

Newsletter #6  
Sept 5, 2022

# Cowichan Valley Concert Band

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*Happiness*

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*Making*

*Music!*

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*Welcome to the beginning of 2022-2023 season of the  
Cowichan Valley Concert Band*

## **Startup**

I hope you all had a great summer with family and friends enjoying the beautiful weather we have had. I know we are all anxious to get back to playing and we are scheduled to start rehearsals **Thursday, September 22 from 7:30 –9:30 pm**, in the band room of Cowichan High School, on James St., Duncan, (as usual).

As we all know that being a part of such a great organization fills many needs in all of our lives. We know playing music, which is a passion of ours, is the biggest reason to be a part of the band, but there is also the sense of camaraderie. Making friends, talking and laughing together is good for all involved. My goal as president is to bring us all together, to get to know each other and hopefully bring a sense of family for all of those involved. With this in mind, I have extended our contract hours to allow us to enjoy a 15 minute break together, half way through rehearsal. This not only gives our chops a break, but will give us a chance to get to really know each other. This time could even give us time to brain storm new ideas for the band. I alone, really don't know most of you, and I feel bad. We are always rushing in, playing, then rushing out. I will donate a beverage/treat each week and perhaps if others are interested in participating, I can create a sign-up sheet for weekly rehearsals. Our new contract will have the doors open at 7:15 so we can start at 7:30 and we have until 9:45 to vacate, so we can play up until 9:30. I know Ron has a drive each week to Victoria, but this additional 15 minutes will not really affect his set times. My hope is that this will bring us all closer, and will encourage new members to want to be a part of our band family.

## **Covid**

As we are still navigating our way through this pandemic, and all covid government restrictions have been relaxed, we will no longer be requiring vaccination proof, contact tracing or reduced numbers. I will continue to bring sanitizing wipes to rehearsal. I ask that we all respect the individual choices of others with regards to mask wearing and social distancing. And, of course, if you are feeling unwell, please stay home!

**\*It is still recommended that each member bring their own music stand to rehearsal.\***

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my Forte!*

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## Membership

We will hold our annual general meeting at the Sept 29 rehearsal. If anyone would like to join the executive and bring some new ideas to the band, you are all welcome. We will visit the positions of the executive at the general meeting to ensure all positions are filled and make any necessary changes.

As the band is still in a fairly good financial standing, we will keep the fees at \$75 for this season. Please give to Barb or myself at your earliest convenience.

I would like to start a membership drive this year. If anyone has any ideas, please contact me or one of our executive. Let's build our family!

I am attaching the current contact list. Please review and let me know if there are any changes to your information. Also if you see someone missing, please let me know.

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## Performances

At the present time Ron's initial goal is to get us all back into shape so there are no plans as of yet for any performances before Christmas.

We will hopefully play at the Light up Duncan, but that will be determined as the season gets closer.

2023 season concert dates have been set so everyone can make any necessary plans to be available for each performance.

### **Winter Concert**

*Dress rehearsal: Feb 23, 2023*

*Concert: Feb 24, 2023*

### **Spring Concert**

*Dress rehearsal: May 25, 2023*

*Concert: May 26, 2023*

***Hopefully, this year we can have intermission with treats for our audience at both concerts!***

***Canada Day Maple Bay***

Additional performances may be added, but these will be announced at a later date.

Sincerely,

Laura B