



Congratulations to all the winners of the 2005 Ma Murray Community Newspaper Awards!

Ask anyone who was there – the 2005 Ma Murray Community Newspaper Awards Gala was a fabulous party. The dinner was delicious, the entertainment was hilarious, and the view from the Hospitality Suite was like no other. Most importantly, we handed out awards in 38 categories. The winners are listed below in the order they were presented on Saturday. Thanks to the sponsors and to everyone who attended, and congratulations to all the winners.

Canada Post Columnist Writing Award

- **GOLD:** Andrew Holota, The Surrey/North Delta Leader: "On Point - Disengaging the Public / The Next Choice is His"
- **SILVER:** Ian Cobb, The Valley Echo, Invermere: "An Earful - Whoa, Hold on a Minute / All Righty Then, Show Me the Money!"
- **BRONZE:** Tracy Hughes, Salmon Arm Observer: "For What it's Worth - A Pebble Makes Ripples in Our Lives / Ladies Call on Divine Inspiration"

Vancouver Area Newspaper Network Ralph Hall Features Writing Award

- **GOLD:** Susan Lundy, Gulf Islands Driftwood: "Affordable Housing Series"
- **SILVER:** Martha Wickett, Salmon Arm Observer: "The Cost of Cocaine / Fighting for Recovery"
- **BRONZE:** Marshall Jones, Kelowna Capital News: "Crystal Death"

Canadian Bankers Association Ad Design Award: B&W

- **GOLD:** Kim Barnes, Jason Wolsey, Laurie Loewen, Prince George Free Press: "Lord of the Wings"
- **SILVER:** Peter McCully, Sandi Poystila, Gulf Islands Driftwood: "Day in the Life of Thrifty Foods"
- **BRONZE:** Rick MacKinnon, Sandi Poystila, Gulf Islands Driftwood: "Saunders Subaru - 25th Anniversary"

Canadian Bankers Association Ad Design Award: Spot Colour

- **GOLD:** Linda Gallagher, Karen Segee, The Mirror, Campbell River: "Ripple Rock Retreat"
- **SILVER:** Marcella Nowatzki, Yukon News: "Lister's Motor Sports Boat Yard Sale"
- **BRONZE:** Sean McCue, Nanaimo News Bulletin: "Used Car Supersale"

Canadian Bankers Association Ad Design Award: Process Colour

- **GOLD:** Lesley Smith, Richmond Review: "Digital Hearing at Full Speed"
- **SILVER:** Zena Williams, Campbell River Mirror: "More for Less - Ski for Less"
- **BRONZE:** Kathi Nicholson, The Surrey/North Delta Leader: "Eleganté Shoes"

Hub International TOS Limited Sports Photo Award, Circulation over 10,000

- **GOLD:** Sharon Tiffin, Saanich News: "Steeplechase"
- **SILVER:** Jean Konda-Witte, Abbotsford/Mission Times: "Flying High"
- **BRONZE:** Julie Iverson, Richmond News: "Frisbee Kids"

Hub International TOS Limited Sports Photo Award, Circulation under 10,000

- **GOLD:** Derek Crowe, Yukon News: "Yukon Quest"
- **SILVER:** Mike Thomas, Yukon News: "Sled Dog Race"
- **BRONZE:** Matt Wood, Quesnel Cariboo Observer: "One Hill of a Climb"

TELUS Website Design Award

- **GOLD:** Tyson Fandrick & Valerie Peterson, The Powell River Peak: "www.prpeak.com"
- **SILVER:** Tony Richards, Gulf Islands Driftwood: "www.gulfislands.net"
- **BRONZE:** Greg Knill, Andrew Franklin, Chilliwack Progress: "www.theprogress.com"

TELUS Neville Shanks Memorial Award for Historical Writing

- **GOLD:** Gail Sjuberg & Team, Gulf Islands Driftwood: "Looking Back"
- **SILVER:** Wendy Johnson, Oliver Chronicle: "Nk'Mip Stories"
- **BRONZE:** Jeff Nagel, The Terrace Standard: "Rise of the Zombies"

Bell Canada Special Section Award, Circulation over 10,000

- **GOLD:** Michael Booth, Brian Howell, Elaine Dove Hoover, The Now, Surrey/North Delta/White Rock: "Our Olympians"
- **SILVER:** Jim Zeeben & Saanich News Team, Saanich News: "Let's Celebrate Saanich"
- **BRONZE:** Glenn Mitchell, Mark Warner, Scott Douglas, Photography Team, The Morning Star: "A Day in the Life of Vernon"

Bell Canada Special Section Award, Circulation under 10,000

- **GOLD:** Valerie Peterson, The Powell River Peak: "Cultural Colour"
- **SILVER:** Mitch Wright & Team, Ladysmith-Chemainus Chronicle: "Salute to a Century"
- **BRONZE:** Penny Sakamoto, Gulf Islands Driftwood: "Day in the Life of Salt Spring"

ComBase Ad Campaign Award

- **GOLD:** Louise Skookum, Yukon News: "Yukon Science Institute"
- **SILVER:** Don Barbeau, Margot Goulding, Abbotsford News: "Lee's Fine Jewellery"
- **BRONZE:** Elizabeth Anderson, Burnaby/New Westminster NewsLeader: "Myles of Beans"

Ducks Unlimited Canada Outdoor Recreation Writing Award

- **GOLD:** Michael Kissinger, Vancouver Courier: "New Skate of Mind"
- **SILVER:** Sage Birchwater, Williams Lake Tribune: "Filmmaker Captures the Natural World"
- **BRONZE:** Niki Hope, North Shore News: "All You've Got to do is Act Naturally"

Homeworks Business Writing Award

- **GOLD:** Trudy Beyak, Abbotsford News: "Avian Flu"
- **SILVER:** Robin Brunet, Vancouver Courier: "Sunset Industry"
- **BRONZE:** Mark Allan, North Island Gazette: "Here We Go Again"

Certified General Accountants Association of BC Feature Photo Award: B&W, Circulation over 10,000

- **GOLD:** Lisa Marshall, The Morning Star: "Hospice Volunteer"
- **SILVER:** Martin van den Hemel, Richmond Review: "Grieving Parents"
- **BRONZE:** Evan Seal, The Surrey/North Delta Leader: "Cancer Tear"

Certified General Accountants Association of BC Feature Photo Award: B&W, Circulation under 10,000

- **GOLD:** Derek Crowe, Yukon News: "Rock Hounds"
- **SILVER:** John Cameron, Gulf Islands Driftwood: "Bubble"
- **BRONZE:** Bram Rossman, The Valley Echo, Invermere: "It's Only a Practice"

BCYCNA Feature Photo Award: Colour, Circulation over 10,000

- **GOLD:** Chris Bush, Nanaimo News Bulletin: "Night Light"
- **SILVER:** Dan Toulgoet, Vancouver Courier : "Their Longest Day"
- **BRONZE:** Paul vanPeenen, The Now, Coquitlam: "Getting a Leg Up"

BCYCNA Feature Photo Award: Colour, Circulation under 10,000

- **GOLD:** Bonny Makarewicz, Whistler Question: "Dazzling Display"
- **SILVER:** Todd Lawson, Squamish Chief: "On Top"
- **BRONZE:** Derrick Lundy, Gulf Islands Driftwood: "Fire Man"

Thompson Rivers University Environmental Writing Award

- **GOLD:** Trudy Beyak, Abbotsford News: "Stuck with Environmental 'Nightmare'"
- **SILVER:** John Kimantas, Nanaimo News Bulletin: "Our Changing Ocean"
- **BRONZE:** Jennifer Feinberg, Chilliwack Progress: "Local Sockeye Left off the List"

BC Arts Council Arts & Culture Writing Award

- **GOLD:** Michael Kissinger, Vancouver Courier: "Poster Children"
- **SILVER:** Danna Johnson, Kamloops This Week: "Remembering Sarah"
- **BRONZE:** Laura Walz, The Powell River Peak: "Music Men of Powell River"

New Car Dealers Association of BC Classified Section Award

- **GOLD:** Val Stephenson, North Shore News: "Classified Section"
- **SILVER:** Classified Team, Kelowna Capital News: "Shopper's World Classifieds"
- **BRONZE:** Janet Dyck, Nanaimo News Bulletin: "Classifieds"

BCAA Cartoonist Award

- **GOLD:** Bob Castle, Comox Valley Record: "Under the Glacier"
- **SILVER:** Wyatt Tremblay, Yukon News: "The New Guys"
- **BRONZE:** Bob Muirhead, Salmon Arm Observer: "Laundry"

BCAA Newspaper Promotion Award

- **GOLD:** Arlene Stout, Sharon Harmsen and Team, The Chilliwack Progress: "Meet My Fiance"
- **SILVER:** Bobbie Cloke, Ladysmith-Chemainus Chronicle: "Salute to a Century"
- **BRONZE:** Production Dept., The Valley Echo, Invermere: "I Love My Grandchildren"

BCAA Tourism & Recreation Guide Award

- **GOLD:** Emily Jubb, The Vancouver Courier: "Your Vancouver"
- **SILVER:** Question Team, Whistler Question: "Pemberton Visitor Guide"
- **BRONZE:** Review Sales and Production staff, Richmond Review: "Richmond Visitor's Guide"

Alan & Adelaide Black Editorial Writing Award

- **GOLD:** Andrew Holota, The Surrey/North Delta Leader: "Election Process Series"
- **SILVER:** Thomas Winterhoff, Oak Bay News: "Behind Closed Doors"
- **BRONZE:** Rob DeMone, The Peace Arch News: "At What Price"

CIBC Spot News Photo, Circulation over 10,000

- **GOLD:** Aaron Bichard, Cowichan Valley News Leader: "Helpless House Fire"
- **SILVER:** Jenna Hauck, The Chilliwack Progress: "Ready to do Battle"
- **BRONZE:** Bruce MacInnis, Comox Valley Record: "A Cyclist is Checked"

CIBC Spot News Photo, Circulation under 10,000

- **GOLD:** Carla Clark, Similkameen Spotlight: "Trudging Through"
- **SILVER:** Simone Rolph, Hope Standard: "Loss"
- **BRONZE:** Mike Thomas, Yukon News: "Drivers Wanted"

Horizon Publications Sports Writing Award

- **GOLD:** Don Fennell, Richmond Review: "How Much Do We Value Sport?"
- **SILVER:** Michael Matsumaru, Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Times: "Journey of a Champion"
- **BRONZE:** Philip Raphael, South Delta Leader: "Not Your Average Kid"

BC Press Council Hard News Writing Award

- **GOLD:** Peter Rusland, Cowichan Valley News Leader: "Money Raised, Message Delivered"
- **SILVER:** Mark Allan, North Island Gazette: "Here We Go Again with Mill Owners"
- **BRONZE:** Ron Devitt, Alfie Lau, New Westminster Record: "The Morcan Report"

Terasen Community Service Award, Circulation over 10,000

- **GOLD:** Kevin Laird, Nanaimo News Bulletin: "Pennies for Presents"
- **SILVER:** The Peace Arch News Staff, The Peace Arch News: "Wings over White Rock"
- **BRONZE:** Arlene Stout, Andrew Franklin, Chilliwack Progress: "DARE (Drug Awareness) Campaign"

Terasen Community Service Award, Circulation under 10,000

- **GOLD:** Isabelle Southcott, Powell River Peak: "Faces of AIDS"
- **SILVER:** Teresa Bird and Gazette Staff, North Island Gazette: "Gazette Hamper Fund"
- **BRONZE:** Arthur Crowson, Merritt Herald: "Kyle Rancier"

British Columbia Lottery Corporation Newspaper Excellence Award, Circulation 0-2,000

- **GOLD:** Hope Standard
- **SILVER:** Lake Cowichan Gazette
- **BRONZE:** Merritt Herald

British Columbia Lottery Corporation Newspaper Excellence Award, Circulation 2,001-4,000

- **GOLD:** Squamish Chief
- **SILVER:** Salmon Arm Observer
- **BRONZE:** North Island Gazette

**British Columbia Lottery Corporation Newspaper
Excellence Award, Circulation 4,001-13,000**

- **GOLD:** Whistler Question
- **SILVER:** Williams Lake Tribune
- **BRONZE:** Quesnel Cariboo Observer

**British Columbia Lottery Corporation Newspaper
Excellence Award, Circulation 13,001-27,000**

- **GOLD:** Cowichan Valley News Leader
- **SILVER:** Cowichan Valley Pictorial
- **BRONZE:** New Westminster Record

**British Columbia Lottery Corporation Newspaper
Excellence Award, Circulation 27,001-45,000**

- **GOLD:** Abbotsford Times
- **SILVER:** Chilliwack Times
- **BRONZE:** The Chilliwack Progress

**British Columbia Lottery Corporation Newspaper
Excellence Award, Circulation 45,000+**

- **GOLD:** North Shore News
- **SILVER:** Kelowna Capital News
- **BRONZE:** Vancouver Courier