

Hops across the pond



photo Tim Pawsey

BRUCE Reid (left) of Fuller's brewery and Vern Lambourne, Granville Island Brewing brew master raise a glass together.

The 12th Annual Winter Wine Festival: Takes place until Jan. 24 at Sun Peaks Resort. Sample the region's famous Icewine and other wine varietals of Okanagan wine country. The festival features culinary events, wine tastings, educational seminars and great skiing and snowboarding. For more information, visit www.sunpeaksresort.com. To find out about Winter Wine Festival Getaway Packages, call Central Reservations at 1-877-212-7107.

Foxtrot Wine Maker's Dinner: Celebrated B.C. winemaker Gustav Allander will be pouring cellar-worthy red and white wine at Fraiche Restaurant's Foxtrot Wine Maker's Dinner on Monday, Jan. 25. The reception begins at 6:30



p.m. Then Fraiche chef/owner Wayne Martin will dish up a four-course dinner with wine pairings. Tickets are \$125 and can be reserved at 604-925-7595 or by e-mail to patrick@fraicherestaurant.ca

Third Annual BACIO (Because a Cure is Obtainable) Dinners: Mangia e Bevi Ristorante is holding this charity event during the month of January to raise funds for the Lions Gate Oncology Clinic and BC

Children's Hospital oncology research. Mangia e Bevi Ristorante is located at 2222 Marine Dr., West Vancouver. Info and reservations: 604-922-8333.

— *Compiled by Pamela Stone and Debbie Caldwell*

WHEN the **Hired Belly** hit an unexpected snag in some travel plans last year and found himself stranded at the airport — when he should have been a continent away — he took a deep breath and decided to become a tourist for the day.

For some reason he was drawn to Granville Island or, more specifically, to the Granville Island Taproom. To his surprise and delight he



Notable Potables
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discovered one of the freshest (and most affordable) pints

in town, and hence embarked on an impromptu research project of Brockton Oval IPA, rubbing shoulders with folks from just about everywhere but Vancouver.

Now it appears we'll be headed back to the island's sudsy shrine, this time to acquaint ourselves with the delights of London Pride, an aptly named brew that recalls fond memories of several City haunts — back in the days when it was ultra cool to flip open a gold plated case of

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JANUARY FEATURES
TABLE D'HÔTE

SOUP DU JOUR
OR
CAESAR SALAD

BRAISED LAMB SHOULDER
Braised with black olives, tomatoes and served with pasta and side of goat cheese toast

OR

BEEF STROGANOFF
in Paprika, garlic, cognac and sour cream served with pasta

CRÈME CARAMEL
OR
HAZELNUT SOUFFLÉ GLACE

\$25 PER PERSON

TAX AND GRATUITY NOT INCLUDED.

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