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## 2019 CARE AWARDS

**CARE Awards sponsorship info is now available! 2019 will be another great year for the CARE Awards and you will want to be a part of it by entering your project or becoming a sponsor. Contact the VRBA office at [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca) for more info!**

**Thank you FortisBC, Hourigan's Flooring, McLaren Properties, Travelers Insurance Company of Canada and Slegg Building Materials for early renewal of Gold Sponsorship for the 2019 CARE Awards.**

***Support our sponsors supporting the CARE Awards!***

### 2018 Gold Sponsors



## VRBA ANNUAL CRYSTAL BALL FORECAST – TUESDAY JAN 15

**Highest housing starts since 1976 in 2018! What are the projections for 2019? Find out at VRBA's Crystal Ball Housing**

**Forecast. Learn about interest rates, employment, new household formation numbers, building permits, development approvals, pre-construction data.**

**Tuesday, January 15, 2019**

**Royal Colwood Golf Club, 629 Goldstream Ave.**

**6:00 pm - reception**

**7:00 pm – dinner**

**7:30 – presentations**

**Presentations by**

**Kyle Kerr, Past President, Victoria Real Estate Board**

**Cameron Muir, Chief Economist, BC Real Estate Association**

**Braden Batch, Senior Analyst - Economics, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation**

**Don't miss this opportunity to plan for your business in 2019!**

**VRBA and VREB Members: \$50, includes dinner**

**Future Members: \$75**

**Book your tickets early – [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca). This is VRBA's most popular dinner meeting and may sell out!**

**This presentation has been approved by Licensing and Consumer Services branch of BC Housing for 2 CPD credits for licensed builders.**



## FESTIVAL OF TREES – BC CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL

Congratulations to VRBA members for coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the People’s Choice Contest, raising over \$6,000!  
And, congratulations to Eaglehurst Homes for coming in 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Thank you to these VRBA members participating with donations to BCCHF:

**Jason Good Custom Cabinets**  
**Tidman Group**  
**Roads’End Contracting**  
**FloForm Countertops**  
**Mike Geric Construction**  
**KB Design**  
**R. Parsons Construction**  
**New West Development Corp**  
**Splinters Millworks**  
**Limona Group**  
**Genco Construction**  
**Butler Brothers Supplies**  
**James’ Joinery**  
**Abstract Developments**  
**Goodison Construction**  
**Trail Appliances**  
**Piluso Construction**  
**Step One Design**  
**Spaciz Design Studio**  
**Independent Concrete**  
**Oak Bay Construction**  
**Terry Johal Developments**  
**Thomas Philips Woodworking**  
**Amity Construction**  
**Carly Sanderson Interiors**  
**Ruffell & Brown Window Fashions**  
**Langdon Weir Construction**  
**Hazpro Environmental**  
**Design District Access**  
**Ardmore Construction**



## VRBA GOLF TOURNAMENT – THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019

Thursday, June 13 has been confirmed for VRBA’s annual golf tournament at



Mark your calendars, enjoy a day on the links and network with VRBA’s contractors, designers, trades & suppliers! Stay overnight at the Westin & enjoy the spa & mountain!

Registration forms and sponsorship information will be distributed closer to the date.

## MEMBERSHIP

Welcome new members:

- **Avid Construction** – Travis Switucka
- **Sorensen Trilogy Engineering Ltd.** – Brian Lange
- **Highline Design Ltd.** – Gary Osborne
- **Centra Construction Group** – Mark Estrada and Joe Pipitone
- **Velocity Contracting Holdings Ltd.** – Josh Zabder
- **Victoria Speciality Hardware** – Aaron and Michelle Eicher
- **Ruffell & Brown Window Fashions** – Nigel Brown, Jason Frank and Shauna Scott
- **Carsa Construction** – Cody Arsens

**New member applicants:**

- **Surfside Construction Inc.** – Owen and Shauna Poppy
- **Shane Murray Contracting Ltd.** – Shane Murray and Penny Lloyd
- **J. Sorensen Design Build Ltd.** – John Sorensen

**VRBA BUILDERS COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23**

At the upcoming Builders Council on Wednesday January 23:

1. Presentation by Rod Owen-Flood, President, Island Diversified Concrete Ltd. He will review CSA A23.1 covering requirements for concrete used in construction of Part 9 homes. This includes regulatory and technical requirements such as temperature limits as well as application in Step Code construction. This presentation has been approved for 1 CPD credit by BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services.

2. There will also be a discussion of below grade wall details identifying potential challenges for increasing energy efficiency.

All are welcome, there is no charge to attend and pizza and pop will be served. If you are planning to attend, RSVP Debra [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)



**VRBA DUFFER HOCKEY**



Still room for a few good men and women to play VRBA's co-ed duffer hockey. You never know when NHL scouts will be in the stands! Weekly games started Sept 5 and end May 30. We play Wednesday nights for a total of 38 games and all games are 90 minutes from 9:00 pm - 10:30 pm at Oak Bay Rec. No contact, no slapshots, no scorekeeping – just fun pond hockey for 90 minutes. The total cost is \$650 per person including tax and will be pro-rated based on start date. We are looking for full-time players only.

To register contact [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

**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**

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Jan 23 – VRBA Builders Council, Presentation on Requirements for Concrete in Part 9 Construction

Feb 5 & 6 – Building It Right Seminars 14 CPD, Fall/Winter Series Cladding 3,4,5,6

<https://constructivehomesolutions.thundertix.com/events/130217>

Feb 13 & 14 – Buildex @ Vancouver Convention Centre <https://www.buildexvancouver.com/>

Apr 9 – General Dinner Meeting @ Royal Colwood Golf Club [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

## EDUCATION & TRAINING



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### PLANNING FOR FOREMEN

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Topics include calculating manpower needs, determining material and equipment needs, and building quality and safety into your plan.

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