



## 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

April 8th  
**Duncan Weekly Club Meeting**

April 15th  
**Duncan Monthly Club Social**

April 22nd  
**Duncan Weekly Club Meeting**

## Club Leaders



**Andrew Dowsett**  
President



**Karen A. Thorington**  
President-Elect



**Robert Graham Cairns**  
President-Nominee  
Vice President



**Joel Perry**  
Secretary



**Corrine Joyce Thompson**  
Treasurer



**Jeff Downie**  
Club Director

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

## MeetingZoomInfo

Can't join in person? Click [HERE](#) to join via Zoom!

## Meeting and event reports...

### March 25, 2024 Meeting

Some 18 Rotarians and guests turned out for the Lunch Meeting at the Cowichan Golf Course. Following President Andrew's acknowledgement, guest speakers Sarah Jackman and Todd Carnahan of Emergency Management Cowichan were welcomed to the meeting.

### Guest Speakers – Sarah Jackman & Todd Carnahan of Emergency Management Cowichan

Sarah and Todd provided an overview of the work of Emergency Management Cowichan in planning and coordinating emergency response services in the Cowichan Valley, as an agency of the CVRD. The organization's purpose is to lead the communities throughout the Cowichan region to prepare, respond, recover and mitigate for emergency or disaster situations.

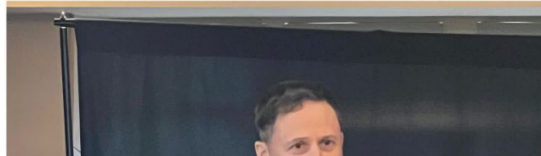
Todd provided an overview on the increasing threat of wildland fire reality. Several factors have contributed to the significantly increased risk of wildfires, including the changing climate, the diminishing snowpack in the mountains, the impact of heat domes on the ability of soil to retain moisture and the nature of forest regeneration.

The Cowichan Regional FireSmart Resiliency Program is designed to help homeowners and communities reduce the risk of wildfire damage. Wildfires are a natural occurrence, but they can also be devastating to homes, businesses, and communities. In recent years, the frequency and intensity of wildfires have increased, making it more important than ever to take steps to protect ourselves and our properties.

The FireSmart program is based on research and best practices in wildfire mitigation. It provides practical information and resources to help individuals and communities reduce the risk of wildfire damage. FireSmart focuses on three key areas: vegetation management, home construction and resiliency, and community planning and preparedness.

The biggest risk from a wildfire is waves of embers. As a result, the key to maintaining property is to eliminate the risk of embers entering a structure. This can be done by ensuring that homes are sided in fire-resistant materials such as stucco or Hardie board, that access such as vents are covered in 3mm mesh and that fire fuel such as wood fences, garden materials and fibre-based ground covers are at least three meters from the building. As well, outbuildings and wood piles should be 5-10 meters from the house.

By implementing FireSmart principles, homeowners and communities can reduce the likelihood of a wildfire spreading to their property and increase their resiliency against wildfire, and improve their chances of surviving a wildfire. The program is a collaborative effort between government, industry, and individual citizens, and it is an important step towards building more resilient communities in the face of a changing climate. Emergency Management Cowichan offers free FireSmart assessments of homes. Government incentives are also available to make fire-resistant improvements to homes. For more information: <https://emcowichan.ca>







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Club Service  
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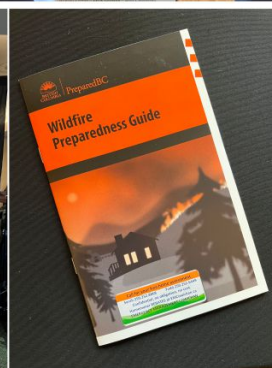
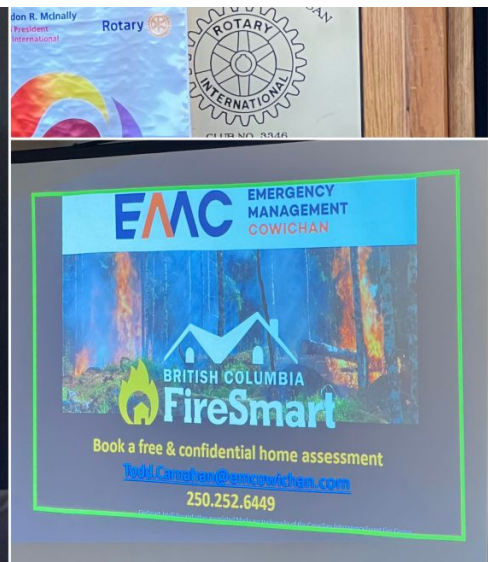
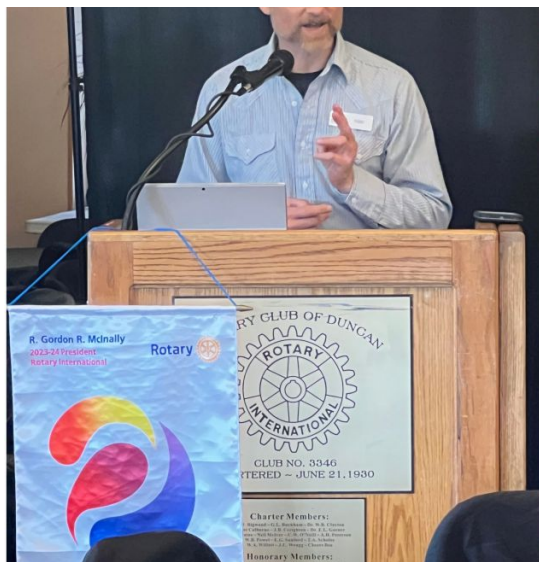
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## Birthdays this month

Arthur Gordon Allan  
April 11th  
Derek Gullmes  
April 24th

## Wedding anniversaries this month

Corrine Joyce  
Thompson  
April 15th



## Announcements

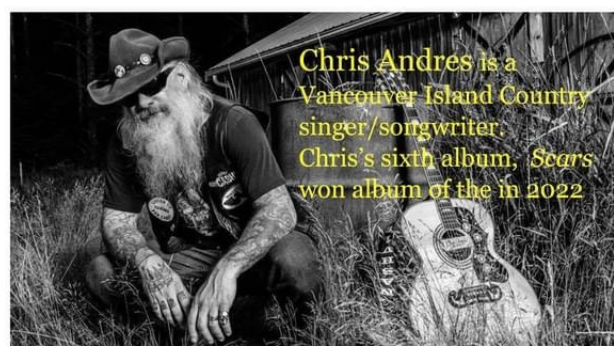
## Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association " Mending Fences: An Evening of Music

Cheeseman Therapeutic Riding Association is **Mending Fences: An Evening of Music**. Corrine Thompson announced that the CTRA is presenting **Mending Fences: An Evening of Music** on Saturday evening, May 4 at Providence Farm. The program will feature Chris Andres and Ryan McMahon and the funds raised will go toward the building and grounds maintenance for the CTRA. The Rotary Club has been provided with two complimentary tickets. If interested, please contact Corrine at [cheeseman@icloud.com](mailto:cheeseman@icloud.com). The tickets will be auctioned-off to those who are interested.

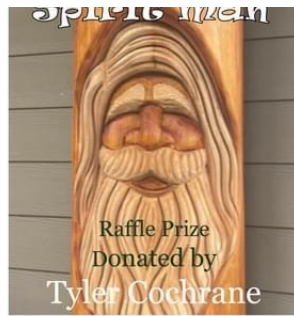
Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association Presents

## “ Mending Fences ”

## An evening of music







#### Featuring Chris Andres & Ryan McMahon

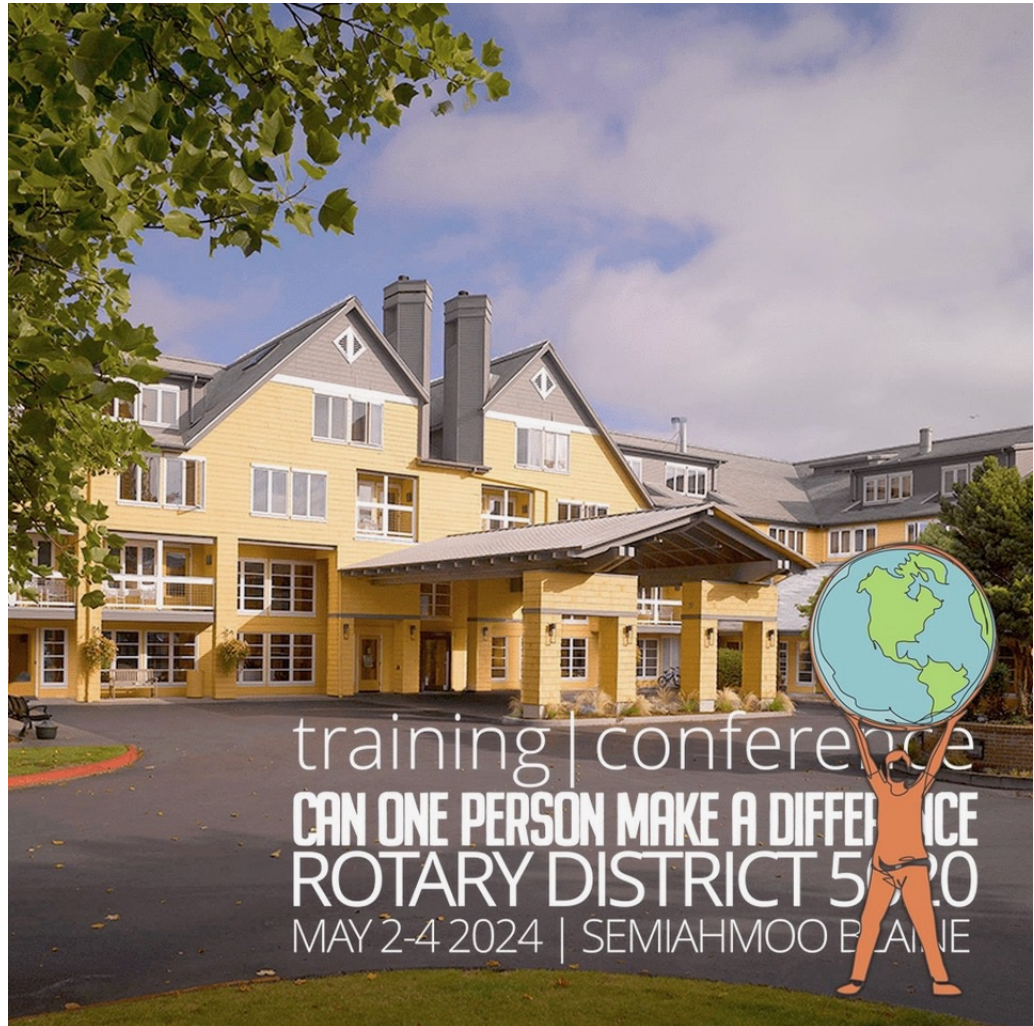
These two singer/songwriters are well known across the country. They will leave their mark on the music industry and on you, when you hear them play & sing. Both their styles are unique and will feature songs from recent albums: *Scars* by Andres and *Live Now* by McMahon.

Contact [www.cfra.ca](http://www.cfra.ca) or Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association Facebook page for ticket information

#### 2024 Rotary District Training & Conference, May 2-4, Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine, WA -

Don't forget to register for the 2024 District Training Conference. The club has budgeted to reimburse the registration costs for up to 10 members to attend the training conference. Preference will be given to the newer members. For more information, speak to Andrew or Nora. To Register:

<https://www.conference.rotary5020.org/join-the-fun/#registernow>



#### Clover Payment System

The Club has acquired the **Clover Payment System** to process the weekly lunch and social evening payments. Using this payment system will make the treasurer's job much easier. The cheapest option is to use a Debit Card. Members are asked to consider using their Debit Cards to pay for future meetings and socials.

#### Happy/Sad Bucks

**Bob Cairns** informed members that Susanne Atagi, Dee Jenkins and Karen Thorington were competing in the BC Masters Curling Championships in Vernon this week. As of noon Monday, the team had two wins and a tie.

As well, Susanne, Dee & Karen are allowing Bob to join them at the 27<sup>th</sup> Rotary World Curling Championships, April 6-12, 2024 in Peterborough, Ontario. The four of us are proud to represent the Duncan Rotary Club.



## Upcoming events...

**Monday, April 1** â€" Easter Holiday; \*\*\*NO MEETING\*\*\*

??????Monday, April 8 - Regular Noon Meeting - Paul Fletcher, Somenos Marsh Wildlife Society

**Monday, April 15** â€" Rotary Social

**Monday, April 22** â€" Regular Noon Meeting - Alistair MacGregor, MP

**Monday, April 29** â€" Club Assembly â€" Report on Visioning, laying the groundwork for the future of the club

**May 2-4** â€" District 5020 Training Conference; Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine, WA

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## In closing...

For those of you following Todd and Leslie Blume's adventures to Tanzania on behalf of the club and our contribution to the water tank project through the School Orchards Africa Society, here are a few recent photos. They are on their way back now, but stopping off for a bit in Italy before the hop across the pond home. Ask him about the excitement on the approach into Istanbul airport on the return flight, when you see him!





and lastly, since this weekend is Easter weekend, here's an interesting article on how Easter is celebrated around the world....Happy Easter, everyone!!

[Unexpected Easter Traditions - Atlas Obscura](#)

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