



## Names in the News

ABLE BC wishes to welcome the following new members/associates: Tony White, **Best Buy Canada**, Burnaby; Rick Erdman, **H.O.S.T. Consulting Ltd**, Abbotsford; Mike Jahnke, **Jimmy's Tap House**, **Jimmy's Cold Beer & Wine Store**, Vancouver; Derek Schreurs, Partner, **KPMG LLP**, Kamloops; Trent Anderson, **Libations Wine & Beer**, Vancouver; Brent Wolrich, **Lynn Valley Liquor Store**, North Vancouver; Glen Beveridge, **Major League 2 Pub & Liquor Store**, Chilliwack; Kathy Taylor, **Pilothouse Media Inc - Ask Ginger**, New Westminster; Bob MacMaster, **R.W. MacMaster & Associates**, Kakabeka Falls, ON; George Petropavlis, **River's Reach Pub & LRS**, New Westminster; Trent Anderson, **Libations Liquor Store Dundarave**, West Vancouver and **Libations Liquor Store Shaughnessy**, Vancouver; Charlene Krepiakevich, **Target Hospitality Marketing**; Carolyn Serka, **Sleeman Breweries**, Vancouver; and Lucky Manhas, **West Coast Liquor Company**, Vancouver.

After the ABLE BC AGM in November, there were some changes to ABLE's board of directors. **Al Arbuthnot** stepped down as President after many years with the board, and **Al McCreary** from Hudson Bay Lodge in Smithers took on the role of President. After many years of dedicated service, **Richard (Dick) Gibbons** retired from the board. ABLE extends a big thank you to both Al and Dick for giving so much of their valuable time to serve on the board. Their expertise and input has definitely contributed to the overall success of the association. ABLE welcomes two new directors: hotelier **Mike Jahnke**, from the Haney Motor Inn in Maple Ridge, and publican **Matt MacNeil**, from the Bard and Banker Pub in Victoria.

**Lothar Heinrich** from Lothar Heinrich Agencies has represented Warsteiner in Canada for over 29 years. He is moving on to other ventures and the brand has been taken over by Premier Brands. We'll all miss Lothar and appreciate his great contributions and support for our industry. The BC Hospitality Foundation has named a scholarship in his honour. The Lothar Heinrich scholarship is awarded annually to a promising student enrolled in Vancouver Community College's hospitality program. The 2009 recipient was **Dan Gibbs**.

We wish **Phil Potter** from Moonraker's Pub in New Westminster and **Nolan Fisher** from Sawbuck's Neighbourhood Pub in Surrey all the best in their retirement from the industry.

Congratulations to the following hospitality students who were awarded BC Hospitality Foundation scholarships: **Chris Blois**, Selkirk College; **Laura Brown**, North Island College; **Shannon Callanan**, Vancouver Island University; **April Erickson**, Okanagan College; **Yuri Gonzales**, University Of Victoria; **Caitlin Mayo**, Vancouver Community College; **Robin Phelan**, Royal Roads University; **Niranjala Storm**, Camosun College; **Lillie Turner**, Thompson Rivers University; and **Kirsten Wolff**, Douglas College.

**Steph Lardy**, GM of the Blackfish Pub in Gibsons, is leaving to start his own hospitality business after purchasing a restaurant in Hanover, Ontario. We join George, Kristy, and the rest of the crew in wishing him well. **Kristy Murray** from the Blackfish is expecting her first baby on March 16th.

Congratulations to **John Johnson** at the Oliver Twist Bar & Grill in Burnaby, **Damian Kettlewell** of the Great Bear Pub in Burnaby, and **Ron Slinger** of the Black Bear Pub in North Vancouver who were all featured on Shaw TV's "The Express" show.

**Brian Evjen** is the new owner of the Oliver Street Bar & Grill in Williams Lake.

The British Columbia Wine Institute (BCWI) is pleased to welcome **Justin Szott** to their team as Marketing Manager. In this role, Justin will be responsible for branding, positioning and marketing the Wines of BC (BC VQA) brand, executing BCWI events and sponsorships and working on BC VQA Wine Store marketing, among other projects.

Our condolences to the families of **Kathy Barr** (wife of Tom Barr, Comer Station Pub, Williams Lake) and **Shyam 'Sam' Mangal** (By Bailey's Pub, Maple Ridge) after their recent passing.

Canada's national wine magazine *Wine Access* selected **Sandhill** as "Winery of the Year" from among 157 wineries across the country in the 9th annual Canadian Wine Awards. **Sandhill** won an additional 21 medals, including White Wine of the Year for Sandhill Small Lots 2008 Viognier and Red Wine of the Year for Sandhill Small Lots 2007 Syrah. Congratulations to master winemaker Howard Soon and his team, and to **Andrew Peller Ltd**, which had three of the top four Best Wineries in Canada with Sandhill, Trius/Hillibrand, and Thirty Bench.

Congratulations to **Ian Powell**, General Manager of The Inn at Laurel Point in Victoria, on his hotel being named as BC's first and only carbon-neutral property.

The **Sunset Grill Neighborhood Bar & Grill** hosted their annual festive party for the Kitsilano community, asking attendees to bring contributions for the local food bank. Over \$1,400 in cash donations was collected as well as 22 boxes of food.

The **Black Bear Neighbourhood Pub** in North Vancouver has supported a wide variety of groups and organizations including sports teams, schools, nonprofit groups, fundraisers, the hospital, and community events since it opened in 1997. The Black Bear also supports the North Shore Disability Resource Centre (NSDRC) - a nonprofit organization that provides services and support to over 350 people with disabilities living on the North Shore. **John Neumann**, Executive Director of NSDRC states, "Since the fall of 2006, the Black Bear Neighbourhood Pub has been generously donating \$.50 from the sale of every quesadilla to the NSDRC. At Christmas time, the Granville Island Brewery matches the Black Bear's contribution. The total contribution so far is a whopping \$6,846.00. These valuable funds go a long way in assisting the most vulnerable of our population... The NSDRC is extremely grateful to have this relationship with the Black Bear Neighbourhood Pub and is thankful they find it important to give back to our community."

**Icelandic Water Holdings**, makers of the award-winning CarbonNeutral® natural spring water Icelandic Glacial, has donated more than 300,000 bottles - or 230 metric tons - of water to aid earthquake victims in Haiti. Icelandic Glacial's donation is equivalent to just over one bottle of water from each person in Iceland.