



Rotary Club of Duncan



Tuesday, August 15, 2023

MeetingZoomInfo

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Last meeting update...

August 14, 2023 Duncan Rotary Club Meeting

Some 31 Rotarians and guests gathered for lunch at the Cowichan Golf Course for the weekly meeting.

Dinner with RI President Gordon McNally

Past Assistant Governor Nora updated members on the August 8 dinner with RI President McNally and DG Caleb Summerfelt in Victoria. President McNally spoke on his theme of Creating Hope in the World, followed by four Rotary members who spoke on their experiences of providing assistance in developing countries. The event also launched a District campaign to raise US\$1 million dollars for Rotary Foundation. Major donors will be recognized at the District Conference next year. To date, some \$460,000 has been raised or committed. DG Summerfeld also announced that, if the District reaches its US\$1 million goal, an anonymous donor has offered to match the amount.

Cowichan Estuary Restoration and Conservation Association

The guest speaker today was Goetz Scheurholz of the Cowichan Estuary Restoration and Conservation Association (CERCA), a non-profit organization dedicated to revitalizing the ecological integrity of the Cowichan Estuary. Their vision encompasses the creation of a fully rehabilitated ecosystem, devoid of harmful industrial uses, and designated for biodiversity conservation, compatible wildlife recreation, and sustainable traditional use of renewable resources. To realize this vision, CERCA adopts a comprehensive approach to ecological restoration. They prioritize landscape-level planning, considering the Cowichan and Koksilah River watersheds, floodplain, marshes, and estuary as interconnected ecological components. By fostering collaboration among stakeholders, including First Nations, local communities, government agencies, and environmental organizations, they aim to cultivate synergies and build upon previous and ongoing efforts towards their objectives.

Major projects include breaching the dikes to permit better fresh/salt water mixing, log removal from Mariners Island, wildlife monitoring, microplastics project, symposiums on issues related to the estuary, promoting the health of the crab, oyster and other sea life populations, conducting tours of the mudflats and lobbying for the protection of the estuary

CERCA's long-term goal is to contribute to the restoration of the Cowichan Estuary's ecological integrity by advocating for the re-zoning of abandoned industrial leases to support wildlife habitat management and recreational activities. Additionally, it strives to establish stewardship for the sustainable conservation management of the estuary, adjacent marshlands, and the floodplains and watersheds of the two rivers. Overall, CERCA's work is of utmost importance in safeguarding and restoring the ecological well-being of the Cowichan Estuary, supporting the Quw'utsun People's livelihoods and providing future generations with a remarkable and pristine natural environment to cherish.

For more information: <https://www.cowichanestuary.com>

Announcements

President Andrew informed members that Jim Dias' wife Mo has passed away. Services will be held on Thursday August 17th at 11:00 am at the Christian Reform Church, on Trunk Road, Duncan. Let's support this long time Rotarian.

Bags, Brew and BBQ Charity Cornhole Tournament Richard Odo updated members on plans for the Cornhole Tournament on Sunday, September 3, 1-5pm at the Duncan Curling Club. The event, a fundraiser for the Pregnancy Food Connection (meat, eggs, and lentils vouchers), will feature a competitive cornhole tournament, a BBQ rib truck plus salads, a couple of breweries, a wine/cider bar and activities for kids of all ages. Ideally, the event will feature 64 cornhole teams of two. Tickets are \$30.00 per person plus \$40/team to enter the tournament. As a major fundraiser, it will be important for all club members to get out and sell tickets to this fun event. Don't forget to forward the poster to family members and friends!

Duncan Rotary Car Rally Doyle reported that plans are well underway for the Duncan Rotary Car Rally, set for

Regular Club Meeting Time & Place

Duncan
Meets at Cowichan Golf and Country Club
4955 TransCanada Hwy
Duncan, BC
Time: Monday at 11:45 AM

Upcoming events

August 20th
Duncan Amazing Race Car Rally

August 27th
Lower Cowichan River Cleanup

August 28th
Duncan Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: TBD
September 3rd
Bags, Brew & BBQ

September 11th
Duncan Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Rob Douglas
Subject: Mayor of North Cowichan

Club Leaders



Andrew Dowsett
President



Karen A. Thorington
President-Elect

Robert Graham



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Vice
President



Joel Perry
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Chair
Past
President



Michael Lee
Club Service
Chair



Leighton
Mellemstrand
Youth
Protection
Officer



Doyle Childs
Assistant
Governor

Sunday, August 20, setting-off from the VIU campus at 1:00pm. There will be five pit stops with challenges, wrapping up at Susanne's for a BBQ. Sign-up today by contacting Barry Remus: bdremus7@shaw.ca.

Cowichan River Clean-up

Mike Taylor updated members on plans for the Cowichan River Clean-up on Sunday morning, August 27. Two crews are required, as well as a cook team for the BBQ after the clean-up. Please contact Mike if you can volunteer: michaeljtaylor@shaw.ca.

Club Visioning

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Karen Thorington informed members that the Club will be conducting a visioning exercise this Fall. Karen is looking for some 12-18 volunteers to participate in the half-day session on Saturday, October 21. As well, every Club member will receive a survey, seeking your input on the future direction of the Club. Members will be encouraged to complete and submit the survey. For more information, please contact Karen: karenthorington58@gmail.com.

Paul Harris Foundation Pin Presentation – Susanne Atagi presented a Paul Harris 3 Award to Denise Code.

Happy/Sad's

Nora mentioned that she and Andrew had been travelling a bit this summer and missed a couple of meetings. Andrew thanks Gregg and Karen for carrying on with the Club's activities.

Susanne thanked members for their advice concerning her niece's wedding, and reported catching enough salmon in Rivers Inlet for the car rally dinner.

Sean Heard reported on his trip north to Rankin Inlet, Hudson Bay, the Churchill River and northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Jim Cosh thanked Elizabeth Biberger and sister Janet for hosting a wonderful Pizza Night. Regrettably, this will be the last time Elizabeth and Janet will be offering the Pizza Night during the auction.

50/50 Draw of \$24 was won by Jim Cosh.

Upcoming Events (Editor's note: see below for more information)

- August 20 – Rotary Car Rally
- August 27 - Lower Cowichan River Cleanup
- September 3 – Bags, Brew and BBQ Charity Cornhole Tournament



Birthdays this month

Jack Robert
Abercrombie
August 20th

Mark Anderson
September 1st

Troy Evans
September 9th

Susanne Atagi
September 9th

Anna-Maria Korell

September 12th

Wedding anniversaries this month

Barry Remus
August 17th

Bea Fulton
August 22nd

Bernard Dinter
August 24th

Nick Kulhavy
August 27th

Keith Fuller
September 2nd

Michael Lee
September 4th

Bryan C. Bass
September 4th

James Cosh
September 7th



Coming up...

Amazing Race Car Rally - Sunday, August 20

Scott McIvor, long time Rotarian who we sorely miss, was always coming up with ideas for how our members could have some fun and enjoy each other's company. One of these ideas was our popular annual Car Rally and BBQ, held each Spring on the last Sunday of May. Our club members would put together teams of family and friends to try and puzzle out the riddles and clues that took them for a drive through the Cowichan Valley, ending up at a BBQ where prizes were then presented to those with the most correct answers and the best time and mileage over the route. With the passing of Scott and then the COVID restrictions, the car rally disappeared for a few years but we are now bringing it back better than ever! We're calling it The Amazing Race Car Rally but, to our members, it will always be the Scott McIvor Memorial Car Rally. Thanks Scott!

NOTE...there will be no meeting on the following Monday (21st), nor will there be a Club Social which would have normally been held as it is the third Monday of the month, so even if you don't participate in the car rally, come out for the dinner and fellowship this coming Sunday!



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AMAZING RACE

CAR RALLY

COWICHAN VALLEY EDITION

JOIN US FOR THE FUN, CAMARADERIE AND LEARN ABOUT THE COWICHAN VALLEY.

\$25	<i>Per person</i>	TO REGISTER BDREMUS8@SHAW.CA	
Salmon & Ribs Dinner at location that is part of the clues.		1:00 PM START AT VIU DUNCAN PARKING LOT 2011 UNIVERSITY WAY NORTH COWICHAN	
SUNDAY AUGUST 20TH 2023			
FIND US ON FACEBOOK FACEBOOK.COM/ROTARYDUNCAN			

Lower Cowichan River Cleanup - Sunday, August 27

Come out and help the Cowichan Watershed Board, their partners, and all the other volunteers in cleaning up the lower section of the Cowichan River at this annual event. Volunteer teams sweep the river from the Sandy Pools (off Riverbottom Road) down to the very lowest stretches of the river, picking up garbage and recyclables from the shoreline and bottom for disposal. Duncan Rotary has participated in this event for a number of years now, and typically fields two teams for the river cleanup, plus providing BBQ services to feed the hungry volunteers once they come off the river.

This year we are looking to have 3 teams...one for the upper section, which runs from the Sunrise Road area down to Vimy Road, with 2 teams looking after the lower section from the Silver Bridge downstream, split between the north and south sides of the river.

The upper section typically requires about 6 people, and involves dealing with short sections of rapids, deep pools and

some rocky shoreline that in places is difficult to navigate on foot, therefore participants need to be prepared to swim or wade short sections or use a canoe or river kayak. A wet suit (shorty is fine) is recommended if you're planning to get wet! Mike Taylor is the designated team leader for this section.

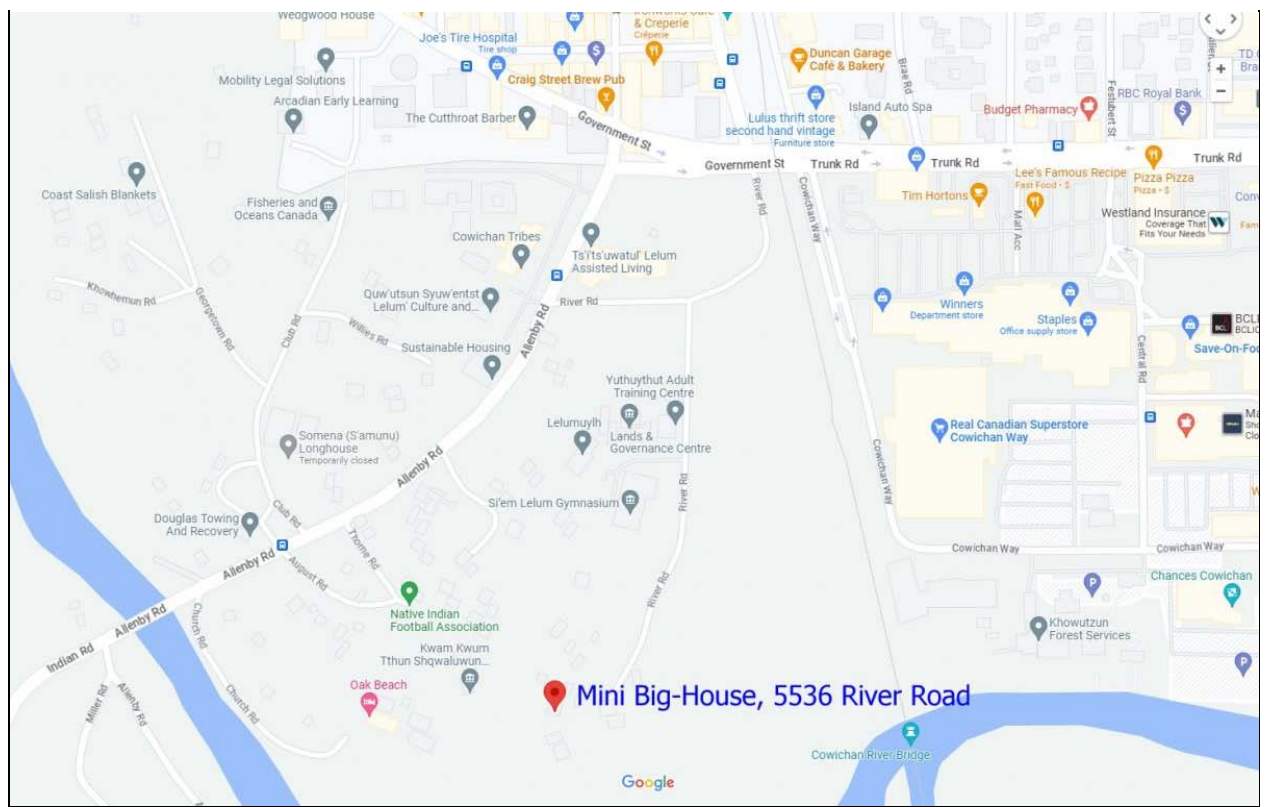


The lower section requires a team on both sides of the river. The north side typically involves more walking along gravelly shoreline, poking into bushes looking for refuse, and work along the dike. The south side involves more work along a dike which is rip-rapped with large boulders. Sturdy footwear is essential. A team leader for both teams is required. Team leaders are responsible for providing a safety briefing at the start of the cleanup (guidance will be given from the main organizers), ensuring all participants on their team are safely off the river at the end of the cleanup, and for denoting and reporting where garbage and recyclables are stockpiled along the route for pick up by others.

Please note that if we get a lot of Rotarians signing up, we may be asked to provide volunteers to other sections of the river where needed.



HQ for the event is the Mini Big-House, located at 5536 River Road on the Cowichan Indian Reserve.



Tentative schedule is as follows:

- 8:30 - Team leaders to be on site to prepare for registration of volunteers
- 9:00 - Registration, get organized with supplies (gloves and trash bags to be provided)....morning snacks and coffee also available
- 10:00 - Official welcome by the Cowichan Tribes and organizers
- 10:30-2:00 - River Cleanup
- 2:00-3:00 - Dispose of garbage and recyclables back at HQ, grab a hot dog (prepared by our very own Rotary grillmasters), and hang around for a group photo.

A more detailed schedule will be provided prior to the event.

The only exception to the above is as follows: for members on the upper section cleanup, members must pre-register with Mike Taylor and be prepared to leave HQ no later than 9:30 to get onto the river.

The barbecue crew will be serving from 12 noon to 3:00pm and the schedule for setup and takedown will be organized separately.

Please register at the following link and indicate your preference for area. Any questions, contact Mike Taylor at michaeljtaylor@shaw.ca or 250.252.5599.

Bags, Brew and BBQ Charity Cornhole Tournament



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PRESENTS

BAGS, BREW & BBQ



Cornhole tournament

Family
Fun!

Kids
Play Area

2-person teams
3 Games Guaranteed
Cash Prizes
Register as a team
Or as a single

BrewFest



ON SITE

BBQ

Ribs
Chicken Burgers
Veggie Burgers
Corn on the Cob
Salads
Hot Dogs for the Kids!

SUPPORTING: Cowichan Valley Pregnancy Food Connections Program

This program aims to increase access to nutritious foods during pregnancy to help achieve the healthiest mothers and babies possible. Since 2012, the initiative has enabled Cowichan's pregnancy support program to provide participants with beef, eggs, and/or legumes for the duration of their pregnancies. Iron-rich foods such as meat and eggs nourish growing brains and help mothers maintain healthy iron levels.

DUNCAN CURLING CLUB
3191 SHERMAN ROAD



REGISTER NOW

SEPTEMBER 3

GATES OPEN AT 1:00 PM

Don't forget to follow us on:

