

British Columbia Golf Member Newsletter

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Rivershore in Kamloops Site of Canadian Tour Event

Rivershore Estates and Golf Links in Kamloops, B.C., will be the site of the Canadian Tour's Western Championship, June 9-12. Designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr., Rivershore has hosted the Canadian Amateur, Canadian Ladies', Senior Men's and Mid-Amateur Championships, as well as hosting the tour's qualifying school.

"It is gratifying to work with a community like Kamloops that features a great venue like Rivershore to host this inaugural Western Championship. We would be hard pressed to find a stronger layout and a better golf destination anywhere," said Rick Janes, Tour Commissioner.

Over 7,000 yards in length, the par-72 layout is bordered by sagebrush-covered hills to the north and the South Thompson River to the south.

"Hosting this prestigious Canadian Tour event will further enhance Kamloops' reputation as a world-class golf destination," said Lee Morris, CEO of Tourism Kamloops.

In cooperation with Tourism Kamloops and local businesses, the Western Championship will offer a purse of \$125,000.

Crown Isle Receives Coveted Audobon Status

The Crown Isle Resort and Golf Community Course has just been titled the 9th Golf Course in BC, to be designated as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary (ACSP) by the award-winning Audubon International.' "There are misconceptions in the industry about golf courses contributing to the negative impact of the environment from chemical usage to overwatering. We are deeply committed to environmental sustainability at Crown Isle, so we decided to mitigate our course's environmental impact and worked towards receiving Audubon certification. It was a challenging two-year process, but we did it and are honoured to join the rank of some of the most prestigious courses in the world that have also demonstrated a solid commitment to environmental stewardship," states Mike Kearns, Course Superintendent.

Key points include:

- Reduction of 33% in annual water usage and overall pesticide usage
- Inventory of all wildlife and plant material
- Establishment of buffer zones around the water features to protect water quality and provide wildlife habitat
- Establishment of a Bird Nest Box Program
- Addition of indigenous plants to the gardens
- Establishment of a Garry Oak Ecosystem

The 18-hole, 831-acre master-planned championship golf course and resort community has luxurious residential real estate homes, integrated throughout the course, spacious split level villas and fine dining establishments that source only the finest regional ingredients.

For more information visit www.crownisle.com,