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Welcome!

I hope that you are enjoying this great weather and that you're able to get out to play some golf. Hopefully conditions will stay pleasant well into October.

This travel newsletter is sent out to members and friends of British Columbia Golf and focuses on golf travel opportunities in BC and beyond. Each issue includes special travel offers and destination reviews designed specifically for British Columbia Golf members.

If you have any comments or questions about this newsletter, or you would like information on other golf destinations, please feel free to contact me at jim@bcga.org.

Jim Lee British Columbia Golf

Golf Scotland - Trip Details

There is now further information on the all-inclusive (with some meals excepted) trip to Scotland to play some of the world's greatest golf courses.

The accommodation has been switched from Birkhill Castle, as indicated on the attached tour itinerary, to the Fairmont St. Andrews. This is a great property, and provides more flexibility in room configurations for us. Further information on the Fairmont can be found at www.fairmont.com/standrews

This is one of Fairmont's premiere properties. Accolades for the Fairmont St. Andrews include voted in the Condé Nast Traveler readers' poll as 18th in the World's Top 100 Golf Resorts and being awarded World's 50 Best Golf Hotels by Golf Digest.

The pricing will be no greater than £3,700 per person (and probably less) on a double occupancy basis. The single supplement would be approximately £600 (i.e. £4,100 or slightly less) while someone going with another person (double occupancy) but not golfing would pay about £2,200. The final costs will be confirmed as we have a better sense of the number of BCG members participating. A minimum of 8 people on the trip is required, and the maximum is 16 people. Cost does not include airfare, but all ground transportation is provided.

The trip is scheduled for April 15 - 22. In order to meet the requirements of the Old Course for advance bookings, we will need to have your expression of interest in the trip, and your handicap, to forward to the Old Course by Sept 7. A deposit on the trip of \$1,000 per person would also be required at that time. A second deposit of approximately £1,700 will be required at the end of September and the costs will be finalized at that time. The last payment will be required approximately 1month before the trip. Note that all contracts and financial transactions are with International Club Network and not British Columbia Golf.

This package is available to British Columbia Golf members through a partnership with International Club Network. If you are interested in joining the group from British Columbia Golf, contact jim@bcga.org

Click here for more details.

Kelowna Golf and Wine Trip Special Offer for BCG Members

Two nights of accommodation at the Kelowna hotel of your choice

Full-day winery tour in the Okanagan Valley*
One round of golf at your choice of any of the following:
Tower Ranch Golf Club, Okanagan Golf Club - The Bear or The
Quail, Gallagher's Canyon, The Harvest Golf Club
Shared power cart & guaranteed tee time
Concierge services of your British Columbia Golf travel
advisor

3 Star Downtown Hotel
Till Sept 30 \$399
Oct 1 & 2 \$369
Oct 3 - Close \$349
4 Star Downtown Hotel
Till Sept 30 \$439
Oct 1 & 2 \$395
Oct 3 - Close \$375

4½ Star Downtown Hotel Till Sept 30 \$525 Oct 1 & 2 \$399 Oct 3 - Close \$385

Extra nights and rounds available. Call 1 877 322-1223 or email sales@bcga.org for pricing & availability

*Switch to a ½ day winery tour and reduce package by \$60 or switch the tour for a round of golf at Predator Ridge at no additional cost. All prices are per person based on double occupancy and subject to applicable taxes

Wildstone - BC's newest Resort

Wildstone, BC's newest Resort in the Kootenay Rockies is now open. Unfurling over what was once working ranchland, the new Wildstone Golf Course near Cranbrook is set to make its mark historically speaking, that is. With 18 holes and over 7,100 yards of smooth and gently rolling fairways now open for play in what is the first Black Knight Course by Gary Player Design in Canada. Set against the Steeples and Rocky Mountain ranges, and joining an exclusive "club" of over 300 Gary Player Design projects in 35 countries, Wildstone shoots straight with undulating fairways, challenging, well-bunkered greens, and playful water features (check out the stunning peninsula green on the 12th hole). Other noted courses in the area include St. Eugene, Bootleg Gap, Shadow Mountain and Trickle Creek.

For more information on these and other Cranbrook area courses. click here

Discover the Wines of British Columbia



Wineries and golf courses are the highlights of many top summer destinations, including the North Okanagan and the Cowichan Valley. Each destination offers stunning scenery, BRITISH COLUMBIA spectacular greens and outstanding wines!

Wines of BC

Kelowna is the hub of the North Okanagan. Earlier this year, Tourism Kelowna launched Kelowna Wine Trails which offers guests a guide as they tour wineries from Lake Country to West Kelowna. With five different trails (Lake Country's Scenic Sip, Downtown Heritage, Lakeshore Wine Route, East Kelowna Wine Trail and Westside Wine Trail), many that neighbour Kelowna's top golf courses, there is a wine for every palate. Several wineries also boast exceptional restaurants to complete your wine country experience, including Gray Monk Estate Winery (Lake Country), CedarCreek Estate Winery (Kelowna), Summerhill Pyramid

Organic Winery (Kelowna), Mission Hill Family Estate Winery (West Kelowna) and Quails' Gate Estate Winery (West Kelowna).

If you happen to be in the Okanagan between September 30 and October 11, be sure to enjoy some of the festivities during the Fall Okanagan Wine Festival. With over 130 events throughout the 2 weeks, this festival is a must on any Okanagan itinerary!

For more information on BC wines, click here.

Enjoy the game!

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British Columbia Golf

British Columbia Golf - a member-based organization governed by the British Columbia Golf Association (BCGA) - is the governing body of amateur golf in British Columbia, representing more than 62,000 members at over 300 clubs across the province.

As the Provincial Sport Organization for golf in the province, British Columbia Golf is responsible for promoting participation in and a passion for the game of golf in BC. British Columbia Golf is also involved in national golf affairs through its affiliation with Golf Canada.

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