

# BC Fruit Growers' Association

## Friday File

October 21, 2016



## BCFGA Regional Annual Meetings Update

At the Regional Annual meetings, an update on BCFGGA activities was presented by President Fred Steele. Here is a summary of points that were discussed at the meetings:

- BCFGGA faced financial challenges this year, but expecting a balanced year.
- On the program side, BCFGGA has had a *very good year* seeking support for programs that benefit the tree fruit sector.
  - The province provided an extra \$300,000 for replant, all eligible 2016 applications are now funded.
  - Labour, major focus for BCFGGA.
  - The cherry production insurance review is completed.
  - Wind insurance will be introduced for 2017.
  - Food safety incentive program - paid to BCFGGA members.
  - National tree fruit rejuvenation program - federal request.
- BCAC - BCFGGA President Fred Steele on the BCAC Board.
  - Enhancements to EFP being discussed.
  - Major provincial Agri-Food event in Kelowna, November 14-15 (see notice elsewhere in this newsletter)
  - Agriculture Land Reserve position on agritourism events was clarified.
  - 2017 is a provincial election year, BCFGGA planning is underway.
- BCFGGA Executive established a list of requests, leading up to provincial election - look for more information in an upcoming newsletter.

## BCFGA Annual Convention February 2-3, 2017

The BCFGGA Annual convention is being held in Penticton at the Penticton Lakeside Hotel on February 2-3, 2017. We plan to mail the Convention Portfolio to all BCFGGA members in early January, 2017.

## Elections and Nominations at Regional Meetings

BCFGA Delegates elected for 2017 (Regional Executive positions in brackets)

North Region	South Region
Tarsem Goraya (Chair)	David Machial (Chair)
David Dobernigg (Vice-Chair)	Parm Dhaliwal (Vice-Chair)
Amarjit Lalli (Secretary)	Denise MacDonald (Secretary)
Santokh Bhatia	Doug Nield
Jora Dhaliwal	Rajinder Brar
Asif Mohammed	Mehar Khaira
Jeet Dukhia	<i>Alternate 1: Julie Sardinha</i>
Joginder Dhand	<i>Alternate 2: Ranbir Kambo</i>
<i>Alternate 1: Gary Schnierer</i>	<i>Alternate 3: Mewa Gill</i>
<i>Alternate 2: Niel Dendy</i>	
<i>Alternate 3: Parvinder Uppal</i>	

## Executive Nominations for 2017

Position	Northern Region Nominations	Southern Region Nominations
<b>President</b>	Fred Steele Jeet Dukhia	Fred Steele
<b>Vice-President</b>	Pinder Dhaliwal	Pinder Dhaliwal
<b>3 Northern Executive to be elected</b>	Sukhdev Goraya Surjit Nagra Niel Dendy Tony Nijjar Karm Gill	
<b>3 Southern Executive to be elected</b>		Ravinder Bains Sukhdeep Brar Peter Simonsen

## Agriculture and Seafood Conference

Register if you are interested

Here is the website to find more information and register for the Agriculture and Seafood Conference: [www.gov.bc.ca/bcagrifoodseafoodconference.ca](http://www.gov.bc.ca/bcagrifoodseafoodconference.ca)



November 14-15, 2016

Coast Capri Hotel in Kelowna, B.C.

Presented by B.C.'s Ministry of Agriculture

The conference key note speaker is **Vikram Vij**, chef, restaurateur, certified sommelier, award-winning cook book author, and Food Network host and judge.

Join the conversation on how to further strengthen the security of British Columbia's food supply.

The BC Agrifood and Seafood Conference is an opportunity for industry members to develop, strengthen, and build relationships while shaping the future of our agrifood and seafood sectors.

Attend interactive panel discussions and breakout sessions on

- industry innovation,
- domestic growth,
- access to markets,
- food supply security.

Connect with B.C. producers, processors, retailers, institutional purchasers, transporters and agritech suppliers.

## In the Orchard with SVC by Nick Ibuki

### Fall Planting

Fall is a good time to take a breath, look forward and get a jump on the busy spring workload. Tree planting after harvest can be just the thing to get you started. Generally, it's best to wait until the first of November to assess your home nursery trees to see if the leaves are starting to change colour and drop and, if so, they are ready for digging.



Hardier varieties of apples do well in the fall and more tender varieties, such as the *Prunus* species (cherries, peaches, plums, etc), should be left until spring. Typically, planting in the Okanagan can take place until the ground starts to freeze. Depending on the year, there may be up to two weeks to get planting. Trees should be watered in with 10-52-10 at the label rate and soil firmly boot packed around the roots. The more trees planted in the fall, the less work there will be in spring when everything is happening all at once. Happy planting.

## Tree Fruit Replant Program 2017

Applications on-line, deadline is October 31

Time is running out to get Replant Program applications completed - our office is open until 4:00 pm Friday October 31. You may email your application to [bzarr@bcfga.com](mailto:bzarr@bcfga.com), or mail it (post dated no later than October 31, 2016), or bring it to our office no later than 4 pm October 31. Go to [www.bcfga.com](http://www.bcfga.com) for more information.

## Tree Fruit Production Guide

The updating of the 2017 Tree Fruit Production Guide has started. The BCFGa publishes the electronic TFPG, and TFPG Spray Schedules are printed and provided to all growers. The advisory group of pest, disease and horticultural specialists is aiming for the earliest ever publication date for the TFPG. Sessions are being planned for the week of March 6-10, 2017 in Cawston, Summerland, Winfield, and Creston.

## How to contact the BCFGa Office

BCFGa Office - 250-762-5226  
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- Brenda Zarr, Member Services and Replant Admin, local 1.
- Glen Lucas, General Manager, local 2.
- Bunvir Nijjer, Corporate Secretary and Seasonal Agriculture Worker Program, local 4.

**Dates and Events**- check the [BCFGA Calendar](#) on our website for more information

## Licensing Your Well

### Workshops being planned

The BCFGa is planning to hold two workshops for interested members in early December, 2016 on licensing water wells. Workshops will be held in Cawston and Oliver. Wells registered before March 31, 2017 will have their priority date established as of the earliest evidence of use (e.g. well drilling records) and there is no fee.

If registering a well after March 31, 2017, the priority dates may be later than established first use and a fee may be charged (depending on date of registration).

Watch the newsletter for a notice of this session.

## Meetings

### Attended recently and upcoming

Date	Meeting	BCFGA representative
Oct. 27	BC Tree Fruit Co-operative AGM	
Oct. 28	BCAC General Managers	Glen Lucas
Nov. 1	Fruit and Tree Nut Biosecurity	Glen Lucas
Nov. 2	National Plant and Animal Health Strategy, consultation	Peter Simonsen
Nov. 2	COGA Session: Making the Transition Under the New BC Societies Act	Bunvir Nijjer
Nov. 3	National Apple Competition	
Nov. 7-8	Mexico SAWP Annual Meeting	Pinder Dhaliwal, Glen Lucas
Nov. 9-10	Apple Research Priorities	Pinder Dhaliwal, Glen Luca
Nov. 13-16	Caribbean SAWP Annual Meeting	Pinder Dhaliwal, Glen Lucas
Nov. 14-15	BC Agriculture and Seafood Conference, Coast Capri, Kelowna	
Nov. 24	Board Training Session, Centre for Organizational Governance in Agriculture, Kelowna	BCFGA Executive
Nov. 30	BCFGA Executive meeting	
Dec. 3	Deadline for resolutions to be submitted to the BCFGa	