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Welcome to the second part of our summer newsletter series! We're excited to share some of the fun and relaxing activities our team members are enjoying. Dive in to discover some of our favourite activities and perhaps get inspired for your own summer adventures!

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What the team is up to this summer – Part 2 of 2

Mark's Summer Adventures



For the last few years, summers have been all about discovering new gems close to home, and this year was no different! We've turned it into a bit of a tradition to explore places within a drive from Toronto. This time, we set our sights on Southampton, nestled on the eastern shores of Lake Huron, just south of the Bruce Peninsula.

Our friends, seasoned Southampton summer goers, have been nudging us to visit for years. So, we finally took the plunge. Boy, were we in for a treat! The beaches were nothing short of spectacular, the sunsets over Lake Huron were postcard-worthy, and the social scene, especially if you enjoy tennis, was buzzing with energy.

Southampton's charming downtown quickly won us over. Picture a main street lined with some great restaurants, quirky stores, and, of course, an irresistible ice cream shop! We didn't just stick to town, though. The bike and running trails, many converted from old railway lines, provided a scenic escape. Biking along the shoreline of Lake Huron was a particular highlight.

With our kids now young adults, coordinating family time is a bit of a jigsaw puzzle. But we were thrilled that three out of four managed to join us for some short but sweet visits. They even brought along friends and significant others! Balancing their work schedules and bustling social lives made those moments together even more special. We also caught up with friends over drinks and dinner, which was a lovely bonus.





Veronica dove into the local tennis scene thanks to a complimentary membership from her friend. Meanwhile, I took on the challenge of learning to surf on an electric surfboard despite having only surfed once. It turns out you're never too old to pick up a new hobby!

For those looking to stay busy, Southampton has plenty to offer, but it's equally perfect for some much-needed R&R. I indulged in a couple of good books—Geddy Lee's "My Effin' Life" (a must-read for any Rush fan) and Daniel Silva's "The Collector," which is an excellent spy thriller.

All in all, our Southampton getaway was a fantastic experience, and we'd definitely consider a return trip. We lucked out with the weather, too. While Toronto has been unpredictable and wet this summer, we only had one day of showers in Southampton.

Here's to more local adventures and unforgettable summer memories!



Pauline's Cottage Getaway



This summer, I enjoyed a refreshing week-long getaway to a cozy cottage with friends, escaping the hustle of city life for the serene beauty of Canada's countryside.

The highlight of my trip was undoubtedly the food. We enjoyed and savored a variety of international dishes, from chipotle chicken tacos with roasted salsa and nachos to Bolognese truffle pasta garnished with fresh basil and served with a cheesy parmesan garlic bread. We also grilled pork skewers and jerk chicken with plantains over a charcoal fire grill.

Our meals were complemented by a freshly blended papaya salad, topped with a vibrant mix of sunflower seeds, strawberry, and mango. For dessert, we treated ourselves to a mango graham dessert, strawberry crepes, and tiramisu.

Our days were filled with more than just delicious food. We laughed and shared stories around the bonfire, roasted marshmallows for s'mores, woke up early to hike and catch the sunrise, and ended the day sitting on the porch overlooking the lake and soaking up the sun.

The combination of great food, cherished company, everlasting memories, and the personal touch of the cottage made for a truly unforgettable experience.



Jeannie's Time on the Greens

I've been enjoying one of my favourite passions this summer—golf. A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of golfing at



Angus Glen Golf Course with Mark and Hamed. Angus Glen is one of my favourite courses because it's both challenging and beautiful. The picturesque landscape, with its perfectly manicured fairways and greens, makes it a golfer's paradise. We had great weather that day, which made the experience even more enjoyable. Angus Glen never disappoints, and this year's game was no exception.

I hope to explore some of the renowned golf courses out west soon. I have my sights set on The Okanagan Golf Club in Kelowna, with its two unique courses, and The Bear and The Quail golf course. The Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge Golf Club is at the top of my list as it is a must-visit for any golf enthusiast. Unfortunately, the Jasper course is

temporarily closed due to the recent wildfires. My thoughts are with the community, and I hope to play there once it reopens.

Sandy's Family Visits and Memorable Moments

This past year has been filled with wonderful family visits and memorable moments. Last November, my nephew visited from California, and we continued our tradition of going to Niagara Falls. It's a place I've been to almost every year. This trip was particularly special as we also decided to try our luck at the casino. In just 10 minutes, we walked away with a \$75 win! It was not a lot, but it was fun!

Then, in April, another nephew from Vancouver came to visit with his adorable 9-month-old daughter. Their visit brought so much joy and excitement into my life. It's been a busy time, but having family around always makes it worthwhile.

Orchid Update

I'm also thrilled to share that my orchids are currently blooming! It's been a rewarding journey caring for them over the past year, and seeing them in full bloom brings a lot of happiness and colour into my home. Their delicate beauty and vibrant colours are a daily reminder of the joys of nurturing and growth. Orchids can be quite tricky to care for, so it's very rewarding to see that my hard work and patience have paid off. I am really looking forward to watching the rest of my buds bloom!



We hope you enjoyed reading about our summer fun and that you're enjoying the season as much as we are. We'd love to hear about your summer fun, too – please feel free to share your favourite moments with us!

Have a fantastic summer!

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