual Christmas Lunch Location to be arranged.

November 27 Santa letters please call the Heritage Club office to volunteer to help with Santa's mail through December and early January. We need lots of help.

Reminder: 2024 annual dues .Thanks to all who have paid for 2024 .There is still time for others to submit their dues and updated renewal form.



Johnson Insurance is becoming
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Online bind	✗	✓
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You must be active Heritage Club member and current Medoc insurance holder to be eligible

VAN FRASER HERITAGE CLUB
5 DAY WASHINGTON/OREGON Bus Trip
NOVEMBER 16-20, 2024

Join us for our annual bus trip to Tulalip, Washington expanded this year to include two nights in Portland/Clackamas, Oregon. 4 nights and 5 days of fun, shopping, dining, sightseeing, happy hours, spa, pool time casino play and optional excursions.

Price per person based on double occupancy: \$745.00 CAD pp.
Call for rates for single, triple or quad occupancy.

Price includes:

Bus transportation for 5 days
4 nights hotel room and taxes
4 breakfasts
\$20.00 gaming credit in Tulalip
1 dining voucher for Tulalip Resort
Bus driver gratuities

This trip is always a highlight for members and friends and sells out quickly. First, we will travel to Portland, Oregon staying in Clackamas, arriving early afternoon. After checking into the hotel, explore the area or shop tax free at the Clackamas Town Square Mall adjacent to the property. Next day is a free day to do as you choose or you can join our bus for an optional excursion to the Oregon Coast with a coffee stop at Camp 18 in Elsie, Oregon, sightseeing along the coast with photo stops, lunch at a restaurant with a view overlooking Cannon Beach, visit the Tilamook Cheese Factory and back to the hotel for dinner. Itinerary will be adapted to weather conditions— from beach combing to storm watching!

The following morning, after breakfast, depart the hotel for Tulalip Casino Resort arriving early afternoon for two nights to enjoy the resort, shop the outlets, relax at the spa, dine in the restaurants and enjoy the casino. At 4 pm each day, meet the group for happy hour. Next day continue to enjoy the resort and factory outlets or join our optional half day bus excursion to Snoqualmie Falls with an opportunity to view the falls from the observation deck, have a coffee and snack and check out the gift shop in the Salish Lodge.

Near the Tulalip hotel is the Cabela's Sports store, Walmart and numerous Factory Outlets. The hotel provides a free shuttle to each of these places as well as to the area across the highway with additional shops and restaurants. You can also take the shuttle to visit the Hibub Cultural center on one of the days or the local bus to other areas. As usual, the hotel will be festive with seasonal decorations, Christmas shops and several nice lounges and restaurants to meet and enjoy time with other members/friends.

To book a seat, send your cheque payable to Vancouver Fraser Heritage Club. Seats will be confirmed upon payment. There is no cancellation after August 15, 2024 but name changes are welcome if other people are available to fill your seat. (Obtain out of country medical/cancellation insurance).

2024-25 VAN FRASER HERITAGE CLUB TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

July 11/24 11 nights cruising Alaska on the Queen Elizabeth. Visit Icy Strait point (Hoonah), Glacier Bay National Park, Hubbard Glacier, Haines, Juneau, Wrangell!, Misty Fjord!, and Ketchikan as well as cruising Inside Passage. FOR THOSE WHO MISSED THE CUNARD EXPERIENCE — back again this summer. Fred Danells will be hosting this cruise. Call for new promos! Note: Queen Elizabeth is not returning to Vancouver next year.

August 20/24 11 nights on the Volendam, Boston to Montreal visiting Portland, Saint John, Halifax, Charlottetown, Corner Brook, Nfld., Saguenay, Quebec City and Montreal. Inside cabins from \$1397.00 plus taxes \$430.00 CAD per person. Flights to Boston and return from Montreal extra. Call for other promos for this sailing.

September 15/24 14 nights Alaska on the Noordam, Vancouver return, visiting Anchorage (overnight), Kodiak, Valdez, Glacier Bay, Sitka, Skagway, Ketchikan, Prince Rupert. Inside cabins from \$1472.00 plus tax pp (or even less with non refundable deposit).

October 5/24 17 nights on the Koningsdam, Vancouver return, visiting Honolulu (overnight), Kauai, (overnight); Kona and Hilo, lots of sea days to relax and enjoy the ship. Insides start at \$2254.00 cad pp plus taxes \$278.00. No flights!

February 15/25 35 nights on the Koningsdam, San Diego return, visiting Kona, Maui, Honolulu (overnight), Kauai, Raiatea, Papeete (overnight), Moorea, (overnight), Fakarava, Taiohae, French Polynesia. Call the Heritage Club for current pricing.

June 8/25 28 nights "Cross the Arctic Circle" on the Westerdam, Seattle return. Visit Ketchikan, Sitka, Hubbard Glacier, Valdez, College Fjord, Seward, Dutch Harbour, Nome, cross the Arctic Circle during the summer solstice, Kodiak, Anchorage (overnight), Homer, Glacier Bay, Haines, Juneau, Wrangell, cruise Tracy Arm, Prince Rupert and end in Seattle. Fred Danells will be hosting this one. Insides from \$6450.00 plus taxes \$933.00 CAD per person. Only one trip a season!

October 4/25 9 nights Vancouver to Honolulu on the action packed Anthem of the Seas. This is a fun ship experience on route to Hawaii where you can stay on land for as many days as you like before flying home. Leave from the port of Vancouver, stay on board overnight in Seattle and then settle in to enjoy all the action on the ship — bumper cars, rock climbing, simulated sky diving, surf experiences, breathtaking 360 degree views from the North Star over 15 specialty / theme restaurants, cafes, theatres, kids pools, adult pools in the tranquilly Solarium and more. Balcony cabins from \$1250.00 plus tax pp. Insides and windows lower prices.

Note: Be sure you have adequate out of country medical and trip cancellation insurance before confirming your trip. Call your Heritage Club office, for info on Johnson (soon to be Belair) Medoc insurance. Prices available at time of printing and may change at any time. Call :604-482-4311 or email Van Fraser Heritage Club: vanfrasernews@gmail for more info, detailed itineraries and pricing on other categories of cabins.



VAN FRASER HERITAGE CLUB SUMMER LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, June 20, 2024 at 12:00noon

Cascades Casino Delta

6005 17A HWY, Delta, BC
(Hwy 99 and 17A, just south of tunnel)
\$30.00 per person

Join us for a buffet luncheon to celebrate being together before summer.
Enjoy the sumptuous buffet, Check out the casino afterwards.
Price includes the meal, tax, gratuities .

- 🍷 Cash bar
- 🌸 Door Prizes
- 😊 Great fun, organize a group of family and friends, lots of free parking.
- 🚗 Offer a ride to other

Transit :Take the # 601 or # 640



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SPRING LUNCHEON \$30.00

June 20, 2024 at 12:00

Cascades Casino Delta

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Postal code: _____

Number of tickets: _____.

Phone: _____

Send your cheque payable to Van Fraser Heritage Club for your tickets.
Van Fraser Heritage Club, 5940 Ferguson Rd., Richmond, V7B 0B1