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THE RISE

SIGNATURE RESORT COMMUNITY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Winter at The Rise is absolutely beautiful, and the view seems to change daily. Some days bring us clear blue skies, over shimmering waters and others, when the fog rolls in over the valley and lake below, leave us in our own little world.

Regardless of the time of year, someone is building their dream home. To some, The Rise will be a seasonal get-a-way, others call it home. Those who live here full-time can attest to the beauty of the land, and two of our residents have done just that ...on page 2. Don't take our word for it, stop by sometime and see for yourself.

Despite our current economic challenges, we continue to operate The Rise,

our Signature Resort Community, as a going concern.

To that end, I am so pleased to see that The Golf Club at The Rise is already buzzing with activity. There is no doubt that we are in for another very successful season! We are looking forward to seeing all our members again and to meeting the many new guests who have already earmarked The Golf Club at The Rise as part of their summer vacation plans. If you'd like to book a T-time, call 1-877-243-7417, or 250-545-7425. Members should look forward to the next edition of Lakes to Links newsletter.

The Cellars at The Rise is still glowing from receiving VQA designation for our Merlot, Pinot Noir and 2006 Riesling Icewine, and

we are thrilled to already have repeat customers. Our initial wine tasting was very well attended, on a snowy blustery night in December, and we'd like to thank everyone for their support. If you are interested in being notified of an upcoming wine tasting event, or would like a copy of our price list, please contact Janet Bandelow at: 250-549-4481 x226, or janet@okanaganhills.com.

Once again, thank you to the team behind the scenes, including the many homeowners who have kept in touch. The past few months have been very busy and I want to express my appreciation for your hard work and dedication.

*Sincerely,
Leona Snider
President & CEO*



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October 2005 found my wife Danielle and I standing on a piece of dirt far above the Lake Okanagan and the city of Vernon. The real estate person commented on the cold rainy day that it was a shame we could not see the view and the development on a nice day. We stared at the scene below us and Danielle said "no, this was perfect. If it is this beautiful on a day like this and we love it, how fantastic it will be on a better sunny day"!!!!

Vernon is a vibrant community close by, with everything we need and not a one-season tourist destination. For us, this is what we want life to be today and tomorrow. All apart from the very best of all that we desire (golfing, hiking, biking, snow shoeing, skiing, water sports...), there is a growing like-minded community of fantastic people whom we have quickly grown very close to, and look forward to knowing for many wonderful years to come.



We subsequently bought our property and were amongst the first to build, not for retirement, but so we could enjoy the lifestyle...now. What was initially, possibly a whimsical move on our part, became a major financial and personal commitment, that we have not regretted for one minute. Some of our best decisions have been spontaneous gut reactions, and this was one of them.

The golf course...a true golfers golf course...not a resort course...not a chew me up, spit me out course! I tend to get bored playing the same course, but there is a fantastic unique set of holes on this Fred Couples course. Standing on many of the tee boxes and greens, a morning mist or an evening glow...priceless.

The view remains awe inspiring even after a year of living in our

home. There is a thrill witnessing the storms that occasionally blow up the valley, the fog below, the magical desert sunrise and sunset light, the summer stillness in the heat, the fresh dry powder snowfall. The animals and birds are abundant ...after all, this is their home territory...from deer to bear, eagles to owls to woodpeckers to hawks, coyotes to marmots and even a lynx. But I have not yet seen a snake! A personal

thrill was seeing a huge resident porcupine waddle across the sixth green!

We are very proud of our new home, we love to show it off to our friends, and feel very fortunate to be living in this little corner of the world. If you can't get excited and passionate about where you live, then take a look. We have and are very thankful that we did!

Craig & Danielle Bergstrom



For us, the Fred Couples signature course was the pinnacle feature that caught our attention. Being avid golfers we ventured to The Rise to see just what "the vision" was. We were definitely inspired by the development back in 2006, and so desirous of a mixture of views of the City, lake and valley, we climbed up the dirt road to the virtual top of Silversage. It really did not take us long to decide on the property that

afforded us these vistas and concluded that this would be our new home.

During the ensuing months we took pleasure in bringing both friends and family up to the top to take in the views and help us imagine the panorama from where the new home would be, especially from the southwest facing deck. We even climbed up on the roof of a truck just to get a glimpse of what it would be

like to stand on the veranda and look down on this dynamic sight.

By summer 2007 construction was under way and we visited just as framing was being completed, for our first view out of the great room and from the actual deck surface. It was stunning and left us filled with anticipation of the final move. On that visit we had the pleasure of escorting some friends for a nine hole private round at the Golf Course at The Rise. Once again we were awestruck by the magnificent scene before and below us on each hole.

By mid February of 2008 we were in high spirits and high gear to move from Alberta to our new home. On the 26th of that month we spent our first night in our new home with sparse furnishings, but the view of the city lights was spectacular.

With our first summer behind us

now we took advantage after the opening of the golf course and look forward to the coming season.

We have been very fortunate to meet and befriend several of our new neighbors. We have enjoyed a Gala, progressive dinners, chef inspired birthdays and now even a Super Bowl party together, and look forward to meeting more people as they arrive and build their dream homes.

Even now after almost a year it seems a struggle to get off to bed for the night and turn away from the stunning lights of the City or those visible at the yacht club down on the lake. We are proud of "the vision" and are quite confident that we will see the homes, beach club, vineyard and golf course mature into one of the finest properties the Okanagan, and in fact British Columbia, has to offer.

Kyle & Norma Duncan

