



# LOCAL 276 NEWSLETTER



January 2019



## *Start of the New Year*

We hope you all had a bit of time off over the holidays to rest and recuperate from a very busy year. Looking back at 2018 I feel very proud to be a part of Local 276 and proud of its membership. While putting together the calendar for this year I was able to recap on what a progressive local we have. Through multiple charitable events, supporting the less fortunate, to working with our apprentices at the Canadian Competition. We also had Local members working with government and industry to help grow the construction sector, and to help facilitate change to gender equality and work place safety.

2019 looks to be another strong year here in BC and on Vancouver Island. We wish everybody the best in the New Year.

Business Manager  
*Jason Pedersen*

## *Up Island Meetings dates*

Campbell River - Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, 5pm @ Anchor Inn  
Courtenay - Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, 5pm @ Westerly Hotel  
Nanaimo - Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, 5pm @ 306-477 Wallace St.

## *Shop Stewart Training*

We will be looking to put on Shop Stewart training courses in the new year. If this sounds like something that interests you please contact the office.

Times to be announced

## *Health Care and Health Spending Account Update*



The Local has extended the time period for all receipts to be submitted for the **2018** health spending account. For receipts to be eligible for reimbursement, they must be in to the office by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Based on the financial status of the plan, the Health Plan trustees have decided the Health Spending Account (HSA) will be renewed for 2019 as well as gym membership, Wills, smoking cessation and life style.

Just a reminder that the HSA is for active members who have been on our Health Plan for a minimum 6 months.

HSA = \$450.00 (\$250 can be used on CSA approved work boots)  
Gym membership = \$150  
Wills = \$400 every three years

Smoking Cessation = \$500 life time Max  
Bereavement = 3 days  
Viagra = \$500 per calendar year

## Calendar

2018 was a busy year which we were able to capture a lot of in this year's calendar. A special thanks to everyone who took time to submit photos. Please keep sending in your photos as we are starting to collect for next year's calendar



## Ski trip information

Back by popular demand we will once again be hosting the Local 276 and UA 324 ski trip. This year's ski trip is happening on Sat, February 16th. We will meet at the Sunrise Chair parking lot at 8:30am. Please phone the office to reserve your spot.

Cash will be collected at the mountain. (Exact change please)

If you require rentals, please let us know.

Local 276 will provide a BBQ lunch at 11:30am at the Sunrise Chair parking lot. The ski trip is open to members, family members and friends.

Any questions email [carrol@smwia276.ca](mailto:carrol@smwia276.ca) or 250-727-3458.

**See you on the slopes!**

### Ticket Prices

<b>Lift Tickets</b>	<b>Price</b>
Adult	\$60.00
Youth 13-17	\$50.00
Child 7-12	\$33.00

  

<b>Rental Package</b>	<b>Price</b>
Adult / Youth	\$43.00
Child	\$22.50
Helmet	\$11.50

## Local Union Nominations/Elections

2019 is an election year for Local 276 with all elected positions open for the ensuing 3-year term. Those positions are Business Manager/Financial Secretary, President, Vice- President, Recording Secretary, four (4) Executive positions, four (4) union Trustees and a combined Conductor/Warden office. As per the Constitution and Rituals of the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART) nominations will be held in May with elections being held in June. In order to be nominated and hold office members must meet the qualifications as outlined in Article twelve (12), Section three (3) of the SMART Constitution and Rituals. Hard copies of the SMART Constitution are available from the office upon request. Part of the requirement to run for an office is that dues be paid in advance prior to the month in which nominations are held. If you are considering running for a position and have any questions pertaining to your dues status or any other qualification requirements, please contact the Union office.



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