



# Burn Fund *Link*

## Editor's Comment

The Burn Fund Link is your newsletter. Produced quarterly, it's designed to inform and educate BCPFFA members about the Burn Fund.

We welcome comments, story ideas, and questions.

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Tell your friends!

We're working behind the scene for the Burn Fund.

*Margo Bates*

Editor

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## 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER BURN CAMP 2005 Attitude is Everything!

The BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund Summer Burn Camp kick off event is set for Sunday, July 24. Hosted by Coquitlam Fire Fighters Local 1782, it is a chance for the campers and their families to meet their counsellors, who include fire fighters, doctors, nurses and adult burn survivors, plus local Burn Fund Representatives and Burn Fund sponsors.



**Young burn survivors can meet each other, have fun and forget their cares and worries. The children develop life-long friendships with other campers, and their counsellors.**

The kick off event begins at 9 AM sharp, and will be held at Town Centre Fire Station, 1300 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam, B.C.

Over sixty campers from all over British Columbia and special guests from Saskatchewan and Ontario's Camp Bucko Burn Camp will attend the six-day camp, held in the Paradise Valley near Squamish. More than six hundred boys and girls between the ages of 6 to 18 have attended the camp.

This year's camp has been extended by one day to accommodate the

campers and counsellors having more down time in between activities. Some of the events planned include motorcycle and hot rod rides sponsored by the Harley Owners Group of Vancouver; a full day trip to Whistler/Blackcomb, sponsored by Intrawest Corporation; white water river rafting with Canadian Outback Adventure Company and

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**HOMETOWN HEROES LOTTERY 2005**  
TICKETS ON SALE NOW!  
LONDON DRUGS  
THE HOTTEST TICKET IN TOWN  
**Win one of 2 Grand Prizes**

**Get the Hottest Ticket in Town! Early Bird draw: July 15, 2005.** Grand Prize draw: July 20, 2005. Ticket orders for final draws must be received by midnight, July 7, 2005. Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery of your official ticket. **For inquiries relating to any ticket purchased please call (604) 536-2105 or email [lottery@knv.com](mailto:lottery@knv.com).** Know your limit, play within it. For Help: 1-888-795-6111 or the BC Responsible Gambling website at [www.bcresponsiblegambling.ca](http://www.bcresponsiblegambling.ca).

BC Gaming Event License #862864. Ticket purchasers must be 19 years or older. Tickets can only be purchased and sold within British Columbia. See rules for complete details. Licensee: VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation, c/o Vancouver General Hospital, 855 W.12 Ave., Vancouver, BC, V5Z 1M9 (604-875-4676). 199,000 tickets; actual odds depend on number sold. All prize amounts based on retail value; approximately \$4,016,000 at time of printing; all prizes delivered in Richmond with cost of shipping/delivery to be responsibility of winner.

## President's Message

On behalf of BC's thirty-three-hundred professional fire fighters from 44 communities all over the province, thank you for your support.

The Burn Fund's journey began in 1978 and continues today. Much has been done — and there is still much more to do.

We want to leave a legacy for the citizens of British Columbia, and one way is the support and ongoing relationship we have with the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn & Plastic Surgery Unit at Vancouver General Hospital, and the VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation.

The first cheque was presented over twenty-seven years ago by Captain Alex Blake from Coquitlam Local 1782 to the Burn Unit's Director Dr. Charles Snelling. Since then, the Burn Fund has raised well over two-million dollars for the Burn Unit at VGH... we are very proud that the Burn Unit bears our name, in recognition of our ongoing support.

The involvement with the Burn Unit, and now our sponsorship of the new BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn and Wound Healing Research Laboratory at VGH, are just two of the ways that the Burn Fund can leave a lasting legacy for the citizens of British Columbia.

In 2001, we started the process to develop a Burn Fund building. The proposal at the 2004 BC Professional Fire Fighters Association Convention received unanimous approval and the Burn Fund has embarked on a fundraising campaign. The building is set to open in the summer of 2009, and will incorporate suites to accommodate burn survivors and their families, an educational resource component, the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Association and Burn Fund offices.

Our success depends on the generosity of individuals ...our sponsor partnerships with companies and foundations ...and the hard work and dedication of our Professional Fire Fighter Locals.

We will continue to work tirelessly for the citizens of British Columbia and our Burn Survivors, and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,  
**Al Leier**  
**President**



## Secretary Treasurer's Message

We are happy to report that the final cheque in our \$400 thousand dollar commitment to the Research Laboratory was given to the VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation on March 29th, 2005. Now, we have embarked on a capital campaign to raise \$10 million for The Burn Fund Building.

We invite you to dedicate your financial donation, supplies or services to a specific area of need that aligns well with your charitable giving goals. Contact the Burn Fund today, and find out how you can help.

On behalf of the B.C. Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund, we thank our sponsors, both individual and corporate, for their generous contributions to our cause.

Yours truly,  
**Robert E. Hall**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**



*Remember, please give generously.*

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kayaking sponsored by Squamish Kayak & Adventure Centre, a jungle theme dance, sea safari rides for campers, counsellors and junior counsellors from Sewell's Marina, a barbecue at Alice Lake for the younger campers, sponsored by North Vancouver District Fire Fighters Local 1183, and dinner barbeque for all hosted by Whistler Fire Fighters Local 3944 and Rotary Club of Whistler Millennium.

The camp is fully funded by the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund. It is free for young burn survivors, thanks to the generous support of caring fire fighters, hospital staff, corporations, foundations, civic groups and individuals.

For more information and a complete list of Burn Camp sponsors please visit [www.burnfund.org](http://www.burnfund.org).



**“Burn Camp . . . Makes me realize that it isn't just me who is a burn survivor. There are tons of others who go through what I have gone through. At Burn Camp, you can just be yourself”**

**Burn Survivor Whitney  
Age 17**

## Executive Director's Message

Support for the Burn Fund Building will come from many sources. They include Fire Fighter Locals, individuals, businesses/corporations, foundations, government agencies, associations (professional associations and unions), service clubs, churches and other places of worship.

To ensure that we establish a database of current and potential supporters, the Building Committee is developing a list of potential donors, suppliers and sponsors.

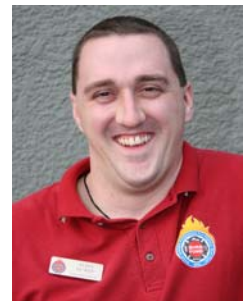
At this time, we are asking all Local Burn Fund Representatives to help us collect names and contact information of potential donors for the Burn Fund Building. We ask the Local Burn Fund Reps to pass this request on to fire fighters in their Local to see if they may provide contacts. The more fire fighters know about the project, the more opportunities for support. In the next couple of weeks, your Regional Directors will be in touch to answer your questions and receive the potential prospects.

We do *not* require the Local Burn Fund Reps or fire fighters to contact potential donors directly. We *do* require that a Prospect Form be completed and returned so that the Burn Fund Building Fundraising Committee can develop a master list from around the province.

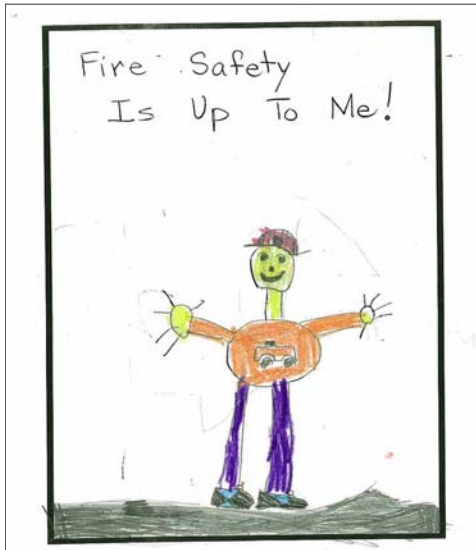
The Prospect Form is available from the Burn Fund by contacting 604-436-5617, or by emailing [tj@burnfund.org](mailto:tj@burnfund.org) with any questions, concerns or comments.

**PREVENTING VICTIMS, EMPOWERING SURVIVORS!!!**

**Tony Burke  
Executive Director**



**Burn Awareness Week 2005 Winners**



**Grand Prize (tie)**  
**Erik, Grade 2**  
**Buckhorn Elementary School**



**Grand Prize (tie)**  
**Tarneet, Grade 7**  
**Dasmesh Punjabi School**



**Tarneet, Grade 7**  
**Punjabi Version**

Burn Awareness Week is designed to teach kids how to be responsible for their personal safety, and increase family awareness of potentially harmful situations. The program targets the high-risk age group of 6 to 12. Students learn, and can enter the annual Poster Contest, where the regional winners receive a pizza party and \$500 for their school. The winners and honourable mention winners receive a Dalmatian dog puppet. Fifty winning and runners-up posters can be viewed on the burn fund website at: [www.burnfund.org/dynamic/cat\\_index\\_79.shtml](http://www.burnfund.org/dynamic/cat_index_79.shtml).



**Okanagan Regional Winners:**

Okanagan Regional Winner Katie, Grade Five; Honourable Mention winners Megan, Grade Five; Thomas, Grade Five; and Breanne, Grade Five. All are from Columbia Elementary School in Penticton.

Top left to right: Penticton Fire Chief Mac Lockhart, Local Burn Fund Representative Jody Fotherby, Secretary Ken Younghusband, and Chad Taylor, all fire fighters from Penticton Local 1399



**Kootenay Regional Winners:**

Kootenay Regional Winner Garrett, Grade Four; Honourable Mention winners Grade Four students Danielle, Myriah, and Tyler from Fruitvale Elementary School with Jason Milne, Kootenay Regional Director, Trail Fire Fighters Local 941

**Lower Mainland Winner:**

Honourable Mention winner Shalayna, Grade Two, from Timothy Christian School with Don Van Beest, Fire Prevention Officer with Chilliwack Fire Fighters Local 2826



## BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund

### Re-elects Coquitlam Fire Fighter to Fourth Term As Executive Director

Al Leier, President of the B.C. Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund, is pleased to announce the re-election of Tony Burke for a fourth term as executive director for the Burn Fund.

Mr. Burke is with Coquitlam Fire Fighters Local 1782. The election of Mr. Burke came at the Burn Fund's Annual General Meeting, held Wednesday, April 13, 2005.

President Leier, of Prince George Fire Fighters Local 1372, and Secretary Treasurer Robert E. Hall, of Vancouver Fire Fighters Local 18, will be serving in the second year of a two-year term. Their positions are renewed in May 2006 at the BC Professional Fire Fighters Association Convention.



**Top Left to Right:** Re-elected Director Ray Boucher, Coquitlam Fire Fighters Local 1782; Re-elected Director Brent Joel, New Westminster Fire Fighters Local 256; Re-elected Assistant to the Executive Director Heather Wilson, Burnaby Fire Fighters Local 323; President Al Leier, Prince George Fire Fighters Local 1372; Newly-elected Director Jason Milne, Trail Fire Fighters Local 941; Re-elected Director Earl Steele, Prince George Fire Fighters Local 1372, Re-elected Director Terry Abrams, North Vancouver District Fire Fighters Local 1183.

**Bottom Left to Right:** Secretary Treasurer Robert Hall, Vancouver Fire Fighters Local 18, Re-elected Executive Director Tony Burke, Coquitlam Fire Fighters Local 1782; Re-elected Director Peter Hansen, North Vancouver District Fire Fighters Local 1183; Newly-elected Director Ryan Cail, Kamloops Fire Fighters Local 913, Re-elected Director Kris Anderson, Burnaby Fire Fighters Local 323.

**Missing from Photo:** Re-elected Director Wil Patterson, Port Moody Fire Fighters Local 2399; Re-elected Director Tim Baillie, Surrey Fire Fighters Local 1271; Newly-elected Director Martin Ernst, West Vancouver Fire Fighters Local 1525. In a by-election held in June, Ken Mollan of White Rock Fire Fighters Local 2407 was also elected as a Director.

Stepping down from the Board is Director Scott Melville, Saanich Fire Fighters Local 967. Thank you Brother Melville!

## BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund Recognition Event

The Annual Burn Fund Recognition Event was designed to provide the Burn Fund with an opportunity to thank its corporate sponsors and various groups or individuals who have made a contribution to the charity in the past fiscal year.

Local broadcaster Tamara Stanners hosted — most people know her as the voice of the Hometown Heroes Lottery — many do not know that she is a burn survivor.



A special recognition plaque is presented by BCPFF Burn Fund President Al Leier and Secretary Treasurer Robert Hall to VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation's Heather Morrison, Senior Vice President, Community Giving & Foundation Operations, Barb McInnis, Senior Development Officer, and Dave Mitchell, Chairman of the Board of Directors. With province-wide donations from fire fighter locals, corporate sponsors and the public, the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund has contributed over \$2,000,000 in donations to the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn & Plastic Surgery Unit at VGH since 1978. The commitment to support the Burn & Plastic Surgery Unit is ongoing. The Burn Fund will continue to fund essential burn survivor support programs, including patient care items, staff training and statistical and research programs in keeping with Vancouver General Hospital's mandate of excellence and leadership in patient care, research and teaching.



The Burn Fund presented adult burn survivor Brady Tupper with a special recognition plaque for her support of the Burn Fund and her dedication to the BC Adult Burn Survivor Group. Brady is a spokesperson on behalf of BC's Burn Survivors, and has done numerous media interviews and information commercials for the Burn Fund. She recently represented BC's Burn Survivors at the Canadian Burn Survivor Conference in Winnipeg. In photo from left: BCPFF Burn Fund Director Terry Abrams, Executive Director Tony Burke, Brady Tupper, President Al Leier, Secretary Treasurer Robert Hall.



Al Regan from the Vancouver Park Board accepts a special recognition plaque from BCPFF President Al Leier and Secretary Treasurer Robert Hall in honour of the Park Board's seven-year joint partnership with the Burn Fund in Bright Nights in Stanley Park.

### Special Recognition awards:

VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation  
Brady Tupper, Adult Burn Survivor  
Vancouver Park Board  
Tamara Stanners, TV Host

### Platinum Sponsor Level Award:

Global TV BC  
VanNet Newspapers

### Gold Sponsor Level Award:

The Old Spaghetti Factory

### Silver Sponsor Level Award:

Intrawest Corporation

### Bronze Sponsor Level Award:

Canadian Outback Adventures  
Channel M, Multivan Broadcast LP  
Gizeh Shriners of BC Yukon Care Centre  
Harley Owners Group  
Mega Truck & Transportation  
Panago Pizza  
Teamsters Local 31  
Trev Deely Motorcycles  
United Rentals of Canada  
USC Education Savings Plan Inc.  
White Spot Restaurants

## Burn Survivor Heidi Cave presents a cheque for \$22,200.59 to the Burn Fund at the World Service Vancouver concert



The fundraiser on May 24 enabled the Burn Fund to purchase a vacuum assisted closure suction machine for the BCPFF Burn & Plastic Surgery Unit at Vancouver General Hospital (VGH). Use of this machine often prevents the necessity for large operations, like skin grafting and skin flaps. The machine is attached to a sponge in the wound, which siphons off fluid—thereby decreasing bacterial load—and assists in the development of healing tissue.

Left to Right: Tony Burke, Executive Director and Heather Wilson, Assistant to the Executive Director, both from the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund; Lois Budd, Patient Services Manager and Irene Calder, Patient Services Co-ordinator, both from the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn & Plastic Surgery Unit at VGH; Burn Survivor Heidi Cave.

## Port Moody Students Raise \$402.50 for the Burn Fund

Burn Fund Director Wil Patterson, Port Moody Fire Fighters Local 2399, thanks Jordon Barry, age 12, and Brett Hyska, age 12, from Port Moody Middle School. The pair raised \$402.50 for the Burn Fund as part of their school's Global Citizens Project. They sold popcorn and pop at the local community garage sale. The boys chose to support the Burn Fund because one of their neighbours is a fire fighter who suffered a burn injury. Burnaby Fire Fighters Local 323 lent them the popcorn maker.



## Burn Fund Sponsor Recognition - continued from page six

**Friends Sponsor Level Award:**

- B.C. Toy Association
- Britco
- Canada Safeway Limited
- CKNW Orphans' Fund
- Collingwood School
- CPC Raise the Flag
- CUPE Local 1004
- D. & K. Ham Trucking
- Dr. Charles Best Secondary School
- Hallmark Ford Sales Ltd.
- Hicks Insurance Agency (1991) Ltd.
- J.S. McMillan Fisheries Ltd.
- Joe Fortes Seafood & Chop House/  
Best Oyster Bar
- Ledgir House Ltd.
- Lynch Bus Lines
- McAdams Foundation, Victoria
- McDonald Landing Farms Ltd.

- Night of Nations
- Okanagan Valley Newspaper  
Group
- Order of Omega
- Prince George Aerie 3318
- Fraternal Order of Eagles
- Richmond Mandarin Lions Club
- Rotary Club of Whistler  
Millennium
- Salmon's Rentals
- Sewell's Marina
- Shadowline Transportation Group
- Squamish Kayaking Adventure  
Centre
- Surfwood Supply Ltd.
- Sweet Leilani Cosmetics
- Telus Community Connections
- Terry Hughes Photography
- The Beat 94.5 fm

- The Royal Canadian Legion Trail  
Branch #11
- Third Wave Bus Lines
- Victor & Anna Kern Foundation
- White Rock Lioness Club
- Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Blake
- Shannon Vaisler
- M.L. Howe
- Raymond & Olga MacLeod
- Debbie Woods

**No matter what you accomplish in life, somebody helps you.**

**BC Professional Fire Fighters Association  
Local Donations  
from April 1 2004 to June 24, 2005**

Vancouver Local 18	\$38,602.64
North Vancouver City Local 296	\$1,725.00
Burnaby Local 323	\$2,906.00
Prince Rupert Local 559	\$4,800.00
Victoria Local 730	\$100.00
Nanaimo Local 905	\$26,380.34
Kamloops Local 913	\$1,405.00
Trail Local 941	\$1,000.00
Kelowna Local 953	\$48,690.87
Saanich Local 967	\$7,572.71
North Van District Local 1183	\$1,038.90
Surrey Local 1271	\$30,125.00
Richmond Local 1286	\$12,150.00
Nelson Local 1343	\$819.00
Prince George Local 1372	\$10,760.00
Vernon Local 1517	\$6,000.00
West Van Local 1525	\$4,615.00
Campbell River Local 1668	\$9,012.47
Revelstoke Local 1746	\$1,200.00
Delta Local 1763	\$11,500.00
Coquitlam Local 1782	\$5,263.07
Port Coquitlam Local 1941	\$9,795.55
Dawson Creek Local 2136	\$1,000.00
Port Moody Local 2399	\$2,554.00
White Rock Local 2407	\$4,142.75
Terrace Local 2685	\$4,255.63
Fernie Local 2827	\$500.00
Abbotsford Local 2864	\$20,000.00
Langley Local 3253	\$3,641.99
Whistler Local 3944	\$7,295.00

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## Calendar of Events 2005

### July 15 - Early Bird Draw **Third Annual Hometown Heroes Lottery**

The Third Annual HOMETOWN HEROES LOTTERY tickets are on sale now. When you purchase a ticket, you do more than honour nurses, doctors and fire fighters. You support their causes. When people are severely injured or seriously ill, they come from across the province to Vancouver General and UBC Hospitals, and the GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre to receive the latest and best treatments possible. The lottery helps patients at Vancouver General Hospital, including those in the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn and Plastic Surgery Unit. Your ticket purchase also supports the educational programs of the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund, the young survivors at their Burn Camp, and other critical patient care initiatives.

Tickets on sale at all London Drugs stores in British Columbia. Tickets also available at both Grand Prize homes near 32nd Avenue & 143rd Street, South Surrey. Also at Vancouver General Hospital and the Vancouver International Airport (two locations).

Know your limit, Play within it. For Help: 1-888-795-6111 or visit the BC Responsible Gambling website at: [www.bcreponsiblegambling.ca](http://www.bcreponsiblegambling.ca). See page one for more lottery details.

### July 20-Grand Prize Draw

### July 15 -16 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

### Burn Camp Fundraiser in North Vancouver

Shoppers Drug Mart and IGA at 150 Esplanade in North Vancouver are holding a fundraiser to help send young burn survivors to camp. Join the fun for a barbeque, face painting, colouring contest, and the chance to win gift baskets. For more information call Sam Van Born from North Vancouver City Fire Fighters Local 296 at 778-229-8989

### July 24

### 12th Annual Summer Burn Camp Kick-Off

Hosted by Coquitlam Fire Fighters Local 1782 with support from Coquitlam Fire Rescue at the Town Centre Fire Station in Coquitlam, located at 1300 Pinetree Way.

### July 24 to 29

### 12th Annual Summer Burn Camp

Located in Brackendale, BC.

### July 31

### Port Coquitlam Local 1941 Second Annual Show & Shine

Time: 10 am to 3 pm - Rain or shine!

Firehall Number 1, 1725 Broadway, Port Coquitlam

For info contact: Kevin at 604 999-1841 or [kperkin@shaw.ca](mailto:kperkin@shaw.ca)

Prizes donated by Lordco in Coquitlam / Maple Ridge

Admission by donation. All proceeds to the Burn Fund.

Please send info about fundraising events to  
[pr@burnfund.org](mailto:pr@burnfund.org)

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