



COST OF GAS AT THE PUMPS



**Motorcycles provide
alternative transportation**

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Motorcycles can be a more budget-friendly option for people wanting to commute—like these young Richmond professionals. There are six categories of motorcycle, including sport bikes as pictured here.

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OUR CITY

Richmond

NEWS UPDATE
BY FLORENCE GORDON



Apr 24 – Sep 20

Richmond Night Market

8351 River Rd, Richmond, BC
 Fri, Sat & Stat Sun 7:00pm - 12:00am
 Sun & Stat Holiday 7:00pm - 11:00pm

This summer, millions of fans and visitors from around the globe will fill the city with excitement — and the Richmond Night Market will be the place where everyone comes together to eat, laugh, and feel the energy!



May 23

Friends of the Richmond Library May Mini-Sale

Richmond Public Library – Cambie
 150 - 11590 Cambie Rd, Richmond, BC
 10:00am - 4:00pm



Come out and support your local public library at this community book sale. Browse a wide selection of affordable books across many genres and languages, including English and Chinese titles, mystery, sci-fi, teen drama, and more. All proceeds will go toward supporting the Richmond Public Library. Don't forget to bring cash and a bag to carry home your new favourite reads.

May 23

Freedom of the City

City Hall, 6911 No. 3 Rd
 Richmond, BC
 11:00am - 12:00pm



Join us in honouring the 39th Battalion and celebrating its years of dedicated service to the community. This free, all-ages event will feature two parts: a formal ceremony followed by a parade accompanied by drums. Everyone is welcome to attend and take part in this special occasion.

May 23

South Arm CC Swap Meet

South Arm Community Centre
 8880 Williams Rd, Richmond, BC
 10:00am - 2:00pm

Come out for an exciting day of treasure hunting at the South Arm Community Centre sale! Browse through 40 vendors featuring a great selection of gently used household goods, sports equipment, and clothing; there's something for everyone to discover. Be sure to bring cash so you can take home your favourite finds!



May 5 – Dec 22

Kwantlen Farmers' Market

Richmond Public Library – Brighthouse
 100 - 7700 Minoru Gate, Richmond, BC
 Every Tuesday 11:00 - 4:00

Come by this vibrant farmers market hosted by the students of Kwantlen Polytechnic University! Spend the day enjoying live music, delicious local food, fresh produce, handmade goods, and an amazing community atmosphere. It's the perfect place to support student entrepreneurs and local vendors while soaking up the good vibes with friends and family.



Apr – Jun

Seniors Activities, Guides & Passes – Spring 2026

In-person and online



The City and partners are proud to offer high-quality social programs and services for those 55+ years at eight community facilities, including the Seniors Centre at the Minoru Centre for Active Living.

Richmond Sentinel Celebrates

10TH ANNIVERSARY

BY FLORENCE GORDON

In April, 2022 gasoline peaked at \$205.9 in Vancouver. At that time a staff writer sold his car and converted his mode of transportation to a motorcycle, so we came up with an idea to write a story about affordable transportation options. To carry the point even further I asked if he would take a photo of he and a buddy dressed in a suit for work to emphasize the fact that there were options that were affordable. Yesterday gasoline was at \$214.9 by mid afternoon I bought at \$204.9 and at 9:00 p.m. the price dropped to \$195.9 and the lineup was down the street. So, a decision was made to re-run a story from four years ago, published with a sense of humour while demonstrating how the cost of living had an impact in 2022 and continues in 2026 as prices at the pump fluctuate.

Hitting the Road BY SAMUEL CHENG

Now that spring is here, many people are hoping to get outside and enjoy the weather. For those looking for a different way to get around, motorcycles might be the perfect mode of transportation for a daily commute, a weekend getaway, or perhaps touring across Canada. Familiar motorcycles include the Kawasaki ZX900 from *Top Gun*, Ducati 996 from *Matrix Reloaded*, or Harley-Davidson Fat Boy from *Terminator 2*. However, the world of motorcycles expands beyond what is seen in movies or on television. Motorcycles can be broken down into six different categories: sport, standard, cruising, touring, dual-sport, and dirt bike.

Speed, acceleration, and dragging your knees through corners are characteristics of sport bikes. Sport bikes tend to have high-performance engines and powerful braking systems that allow riders to enjoy the thrill of speed, at the expense of comfort and fuel economy. With a low and tucked-in riding position, these bikes provide riders with the best ergonomics and the lowest amount of air resistance. They allow riders to push bikes to their limits and be the first to pass the finish line at a race. Kawasaki ZX900, Ducati 996, and Yamaha YZF-R6 are some of the models within the class. If beating the clock or attending track days is your passion, then look no further than a sport bike.

A standard motorcycle, also known as a naked or a roadster, offers a versatile and street-oriented purpose. A naked bike can be easily identified by its muscular and exposed elements. Often, you will be able to visibly see the frame, the engine, and more from the side of the bike. With an upright

and natural body position, riders can travel in and out of a city with ease. A standard motorcycle's moderate power output and all-around characteristics make it the perfect type of bike for beginners. KTM Duke 390, Yamaha MT-09, and Husqvarna Svartpilen 701 are some popular examples



Photo Courtesy Quintin Sim

of naked bikes. The next time you're heading to Whistler or Harrison Hot Springs, hop on a roadster and experience the joy of the ride for yourself. Cruiser riders can often be spotted wearing black leather jackets, blue jeans, half face helmets, and sunglasses. One of the oldest types of motorcycle, it was made popular by brands like Indian and Harley-Davidson. Allowing riders to lean back with their arms slightly up, a cruiser is perhaps the most comfortable type of motorcycle to ride. With engines designed for small to medium displacement, the low-end torque saves riders the hassle of having to frequently shift gears. Harley-Davidson Fat Boy, Indian Scout Bobber Sixty, and Honda Rebel 1100 are a great starting point for cruisers. Touring motorcycles may look similar to cruisers at first glance, but they serve a

somewhat different purpose. Unlike cruisers, which are meant for shorter rides, touring bikes have a large displacement engine, a huge gas tank, a windscreen, and often saddlebags.

These machines are the heaviest type of motorcycle. Some touring motorcycles can weigh upwards of 385 to 431 kilograms (850 to 950 pounds), not including the weight of the rider and their gear and luggage. Nonetheless, touring motorcycles like the Moto Guzzi California Touring 1400, Honda Gold Wing, and Harley-Davidson Road Glide are some of the best. A dual-sport or adventure motorcycle excels at travelling on city roads, in off-road environments, and on other varied terrains. Adventure bikes have an above-average seat height and centre of gravity, allowing more room for the suspensions to do their work on rocky, rough, and uneven surfaces.

But a dual-sport motorcycle is more than capable of travelling on concrete and pavement as well, hence the name "dual-sport." BMW R 1250 GS, Suzuki V-Strom 1050XT, and Triumph Tiger are some of the most popular choices when it comes to taking your adventure to the next level. Dirt bikes are wild, entertaining, and sensational machines designed for off-road use. They can travel across rough terrains such as gravel, sand, mud, snow, and even water. Dirt bikes weigh significantly less than other on-road motorcycles. Their ground clearance is much higher, making it easier to travel and ride over uneven surfaces and terrains. Dirt bike tires are much chunkier, resembling a rolled-up chocolate bar. Husqvarna FC450, KTM 450SX-F, and Kawasaki KX450 can reignite your childhood dreams of racing or riding through the woods and dirt trails. Maybe one day you will see yourself participating at popular racing events like Motocross or Enduro. Whether you're looking to race, go on an adventure, or simply cruise around the city, you can find a motorcycle that suits your needs. A tip before hopping on any motorcycle: always wear full gear. "Wearing proper motorcycle gear will give you the best odds of walking away when things go wrong," says Lee "RideFar" Heaver, owner and instructor at 1st Gear Motorcycle School & Training which has three locations including one in Richmond.

Earlier this week I listened to an interview with a professional biker whose advice was to enroll in a safety program and even a refresher course if an experienced biker. Please note, it's been four years since this original article was written so vehicle models may have changed but the idea of affordable transportation options is still present.

Buy Canadian - Beyond the Slogan

BY **BEZ CHAO**

The Buy Canadian movement is more than just a slogan. It's Canadians recognizing the importance of supporting Canadian businesses to grow and strengthen our economy, so we can become more resilient and self-sufficient.

Much of this sentiment arose after the United States (US) applied tariffs on Canadian goods last year, despite the ongoing Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) which is a comprehensive free trade deal in effect since July 1, 2020, that replaced the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) established in 1994. This has forced Canadians to reflect on our reliance on consuming American products and vice versa.

The movement hasn't just stayed on the internet either. Per The Bank of Canada's article "Assessing the Buy Canadian movement one year later," data indicates that the shifts in consumer habits and decisions have made an impact on Canadian and US industries, most notably in travel to the US. Canadians took roughly 10 million fewer trips to the US in 2025 than in 2024 which is around a 25% drop. Another industry that has seen a notable shift in consumer habits and sentiment is the alcohol industry. Canadian's have been consuming less American alcohol, with some liquor stores removing them from their shelves completely, resulting in sales of American alcohol in Canada to drop by 85% in the second quarter of 2025.

Buying Canadian means supporting Canadian businesses and industries, keeping our hard earned money within Canada as much as we can. However, there are some systemic and structural hurdles standing in the way of purchasing completely made in Canada products. Due to highly integrated supply chains, it is a common occurrence for Canada to export raw materials to the US for processing, and then importing those finished products back. This highlights the need for Canada to invest in our own industries and economy, so that we can reach a scale where we have the processing

capabilities to keep as many raw materials as we can within Canada during production. This would, however, require a massive shift in industrial policy, infrastructure, and investment.

The Government of Canada has already taken steps in this direction via the Buy Canadian Policy, which launched on December 16, 2025. The policy aims to protect and prioritize Canadian workers and industries. Creating a strong Canadian supply chain, by favouring Canadian suppliers and Canadian-made goods and services whenever possible. This will hopefully make Canadian industries more self-sufficient and resilient to changes in the global economy.

There are other valid concerns and hurdles Canadians may face when shifting consumer habits towards purchasing Canadian products. Some of these concerns may include, but is not limited to:

- **Higher costs and financial constraints:** Some Canadian products are more expensive due to the costs associated with manufacturing within Canada, with Canadian materials and labour.
- **Identification and labelling challenges:** Differentiating between "Product of Canada" and "Made in Canada" can be challenging at first. "Product of Canada" signifies that almost all ingredients, processing, and labour are Canadian (98-100%). "Made in Canada" means the ingredients may be imported, and the last substantial transformation happened in Canada. "Local" indicates the product was produced in the same province or within 50 km of the provincial border.
- **Time investment:** Even if a Canadian alternative exists, it may require spending some time researching and looking for the product, which may not always be possible for busy Canadians on the go who are already facing financial constraints.
- **Limited availability:** Not every product has a Canadian alternative, nor can it be made or

produced in Canada all throughout the year. For example, during the winter seasons, Canadians may not be able to source local homegrown produce that is available at other times of the year.

It's worth noting that not everyone is in a position to change their consumer decisions overnight so Canadians shouldn't feel pressured to do more than they feel comfortable to.

If you want to start supporting more Canadian products and industries but are feeling overwhelmed by the task, try starting small in a low stakes way. Next time you're out grocery shopping, just take a look at the label on the products that you're already purchasing along with their alternatives. No commitment necessary. Just starting and building this habit will help give you a sense of what Canadian alternatives are out there, if any. So if you feel ready to change your purchasing habits, you'll already be aware of your options. Through this exercise, you'll also develop a broader awareness of how reliant Canada has been on international trade partners.

You can also keep your eyes peeled when exploring the city you live in for local businesses that sell the products you're looking for.

Richmond for one, has a rich diversity of Canadian products you can buy, whether it be alcohol, fresh produce, fashion, art, and more.

The City of Richmond has a local food map on their website with locations to help you find your farm fresh produce and seafood. These offerings range from berries, vegetables, poultry, fish, and more.

Some made in Canada fashion and clothing brands include Province of Canada, House of Blanks, Free Label, and more. All three of these are made in Canada clothing brands manufacturing with Canadian fabrics.

For art, there are plenty of local art markets where small artists vend, showcasing and selling their work. Some of these markets are seasonal and are only around for a few days, so it's best to look online for accurate times and locations.

Supporting Canadian companies by purchasing just one Canadian product might feel inconsequential, but together with the rest of Canadians, it adds up. It might feel like we're not making a difference but together, Canadians are strong.



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Gather, play, celebrate, and connect during BC Seniors Week in Richmond

Richmond, BC – Join the City of Richmond and its community partners in celebrating BC Seniors Week from Monday, June 1 to Sunday, June 7. This year's theme, "Gather. Play. Celebrate. Connecting Communities and Cultures!" showcases a lively celebration of culture, community, and global spirit.

Seniors are invited to experience a diverse lineup of international cuisine, engaging entertainment, and interactive activities designed to bring people together—celebrating diversity and the joy of shared experiences. Richmond residents aged 55+ are encouraged to participate in free programs that support active living and community connection.

The week begins with a kickoff event at Minoru Centre for Active Living on Monday, June 1, from 1:00 to 3:30pm, featuring remarks from Mayor Malcolm Brodie. The event will officially launch Richmond's BC Seniors Week celebrations with food stations showcasing flavours and traditions from around the world, cultural experiences and live music featuring beloved Canadian classics. Free transportation to and from Minoru Centre for Active Living will be available from Richmond community centres.

Pre-registration is required for most Seniors Week activities as space is limited. For the full schedule and registration details, visit richmond.ca/SeniorsWeek. Printed brochures are also available at Richmond parks, recreation, and culture facilities.

Seniors Week highlights include:

Soccer – Indoor: Tuesday, June 2, 3:00-4:00pm - South Arm Community Centre

Experience this sport, played internationally, while getting a great workout in a safe, welcoming, instructor-led environment. Enjoy light drills and friendly games with modified rules that deliver fun and skill-building for all levels. Registration required.

Strength and Balance for Seniors: Wednesday, June 3, 12-1:00pm - Richmond Olympic Oval

Focus on building muscle strength and improving stability with gentle, low-impact exercises that help support everyday activities. This session offers a safe and welcoming environment to stay active and build confidence. Suitable for all fitness levels. Registration required.

Walking Soccer: Thursday, June 4, 4:00-5:00pm - Minoru Centre for Active Living – Field 2

Stay active and have fun with modified, low-impact soccer activities and a game. Designed for older adults with no previous soccer experience to enjoy gentle exercise in a supportive, social environment. Registration required.

Outdoor Games: Friday, June 5, 2:00-3:30pm - Thompson Community Centre

Play bocce, frisbee golf and croquet with others in a lively atmosphere. Refreshments included. Registration required.

Fitness in the Forest, June 6, 1:00-2:00pm - Richmond Nature Park

Embrace nature with an outdoor experience. Move through playful poses and mindful stretches to build balance, encourage focus and connect with nature's beauty. Registration required.

Celebrated across Canada, BC Seniors Week is held each year during the first week of June to commend and recognize the contributions seniors make to their community.

The City of Richmond is an age-inclusive community that is committed to supporting healthy aging for all residents. Throughout the year, a variety of programs and activities are available for seniors. Seasonal 55+ Program Guides can be found online at richmond.ca/seniors or at any Richmond Parks, Recreation and Culture facility.

Call for Nominations for the 2026 Richmond Heritage Awards



Passengers boarding interurban tram car 1205 at Bridgeport Station, 1951. City of Richmond Archives, Ted Clark Photograph #1999 4 2 155

Historic buildings, cultural and natural heritage landscapes, artifacts, and oral and written histories—all are rich resources that contribute to our shared community identity today. The Richmond Heritage Awards annually recognize the accomplishments of individuals and organizations in the conservation of historic places, and education and awareness about Richmond's diverse heritage.

The Richmond Heritage Commission is inviting nominations for the 2026 Richmond Heritage Awards. Anyone can submit a nomination for an individual or an organization.

Nominations

Complete a one-page nomination form available from the City's website at richmond.ca/HeritageAwards or by contacting:

Policy Planning Department

Email: communityplanning@richmond.ca

Phone: 604-276-4207

Submit via

Mail: Richmond Heritage Commission
c/o Policy Planning Department
Richmond City Hall
6911 No. 3 Road,
Richmond, BC
V6Y 2C1

Email: communityplanning@richmond.ca

Submission deadline

11:59pm on Sunday, June 14, 2026.

Some of the ways an individual or organization may earn recognition are:

- preservation, restoration, rehabilitation or adaptive reuse of a historic place, such as a building or structure, or conservation of a cultural landscape
- promotion or awareness of local heritage through education, outreach or advocacy
- contribution to local knowledge of heritage in public history or interpretation projects

The Awards jury will include members of the Richmond Heritage Commission. All decisions of the jury are final.



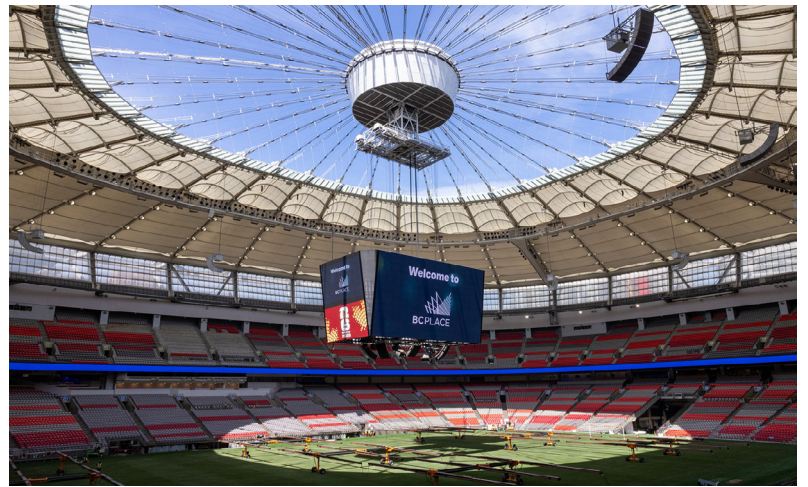
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Unveiling BC Place Vancouver upgrades, opportunity ahead of FIFA World Cup 2026

Accessibility, technology, hospitality enhancements will transform fan experience, leave a legacy



Summary

BC Place Vancouver upgrades and renovations in advance of the FIFA World Cup 2026 include accessibility improvements, new hospitality spaces, upgraded technology, and a hybrid grass pitch.

The upgrades will ensure BC Place Vancouver remains a world-class stadium and leave a legacy for sports, concerts and major events in British Columbia. Watch in the next edition for more information.

The upgrades support B.C.'s Look West: Tourism Sector Action Plan by leveraging the FIFA World Cup 2026 to boost global exposure, investment and long-term economic growth.

Major upgrades and renovations to BC Place Vancouver were unveiled on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, marking one month to go until the stadium hosts seven FIFA World Cup 2026 matches, with the first match at BC Place Vancouver on June 13, 2026.

hospitality and hosting spaces, and a permanent merchandise store. The hybrid sod grass pitch has been installed, and the athlete and talent experience will also be enhanced through newly renovated player locker rooms, showers and bathrooms.

Several new hospitality and event spaces have been added at BC Place Vancouver and are ready to welcome a diverse range of new events. The additions will also create legacy benefits that support the stadium's financial sustainability through expanded revenue opportunities. "We are fully ready to deliver the best experience possible for all of the British Columbians, residents of Canada and visitors from around the world who will be at BC Place Vancouver for any of our seven FIFA World Cup 2026 matches," said Rehana Din, president and CEO, BC Pavilion Corporation. "But whenever you next visit BC Place Vancouver, you will see notable improvements to the stadium's accessibility, inclusivity and technology, greatly improving the long-term fan experience, whether that's at a sports event, concert or community gathering."



David Eby

Premier of B.C.



Hon. Anne Kang

Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sports

"Hosting FIFA World Cup matches will drive tourism and bring significant economic benefits as soccer fans from around the globe discover why our beautiful province is such a great place to visit and invest," said Premier David Eby. "With upgrades and renovations to our world-class stadium, like our new Abbotsford-grown grass turf, we are ready to welcome the world to the biggest event that British Columbia has ever hosted — supporting local businesses and jobs along the way."

All stadium upgrades and renovations are on track to be completed on time and within the capital budget estimate shown in Budget 2026. Stadium enhancements include major accessibility improvements, inclusivity and technology, along with new

"As we prepare to welcome the world, we are immensely proud that BC Place, Vancouver and British Columbia will shine on the global stage, as we host seven FIFA World Cup 2026 matches in June and July, including two games featuring Canadian men's national team," said Anne Kang, Minister for Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport. "The significant upgrades and renovations at BC Place Vancouver are about more than delivering an unforgettable FIFA World Cup, they're a legacy investment in our province. These improvements will help ensure our stadium remains accessible, modern and globally competitive for decades to come, positioning BC Place Vancouver to continue attracting world-class sport, music and major events that benefit British Columbians long after the final whistle."

The upgrades will enhance the stadium experience, positioning BC Place Vancouver as a world-class hosting stadium to support international sporting events, concerts and community gatherings for people in British Columbia and visitors. It aligns with the Province's Look West: Tourism Sector Action Plan, leveraging the exposure of the FIFA World Cup to strengthen B.C.'s global position, attract investment, and create lasting economic benefits.

The seven matches are expected to attract more than 350,000 soccer fans to BC Place Vancouver during the tournament and generate an estimated additional \$1 billion in visitor spending for B.C.'s economy from 2026-2031.

Richmond RCMP warn public of bank card scam

Richmond RCMP | May 7, 2026



Richmond, BC – Richmond RCMP are warning the public after investigating multiple fraud files in recent weeks where suspects posed as bank employees and arranged for victims' bank cards to be picked up directly from their homes.

Police have received reports of victims being contacted by individuals claiming to be from their financial institution. The caller advises that the victim's cards have been compromised and instructs them to provide their bank cards, PINs, or other sensitive information. In these incidents, a courier or driver was sent to the victim's residence to collect the cards. The suspects then used the cards to withdraw cash and make unauthorized transactions.

Richmond RCMP note that similar incidents are being reported in other jurisdictions, indicating this may be part of a broader, coordinated fraud scheme.

Key reminder:

Financial institutions will never send someone to your home to pick up your bank cards, credit cards, cash, or PIN information.

How to protect yourself:

- Never provide your PIN, passwords, or 2FA codes to anyone
- Do not hand over your bank or credit cards to anyone, including couriers
- Hang up and contact your financial institution directly using the number on the back of your card
- Be cautious of callers who create urgency or pressure you to act quickly

If you are targeted or victimized:

- Contact your bank immediately
- Report the incident to your local police
- Monitor your accounts for suspicious activity

"Scammers are becoming increasingly sophisticated and convincing,"

"If someone is asking to collect your banking items in person, that is a clear red flag."

"We want residents to pause, verify, and protect themselves." says Corporal Bryson

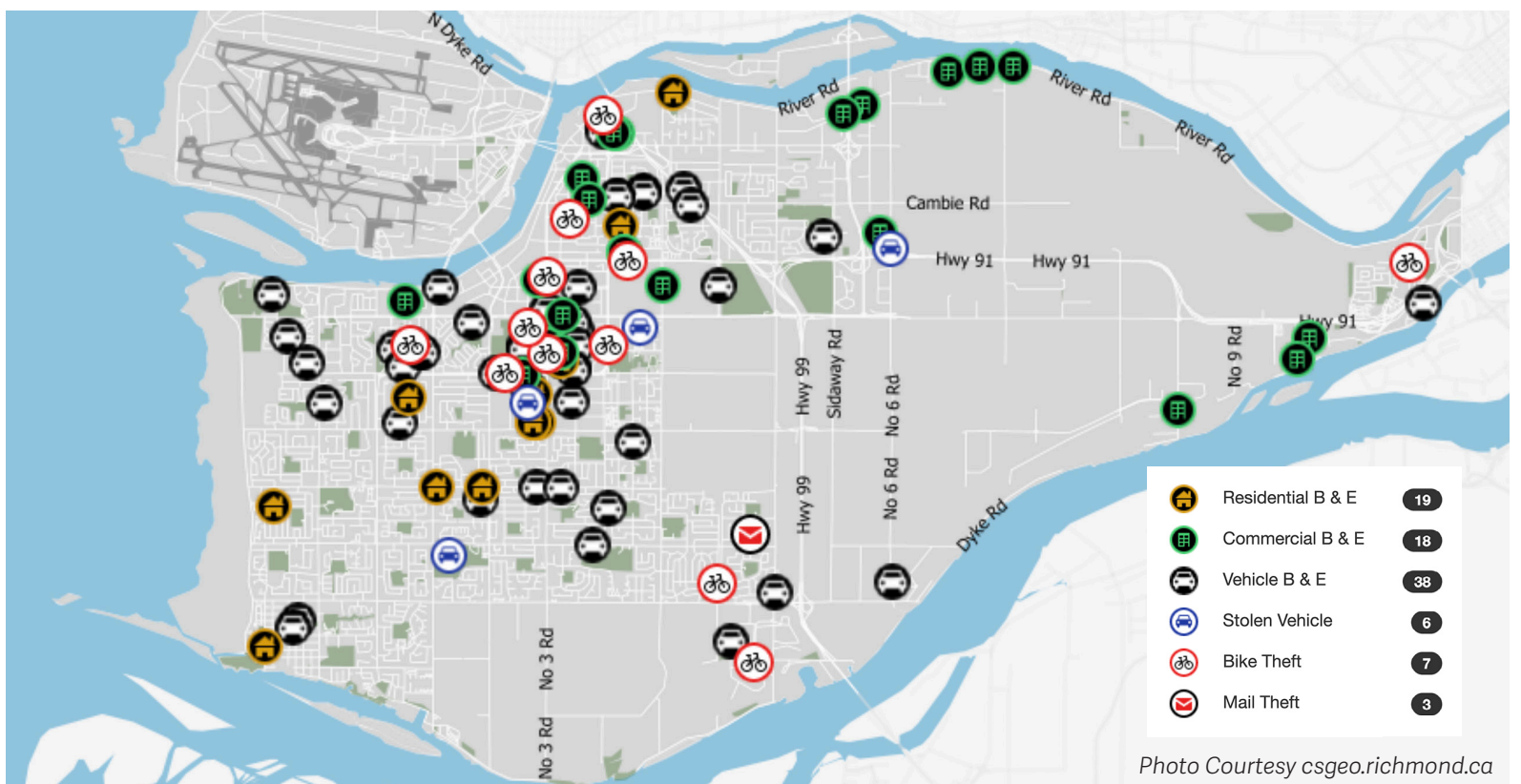
Richmond RCMP continues to investigate these incidents and encourages anyone with information to come forward.

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RCMP Crime Map Apr. 17, 2026 – May. 15, 2026





Celebrate National Public Works Week at the City of Richmond's

PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, May 30, 2026
11:00am–3:00pm

Richmond's City Operations Yard, 5599 Lynas Lane

- WATER & FLOOD PROTECTION DISPLAYS
- PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE ACTIVITIES
- KIDSTRUCTION PLAY ZONE & THE BIG DIG EXCAVATORS
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD TRUCKS & HANDS-ON FUN



richmond.ca/PWOpenHouse



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Richmond

ANOTHER RICHMOND STORY

BY FLORENCE GORDON

In the heart of Richmond, at the corner of No.4 Road and Aldebridge Way, there's a huge piece of densely wooded property that is secured with a gated entrance and a tall chain link fence protecting all four sides; No.4 Road on the west, Aldebridge Way north side, Shell Road on the east side and along Westminster Hwy. on the south side. Anyone who has driven by the corner of No.4 Road and Aldebridge Way might wonder what is happening within the confines of this property. Well, the mystery is solved: it's the Sherman Armoury, home of the Canadian Army Reserve 39 Service Battalion, 12 Company, so my curiosity got the better of me, and I was on a mission to find out more information.



History

Prior to 2010, the headquarters responsible for all Primary Reserve units in the province of British Columbia had two service battalions under its chain of command. They were the 11 (Victoria) Service Battalion and 12 (Vancouver) Service Battalion. They amalgamated into the two companies, the 11 (Victoria) Service Company and the 12 (Vancouver) Service Company, that made up 39 Service Battalions, providing critical logistical support to the Army Reserve units within the 3rd Canadian Division. Established in 1965 at Jericho Park in Vancouver, the 12 (Vancouver) Service Battalion brought together a collection

of independent supply, transport, maintenance, and administration elements into a single unit. In a similar fashion, the 11 (Victoria) Service Battalion was created in 1970. While 39 Service Battalion is a very recent addition to the order of battle, the history of army reserve service units extends back to the very early days, shortly after the foundation of both Victoria and Vancouver.



Who We Are

39 Service Battalion is an Army Reserve unit in British Columbia. The role of the battalion is to provide Institutional Support to Department of National Defence dependencies on the mainland of British Columbia and Combat Service Support to 39 Canadian Brigade Group, including supply, transport, food services, and maintenance of materials, vehicles, electro-optics, and weapons. 39 Service Battalion is comprised of a battalion headquarters and three functional companies:

- 11 Company based in Victoria, BC
- 12 Company based in Richmond, BC
- Technical Services Company based in Richmond with detachments in Vancouver and Chilliwack.
- 39 Service Battalion was officially formed on April 1, 2010, as a result of the amalgamation of 11 (Victoria) Service Battalion and 12 (Vancouver) Service Battalion.

Today, the service battalion continues its tradition of service to Canada through the generation of reserve combat service support soldiers that augment Canadian Battle Groups overseas. It also supports civilian authorities during times of domestic emergency and security.

Join Our Team

Looking for full-time or part-time work? We are hiring and provide excellent career opportunities. Please do not hesitate to call or email our recruiter, who will be pleased to answer any questions you may have and provide direction on how to apply to our Regiment.



Benefits of Joining

When you join our unit, you will receive competitive pay for your part-time or full-time work as well as be eligible for on-the-job training that could benefit you in civilian life. Also, there are medical, dental, and educational benefits available to Army Reservists.

When We Train

- September to June:
- Wednesday evenings
- 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- One weekend per month
- Full-time summer employment is available from May to August

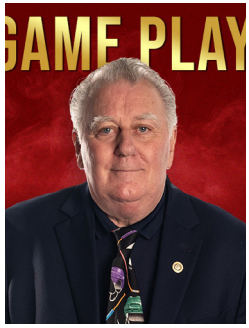
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Name: Sergeant Madderom
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Name: Captain J. Morrison
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Find a recruiting centre near you.

Note: this is not a recruitment campaign, it's an information piece by the Richmond Sentinel.



Junior A Hockey

BY STEVE ERICKSON

Contributing Writer

Captain's Log with Teo Lin

For some, playing with any team for four years can feel like an eternity; on the other hand, some struggle given the make up of the roster.

For Sockeyes Captain Teo Lin, that clearly wasn't the case, and as he mentioned, he "was treated royally" and had no second thought of being a Sockeye for the entire tenure of his Junior career. Fair to mention that first, it's close to home, which isn't always the case for some players, which allows him to finish his schooling while being close to family and friends. Growing up, he played for Seafair Minor Hockey Association until Pee Wee, but then the following year, Seafair merged with Richmond Minor Hockey, becoming the Richmond Jets.

Here he played his first four years of High School until grade eleven, where he became an affiliate player (AP) with the Sockeyes, playing his first game at the age of fifteen, which was an eye-opener for any young player. Teo attended summer hockey camp run by Bayne Koen the Sockeyes' coach, and his relentless hard work eventually saw him suit up for his hometown team.

He mentioned that he owes a lot to Will Kump, who guided him in his first season in 2021-22, where he played seven games finishing with a pair of goals, which allowed him to make the roster the following season. He reflects back to his first season when the coach Bayne Koen, who coached for two consecutive seasons with the Sockeyes from 2021-2023, passed on his knowledge from playing in Bemidji State to the Charlotte Checkers in the ECHL.

Teo looked back at the early days when he played with Matthew Stewart and Tanner Milne, and due to both getting injured,

he was slotted into playing centre, which was somewhat unique for him. He mentioned how nervous and apprehensive he was, not knowing what to expect, but given his relaxed style, things worked out for the best, as it was a fine fit for what would become a stellar career. In his second season, he was awarded "Most Improved Player," suiting up for 41 games, managing an impressive 18 goals, 17 assists, 2 PPG, and 1 SHG while changing his style from a finesse style to a somewhat more aggressive style, locking up 25 PIM.

In a conversation with some of the players this past season, when I asked about having Teo as their captain, they mentioned that "Teo has the ability to not only perform on the ice but leads by example off the ice as well," which demonstrates nothing but respect for their teammate.

the Year award). Both parents work in the school system; his Mom is an Elementary School Principal, and his Dad is a math teacher, both at different schools, so understanding the value of their work ethic was important.

Back to Teo's hockey career, one of his highlights was advancing to play in game seven against the Flames, only to be knocked out of the line-up in game six, with a broken leg. The following day, he had surgery, and despite the loss of a season, the following season, Teo was promoted to Sockeyes' Captain, which was interesting considering management introduced a younger of players in the roster. As Captain, Teo mentioned that he was given respect right from the start of the season, with him relying on support from some of the older players.

Regardless of who was behind the bench, he respected what they brought to the game, which he feels he benefited from. One thing for certain for those who have watched Teo, including this past season, his consistent style of play helped accomplish his role as Captain, not to mention volunteer community work (RCMP Toy Drive, Food Bank, and Church on Five).

The off-season will see Teo help Matthew Stewart coach the spring team, which he enjoys mentioning, that as a retired player now, he "wants to give back and help the team" anyway he can. He is looking to stay active, possibly playing hockey at UBC mentioning he wants to stay involved with the Sockeyes. At present, he hasn't been offered a chance to jump on the bench, but he wouldn't turn the offer down, but he knows he is a few years away.

Lastly, I asked about attending the upcoming 2026 NHL Draft, in which his brother Ryan will be selected. "It's an exciting time for the family being able to see the first step of what will be many." He's super proud of Ryan, and the family already have their hotel rooms booked and can't wait to get there.

Overall, Teo Lin finished his Sockeyes' career with a solid stat of 182 games played, 98 goals, 127 assists, 25 PPG, along with 9 SHG, finishing with 140 PIM's. From a broadcasters perspective, I have not only watched him play but can honestly say "he was so very professional at any and all requests I have asked of him". I wish Teo Lin all the best moving forward in whatever career field he sets his sights on, as he is indeed a "True Professional".



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As many know, Teo has a brother who is two years younger and is also a hockey player, which probably worked to his benefit, understanding that his parents only wanted what was best for the boys, and they were always there showing their support. His Dad played Soccer in Richmond and coached the West Van Secondary Women's Soccer team for a number of years, and actually in one game, he coached against Christine Sinclair (Olympic gold medallist, two-time Olympic bronze medallist, CONCACAF champion, and 14-time winner of the Canada Soccer Player of

Richmond Public Library Celebrates 50 Years of Stories

Richmond, BC – Richmond Public Library (RPL) is celebrating 50 Year of Stories marking five decades of connection, curiosity, learning, and serving the Richmond community.

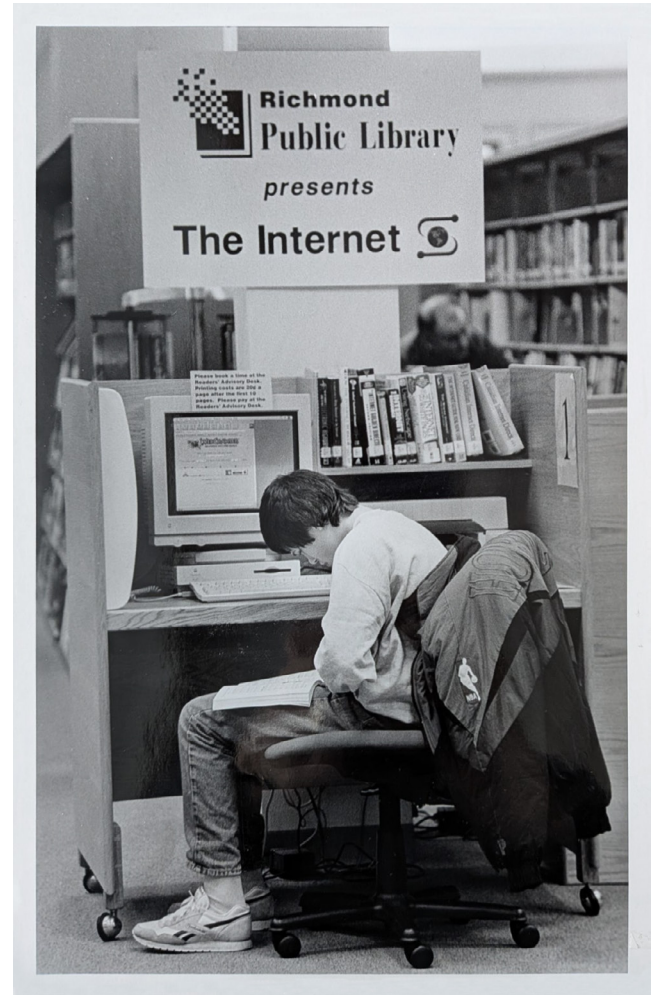
The library is where generations of stories have gathered and continue to gather. Every visit, every book borrowed; every program is part of a larger story still unfolding. From May 13 until June 28, the library invites Richmond to special programs, community events, and the opportunity for residents to reflect on the role the library has played in their lives.

Since opening its doors in 1976, RPL has grown alongside the city, evolving from a traditional library service into a dynamic community hub that welcomes hundreds of thousands of visits each year across four loca-

tions, outreach services, and digital spaces. Today, the library has just over 535,560 items with an average of 22,005 digital and 38,128 physical items circulating per week.

“Over the past 50 years, Richmond Public Library has continually evolved to serve our community in new and innovative ways,” said Denise Hui, Library Board Chair. **“As we celebrate this milestone, we are also looking forward, continuing to expand access, champion intellectual freedom, and create welcoming spaces where everyone in Richmond can discover, connect, and grow.”**

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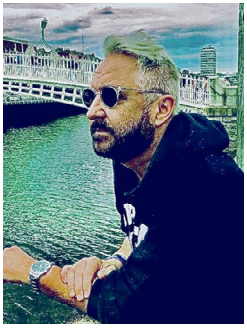
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Joe Biz

BY JOE LEARY

Arkells Celebrate 20 Years

Formed twenty years ago, Arkells have grown from campus favourites into one of Canada's most celebrated modern rock bands.

Known for their anthemic sound, energetic live shows and deeply Canadian identity, the group has spent nearly two decades building a reputation as both chart-toppers and tireless road warriors.

The band's original lineup came together through the local Hamilton music scene, with frontman Max Kerman joined by guitarist Mike DeAngelis, bassist Nick Dika, keyboardist Anthony Carone and drummer Tim Oxford.

Drawing influence from classic rock, soul and indie music, Arkells quickly earned attention for songs that blended arena-ready hooks with sharply observed lyrics about politics, relationships and everyday life. Their breakthrough arrived with the 2008 album *Jackson Square*, named after the downtown Hamilton, Ontario landmark near where the band formed. The much-heralded record introduced audiences to the group's signature style: big choruses, emotionally direct songwriting and a sense of hometown pride that would become integral to their Canadian identity.

Also, an important factor was established – that being the identification of the emerging band. They are known as 'Arkells', not 'The Arkells'. "Using 'the Arkells' in a sentence is totally fine," admits lead singer Max Kerman, who offers the caveat, "but on advertising material it means the promoter has not done his homework; hasn't looked at the contract."

Since their breakout in 2006, tracks like "Oh, the Boss Is Coming!" helped the

band gain national radio play and laid the groundwork for a steady rise across Canada's music landscape.

Over the years, Arkells evolved from a promising indie act into one of the country's most dependable and beloved live attractions. Albums including *Michigan Left*, *High Noon*, and *Morning Report* expanded their audience and demonstrated the band's ability to move comfortably between rock, pop, and soul influences without losing their core sound. Songs such as "Leather Jacket," "Ride," and "Knocking at the Door" became staples on both Canadian radio and music festivals nationwide.

A major part of Arkells' story is their relationship with live audiences. To that end, the band built its following through relentless touring, playing everything from small clubs to major festivals before eventually headlining arenas and outdoor events across the country. Their concerts developed a reputation for high energy and crowd participation, helping turn casual listeners into loyal fans.

Even as streaming transformed the music industry, Arkells continued to thrive by emphasizing community and connection. That connection has also extended beyond music. Throughout their career, the band has been outspoken about civic engagement, mental health awareness and supporting local communities. Kerman has become known as one of Canada's most thoughtful and articulate music frontmen, often speaking publicly about culture, sports and politics alongside the band's work.

Critically and commercially, Arkells have enjoyed sustained success at the Juno Awards, Canada's highest-profile music honours. The band has collected multiple Junos over the years, including recognition for Group of the Year and Rock Album of the Year. Their consistent presence at the awards ceremony has reflected both their popularity and speaks to their staying power in an industry where trends can shift quickly.

Few Canadian rock bands of their generation have matched their ability to remain relevant while continuing to grow their audience. The group's appeal lies partly in how distinctly Canadian they feel without

limiting themselves to a national audience. Their music references hometowns, hockey arenas and shared cultural experiences, utilizing themes such as resilience, friendship, ambition and belonging to Canada. That balance has allowed them to carve out their unique place in our country's musical identity.

Now, 20 years after first coming together in Hamilton, Ontario, Arkells remain one of Canada's defining rock bands. They have navigated myriad changes in the music business, evolving tastes and the challenges of longevity while maintaining a close connection with their fanbase.



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Through it all, they have stayed committed to the same qualities that launched them in the beginning: honest songwriting, passionate performances and a belief in the power of community. And while life around them may have changed over the years, they have not.

"The first record came out in 2008, so we're now nine records in but I still feel 23 years old," says Kerman. "Maybe it's because I'm stunted in my development as we started right after university. "We played throughout university and then got signed just as we were finishing. "But despite being twenty years in, I still feel we have that youthful spirit".



Fashion for Men

BY DOUGLAS
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Men's Wingtip Dress Shoes

There are many different styles of dress shoes for men's fashion. I have already written several articles covering a selection or different options when it comes to men's shoes, some of them like: the monk strap, oxfords, to the Gucci horsebit 1953 loafers, and loafers with tassels.

Here is yet another great man's dress shoe to consider when shopping for footwear, and this one is best known as the "wingtip," which is a classic men's dress shoe defined by the decorative toe cap that forms a "W" or wing-shape, extending from the centre towards the sides of the shoe, clearly with the "W" design.

Style Description

The most common alternative name for the wingtip dress shoe is a "full brogue". Why? because of the perforations (broguing). The true defining feature of a brogue is the decorative punching (broguing) along the leather edges. A traditional wingtip is, by definition, a "full brogue" because it features these perforations along the wing-shaped cap, sides, and frequently a decorative "medallion" on the toe.

History

The wingtip dress shoe has a history spanning over 400 years, evolving from a strictly utilitarian, rugged country shoe in Scotland and Ireland into a versatile, stylish wardrobe staple. Throughout the 18th and 19th centuries, these shoes were considered inappropriate for any setting other than the outdoors. They were functional footwear for farmers and hunters for walking through swampy Irish and Scottish terrain, where the holes allowed water to drain. Wingtips eventually shifted from rugged country gear to a staple of the urban elite in London.

It is worth mentioning that there are 2 different styles offered - Longwing and Shortwing:

- **Shortwing:** The most common style, where the wings extend halfway along the side of the shoe.
 - **Longwing:** A variant popular in the U.S. in the 1970s, where the perforations run from the toe all the way to the heel seam.
- The shoe's rise in popularity really started in the early 1900s when British aristocrats adapted the shoes for country walks and hunting. The style gained a major boost from the then Prince of Wales, who wore two-tone wingtips (spectators) for golf outings in the 1930s.

By the 1920s, the wingtip became popular in North America following World War I, and later was worn by actors & style icons like Fred Astaire and Gene Kelly, who were also arguably two of the greatest dancing stars to ever grace the silver screen.

Today, wingtip dress shoes have experienced a major resurgence driven by the shoes' versatility, modern comfort, and a "new prep" aesthetic that blends classic style looks with today's relaxed everyday styling. Once viewed strictly as formal or business footwear, the modern wingtip has been reimagined to bridge the gap between traditional professionalism and casual comfort.

Ways to style wingtip dress shoes:

- **With Suits:** Stick to sleek, dark colored (black, dark, or oxblood) with minimal broguing for a professional look.
- **Business Casual:** Pair brown or tan derby wingtips with chinos, wool trousers, and a sport coat.
- **Casual wear:** Wingtips pair excellently with slim-fit dark wash denim. Avoid baggy pants that might bunch up over the shoes' detailed design.
- **What to avoid:** Never wear wingtips with a tuxedo, because the heavy decoration is considered too noisy and casual for proper black tie etiquette.

You can get many different price point options that fit your budget and needs. From Wing tips starting at under \$100.00 and then ranging from above \$200 to \$2000.00 dollars... I recommend asking yourself a question: if you are going to be wearing these shoes a lot, you should invest in a more expensive pair that has better quality and the Goodyear welt bottoms, so that you can replace the bottoms and heels at your shoe cobbler rather than a cheaper pair that will just wear out fast, and little can be done by your shoe cobbler.

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OUR CITY *tonight*

SPOTLIGHT ON TWO FILMS AND A COCKTAIL

THE SIP – Green Tea Martini

For this cocktail contribution, we turn to Coulter Noronha, Bar Manager for the very popular, Cuchillo Restaurant, home to delicious Latin cuisine and creatively cocktails. With the assistance of Our City Tonight regular guests, CHOYA brand, Coulter has chosen the Green Tea Martini. “There’s nothing too crazy here,” Coulter tells us, “just really cool Umeshu with high-quality Japanese green tea which makes for a cool gin martini.” As Coulter points out, the green tea dryness works really well, and there’s just enough of a twist on this classic cocktail that’s not too far from home. “That’s the thing,” he says, “you want to make sure you create, but you don’t want to get too far away from the origins of what the drink is. If you’re putting more than like three ingredients in a martini, can you call it a martini anymore?” We could not agree more as we sip this great take on a classic cocktail. Back to the cocktail’s contributor, CHOYA. They’re a Japanese producer and global pioneer of Umeshu (ume fruit liqueur) that began as a family-run vineyard in 1914 before shifting its focus to traditional Japanese ume-based products in 1959. Today, the company is recognized for its premium “CHOYA” line, combining decades of ume cultivation, research, and Japanese craftsmanship to produce high-quality liqueurs rooted in Japanese culture and tradition. www.cuchillo.ca & axisplan.com/en/



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THE VIEW #2 – Seven Snipers

Seven Snipers really is what the title says. The film centres around a retired army officer named Kris Hendriks (Radha Mitchell, *Man on Fire*, *The Shack*) living on a remote farm in Australia. Her world appears to involve only herself, her secrets and a rebellious teenage daughter. But her past suddenly catches up with her when a ruthless and menacing warlord comes calling with a large debt to collect. He’s played by the always fascinating, Tim Roth (*Peaky Blinders*, *Pulp Fiction*). Hendriks – clearly knowing what she’s about to go up against – has no choice but to call in her former crew of, we learn, elite snipers. For the next 90 minutes it’s all about survival for Hendriks, the team and her daughter. This tense, taut thriller will keep you at the edge of your seat, while also proving low budgets are not an obstacle if the story is solid! Look for Ioan Gruffudd (*Fantastic Four*) as part of a strong supporting cast, *Seven Snipers* is available for home viewing as of June 5th. www.wellgousa.com

THE VIEW #1 – Grizzly Night

Grizzly Night is one of the surprise films for us this Spring. Based on the tragic, real life events which took place in Montana’s Glacier National Park on August 12, 1967 (and the nonfiction book *Night of the Grizzlies* by journalist Jack Olsen that followed), the film follows a group of tourists, campers, and park rangers taking in a two day hike through the park, with a stay in one of the small and isolated overnight lodges. Overcrowded, some of the younger guests decide to camp outside. That night two separate grizzly bear attacks occurred not far apart, killing two young women—Julie Helgeson and Michele Koons. From that point in the film, obvious panic and chaos settle in as the fairly new ranger bravely tries to keep things calm while they wait for help. One of the strong elements of this film is that it doesn’t present itself as a typical horror film of its kind, with the bears as monsters, something that reached its peak in this genre of 70s and 80s. The viewer also sees how things have changed over the years in terms of conservation and safety (there’s a moment early in the film that is clearly before “do not feed the bears”). The tragedy of that night shocked the country, but permanently changed wild-



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life and bear-management policies in American national parks. *The Grizzly Night* cast includes Brec Bassinger (*47 Metres Down*), Charles Esten (TV’s *Nashville*) and Oded Fehr (*The Mummy* franchise). www.sabanfilms.com

Award-Winning Argentinian Winemaker shares secret to success

Daniel Pi of Bemberg Estate Wines has created exquisite wine for over 30 years

Daniel Pi is one of Argentina's most respected winemakers and was named the country's top winemaker in 2017. He is working with Bemberg Estate Wines as Chief Winemaker. Bemberg is a 6th generation family run business focused on small parcel, terroir driven wines sourced from top vineyards located in regions like Mendoza, Salta, and San Juan.



Daniel Pi

Chief Winemaker of Bemberg Estate Wine

OCT: *We are so fortunate to have met you through the wonderful Dandurand team here in Vancouver and to learn more about these incredible wines.*

DP: I am very pleased to talk about what we are doing in Argentina with Bemberg Wines.

OCT: *You are certainly doing some amazing things in Argentina, including winning winemaker of the year. Let's talk about the history of Bemberg Estate Wine.*

DP: Bemberg Estate Wines belongs to the Bemberg family that was established in Argentina around 1855. They have been doing a lot of business, and the fifth generation decided to create a brand for the winery, using the best grapes because they own the largest winery in Argentina.

OCT: *In fact, 3500 hectares of grapes.*

DP: Yes and I was, for over 30 years, the head winemaker and viticulturist of the whole group. So I knew exactly where the best grapes were produced and how to make the best wines. I

have been making wine for the family and their friends for many years. The fifth generation decided that they would build a winery, and proudly put their own name on the label. Today, the 6th generation is running the business.

OCT: *Let's talk about what makes this wine so special, you said you concentrate on micro-terroir. What does that mean?*

DP: The winery is based in Gualtallary, which is an appellation inside the Uco Valley well known for producing the best wines. The most important part of this place is the soil. That is why we decided to build the winery in this location. It is 1300 meters above sea level and the soil has three layers. The top soil is sandy loam. Then there is the interface which is between the sand and the gravel. This is a deposit of calcium carbonate or calcare in French. Behind the calcare is the gravel, because all of our soils are alluvial, which means it has water flowing from the mountains into the valley, carrying materials and all sizes of rocks so the vines feed from the three different types of soil and that makes this place unique.

OCT: *We tasted several wines with you today; can we start with the Chardonnay and its qualities*

DP: For the Chardonnay we use the grapes from the most shallow parts. We also pick the grapes in three different moments from different harvests. Our wine does not have a very strong character of oak but this wine reflects the altitude, the type of soil, and the way we make wine. It is more natural. That means we let the fermentation start spontaneously and we do not add any culture yeast, we let the natural yeast that comes with the grapes to ferment the wine. So, I like to say that we put our landscape into the bottle.

OCT: *Our next wine to talk about is the Pinot Noir and is in fact one of your personal favourites.*

DP: Pinot Noir is one of the most challenging grape variety to grow and wine to make. We again use the spontaneous fermentation and

keeping the same style of no intervention. This wine comes from grapes grown in Los Arboles, in a vineyard that is in the mountains. It rains three times more there than where we grow grapes for the Chardonnay. We do not need to irrigate there. This is something unique to Argentina because we do have a desert like climate. Pinot Noir loves humid soils so this makes for a beautiful wine.

OCT: *The last two wines are a Malbec and a unique blend.*

DP: Malbec is the grape of Argentina and has been in our country since the middle of the 1800s. It is very well adapted to our climate and planted in the same place as the Chardonnay in Gualtallary. The American Association of Wine Economics mentioned that they found some papers that say that in 1860 the second destination of Bordeaux wines, after UK, was Argentina. Apparently, the country was a heavy consumer of Bordeaux and the president at the time hired the services of a French viticulturist who brought cuttings from Bordeaux. At the same time there were a lot of Italian and Spanish immigrants, but they were not allowed to plant Tempranillo or Sangiovese, only grape varieties from France. So, we have had Malbec since that time.

OCT: *The last wine is a very good blend and we understand one of your specialty wines.*

DP: It was made in honour of Otto Bemberg who arrived in Argentina in 1855. He used to drink Bordeaux wines because that was what was here at that time in Argentina. I made this wine to represent what Otto would have been drinking at that time, so it is a blend. It is about 50% Malbec, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 15% Cabernet Franc and stored for 18 months in new French oak barrels and made with passion and heart. It is a beautiful blend of what we think Argentinian wine was like in the early days.

OCT: *Congratulations with your ongoing success with every wine that you produce.*

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