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1. Web Hits in March!

March's unique web hits through March 30th (first time viewers) were 2101 visitors. March's total visitors were 3195. These visitors looked at a total of 13135 pages, with 127920 hits. Behind the USA, Norway was the country with the most hits with 601! Tuesday was the most active day, and 2PM was the most active time of day.



2. Chamber POWER: *Thanks to the following sponsors of this month's Newsletter.*

First Bank – Craig / 907-826-3254 / fax 907-826-3910 / www.firstbankak.com / Lynnette Logan, manager
A full service community bank offering checking, savings and time deposit accounts; consumer, commercial, construction, and home loans; and online banking services. ATM's located at First Bank and at West Wind Plaza in Craig.

JS Warehouse and Builder's Supply--Craig / 907-826-3632 / fax 907-826-2988 Featuring True Value hardware and paint product line with lumber and building products along with general storage, mini-storage and RV court and parking. Also a maintenance shop with steel and iron supply.

The Computer Palace – Craig / 907-826-2216 / www.pow-tech.com / Computer repairs, upgrades and sales. Video game systems and video game sales.

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Birds Eye View Bed and Breakfast – Craig / 907-826-5987 / PO.Box 383 / Craig, AK 99921 / Located downtown Craig. Situated on a hill, one can take in the ocean's activity from the panoramic view. It is presently set up for singles or a couple. Alaskan decor, quiet atmosphere non-smoking. Private bathroom, TV & phone. Parking and sack lunch available on request.

3. From the President's desk:

I hope to see you all at one of our April events!! On April 15th from 2PM until 5PM, we combine three events into one big occasion, and along with that, I hope that we will be putting the printed edition of the 2007 Island Guide into the hands of those who attend. (On this issue, I have my fingers and toes crossed, as even the weather joined in the delays.)

*First, we will have a **Wine and Brew Tasting**. This was a popular event last year, as our members from across the island were able to come and enjoy the camaraderie, win some raffle items, congratulate the award winners, and still get back home in the daylight. There will be four different wine and brew suppliers, courtesy of Riptide Liquor in Thorne Bay and Rain Country Liquor in Coffman Cove. Carol Fitch, who is the breakfast cook and baker at the Fireweed Lodge in Klawock, has offered her culinary talents to provide a wonderful spread of appetizers to tease the tongue. Chocolates and other delights will be coming through donations from the committee and board of directors. For those whose likes do not run to wine and brew, there will be coffees and teas, and iced tea to drink.*

*Second, this event will be the start up for a **Prince of Wales Cancer Coalition Benefit**. There will be raffle items and auction items to view. . A few of these will be drawn for at this event, and the rest of them will be held over until April 28th, the day of our Island Forum and banquet with our Queen Charlotte Island Guests. With over 30 cancer patients on POW, the proceeds from this effort will be a welcome addition to the fund.*

*Thirdly, our **2006 Awards** will be presented between 4 and 5PM. Please come and honor those who were selected from the nominations.*

There are several improvements being installed in the Chamber office. We will highlight those later.

We will put out a special edition of the Newsletter in mid-April following our Awards presentations on April 15th. There is a lot going on this month and into May...

4. Wine and Brew Tasting/Awards Presentations/Cancer Coalition Benefit

Sunday, April 15th, 2007 after your taxes are filed, plan to attend the Annual Awards Event at the Craig Community Association Building from 2PM until 5PM. Four wine and brew suppliers will be on hand offering samplings of a variety of wines and brews. A smorgasbord of appetizers, chocolates and other



delights will help clear the palette between samples. For those who abstain from wines and brews, there will be coffee, tea, and other cold drinks available. From 2PM until 4PM, come and visit with each other, and participate in the Benefit for the Prince of Wales Cancer Coalition. From 4PM-5PM, the Annual Awards will be presented and several raffle drawings will be held, along with a couple auctions. Enough daylight will remain after the event to make your way home across the island.

Go to the last page...you can order up your tickets through the mail if you do it before April 10th! Tickets are \$15 before the event, but \$20 at the door. You may also get tickets to attend just the award section of the event starting at 4pm.

5. 2006 Awards Presentations

Please join us at 4pm at the Craig Community Association building on April 15th for the presentation of the following awards:

Business of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Youth Leader Award, Citizen of the Year, President's Award for Distinguished Service
And the debut of a very special award for a very special Junior Citizen



Important
DATE!

6. Prince of Wales Cancer Coalition Benefit

The effort to benefit the Prince of Wales Cancer Coalition has begun. Kathy Peavey and Dolores Owen will be out and about between now and April 15th seeking items for a Jumbo Raffle, Silent Auction and Oral Auction, similar to the effort that was successful in 2006 to benefit Dick and Karen Jones. Please contact them if you would like to help or have something to contribute to this worthwhile effort.

Currently there are over 30 island residents who travel for cancer treatments. The Prince of Wales Cancer Coalition offers assistance for travel and other expenses to the degree that it can. In addition to this, the coalition maintains a resource library at Whale Tail Pharmacy and offers emotional support by connecting cancer patients with others who have been through the same experience.

7. QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLAND CHAMBER EXCHANGE VISIT TO POW

All the arrangements for the Queen Charlotte Island visit are being coordinated, with details being finalized one by one!

The visit is scheduled for April 25th through April 28th and the Chamber is looking for donations and sponsorships to duplicate the events that happened last year in Queen Charlotte. Sponsors and support has been pledged or received from the ***IFA, First Bank, Fireweed Lodge, Adventure Alaska, Ruthann's, Thorne Bay Business Association, POWCAC, McFarland's Floatel, Naukati Homeowner's Association, City of Coffman Cove, Black Powder, Inc., B-3 Contractors, Inc., POWHA.***

The all day forum will take place on Saturday, April 28th at the Craig High School Auditorium. The Cancer Coalition benefit will be held in conjunction with this event in the High School Foyer. The visit will end with a gala banquet/auction/raffle held the evening of April 28th at the Craig Community Center. A no-host cocktail hour will precede the banquet starting at 6PM. Tickets will be available soon after the menu is confirmed.

Please contact the Chamber office if you wish to participate as a sponsor for one of the many events of these three days, or call Karen Petersen at 828-3207.

8. FAIR AND LOGGING SHOW COMMITTEE

The Fair and Logging Show committee continues its planning for the 2007 event. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 2nd at St. John's in Klawock. A potluck meal begins at 6:00 PM

with the meeting scheduled from 6:30 until 8:00 PM. Please join us and share your ideas, time and talent to make this year's show an event to remember! This event really needs someone who will concentrate on a Carnival for the Kids so if this is up your "midway alley", and you need a fundraiser for your youth group, please come!

9. THANK YOU to a busy volunteer

Thank you to Sabrina Stevens, daughter of member Jan Stevens who spent part of her Spring Break hiding from the snow and numbering, perforating and cutting 2000 raffle tickets for our annual Alaska Air/Pacific Air Round Trip drawing at the Fair and Logging Show!

10. WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Alaska Communication Systems and Point Baker Trading Post

11. Marketing Workshops on POW for Small Businesses

Andy Anger with the University of Alaska Fairbanks will be conducting 2 marketing workshops on Prince of Wales in April. The first will be Friday April 13th in Klawock at the Prince of Wales Chamber office. This workshop will focus on general marketing techniques for small businesses. The Friday session will begin at 3:00pm and will run approximately 4 hours until 7:00pm.

The second workshop will be on Saturday April 14th in Thorne Bay at Thorne Bay City Hall. This session will focus on marketing wood products, but will be useful to anyone needing tips on how to market their business or product better. The Saturday workshop will begin at 10:00am and go until 4:30pm.

Both of these workshops are FREE and open to anyone interested in marketing.

Topics to be discussed will include Identifying Markets, E-Commerce, Wholesaling and more. This workshop is sponsored by the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Sitka Wood Utilization Program through funding from the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. For more information please call the Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce at 755-2626 or Karen Petersen with the University of Alaska Cooperative Extension Program at 828-3207.



12. APRIL 2007 Board Meeting

The April Board meeting will take place Tuesday the 10th at the Chamber office, 6 pm. All are welcome to attend.

13. POWCAC meeting report

Julie Isom and Karen Peterson attended the last POWCAC meeting held on March 20th at noon in Thorne Bay. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every other month at various locations on POW Island. The Chamber holds a voting membership with POWCAC and at the March meeting Ms. Peterson gave a thorough presentation of the upcoming visit from the Queen Charlotte Islands group. During the presentation Karen requested support from the group in whatever manner they chose to be appropriate. POWCAC has political influence and a modest budget, so they don't typically donate to community events. However, during their March meeting, the group voted unanimously to donate \$100 to the Queen Charlotte Islands group visit to POW Island. Karen Peterson spoke very enthusiastically about the visit.

14. Island Guide Update

The paper proofs arrived this week after a two day weather delay, and they were reviewed and turned around on the same day during the break in the weather. The 48 page Guide is our largest publication to date and will be in the printing line up as soon as minor corrections are made. Thanks to **Northland Services**, they will be making their way here. We will email the membership as soon as we see them. We are expediting one box to POW and will have them at the Wine Tasting event and you can pick up a copy at that time. Within the next couple days, you will be able to go to our website and take a look at it there.

15. Business For Sale

Voyageur Bookstore in Craig. Purchase just the book/toy/gift store portion of this successful small business. Voyageur Coffee Shop will remain under current ownership. Turnkey; regionally well known. Great opportunity on POW Island. Serious inquiries only. Gail Slentz 826-2333.

16. Board of Directors, wishing you a Happy Easter!

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Please reserve _____ tickets for the Wine Tasting/Awards/ and Cancer Coalition Benefit on April 15th at \$15 each in the following names:

I can only make it to the Awards Presentation from 4PM to 5PM. Please reserve _____ tickets at \$5 each in the following names; _____

I have enclosed \$15.00 for _____ tickets = \$ _____.

I have enclosed \$5.00 for _____ tickets= \$ _____.

Please mail to me at Post Office Box _____, _____, AK 999__.

Please hold for me at the door.

Mail with check to POW Chamber of Commerce, POB 490, Klawock, AK 99925