

President's Message



VINCENT CHIEW

Howdy Members,

Hope you all have enjoyed this year's Calgary Stampede - the Greatest Outdoor Show On Earth. Did anyone have a chance to meet the Duke and Duchess

of Cambridge while they were on their Canadian tour?

Upcoming Events: Look no further if you are looking for more social events to attend. I have scheduled the following FREE events based on my informal survey of members' feedback:

- July 23, 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm - Family Night Members and their friends are welcome. Games and movies for kids, social gathering for adults. Light snacks will be provided.
- Aug 13, 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm - Karaoke & Dance Night (No kids please)

Young adults and young-at-heart adults are welcome. Light snacks and non-alcohol drinks will be provided.

Please R.S.V.P. to president@msbca.ca if you are attending the above events so we know how much snacks to prepare.

Due to resource constraints, I am not able to organize EID (Hari Raya) and Deep-

avali this year. However, I do encourage all of you to come out and support our MSB night in early September. I look forward to meeting you at our events.

Facebook

I have uploaded some of the pictures taken from Cultural Night onto our Facebook website: www.facebook.com/msbcacalgary. If you have privacy concerns, please let me know and I will promptly remove your pictures. Give us some feedback on what you think of our Facebook website.

MSBCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Election in September

Do not forget to think about running for a MSBCA board seat at our upcoming AGM in September. Feel free to contact me at president@msbca.ca if you have any questions regarding the board work effort. Alternatively, you can email me your phone number and I will call you back. I will be honest and say that there are some challenges on the board, but they are good issues to have because they are signs that MSBCA is growing and maturing. Hence, to shape the future of MSBCA, I highly encourage those of you whom have never been on this board to run. I will be around as past president, along with many others, to provide you guidance and support.

*Have a great summer, Yahoo!!!
Vincent*



Read about Tracey's adventure in Australia so far! Page 2 & 3. Also more to read at traceybong.blogspot.com

DO YOU LIKE TO DANCE?

See page 5 on how to get involved!

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But do not hurry the journey at all. / Better if it lasts for years / so you are old by the time you reach the island / wealthy with all you have gained on the way

— Constantine Cavafy, from "Ithaka"

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I just came back from New Zealand a couple weeks ago and I had a really good time! I would have loved to see more of the place because it is so beautiful there. I was there for 9 days. My friends and I arrived in Christchurch and stayed there for a night. Then in the morning, we rented a car to make our drive down to Queenstown. We did drive close to the town centre where the disaster struck and there wasn't much of a town centre left. We didn't spend much time in Christchurch and apparently they are still feeling some shakes every now and again.

We drove for a few hours and got to a place called Hokitika for a restroom break and a drink. Then we drove to Franz Josef to stay there a couple of nights. While in Franz Josef we did a half-day glacier walk, which was really cool. My friend, Kristy who did the walk same time last year, didn't go on the walk this time, I saw her photos and the glacier has changed so much within a year! Our

guide, on the walk, told us that New Zealand has over 3000 glaciers!



After another night in Franz Josef, we were on the road again to Wanaka. Such a pretty place, it reminded me of Banff a little bit, with the small town and the shops with the mountains as a backdrop. There wasn't any snow yet, we were told that the snow was late coming and the ski resorts were meant to open 2 weeks ago, so everyone has just been waiting for the snow to come. We had a late lunch there and we were planning to stay



Membership Renewal? Change Member Info?

Please contact Cynthia Tung at
membership@msbca.ca
to keep your details current!

travel editorial



there one night and then drive to Queenstown the next day, but at the last moment we decided to make the 2-hour drive to Queenstown then and stay there an extra night.



It was good because then we had an extra day in Queenstown to do whatever we wanted. We checked out a couple wineries about 15-20 minutes outside of Queenstown. Then we had to return the car and check into our hotel at the Novotel. We booked a Milford Sound trip for the next day.



Milford Sound was a whole day trip, leaving at 7:30am and getting back at about 8:00pm. The drive took about 5 hours each way and then we had a 2-hour ferry ride through Milford Sound. It was really cloudy, cold and rainy that day so it was a bit tough to see the beautiful landscapes and waterfalls, but looking back on it now, it was still a really beautiful place to see despite the weather.



The next 2 days we went skiing/snowboarding. There wasn't much snow in Queenstown when we first got there but the forecast said that snow was coming the Thursday and would be snowing throughout the weekend. So, lucky us, in our last few days that we were there we got snow! However, the conditions on the slopes weren't the best to be skiing in. It was really windy and snowy, and some of the lifts had to be shut down because of the wind. We went to The Remarkables one day and Coronet Peak the next. I think I like Coronet Peak better but there was only one lift open that day which is a shame.

The nightlife in Queenstown is really fun too. There are so many places to check out like restaurants, pubs, bars and clubs. There are all these alleyways and anywhere you go there is a cool place to check out! We got to try the famous Fergburger, well known for their delicious burrgrers and the lived up to it! So yummy!



On our last day in Queenstown, we woke up to snow in the town so it was a real treat for my Aussie friends to see that. So our trip comes to an end and we fly from Queenstown back to Christchurch, stay another night there and then fly out of Christchurch back to Sydney. I would really love to go back in their summer and maybe check out the north island next time. I heard it's more picturesque up there. Well I have another 2 weeks of down time and then I will be off again on a road trip up to Queensland, visiting the Whitsundays and Airlie Beach, and some of the Great Barrier Reef!

upcoming events

-----MSBCA CALENDAR----- of events proposed for 2010-2011

Please note that some dates are still to be announced and that the events/functions are not limited to this list. If you have any event ideas, bring them forward!

July 2011

- 2nd - Pre-Stampede Dance
- 23rd - Kids Games & Movie Night

August 2011

- 7th - Volunteer Appreciation Picnic
- 13th - Karaoke & Dance Night

September 2011

- 3rd - MSBCA Night of Bowling
- 24th - MSBCA Annual General Meeting



SUNDAY LUNCH

MSBCA Clubhouse
Our popular Sunday Lunches will be back in the fall.

Stay tuned with the newsletter and website.

MSBCA Website Makeover

MSBCA website's has a new look coming within the next couple weeks. The webmaster and I are really excited about the new layout, which we think will provide for easier updates and easier viewing for the members!

MSBCA Night of Bowling (In Celebration of MSB National Day)

Venue: To be announced

Date: Saturday, September 3, 2011

Time: 6pm to 10pm

Cost: \$10 per person (inclusive of food and bowl)

Contact: Cliff Son & Hoy Peng at committee@msbca.ca

MSBCA Annual General Meeting

Venue: MSBCA Clubhouse

Date: Saturday, September 24, 2011

Time: 11am to 2pm

Cost: Free and for members only

Contact: Philip Chan at secretary@msbca.ca

FAMILY GAMES & MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, July 23, 2011

MSBCA Clubhouse

7pm to 10pm

Free for Members!!!
Snacks provided.

Contact Vincent Chiew at
president@msbca.ca

upcoming events

COME AND JOIN US FOR FUN AND SHARING OF OUR CULTURES

MSBCA has been providing the Calgary community with cultural dancing for more than 8 years. We've performed for many cultural events attended by Federal leaders, Provincial leaders and the public. Normally we perform 12 to 14 times a year for the club and other cultural associations.

So come and join us for some cultural experience, socializing, fun and exercise, even if you do not wish to perform. Whether you're young or young at heart, male or female, you are all welcome. MSBCA Dance Group practices about 2 hours a week throughout the year. We usually practice more frequently nearer to a scheduled performance.

**MSBCA Dance Group schedule:
Fridays from 7pm-9pm**

Please contact Jade Tarbet at jbтарbet@shaw.ca for more information.

MSBCA NEEDS YOU!

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

With our sincere appreciation to all the volunteers, the 2010/11 MSBCA committee would like to invite you and your family to attend our annual Volunteers Appreciation picnic.

Sunday, August 7, 2011

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

North Glenmore Park

Snowy Owl Site
Picnic Area
(West End),

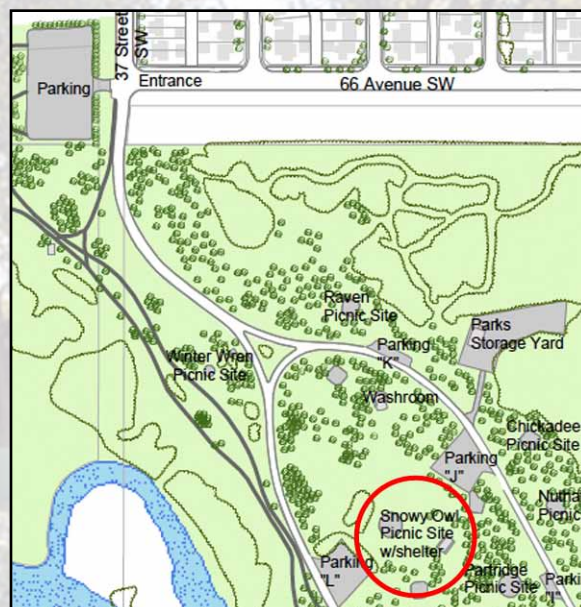
7305 24 Street SW

RSVP by July 24

**Hope to see you
all there!**

Call to register:

Jade Tarbet
Tel:403-698-1092,
Jennie Soo
403-280-0327,
Adeline Chan
403-383-1689



Great juicy BBQ served by Board members to all volunteers;

Games for the family;

Bring along kites, soccer ball, football, water gun, bicycles, motorbikes, cameras, birdwatching and siesta activities, etc;

Dress for summertime sports and fun;

There will be something for everyone to do.

Karaoke & Dance Night

Saturday, July 13, 2011

MSBCA Clubhouse

8pm to 11pm

Free for Members!!!

Adults and Young Adults Only.
Snacks provided.

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Our Condolences...

Louis Chew passed away peacefully in Calgary on June 28, 2011 at the age of 67. Our condolences to his wife, Evonne Chew and family during this time of bereavement."

Our condolences to Rudy Widya and family, on the demise of Mrs Indriati (mother of Rudy) who passed away peacefully in Indonesia on July 1st, 2011 at the age of 90 years.

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MSBCA Newsletter has a readership of about 200 families & organizations.

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Send your questions, comments or articles to:

editor@msbca.ca



Photo by Tracey Bong. A beautiful lookout point in New Zealand, while on our way to Wanaka.

PLACE YOUR AD HERE

Do you have a story to tell us? An interest to share? Questions or Concerns?

We are always looking for stories to feature in our MSBCA newsletter!

Send your questions, comments or articles to:
editor@msbca.ca

Note: the newsletter is a monthly publication.

Club House Rental

Holding a meeting, presentation or social event?

For more inquiries, contact

One of the Committee Members

#301, 114 - 3 Ave SW

Calgary AB T2P 0E7

Rental Rates & Terms (with effect 1 May 2006):

Rental Hours: 9 am to midnight

Members (including sound system):

Mon-Fri: \$132

Sat-Sun, Holidays: \$165

Non-members (excluding sound system):

Mon-Fri: \$180

Sat-Sun, Holidays: \$220

An additional \$100 is chargeable for the use of the sound system

Damage Deposit *Mandatory for ALL (refundable if there is no damage or loss to property):

- Building \$100
- Sound system \$400

With immediate effect, there will be a cleaning surcharge of \$50.00 if the clubhouse is not properly cleaned after each rental. If applicable, this will be deducted from the damage deposit.