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## 2019 CARE AWARDS

The [2019 CARE Awards Finalists](#) have been announced! The awards gala is Saturday Sept 21. Participate with Canada's leaders in sustainable West Coast design and construction, by contacting the VRBA office at [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)!

*Support our sponsors supporting the CARE Awards!*

### 2019 Gold Sponsors



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## VRBA GENERAL MEETING

Based on our survey of members, VRBA has moved to a lunch meeting for our General Meetings.

The meeting and election is **Wednesday, September 11** from **11:30 – 1 pm** at the **Marriott Ocean Pointe Resort**, Harbour Room.

Speaker: Wendy Jones, Employers' Advisers Office, BC Ministry of Labour

Members: \$35 + gst

Non-members: \$60 + gst

To reserve your seat, contact Debra at [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

Wendy Jones, Employers' Advisers Office, BC Ministry of Labour will speak about the new WorkSafeBC industry rates, as well as claims, reviews and appeals. This will be of interest to all VRBA members.

This presentation has been submitted to BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services for approval of 1 CPD credit for Builder Licensing. This is not the same presentation as the June Builders Council meeting.

Please Note: November AGM will be held at Gorge Vale Golf Club on Wednesday, Nov 13, 11:30 am – 1 pm

## VRBA DUFFER HOCKEY Sept 4 – May 27



There are still spots available for our annual co-ed duffer hockey. The schedule starts Sept 4 and ends May 27, 2020. We play Wednesday nights for a total of 37 games and all games are from 9:15 pm - 10:30 pm (with a quick 5-min warmup) at Oak Bay Rec. No contact, no slapshots, no scorekeeping – just fun pond hockey. The total cost is \$650 per person including tax. We are looking for full-time players only.

Please contact Casey at [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

## VRBA MEMBERSHIP

### New Members:

B.C. Home Builders Corp. – Marek Gomolka and Matt Doyle  
Urbana Kitchens – Justa and Simon Kendall  
Green Island Builders – Martin Scaia  
Amber Binab Design – Amber Binab  
Gur Kirpa Development – Jasminder Bhandal  
DS Murphy Contracting Ltd. – Dan Murphy  
GableCraft RB Homes LP – Cortney Fraser  
Nykl Contracting – David Nykl  
MAVEN Interior Design + Build – Danielle Keogan and Nicala Hicks

### Membership Applicants:

Nu-View Homes Ltd. - Keith Andrews and Martine Kiliwnik  
Refind Builders Inc. – Helena and Stephan Roodbol

*Thank you to all the VRBA members that have renewed their memberships! If you haven't received your VRBA membership renewal letter, contact Debra at [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca). VRBA offers the best value by delivering free contracts, free CPD seminars, and well over 200 reno & new home projects for builders. VRBA is the industry's most effective voice advocating affordability and professionalism.*

VRBA continues to look for opportunities to maximize your membership value!

## VRBA BUILDERS COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY SEPT 18

Please note:

There will be no Builders Council meeting in August.

On Wed Sept 18, 12 noon – 1 pm, Builders Council will feature a presentation on Construction Financing by Grahame Strawson, Coast Capital Savings.

RSVP [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

All are welcome and pizza and pop will be served. This Builders Council meeting has been approved by BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services for 1 CPD credit for Builder Licensing.



## RONALD McDONALD HOUSE GOLF EVENT – AUGUST 16

Ronald McDonald House is holding a golf fundraiser on August 16 at Bear Mountain. The charity provides a home away from home for families who must travel to Vancouver for their child's major medical treatment. To register visit <https://rmhbc.ca/vancouver-island-golf-tournament/>

## JOIN BCCA EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST

Does your company need a benefits program? VRBA partners with BCCA Employee Benefit Trust, to take advantage of a great flexible package designed for the construction industry. Plans are affordable and easy to set up. Contact Charlene da Cruz or Laura Bonney at [info@bccabenefits.ca](mailto:info@bccabenefits.ca).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 11 – VRBA Lunch General Meeting, Marriott Ocean Pointe Resort, 11:30 – 1 pm. RSVP [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

Sept 18 – Builders Council with Grahame Strawson, Coast Capital Savings noon – 1 pm. RSVP [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

Sept 21 - 2019 CARE Awards, Fairmont Empress Hotel

Sep 22 – Art Gallery House Tour [artgalleryhousetour@gmail.com](mailto:artgalleryhousetour@gmail.com)

## EDUCATION & TRAINING



**Licensing & Consumer Services Branch of BC Housing** approved offerings for CPD builder licensing [click here](#)

**Murray Frank's Building It Right Courses** [www.buildingitright.com](http://www.buildingitright.com) 65 CPD points available online!

Victoria - The Mechanicals Series, Controlling Comfort in Net Zero Homes – 14 CPD, 7 each day

Tues, Nov 5, 2019 | Wed, Nov 6, 2019

**Early Bird Pricing! Only for limited time!**

2-Day: **\$499** (reg. \$645)

1-Day: **\$269** (reg. \$345)

Session 1: The Basics of Air | 3.5 Hours

Session 2: Ventilation - Why and How | 3.5 Hours

Session 3: Heating and Cooling - From Hearth to Heat Pump | 3.5 Hours

Session 4: Plugging the Holes - Inviting In Free Energy, and Trapping Escaping Energy | 3.5 Hours

Register: <https://constructivehomesolutions.thundertix.com/events/146563>

Online webinar on changes to the 2018 BC Building Code

<https://constructivehomesolutions.thundertix.com/events/136663>

Get your CPD at Sea <http://buildingitright.com/cpd-at-sea.html>

Info on job grants <http://buildingitright.com/applying-for-grants.html>

Hands-on Training <http://buildingitright.com/>

**VICA: Builder Education Courses from the Vancouver Island Construction Association** available at the [VICA Calendar](#). To get the VRBA member discount contact: Contact Chenelle Falconer, Education Coordinator, Ph: 250.388.6471 [education@vicabc.ca](mailto:education@vicabc.ca) View courses at <https://www.vicabc.ca/training/find-a-course-course-calendar/>

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