



What's Happening

We give you many great reasons to visit Clear Lake and Canmore this summer and fall.



Elkhorn Memories

Three of our owner families share their memories of vacationing at Elkhorn Resort.



Olé!

In this issue's Destination Spotlight, we take a look at Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

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Make the most of your summer

▶ DID YOU KNOW?

- Banff National Park receives 5 million visitors annually.
- Banff National Park has over 1,600 km of hiking trails.
- The Canadian Rockies were formed 65 million years ago!
- Riding Mountain National Park was established in 1933.

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At Clear Lake, in beautiful Riding Mountain National Park, the town of Wasagaming is in full swing!

The restaurants are hopping and many great activities are available. The fishing is great and the golfing at the Clear Lake Golf Course is even better. Try T.R. McKoy's for a delicious dinner, or the Martese boat for a romantic sunset cruise around the lake. And last, but not least, reserve a spot at the award-winning, full-service spa on-site at Elkhorn Resort for that well-deserved pampering session! Don't miss visiting this fantastic destination where there are so many great opportunities to enjoy a fabulous vacation with your loved ones.

Canmore, located just 20 kms from the entrance to Banff National Park, is a must-visit destination. The majestic beauty of the Rocky Mountains is absolutely stunning and will not be soon forgotten. This destination is an outdoor enthusiast's dream. The hiking is incredible, offering trails for all levels

where you are sure to take picture after picture of the amazing scenery that is so evident in this area.

River rafting is a great way to spend an exhilarating afternoon, or try horseback riding through the breathtaking backcountry. Then enjoy one of the many fabulous dining options available. Try Tapas for delicious Spanish-style cuisine served in a Latin atmosphere, or the Crazy Weed offering eclectic cuisine sure to delight anyone's palate. Or head to Banff for shopping and dining, then to the gorgeous Banff Springs Hotel for a cocktail on the terrace while taking in the spectacular views in every direction. Plus, we can't forget the unbelievable beauty of Lake Louise located about a 35-minute drive from Canmore. This site has been the inspiration for many movies, books, and of course, award-winning photographs.



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Events in and around Riding Mountain National Park and Canmore, Alberta will keep you and your family entertained throughout the summer and well into the fall.

Canmore this summer

Let Canmore be your base camp as you explore the incredible Rocky Mountains and nearby Banff National Park.

July 25, 2009 24Hrs of Adrenalin

Fastest-growing mountain bike event series in North America challenges solo or team riders to complete as many laps as possible in 24 hours. Venue: Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park. 24hoursofadrenalin.com

August 1-3, 2009 Canmore Folk Music Festival

Alberta's oldest folk music festival! Go for the workshops, food, family area and, of course, the music. Venue: Canmore's Centennial Park.

September 6, 2009 Canmore Highland Games

Ever tossed a caber? Never heard of a caber? Then you best get yourself to the Highland Games to discover all things Scottish. The day includes Highland Dancing, Piping, Drumming, Running and Heavy Sports. canmorehighlandgames.ca

Summer in the Park

Riding Mountain National Park, well-known for its natural beauty, abundance of wildlife and fun, family atmosphere, plays host to great events all summer long. Why not plan a great getaway to take in one of these upcoming events?

July 31 - August 3, 2009 Clear Lake Chamber Music Festival

Calling all lovers of great music! This year's festival features seven concerts over four days, including five chamber music concerts and two jazz concerts. Special Jazz Cruise Concert. Venue: Onanole Community Centre. Tickets and Weekend Passes: Poor Michael's Bookshop, 204-848-0336, Clear Lake Marina, 204-867-7299; Art Gallery, Wasagaming, 204-848-2993. clearlakechamberfestival.com

August 7-9, 2009 Chamber Days and Weekend Parade

Parade, music, games and fun! What more could you ask for! This family event is sponsored by the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce. Venue: throughout Wasagaming. discoverclearlake.com

August 15, 2009 Supper in the Field

The culinary event of the season. Regional chefs prepare a veritable feast to be enjoyed under a huge white tent, with wines and music and the ambience of fine dining. Venue: Wishing Well and Superintendent's House, Riding Mountain National Park. Tickets: 1-888-528-6484 or at The Nature Shop, Wasagaming, 204-848-4037. parklandtourism.com

August 15-16, 2009 Riding Mountain Triathlon (Aug. 15) & Kids of Steel Triathlon (Aug. 16)

rmtri.com

August 15-22, 2009 Tamarack Golf Tournament

Venue: Clear Lake Golf Course. tamarackgolftournament.ca

August 22, 2009 Boo in the Park

Halloween arrives early at the Park. And don't miss the Friends of Riding Mountain National Park "Fright Night" on October 24!

September 5-7, 2009 Tennis Tournament

Venue: Wasagaming Tennis Courts

September 12-13, 2009 MS Bike Tour – Riding Mountain Challenge

Venue: From Dauphin to Wasagaming. mssociety.ca

September 18-27, 2009 Sonics & Sojourns Fall Festival

Workshops (music, agriculture, environmental and more), adventures, interpretive outings, music, cuisine, an organic market and activities encouraging environmental leadership. Venue: Onanole. sonicsandsojourns.ca

You can find more information about all of these events by visiting the Elkhorn Resort Spa & Conference Centre website at www.elkhornresort.mb.ca.



Supper
in the Field

Edmonton Office closure

In an effort to consolidate our offices, as most of you already know, we decided to shut down our Edmonton office several months ago. We are offering all of the same services to our Edmonton area owners through our head office in

Manitoba. Our office hours are Monday to Friday 9 am - 5 pm and we can be reached by phone at 1-888-462-8785. Call us for assistance and/or information you may need. We look forward to assisting you to create cherished, long lasting memories!

Ongoing Owner Orientation Sessions

Make the most of your membership

Our ongoing Owner Orientation Sessions are a great way to learn how to get the maximum benefit from your Elkhorn membership!

Our very knowledgeable staff will explain everything from:

- how to register on the RCI website
- how to navigate through all the exciting options at your fingertips
- how to use the Points charts
- how to make a reservation for your dream vacation
- how saving and borrowing Points works
- how to maximize your Points using last-minute travel options, and so much more!

Our live and informative, interactive Owner Orientations are held on the second Wednesday of each month in Winnipeg, Manitoba at 7:00 pm. The orientations usually average from 90 minutes to two hours. Please call us at 1-888-462-8785 to reserve your space. Space is limited.

NOTE: If you do not live in the Winnipeg area, please call us at 1-888-462-8785 for alternative Owner Orientation locations and assistance. We are here to assist you in any way we can!



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Orientation Sessions for the Remainder of 2009

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Wednesday, August 12
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Wednesday, September 9
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Wednesday, October 14
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Wednesday, November 11
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Wednesday, December 9
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New Owner Services Manager for Manitoba

We welcome and congratulate Mandi Riffel on her recent promotion as our new Owner Services Manager at our head office in Manitoba. Mandi has been with the company for many years in several positions, including accounts payable agent and front desk manager, among

others. Mandi is very keen on improving our owner satisfaction level and we are sure she will achieve that with her skill and experience and with the very valuable help and support of the rest of our knowledgeable and professional owner services team. Welcome aboard, Mandi!

New Owner Services Representative in Canmore

We wish a fond farwell and send our best wishes to our beloved Ilona McIlhone who has relocated with her husband to Vancouver, BC .We will miss you in Canmore, Ilona!!

In Ilona's place we welcome Moilah Mamvura to our owner services team in Canmore! Moilah has been in Canmore for several years and has in-depth knowledge of the area and

all the amazing activities it has to offer. Moilah would love to make your vacation unforgettable so please don't hesitate to call her at 1-866-856-3437 for any assistance or suggestions. With an extensive background in customer service and hotel management, we are sure Moilah will be a valuable addition to the Elkhorn family. Welcome aboard, Moilah!

Elkhorn memories

Buying our timeshare with Elkhorn Resort assured the continuation of a family tradition of visits from as early as the

1920s to the area now known as Riding Mountain National Park.

My grandparents, Lloyd and Cordie Greenaway, of the Blanshard Municipality, came up to Kippens Mill in the fall of 1923

to cut wood for their granaries.

My mother, Merle Greenaway, at

age 16, was present at the unveiling of the commemorative cairn marking the opening of the Park in 1933.

Fast forward to the 1960s...

Wasagaming provided summer fun and swimming lessons through the Red Cross for my two brothers and me, during our week-long family holidays in the Park.

In 1985, when the indoor pool was still in the planning stage, my husband and I were introduced to the timeshare opportunity. It did not take much convincing to commit to a week joining my parents who lived in the Okanagan Valley and by my brothers and their families. Our own children grew up knowing that every summer, often with their grandparents and cousins, they would



Four generations of the Greenaway / O'Shaughnessy / Bronevitch families have enjoyed summers at Elkhorn Resort



where will your
dreams
take you?

Two weeks means twice the fun

Our family have been timeshare owners of two weeks at the Elkhorn Resort for 19 years. We always come to Clear Lake for one of our weeks. My sister and family are also owners so this is a great family vacation as we come at the same time. The other week we love to travel to

other places. We have visited Whistler, Canmore, Collingwood, San Diego, Panorama, Las Vegas and accompanied my sister to Orlando. **We even sent my daughter and her new husband to Hawaii for their honeymoon.** We have lots of wonderful holiday memories and are already planning our next vacation.

– David & Heather Jenkins,
Strathclair, MB

vacation here. Now we are thrilled to offer our own grandchildren the wonderful Elkhorn experience. Many friends and extended family have joined us throughout the years to add to the magic of our memories.

2009 marked our 21st year of enjoyment at Elkhorn Resort, in addition to our exchanges to Florida and Portugal. This past June, four generations plus three close friends, spent a glorious week together... eating ice cream cones; visiting the Wishing Well; walking along the lakeshore; swimming in the pool; being pampered in the Solstice Spa; dining on our own deck; golfing... all cherished times.

Having recently moved to the Okanagan, our timeshare back "home" is even more precious. See you next year...

– Sharon O'Shaughnessy &
Carl Bronevitch, Summerland, BC

A great investment

Buying our timeshare at Elkhorn Resort was one of the best investments we made.

It has offered us the opportunity to travel and stay in 5-star-plus resorts that we could have only dreamed about. Through RCI we have been able to trade our points for numerous vacations to the Caribbean, Mexico, Florida and Hawaii. We have used RCI to take last-minute vacations for \$199, extra vacations for less than our maintenance fees and 2-for-1 weeks in Mexico. We have taken over 30 plus vacations to exotic places while continuing to enjoy our annual summer holiday at Elkhorn. Now that our family has grown up they have also become members at Elkhorn and are enjoying summers at Elkhorn and the benefits of RCI.

– Richard & Brenda Chambers

Owner Referral Program

Ownership can be very rewarding

Send us the names of anyone you feel would be interested in learning how to create dream vacations year after year and earn big returns!

We will contact your referrals on your behalf and offer them a very special rate to come and visit us at our beautiful Clear Lake resort for a fantastic 3-day / 2-night getaway stay. During their stay with us they will attend our 90-minute ownership presentation so they can discover firsthand the exciting membership opportunities available to them through our Elkhorn Vacations for Life program.

For each eligible couple you register and send to us who attends and completes our Clear Lake Vacation Ownership presentation, you will receive \$100.00 whether they become a member of our Vacation Ownership program or not.

PLUS, for any eligible couple you register and send to us who chooses to become an owner at Elkhorn you will receive your choice of:

- **\$200 or 10,000 RCI Bonus Points** for the 1st referral who purchases.
- **\$400 or 20,000 RCI Bonus Points** for the 2nd referral who purchases.
- **\$600 or 30,000 RCI Bonus Points** for the 3rd referral who purchases.
- **\$800 or 40,000 RCI Bonus Points** for the 4th referral who purchases.
- **\$1,000 or 50,000 RCI Bonus Points** for the 5th referral who purchases.

And these rewards are CUMULATIVE! For example, if you refer five eligible friends who purchase with us, you will receive your choice of either \$3,000.00 or 150,000 RCI Bonus Points!



Call us at 1-866-653-6191 to register your friends who meet the eligibility guidelines.

“Extreme Makeover” – Website Edition

We are currently revamping our website and we are very excited about this “Extreme Makeover.”

We will have much more information at your fingertips such as, but not limited to “Destination Spotlights” where you can read about other Elkhorn VFL owners’ trips, firsthand experiences, suggestions and travel tips.

We will also have a very helpful question and answer section where you will be able to find answers to your most frequently asked questions.

Plus... Exclusive VFL owner-only special offers and discounts will be available. Check back frequently for the latest offers for our owners to enjoy!

SPECIAL OWNER INVENTORY PRICING!

Thinking of adding to your existing membership? We have some great opportunities for our owners. Call 1-866-355-4676 ext. 529 for more details on specially-priced inventory available **ONLY** for Elkhorn owners.

Photo Contest

Point. Click. Win!

Your next getaway could provide you with the opportunity to win a great prize.

As you travel the world, be sure to take your camera with you to capture your adventures. When you return home, submit your best pictures to the **2009 Elkhorn Vacations Photo Contest**.

Elkhorn Vacations Photo Contest.

Here’s what you could win:

- **First Prize** – 1-Year Maintenance Fee
- **Second Prize** – A two-night stay at either Elkhorn Resort in Clear Lake or at The Lodges at Canmore, or you can opt for 10,000 pts.
- **Third Prize** – A \$100.00 Gift Certificate for a restaurant, or 5,000 pts.

Please e-mail your images to service@elkhornresort.mb.ca along with some information about your trip: when did you go, where did you stay,

what is the picture about? Entries must be received by December 31, 2009. Our three prize winners will be announced on the Elkhorn Vacations website during February 2010.

By submitting your images, you are giving Elkhorn Vacations the rights to use the images on our website and in our newsletters and promotional materials.



¡ Viva Mexico si, señor !

One of the most beautiful and interesting places to visit in Mexico is, without a doubt, **Puerto Vallarta**. Set in the Banderas Bay, the second largest bay in the world, with the incredible Sierra Madre Mountains as a backdrop, Puerto Vallarta, or PV as the locals call it, is truly stunning!

Puerto Vallarta has earned many awards over the last few years, including the world's friendliest city awarded by the famous travel magazine, *Condé Nast Traveller*, and it is recognition that is very well deserved. In addition to the warm and friendly locals, PV is a land full of rich heritage and culture, delicious cuisine, exciting tours and activities, and beautiful beaches. It has grown from a quaint, sleepy fishing village to an incredible internationally-renowned destination that now offers something for everyone.

One of our staff members lived for many years in Vallarta and has the following insider's recommendations that you definitely should not miss when you visit PV...



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• **Visit the 300+ year-old mining town of San Sebastian del Oeste** located a short one-hour drive from Vallarta in the beautiful Sierra Madre Mountains. See Mexico as it was hundreds of years ago.

• **Visit the amazing beaches** of Yelapa, Las Animas, Caletas, Destiladeras, Punta de Mita, San Pancho, or Sayulita (the funky surf town!).

• **The Botanical Gardens.** An amazing 25-acre site with a myriad of gorgeous tropical plants 30 minutes south of Vallarta.

• **Check out any special events or festivals going on during your visit.** Mexicans love to celebrate and there is always something happening that shouldn't be missed.

• **Stroll the Malecon (boardwalk) downtown.** Mingle with the locals; buy an ice cream cone, or fresh corn on the cob.

Enjoy the eclectic street entertainers, then on Sundays dance the night away under the stars in the main square downtown, usually after 7:00 pm.

• **Enjoy one of the fantastic boat cruises** that offer excursions to some of the most beautiful beaches in the area, such as Caletas by day. Keep your eyes on the water to catch whales and dolphins in the wild.

• **Be adventurous and enjoy the amazing cuisine of Mexico.** Try the locals' favourites: tacos El Jefe in Olas Altas (old town) for the best steak tacos and fresh homemade salsas in town. Open from around 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Also try Barracuda two blocks from downtown, offering great shrimp tacos, fish dishes and shrimp platters at excellent prices — right on the beach! Great service... ask for Jorge (George). Open from 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm.



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• **Swim with the dolphins.**
An experience of a lifetime.

Owner Advisory: Telemarketing Calls

Should you receive calls from any marketing company suggesting they are affiliated with Elkhorn Resort in any way, please be advised to exercise extreme caution. We are in no way associated with any of these companies nor do we release information relating to our owners in accordance with *The Privacy Act*.

Our recommendation would be to

request your name be removed from their call list immediately. If you should continue to be contacted, please report the incidents to the CRTC (Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission).

We would further recommend that you be wary of divulging your personal information.