



**VANCOUVER ISLAND SOCIETY
FOR ADAPTIVE SNOWSPORTS (VISAS)**
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The Vancouver Island Society for Adaptive Snowsports (VISAS) are the people who provide instruction in skiing and snowboarding for people with disabilities at Mt. Washington Alpine Resort. We work with people with any disability and provide a safe, fun environment for learning and enjoying the experience of sliding around on snow. We provide a wide variety of adaptive equipment for our students. Our instructors must be trained in the use of the equipment and in the latest instruction techniques. All of this results in an annual budget of over \$40,000.

VISAS is operated entirely by volunteers and Mt. Washington contributes very generously. This keeps costs as low as possible, but we do need to raise money. Our major fundraising event of the year is the **Herb Bradley Challenge**, named in honour of our founder. This year we will be introducing a full-on poker run. The first leg will be a unique dual barrel slalom in which our students will be partnered with sponsor teams. Sponsors will then continue on through four more legs with each team member drawing cards from dealers at designated locations. Our students may continue on with their team, practice their skills on the slalom course, or just have fun playing in the snow. The awards ceremony will be at 3:00 PM where there will be door-prize draws, some special awards, and the best poker hand of the day will be revealed. We will be eager to hear your feed-back on this new format.

Sponsoring teams donate \$100 per participant. As a registered charitable organization we will issue appropriate tax receipts. Your donation also pay for your lift passes for the day for those who do not have season passes and lunch will be provided free.

We would like to invite you to come join us **March 4th, 2018** at Mt. Washington and help us put smiles on the faces of our students as they push their boundaries. If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute to this exciting program we will welcome whatever donation you are able to make. We also welcome donations of items for door prizes at the event.

Please direct any questions you may have to Ken Kemper at ken.kemper@shaw.ca or 250-890-0776.

Think Snow
Ken Kemper
HBC Coordinator

P.S. If your team has a theme, costumes always add to the carnival atmosphere. Bring along your mascot if you have one, as long as it is house broken.