



Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce  
**Chamber POWER**  
“Working Together for Progress”  
175 New and Renewing members



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**1. Website factoids for the month of DECEMBER!**

**DECEMBER** unique web hits through DECEMBER 31ST (first time viewers) were 1825 visitors. **Of these visitors, 616 of them added the website to their favorite's list!** DECEMBER total visitors were 3318. These visitors looked at a total of 7384 pages, with 84,621 hits. Behind the USA, Canada took over second place ahead of Australia for most pages viewed. Tuesday was DECEMBER'S most active day, and 5 PM was the most active time of day. The calendar was the most viewed page; 207 visitors opened up the Island Guide. The average visit was 194 seconds. The Business Directory was viewed 539 times, 368 visitors went to Real Estate, 143 to Accommodations and 142 to Charters.



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

**Log Cabin Sporting Goods**—Craig / Tim and Melissa Lacour, owners / [logcabinsports@aptalaska.net](mailto:logcabinsports@aptalaska.net) / 907-826-2205 / The Island's only outdoor specialty store, featuring camping, hunting, and fishing supplies. The finest in outdoor apparel. Special orders welcome

**Black Bear Store**—Klawock/907-755-2292 / Sandra and Elvin Scott, Owners/ [otis@aptalaska.net](mailto:otis@aptalaska.net) / Basic groceries. Fuel. Hunting and Fishing licenses and tackle.

**Indian Time Taxi and Tours**—Klawock / 401-0700/ Local Taxi, sightseeing tours, ferry shuttle. Serving all of POW Island. Buy 10 rides, 11<sup>th</sup> one free. Reservations on ferry shuttle and tours recommended.

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**First Bank** – Craig / 907-826-3254 / fax 907-826-3910 / [www.firstbankak.com](http://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.

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**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.

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### 3. From the President's Desk:

*HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our members and communities of Prince of Wales Island. I hope the holidays created good memories and restful times for a great start to 2008.*

*I was in Oregon Beaver and Duck territory and enjoyed watching them both win their Bowl games on TV!*

*The office will not be open on a full-time basis until mid January. Denise will be delayed by a medical follow up in Colorado where her daughters can keep an eye on her after some prescribed dental surgery. Please email me with any issues that can't wait until her return. I can meet you at the office if needed.*

*Thank you to Vice President Karen Cleary who picked up the mail during my absence from POW. I will be in the office for daily brief visits until Denise returns in order to check on messages, and mail out any scholarship awards and bills that are payable.*

*I stopped in and visited the Springfield, Oregon Chamber of Commerce during the holiday break. I met their paid Membership Director, paid Marketing Director and paid Executive Director. All possible with over 850 members from one community! They passed on some great samples, and I took pictures of their display areas to put on our wish list as we grow.*

*I recently subscribed to a national Chamber Executive Network publication that highlighted some of the ideas from the Springfield Chamber, as well as some other great inspirational activities from Chambers around the country. I hope we can use some of the great ideas to enhance our Prince of Wales Chamber, especially the ones that don't cost much more than time!*

*Because we do not have the financial resources of huge Chamber organizations like the Springfield Chamber, our organization depends on the time and efforts of willing volunteer directors and Chamber and POW*

*Community members to serve on committees that do the work of those paid positions. Membership, Island Guide, Forest Products Task Force, and the Fair and Logging Show committees are always at work. Annual Awards Event planning will commence soon if you can work on a short term committee with a specific task and a completion date!*



#### **4. Annual Awards Event**

The Board will review award criteria at our January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and ballots for the 2007 Annual Awards will be mailed out with the February newsletter. In the meantime, please be thinking about all those who deserve recognition for their contributions to our Island! These include Business of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Junior Citizen of the Year, Youth Leader, Volunteer of the Year and the President's Award for Distinguished Service.

We have invited Governor Palin to choose a late March or April date for her first visit to Prince of Wales Island. We are hoping that she will be able to come and be a part of our Awards presentations. We hope to schedule the event as soon as we hear back from her office travel scheduler. Stay tuned.

We need people to serve on this committee that has a compact time frame from now until the end of April. Please let Jan know if you are interested before she comes begging for your time and talent! The committee will decide on the format (banquet vs. Wine Tasting, formal versus casual), menu, decorations, budget and ticket pricing, door prizes or raffle, etc.!

#### **5. Chamber Website update**

Denise has assumed the website management chores and is doing what she can on her laptop while she is away. She has been able to add the 2008 Guide as a PDF file if you want to see it before the paper version arrives in a couple weeks. Prices are updated for the new Forest Service Maps and new postage prices for relocation packets. Her next chore is the updates in the Business Directory. She will be able to respond quickly to changes and membership updates when she is back full time in the office. She hopes to complete the community profile pages with pictures. Board directors with experience in Website design are going to lend assistance to some of the associated tasks.

#### **6. January POWCAC meeting**

The Chamber hopes to be more actively involved during 2008 in a partnership with the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council. Meetings of POWCAC occur every two months and the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> in Craig. According to Jon Bolling, the current POWCAC Chairperson from Craig, the agenda will include an annual Transportation Resolution to the Legislature, a potential Mental Health Land selection, Shellfish testing funding.

The Chamber office will forward the complete meeting agenda to its members during the week prior to the meeting.

Island communities take turns hosting the POWCAC meetings throughout the year. Like many of our "inter-island" cooperative efforts, the very existence of this organization relies on contributions of time, inventory and effort, and the willingness of dedicated volunteers to carry out its mission. \$20 annual dues cover only the very basic expenses.

In addition to Chairperson Jon Bolling, Art King of Naukati serves as Vice Chair, and Elaine Price of Coffman Cove is the current Secretary-Treasurer.

#### **7. Computer Round Table**

Most of you recognize our Vice President Karen Cleary as a resident Computer expert who keeps herself informed about the latest technologies, newest viruses to combat, best deals around, as well as knowing 20 ways to make your computer work faster. Most of us have probably availed ourselves of her knowledge at one time or another.

Look for a lunch time event with Karen in the future for a Computer Round Table! Email us and let us know some of those burning questions and issues you have in the midst of some of your more frustrating computer sessions.

## 8. JANUARY 2008 Board WORK SESSION

The ANNUAL WORK SESSION for the new Board was postponed until January 8<sup>th</sup>. A couple of the Board Directors were unavailable for the scheduled December date so a regular meeting was held instead. The work session format allows the time and informal setting needed to bring new directors up to speed with the mission and program of work. More time is spent in discussion on the several events on the Chamber schedule, with attention paid to the various committees that are functioning, or need to be functioning! Highlights of this meeting will be shared in the February newsletter.

If you have any issue, suggestion, new idea that you would like for the Board to consider in 2008, please let one of your directors know about it before January 8<sup>th</sup>.



## 9. Businesses STILL for Sale: Voyageur Bookstore, Black Bear Store, Bait Box

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



**Black Bear Store:** Well-established convenience Store and fuel service located in Klawock at the crossroads of Prince of Wales Island. Business includes property, inventory and equipment. Have been open 365 days a year for 25 years. Serious inquiries, call 907-755-2998.

**The Bait Box** in Craig continues to be up for sale.

***Let us know if there are other business opportunities to be added here!***

## 10. Island Guide UPdate

Holidays and inclement weather slowed down the Island Guide transits, but it is making its final move through the mail and going into its printing and packaging process at Century Publishing in Idaho, which has provided our best quote and quick service for the past three or more years. The colored proofs arrived after Christmas and have been reviewed and turned around with some adjustments.

The Guide will be routed to Northland Services, and those who ordered boxes to be shipped to a lower 48 address should start seeing them before mid January. In the meantime, you can find the entire 2008 Island Guide as a PDF file on the Chamber website.

## 11. Experience the January Island Grind this Saturday, January 5th

Have you experienced the monthly Island Grind which is presented the first Saturday of the month at the Craig High School auditorium?? This Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> will feature Elvis Presley songs and lots of attempts at imitating his look! The fun time starts at 7PM.

Buy tickets at Voyageur Bookstore in Craig or reserve tickets by calling 755-8899. Admission cost is Adults \$5, Students \$3, Children ages 6 & under \$1, and Seniors \$3 (ages 60+). Bring a homemade dessert for the Dessert Contest and your ticket will be refunded.

Volunteers to support the show are welcome. Entertainers interested in performing should call John Bruns or Sally Burch at 755-8899 for more information.

## 12. Board of Directors, *WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!*

**President-** Jan Bush, **B-3 Contractors** [belle@aptalaska.net](mailto:belle@aptalaska.net)

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If you have an event to add to the website calendar, Call, email or fax Denise in the office today....she is checking email while away.!