

# BC Fruit Growers' Association

## Friday File

November 3, 2017



### **National Apple Competition**

#### **Grand Champion and Reserve Champion in New Varieties**

Congratulations to Steve Brown and Denise and Richard MacDonald, who received Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in the New Varieties Category at the National Apple Competition held yesterday at the [Royal Agricultural Winter Fair](#). Here is [our press release on the competition](#).

### **AgSafeBC Update**

#### **Following up on incidents, and new WorksafeBC requirement**

[Here is a link to a very useful flow chart](#) for growers to use as a reference if there is a workplace incident on their farm. It includes links to the various forms that are required for WorksafeBC reportable incidents.

Some growers have received Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program audits by the Integrity Branch of Service Canada. These audits have noted that there is a new requirement from WorksafeBC on bullying and harassment. Here is the [WorksafeBC toolkit](#) that provides information and resources on bullying and harassment.

More specifically, to help growers implement a policy on bullying and harassment as required by WorksafeBC, here is a [fact sheet for employers](#) and a [sample policy statement](#). If orchardists need assistance in developing procedures and/or training workers, AgSafe is available to help.

Carol Reid, AgSafeBC specialist for tree fruit and grapes, has an impressive career, caring about the safety of growers, their families and employees. Join us in wishing Carol the best in her retirement at the end of 2017!

### **Central Okanagan Regional Air Quality Survey**

#### **Proposed regulations and solutions**

The Regional Air Quality Program is proposing new bylaws to reduce smoke in the Okanagan, which could see further restrictions imposed on open burning. It's looking for input from those who obtain burning permits to help shape investments in programs and alternative options that prevent local air pollution. The results from this online survey will be included in a smoke reduction strategy proposal for consideration by the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

*Have Your Say online and complete [the on-line survey](#) before November 19, 2017.*

## **2018/19 BC Tree Fruit Replant Program**

The countdown is on

The 2018 Replant Program deadline is **November 15, 2017**. [Information may be viewed on the BCFGA website.](#)

## **Succession Planning Workshop**

Transition to the next generation November 21

Here is a local workshop to help you through the inter-generation transition process for your farm.

November 21st, 2017, 10:00am—4:00pm  
Regional District of Central Okanagan, Woodhaven Rm  
1450 K.L.O. Rd, Kelowna

Cost: \$25 per person or \$20 per person if more than one family member attends (+GST).  
Lunch is provided. Space is limited to 30 participants.

[Register online](#) by November 14, 2017

For more information: Ph: 250-469-6280, [info@investkelowna.com](mailto:info@investkelowna.com)

Participants will gain a better understanding of:

- \* goal setting
- \* life interests
- \* information gathering
- \* methods of owning property
- \* information on tax tools and issues
- \* will planning and life insurance
- \* business arrangements
- \* security

Presenters: Chris Henderson, CPA, CA Rossworn-Henderson LLP  
Melodie Lind, Lawyer, Pushor Mitchell, LLP

## **BCFGA Special General Meeting - notice**

**Bylaw changes**

**Date: Thursday, November 16, 2017**

**Time: 11 am - 3 pm**


**Place: Best Western Plus Wine Country Hotel  
3460 Carrington Rd, West Kelowna, BC**

This meeting is being called so that delegates may consider some proposed changes to the BCFGA bylaws. Your input is welcome before the meeting and we invite interested members to attend the meeting - please register so we may make appropriate meeting and meal arrangements.

[A complete package of information is on the BCFGA website.](#)

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

Date	Meeting	Attending for the BCFGa
Nov. 7	BCAC Agriculture Day	
Nov. 14	BCFGA Executive	
11am-3pm Nov. 16	BCFGA Special General Meeting to consider bylaw changes.	Place: Best Western Plus Wine Country Hotel, 3460 Carrington Rd, West Kelowna
Nov. 19-25	Caribbean SAWP Annual Review	Pinder Dhaliwal, Glen Lucas
Nov. 28	BCFGA South Regional AGM	
Nov. 30	BCFGA North Regional AGM	
Dec. 4	BCFGA Executive	
February 15-16	BCFGA Annual Convention	

BCFGa Office 250-762-5226  Toll free -1-800-619-9022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brenda Jorde, Member Services and Replant Admin, local 1.</li> <li>• Glen Lucas, General Manager, local 2.</li> <li>• Bunvir Nijjer, Corporate Secretary and Seasonal Agriculture Worker Program, local 4.</li> </ul>
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**Job Opportunity**  
 Summerland Varieties Corporation



SVC is looking for an Assistant Orchard Manager.

The Assistant Orchard Manager reports directly to the Orchard Manager. As the Assistant Orchard Manager, you will ensure that all orchard related functions are executed effectively and assist in the management of seasonal employees. This is a permanent full-time position working out of our office at the Summerland Research and Development Centre in Summerland, BC. Summerland Varieties Corp. (SVC) offers a competitive salary and benefits package along with in-house training and an energetic and supportive work environment.

For more information on how to apply, [here is the link](#).