

Top 5 most creatively named Olympic cocktails

by Laura Roberts

1. The Richmond Cranberry Rush
Made by the Blue Canoe Waterfront Restaurant from premium dark rum, house made drunken cranberries and a squeeze of fresh lime, this cocktail celebrates Richmond as the heart of Canada's cranberry country.

2. The Quatchi Fur Ball
Quatchi is my favourite mascot (don't tell Miga or Sumi) so I couldn't resist trying his namesake cocktail at Carver's Steakhouse in the Executive Airport Hotel.

3. The Blue Hawaiian Olympic Dream
This colourful cocktail is served up at the Hilton Vancouver Airport's Champions Lounge, an exclusive-to-the-Olympics lounge that features Ms. Kokoh from LA and DJ Alpyne from Las Vegas nightly.

4. The Go for the Gold
Mandalay Lounge bartender Jason Ker's official title is "Fun Master", and I certainly have fun sipping this martini made of Goldschlager and local apple juice.

5. The Canada Line Cosmo
At The Fairmont Vancouver Airport Hotel, 10-year veteran bartender "Jetside Johnny" has mixed up this smooth blueberry-infused cosmopolitan.

Honourable mentions go to the **Triple Lutz** martini at the Richmond Boathouse Restaurant and the **Maple Leaf Mania** cocktail at the Vancouver Airport Marriott.

With a bottle of Canadian Ice Wine from one of Richmond's three wineries, you can create this Canada-inspired martini at home:

1 1/2 oz. Vodka
1/2 oz. Ice Wine

Combine ingredients in a martini shaker with crushed ice. Shake well. Strain the mixture into a pre-chilled martini glass and garnish with frozen cranberries.



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Come back and visit Richmond in the spring, summer, or fall. There's always an exciting festival or event going on in the city.

Top 5 festivals and events

by Joanne Sasvari

1. Summer Night Market
May 14 to October 3, 2010
12631 Vulcan Way
www.summernightmarket.com
The night market is an ancient Asian tradition, where vendors sell goods and foods at a low price in a festive environment. While the market has served the city's Chinese, Japanese and Taiwanese community, it now draws people from all walks of life with some 30,000 people visiting each night. Located on a 10-acre site, the Summer Night Market features hundreds of vendors, terrific live entertainment and some of the best multicultural street food going.

2. Steveston Farmers and Artisans Market
Sundays, biweekly, May 23 to October 10
Corner of Third Avenue and Moncton Street, Steveston Village
www.sfam.ca
Every second Sunday in the summer months, crowds of people bustle down to Steveston with their baskets and tote bags, ready to stock up. The more than 50 vendors set up their stalls selling fresh local fruit, veggies, dairy products, herbs, baked goods and more. You can also find unique, beautiful handmade crafts and to make this a truly fun family-friendly event, there is also great live entertainment.

3. Steveston Salmon Festival
July 1, 2010 (Canada Day)
Steveston Village,
www.stevestonsalmonfest.ca
Every year since 1945, the residents of this Historic Fishing Village have been throwing what they call "Canada's biggest little birthday party." 75,000 people show up from all over the Pacific Northwest to enjoy this day which begins with a parade featuring 100 entries ranging from floats to marching bands, vintage vehicles and local celebrities. Following a rousing

rendition of O Canada, the day is filled with live entertainment, a Japanese cultural show, belt sander drag races, multi-ethnic food fair, craft fair, midway and, of course, the must-have salmon barbecue.

4. Maritime Festival
August 20 to 22, 2010
Britannia Heritage Shipyard National Historic Site, 5180 Westwater Drive,
www.richmond.ca/culture/sites/britannia
This seventh annual free family event at the former salmon cannery celebrates Richmond's connections with the sea. Vintage boats will be on display, including a 1930s rum runner, and many of them will take to the waves along the waterfront. There will be plenty of live entertainment, too, mostly featuring sea songs and shanties. And guests can learn such essential maritime skills as knot tying, rope making, model boat building and net mending. Good times, ahoy!

5. Chinese New Year
February 3, 2011
Aberdeen Centre and various other locations
www.tourismrichmond.com
Gung hay fat choy! If you missed this special holiday in February 2010, come back for the Year of the Rabbit when Richmond's huge Chinese population will be ready to celebrate with dragon dances, martial arts demonstrations, moon cakes, flower markets and lucky packets stuffed with money. The Lunar New Year marks more than a change in the Chinese astrological calendar, it also celebrates the arrival of spring and is one of the biggest festivals of the year for many people of Asian origin. Look for celebrations in Richmond's Asian shopping malls, restaurants and temples.

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13 million floating cranberries form a spectacular tribute to the Olympic Games in Brighthouse Park. Richmond is Canada's largest producer of cranberries.

DAY 17
February 28, 2010

Gold, Silver, and Bronze Olympic memories

by Laura Roberts

What an incredible privilege it has been to watch so many visitors exploring and enjoying our city for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. I have had a blast these past 16 days and while it's very tough to choose only three medal winners to commemorate this time, here are my picks for Richmond's best Olympic moments:

Gold
Watching long track speed skating events at the Richmond Olympic Oval.

I was lucky enough to have tickets to the Ladies' 3000 m event and got to cheer on our Canadian speed skaters. What a thrill to know I had skated on the same ice where 12 Olympic medal events were taking place!

As the Games come to a close I'm even more excited about the legacy phase of the Richmond Olympic Oval which is considered the crown jewel venue. On April 1, 2010 it will re-open to the public as an international centre of excellence for sports, health and wellness. Picture track, basketball, badminton, volleyball, wheelchair sports,

soccer, yoga and, of course, skating.

Silver
The Richmond O Zone celebration site.
It was hyped to be the Olympic celebration site, bigger than 66 football fields with a stacked line-up of entertainers – all for free! The family-friendly O Zone exceeded everyone's expectations. More than 300,000 people visited the O Zone to skate on the outdoor rink, walk down BC Street, or experience the BCLC 2010 Winter Games Dome.

Bronze
Richmond's Olympic spirit.
In early February, a wave of red rolled into Richmond – red flags, red clothes, red lights, and of course those red mittens. The community rolled out the red carpet and took part in the Canada-wide Paint the Town Red initiative to support Canadian athletes.

The entire community has pulled together in so many ways. From local restaurants showing their spirit with creative Olympic cocktails to the six visual spectacles –

including the floating cranberry installation – that welcomed the world and showcased Richmond's diverse commerce, culture and heritage.

Thank you for choosing to celebrate your 2010 Olympic Winter Games experience with us.

It's been an honour to welcome you to our city, and we can't wait to see you again! Safe travels home.

VISIT US AGAIN

We invite you to return to Richmond in spring or summer to experience more of Richmond. Try the tasty Xiao Long Bao dumplings from one of the dim sum restaurants in the Golden Village. Or, go on a whale-watching excursion and then stop for fish 'n chips on the wharf in Steveston. The Historic Fishing Village of Steveston is beautiful year-round, but it's magical in the spring and summertime when the flowers are in full bloom and the wharf is buzzing with activity.



TODAY'S TEMP



LOCALS KNOW

"The Steveston Salmon Festival on July 1 is my favourite event of the year – there's a salmon bake, parade, carnival, musical acts, craft shows, and more. Mark your calendars!" Cynthia, Richmond resident

FUN FACT

Richmond is famous for having the best Chinese food outside China. Restaurants make it easy for beginners by including photos on the menus.

RICHMOND CHECKLIST

Today is the last day to check everything off your Richmond to-do list, have you:

- ✓ Watched fireworks light up the sky at the O Zone? Last chance tonight!
- ✓ Been to Richmond's most romantic spot, Garry Point Park, to watch the sunset or see eagles, herons, and hawks?
- ✓ Celebrated a gold medal win by going for dinner in the Golden Village? It's a modern mix of Asian-inspired malls, foods and cultural attractions.

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Sunday, February 28, 2010

Today's Highlights

The Men's Gold Medal Hockey Game is broadcast on the big screen and the XXI Olympic Winter Games finish with a bang - fireworks that is.

Gates open: Noon

Gates close: 10 p.m.

Today's Events



HEADLINERS

DJ Alex Merrell
9:15-10 p.m.

Vancouver born Alex Merrell burst onto the LA music scene in just one short year after she bought her first DJ setup in 2008, playing top venues both in the US and internationally. Her in-depth knowledge of music and her exquisite blends have gained her praise and admiration from industry professionals and club goers alike. Her style is distinct yet tailored to the audience. She knows how to create a vibe - in this case, the perfect dance-party ending to the Richmond O Zone.

BIG SCREEN

Men's Gold Medal Hockey Game Live from Canada Hockey Place
12:15-2:15 p.m.

Closing Ceremony Live from BC Place
6-9 p.m.

MAIN STAGE

Visions of the North - Artisans Market
Noon-10 p.m.

Main Stage Area

Learn more about the unique art and culture of Canada's three northern territories in a special artisans market presented by the Pan Northern First Nations Council and Yukon Arts Centre.

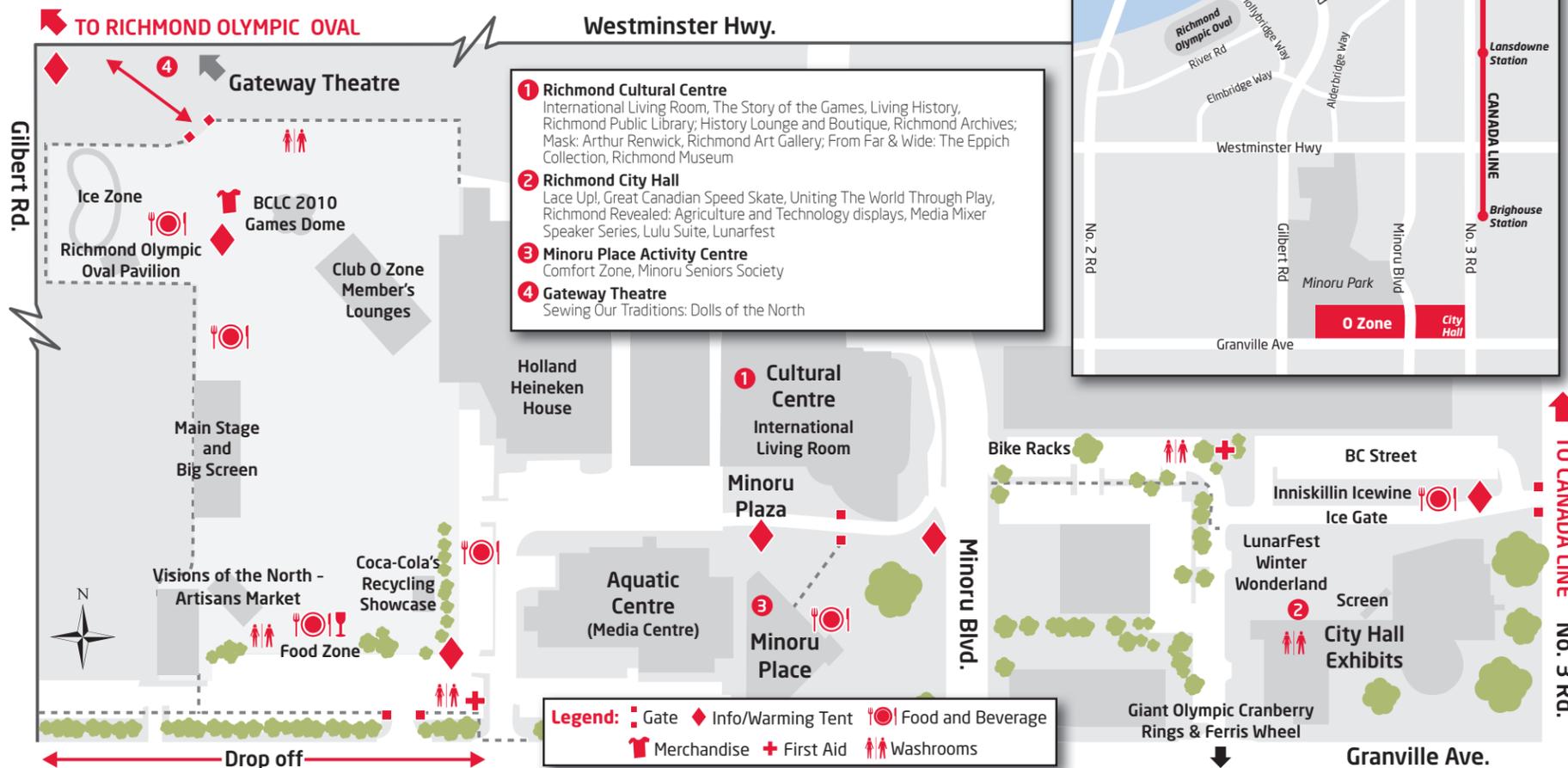
Cousin Harley
3:30-4:15 p.m.

Cousin Harley is the rocking hillbilly persona of Paul Pigat, an extraordinary guitarist, vocalist and songwriter hailing from Vancouver.

March Hare
4:30-5:15 p.m.

A versatile dance band, March Hare plays all your favourites, in costume.

BCLC presents Fireworks Finale
9 p.m.
Main Stage



Daily at the O Zone

MAIN STAGE AREA

Ice Zone

Noon-9:15 p.m.
Enjoy skating on a real outdoor rink. Skate rentals available.

BCLC 2010 Games Dome

Noon-10:00 p.m.
Be in the heart of the 2010 Winter Games in this interactive dome.

Food Zone

Noon-10:00 p.m.
Sample the diversity of Richmond through its cuisine. Enjoy alcoholic beverages in the licensed area.

Sewing Our Traditions: Dolls of the North

Noon-8:00 p.m.
Showcasing the culture of Canada's northern territories in this exhibition of costumed dolls. Gateway Theatre.

CITY HALL AREA

Gord Halloran Ice Gate

Noon-10:00 p.m.
At the O Zone entrance is BC artist Halloran's Ice Gate, a mammoth piece of art, presented by Inniskillin.

Inniskillin Icewine Gallery

Noon-10:00 p.m.
Sample Canada's best icewines at the 60-foot ice bar.

BC Street

Noon-9:00 p.m.
BC Street is a celebration of the best of BC from regions and towns across the province.

Lace Up!

Noon-9:00 p.m.
The Canadian Museum of Civilization presents the European roots of skating.

Great Canadian Speed Skate

Noon-9:00 p.m.
Speed Skating Canada presents a special exhibition on the nation's history of the fastest sport on ice.

Uniting the World Through Play - Children's Art Exhibit

Noon-9:00 p.m.
Exhibition of children's art from around the world.

Richmond Revealed

Noon-9:00 p.m.
See the innovative contributions of Richmond companies to international aerospace and aviation.

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International Living Room, The Story of the Games, Living History, Richmond Public Library, History Lounge and Boutique, Richmond Archives; Mask: Arthur Renwick, Richmond Art Gallery; From Far & Wide: The Eppich Collection, Richmond Museum
- 2 Richmond City Hall**
Lace Up!, Great Canadian Speed Skate, Uniting The World Through Play, Richmond Revealed: Agriculture and Technology displays, Media Mixer Speaker Series, Lulu Suite, Lunarfest
- 3 Minoru Place Activity Centre**
Comfort Zone, Minoru Seniors Society
- 4 Gateway Theatre**
Sewing Our Traditions: Dolls of the North

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