

Bear's Paw Dinner Café

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Welcome to the next newsletter! *It's early March, and Bear Paw fans are telling us they have been missing the updates on the news at the Café and in the Mountains. Well, we're back from Belize. Lots has been going on and even more is about to happen!! So brace yourself, and read on!*

NAME THAT STORE CONTEST!

This year, Cheryl and Dave are opening a Java and Gift store, across the street from the Bear's Paw and Beck's Pottery. We are busy restoring a building which has managed to slide all over lower Wells during its history. You may recognize it as the original home of Beck's Pottery, from before the Casino, or perhaps the home of the "Downhill Junkie" knitting store. Maybe you've noticed it languishing in the Wayside Gold Parking lot! Now it is going to be open 7 days a week, morning to night, house some of the best coffees in Wells, as well as some of our excellent Bear's Paw baking, and our newest product...Chocolate Pizza! It is the home of high speed wireless internet access, and has a variety of quality gifts and items suitable to our area. We have a beautiful line of stylish Gold Nugget Jewellery. T-shirts and boxer's celebrating the Bowron Lakes, Barkerville, and Wells, items of use to hikers, keepsakes, and stuffed animals which reflect the distinctions of our region. We are presently negotiating to import "traction kites", our new passion! As well the store will host outdoor information, be a ticket agent for Barkerville, the Sunset Theatre, Theatre Royal, and other events, and provide Bicycle rentals, and arrange guided trips!! This sounds ambitious doesn't it!!



Cheryl on Williams Creek
in February



Cheryl Tries to Hide our new Store!

The trick is...What do we call it? Sitting on the large patio that surrounds the small building, drinking your espresso, and munching on Cranberry Carrot Cake, you'll enjoy the view over to the meadow with Cornish and Slide Mountains, dominating your view. Join us in naming this location, so you can tell your friends where to meet! The person who submits the winning name by to thebears pawcafe@whitegold.ca will get eternal fame, and be immortalized in the building, with a photo and plaque honouring their contribution to the history of Wells. (We're working on throwing in a new car, and a vacation to Brazil, so don't hesitate to enter as often as you wish!)

EVEN MORE SHOPS AND GALLERIES IN WELLS

This summer you'll see even more to do in Wells. In addition to the milieu of last year, Arttrush Gallery will be opening this summer, right across the street from the IMA gallery(Thanks Paul and Ting). As well, the General Store was re-opened this fall (Welcome Grizz and Carol). Most exciting to Cheryl and I though is the grand opening of the "?????" Java and Gifts, right across the street from The Bear's Paw. Just think 5 Galleries, a gift store, 4 restaurants, 3 hotel/motels, daily Theatre. Also, this past year has seen a record number of new home owners and permanent residents who are adding new spark and life to our already vibrant community.

GOURMET LOPPET February 1, 2007



This year's Gourmet Loppet was an unbelievable success. Imagine skiing beautiful trails, on Cornish Mountain and coming across food stations from Spain, Tex/Mexico, Japan, Russia, India, and Belgium. Each station served authentic Gourmet food from their region, including Sushi, Black Peasant Bread with Borcht, Chana Masala Chapati, Olive Tapanade, and many other incredible creations. With only 75 prepaid tickets available for this event, it was sold out quickly, with visitors from 100 mile House to Prince George! Upon returning to the Bear's Paw, hot mulled wine, and liquors from each country were available, and Prizes were awarded for best costumes. Our

Patio area was excavated, with snow benches and tables carved out and a bonfire for the finale! To see more great photos of the food and action, visit the Sons of Norway website at http://sonpgski.ca/Photos/2007_photos/2007_02_10_wells/wells_home.html

Thanks to everyone who came and especially to all the volunteers who made this a typically wonderful Wells event! This photo, on the right, was taken on our excavated snow patio. It's available from Leif and Eva at Studio Grandell www.grandellphoto.com/, as an 8x10, with \$2 going to fund next year's Tour!



GUN HAGGIS FAT CHOY

Toasting the Haggis!



Imagine Celebrating Robbie Burns and Chinese New Year, all on the same day! Todish McWong, <http://www.gunhaggisfatchoy.com/> of Vancouver started this tradition, , and Bill Horne and Claire Kujundzic are keeping it alive in Wells!

This year the Paw hosted a small gathering of Multi-cultural fans who piped in the Haggis, and served it up with a variety of Asian dishes, and a generous helping of poetry, music and stories celebrating each of our personal cultural and historical journeys. This was a great event, and those of you who know the great Robbie Burns poem, Toast to the Lassies, will want to visit [Toast to the Lassies](#) to read a beautiful rendered Cariboo version written and performed by Bill and Claire at this feast.

MUSIC EVENTS at THE PAW and About

Clear the calendar!

Rodney Decroo June 9th The adoptive homeboy of the Cariboo will be returning to the Paw with Jon Wood and Cam Penner. Rodney spent some of his misspent youth in the hills of Wells, and now, as a successful singer and songwriter returns to his roots. One of our greatest house concerts ever was with Rodney in the Fall of 2005. Both he and we are excited to open our music season with him this year! Sample him at <http://www.myspace.com/wartornman>

Melissa Devost June 14th Melissa has also performed the Paw, as well as Artswells This woman has a fabulous strong voice rooted in Blues and Gospel but her style ranges a wide gamut of personal stories and beautiful songs, backed by excellent guitar style. <http://www.melisadevost.com/music/>

The Sunset Theatre has a full season booked up again this year. Those who saw any of last years theatrical performances know that this theatre has brought a unique and wonderful gift to the Cariboo. This July and August every weekend will see a new show running including Contemporary

Drama, Macbeth, Eve Uncovered - a one woman Opera that has shook Vancouver, and other dramatic and comedic performances. Weekdays will continue with movie nights, visiting performers, and the very popular Tuesday night Cabaret's. Visit <http://www.sunset-theatre.com/main.html> for more information and revisit it again soon as the new website gets launched shortly.

Theatre Royal is expanding its casting this year, performing new shows, and has embarked on an ambitious provincial tour. You can visit http://www.barkerville.ca/pages/theatre_dates.html to see where you can see them in a town near you this spring! This summer will see an expanded return of the wildly popular British Music Hall, and 3 other new programs, including “Diller’s Luck”, a musical about the partners and the associates of the Diller Claim, one of the most successful claims on Williams Creek. Theatre Royal has also launched a new website. <http://www.theatreroyal.ca/index.html>

HIKES – PAST AND FUTURE



Kite Skiing

This is the greatest sport since sliced bread! Launch a kite, harness the wind, and hold onto your socks! We are having so much fun trying to tame these kites that we hope to become a dealer! As you can see at the left, Dave can highly recommend this sport!



Screaming across the Jack O Club’s Lake

**SNOWSHOEING
on Williams Creek!
Playing in the Whitegold!**



Above the Courthouse



Barkerville Rooflines



Express route down!

7 Summits **MOUNT AGNES in February!**



Dave Skiing the Skyline



Pete and Ekai finishing a chute run



Last run, with a view of Mt Agnes

SLED DOG MAIL RUN!

**January 28th, the Goldrush Sled Dog Mail Run
Rolled into Barkerville in Perfect Winter
Conditions!**



BEAR'S PAW 7 SUMMITS HIKE AND BIKE CHALLENGE



We've had a lot of suggestions to make a bike race that's easier to do and can be completed without too much work! It's hard to follow suggestions! But we think we've come up with it. Truth be told, this is still a work in progress, but the premise is: Sunday September 16 – Ride/Hike 7 mountains, and climb 3 peaks. Start in Barkerville, ride and hike to Mt. Agnes and Bald mtn, ride the flanks of Cow, Barkerville Mtn. down to the hwy and ride to Mount Murray, hike up and summit Murray, and come

down Slide, where your bike now awaits you to take you to 8 mile lake, over Downey pass, and Cornish Mountain, and Back to Wells!! Sounds easy, doesn't it. Don't be intimidated, this sounds bigger than it is, and it's nothing you can't do with a little perseverance and a piece of Cranberry Carrot Cake to keep you going!



7 Summits in 7 Days.

It's on again. Climb any 7 of 8 specific day hikes sometime this summer, collect the token in the summit cairn, stop in at the café for your free token holder/key chain, give us a picture for our wall of fame. Collect 7 tokens and get the GRAND PRIZE, (or is that a token prize), Delicious piece of Cranberry Carrot Cake and a cup of tea of your choice! This year we're putting together a September Bike and hike race....7 summits in one day! More pics at website www.whitegold.ca/7summits.htm

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